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Capobianco leaving BCMS for BOCES job

Popular educator will be missed

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The opportunity to move upward and to keep learning proved too great for Bethlehem Central Middle School Assistant Principal Mary Capobianco to resist. When she left school for the last time last Friday, though, it didn't mean she did so easily.

"I'm here for 17 years," Capobianco said, a touch of her native Brooklyn still seeping into her speech. "I think that shows I'm not a person who hops around. It's very hard to leave after 17 years, and it's tough to leave mid-year."

On Monday, Feb. 4, Capobianco started her new job as the learning standards coordinator, grades six through 12, for Capital District BOCES. In that capacity, she will help 25 school districts meet new state standards in English Language Arts.

Her primary emphasis will be on schools not doing well on the standards that are now three years old.

"I'll be designing programs and working with curriculum, and I love that," said Capobianco, who was English Language Arts supervisor at the middle school for three years before becoming assistant principal. "We don't want teachers teaching to the test, and we

don't just want to make schools look good," Capobianco said. "We want to make sure the instruction is appropriate so those standards are met." Capobianco said she is a supporter of standards in education.

"I have no problem with accountability and assessment," she said, "but we have teachers who do incredible things, and I want them to still be able to do that."

The standards, Capobianco said, should be things that all students should be able to meet.

"Students should be able to read for information and in context," she said. "There should be a minimum they can do. But the pressure to compare schools

concerns me. Some schools just won't show as well as others, and I think that schools should be compared to themselves and show their improvements that way."

As she works with school districts that reach from Sharon Springs to Schenectady to Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Capobianco hopes to draw on the expertise the teachers in those schools have.

"They will know best where to put their energies, and what data and analysis they have in place," she said.

While the self-proclaimed people person is looking forward to working with teachers throughout the BOCES district, it is the people in Bethlehem that she'll miss most when she leaves.

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Formicas make McD's family affair

By SUSAN STORY

Some might say Dan Formica has achieved the American dream.

Thirty-six years ago, he began working behind the counter at McDonald's as a crew person, serving customers. Through hard work, dedication and perseverance, he worked his way up the McDonald's ladder, eventually becoming the owner of two local restaurants. He became a McDonald's owner 21 years ago. And, like many owners who pour their heart and soul into their work, he has wondered what will happen

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Bethlehem gets a little help from its friends

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Confronting its ongoing water shortage, Bethlehem got buckets of help from two of its neighbors last week. By week's end, with the approval of the Bethlehem town board at an emergency meeting last Tuesday, the town Public Works Department began emergency water purchases from Guiderland and secured an agreement from the Albany city water board to increase supplemental purchases.

The cost of those emergency

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in the town of Bethlehem.**

Sheila Fuller

purchases is likely to lead to at least a temporary hike in residential rates for water district customers in Bethlehem and New Scotland. The town board could take up rate increases at its next regular meeting on Feb. 13.

"Conservation is the key word, and it cannot be said enough," Supervisor Sheila Fuller said. "These are very serious times in the town of Bethlehem."

The Vly Creek Reservoir remains at barely a fifth of its capacity, with no significant snow pack to replenish it come spring. If the present drought doesn't break soon, Public Works

Commissioner Bruce Secor said, stringent use restrictions may be forthcoming. For the present, he said, "I'd be reluctant to play what-if games right now. I'd rather not cross that bridge right now, but do what we have to do today."

To that end, the town board unanimously agreed to begin purchasing between 500,000 and 800,000 gallons of water a day from the town of Guiderland under an existing emergency supply contract between the two towns. The emergency valve connecting their mains,

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Hedda and George Elk of Rensselaerville Antiques inspect a violin at an appraisal show sponsored by Delmar Reformed Church last Saturday.

Jim Franco



Police, sheriff's deputies make six DWI arrests

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Six individuals face charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) after recent arrests in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, and 11 previous DWI cases were adjudicated in Bethlehem Town Court.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, at about 7:40 p.m. on River Road in Glenmont, Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes observed a southbound vehicle operating at excessive speed.

Stopping the vehicle near Smultz Road, he performed field sobriety tests, assisted by officer Scott Anson, and a preliminary screening upon Mark Steven Brennan, 40, of 15 Skyridge Lane, Selkirk. Brennan was arrested for DWI and ticketed for speeding and an open container violation.

As a result, of a previous DWI

conviction, Brennan was also charged with a felony count of unauthorized operation of a vehicle, elevating the DWI count to a felony. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Feb. 5.

A 11 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, on Creble Road, Officer James Rexford, responding to a report of a car-deer accident, found two individuals in a damaged vehicle near Long Lane.

According to the police report, Rexford determined that William Aaron Spain, 21, of 9 Paddock Place, Delmar, had been the driver at the time of the accident, but found no evidence of a deer involved. After Rexford administered field sobriety tests, Spain was arrested for DWI.

In another incident, shortly after midnight on Friday, Jan. 25, Officer Craig Sleurs stopped a vehicle on New Scotland Road for failure to

keep right. After conducting field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening, he charged Howard W. Erickson, 36, of 14 Crestwood Court, Albany, with DWI.

Both Erickson and Spain are due in Town Court on Feb. 5.

The Albany County Sheriff's Department last week also reported three DWI arrests. At about 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, deputies stopped Michael M. Menge, 31, of 16 Avenue M, Mechanicville, for failure to keep right. He was charged with DWI and ordered to appear in Town Court on Feb. 5.

Also arrested, shortly after midnight Jan. 26 was Rose Peragine, 34, of 3367 Delaware Turnpike, New Scotland, stopped for brake and headlight violations. And on Sunday, Jan. 27, at about 5:30 p.m., sheriff's deputies stopped Kathleen M. Csiza, 27, of 10 College View Drive, Voorheesville, for speeding. She was charged with DWI and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Peragine and Csiza are due in New Scotland Town Court on Thursday, Feb. 7.

In Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Jan. 22, Justice Theresa Egan reached verdicts in 11 DWI cases — five of which involved guilty pleas and another six pleading to reduced counts of driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

Deena M. Murphy, 43, of 2458 Brookview Road, Castleton, arrested last June 2, pleaded guilty to DWI and was sentenced to a year's probation. She also had her license revoked for a year.

Also entering guilty pleas to DWI were Jorge Alberto Flores, 29, of 73 Benson St., Albany, arrested Sept. 22; William R. Pearce, 26, of 30 New Scotland Ave., Feura Bush, arrested Nov. 17; Andrew Michael Bennett, 34, of 10 Melody Drive, Niskayuna, arrested Jan. 1; and Richard Frederick Knaack, 49, of 28 Sheffield Drive, Delmar, arrested Jan. 2.

All were fined \$500 and a \$125 state-mandated surcharge, and had their licenses revoked for six months.

Pleading guilty to DWAI were Stephen Donnelly, 37, of 138 Beaver Dam Road, Selkirk, arrested Sept. 30; Diana Lynn Van Buren, 39, of 10 Merwin Drive, Glenmont, arrested Oct. 2; Sarah Beth Bedore, 23, of 276 Manning Blvd., Albany, arrested Dec. 28; Michelle Marie Martino, 37, of 380 River Road, Glenmont, arrested Dec. 20; Lance Edward Moss, 38, of 18F Meilaks Trailer Park, Selkirk, arrested Jan. 1; and Susan Tower, 36, of 2 Fifth St., Coeymans, arrested Jan. 4. All six were fined \$300 and a \$35 state surcharge, and had their licenses suspended for 90 days.

Egan also ordered all 11 to attend a drinking-driver remediation program and a victim impact panel.

Fife & drum corps sets meeting Feb. 9

The Adamsville Ancients Fife and Drum Corps will hold an informational meeting at Bethlehem Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The corps, a community organization dedicated to the preservation of early American history and music, is open to everyone over the age of 15. No musical experience is necessary.

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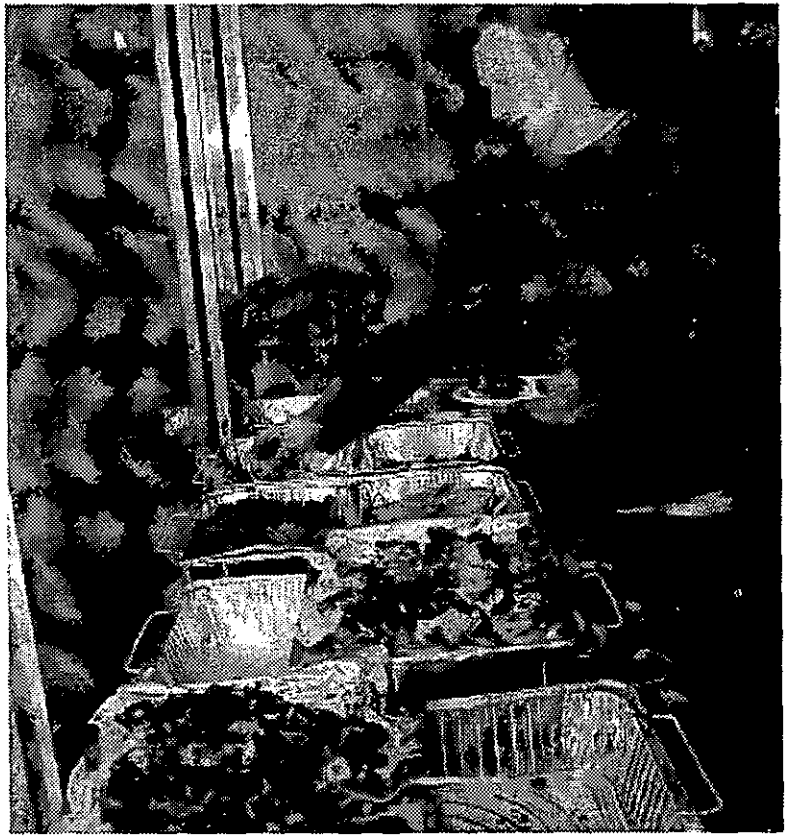
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Tom Connell digs into the free buffet at the Super Bowl party last Sunday at the BIG Arena. *Jim Franco*

Library assessing needs

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

More than a year after a proposed \$8.5 million renovation of Bethlehem Public Library got a three-to-one thumbs-down from voters in a Dec. 19, 2000, special referendum, the library's board of trustees continues to wrestle with the needs that spawned it.

The plan included added space for collections, study space, young adult programs and an overcrowded staff; infrastructure to support future expansion of computer workstations and Internet access; bringing the building into full compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act; and new furnishings and carpeting.

"They're still important," said board president Susan Birkhead, recently. "They haven't gone away. But we're trying to figure out different ways to skin the cat."

Removal of an old card catalog unit improved traffic flow, adult workstations were consolidated, minor repairs made to worn carpets and wheelchair-accessible tables were purchased. But comprehensive renovations remain in limbo.

Critics during the referendum campaign faulted its cost and reach. "Do it in bits and pieces is what we said," said David Moore of a citizen's group that mobilized opposition. "Pay as you go so we

don't have to borrow millions of dollars to do it all at once."

The board began revisiting the issue last April, and in December library consultant Nolan Lushington revised his five-year-old recommendations on future needs, which spawned the renovation plan. But a volunteer overseeing design of a public opinion survey stepped aside in August; University at Albany statistical researcher and Delmar resident Dave Strogatz has since taken the reins of what library Director Nancy Pieri said will be "a random sample telephone survey. It's not going to be a community-wide survey effort." She hopes it will be under way this spring.

Moore advocates a more comprehensive outreach, perhaps through the library's newsletter. "I think that's been the problem all along," he said. "They don't get a complete enough picture of the public's views before they make these proposals. That's why they keep getting hammered at the polls."

"We've taken the opportunity of the last year to tend to things that had been on the back burner while we devoted time to the referendum," Pieri said. In October, the parking lot was repaved for about \$38,000. Older computer terminals are being replaced and collections thinned.

Space on the mezzanine has been converted to offices, but "No matter what, it's a space designed for books and not for staff," Birkhead said. And attention is needed to ADA compliance, Pieri said.

"We've made some small improvements," said Birkhead. "But the issues are still the same."

The critics agree. "At least let's do the survey and find out what the taxpayers are willing to pay for," said Moore.

BCHS course focuses on service

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

"People hear all the bad things students do, but don't always hear about the great things they do," lamented John Piechnik, Bethlehem school district social studies supervisor.

Piechnik's comment came during a discussion about a district program called Participation in Government and specifically one component of the program — community service. The program is mandated by state board of Regents, although there is no standardized exam at the end of the course.

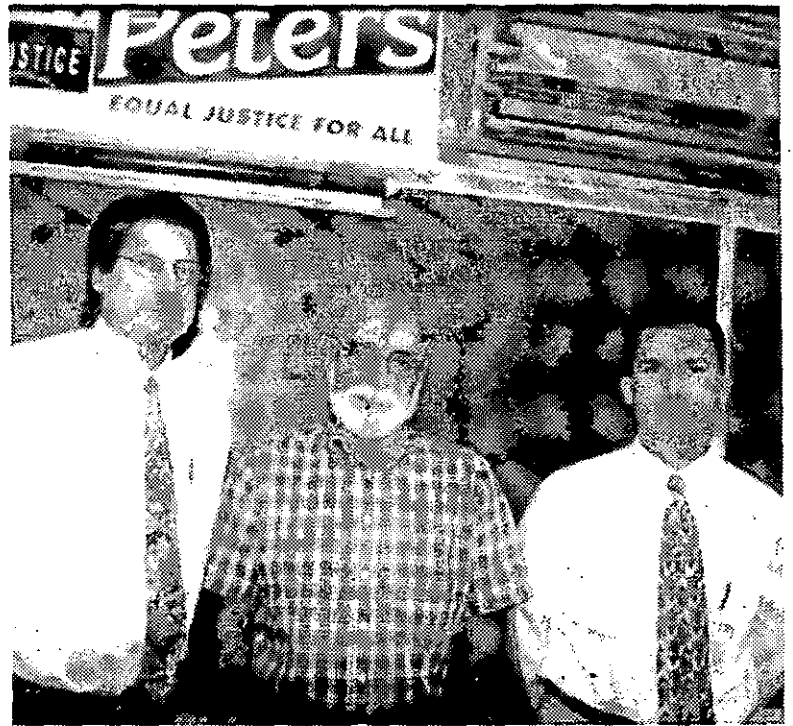
The one-semester course is taught to approximately 430 students in 18 separate classes over the two-semester school year. Completion of the course, including a 20-hour community service component, is required by the district to graduate.

Community Service Coordinator and social studies teacher Bill Cleveland is kept hopping to ensure all students complete the 20 hours before the end of a semester. Piechnik said, "We would hate to find at the last minute a student lacking the full 20-hour requirement and be unable to graduate."

Cleveland said, "The public service part of the program is not required by the state. Before we added it to the district Participation In Government Program, it was offered as a volunteer component, and we found that over 60 percent of the students opted to volunteer. People like to do things for others but sometimes they need a push." Consequently, it was added as a requirement so that all students could enjoy the rewards that accrue to a volunteer helping others.

Community service is an important experience to include when a student prepares a résumé for applying to colleges. Also, it is usually a specific college application question, Cleveland said.

There are numerous areas where volunteer service is welcomed — nursing homes, hospitals, churches, senior citizen centers and homes, Bethlehem Senior Services, district elementary students needing support, academic or otherwise



Teachers John Piechnik, left, Bill Cleveland and Dave Rounds

and Habitat for Humanity to name a few.

Many students are involved in assisting those afflicted and ill with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) through the Albany County Department of Health. Each year, the secondary schools in the state put some emphasis on AIDS in the social studies curriculum concerning the ravages of the disease and its impact on society.

A student will select an activity, designate a month when they will perform a minimum of 20 hours of service, and name a sponsor in the organization where they will be volunteering to supervise their activities and evaluate their performance. The student then signs a contract containing all of the details of the assignment.

Students write a paper at the conclusion of the contractual service period about their experience, explaining what they learned from it and how honing their caring skills will help them in the future.

The sponsor will also complete an evaluation of the student's volunteer work and the "evaluations are all overwhelmingly positive," said Piechnik.

Students may opt to perform their public service in the summer before their senior year. The district makes this possible

since some students load themselves up with extra courses, leaving little time for anything but classes and study.

Students in the course are also required to attend one school board meeting and one town board meeting to watch local government in action. Participation in the public portion of the meeting, where public comments are accepted by the respective boards, is encouraged. Participation with a political campaign is also accepted in this part of the course. Students must have prior approval to attend specific board meetings and are required to sign attendance sheets at the end of the meeting.

Another activity performed by students in this course, according to social studies teacher Dave Rounds, is to perform exit interviews of voters at the annual budget vote using a questionnaire developed by the district. The information gathered has become very useful to district officials in learning the feelings and attitudes of town residents about educational issues.

The curriculum is designed to point out to students as individuals they may not make much of an impact on social issues. But by forming and working with groups or coalitions, they can make an impact and a difference, Piechnik said.

Bethlehem Police probe burglaries

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police are investigating three residential burglaries in January in which thieves netted more than \$15,000 in stolen property.

The largest of the thefts was reported on Tuesday, Jan. 22. A resident of a home on Bower Court in The Meadows subdivision in Elsmere reported several rooms in their home ransacked and more than \$8,800 in jewelry stolen from an upstairs bedroom.

Police believe one or more burglars may have gained access by way of an attached garage sometime between 8:40 a.m. and 4 p.m., while the occupants were

at work. No suspect has yet been identified in the case.

Jewelry was also taken in a burglary at a residence on Delmar Place, reported on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The victim reported at least four bracelets and a diamond pendant, valued at more than \$3,200, taken from jewelry cases on a bedroom dresser, apparently sometime the previous day.

The thief is believed to have gained access to the home through an unlocked door while the homeowner was at work.

An earlier theft reported on Jan. 18 took place in a residence on the 400 block of Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The victim reported approximately \$3,000 in jewelry missing from a second-floor bedroom, apparently taken sometime that

morning.

Other cases reported recently:

- A computer screen worth nearly \$500 was reported stolen from Farm Family Insurance on Route 9W in Glenmont on Jan. 21.

The theft is believed to have occurred over the preceding weekend. Police investigators reported no sign of forced entry to the office building.

- A resident of Mosher Road in Glenmont reported surprising a burglar in the garage shortly before 2 p.m. Jan. 21.

The burglar reportedly fled into a nearby wooded area, but police were unable to locate a suspect.

- Employees at the Tri-Cities Laborers Training Facility on Wemple Road in Glenmont reported an attempted burglary on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

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America's song has many verses, many voices

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

It can be encouraging in these difficult days of fearing another national disaster, worrying about the recession and trying to determine a sense of direction on the overstimulating highway of information to know that others have faced hard times and come out the other side.

"Oh, come on," my 63-year-old mother had said when, albeit pre-Sept. 11, I had tried out the common theory of the day, that things are hard for kids today. "We grew up in the Depression."

Her words, and the reminder that our parents and grandparents made the best of the bad times, came to mind this past Friday night, during Capital Repertory Theatre's production of "Woody Guthrie's American Song." The

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show presents vignettes from Woody Guthrie's life, and the multi-talented cast sang, played instruments and talked their way through bits of American history that one man watched and put into words. The audience, comprised of people of all ages, laughed, sighed and was touched by the stories and songs that came from Guthrie's life.

We also hummed, sang and tapped our toes to tunes we've known so long we can't remember how we first learned them. Some of the stories are heart-

breaking. Although it was a chilly, icy Albany night outside, the actors put us right into the Dust Bowl that hit the southern plains in the 1930s. For a bit, we felt what it was like for the people beaten by nature, traveling by rail or with all their belongings piled into their cars, searching for a land of plenty they might never find.

Watching the show put me in mind of visiting my grandparents when I was little. Vermont in the early 1960s was a far cry from the Dust Bowl, but the Depression was never far from the kitchen table talk of the grown-ups, nor was World War II, although Grandpa didn't talk much about his days fighting in the South Pacific. Their optimism, the fact that they were here, was a greater lesson than any we read in books. Clearly, you could get through hard times.

In the three-hour car ride between our home and my grandparents' house, we would sing.

Watching "American Song," I realized that I don't sing enough

around my children. My inability to carry a tune is made more obvious by the fact that I married a man who can, and loves to sing. Our children, I have always figured, will learn the great songs from him. During "American Song," though, the cast sang songs I'd learned from my parents, and I recalled that my father hadn't been in the least bit concerned that he couldn't carry a tune. His enthusiasm for John Henry the steel driving man, "Charlie on the MTA" and every verse of Guthrie's classic "This Land is Your Land" made all those tunes part of our family's knowledge. We were richer for them, and I am glad he sang them.

Without even thinking about it, on Friday, I could sing along to "Hard Travelin'" and "Bound for Glory." In the context of the show, those songs were about specific people and a specific time; in my mind's eye, I was looking out the window of a station wagon, seeing black and white Vermont cows, but imagining wheat fields waving while Dad sang his songs. Patriotic songs are in vogue again,

and my kids are singing a lot of the songs I learned as a child. It's OK again to sing "God Bless America," to stand up next to others and tell people we love this land. Best, as we always remind our children, is we each get to love it as we want. We can praise what we think is right, and we can criticize what is wrong.

It also means we need to listen to those who disagree with us. Initially, I was worried that "American Song" would be political, since Guthrie was a Communist sympathizer and instrumental in the labor movement. The show, though, goes right for the middle, letting Woody's songs tell the stories of the people he met in his travels and not preaching.

Only one song — which turned out to be the catchiest — carried an agenda, as the cast strode into the audience with the admonition that "We're watching to make sure you sing" while they enthusiastically belted out "Union Maid." It looked intentional, to remind us of a time when management tried to dissuade workers from joining unions. The cast's costumes evoked a day when unions were the hope for safe and fair working conditions for factory workers and migrant farm workers, not white-collar civil servants, teachers and men in hats.

The audience, which sang for a great deal of the evening, sang loudest to this song, so the discomfort must have been mine alone. That's the point we keep making to our children about this country — we all have different opinions, and we're all allowed to express them. It's what separates us from the extremists who would bring us down. While we may be one people, we are made up of many different parts. We're kind of like a song that way, we Americans, and there are many writers and singers. We're going to hate some of the verses, and some of them are going to make

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In that song, though, are all the stories of America. The power — and joy — of our singing them together was made even clearer after "Woody Guthrie's American Song," when "those of us who are real gluttons for punishment," as director, music director and performer David Lutken said, stayed for the hootenanny that takes place in the café after every Friday's show.

The cast showed the remarkable breadth of its talents by swapping instruments and singing eminently singable songs that perhaps 50 or so of us were delighted to sing too. Among us was the incredibly amusing folk singer Christine Lavin, who wasted no time splitting us into parts to sing "In the Jungle." But it was the classics that came from deep in our hearts and our past that brought us together for about an hour last week. "Down in the Valley," "Midnight Special" and "Red River Valley" all sound so wonderful when a lot of people sing them.

We will face adversity; we will have our differences; but together, we will have our songs to sing. Thank goodness we live in a place where we can sing them loud and clear.

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Formicas

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to his restaurants when the clock strikes retirement.

Enter the McDonald's Next Generation program and Dan Formica Jr. Dan grew up as a McDonald's kid. He ate and spent time there like any other kid. However, Dan Jr. saw McDonald's in a much different light than the others. He saw the energy, patience and long hours his father dedicated to his job.

"I've been around McDonald's my whole life. I remember when I was young helping my dad plow. We used to wake up at 2 a.m. just to plow," Dan Jr. said.

But as he grew up, he also saw something else. Through his dad, he saw his future.

It wasn't until Dan Jr. was about 19 that he took the big leap. After graduating from Christian Brothers Academy, he told dad he too wanted a McDonald's career.

"We were playing golf. He

knew from a father's standpoint that I was trying to find my direction. He encouraged me to become more involved, basically he gave me an offer," said Dan Jr.

It was an offer Dan Jr. couldn't refuse. Ten years later, the two are still talking — talking about plans for the future. Dan Jr. is the general manager of both of his father's restaurants, one in Delmar and the other in Ravena. Dan Sr. would like his legacy carried on through his son. The hope is for Dan Jr. to take over the McDonald's upon dad's retirement.

"I'm planning to leave my business to the next," said Dan Sr. "It's the old thing you always hear, they kept it in the family generation after generation."

The McDonald's Next Generation program is geared to help other McDonald's families just like the Formicas. First, McDonald's must determine if the applicant is qualified. In order to

be qualified, he or she must have been a restaurant manager and maintained a certain grade level in managing the restaurant.

Once it is determined the manager is qualified, the Next Generation program kicks in, which mandates many hours of on-site training and several McDonald's management courses. Together, the applicant (son or daughter), the restaurant owner (parent) and McDonald's corporate staff create a work plan.

The Next Generation program was created by McDonald's to help parents transfer ownership of their restaurants to their children. McDonald's Cor-

poration Business Consultant Paula Reardon is helping the Formicas wade through this process. Reardon said, "It is usually a relative or an existing owner who expresses interest in going forward with this program."

Dan Formica Jr. began the Next Generation program in February 2001. He hopes to complete it in about three years. Once approved, his father plans to transfer a certain percentage of the lease. Each year that percentage will increase until Dan Sr. retires in eight years. At that point, Dan Jr. will step into his father's shoes.

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Matters of Opinion

Stay clear of ice

The ice from last week's storm poses a threat to pedestrians and the frail elderly. Common sense tells us to avoid walking in icy areas, but that's not always as easy as it seems, when parking lots are poorly cleared and sidewalks that have not been shoveled. Don't take chances.

If you have an elderly neighbor or relative, make sure they stay put — inside and safe — until the ice thaws. Offer to run necessary errands if need be. Many elderly are frail and susceptible to falls.

Shoveling after the storm was difficult to say the least, and many sidewalks are now mini-skating rinks — an accident waiting to happen. Even porches pose a threat with thin layers of ice on decks and stair treads. Sand or salt helps get a proper footing, but it's still not a good idea to venture far beyond our own backyards.

The cold temperatures are expected to last until the end of the week, so we'll all have to endure a bit of cabin fever for a while. Better this than a broken bone or injury, which will likely last a lot longer than the cold weather.

In the meantime, let's hope for the return of warmer weather soon.

Well, well, well

Slingerlands' resident Jim Grady makes an interesting point in his letter to the editor this week. He suggests that residents with private wells that have been abandoned for municipal water service consider reconnecting to the wells.

He said the average individual uses about 75 gallons of water per day. This means that a family of four could realize considerable savings by using well water. Many older homes in town once used wells exclusively, and hooking back into them should be a relatively simple process.

The town has been doing everything in its power to ensure there will be enough water by purchasing water from nearby municipalities — no easy task given the drought conditions. But the cost of obtaining water from Albany and Guilderland will put a big drain on town coffers, which is even more of an incentive to hook up to the old wells.

All of us need to conserve water as much as possible. The drought has been a wake-up call, making us much more aware of how precious this resource is. If you have an idea that we haven't mentioned in previous editorials and stories, drop us a line so we can share it with everyone in town. Fighting the drought through conservation is everyone's business.

Editorials

Three wishes: A reality check

By PEG CLEMENT

The author returned to Delmar this month from two years living with her daughter Stephanie in Harare, Zimbabwe. She was assigned to the Parliament of Zimbabwe as a democracy/good governance adviser with the SUNY/International Development Group's project to help strengthen the institution.

Ever feel as if there are too many headaches in your life? You accidentally dropped your Video Club videos at the return desk of the library and have to make another trip to recoup them at the dinner hour? Your skin is just too chapped from the dry winter heat? The car dealer refuses to fix your rear windshield defroster which, you've pointed out to them repeatedly, is under warranty? The city of Albany just can't get it together to time their endless strings of traffic lights at almost every intersection?

Yes, our lives are full of difficulties. All the above happened to me in just the three weeks since I returned from my stint in southern Africa. But here's a quick reality check:

He was born minutes before a twin brother. Maybe that is why he got the full name — Cosmos — and his brother in the tired aftermath and surprise of a second birth, got only the abbreviated Osmos.

Cosmos and Osmos must now be in their late 30s, but no one knows what has become of Osmos. I met Cosmos late last year in Harare, Zimbabwe at a hospice center for terminally ill HIV/AIDS patients. The virus adds an incongruous sheen of vitality around AIDS patients' cheekbones, as if the remnants of life inside their sagging face skin are trying to make a last stand. Cosmos was also losing his hair — which was turning a reddish AIDS hue — around the rim of his forehead. And the skin shone there, too, in the two pockets of receding hairline.

Cosmos was an educated man. A teacher — one of thousands trained by the schoolteacher-turned-revolutionary president, Robert Mugabe, in the early 1980s, shortly after Rhodesia

Point of View

became Zimbabwe and black power became more than just a placard slogan. Studies are showing that this cadre of men (primarily) is one of the hardest hit populations in the HIV/AIDS scourge currently decimating millions of Africans by the hour. Many, especially those rural

teaches caught in the vicious and futile cycle of poverty and hopelessness, simply take on their girl students by night, one by one, out of boredom or ignorance of their actions, as the rumored cure to AIDS, or possibly out of vengeance for their bad luck, not unheard of here in our country as well.

But here he was, sitting on the edge of a cot, clothes hanging off him, head down. The nursing sisters had told me yesterday that Cosmos had maybe two or three weeks of life left.

We talked in soft voices so as to not awaken the children also dying of the disease. I learned he had recently been remarried. That was before the red hair and skin sheen started appearing, telltale signs to most that he was sickening. He says he didn't know he was sick when he remarried; that his first wife had died last year "after a short illness" — newspaperese in southern Africa for the disease no one will pronounce, spell or write down. He also has lost a daughter, age 20, to "unknown causes." Three children remain from his first marriage — ages 10, 11 and 13, not currently in school.

Cosmos was telling me, as the afternoon got long and cooler and a Cape dove began its repetitive "work harder, work harder" song outside, that he had three last wishes. Could I help?

The first was to make sure his children got re-enrolled in school. Because they would be losing their father soon and their new mother would be unable to care for them financially, he wanted them to become wards of the state.

"I want them to be enrolled in Emerald Hill School," he almost whispered. "Can you see to that?" They would need birth certificates, I reminded him — could he provide me with the three documents? "No," he said. "I was never given any birth certificates when they were born. I don't know where they are."

Cosmos' second wish was that his children could meet and know his grandmother. She, now in her 80s, lived in a rural village less than 100 kilometers from Harare. He would take them on a bus with some savings, he said, if he had the strength and make sure they knew her, where she lived, what

she represented and what she could pass on in the way of family lore and tradition.

Finally, Cosmos wanted to get a job. Just a part-time, temporary job, but some work he could do for just long enough to be able to earn the money to pay for his funeral. How much would that be? He told me he needed about 2,500 Zimbabwe dollars (in US dollars, about \$8) for the coffin, the meal his family should provide the mourners, and maybe the cemetery plot. I am not sure.

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There are wishes for a dying man.

A friend and I managed to get Faith, Hope, and Love more enrolled in record time at Emerald Hill. Truth be told, it was probably because we were white women with

enough persistence and probably gall to keep returning to the ministry officials with explanations and pleas — something Cosmos would not have had the strength or other resources to do. The three are now officially wards of the state and out of their small home that Cosmos and his wife were not able to keep up.

We bought four bus tickets for the Friday evening bus to the grandmother's village of Marondera, picked Cosmos up, since he seemed weaker by the day, and his three kids to eliminate a couple cross-town buses to the station. Now jammed up in his bus seat by the crush of not only his kids but by the press of dozens of other weekend travelers crammed together, Cosmos smiled a wan smile out the window at us, set to accomplish his second wish. The bus belched a big cloud of black smoke, and off they went.

When he returned on Monday, a friend of mine placed Cosmos as a janitor for four days at a small school for AIDS orphans on the north side of the city. He spent an hour on the bus going, an hour sweeping out the classrooms, and an hour returning to the hospice, which took every ounce of his remaining energy each morning. He would rest in the afternoons. He earned 500 Zimbabwe dollars each of those four days (\$1.75) for his efforts, but was still short for the funeral due to the bus costs. With determination, he got up the fifth morning and went back once more.

The statistics say that the equivalent of three jumbo jets crashing — nearly 1,000 people — die per week in Zimbabwe. Cosmos was one of those 1,000 last Dec. 22. Not many people in our country or in his could have had the vision, and then the fortitude, to accomplish three last wishes in as many weeks. His name somehow defined him and described the grace a dying man can have.

I'll remember Cosmos for that.

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Your Opinion Matters

Town should monitor water costs

Editor, The Spotlight:

Supervisor Sheila Fuller is doing everything possible to live up to her promise that town of Bethlehem residents will not have to drink treated Hudson River water.

However, if the drought continues and Albany stops selling water to the town, there are only two choices. Town residents will have to drink treated river water or faucets and fire hydrants in the town will yield no water.

The current water emergency is the direct result of poor engineering practices by J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates and Rust Environment & Infrastructure. The two firms promoted and designed a drinking water system that takes ground water from a 1,000-foot long horizontal well adjacent to the Hudson River on Schermerhorn Island.

The firms ignored more than 40 maps on file with the Army Corps of Engineers in Troy that show the history of construction of wood sheet piled dikes and mining and dredging activities from 1810 to 1985. The firms also failed to reveal to the town board that in 1978, George Myrick, professional engineer, rejected wells adjacent to the river.

In 1978, the town hired Myrick to make a study of Schermerhorn Island as a source of drinking

water. Myrick used Rust as the consulting engineering geologist. The yields from wells drilled 800 feet from the river were too low. Therefore, Rust recommended that wells be drilled closer to the river. Myrick rejected this idea because the double sheet piled dikes and shallow depth of bedrock at the shoreline are barriers to the flow of ground water. In 1978, Myrick recommended that the town enter a contract to buy water from Albany.

In 1992, Rust and Fraser convinced the town board that up to 12 million gallons of water per day could be obtained from wells along the river's shoreline. A strong selling point was that the Alcove Reservoir, serving Albany, could dry up, but the town would always have drinking water so long as water flowed in the river. One supporter was quoted in *The Spotlight* that the city of Albany could buy water from Bethlehem in the event of a severe drought.

In July 1994, the town board approved the expenditure of \$13.9 million for a six million gallon per day drinking water supply. When operation started in January 1996, the yield was only 2 MGD.

The yield has declined to its current .8 MGD. The design engineers tried to blame the poor well yield on siltation caused by a flood — an act of God.

When dredging to remove silt from the river bottom did not increase the well yield, the town board filed a lawsuit against the design engineers.

The new water system was separated from the town's distribution system and dedicated for use by industry. However, because of poor well yield, water purchased from the city of Albany was diverted for industrial use instead of residential use. The increased demand on the Vly system and the drought caused the water in Vly Creek reservoir to reach dangerous low levels.

The town hopes to reclaim all costs from the lawsuit that will take years to settle. In the meantime, residents will have to pay and pay for water purchases from other communities, emergency costs, and engineering and legal fees. What should be done about the businesses that will lose income because of the water shortage? Is anyone representing the town maintaining a ledger of the the costs as a result of the poor engineering design?

William Kelleher
Delmar

The writer is a retired engineer from the state departments of Environmental Conservation and Health.

Food pantry director is grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the New Scotland Community Food Pantry and our client families, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to those who participated in our 2001 Holiday Giving Program.

The generosity to all three of our programs — the Thanks-

giving meal, the holiday meal and the family adoption — was overwhelming.

We wish all our donors and their families a happy and healthy 2002.

Michele McLeod
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Matters of Opinion

Car wash owner uses water sparingly

Editor, The Spotlight:

Professional car washes have been around for more than 50 years.

They are located in every town in the world. Today, the cost of building a professional car wash is well over \$1 million.

The owners of car washes invest large sums of money used for high tech, state of the art equipment that measures water and energy use per car.

Once a car wash is built and is ready to open, you start to realize how important and costly water and electricity is to owners and their customers. Every customer needs water to clean their second largest investment, their cars.

As an owner of a professional car wash, you always have to look

at expenses — water of course is the one you will always have. We are charged for the water we use and charged to discard this water into the sewer systems. In order to control our expenses, water conservation is an issue with us every day.

To help control expenses, we have a special computer that measures every car down to the inch and monitors its exact whereabouts while in the car wash. With this knowledge, our computer is able to turn water on at the precise moment it is needed so we don't waste any of our precious water.

The computer also turns off and on our equipment as not to

waste any electricity.

Another equally important piece of our equipment is our water reclamation system. This equipment is designed to take 50 percent of our water and clean, filter and store it for reuse. With both of the pieces of equipment, we are able to safely and economically wash cars using less water than driveway washing, and do it in an environmentally friendly way.

The term car wash shouldn't mean water abuser, it should mean water conserver. It's our business to take water use seriously.

Dennis O'Shaughnessy
Glenmont Car Wash

Activate private wells to ease water shortage

Editor, The Spotlight:

One of the solutions to Bethlehem's current water crisis exists in our own back yards.

Actually, in what lies beneath our yards — millions and millions of gallons of clean water. Before the town had a municipal water system, many homes relied on ground water produced by private wells.

Thousands of wells were drilled and in use for many years. Many of these wells, although not in use today, still exist and could easily be brought back to life.

This would involve contacting a well drilling company or plumbing contractor to reinstall the necessary hardware to restart

the pump.

According to the J.S. Geological Survey, the average person uses about 75 gallons of water per day.

Private well usage would help to alleviate some of the burden on the municipal water system, while at the same time allowing homeowners the free and unrestricted use of water for lawn sprinkling, car washing and other outdoor recreation.

Until Mother Nature shows up and fills the reservoir, we as residents are going to have to be a little more conscious of our water use. Until then, pray for rain.

Jim Grady
Slingerlands

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Selkirk resident wants land to be protected

Editor, The Spotlight:

It seems to me I remember seeing a New York state sight marker in front of the beautiful old Colonial Farm on Route 144 in the town of Bethlehem that read something like "Settled in 1791 by Jacob Baker."

I haven't been able to locate the marker lately.

In the 1800s, The Baker Farm was known as the most productive farm in the county.

I understand that this is the proposed site that Waste Management wants to base 75 garbage trucks, Dumpsters and other equipment.

This scenic, historical land flows gently downward from the house to the east and levels off before continuing to the banks of the Hudson River. This flat section of land is part of an area that runs north and south that borders the river. Residents know this area as the "Flats."

It is made up of small streams, swampy areas and the most fertile farm land in the area. It is a natural wildlife refuge for swamp creatures, birds and animals, used by migrating birds in the spring and fall for resting and feeding. I have seen many areas of this land covered with these birds.

If Waste Management's plan is approved, basing garbage trucks there, it will be part of the 100 acres plus Waste Management said it will set aside for future

development. Just imagine what kind of development it will be.

With new homes quickly eating up our farm lands in the town of Bethlehem, I think it is time that we take a step back and take a second look at what is happening and preserve some of the town's beautiful, scenic lands. The town should never put them in jeopardy of becoming polluted in any way — especially with garbage trucks and equipment. These lands can never be replaced.

Emile Therrien
Selkirk

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Elsmere fire president says thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the members of Elsmere Fire Co. A, I would like to thank the residents, business proprietors and property owners in the Elsmere Fire District for their generous support of our 2001 Annual Donation Drive.

Elsmere Fire Co. has been providing volunteer fire protection and prevention services to the community for 79 years. During this time, our members have been very fortunate to have the community's loyal and growing

support.

In spite of the fact that we changed from a door-to-door to a direct mail solicitation in 2001, and the generosity shown to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, the community has maintained its level of support for Elsmere Fire Co.

Speaking for the volunteer firefighters of the company, I wish each and every one a safe and Happy New Year.

Stephen R. Wright
Elsmere Fire Co. A
president



**Good Samaritan
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by Lee Bormann
President/C.E.O.



Worth The Effort

While there is ample evidence to show that an exercise program can improve your level of fitness and contribute to better health, new research reveals that it can also bolster your self-worth. This bit of insight comes from a study sponsored by the National Institute on Aging, which followed the activities of 174 older adults (age 60 to 75). Most subjects were formerly sedentary women and many had weight problems. They were asked to follow a supervised program of aerobic exercise (walking) or a program of stretching and toning three times weekly. According to the assessments before and after the program, both groups became more fit. Moreover, they also perceived themselves as more attractive and showed improvements in overall self-esteem.

There's no doubt about it: exercising makes one feel better. At Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, our professional staff encourages our residents to be as active as their health allows. Our beautiful grounds welcome walkers, young and old. Our residential community features assisted and independent living. Give us a call at 439-8116. We look forward to meeting you.

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July 21 Schoharie Valley Antique Auto Show

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September 28 Wildlife Festival

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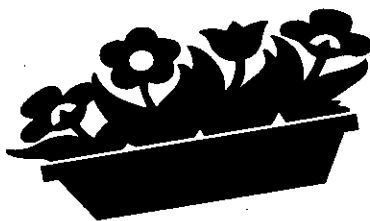


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"Life on the Erie Canal," originally scheduled for last Thursday, Jan. 31, will be held on Friday, May 31, at 1 p.m.

"Monkey Business," a program for toddlers originally scheduled for Friday, Feb. 1, will be held on Friday, Feb. 22, at

of the heating season, it's time to remind our patrons to keep A-V materials and books dry and away from heat sources.

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Louise Grieco



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Next week

"Afternoons With Books" will discuss *The Killer Angels*, a book about the Battle of Gettysburg by Michael Shaara, next Monday, Feb. 11, at 1:30 p.m.

New members are always welcome. Books are available at the reference desk.

Kids in kindergarten through grade five can make a Valentine anytime during library hours Monday through Thursday, Feb. 11-14, in the youth services area. All materials will be provided.

Care of library materials

Now that we are in the middle

Graduation party meeting set Feb. 11

The first parent meeting for the Bethlehem High School Graduation Celebration will be held at the high school on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m.

The celebration is an all-night, alcohol-free party given by the parents of the graduating seniors.

The Graduation Celebration co-chairs are Denise Minnear and Laura Swiatowicz. The committee chairs are Lisa Plummer and Gary Olsen, fund-raising; Beth Garbo and Diane Sgroi, decorating; Ginny Coulon, volunteers; Caleb Wistar, tickets and programs; and Marybeth Bonafide, for favors and T-shirts. Other chairs include Barb Eames and Ann Hutchins, photos; Bob Salamone, games; Mary Dugas, food; Teresa Norvici, cleanup; and Dan Wheeler, security.

Committees will be formed, and an overview of the party will be given at this meeting.

For information, call Swiatowicz at 439-7900.

Garden club meeting

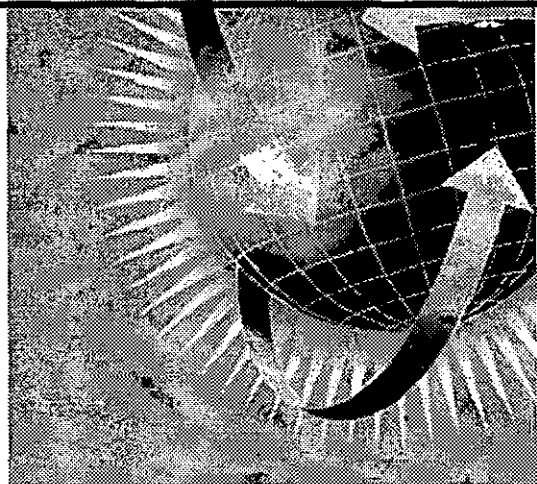
The Men's Garden Club of Albany will be holding its monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Quality Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

For reservations, call Henry Fox at 438-7550 by Sunday, Feb. 24.

Ray of 'sonshine'



Teacher Pauline Bush helps Emily Mueller with a project in Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Sonshine vacation Bible program. This year's program will be on Feb. 19, 20 and 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. There will also be a special program on Thursday at 7 p.m. All children in the community are welcome to attend. For information or to register, call 439-4328.



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Willow biomass crops store versatile energy

More than 150 years ago, when resourceful immigrants in western New York and Pennsylvania were looking for ways to support their families, willows helped provide a solution. The graceful, fast-growing shrubs were a prime choice for the basketry and furniture making that helped sustain the settlers.

By the latter part of the 19th century, New York state had emerged as a leading producer of willow, which was being cultivated throughout much of the Eastern and Midwestern United States.

Eventually, the demand for willow declined, as cheaper methods of workmanship and materials replaced the traditional skills of the immigrants. However, New York is once again poised to take on a leading role in willow cultivation, this time with energy savings, a cleaner environment and a more sustainable future as the goals.

Starting in the mid-1980s, the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) in Syracuse has taken a pioneering role in revitalizing the cultivation of willows. The college is the lead agency in the Salix Consortium, a partnership of more than 20 organizations that is exploring ways to commercialize willow biomass crops in the Northeast

and Midwest. Support for this effort has come from the U.S. Departments of Energy and Agriculture, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and others.

Willow is a clean, versatile and renewable energy crop. The process begins on a sunny day. Willow plants act like large solar collectors, using sunlight to produce chemical energy that is converted and stored as woody biomass. Because willow grows so rapidly, it can be harvested once every three to four years using modified farm equipment. Willow's ability to sprout vigorously means that it regrows after each harvest without having to be replanted. The willow biomass can then be converted into electricity, heat, liquid fuel, or substitutes for materials currently made out of nonrenewable fossil fuels.

The production and use of willow biomass results in a wide range of environmental and rural development benefits. These include reduced sulfur and nitrogen oxide power plant emissions, which are both components of acid rain, when used as a fuel for co-firing with

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Help

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under an existing emergency supply contract between the two towns. The emergency valve connecting their mains, on Fliegel Avenue in North Bethlehem, was opened Friday.

Secor distributed a letter from county Commissioner of Health Dr. James Crucetti addressing concerns about health effects of fluoride. Guiderland fluoridates its water, but Bethlehem does not. Crucetti recommended notifying residents and their physicians of the additive, but added that "There is a high degree of confidence that not a single citizen would experience any negative medical effects."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said Albany had reversed its previously-announced decision to cut sales to the town, which have stood at 1.2 million gallons a day (MGD) since December, in half. Fuller reported Albany Mayor

Gerald Jennings' verbal commitment that the city would permit sales in February of up to 2 MGD. That was confirmed in a memo from Albany Water Board chairman Anthony Ferrara.

Town building inspector Kevin Shea noted approval of new water-related systems is already barred by the terms of the 30-day emergency permits granted two weeks ago by federal, state and county agencies. Those permits allow the town to pump supplemental surface water from the Hudson River to supply the Clapper Road treatment plant, which supplies the town's major industrial customers.

Board counsel Robert Alessi argued against a more explicit ban, which could be legally challenged as an illegal "property taking." He said the state Department of Environmental Conservation's emergency permit reserved to the agency any emergency exceptions to the ban it imposed on new water lines.

DEC is "the arbiter of this

condition," he said. "So my recommendation to the town board would be that the town board do nothing. The DEC has been gracious enough to take this burden on, and I think we ought to welcome the graciousness of the DEC and refer anybody to them who's having a hardship."

Secor outlined the latest depth readings at the reservoir, now less than a foot above the stage at which a full-scale disaster must be declared — "a level never seen since the reservoir was built 40 years ago," he said. "We're getting hit with the most severe drought in the history of our watershed, at the same time we're just in the process of getting the system back up on line that will supply the industrial area and take pressure off our reservoir supply."

Thanks to the river emergency surface draw, the Clapper Road treatment plant has increased production to roughly 2 MGD, Secor said. If the town secures extensions to the emergency permits until new wells on

Schermerhorn Island are completed, "There'll be no interruption of business for our industrial customers," Secor said.

According to public works figures, the Guiderland purchases will cost \$1.88 per thousand gallons, and Albany's water, already \$1.92 per thousand up to 600,000 gallons a day, will cost \$2.54 per thousand for additional purchases.

Bethlehem charges its commercial-residential customers a base rate of \$1.10 per thousand, rising to \$2.20 per thousand for customers using 3,000-8,000 gallons a day and \$2.60 for users of 8,000-30,000.

The price drops to \$2.20 for users of 30,000 to 80,000 gallons a day — mostly institutional customers like the school district and residential care facilities. With the average customer using less than 10,000 gallons, that means a sizable majority of Bethlehem's water customers pay substantially less than the premium prices for out-of-town

purchases.

Secor estimates that even modest water "imports" of a million gallons a day from Albany and 600,000 from Guiderland will cost the town more than \$3,000 per day over its usual operating costs.

This additional fiscal drain, on a water district that reported in December a two-year cash-flow deficit of \$1 million, prompted town board member Doris Davis to call for higher rates.

"When are we going to increase the price of the water that we're charging our customers?" she asked. Secor said he would prepare a proposal to do so at the board's next meeting.

Also still to be calculated are the costs of long-term solutions to the town's emergency water needs, like the proposed 8-mile pipeline from the Watervliet Reservoir to Vly Creek which Secor discussed with officials of that city last week.

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CPC helps rebuild upstate cities

The Community Preservation Corporation is helping to revitalize Syracuse neighborhoods.

The Community Preservation Corporation, (CPC), works cooperatively with the city of Syracuse and its housing agencies to upgrade the rental housing stock in the city's neighborhoods as part of the city's general neighborhood revitalization efforts.

During 2001, CPC closed 18 loans in the 16 county central region. More than \$6,272,000 of loans financed 246 housing units, one day care center and a 30-bed adolescent residential treatment facility in Massena.

The mission of CPC is to finance affordable rental housing. In the central region, CPC has focused on financing the rehabilitation of smaller buildings; particularly in the city of Syracuse. CPC works closely with the city, home headquarters

and other neighborhood development organizations to assist the city's efforts to revitalize its neighborhoods.

CPC also works cooperatively with USDA Rural Development on the development of housing and other facilities in small communities. Two construction loans for 24 units in the Village of Jordan and the 30-bed treatment facility were closed in 2001.

CPC also participates in the city of Syracuse's efforts to increase in the supply of housing in and adjacent to downtown Syracuse. CPC is financing the development of 30 units at Laurel's Landing in Franklin Square. This office is actively working on three other residential projects in downtown and Franklin Square.

In the future, CPC plans to continue to expand its efforts to other communities in the central region.

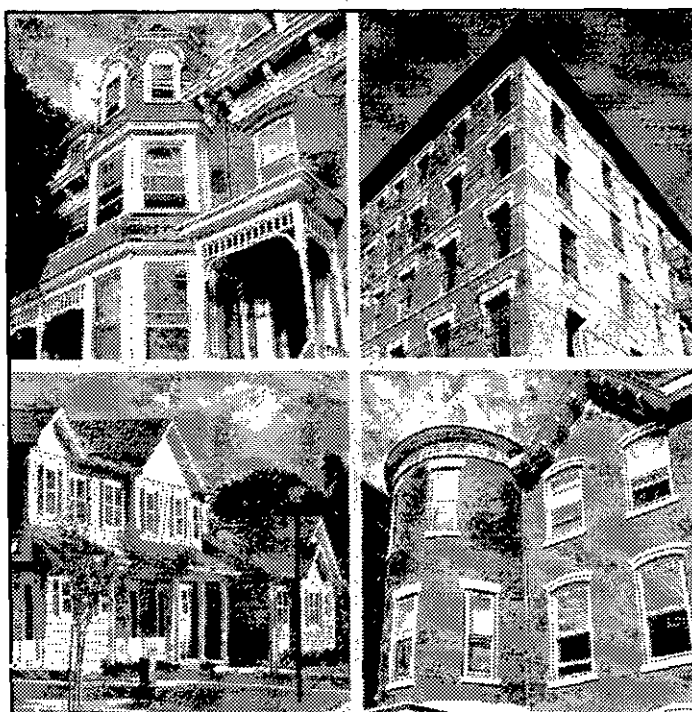
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coal, no net addition of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere when used to generate electricity or heat, reduced soil erosion and nonpoint source pollution from agricultural land. Willow biomass crops provide habitat for over 30 different bird species. As an alternative farm crop, willow biomass has the potential to play a crucial role in revitalizing the economy of rural communities. For every 10,000 acres of willow established, up to 76 jobs and over \$500,000 in state and local tax revenue could result.

Willow biomass crops are well suited for a wide range of other uses because they grow easily and quickly from cuttings, are perennial, and can be substantially improved genetically over a short period.

Willows can be used to help clean polluted soils in brownfield sites and as alternative covering for landfills. Their use in buffer strips along streams and other water bodies helps to reduce erosion and nonpoint pollution from farm land.

Between 1998 and 2000, more than 500 acres of willow biomass crops were established in Western and Central New York. Small trial sites, totaling about 35 acres, were established in nine states and southern Quebec. A pilot Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) that would allow the production and harvesting of willow biomass crops on 15,000 acres of land in New York was recently announced. This will provide a valuable economic stimulus for landowners who are interested in growing this new crop.



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Coffeehouse fund-raiser to benefit scholars program

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Continuing Ed registration

Registration for Continuing

Education programs will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11 and 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Registration forms can also be mailed in and will be opened after the last person registers on Feb. 12.

Arts and crafts, languages, business and technology, safety and health and recreational programs will be offered.

Classes start the week of Feb. 25. Registration forms can be picked up at the high school main office. For information, call 439-9951.

Kiwanis sponsor blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue. The screening is free and open to the public.

Garden Club to meet

Helderview Garden Club's next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the library on School Road.

Mary Ann Waltz will give a presentation on Herbs for Zone 5.

PTA to meet

The PTA's next regular meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

School board to meet

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Food co-op orders due Feb. 8

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will accept food orders until Friday, Feb. 8, for the Thursday, Feb. 21, delivery day.

Forms and menus can be

picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Extra Helpings provide a pre-select menu of groceries at wholesale prices. Each order costs \$14, and you are under no obligation to purchase every month. Payment can be by cash or food stamps. Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

American Legion to fire up annual steak roast

American Legion Post 1493 will serve its ninth annual mid-winter steak roast on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 4:30 p.m.

Donation is \$12 per person. Reservations are required by Feb. 8. For information or to make a reservation, call 765-4712.

Kiwanis to conduct baseball registration

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold registration for spring baseball on Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 12 and 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Participants must live in the town of New Scotland or in the school district. The program is for 5- to 10-year-old boys and girls.

Town to offer snowmobile safety class

A two-day snowmobile safety course will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at town hall on New Scotland Road.

Participation in both sessions is required to complete the course. The free course is open to town residents age 10 years and older. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. For information or to register, call 439-4913.

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AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk



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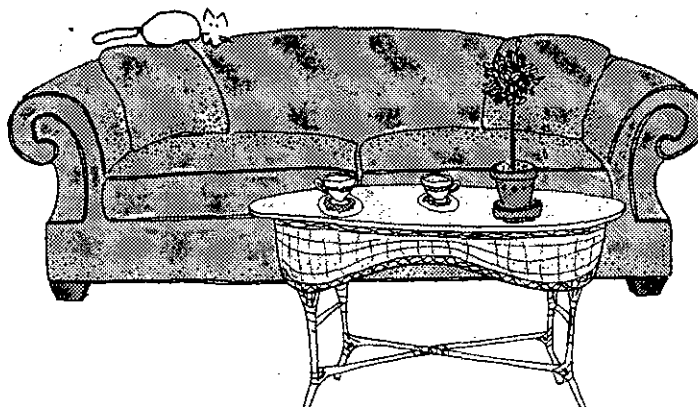
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Voorheesville Public Library



Signup now for the discussion of *The Blackwater Lightship* by Colm Toibin and receive a copy of the book. The group meets next on March 6.

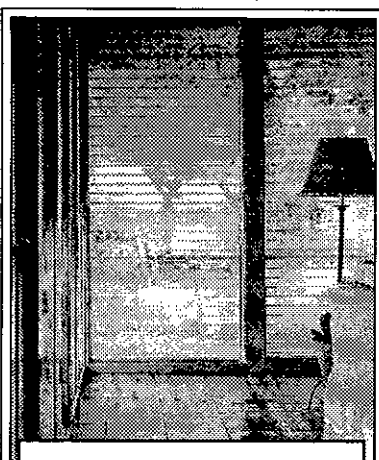
The library is proud to host two separate art exhibits this month, as well as an impressive collection in our showcase.

Bob Lynk, co-president of the Bethlehem Art Association, has his work in the hall gallery. Since his retirement, the Delmar veterinarian has become an accomplished and prize-winning watercolor artist. His work includes many pastoral scenes of local landscapes.

A native of Voorheesville who now resides in Savannah, Ga., Sandra Mudge has become a professional photographer and member of National Press Photographers Association.

She has traveled to such exotic locales as Tahiti, Fiji, Indonesia and Australia, recording colorful and unusual images. Her most recent work has centered around the enduring landscapes and vanishing cultures which make Savannah unique.

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haunted sites for the book *Ghosts of Savannah*, a copy of which was donated to the library. Thanks to Bob Mudge, who assembled the wonderful selection of his daughter's work that is hanging in the community room.

Betsy Bates is sharing her collection of blown glass pieces in the display case this month. It is a marvelous assortment that includes animals, motorcycles and ships, an apple tree and Cinderella's carriage.

It is worth a special trip to the library just to see these outstanding displays.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on Feb. 14. A Valentine theme will be the subject of the evening's poems. Anyone who has a love (or chocolate) related poem they would like to share is welcome to join the group at 7 p.m.

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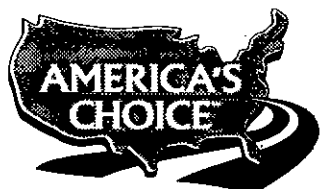
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Sports

Lady Eagles end Colonie's streak

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls basketball team began the month of January by losing to Shaker 39-28.

The Lady Eagles ended the month by halting Colonie Central's 30-game winning streak with a 45-41 victory over the top-ranked Class A team in the state last Wednesday in Bethlehem.

"I thought we played good defense consistently," Bethlehem coach **Kim Wise** said. "We did switch some things up and tried some different presses, but we were pretty consistent."

The Lady Eagles (7-1 league, 11-4 overall) found themselves down nine points late in the third quarter when Wise switched **Jamie Mooney** from forward to guard. Mooney responded with a pair of baskets to help Bethlehem close the gap to 37-32.

"She had five points, but they were key points," Wise said of Mooney, who also led Bethlehem on the boards with 11 rebounds.

Sue Kelly then got hot from the perimeter in the fourth quarter. Kelly scored seven of her 13 points in the final period, including a three-pointer with two minutes left that gave the Lady Eagles a 42-41 lead.

Megan Baldwin scored 16 points, and **Kaitlin Foley** added 11 points and six blocked shots for Bethlehem, which lost to Colonie 56-50 at a Christmas tournament.

"She actually kept us in the game in the first half," Wise said of Baldwin. "They tried to double down on Kaitlin (Foley) in the first half, so I moved her out to the perimeter and she hit her shots."

Andriano bowls perfect game

Delmar resident **Tom Andriano** bowled a 300 game Jan. 11 at Del Lanes in Delmar.

Andriano is the son of Mickey and the late Frank Andriano of Delmar.

The victory gives Bethlehem the tiebreaker advantage over Colonie for the top seed in the Suburban Council Tournament, which starts Friday. Should both teams win their regular-season finales Wednesday — Colonie faces Mohonasen and Bethlehem hosts Guilderland — the Lady Eagles receive the No. 1 seed for the tournament.

"The thing for this team is after the Colonie game, I think they are finally starting to realize that they are a good team. I don't think they realized it before," Wise said.

Bethlehem continued its strong play last Friday in a 60-20 victory over Columbia in East Greenbush.

The Lady Eagles opened the game by shutting out the Blue Devils 18-0 in the first quarter and then outscored Columbia 32-9 in the second half to complete the rout.

Kelly scored 17 points, and **Emily Bango** contributed 14 points for Bethlehem.

RCS upsets Lansingburgh

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls basketball team earned their biggest victory of the season last Thursday by beating Lansingburgh 59-53 in a Colonial Council game.

The Lady Indians (7-5, 9-7) scored 20 points in the first quarter to take a three-point lead, but

the Knights (9-3, 12-4) outscored them 14-4 in the second quarter to give themselves a 31-24 half-time lead.

RCS climbed within three points after the third quarter and then pulled ahead for good in the fourth quarter to earn the victory.

Rachel Matousek had 22 points, while **Fallon Haldane** and **Lorin Weidman** chipped in nine points apiece for the Lady Indians. **Katelyn Dooley** scored 21 points for Lansingburgh, which entered the game in second place in the league standings behind Academy of the Holy Names.

Blackbirds prevail

The Voorheesville girls basketball team moved a half-game ahead of Lansingburgh in the Colonial Council standings with a 52-39 victory over Cohoes last Friday.

The Blackbirds (10-3, 12-4) raced out to a 22-11 lead after the first quarter and extended it to 37-17 at halftime before cruising to the victory.

Andrea Burch scored 12 points, and **Katie Inglis** added 11 points for Voorheesville.

The Blackbirds began the week with a 53-36 win against Mechanicville last Tuesday. **Brittany Baron** had 13 points, and **Michelle Nadratowski** chipped in 12 points for Voorheesville.

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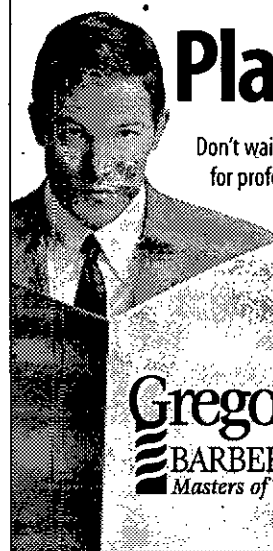
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Eagles fall out of first place in Gold Division

By CINDY MILOS

The Bethlehem boys basketball team's stay in the Suburban Council Gold Division's penthouse lasted one weekend.

The Eagles dropped back to second place in the division after suffering losses to Colonie Central and Columbia last week.

Against Colonie, Bethlehem had the chance for last second heroics. Down by three with seconds left in the game, Paul Stewart tossed up an off-balance three-pointer through triple coverage.

Unfortunately for Stewart and his Bethlehem teammates however, his three-point attempt

rimmed out, resulting in a 49-46 Garnet Raiders' win.

"I thought that the shot was going in," Colonie coach Doug Kilmer said. "During the time out before the shot, we discussed the fact that we had a foul to give, but sometimes when a team is inbounding the ball they have a special play that they can run, so I liked Chris King's decision not to foul."

Bethlehem coach Chuck Abba, on the other hand, was not so confident in the shot as it sailed through the air.

"I hoped that it was going in, but I knew that it wasn't," Abba said. "It was just from too far away."

The Garnet Raiders (7-2 league, 10-6 overall) seemed to be in control of the game at the half. Leading 31-17, Colonie dominated the first 24 minutes of play. The team had held Bethlehem's leading scorer, Matt Robbins, to just one field goal in the first half, and was getting nearly every loose ball.

"Colonie was playing more aggressive and energetic in the first half," Abba said. "We were a half a step slower than them. I'm not sure why. Maybe they were just more ready."

Abba said that during halftime, he talked to the players about playing hard and giving the best possible effort that they could.

"In the second half we really brought our level up," Abba said. "I was very pleased with the character and determination that our guys showed. Being down 14 at the half, they could have put in less than 100 percent, but they didn't. They never gave up."

Colonie led by as many as 18 points in the third quarter before Bethlehem (6-3, 12-4) started its comeback. Thanks to several Garnet Raiders turnovers and two Stewart three-pointers, the Eagles cut the lead to 11 points going into the final quarter.

With Robbins held to only one basket, seniors Stewart and Bob Boughton picked up the slack in the fourth quarter. The duo each scored seven points, bringing Bethlehem to within one shot of tying the game.

"Bobbie (Boughton) got into early foul trouble in the first half, which really hampered him," Abba said. "He did a great job late in the game though, and I was really happy to see that."

Colonie senior Anthony Bruin led all scorers with 21 points, and added eight rebounds and eight blocks. Jon Branche chipped in 11 points and Kris Kowalczyk added five, including a key three-pointer late in the game.

"Bruin has been terrific all year long," Kilmer said. "He takes his shots, but he is also willing to kick the ball out to his teammates. On the defensive end, he did a great job covering Robbins and blocking shots. I think that if he plays our last two games the same way that he has played all the rest, then he will have a very legitimate claim as player of the league."

Boughton led the Eagles with 11 points, while Stewart tossed in 10.

Bethlehem tried to bounce

back last Friday against Columbia, but the Blue Devils used a fourth-quarter rally to defeat the Eagles 66-63.

Bethlehem grabbed a 21-5 lead after the first quarter, but Columbia cut into the 16-point deficit over the next two periods to move within striking distance. The Blue Devils then outscored the Eagles 22-9 in the fourth quarter to pull out the victory.

Tim Kindlon had 16 points to lead Bethlehem, which hosted Guilderland Tuesday in its final game before the league tournament. Boughton contributed 14 points, and Robbins added 13 points.

The Suburban Council Tournament starts Friday at Guilderland and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake high schools.

Slow start grounds 'Birds'

The Voorheesville boys basketball team couldn't overcome a rough first quarter in a 75-57 loss to Cohoes last Friday in a Colonial Council game.

The Blackbirds (7-6, 9-8) fell behind 23-5 after the first period and never recovered in losing to the Tigers for the second time this season.

A.J. Cavanaugh scored 11 points, and Bill Schlappi added eight points for Voorheesville. Paul Izzo led all scorers with 28 points for Cohoes (11-1, 13-3).

Drawing slated for BC-G'land game

The Bethlehem Hockey Boosters will draw the winning ticket for its annual fund-raiser following the Saturday, Feb. 15 game between Bethlehem and Guilderland at the BIG Arena.

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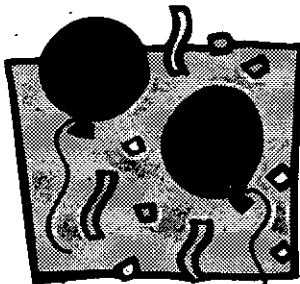


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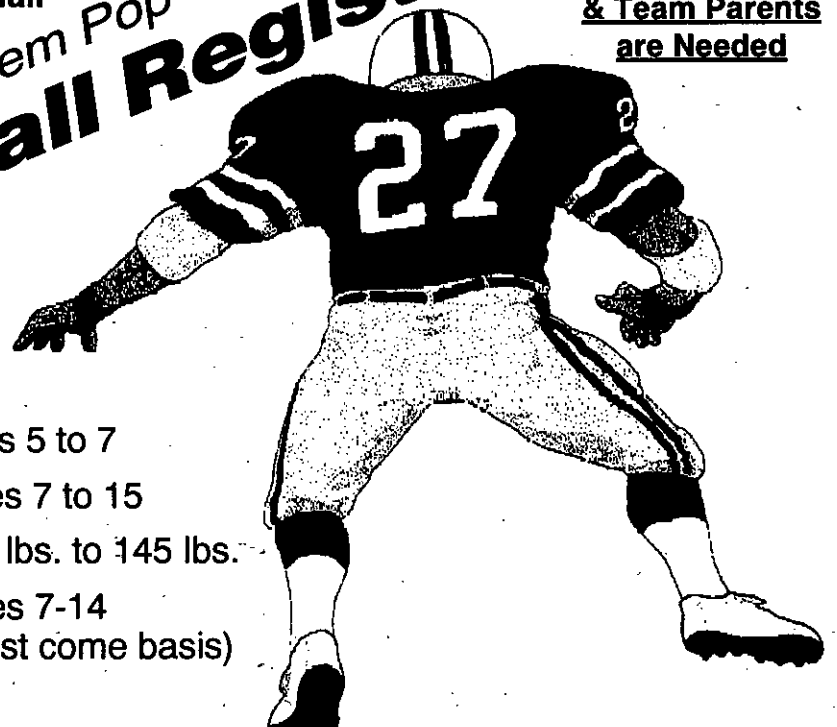
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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 28 - FEB. 2

MONDAY, JAN. 28

BOYS BASKETBALL

VOORHEESVILLE 48, BERNE-NOX-WESTERLO 41

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Bill Schlappi 14 points, Kevin Vanderwerker 13 points.

BOYS BOWLING

RCS 25, VOORHEESVILLE 7

High series: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Shawn Marras 693, A.J. Morehouse 59, Voorheesville — Katie Duncan 678, Ryan Blakeney 601.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

BOYS BASKETBALL

COLONIE 49, BETHLEHEM 46

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Bob Boughton 11 points, Paul Stewart 10 points.

ALBANY ACADEMY 60, RCS 39

Leading scorers: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Chris Murray 12 points.

VOORHEESVILLE 58, MECHANICVILLE 52

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Chris Bechard 13 points, Bill Schlappi 12 points.

BOYS BOWLING

COLUMBIA 17.5, BETHLEHEM 4.5

High series: Bethlehem — Billy Omtois 700.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ONLY NAMES 39, RCS 26

Leading scorers: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Rachel Latousek 9 points, Fallon Maldane 8 points.

VOORHEESVILLE 53, MECHANICVILLE 36

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Brittany Baron 13 points, Michelle Nadratowski 12 points.

WED., JAN. 30

BOYS BOWLING

BETHLEHEM 22, NISKAYUNA 10

High series: Bethlehem — John Young 759, Kevin Pitts 644.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BETHLEHEM 45, COLONIE 41

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Megan Baldwin 16 points, Sue Kelly 13 points, Kaitlin Foley 11 points.

GYMNASTICS

GUILDERLAND 150, BETHLEHEM 147.65

All-around: Mallory Fishman (Bethlehem) 31.45, Lauren Cresswell (Guiderland) 30.05, Patty Eames (Bethlehem) 28.4.

WRESTLING

COLONIE 48, BETHLEHEM 27

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Pat Schneider (96 pounds), Chris Lee (103), Pete Privatera (145), Bill Courtney (160), Martin Bonventre (171), Dan Hazen (215).

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

BOYS BASKETBALL

COLUMBIA 66, BETHLEHEM 63

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Tim Kindlon 16 points, Bob Boughton 14 points, Matt Robbins 13 points.

COHOES 75, VOORHEESVILLE 57

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Anthony Cavanaugh 11 points, Bill Schlappi 8 points.

BOYS BOWLING

COLONIE 25, BETHLEHEM 7

High series: Bethlehem — Matt Young 660, Kevin Pittz 629, Jeff Young 628.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BETHLEHEM 60, COLUMBIA 20

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Sue Kelly 17 points, Emily Bango 14 points.

VOORHEESVILLE 52, COHOES 39

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Andrea Burch 12 points, Katie Inglis 11 points.

GIRLS BOWLING

COLONIE 28, BETHLEHEM 4

High series: Bethlehem — Becky Plog 496.

WRESTLING

MOHONASEN 48, BETHLEHEM 31

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Pat Schneider (96 pounds), Pete Privatera (145), Mike Walker (152), Bill Courtney (160), Matt Bonaventure (171), Eric Wilcox (189), Dan Hazen (215).

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE MEET

Team scores: Class A — Schenectady 148.5, Bethlehem 46.75, Class C — Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 59, Broadalbin-Perth 49.75, Lansingburgh 49.75, Hudson Falls 27, Mechanicville 8.

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Rafiq Omar (triple jump), Padd Hennessey (shot put).

RCS — C.J. Berghela (55-meter dash), David Whydra (1,000).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

RCS 59, LANSINGBURGH 53

Leading scorers: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk —

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE MEET

Team scores: Class A — Schenectady 73.5, Bethlehem 65, Class C — Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 49, Lansingburgh 38, Broadalbin-Perth 24, Hoosic Valley 20, Mechanicville 11, Hudson Falls 11.

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Jen Marro (55-meter dash), Kathleen Hart (shot put).

HOCKEY

BETHLEHEM 7, MOHONASEN/SCHALMONT 4

Goals: Bethlehem — Jim Moehringer (5), Erich Minnear, Chris Abbott.

Saves: Bethlehem — Jordan Murray 20.

WRESTLING


COLONIAL COUNCIL TOURNAMENT

Team scores: Cobleskill-Richmondville 195, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 178, Schalmont 127, Cohoes 115, Lansingburgh 69.5.

Mechanicville 69, Watervliet 45.5, Albany Academy 39, Voorheesville 29, Catskill 29, Waterford-Halfmoon 17, Berlin 15.

Place finishers: RCS — E'oin Carroll (second, 103 pounds), George LaMountain (fourth, 112), Eric Pregent (first, 119), Curtis Graham (first, 125), Alan Northrup (fourth, 130), Herb Tompkins (second, 140), John Dibble (third, 145), Seth Houle (fourth, 152), Justin Schipano (third, 160), Steve Correll (second, 171), Joe Blondell (second, 189), Desi Biechman (fourth, 215). Voorheesville — Mike Ashline (second, 112).

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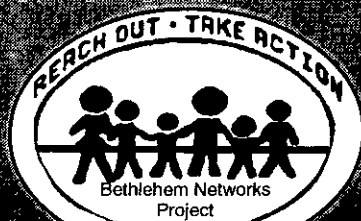
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Obituaries

George Butcher

George F. Butcher, 85, of Pheasant Run Apartments in Voorheesville died Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., he lived in Saddle Brook, N.J. before moving to Voorheesville.

Mr. Butcher worked for United Fruit Co. for 47 years. He retired as terminal superintendent.

He was a Navy veteran, serving on the U.S.S. Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche Little Butcher; two sons, William D. Butcher of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Thomas W. Butcher of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Beverly J. Butcher and Leslie Butcher, both of Voorheesville; a brother, Walter Butcher of New Jersey; a sister, Grace Butcher of New Jersey; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Burial was in George Washington Memorial Cemetery in Paramus.

Arrangements were by the

Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital, 113 Holland Ave., Albany 12208.

Helen Demarest

Helen M. Carlson Demarest, 87, of Naples, Fla., and formerly of Selkirk, died Thursday, Jan. 31, at Hospice of Naples.

Mrs. Demarest was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of San Marco Church in Marco Island, Fla.

She was the widow of Francis Carlson.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley Demarest; a daughter, Jane Denkers of Glenmont; a son, Francis Carlson of Eaton, Conn.; four stepdaughters, Linda Sickler of Albany, Gail Simmons and Cindy Quaglino, both of New Scotland, and Anna Therian of Alcover; four stepsons, Wesley Demarest and Gary Demarest, both of New Scotland, Stephen Demarest of Feura Bush and John Demarest of Coeymans; two brothers,

William Murphy of Florida and Francis Murphy of Massachusetts; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 15 stepgrandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whipporwill Lane, Naples, Fla. 34105.

Nina Cunningham

Nina Cunningham, 75, of Ballston Lake, and formerly of Selkirk, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Saratoga Hospital.

Mrs. Cunningham was born in Albany.

She was the widow of Ronald F. Cunningham Sr.

Survivors include a son, Ronald F. Cunningham Jr. of Ballston Lake; a daughter, Beverly Goodhart of Latham; a sister, Doris Giles of Colonie; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home in Clifton Park.

Spring burial will be in Greenridge Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Saratoga, 179 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs 12866.

Edward Rook

Edward Rook, 71, of Delmar died Tuesday, Jan. 8, at his home.

Born in Philadelphia, he was a long-time resident of Delmar.

He was a graduate of Syracuse University and Yale Law School.

He worked as an Army counterintelligence agent from 1954 to 1956.

Mr. Rook then worked for Hancock & Estabrook law firm in Syracuse from 1957 to 1959. He was secretary for the state Tax Commission, an attorney for the state Department of State and a general law practitioner.

He was a member of the Onesquethaw Masonic Lodge, the Sigma Nu Fraternity, Yale Book & Gavel Society, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was husband of the late Sonya Cushing Rook.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Abriel Rook; four sons, David Rook of Slingerlands, George Rook of El Paso, Texas, James Castiglione of Albany and Joseph Castiglione of Delmar; three daughters, Elizabeth Giaccone of Delmar, Tracy Cunha of Windsor, Calif., and Robin Castiglione of Schaghticoke; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to AnimaLovers, PO Box 6426, Albany 12206.

David J. Hunt

David J. Hunt, 18, of Selkirk died Sunday, Jan. 27, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Selkirk, he was a student at Draper Middle School.

Survivors include his parents, Les and Wendy Hunt; two sisters, Krysta Domery and Tiffany Hunt, both of Selkirk; a brother, Stephen Hunt of Greenville; his maternal grandparents, Thomas and Eileen Domery of Selkirk; and his paternal grandparents, Emma and Raymond Hunt of Selkirk.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie and Jerusalem Reformed Church.

Arthur Relyea Sr.

Arthur H. Relyea Sr., 85, of North Main Street in Voorheesville died Monday, Jan. 28, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Altamont, he lived in Voorheesville for 60 years.

Mr. Relyea was a lifelong farmer. He worked for the Vunk Feed Mill in Voorheesville as a foreman and was also employed as a mason for the Albany Masons Local No. 2 before he retired.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was husband of the late Mable Relyea.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Bunk-Relyea; six daughters, Georgia Mertens, Linda Basset, Carol Ingleson, Julie Lee, Patricia Stark and Lisa Relyea; five sons, Arthur Relyea Jr., James Relyea, Joseph Relyea, Paul Relyea and Michael Relyea; a brother, Herb Relyea; a sister, Harriet Shoddy; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

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Janelle Hecker and Jason Gutman

Hecker, Gutman engaged

Janelle Hecker, daughter of Linda and Vern Hecker of Canandaigua, and Jason Gutman, son of Kathy and Paul Gutman of Delmar, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canandaigua Academy and the University of Rochester. She plans to attend medical school in the fall. The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Rochester. He attends the SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine. The couple plans a July 13 wedding in Canandaigua.

Safety Certification Program scheduled

Albany County's 4-H Tractor Safety Certification Program will begin on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension Center in Voorheesville. The program includes videos, talks, reading, demonstrations and a written and driving test. It is mainly for 14 and 15-year-olds who operate a tractor as part of a paying job; however, anyone interested in learning about tractor safety is welcome. The program will be every Monday evening through April, except for the week of spring vacation. There is a cost of \$5 per student to pay for materials. To register, call the 4-H office at 756-3500. For information, call Dave Hillmann at 765-3500.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white and color photos are acceptable, however Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to P.O. Box 100, Delmar 12054.

Dean's List

The College of Saint Rose

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SUNY Binghamton

Kelly Signorelli and Lisa Signorelli of Delmar; Beth Wittig of Slingerlands.

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Local resident joins honor society

Katie Strait, daughter of Joan and Paul Strait of Glenmont, is joining the Gamma Mu chapter of Phi Sigma, a national biology honor society.

The University of New England student's academic record earned her an invitation into the society.

Phi Sigma has active chapters on 32 campuses, with a total membership of more than 70,000.

Its purpose is to promote research and academic excellence in the biological sciences.



Jill and Adam Behar

Silk, Behar marry

Jill Silk, daughter of Ann and Dr. Paul Silk of Delmar, and Adam Behar, son of Sandra and Max Behar of Fort Lee, N.J., were married on Aug. 19, 2001. The bride is employed at Deutsche Bank in New York City as a credit analyst. The groom is president and owner of ASB Produce in Hackensack, N.J. The couple resides in Chart House in Weehawken, N.J. Edgewater, N.J.

Chamber Achievement Awards 2002

The Board of Directors of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce invites you to our 45th Anniversary Award Reception Thursday, March 7, 2002 at the Executive Mansion of Albany

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Please call the Chamber at 439-0512 by Feb. 16th

Community



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to host benefit

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will hold a "Pancakes with a Difference" dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 12, to benefit the Food Pantries of the Capital District.

Seatings are on the half-hour between 5 and 7 p.m. The suggested donation is \$6, and all proceeds will go to the Food Pantries.

Dinner includes scrambled eggs, lyonnaise potatoes, link sausage and Pascals; special apple filled pancakes.

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Institute play is homecoming for director

By DEV TOBIN

For Robert Bennett Steinhauer, directing "Ladies of Song," now playing at the New York State Theatre Institute in Troy, is a kind of double homecoming.

"My first love is the theatre and Pat (DiBenedetto Snyder, NYSTI's producing artistic director) and I went to SUNY Albany together and have been friends for 40 years," Steinhauer said.

Since then, Steinhauer has had a full career away from the Capital District and the stage. He has been a prolific producer and production manager, mostly in television and in California and lately for the acclaimed series "Hallmark Hall of Fame," for which he received three Emmy nominations. He did direct two plays for his old friend — "Our Town" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" in the late 1970s, when the institute was performing at The Egg in the Empire State plaza.

Now, while he is teaching film for a year at Russell Sage College, he has returned to the institute stage for the world premiere of "Ladies of Song," subtitled "An Homage to Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn and Ethel Waters."

"Ladies of Song" is essentially a one-woman show in which Lynn Godfrey, herself a Broadway and TV veteran, "sings in the style of each and tells stories about their lives," Steinhauer said.

"For example, Godfrey sings Waters' famous "Stormy Weather," then relates how Waters' mother disappeared on a rainy night," he explained.

The more than 20 songs in "Ladies of Song" include jazz and blues

classics by the Gershwins, Harold Arlen, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and George Shearing, as well as a new song by George David Weiss and Will Severin.

"Lynn doesn't imitate the three artists we pay tribute to; she shows how they were an inspiration to her," Steinhauer explained.

"It's a bright entertainment, not just a nostalgic concert," Steinhauer said. "The play also shows both adults and children that everyone has hard times and if you don't learn from it, your life can be very negative. But if you use hard times to improve yourself, you can overcome a lot and become a very successful person."

While the institute scheduled the play as its celebration of Black History Month (February), Steinhauer noted, "It's a tribute not only to blacks but to women who had to overcome not just poverty but also prejudice."

Reflecting on his return to the stage at NYSTI, Steinhauer said: "I'm having the time of my life — Lynn is terrific and the institute is a fabulous program for young people interested in theatre. I hope Pat asks me back."

After its NYSTI run, "Ladies of Song" will go out on a national tour later this year.

"Ladies of Song" will be on the Schacht Fine Arts Center main stage at Russell Sage College in Troy through Feb. 16. Weekday performances are at 10 a.m., plus 8 p.m. performances on Feb. 8, 9, 15 and 16 and a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 10.

Tickets are \$17, \$14 for seniors or students, \$8 for children under 13. For information, call the box office at 274-3256.

Till there was you ...



Carolann M. Samota (Marian Paroo) and Gerritt VanderMeer (Harold Hill) appear in a touring production of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man." The show comes to Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady Tuesday through Sunday, Feb. 12 to 17. For ticket information and reservations, call the Proctor's box office at 346-6204.



From left, director Robert Bennett Steinhauer, pianist Mark Brockley and Lynn Godfrey rehearse for the New York State Theatre Institute's production of "Ladies of Song" which runs until Feb. 16.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

WOODY GUTHRIE'S
AMERICAN SONG

new musical, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 17, \$28 and \$36. Information, 445-7469.

LADIES OF SONG

with Lynnie Godfrey, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Feb. 16, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

WHO'S AFRAID
OF VIRGINIA WOOLF

Albee drama, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 9, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

Music

COMMANDER CODY

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Feb. 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$12. Information, 381-1111.

THE AHN TRIO

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

BILL STAINES

Old Songs concert, Altamont Masonic Temple, Route 146, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children. Information, 765-2815.

PAMELA AND CLAUDE FRANK

violinist, pianist performing sonatas by Brahms and Beethoven, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$20, \$10 for students. Information, 372-3651.

ROOMFUL OF BLUES

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Feb. 9, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$17. Information, 381-1111.

RUFUS WAINWRIGHT

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

CATHIE RYAN BAND

The Eighth Step at Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen Street, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 434-1703.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Valentine concert, featuring works by Schubert, Elzady and Tan, Canfield Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., \$20 and \$22, and Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., \$17 to \$36. Information, 465-4755.

Dance

SEAN CURRAN COMPANY

Irish/contemporary dance, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$24, \$21 for seniors and students, \$15 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

American Sculpture, 1940 to 1960, through Feb. 24; A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, through March 17; Ancient Life of New York, through March 31; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE
OF HISTORY AND ART

Circa 1900: From the Genteel Tradition to the Jazz Age, American art at the turn of the 20th century, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, the Albany Army Bazaar of 1864, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

Mohawk-Hudson Regional Invitational, featuring works by Warren Craighead III, Ellen DeMarco Cervera and Rob O'Neil, through Feb. 15, opening reception Jan. 10 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., 161 Washington Ave. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT GALLERY

Private Eye, unusual local collections, third floor of terminal building, through

March 17, two hours free parking. Information, 242-2241.

Call For
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local entertainers and performers for Bethlehem community arts celebration on April 27. Apply by Feb. 1 at 439-0512.

AUDITION

for April-May Curtain Call Theatre production of "The Memory of Water" by Shelagh Stephenson, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Feb. 9, 1 to 4 p.m., parts for three women and two men. Information, 877-7529.

DELMAR COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

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openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SIENA CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

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COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

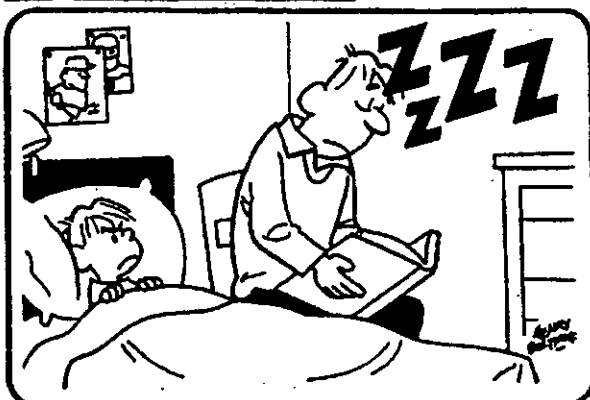
openings in strings, especially cello and bass, and in French horn, rehearsals Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Coburg Village, Rexford. Information, 383-1718.

MALE SINGERS NEEDED

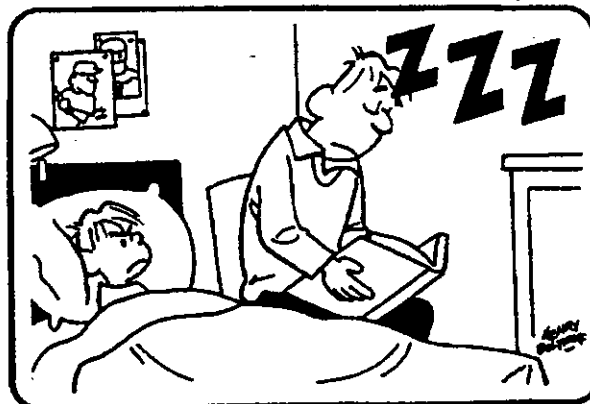
for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



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ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENT CLASSES

fiddle, guitar, banjo, pennywhistle, hammered dulcimer and bodhran, six-week sessions on Tuesday evenings at the ROI Smith Center, Route 155, Guilford, sponsored by Old Songs, \$75. Information, 765-2815.

DANCE CLASSES

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

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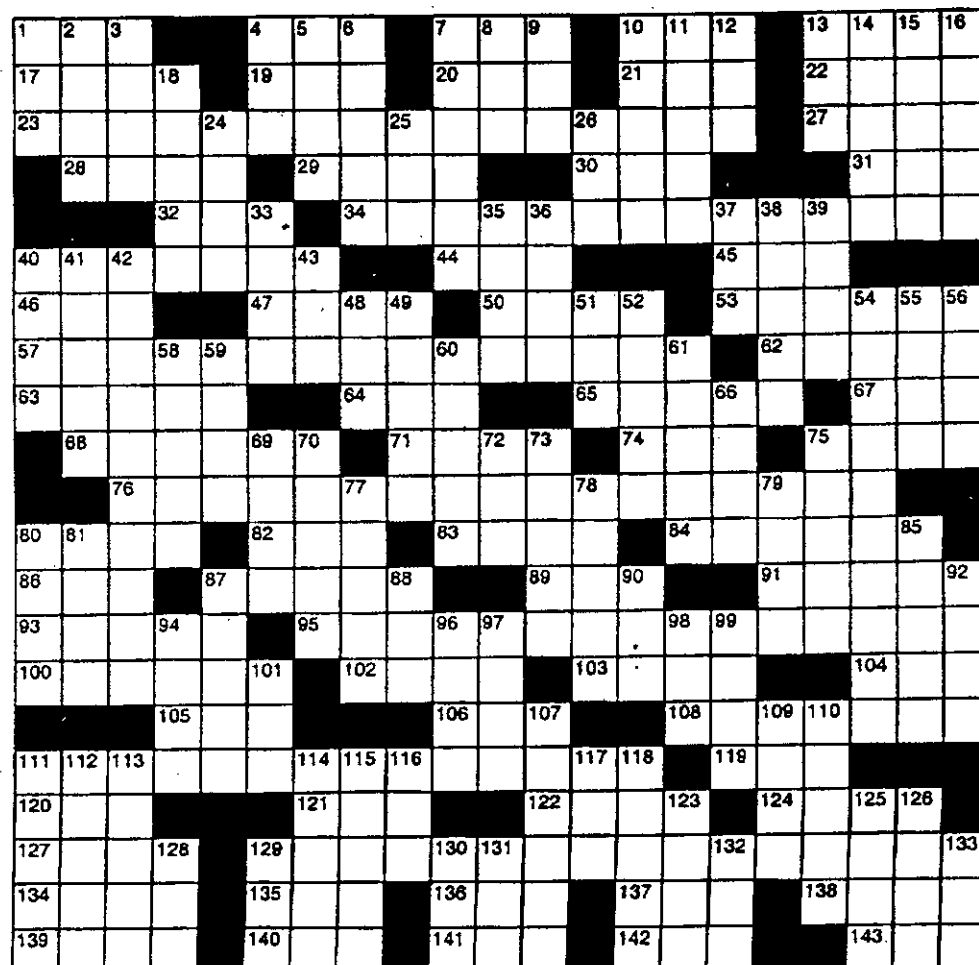
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68 Plaid fabric
71 Pilfers
74 Reverence
75 Teller's partner
76 Early sitcom actress married to golfer?
80 Paper —
82 Buck's beloved
83 Mets' milieu
84 — quo
86 Taylor or Torres
87 Sierra —
89 Marmaduke has two
91 Slowly, to Solti
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95 "Tennessee Waltz" singer married to cable mogul?

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103 Galaxy glitterer
104 Nosh
105 Cornfield cry
106 Kind
108 Best wishes
111 "It's Too Late" singer married to TV producer?
119 — Na Na
120 "I — Rock" ('68 song)
121 Hubbub
122 Refusals
124 "Dies —"
127 Pianist Lupu
129 "Cheers" actress married to pop artist?
134 — Is My Song" ('67 hit)
135 Chicken — king
136 Private pension
137 Sundial numeral
138 Place for pews
139 Shampoo additive
140 Mil. rank
141 Delivery truck
142 Hosp. employee
143 "See ya!"

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10 Religious holiday
11 From the beginning
12 Lion's lair
13 Sampras stroke
14 Excuse
15 Gas gauge
16 Prepared to be shot
18 Corned the cat
24 Bus starter?
25 Sapporo sash
26 Pitches
33 Attempt
35 Fairbanks' st.
36 Actress Celeste
37 Sheepish fellow?
38 Beethoven's "Fur —"
39 TV's "Father Knows —"
40 Actress Sommer
41 Kingdom

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43 Building wing
46 Welcome item?
49 Fright
51 Orange seed
52 Handbag part
54 Precursor
55 Rock's — Maiden
56 — Wolf" ('85 film)
58 Land
59 Drug buster
60 Handles
61 Salutes the moon?
66 Defeat
69 General's helper
70 — "John B" ('66 song)
72 Crank's comment
73 Insomnia cure?
75 Flying Pan?
77 Home and Olin
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79 Asian river
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81 Reinforce a raincoat
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101 Be in debt
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109 Alphabet quartet
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113 Chatter box?
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 2/6
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

Creative Arts Group to discuss decoupage on a candle. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-3916.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-4:30 p.m. Also Mon. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program, "Long Term Care Insurance," and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

evening prayer and Bible study, 1

Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Weekly at Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

NEW SCOTLAND

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Discussion of "Life Is So Good," sign up

at reference desk. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

PRAYER MEETING

evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

Weekly at Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

Thurs. 2/7
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

TRAVEL DISCUSSION

Delmar Progress Club Travel Group on "Yugoslavia As It Used To Be." Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

FAMILIES FIRST

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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

Fri. 2/8
BETHLEHEM
"BOOKS IN THE MORNING"

Discussing "Barren Ground" by Ellen Glasgow. Sponsored by Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning. Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10 a.m. - noon. Information, 439-9661.

AA MEETING

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

CABARET IN SLINGERLANDS

Harlequin Players present "Decades of Song And Dance: A Cabaret", reservations required, refreshments served; admission \$10, seniors/students \$8. Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 8 p.m. Also Feb. 8, 15, 16. Reservations, 355-6694.

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. 2/9
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

Sun. 2/10
BETHLEHEM
WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 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, 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 Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.

St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND
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 Copeland 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.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Mon. 2/11
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.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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. 2/12
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

Literature Group to review "The Bonesetter's Daughter." Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

A.W. BECKER PTA

Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

BINGO

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND
STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

Wed. 2/13
BETHLEHEM
TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

NEW SCOTLAND
TOWN COUNCIL

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

AA MEETING

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

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LEGAL NOTICE**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BDH, L.L.C.**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law The Undersigned, being authorized to execute and file these Articles, hereby certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is BDH, L.L.C.

SECOND: The County of the office of the Company in this State is Albany.

THIRD: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company upon whom process against the company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 926 Nineteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189.

FIFTH: The name and street address in New York of the registered agent of the Company upon whom and at which process against the Company can be served are Breakell & Couch, P.C., Suite 1200, 11 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207.

SIXTH: The Company is to be managed by one (1) or more members, 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.

SEVENTH: 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.

EIGHTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for any matter in respect of which such manager shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability there shall have been a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such manager that establishes that such manager's acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or that such manager personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not legally entitled or that with respect to a distribution the subject to Section 508 of the Limited Liability Company Law, such managers acts were not performed in accordance with Section 409 of the Limited Liability Company Law. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article in respect to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision. This Article shall neither eliminate nor limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to the adoption of this Article.

NINTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the Limited Liability Company Law, as amended from time to time, all person whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed this 27th day of December, 2001 by the undersigned who affirm that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury.

S/ MARK W. COUCH
Organizer
(February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Capacity Financial Services, LLC. LLC was filed with the SSNY on 09/24/01. 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: Carl A. Gerson, 120 Pleasant Street, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. (February 6, 2002)

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CapitalSource Finance LLC. Fictitious name in N.Y. State: CSF. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/25/00. 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 the principal office of LLC: 1133 Connecticut Ave. NW, Ste. 310, Washington, D.C. 20036. Attn: Steve Museles, Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CIMCITIES LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/2002. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/27/1999. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Principal office of LLC: 1400 Lake Hearn Drive, Atlanta, GA 30319. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CINGULAR SUPPLY, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/23/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/14/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 5565 Glenridge Connector, Atlanta, GA 30342. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cox HRP, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/24/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/02. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1400 Lake Hearn Dr., Atlanta GA 30319. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cox MMT, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/23/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/02. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1400 Lake Hearn Dr., Atlanta GA 30319. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an ORDER entered by the Supreme Court, County of Albany, on the 25th day of January, 2002 bearing Index Number 490-02, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany located at the Albany County Courthouse, Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12207, grants me the right to assume the name of DEREK RAYMOND ROBERTS DE LONG, my present address is 296 Saratoga Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. The date of my birth is JUNE 26th, 1989. The place of my birth is Albany, New York; my present name is DEREK RAMOND ROBERTS. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EMAK HOLDING LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: EMAK HOLDING LLC.

SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

23A Walker Way
Albany, New York 12205

FOURTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 28th day of December, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S/ Jesse Vandergrift,
Attorney in Fact
(February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of EXTENSIS VI LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/02. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/1/01. 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: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: Plaza Nine, 900 Rte. 9 North, P.O. Box 248, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Gold Rock Realty, LLC, filed with SSNY on 12/31/2001. Office Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to: 3 Bonnie Drive, Gunderland, NY 12084. Purpose: any lawful purposes. (February 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Greene Imaging, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on December 19, 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 Greene Imaging, LLC, c/o Vincent L. Valenza, 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. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Insurance Agency of Massachusetts, LLC. LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/17/2001. 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: Ronald S. Zaiger, 1-Industrial Avenue, Suite 1100, Lowell, MA 01851. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of iMark of New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/28/01. 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: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: sales orga-

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nization.
(February 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Ingomar Limited Partnership. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/26/2001. LP formed in Nevada (NV) on 7/26/1996. 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: The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal off. of LP: 323 Fifth St., Eureka, CA 95501. Name/address of each general partner available from SSNY. Cert. of LP on file with NV Secy. of State, 101 North Carlson St., Ste. 103, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activity. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of INMO XENIA, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 01/28/2002. 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, 221 South Rd., Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (February 6, 2002)

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INSURANCE AGENCY CONNECTION OF NEW YORK, LLC Notice of formation of Insurance Agency Connection of New York, LLC, a limited liability company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/8/02. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Peter C. Staniels, 24 Greystone Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186, the Registered Agent. The purposes of the LLC are to act as agents or brokers or aid in any manner in the business of soliciting, negotiating, or procuring the making of any insurance contract for, or in the placing of risks or receiving applications for life, health, accident, fire, theft, casualty, fidelity, surety, guaranty, indemnity, property, mortgage, rent, use and occupancy, income, marine, automobile liability, homeowner's liability, employer's liability, and all other liability insurance of all kinds, and all other kinds of insurance against loss or damage of any kind form any and all causes, and other insurance and reinsurance of all kinds; to investigate, collect, and report the causes and extent of damages on insured losses, to adjust and to act as agent in the payment of such claims; to collect premiums on all policies of insurance, to cancel, alter, or extend such policies; to conduct agencies for the doing of all such business; to do all things necessary, incidental, or desirable to accomplish such purposes; and generally to transact a general insurance agency business, and to carry on all kinds of such business. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of L & I REALTY, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 12/20/2001. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1817 Kings Hwy., Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (February 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAS ALBANY REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2001.

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a

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copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: LAS Albany Redevelopment company, LLC
85 Watervliet Avenue
Albany, New York 12206
5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.
(February 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAS REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2001.

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: LAS Redevelopment company, LLC

85 Watervliet Avenue
Albany, New York 12206

5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.
(February 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAS WATERVLIET REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2001.

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: LAS Watervliet Redevelopment company, LLC

85 Watervliet Avenue
Albany, New York 12206

5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.
(February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of LETCO/Omega, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/11/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 2/26/1998. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CA address of LLC: 220 Bush St., Ste., 565, San Francisco, CA 94104. Arts. of Org. on file with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: the trading of securities on the International Securities Exchange.
(February 6, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF NEILSON ROAD LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Neilson Road LLC.

SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company may be dissolved is December 31, 2051.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the

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Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 12 Century Hill Drive
Latham, New York 12110
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 24th day of January, 2002, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S/ Jesse Vandergrift,
Attorney in Fact
(February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to New York Limited Liability Company Law §206, One Life Enterprises, LLC publishes the following legal notice:

1. The name of the limited liability company is: One Life Enterprises, LLC. (the "Company")

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 19th, 2001. The Company came into existence on January 1st, 2002.

3. The offices of One Life Enterprises, LLC will be located in Albany County, New York.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to the Company at c/o Robert L. Sadler, RD 2, Box 144, Schoharie, New York 12157.

5. No registered agents have been designated for service upon the Company.

6. The Company has not specified a date of dissolution, or any events that will automatically cause the dissolution of the Company.

7. The Company shall be engaged in software consulting services, as well as any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.
(February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/5/01. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/27/01. 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. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Risk Protection International, LLC dba RPI Insurance Agency LLC was filed with the SSNY on 07/16/2001. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Thomas J. Malloy, Risk Protection International, LLC, 500 Ferry Boulevard, Stratford, CT 06615. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. (February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

ROMA BROTHERS REALTY, LLC

Notice of formation of Roma Brothers Realty, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 12/28/01. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 9 Cobbe Road, Latham, New York 12110. The purposes of the LLC are to own, acquire, manage, lease, develop, operate, buy, sell, exchange, finance, refinance, and otherwise deal with real estate, personal property, and any type of business, as the Managers may from time to time deem to be in the best interests of the Company.
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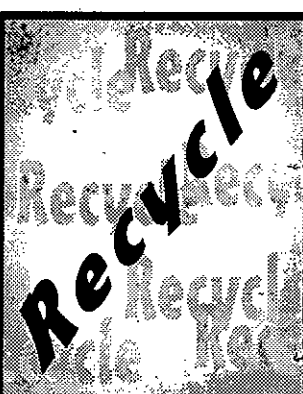
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2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York is: December 12, 2001.
3. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County.
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(February 6, 2002)

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(February 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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(February 6, 2002)

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(February 6, 2002)

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Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "Stockbridge Capital, LLC." SECOND: The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Albany County. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 1, 2065. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Stockbridge Capital, LLC., 1698

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Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State. SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 4th day of December, 2001 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
Frank A. Tate, Jr., Attorney in fact for the Organizer
(February 6, 2002)

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(February 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Wal-Mart Transportation, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/26/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/9/01. 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: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 702 S.W. 8th St., Bentonville, AR 72716. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WEST AMERICAN RUBBER COMPANY, LLC

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Capobianco

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"My job here has been an immediate job," she said. "Whatever comes up, I handle it, and that's what I've liked. I've loved working with the kids, with teachers, and with parents. Anytime that we can collaborate, that's when I get the most excited about things."

Capobianco came to the middle school as ELA supervisor after 10 years teaching fourth and fifth grades at Glenmont Elementary School.

"She was a truly outstanding classroom teacher who made a difference for a number of

children, including my daughter Kate, who had Mary for fourth grade," Superintendent Les Loomis said. "You would hear that from everyone." During that time, Capobianco came up with the idea for the Step Up program, which provides time at the end of the summer for some kids to begin the transition to middle school.

"One thing we'll miss about Mary is her creativity," middle school physical education teacher and Knickerbocker House leader Bob Salamone said. "She always had an idea. She saw some of the quieter kids, who might have been overlooked and might not

make the adjustment to middle school, and she developed the Step Up program."

Middle school principal Steven Lobban said this is typical of Capobianco.

"She's incredible in her task orientation," Lobban said. "She sees a job to be done, and she gets to it, sticks to it and just keeps working on it till it's done."

In addition to Step Up (and Step Out for kids entering high school), Capobianco created a number of other programs at the middle school. Among them are the drama club, the authors fair, wait training, peer mediation and an anger management class.

"My job's easy," Capobianco said, giving credit to the people who've taken her ideas and continued making them work. Capobianco also assisted in the middle school's transition to the house plan, which groups kids together for their three-year career at middle school. Now in its second year, Capobianco faced one of her least-favorite tasks, scheduling, to make the house plan work. "We went into our

second year of the house plan without a ripple on the surface," Lobban said.

Capobianco called the house plan a good illustration of a supportive district, willing to take a chance on a proven program that would be new to Bethlehem.

"This year, we're working out the kinks of the house plan," Capobianco said. "The house design committee works on it all the time. I think it's great, but not everyone does."

Capobianco often speaks directly. "Listen," she said, "we all need to bring our thinking to this. Best practice is best practice. As long as people keep talking, we can make it fit."

As assistant principal, Capobianco has been the disciplinarian at the school.

"If you have consistent rules and the children know what they are, they'll see the consequences of breaking them as logical," Capobianco said. Her job, she said, has often been to make sure she hears both sides of the story. "Mary has an incredible intuitive ability with the kids," Salamone

said. "She recognizes when they're having a problem, and when we need to find out where the problem lies, she's good at finding that. She really knows kids." Everyone who knows Capobianco, and she herself, speak of one thing first: her energy level.

"She's an incredibly energetic and can-do person," BOU president Phyllis Hillinger said of Capobianco, who is on BOU's board. "She's tireless in her amount of energy," Salamone said. That energy level is surely part of what has propelled Capobianco in her studies and career.

Capobianco married her husband, Joseph, the assistant director of the welfare-to-work division of the state Department of Social Services, when she was 20. She worked as a secretary at New York's Dunn and Bradstreet, and had four children, Kathy, 30; Joe, 26; Mary, 22; and Christine, a high school junior. Capobianco attended evening classes at Queens College, and helped care for both her and her husband's parents. After the Capobiancos moved to the Capital District, she continued her education at SUNY.

"I started there in 1975, and finally finished in 1997," Capobianco said. In that time, while raising her children and working, she earned a bachelor's degree in English and master's degrees in secondary English education, English education for grades six through 12 and reading for kindergarten through 12th grade.

"It's difficult to lose a leader of Mary's caliber," Loomis said. The district will begin a search for a new assistant principal, a process Lobban hopes to have completed by the end of the school year.

David Palmer will be the middle school's interim assistant principal for the remainder of the school year. He has taught social studies to eighth graders in Hudson House, and was assistant principal for four years.



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Physically Speaking


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There are two simple exercises that you can perform at home for stronger, healthier knees. Knee extensions involve sitting in a chair with your knees bent and feet flat on the floor. Slowly lift one foot and extend it straight out in front of you. Hold for a five count, then lower it slowly. Repeat this five times with each leg. Over time, work up to 20 repetitions. For the next, isometric exercise, wrap a bicycle inner tube around all four feet of a large chair. Sitting in the chair, slip both feet behind the rubber tube and alternate pushing each leg against the tube. Hold for a five count for five repetitions. Gradually, increase the count to ten.

The knee is actually a fairly complicated mechanism; pain and stiffness radiating from this all-important joint may be caused by a number of factors. Many individuals ignore knee pain in the hopes that it will simply disappear. In fact, many knee injuries are due to repetitive use, and only by making certain adjustments in your routine will you avoid further injury. If you are experiencing knee pain, ask your physician for a referral to our physical therapy practice. To learn more about our wide range of recovery services, please call the number listed below.

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