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Decisions, decisions



Karen DiBella checks out spring blossoms at Olsen's Nursery & Greenhouses on Route 85 in New Scotland last Saturday.

Jim Franco

Board taps Ksanznak as BCMS principal

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Dave Ksanznak has been appointed to the post of Bethlehem Central Middle School principal by the board of education, according to Superintendent Les Loomis.

"Ksanznak, currently principal of Clarksville Elementary School, will assume his new duties on July 1 at an annual salary of \$92,500."

No rookie as an educator, the New Jersey native has experience teaching in Cocksackie, Glenmont, Washington, D.C. and Fairfax, Va. A graduate of George Mason University in Fairfax County, Va., he received his teaching certificate from Trenton State College.

Ksanznak, 41, feels the Bethlehem district is unique by giving educators a chance to take risks to introduce innovative ideas.

"We get a chance to grow as professionals, and we are always looking for ways to make things better," he said.

As a result, he feels, "People move here because the schools are so good, and he sees district graduates return to the area to have their own children receive the same quality education they did."

One of Ksanznak's innovations is the creation of teams of fourth and fifth graders to work on projects. The benefit is it creates an opportunity for the fifth graders to develop their leadership capabilities and the fourth graders a

chance to work with a teacher two consecutive years. The fifth grade teacher has an opportunity to work with a student two consecutive years and get to better know their charges and families.

Ksanznak also received a grant from Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited to form a Clarksville Leadership Club. The members are fourth and fifth graders who meet after school to hear guest speakers and have discussions on the traits and characteristics of leadership and the benefits of team building.

"The new standards mandated by the state Board of Regents has forced educators to focus on what we need to do to improve our educational efforts," said Ksanznak. "The Academic Intervention Services component of the new standards ensures that no student gets left behind. Early intervention is the key to improvement," he added.

He is honored Clarksville "has been recently recognized as one of the schools showing the most improvement in the region. It is the result of teamwork of

□ KSANZNAK/page 17

Jim Nichols' legacy lives on

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A small gathering inside Voorheesville's SuperValu market; nothing pretentious, no ceremony, simple. Voorheesville resident Dr. Robert King, accompanied by his wife and granddaughter, came last Friday to the supermarket to present a portrait to Elaine Nichols, depicting her late husband Jim, the market's founder.

A moment of milling about; where to pose for pictures? "What the heck, over here," said New Scotland supervisor and former village mayor Ed Clark. "Why not?" The little assemblage — Nichols and her son, Jaret, the market's manager; the Kings; and Clark — shuffled in front of a brimming produce bin to pose.

A fitting backdrop: no formal seated

□ LEGACY/page 18



Jaret Nichols and Elaine Nichols, left, SuperValu owners, Dr. Robert King, King's granddaughter, Kara, New Scotland Supervisor Ed Clark and JoAnne King admire a painting done as a tribute to Jim Nichols by Dr. King.

Joseph A. Phillips

BCMS boy suspended after incident

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

An eighth-grade boy has been suspended until at least the end of the school year for inappropriately touching a female student at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Monday, April 10. The girl immediately reported the incident to School Resource Officer Bruce Oliver, and Superintendent Les Loomis said the boy was immediately suspended and removed from the school.

Loomis conducted a superintendent's hearing last Thursday and ordered the student removed from the school for the remainder of the school year. Loomis also indicated the girl's family is pressing charges, and the police are involved.

Detective Michael McMillan of the Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau said the boy had a hearing

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Bethlehem police arrest four on DWI charges

Bethlehem police made four arrests for driving while intoxicated (DWI) on April 6 and 7 — two of them during a 10-hour Stop DWI Blanket Patrol involving the Albany County Sheriff's Department, the State Police and 11 different municipal police agencies that netted 31 arrests county-wide.

The blanket patrol took place between 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5, and 5 a.m. April 6. Both of the Bethlehem arrests during the county sweep occurred after midnight on Saturday, April 6.

According to police, the first arrest, at about 12:30 a.m., occurred after officer George Travis observed a southbound vehicle on Old Feura Bush Road operating without headlights.

Travis ticketed Tammy Louise Stanton, 44, of 5737 Route 32,

Alcove, for a headlight infraction, administered field sobriety tests and arrested her for DWI.

Less than an hour later, officer Jeffrey Vunck pursued a vehicle for a seat belt violation on Delaware Avenue. He observed it swerving over the center line before coming to a stop. He administered field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening on Stephen William Fordham, 33, of 31 Queen Anne Drive, Slingerlands. Fordham was arrested for DWI and ticketed for failure to keep right and a seat belt violation.

Another arrest took place later that day at 10 p.m. April 6 on the Delmar bypass. According to police, officer Adam Hornick, patrolling in the vicinity of Elsmere Avenue, spotted a vehicle being driven at extremely

slow speed along the westbound shoulder and pursued it, finally bringing it to a stop near Murray Avenue.

The driver, David Leon Smith, 58, of 3 Mallard Road, Glenmont, submitted to sobriety tests and a prescreening, and was then arrested for DWI, which was elevated to a felony charge after a check disclosed a conditional license as a result of a prior DWI conviction, also in Bethlehem.

Smith was also ticketed for several traffic infractions. He was transported by Delmar Ambulance to the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center for observation.

Several hours later, shortly before 4 a.m. on Sunday, April 7, Hornick made another DWI arrest, on River Road in Glenmont. Shortly after another

officer reported a southbound vehicle nearly striking his police car at a traffic stop near Glenmont Road, Hornick spotted a vehicle answering the offender's description and pursued it, bringing it to a stop near Read Avenue.

After administering field sobriety tests and a pre-screening, he arrested the driver, Ian Stuart McClumpha, 23, of 43 Maple Ave., Selkirk, and charged him with DWI, failure to keep right and crossing hazard markings.

McClumpha was ordered to appear in Town Court on May 7; the others were due in Town Court April 16.

Seven individuals facing earlier DWI charges faced town Justice Frank Milano in court on April 2, three pleading guilty to the

original charge, three to lesser counts of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) — and a Selkirk man was sentenced to jail time.

Mark Steven Brennan, 40, of 15 Skyridge Lane, charged, with felony DWI on Jan. 27, pleaded guilty to a reduced DWI count and was sentenced by Milano to 15 days in jail and three years' probation. Brennan also had his license revoked for three years.

Individuals pleading guilty to the original DWI charge included Henry J. Labrecque, 36, of Route 351, Rensselaerville, charged on Dec. 7; Janice Anne Quackenbush, 34, of 11 Delaware Court, Watervliet, arrested on Feb. 12; and James Roosevelt Gibson, 32, of 146 Old Ravena Road, Selkirk, charged on March 11.

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

Pleading guilty to DWAI were Henry Garciapoupart, 29, of 82 Main St., Coeymans, arrested Feb. 11; Matthew Charles Lewis, 30, of 1406 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, arrested March 10; and Carol Myers Schaffer, 51, of 333 Cass Hill Road, Voorheesville, arrested March 17. Each was fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge, and their licenses were suspended for 90 days.

All seven were ordered to attend a drinking-driver remediation program and face a victim impact panel.

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Town OKs Rosen's zoning request

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Bethlehem town board last week unanimously approved a rezoning request from a developer, despite unexpected opposition from several residents at a public hearing.

But at the request of another applicant, the board postponed discussion of a second rezoning request from a Delmar business owner.

Lee Rosen of Rosen Development applied to the town board last June seeking rezoning of two parcels, totalling nearly 53 acres, near the intersection of Feura Bush Road and Elsmere Avenue. Currently zoned AA and AB respectively, he sought to have them declared a Planned

different approach might have resulted in a different result."

The board did conduct public hearing on the Waldenmaier rezoning application.

"This project is designed to meet the needs of the empty-nester, which we identify as the person who has lived in a large home and wishes to remain in single-family home ownership, but does not want to maintain a large home and particularly a large lot," Rosen said.

The duplex town-houses he is proposing would be built on small lots. Maintenance, from lawn care and snow removal, would be the responsibility of a homeowners' association. More than 22 acres would be left undeveloped, including an area along the Dowerskill and several small wetlands.

Project engineer Lynn Sipperley said the proposed density of the project would be less than that allowed under current zoning, up to 152 units, or the maximum

allowed for a PRD, 240 units.

"The goal here was to come up with a reasonable size community that worked with the land," he said.

Unlike traditional duplexes, "The units will be owned individually. Under the current zoning, you would have to have a single owner for both sides (of each building), and that's not really conducive to today's world," Rosen said.

Builder Dave Michaels said the several town house models — which Rosen estimated would be priced from \$150,000 to \$240,000 — would be between 1,300 and 2,400 square feet each, with either a single or double garage. He said prospective owners have already begun to inquire about the development.

Board member Doris Davis applauded the project. "Frankly, there are people who have left our community because we didn't have this kind of housing, and they would like to come back," she said. "I think this does suit what they're looking for."

Several residents agreed. "I'm interested in good zoning and good planning, and this is good zoning and good planning," said Fred Webber.

"I believe this is the type of project that we need in town," added Al Soeller.

But several residents opposed the project. Ron Johnson faulted the lack of sidewalks within the development and called for installing turning lanes to facilitate left-handed turns into the project; Rosen cited traffic studies suggesting these would not be necessary.

Art Ceas, a Feura Bush Road resident whose home is adjacent to another Rosen project, Haswell Farms, decried the impact

Waldenmaier Estates would have on the area's character.

"Since our arrival (23 years ago), the area has been transformed from farms and family homes built along Feura Bush Road on at least an acre of land to one of development on development, on postage-stamp pieces of land," he said, adding, "As I understand, the reason for zoning is to preserve the character of the neighborhood. In order to change zoning, one should have good reason like financial hardship. I don't think this is the case here."

"Certainly, the developer should be able to turn a profit by building single family homes instead of condos."

The board, he said, "must decide, should we save what's left of our country setting and water, or let developers turn it into another Clifton Park."

Resident Cindy Estes, a project supporter, said she was "puzzled" by that argument. "We're not asking for a drop in the zoning to a lesser (restrictive) zoning," she said. "We're upgrading. To me, that's a plus for the town." The board approved both the rezoning request and the SEQR negative declaration.

The project now awaits building project approval by the town board, following site plan review by the planning board.

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Doris Davis

Residential District to construct a 92-unit residential development of duplex private homes to be known as Waldenmaier Estates.

The board referred the issue last summer to the planning board for its recommendation. After months of review, the planning body voted in March to recommend granting the rezoning request and the adoption of a negative SEQR resolution, a determination that rezoning would not have a major environmental impact.

The planning board made the opposite recommendation on a request of Ben Meyers, owner of Meyers Funeral Home on Delaware Avenue, to rezone his property from AA residential to CCC commercial. On April 2, the planning body voted to recommend denial of the application.

But town board discussion of that recommendation at its Wednesday, April 10, meeting was postponed by Supervisor Sheila Fuller at the request of attorney James Morgan, who had replaced Meyers' attorney, Ralph Mancini, that day and requested 30 days to prepare a presentation on his client's behalf.

"He wanted an opportunity to present his case, and based on information he had, he didn't feel he would get that opportunity," Morgan said. "He felt possibly a

Spring cleanup



Brendan Murray cleans the driveway of his Kenwood Avenue home last Saturday.

Jim Franco

BC board addresses routine business

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

With a proposed budget in place, awaiting the May 21 vote, the school board last Wednesday was able to dedicate a full meeting to academic issues.

Several staffing issues were agenda items including accepting with regret the resignation of Nancy Wescott, transportation supervisor. "She will move to the Queensbury district," said Superintendent Les Loomis, which is closer to home for her.

JoAnn Davies, occupational education supervisor, reported to the board on progress in the district with Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a project the district agreed to support three years ago. Three of the district Lead the Way instructors provided the board with an insight on various phases of the curriculum.

The project is a "national program forming partnerships among public schools, higher education institutions and the private sector to increase the quantity and quality of engineers and engineering technologists graduating from our educational system," according to information posted on its Web site.

The program is partially funded by Charitable Venture Foundation, a private foundation located in Clifton Park. PLTW has a support staff of experienced technology educators and college and university partners.

Davies said, "There is a 50 percent attrition rate nationwide in college engineering programs."

Further, "Thirty-two percent of practicing engineers are 50 to 59 years of age and 20 percent are older than age 60, consequently a void will soon be occurring. With better prepared engineering candidates coming out of high schools, as a result of the PLTW program, we hope to improve the success rate of engineering students in college."

Davies reported the district is now seeking certification for the program and expects to have its program considered for certification this spring. The benefit of certification is to provide the Bethlehem students an opportunity to receive college credits for high school work in the program.

John McGuire, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, discussed the school report card for the board. The report card refers to results of standardized testing introduced by the state board of Regents to measure progress of districts in meeting new tougher standards in elementary and middle schools.

New standards for high schools require that all students pass Regents tests to graduate. This requirement had been limited to math and English, but this year includes two social studies courses, U.S. history and global history. Next year, sciences will be added to the requirement.

The testing also provides a means for districts to measure progress by comparison to other districts in the region and statewide. On a local level, it provides districts with a method of identifying students not performing well to provide early intervention and improve a student's academic performance.

McGuire said, "Seventy-one percent of district students received Regents diplomas last year, compared to 69 percent in the 1999-2000 school year and 56 percent the previous year. Plus, 94 percent of 2001 graduates went to college, 78 percent to four year schools and 16 percent a two year institution."

By all measurements, the district exceeded state requirements and was one of the best performing schools in the region. In most categories, performance improved over last year.

Loomis then reported on mid-year goals assessment. The district had three major goals this year: improving learning and achievement for all students, fostering a positive and safe school culture, and managing and improving the quality, cost effectiveness and efficiency of the districts current and future operations.

At the head of a list of positive directions in the district is the Report Card and state testing data indicating uniformly strong BC student performance.

Loomis also said, "The safety teams have functioned effectively and climate at the schools is positive as is student, staff and parent interaction." The long range planning process has developed worthwhile data, and while many districts are struggling financially, the 2002-03 budget will adequately fund BC programs at a reasonable tax rate increase, he added.

Some of the challenges the district faces, Loomis said, include "continuing to improve the Academic Intervention Services and upcoming negotiations with teacher and administrator associations."

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Each new furrow and laugh line tells a new story

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The old adage goes that kids keep you young. Look at any set of parents, though, and you'll see that they also exhaust you, turn your hair gray and create new worry — and laugh — lines in your previously smooth complexion. Sometimes you can see the physical manifestations of the aging process, and sometimes, it's a psychological punch that sneaks up on you.

While reading about the great adventures of a character called "Space Dog" with a first grader recently, she asked a question that brought on an unneeded amount of perspective.

"Why does he have a helmet?" she asked.

"So he can breathe," I told her, "you know, like the astronauts."

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Her big, born-in-1996 eyes looked up at me curiously, and I launched into an explanation of outer space. At first, I was shocked that she didn't know about astronauts, but then I remembered that she hadn't spent a beautiful July day in 1969 gathered with her family around the black-and-white TV in a cabinet bigger than the living room couch, waiting for Neil Armstrong to take that one small step for man.

A few more wrinkles grew into my already-furrowed forehead, as I thought of all the things that

shaped my generation that school-age kids only read about in their textbooks. Sure, there are still space walks, but news of outer space isn't as prevalent as it was more than 30 years ago.

It's also incredibly terrifying to say "thirty years ago" and have concrete memories come to mind — moon walkers, watching the Vietnam War play out on TV and feeling shocked at Watergate.

Sometimes our own kids will ask questions that make us laugh, but worry us about their knowledge of history. They know that Fossil One and Fossil Two (as we refer to ourselves on occasion) grew up with running water and eventually got color TV, but the rest is a haze. No VCRs? No computers, no Internet? Sounds like the Dark Ages to them.

Our kids are just getting interested in the music of their generation; another marker that we parents are old, old, old. Their first musical love was Weird Al, and it shocked our pre-adolescent boys to know that their long-haired, Converse high-top-wearing idol was exactly the same age as button-down-shirt-wearing Dad and the decidedly unhip blue-jean and polo-shirt wearing Mom. They've moved on to Alien Ant Farm, and when Dad asked "What kind of a name is that for a musical group?" I could only answer that it was one about as good as Deep Purple, Led Zeppelin or Flock of Seagulls.

Our musical taste always went toward folk anyway, and beyond

songs that creep into TV commercials ("If I had a Million Dollars," Britney Spears' Pepsi commercials), we only know that we have aged out of loud, throbbing music. We only watch MTV to feel comforted that one of our generation's bad boys — Ozzy Osbourne — also copes with incontinent dogs, a wife who runs the home and pierced children with pink hair, about whom he declared, "I love you, but you're all mad."

If you're over 40 and you haven't seen "The Osbournes" yet, it's a hoot. Even the self-proclaimed "Prince of (expletive) darkness" has to change the trash bag liners.

And who really uses the word "hoot" anymore? Only those of us who wish we lived year-round in Lake Wobegon.

If there are things we know that we will always carry with us, our kids are slowly acquiring those same elements. What simple memories will this 9-11 generation carry into the future? Surely, the day the family got a DVD player will be a big moment — along with the fact that the power they held in being the ones who could make it work on the antiquated TV set Mom and Dad refused to replace with one big enough that the neighbors could watch from their living room.

We cope as we can with the vexing mass of cables that make our TV, VCR, DVD and video game systems work. For Chris, it is particularly frustrating to find

that his efforts to click between the Weather Channel and Prime Minister's Question Time leave him stranded at Cartoon Network. His bellow brings us running, and the kids roll their eyes as they explain once again how to switch the cables from the DVD player to the television.

We turn to them with many of our computer-related questions, then try to get them to believe that we are in fact educated people unafraid of change.

And even worse, the hearing I once considered so acute is starting to play tricks on me. "Where's a piece of paper?" caused a great uproar of giggles when I replied with indignation that no, they couldn't play with a rapier. Both boys are hoping for a gentle form of early dementia, and I watch Cormac's eyes when he assures me I told him yesterday that he could do the thing that sounds unwise today.

We have not yet hit such an advanced age — the boys or us, that we cannot enjoy some things together. Nick at Night and TV Land lets them appreciate the fine theater of the Beverly Hillbillies and Gilligan's Island.

We can all laugh at the insanity of driving to Massachusetts to buy a lottery ticket and appreciate "A Prairie Home Companion" as we climb the Taconics to get to New England.

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Tower Ventures representatives fly 3-foot balloons 170 feet above the Genovesi farm on Font Grove Road last week, simulating a proposed telecommunications tower. New Scotland's zoning board of appeals will resume a public hearing on the proposal April 23. *Joseph A. Phillips*

Missing man's death ruled suicide

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A week-long missing-person case in Bethlehem ended last Wednesday, April 10, in a wooded area of Thacher Park, as a Delmar man's body was found — an apparent suicide.

Steven Pardee, 50, of 107 Astor Court, Delmar, had last been seen on Tuesday, April 2, after leaving work at the state Department of Transportation. His girlfriend, visiting from Binghamton, began searching for him the next day after he failed to turn up at his apartment, and reported him missing to Bethlehem police on Saturday, April 6.

After investigating leads to his whereabouts as far away as Georgia, the police, assisted by Albany County sheriff's deputies, began concentrating their efforts near Thacher Park — "an area he had been known to frequent," according to undersheriff John Mahan.

On Tuesday morning, April 9, Pardee's pickup truck was found abandoned off Whipple Road in Knox near a remote area of trails in the park's northwest corner, where hang-gliders often launch off the escarpment.

According to Mahan, county sheriff's deputies and search and

rescue personnel, state park police and rangers, and state police K-9 and helicopter rescue units were summoned to search the cliff area, an unsuccessful search that was called off after dark.

A grid search of the area around the abandoned truck began shortly after dawn the next morning, and about 10:30 a.m., Pardee's body was found in a wooded area about 200 yards east of the vehicle.

"The apparent cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound," said Mahan. "He had

apparently been there about three or four days before he was found." Pardee was pronounced dead at the scene by county coroner Philip Furie, and an autopsy confirmed the initial findings as to cause of death.

There was no indication of any foul play connected to his disappearance or death, Mahan added.

"An apparent suicide is what it was, plain and simple," he said. "He had been despondent for quite some time and depressed, according to the information we had."

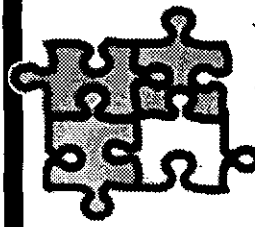
School seeks donations for garage sale

Blossoms Montessori School of Delmar on Hasgate Drive will hold its annual garage sale on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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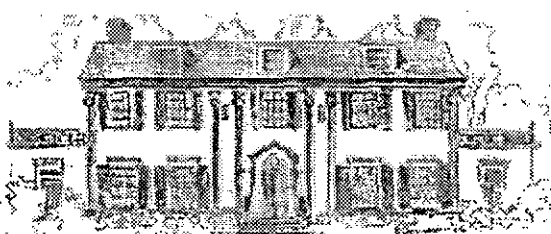
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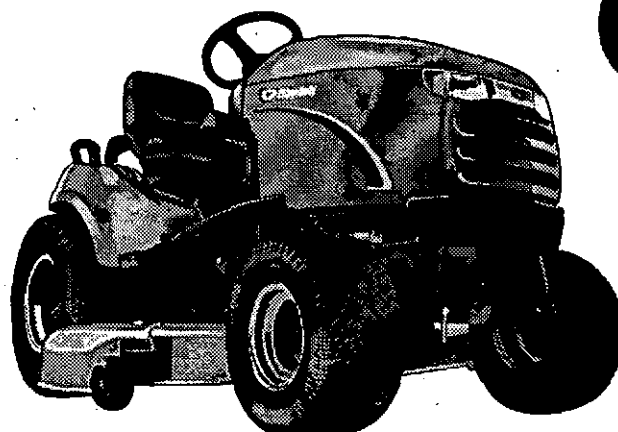
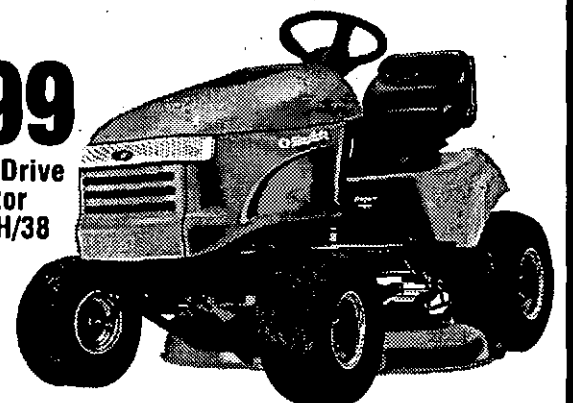
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Matters of Opinion

Play it safe

It's April, and thieves are trying to make every day April's Fools Day, preying on unlocked cars in residential driveways.

You could almost set your clocks for this annual occurrence, and yet residents continue to leave their vehicles wide open, which in essence is an open invitation to the unscrupulous.

We talked to victims in the past, and it's a nasty experience when it happens. People feel violated and vulnerable — and stupid.

But the problem in this case is clear and so is the solution — lock your vehicles, and don't leave items of value in plain sight.

In fact, why not put the vehicle in the garage and — what a novel idea — lock the garage?

If not, live with the prospect that you and your valuables are targets for thieves. The next warm weather spree will probably involve bicycle thefts because people don't take precautions, like locking garages where they are stored.

Finally, be aware that brazen thieves have also entered homes, while people were gardening in the back yard. Don't leave doors unlocked.

Most items taken are never recovered and most homeowners insurance deductibles mean that insurance won't cover the cost of replacing the item or items.

Play it safe, rather than incur the loss of personal items and the pain of being a victim.

Local heroes

In a spontaneous outpouring of admiration in a letter this week, Donna McGinnis writes about her daughter's first grade teacher, Mary Nolan of Voorheesville Elementary School.

McGinnis, like many of us since 9/11, feels that the community should recognize the extraordinary people in our midst, and we at *The Spotlight* wholeheartedly agree.

It is the Mary Nolans of our Bethlehem and New Scotland communities who deserve our gratitude and recognition.

One of those people is Pete Hogan, who will retire this year from Elsmere Elementary School after a long and illustrious career. (See Page 1 story).

Hogan's name is practically synonymous with Elsmere School. He has inspired countless children and his colleagues with his dedication, example and enthusiasm.

His students and even the children of his former students have been lucky enough to share a part of his life.

We wish him a very happy retirement and thank him for his many exemplary years of service.

Editorials

Underdogs give voters a choice

By BILL FONDA

The writer is editor of the *Guilderland Spotlight*.

By all accounts, Congressman Michael McNulty, D-Green Island, is popular, and stands a good chance of being re-elected in November to an eighth term.

So what Republican would want to take on the Green Island Democrat? Apparently, Warren Redlich of Guilderland — the same Warren Redlich who wanted to run for supervisor last year on the GOP ticket, got passed over in favor of Anthony Esposito, then tried to get an endorsement for town board and didn't succeed there either.

He got the Green Party to endorse him for supervisor, but his petitions were thrown out, then finally managed to win a primary for the Liberal Party town board line.

What did Redlich get for all his trouble? Two-hundred-sixty-four votes, just 4,290 short of winning a seat.

So maybe his chances of winning, on the surface, don't look good. But what's the worst thing that could happen? He could lose, but at least he's out there, saying that McNulty is lousy for the local economy and fighting for ending the drug war and eliminating racial profiling by police, two issues close to his heart.

For that, he deserves respect.

Just like Joseph Sullivan of Albany deserves respect. Sullivan may be the local political Don Quixote — an ambitious Republican in a city where Democrats have an approximate 10-1 enrollment advantage. Among the offices he has run for are mayor of Albany, state Senate — on the Conservative Party line, no less; the Republicans ran Esposito, a Democrat-turned-Republican — and Assembly.

Sullivan lost each time, but now he's taking on the perhaps even more monumental task of being the city's GOP chairman, which means he has the privilege of

Point of View

worrying about several uphill battles every year instead of his own. But he's not quitting.

Martin O'Connor was another guy who didn't know how to quit. I first met him in June 1998, when I was a reporter for the *Colonie Spotlight* and he decided to run for Robert Prentiss' Assembly seat. He dropped out of the campaign that September, leaving Richard Gross to lose to Prentiss, and disappeared from my radar until May 1999. By that time, I was the editor of the *Clifton Park Spotlight* and O'Connor decided to run for Clifton Park supervisor.

For the third time.

O'Connor's problem is that he's a Democrat, and Democrats not named Robert Rybak generally don't win in Clifton Park. To no one's surprise, he lost, this time to current Supervisor Philip Barrett after losing to Marvin LeRoy Jr. in his first two campaigns.

Last year, he stayed off the ballot, and Beth Edelman ran, and lost, on the Democratic ticket.

Clifton Park Democratic chairwoman Jan Lemon is to Democrats in Clifton Park what Sullivan is to Republicans in Albany, minus her own runs for office. She's at every town board meeting, and her sparring with the all-Republican board is frequently the highlight of the meeting.

Even though I no longer cover Clifton Park, I know Jan's still there, "fighting the good fight," as she says, doing whatever she can to bring back a return to the glory days — those rare years in the late 1980s and early 1990s when Democrats controlled Clifton Park town government.

As unbelievable as it may seem, Halfmoon may be even more Republican than Clifton Park, its neighbor. Forget about winning; Halfmoon Democrats haven't always been successful in finding candidates.

That's why I found it so heartening last year when Mathew Cantore and Sandy Sturtevant ran for town board on the Democratic line last year. So what if they got less than half the votes of Republican incumbers Kevin Tollisen and Walter Polak Jr.? They tried. Even better, after the election, Cantore said he would be back.

Likewise, it was nice to see that Colonie Democrats finally got around to finding an opponent for Supervisor Mary Brizzell; she had run unopposed during her first three campaigns.

Granted, Brizzell's opponent, Joe Mahan, was a Republican running on what he said was dissatisfaction with the way the GOP was handling the town's affairs.

However, Mahan and the rare full slate of Democratic challengers in the Republican-dominated town — Ryan Horstmyer, Timothy Nichols and Patricia Bunce — at least tried to

make a contest of it, even though they were soundly defeated at every turn. Even an independent candidate, John Bergener, joined the fray.

Hopefully, last year was the start of regular Democratic challenges in Colonie. Maybe they'll even find one of their own to run for supervisor next time.

And then there's Bob; no need for a last name when just Bob will do.

Actually, his name is Bob Maurer, and he ran on the Republican ticket for Albany County executive against Democrat Michael Breslin in 1999.

When he joined the campaign, he said he wanted "a public civic debate about where we're going in the future of this county." What he got was a beating, losing by just over 27,000 votes.

He also was the source of some refreshing political honesty.

So maybe Bob was a last-minute candidate who wound up running after a chat with Peter Kermani in which his only intention was to congratulate his longtime friend for being named county Republican chairman. At least he was out there.

And, as a bonus, he made the campaign fun, leaving "Bob was here" signs wherever he campaigned.

But why on Earth would these people put themselves out there like this, and why should we be happy that they do?

I'll answer the second question first. In order for America to have the democratic society it holds so dear, we need real elections. An election with only one candidate is not an election; it's a coronation.

With only one candidate, there's only one set of ideas being heard. So what if a majority of people choose not to vote for those ideas? That doesn't mean that people like Redlich, Sullivan, O'Connor, Lemon, Mahan, Cantore, Sturtevant and Maurer shouldn't be airing them.

There's another reason why underdogs should keep at it — things don't stay the same way forever.

Consider Guilderland. For most of its history, it was a solidly Republican town, but a funny thing happened in 1999. The Republican supervisor, Jerry Yerbury, lost to Democrat Kenneth Runion (himself a convert from the GOP). Since then, the Democrats must have tapped into something in town because they've won every town board election since then and now own a 5-0 stranglehold.

With control of the town board comes the ability to make appointments to other bodies that shape the town's future such as the planning board and zoning board of appeals, so even if Runion and his fellow Democrats lose their next elections, their influence will be felt for the next several years.

So change can happen, but you can't win if you don't play.

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What gives with Waste Management? Selkirk No. 1 fire auxiliary says thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Are we being duped? The town of Bethlehem may not be River City but folks I smell trouble, and it isn't the Music Man — it's Waste Management.

The firm has already negatively impacted our community. The billboard incident is an example, and an unfortunate one in many ways. WM's "warm and fuzzy" contribution to a recycling awareness program involving our youth has produced a headline in the April 3 *Spotlight*: Fuller trashes recycling billboard.

Furthermore, our recycling coordinator was "taken to task." We ought to be lauding Sharon Fisher's long-standing efforts to preserve and improve our environment.

She cares passionately about our town's environment as exemplified by her personal contributions (aside from her paid job) to teaching youth about recycling, assisting seniors with refuse disposal and fielding recycling questions from her home. In addition, Sharon has obtained substantial grant money for promoting recycling projects.

Are we so naive as to believe the list of promises for land conservancy and historical preservation as put forth by WM's spokesperson, Mr. John Decker, in his April 3 letter to *The Spotlight*?

I urge the townspeople to look at www.stopwm.org/ and www.corporations.org/wmi/#battles to see how powerful and apparently unscrupulous this company is. The Web sites state that WM (a merger of WMX and USA Waste) is the largest waste management company in the country and has a history of environmental non-compliance and corruption, including bribery. They paid more than \$5.7 million in non-compliance fines alone and received a total of over \$357 million in legal judgments from 1991-2000.

Sure, WM may appear responsive to our concerns now and offer us some token green space but once they are fully implanted, how can we stop/prevent non-compliance when

this has been their pattern?

It is horrifying to think of them as a member of this community.

As citizens of the town of Bethlehem, we are all responsible for the preservation of our environment. Why is this site so appealing to WM? Could it be it wants to be near the city of Albany's proposed regional dumpsite just south on 144 in the town of Coeymans?

If this site becomes the Capital District's dump, will WM be hauling all of its waste through a portion of our town, and, in the future, possibly build an

incinerator that burns trash?

This issue is something that concerns everyone in town. Please come to the planning board meetings and attend the public hearing on this issue (to be scheduled in the future) to voice your concerns.

In the meantime, more than ever we need to reduce, reuse and recycle. I am going to write to Sheila Fuller to ask if the billboard can be restored without the company logos.

Connie Strong Wilbur
Glenmont

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, I would like to thank everyone who supported our Lenten Fish Fries.

The turnout this year was overwhelming. Thanks to each and every one who patiently waited as the line was out the door at some points.

Without the faithful support of the community, we would not be able to help support the firefighters and our community.

We hope to see everyone again next year.

We would also like to thank Deli Plus for coming to our rescue when we ran out of rolls.

Thanks to Jeff for making the chowder too. Also, thanks to the firefighters who came and gave us a much-needed hand.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Elsie Wilsey
Selkirk Auxiliary
president

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BOU organizers are grateful for backing

Editor, The Spotlight

As co-chairwomen of this year's BOU auction, we are writing to extend our gratitude and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the event held on March 22 this year. All of the proceeds, totaling approximately \$14,000, will benefit the youth in our community.

The BOU auction would not be possible without the notable contributions of many businesses and individuals in the community. This includes more than 200 donors of services and items for the auction, dozens of volunteers who helped plan, organize and

carry out the event, and hundreds of community members who not only attended the auction but bid high and bid often to ensure its financial success.

The participation of parents, students, businesses, community members, school personnel and local government leaders make this a true community-wide event that we were privileged to be a part of.

Thank you again for your support of this worthwhile event. We hope you are already looking forward to next year's auction.

Debbie Kopp

and Kim Ryan

BOU auction co-chairwomen

Gardeners give town colorful look

Editor, The Spotlight:

On April 1, the 43 barrels at the Four Corners and other sites throughout Bethlehem were once again filled with about 600 daffodils interplanted with scores of pansies.

This year, Sheila Fuller agreed to have the town foot the bill. We appreciate this gesture as it frees up more of our money for street plantings, the primary focus of the committee.

Five able volunteers for the April 1 plantings were from the Community Appearance Committee and the Bethlehem Garden Club, including Karen Kermani, Merri Meislahn, Nancy Fraser, Grace Cray and me.

We are enjoying the usual good show as the daffodils are now in

bloom.

Due to DOT road construction at Four Corners and along Delaware Avenue, the barrels will be removed after the daffodils are spent. Elsewhere along major entrances to the town, more than 3,000 daffodils planted in the past will also be blooming.

The next spring blooms will come from 33 ornamental pear trees the garden club and the committee have planted (with Gregg Sagendorph's help) along Delaware Avenue during the past six years. These tree sites stretch from Hoffman's car wash on the east to Applebee Funeral Home on the west.

Funds for the "Tree Bethlehem" project come from donations to our Memorial Gifts

Programs and from proceeds from our annual Garden Tour, set for Wednesday, June 19, this year.

Six exemplary gardens in Slingerlands will be on the tour this year.

Anyone who would like to participate in the gift program should call the chamber of commerce at 439-0512 for details.

Bob Horn

Community Appearance Committee chairman

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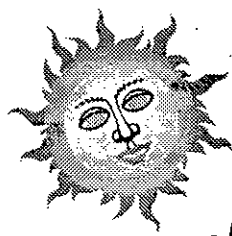
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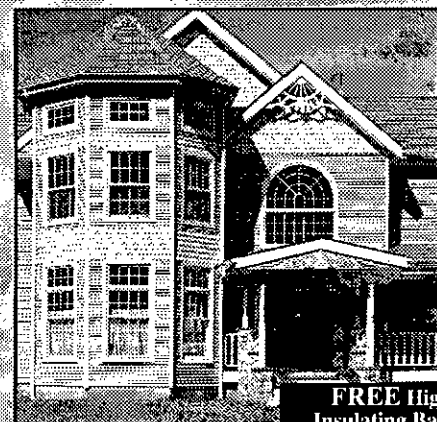
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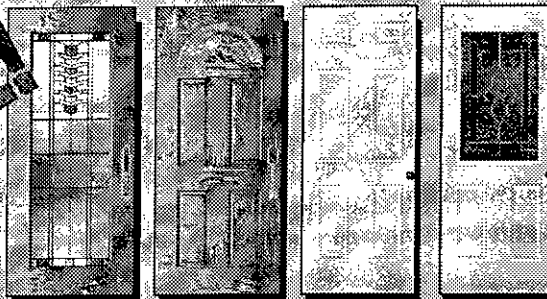
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Lawmaker favors county plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

I strongly support the \$10 million Albany County Advantage economic development plan. This is a sound plan for creating good paying new jobs in our county and for helping to provide the infrastructure needed to create and support them.

Among the top priorities specifically identified in the plan, and good news for Bethlehem, is a Technology Business Park.

The county's \$5 million share for implementing the plan comes from a special strategic economic development fund, the creation of which I advocated in a previous letter to *The Spotlight* as a productive use of the tobacco settlement proceeds. The plan wisely leverages at least another \$5 million from project applicants. The result is that county taxpayers' dollars will go further than they ever could alone.

For Bethlehem, the plan may help to realize the Tech Park so many have worked so long and hard to land in our town. This is the kind of economic development we need. Not only do we need to start our high tech businesses here in the county, but we need to grow them here too.

The Bethlehem Tech Park would help fill that need and be in service years before the state office campus can be converted for this purpose.

We cannot afford to have our start ups leave Tech Valley for Boston or elsewhere, just because we cannot provide the infrastructure they need to grow into major 21st century corporations. Just as important, we cannot afford to let our highly educated children leave the area because we are unable to offer them career opportunities here. This fund, by providing help with essential infrastructure financing needs ranging from water supply to fiber optic cable, can only help to make our vision of a tech park a reality.

Charles S. Dawson Jr.
County legislator

Zoning change not in town's best interest

Editor, The Spotlight:

Whether or not you realize it, you are about to embark on a momentous journey. A simple yet far-reaching decision is about to be made by the town zoning board concerning exactly what is allowed to be built in a Rural Unzoned area in Bethlehem.

Bethlehem Residents Environmentally Against Trash Hauling (BREATH) supporters contend that the use of this land is limited to specific activities or businesses that are mentioned in the pre-existing zoning laws.

Waste Management argues just the opposite, that unzoned means any type of business or activity can be placed there. The Bethlehem Zoning office will decide soon who is correct.

What this simple decision means and why should I care?

A ruling in favor of Waste Management first of all means that it has gotten the first step of approval to build. If they eventually do build, according to

a U.S. Supreme Court decision, businesses that are in the waste transfer/removal business cannot be unreasonably denied to set up a transfer facility for waste as that would unduly affect their trade/commerce.

What's even worse for the residents of Bethlehem is that the town has now become a wide open free-for-all for anyone who wants to set up a business or activity banned in other towns.

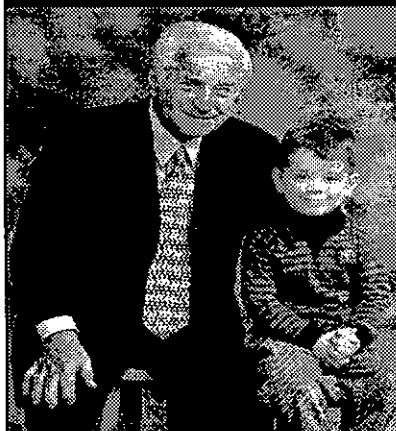
How would you like more Waste Management-type facilities, strip clubs, adult video stores, transfer stations and junkyards for tire dumping in your community? Just because you may not live next to a Rural Unzoned parcel doesn't mean that you will not be affected by it.

Think about this — the EPA is about to embark on a billion dollar operation to remove PCBs from the Hudson. I'm sure that trucking or operating businesses engaged in the removal may want to use the shores of the Hudson for leaving and entering the river. You have just opened the door for them.

While you're at it, you may as well call up George W. Bush and tell him he doesn't have to truck that uranium waste all the way from the east coast to Nevada — he can dump it in Bethlehem with all the other refuse and garbage of society.

Richard Zaranko
Selkirk

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Family pays tribute to inspiring teacher

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to tell you about an extraordinary person in the life of my first grader which makes person special to all of our family. Her name is Mary Nolan, and she is a first grade teacher at Voorheesville Elementary School.

Mary Nolan is an amazing teacher who knows the responsibility she bears of being a first-grade teacher and who goes above and beyond that calling. She knows it's up to her to make the experience of going to school rewarding and amazing, and to show these eager 6-year-olds the incredible journey the power of learning can lead them on.

It is Mary Nolan's goal to have every child feel great about who they are when they walk out of the classroom at the end of each day. We as parents should not only feel proud of this philosophy but strive to meet this same goal.

I, at times, find my daughter in a room daydreaming or laughing our loud. When I ask her what she

is thinking, nine times out of 10, it's something Mrs. Nolan has said or certain mannerisms Mrs. Nolan has displayed. Her influence has enriched our family beyond words.

I do not know a lot about Mary Nolan. I know she is a wife, a mom and an educator in our community. When I tell people my daughter is in Mrs. Nolan's class, they know how lucky we are.

My daughter would like nothing better than to invite Mrs. Nolan over to see her room and share and touch all her most treasured things.

I think she feels funny knowing Mrs. Nolan has shared herself so fully with her and expects nothing in return.

I continue to keep my distance and try not to find out too much about Mrs. Nolan, so the mystic of Mary Nolan continues to inspire our family.

Donna McGinnis
Altamont

Passover piece evoked many fond recollections

Editor, The Spotlight:

While taking some time to read *The Spotlight*, in the middle of preparing for my Passover Seder, I came upon Robin Suitor's Point of View about Passover.

As I could smell the aroma of my chicken soup with matzo balls on the stove and brisket in the oven, it also brought back the memories of Passover for me. Growing up in Queens (Flushing to be exact), I too could recall the relatives crammed into my parents' apartment, with multiple folding tables crammed near the plastic-covered couch. (To this

day, my dad still has the same plastic-covered couch!)

Oh, and the taste of matzo spread with Breakstone's whipped butter — ah, the good old days, as Robin said.

Thank you, Robin, for bringing me back in time for wonderful memories of Passover.

I'm sure there are many *Spotlight* readers who had smiles on their faces, recalling those memories like we had.

Beth Schachter
Delmar

Recycle this newspaper

Annual safety walk scheduled April 28

A "Community Walk for Safety" will be held on Sunday, April 28, at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue.

The sixth annual safety walk is sponsored by Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety and is open to people of all ages.

Painted feet will outline a short walk of .8 miles and a longer walk of 1.75 miles.

Special features will include an appearance by Willie Whistle and free refreshments and giveaways.

The walk will be held rain or shine.

Last year, more than 200 walkers participated. Fran Stevens of Citizens for Pedestrian Safety urges parents to make this a family occasion by bringing their children to the walk and walking together as a family.

Citizens for Pedestrian Safety came together in January 1997 after several motor vehicle-related tragedies.

The group directs its efforts toward making town streets and roadways safer for everyone.

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The latest studies have shown children with asthma having a higher decay rate. The link between asthma and caries seems to be the medications involved in treating asthma.

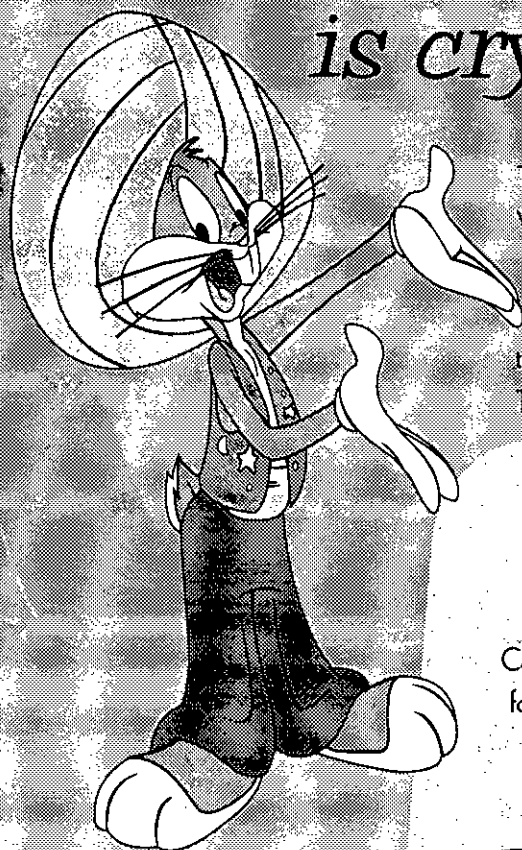
Medications that are inhaled, such as Albuterol, create a dry environment in the mouth. When the mouth becomes very dry, bacteria remain in the mouth for longer periods of time. When the plaque sits on the teeth there is an increased chance for caries.

Now that we are aware that children suffering from asthma are prone to a higher decay rate, we must take steps towards prevention. Ask your dentist about fluoride treatments and more ways to help your children fight tooth decay.

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Say it with clay in 3-hour workshop

Anyone who has ever wanted to dirty their hands with creative muck should have fun at the library on Saturday, April 27. Dana Rudolph, an instructor at Sage Colleges, has designed a

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three-hour class to provide would-be sculptors an opportunity to experience working with clay.

The workshop is free and most materials will be provided.

Enrollment is limited.

Registration is required and cancellation is requested so that someone on the waiting list can take your place if you are unable to attend.

Call 765-2791 or e-mail the

library at voorefq@uhls.lib.ny.us to sign up and get details.

School's out, but the library is definitely in this week. On Thursday, April 18, come at 10:30 a.m. for a hands-on investigation of toys, games, dolls and animals that your grandparents might have played with.

Kindergarteners right up through adults should enjoy seeing a fascinating collection called "Amazing Toys of Long Ago" presented by the Bennington Museum.

Box City! On Friday, April 19, kids in grades four through eight are going to create a neighborhood of cardboard buildings with materials supplied by the library.

Construction begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at noon.

Space is limited for this project, so sign-up is requested.

"Celebrate Our Earth" at family story time on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Kids, age 2 through 7, can come in their pajamas for stories and fingerplays, a short video, an art activity and a snack.

Artist Kate Greenaway's work includes illustration and verse, and is known for charming depictions of children and flowers.

An enchanting display of Greenaway images in fabric, print, metal, china and other media has been artfully arranged in our showcase this month by collector Janis Legere.

In the community room, visit an evolving exhibit by photographer Sandra Mudge and watercolors by Janice Irwin in the hall.

Barbara Vink

Thacher Park celebrates Earth Day on Saturday

Enjoy a story celebrating the reawakening of the natural world at Thacher Park, followed by a walk to search for signs of spring. The program is best suited for ages 4 through 10.

Please register in advance. This program takes place today, April 17, at 10 a.m.

Earth Day activities are scheduled for Saturday, April 20, which include a geology walk that will begin at 10 a.m. From 1 to 4 p.m., a celebration at the Nature Center is slated.

Dollars for Scholars plans phone-a-thon

Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon will be held on Sunday, April 28, from 5 to 9 p.m. All money raised will go to scholarships for college bound seniors from Voorheesville High School.

Paper mortar board hats will be sold at SuperValu during May, and Dollars for Scholars will be collecting bottle receipts at SuperValu for the month of May.

Legion to dish up Sunday breakfast

The Voorheesville American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, April 21, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The menu includes sausage, eggs, bacon, french toast and beverages. The

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Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees' next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Barth syndrome walk slated April 27

A walk-a-thon to benefit the Barth Syndrome Foundation will be held on Saturday, April 27.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the walk will start at 10 a.m. The 4-mile walk will begin and end at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue.

The event will include a silent auction, a drawing and entertainment. Barth syndrome is a rare but potentially fatal genetic disorder that affects boys. It weakens the immune system and heart muscle. Early diagnosis is the key for survival.

The event is sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, Broadway Marketing and Atlas Copco.

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Firehouse denizens



Tiger Cubs from Den 11 recently toured the Delmar Firehouse. Shown above are 2nd Assistant Chief Dave Languish, left, and Cubs, Nicholas Canovas, Charlie Kalet, Josh Perez, Andrew Naperski and Nick Viviano, and rescue squad Captain Chris Smith.

Tri-Village school sponsoring trip

Tri-Village Nursery School is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, April 27.

The bus will leave at 7 a.m., and passengers will be dropped off at Times Square to enjoy the city on their own.

The bus will leave New York at 7 p.m. and will return to Delmar at about 10 p.m.

The cost of the bus trip is \$38 per person, and all proceeds will benefit the nursery school.

Make checks payable to Tri-Village Nursery School and send them to Tammy Weber c/o Tri-Village Nursery School, P.O. Box 103, Delmar 12054.

For information, call Weber at 439-4066 or Shelly Davitt at 439-3766.

Five Rivers to host spring peeper walk

A spring peeper open house and walk will be held on Friday, April 19, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 56 Game Farm Road starting at 6:30 p.m.

Come any time between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. to find out what peepers and other frogs sound like, to view some amphibians close up and to learn more about their lives.

At 7:30 p.m., center naturalists will lead the group to one of Five Rivers wetlands areas in search of the tree frog, also known as the spring peeper.

These tiny creatures may be heard near watery areas such as wetlands or marshes as they herald the coming of spring. The program is free.

Participants should dress for the outdoors, wear boots and bring a flashlight.

For information, call the Five Rivers Center at 475-0921.

Red Cross blood drives set

The Red Cross will conduct two blood drives this month. ext. 815 for information.

The first is at Bethlehem Central High School, 70 Delaware Ave. Delmar on Thursday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The second will be at the Voorheesville Firehouse, 12 Altamont Road, Voorheesville on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 765-3445 for information.

Historical group to meet

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Cedar Hill School House on 1003 River Road in Selkirk. Historical Association member Marion Davis will speak on the topic of Costumes through the Ages. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 478-7247.

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Author to discuss writing project

Author and Delmar resident Mary DeTurrus Poust knows the pressure of a deadline.

When her editor called to tell her that her book proposal had been approved, she felt a mixture of excitement and nausea.

"How on earth was I going to turn a one-page outline into a 10-chapter book in a year's time? For goodness sake, I had a baby



due on the same day my manuscript was due at the publishers!" Post said.

But Parenting a Grieving Child: helping children find faith, hope and healing after the loss of a

loved one (Loyola Press, 2002) was completed—a project that took two years "from the first e-mail to the finalized manuscript." Poust shares that process in "Where Do Books Come From," a program for parents and aspiring writers at the library on Monday, April 22, at 7 p.m.

The writing of a book is a daunting task in itself. But other things must be done between proposal and publication — research, rewriting, copy editing, cover design, photographs, biographies and marketing plans.

"The thing many people don't realize is that this kind of project doesn't happen overnight," Poust said. Most writers pay their dues, in the form of rejections, poorly paid projects and squabbles over edits and reprint rights.

"For most writers — those of us who are not celebrities or sports figures or former presidents — book contracts do not simply fall into our laps. They are the prizes at the end of a long road," she said.

Poust, mother of two young children, has been writing professionally for 18 years. She has also served as editor of a local Texas weekly and managing editor of a large, Manhattan-based Catholic weekly. She now focuses on parenting issues and writes a monthly column on family life published by Catholic New York.

To register, call 439-9314 and press "4" for youth services.

Louise Grieco

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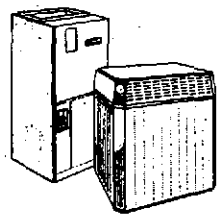


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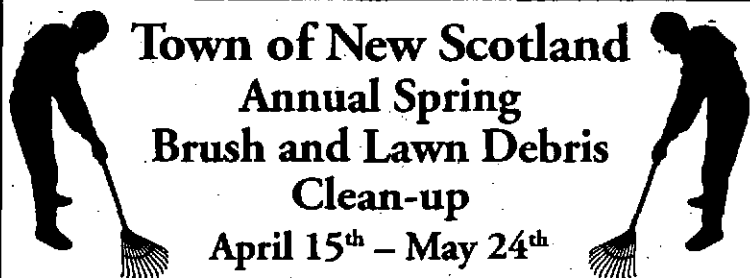
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Brush and Tree Limbs: Must be stacked neatly at the curb with butts facing the road. Limbs no longer have to be cut into four foot lengths. Our new chipper will accept longer and larger limbs than in the past. Please be sure to stack brush and limbs as neatly as possible with butts facing road so that our crew can work in a safe and efficient manner.

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Police probe rash of car burglaries

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A neighborhood in Slingerlands, near the New Scotland town line, was struck one night earlier this month by a familiar crime problem: a round of overnight thefts from unlocked cars in residential driveways.

Six unsecured vehicles were robbed at five separate residences in side streets along New Scotland Road some time after dark on the night of April 3.

Two vehicles were targeted in a driveway on Slingerland Street and two at separate residences on Carstead Drive, and one each on Trumpeter Place and Gullane Drive.

Five of the vehicles were parked in open driveways and a sixth in a detached garage that was also left unlocked.

Stolen from the vehicles were easily-removed items left in plain sight including four cell phones, a camera, a radar detector, cassettes, a purse and gym bag, a checkbook, credit cards, and loose cash and two uncashed checks taken from one vehicle totalling more than \$1,300.

No suspects have been identified, but Bethlehem police are investigating assorted leads in several of the cases — including one victim's report of a conversation with someone who answered a call placed to the number of a missing cell phone.

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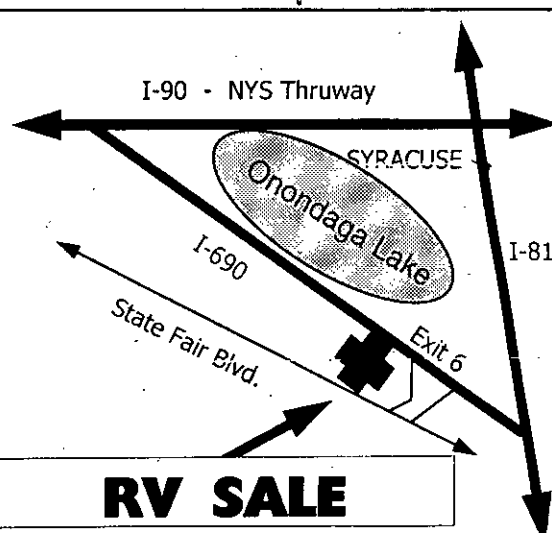
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Capital District Senior Spotlight

in collaboration with Senior Services of Albany
February 2002, vol. 1, no. 1

Welcome to our first issue!



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During February, which is American Heart Month, at any other time of the year, you can help change those statistics and prepare yourself for cardiac arrest by enrolling in an American Heart Heartsaver AED course.

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status date for the community in which you live. Should you miss the deadline, exemptions are not given retroactively.

Be sure to call your local Senior Center for tax assistance in your community.

wishing to advertise products and services that might be of particular interest to seniors. Anyone wishing to place ads in this publication is invited to contact Denise Mura at 463-4381.

Welcome to the premier issue of the Capital District Senior Spotlight. Look for us monthly at various drop-off sites throughout the Capital District, and feel free to contact us with your thoughts and suggestions. It is our hope to provide you with all the necessary tools to stay active, healthy, and informed.

(For editorial comments, feel free to call Eileen at 463-4381 or at spotlight@seniors.org)

Thank you for picking up the Capital District Senior Spotlight. We look for us monthly at various senior drop-off sites, including senior centers, physician offices, and community centers. Or call Eileen Handelman at 463-4381 for subscription information.

Sincerely,
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Keeping your fitness resolution

Last month, countless numbers of people made New Year resolutions to get back in shape, with promises to stay healthy for the upcoming year. Many more, however, are struggling to keep their resolutions.

But for too often, taking the initial step is difficult, especially when you're a senior with distinct physical limitations. They are often overwhelmed by the prospect of working out, and there is no one to help them.

At the Capital District Senior Spotlight, we have a solution. We have a program that not only helps seniors with their fitness resolutions, but also provides them with the necessary tools to stay active, healthy, and informed.

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Capital District Senior Spotlight for February 2002

The Annie Schaffer Senior Service Center invites you to join them for the following events:

Antiques
Tuesdays at 10 am, we will hold a four-week mini-course on Antiques led by Phyllis Hoyer. On February 5, we will discuss Antique Glass; February 12, Antique Toys, Teddy Bears and Dolls; February 19, Jewelry; and February 26, Kitchenware. A \$5 donation is requested.

The History of Jazz
Four part mini-course on the History of Jazz. Gail Mattison, jazz disc jockey at Station WGBB, will teach this jazz greats class. The jazz greats and swing.

Wellness
Building a go with you
By Virginia Phoenix
Wellness Coordinator
Senior Services of Albany

As I think about the ideal doctor/patient relationship, I realize that my own doctor is a good example. The doctor/patient relationship we share with our doctor is one that is sought by all patients because:

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- Considers alternatives to conventional medicine and solicits input from the patient.

Senior Corps Program
The Center is now a clearing house for area volunteers. The Senior Corps program matches volunteers with area businesses.

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Noon meal served daily \$2.25 members \$4.50 non-members. Membership fee - \$10 annually. Access at any time. Classes: Tai Chi, Yoga, Line Dance, Ballroom Dancing, and much more. At classes and activities, Transportation is available. Call for details.

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At your service



Nelson House in Albany recently honored local volunteers. Shown from left are Nelson Brott, Marian Roberts, Jim Fordley, Helen Lofgren and Elizabeth Forrest.

Joe Higgins

Library petitions due April 22

Nominating petitions for a position on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees are available in the office of the library director.

Petitions must contain at least 74 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar by 5 p.m. on April 22.

Elections are on May 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School. Terms of office begin July 1.

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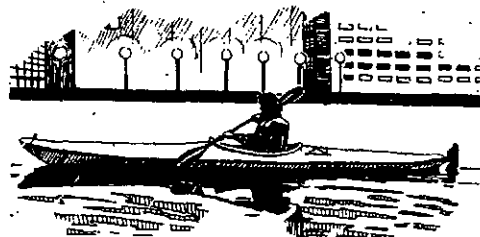
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Ksanznak

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students, parents and staff working together," said Ksanznak. He will miss the parents who have been so supportive during his three-year tenure at Clarksville.

Ksanznak is looking forward to the new challenge.

"The middle school has such a great reputation," he said. His first year, "beyond the routine administrative responsibilities, will be spent getting to know the climate of the middle school building, the parents, teachers, support staff and students. I will be feeling my way while learning what is best for the students."

Rabies clinics on deck

The Albany County Department of Health, in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society, will be holding rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats on the following dates:

Saturday, April 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Washington Park Lakehouse in Albany; Saturday, May 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ravena Firehouse on Main Street, Ravena; Saturday, May 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ben Becker's Camp Nassau on Veeder Road in Guilderland; and Tuesday, June

4, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Park on Elm Avenue in Bethlehem.

Clinics will also be held on: Saturday, July 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. at village hall on 2 Thunder Road in Colonie; Saturday, Aug. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Rensselaerville Town Garage on Route 357 in Rensselaerville; and Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mohawk & Hudson Humane Society on Oakland Avenue in Menands.

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- 1) No watering of lawns from public water supply.
- 2) Hand held hoses may be used to hand water flowers and ornamental shrubs only between the hours of 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on an odd and even basis. (Properties with odd numbered address may water on odd numbered days and properties with even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days.)
- 3) No new lawns to be installed that require watering from public water supply.
- 4) No new swimming pools unless water to fill the pool is trucked in from a private source.
- 5) No refilling of pools for spring start-up, unless water is trucked in from a private water source.
- 6) No building permits will be issued for underground sprinkler systems.

The Town of Bethlehem prohibits the use of the public water supply for non-essential uses, such as but limited to: No washing down of driveways or walk ways. (Use a broom or leaf blower); No washing of the exterior of buildings.

Visit our Web Site at www.townofbethlehem.org for additional information on conserving water.

Legacy

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portrait, King's painting depicts Jim Nichols in his element, dressed for work, cap on, produce mounded behind him — and grinning.

Three months since his untimely death, Jim Nichols' grinning presence in his adopted community continues, embodied in the market he came to build just seven years ago. Something more than a business in a small town, SuperValu has become an anchor, an economic engine, a focal point, a welcome mat and something of a community center. Its bulletin boards brim with notices of community activities and concerns, and ever-present cartoons line the front windows to collect canned goods for one cause or another.

In recent weeks, a new Chinese restaurant opened a few doors away, and adjacent to the plaza, a brand-new bank branch opened for business — signs of life in the shadow of SuperValu, of Nichols.

His death in January, in a snorkeling accident while on vacation, prompted a community outpouring at memorial services two weeks later.

"The day before the funeral, there were so many people that came to pay their respects, we had to move the funeral," said Elaine. "We were going to have it at the Methodist church, but it was too small, so we moved it to the Catholic church. There were three or four thousand people there."

"He had an effect on the whole town. I've become very aware of just how much Jim meant to this community. A lot of people have come up to me since his death and have expressed to me that it was hard to come in here the first time after. It was difficult not to hear his laugh in the store. You could hear him laughing several aisles away. In that, there's a definite void."

The store is decorated with historic photos of the village, hung on the walls above the

display cases, selected and placed by Jim.

"This store is a monument to him," said Elaine. "Jim visited the historical society, village hall, to get the photos to decorate the store. He worked to get the right photos to go with each department." A photo of a 1930s vintage farm stand hangs above the produce, of a turn-of-the-century drug store above the personal products section. There's wit in the selections: an antique outhouse above the doorway that leads to the restrooms.

As he cheerfully brought the community into his store, Nichols put himself into the community, sponsoring activities, turning the parking lot over to public events, even playing a key role in last fall's debate over reconstruction of Route 85; getting involved.

"He was a very outgoing man, very thoughtful," Elaine said. "Jim was just one of those people who had the ability to touch positively, to make people feel good about themselves and their community. He's just one of those people who's a giver."

Kevin Jobin-Davis, a village resident and New Scotland's deputy supervisor, cites Nichols' underwriting of the fireworks for

the village centennial a few years back as typical of his exuberant contribution.

"He loved to add to the celebration of the community," he said. "He would jump in and provide a little pop. He definitely had showmanship, a sense of flair, which is a great thing to keep around."

Doing so will be the mission of a memorial fund established in the wake of Nichols' death. Plenty of his friends in the community, Elaine said, have offered suggestions on how best to use the proceeds of 350-plus donations that have come in so far.

"I think the best thing to do would be to continue Jim's interest in community needs and supporting community activities," Elaine said. So the fund will underwrite a pig roast in the SuperValu parking lot on April 27, and Memorial Day fireworks; it will provide food for participants in New Scotland's town-wide Volunteer Day on May 4, and for a Volunteer Appreciation Day. And more.

As for SuperValu, Jaret, the produce manager before his father's death, has stepped into the void.

"It's been very difficult to not

have that person you were always able to bounce things off of, that's been the most difficult thing," said Elaine. "However, Jaret has just stepped right up and taken on that role, stepped right into his dad's place. He is every bit as sharp as his dad, and he's worked very hard."

And the community has kept on coming. "Everyone has been very supportive, and that's made it easier, absolutely easier," said Elaine. "It's almost like you physically feel yourself being uplifted and supported."

King's painting, the doctor said, was a spontaneous gesture. He wasn't a close friend. Elaine Nichols wasn't aware until recently that the portrait was in the works: "Someone dropped by the store a few days after the funeral asking for his picture, and I didn't know what it was for," she said.

"He came to me and said he just wanted to memorialize the great contribution Jim Nichols made to our community, making all of this possible for our community and our town," said Clark. "I guess he painted it over the last few weeks, a few hours here, a few hours there. I think it's a pretty good likeness."

"Just a hobby, nothing too serious," King said. He wanted to get it done while his memory of Nichols, reinforced by the photo, was fresh. "He was a very outgoing man, very thoughtful, he said."

He gestured toward the produce bin.

"This is a very fine store," he said. "And Jim was a very fine man. This painting is just a gift from the heart." A gift returned.

HVCC to offer classes at BCHS

Hudson Valley Community College in Troy will offer two college-level courses this summer at Bethlehem Central High School.

The classes, which are open to the public, are: College Algebra and

Trigonometry, which will be held 10 a.m. to noon, Monday through

Friday; and English Composition I, which will run 10 a.m. to noon,

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The evolving face of automotive audio

By ANDREW GREGORY

From 8 tracks to CD players, car audio is a constantly evolving aspect of your driving experience.

With every year that passes, it seems that audio manufacturers come out with a product that makes your car stereo sound a little sweeter, and 2002 is no exception. In fact, new ground was broken recently with the advent of satellite radio.

The most talked about satellite radio product on the market is XM Radio. This ultra-clear radio format is powered by two satellites, which travel in fixed orbits.

"The sound is so clear because interfer-

ence, which can disrupt AM and FM signals, is eliminated by the satellites," said Nate Shull, audio specialist for Tweeter's in Crossgates Commons. Along with crisp reception, XM Radio

In spite of its \$600 price tag (along with a \$10/month fee), the public interest is growing steadily.

At Tweeter's, Shull said, "We're getting a lot of customers with questions about XM Radio. I'm sure it'll become very popular in a matter of months."

In addition to XM Radio, car audio powerhouse

Kenwood has released Music Keg. This component can plug into any Kenwood tape deck or existing CD player.

"With MP3s being so popular, the Music Keg is selling pretty well," said Shull. Any computer user can

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years speaks very highly of our service," said Sharon Triolo, spokesperson for Lake Electronics.

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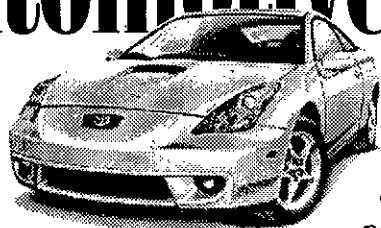
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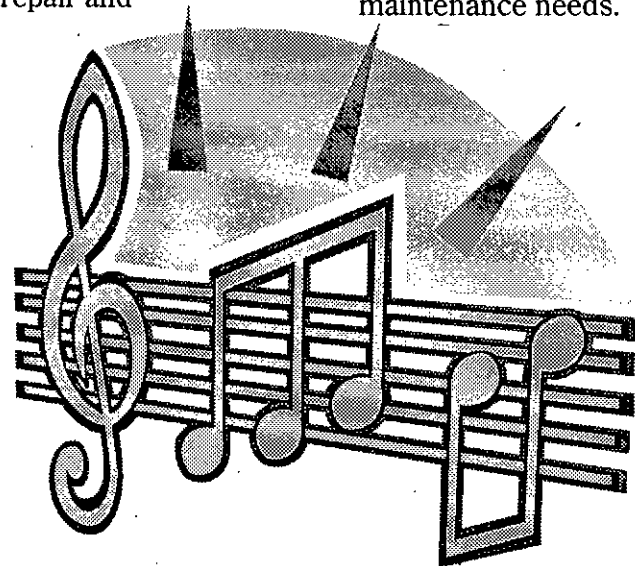
offers more than 100 channels covering every musical genre possible. "There are 30 stations which are commercial free along with extra non-music stations that broadcast sporting events," said Shull.

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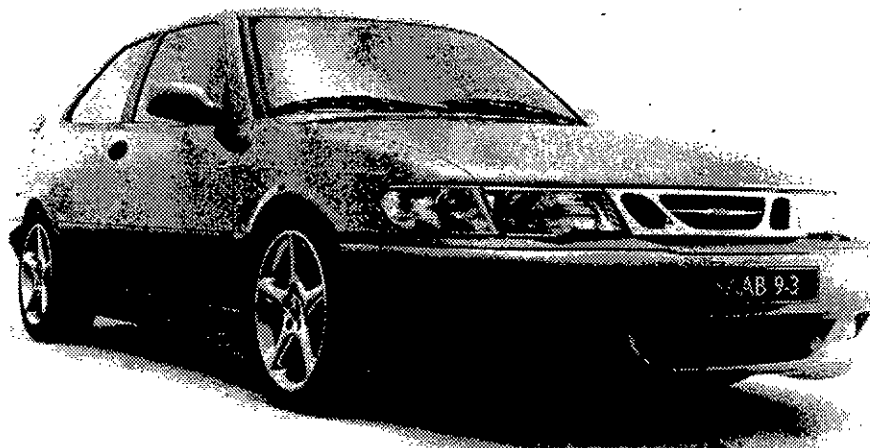


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2003 Subaru Baja

While most manufacturers don't release their 2003 models until the early fall, the Switchback System. This system allows for the reconfiguration of the

concept vehicle. The Baja interior is configured strictly as a four-passenger vehicle, and the rear seat bottom includes a console storage box with lid.

When equipped with the optional automatic transmission, the Baja features Active All-Wheel Drive, which uses an electronically managed continuously variable transfer clutch to vary power between the front and rear wheels. Along with four-wheel disc

The 2003 Subaru Baja is a new type of crossover vehicle that blends the versatility of compact four-door pickup truck with the driving dynamics and comfort of a passenger car.

Subaru has gotten a head start by releasing the Baja. Just by looking at it, you can tell why Subaru is so eager to come out with this new model.

The 2003 Subaru Baja is a new type of crossover vehicle

that blends the versatility of compact four-door pickup truck with the driving dynamics and comfort of a passenger car. The Baja design and features were previewed by the Subaru ST-X concept vehicle in 2000. One of the main features is

rear seating area, as well as the cargo bed.

The Subara Baja is based on the Legacy/Outback platform and shares a family re-



semblance with the Outback, including the enlarged front fenders, large foldable body-color mirrors and integrated fog lights. Exclusive Baja design elements include the grill and a stylized alloy design fuel door similar to that of the ST-X

brakes and ABS system, the Baja is one of the safest new models.

With standard features like cruise control, power moonroof, and a keyless entry system, the Subaru Baja sets the bar for all new hybrid vehicles.

Check those tires!

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The experts agree, tire pressure, often the most neglected part of the car is critical, since a properly inflated tire improves traction, the life of the tire and fuel efficiency.

According to Steve Kaplan of Bailey's Garage in Elsmere, "On average at least two tires are under inflated on cars we check." "Under inflation could reduce tire life by as much as 50 percent," according to Kaplan. Further he said, "There are no industry standards for manufacturers to rate their products, and most understate inflation requirements to give a soft cushy ride."

Kaplan also noted that many drivers feel reduced tire pressure improves traction. "This is simply not true. Keep all tires at filled to at least 31 pounds of pressure per square inch."

"Tire inflation should be checked at least monthly and tires rotated every 7,500 miles," said Kaplan. "Tires lose more air in the winter, the colder it gets the more pressure they lose and it might be a good idea to check pressure weekly. Wheel alignment should be checked at least annually."

Mick Pupello of Grand Premier Tire, Columbia Turn-

pike in East Greenbush agrees. "Tires bleed air constantly and are designed to lose one half pound of pressure per month."

He gives the same cold weather warning as Kaplan but adds "Tires lose one pound of pressure for every 10 degree drop in air temperature. The reverse is true as temperatures climb with tires gaining air pressure at the same rate."

"Nothing is more neglected than tire maintenance, and he recommends drivers buy a good tire pressure gauge to check tire pressure regularly since the gauges on air pumps are often inaccurate."

Pupello also notes rotation is more critical with front-wheel drive cars.

"Front tires wear twice as fast on a front wheel drive car."

He also cautions all-wheel drive vehicles are a different animal again with respect to tires. "Front tires will wear out quickly if not rotated regularly at 6,000 to 7,500 miles, and when replacing tires on an all-wheel vehicle, all four tires must be replaced at once."

The experts agree. Since tire manufacturers are not subject to standardized requirements about descriptions of tires and their maintenance the purchaser would be well served to deal with a local installer with a good history and reputation in the business.

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Spring Auto Maintenance Guide

By ANDREW GREGORY

Keeping your car in good health is a great way to start off spring. Though this past winter was somewhat mild, your car still needs its annual spring check-up. With so many aspects to car care, it's difficult to decide where to begin.

Mike Budka, owner of B&H Automotive on Mohawk Avenue in Scotia, feels that this annual task is vital to the longevity of your automobile.

"Cars take a beating during the winter. Snow may cover up potholes that you'd otherwise be able to see," said Budka. This observation brings us to our first maintenance task: tire bal-

ance/alignment. This procedure can be done within 45 minutes and is fairly routine for most mechanics. "Your

By replacing your fuel filter, you'll get better gas mileage and a cleaner running automobile.

tires are one of the most important aspects to your car. If you don't take care of them, you could get in a serious accident due to a blowout," said Budka.

On an average, getting your tires balanced and realigned will run around \$60.

"Having your transmission checked in the early spring is a good idea as well," said Budka. The auto professionals at B&H can flush your systems and replenish all fluids for a cost of around \$69. "I've seen a lot of customers come through our doors in late spring

with serious transmission problems because winter driving strained their transmission and didn't have it maintained right away," said Budka.

With rising gas prices, you want to get the most out of your dollar. Changing your fuel filter is another step you can take in your spring maintenance

customers do it all in one shot," said Budka.

At Gochee's Garage located on 329 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, you can get all of your spring car care needs taken care of in one fell swoop. "We provide our customers with a 3,000 mile interval service. Most of these checkups happen to fall right in the beginning of spring," said Harry Gochee, a maintenance professional at Gochee's. The service package

includes an oil change, tire pressure check, cooling system test. "We send out reminder letters to our customers to come in for their check-ups," he added.

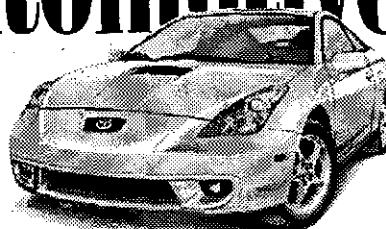
While the tire pressure check and oil change are standard procedures, most people don't know that now is a good time to have your cooling system inspected.

"Even if your radiator or air conditioning malfunctions in the winter time, you may not know it," said Gochee. The total turn around time for the 3,000 mile interval service is 25 minutes.

Early spring maintenance will keep your car rolling throughout the spring and summer. Gochee feels that this is the best time of the year to be out on the road.

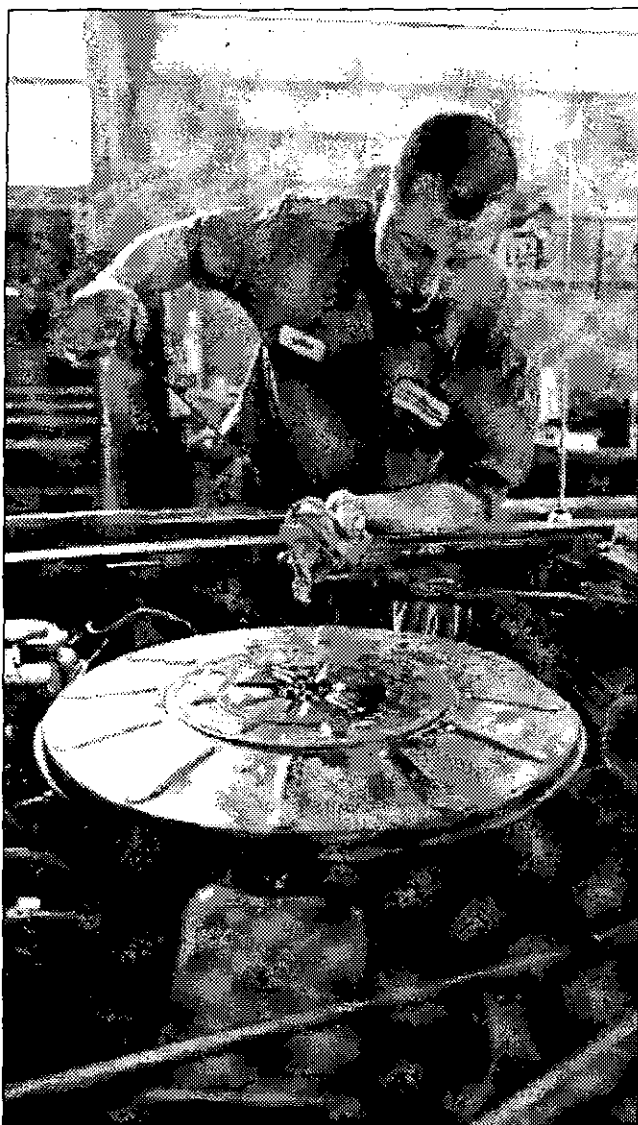
"We like to get our customers back out there as soon as possible so they can enjoy springtime driving."

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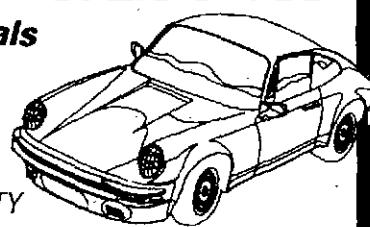
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Automotive spring cleaning, inside and out

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It's spring, and time to roll down the car windows. While you're catching that warm air, you might be hoping

"A lot of protectants are shiny, which isn't good. When it gets hot, they get sticky, and they can catch the reflection off the dash, which is dangerous."

- Cicerelli

that winter's detritus — discarded candy wrappers, used tissues, loose M&Ms, your child's book report —

doesn't fly out the window and get you a littering fine. Just as houses need a good spring cleaning, so does your car.

"Start out with a good, thorough vacuuming," Bob Cicerelli, of Schenectady Unit Parts said. "If you've got a cloth interior, vacuum

it, then put a Scotch Guard substance on it. If you've got vinyl or leather, try a good multi-purpose cleaner,

like the one made by Armor All."

Cicerelli also suggested wiping everything down with a damp cloth, and considering a protectant.

"A lot of protectants are shiny, which isn't good," Cicerelli said. "When it gets hot, they get sticky, and they can catch the reflection off the dash, which is dangerous."

ArmorAll's product has a dull finish, Cicerelli said. Schenectady Unit Parts is a Napa Auto Parts store, and sells all types of auto and truck accessories.

"Mainly, we sell things to make your car run," Cicerelli said. In the 30 years since he opened his first store in Scotia-Glenville, though, a lot of things have changed.

"Eighty percent of my inventory is different compared to 1972," he said. "There are many different models, and there's front wheel drive. Cars are much more complicated than they used to be."

Many of the products for car interiors have to do with organi-

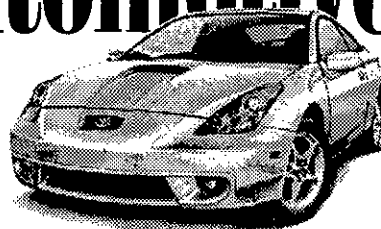
zation, cleaning and safety.

Cicerelli sells cell phone adaptors and

if you've got bench seats, there's a model that sits flat on the floor. "The consoles hold papers, or drinks, and have drink holders," Cicerelli said.

To make sure that you can find the right map when you need to, there's also a special map holder that attaches to your seat back. To check out products for your car's interior, visit either of Schenectady Auto Parts' locations, at 67 Freemans Bridge Road in Scotia-Glenville, or at 2600 Guiderland Avenue in Rotterdam. You can reach Cicerelli at 393-2148.

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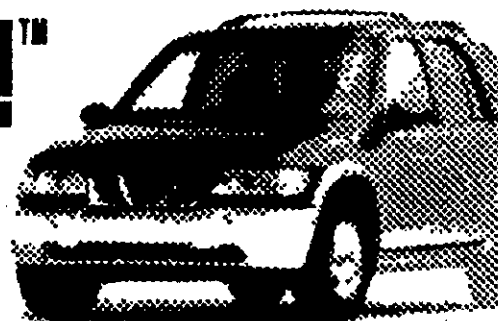
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Solo II provides a training environment for this kind of decision making. Drivers throughout the country are improving their timing and judgments by participating in events like Solo II.

at the regular speed; but something happens as you continue on.

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drivers to tackle a makeshift raceway.

Drivers must negotiate a prescribed course, usually set up in a large parking lot or on an unused airport runway. Rubber cones are used to define a variety of short straight, turns and slalom maneuvers. In this way, Solo II emphasizes driver skill and vehicle control during high speeds. While this may appear to be all fun and games, there is a very practical application for

kind of decision making. Drivers throughout the country are improving their timing and judgments by participating in events like Solo II.

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Cutting off large trucks: Unsafe at any speed

Pulling out into traffic, especially at highway speeds, is one of the trickier maneuvers that drivers must master.

What many people fail to realize, however, is how many factors affect the amount of time and speed needed to do so safely — especially when the oncoming vehicle is a much larger one, such as a tractor-trailer.

Many drivers, when pulling into traffic, consider how far away approaching cars are, rather than how fast they're coming. In addition, there is a human tendency to underestimate the speed of large approaching objects, such as trucks or trains.

These factors, combined with ordinary highway experience — in which drivers are generally accustomed to allowing for the speed of similar-sized vehicles — put many people at risk for deadly collisions. That's because it takes trucks and other large vehicles a lot longer to slow down and/or stop than cars.

According to the National Safety Council, a fully loaded tractor-trailer, traveling on a level, dry surface at 65 miles per hour, requires 66 percent more stopping distance than a passenger car traveling at the same speed. Even at lesser speeds, trucks need more room. At 40 mph, for example, a truck needs 36 percent more stopping distance.

Reaction time is critical. Decisions made with regard to traffic happen within fractions of a second, yet consider: In 1/4 of a second, a truck traveling at 65 mph goes almost 24 feet. That's more than two car lengths — far enough that drivers have very little room for error.

In this case, safety is simple. Be aware that trucks need more time and distance to stop or slow down, and give these vehicles the room they need. Cutting off a truck in traffic may save you a few seconds in getting to where you're going if you ever get there. Guess wrong when a large truck is involved and you're dead.

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Keep your hands on the wheel with hands free cell phones

By ANDREW GREGORY

Researchers estimate that by 2005, there will be more than one billion cell phone

When you factor in the number of people who drive and own cell phones, New York's cell phone law begins to make sense.

users in the world. Currently, in the United States, there are 120 million cell phone users.

When you factor in the number of people who drive and own cell phones, New York's cell phone law begins to make sense. In 2001, Gov. George Pataki made New York the first state in the nation to outlaw talking on cell phones while driving. Seeing a potential loss

in revenue, cell phone manufacturers have delivered a variety of accessories. These add-ons make it possible to use cell phones without taking your hands off the wheel.

At Eclipse Network Solutions, located at 1593 Central Ave, accessories for

Nextel phones are selling at a rapid rate.

"Ear buds and headsets sell pretty well but it's

account executive for Eclipse.

With headsets and ear bud pieces selling between \$28 and \$45, people don't mind spending a little to avoid a large fine. The Direct Connect feature of Nextel phones is the next step in mobile communications.

"Direct Connect doesn't even use cellular minutes. It's sort of like a two-way radio but much more advanced," said Baldwin. With features like message recall and caller ID, Nextel customers are coming into Eclipse to get the full package.

"With so many great features, our customers decided to go all out and get hands free accessories," said Baldwin.

But what if your cell phone isn't the latest and greatest? No need to worry. At Your Call, located at 997 Central Ave, cellular profes-

sionals can adapt to your mobile needs.

"We have a wide variety of adapters for older phones," said Greg Green, general manager.

Like Eclipse, Your Call has headsets and ear buds for affordable prices. Your Call even offers hands-free packages.

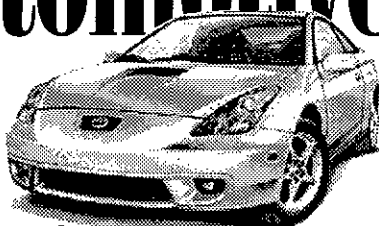
"Most people come in to get everything they need to be in compliance with state law," said Green. Your Call offers its customers a charger, a hands free holder and carrying case for around \$15.

If you're going to use your cell phone while you're driving,

be responsible and use the technology that's available to you. Hands-free accessories will allow you to keep your mind on the road and your hands on the wheel.

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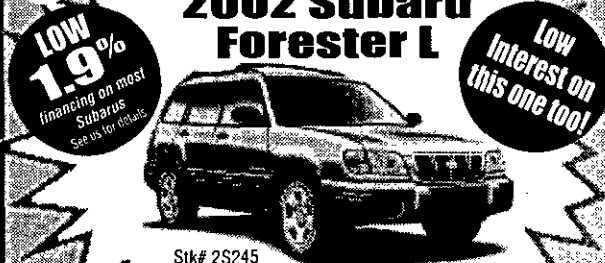
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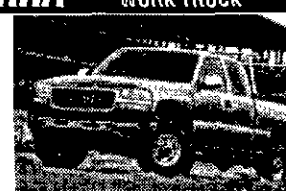
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Have you ever been driving along and seen a child standing up in the back seat of a car? Or perhaps you passed

are too small and fragile to be so close to a deploying airbag, which inflates at up to 200 mph.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia require infants and toddlers to be in a child safety seat when riding in a car. However, many laws apply to children up to 3 or 4 years of age, and the cutoff ages vary widely. A few state laws apply specifically to children weighing 40 pounds or less.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says kids should not be restrained by a seat belt alone until they are about 9 years old. Safety experts recommend that children under 20 pounds (or up to 1 year old) ride in a rear-facing safety seat, and children 20 to 40 pounds (about ages 1 to 4) should ride in a forward-facing safety seat. Kids from 40 to about 80 pounds (roughly ages 4 to 8), should ride in a booster seat.

Bigger children can ride in back without a special seat if the shoulder belt fits. If the belt rubs their neck or face, then a booster seat is recommended. However, recent studies have cited lap-

only belts as a cause of spinal injury to small children. If possible, make sure that children under the age of nine have a proper-fitting lap and shoulder belt.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 68 percent of children under the age of 5 who die in crashes are not properly restrained. Child seats can reduce the death risk by 70 percent if correctly installed; yet NHTSA says as many as four out of five are improperly used.

A new universal child-seat attachment system required by NHTSA in all new vehicles makes it easier to install the seats properly. Previously, child seat manufacturers devised their own mounting systems, some of which proved problematic for users.

Now, they have to use a simpler standard system for securing the seats to the vehicle. Additionally, forward-facing child seats must now come with a tether strap that secures the back of the seat to the vehicle for better head protection. The new regulations are phasing in. All cars and light trucks must have them by Sept. 1, 2002. Most car manufacturers have, or aim to, beat the federal dead-line. Many

owner's manual for new vehicles usually has ample information on installing child seats. The first step is to secure the seat so that it won't move excessively in a collision. The next step is to properly secure the child with the belts attached to the seat.

Some car companies are helping parents determine if they have the right seat for their children and if it is properly installed. Daimler Chrysler's

"Fit for a Kid" program (www.fitforakid.org or 877-Fit4Kid) offers free inspections and advice.

General Motors works through the National Safe Kids Campaign to check and install seats (www.safekids.org or 1-800-441-1888; the Web site links to a child-seat buying guide from the American Academy of Pediatrics: www.aap.org).

Ford Motor Co. sponsors Boost America, which targets children age 4 to 8 (www.boostamerica.org).

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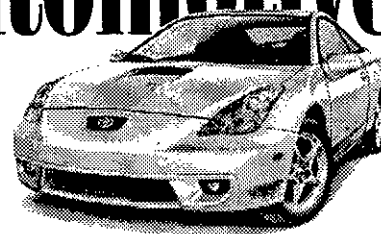
a vehicle in which an infant was not securely strapped into his or her safety seat.

Imagine if that car was to suddenly spin out of control and crash. Now more than ever, children are being injured in car accidents; the following guidelines will help protect children in accidents.

Children under the age of 13 belong in the back seat and need to be securely buckled. Most kids under the age of 9 should ride in a child safety seat or booster seat. Passenger-side airbags are hazardous to children 12 and younger who are riding in the front seat, even if they are belted. These children

The risks are greatest for infants. Safety officials warn that a rear-facing child seat should never be used in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side airbag unless the bag can be disabled. Of the 191 deaths attributed to airbags, 112 were children riding in the front passenger seat. Nineteen were in rear-facing child seats, and another 83 were unbelted or improperly belted. Putting children under the age of 13 in the rear seat reduces the risk of injury in the most common type of accident — a frontal collision — because they will be further from the impact.

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Auto insurance options

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

One rarely stops to think of the potential financial risks to be

thony Associates in Delmar, "This is due to fraud and abuses in the no fault system."

High New York rates reflect payments companies have to make on fraudulent claims.

faced when they climb in their car, turn the key and hit the highway. But since New York state has one the highest cost auto insurance in the country, second only to New Jersey, it's important to shop around when purchasing automobile insurance.

According to Greg Turner of Burt An-

High New York rates reflect payments companies have to make on fraudulent

claims. Turner said he also sees no momentum on the state level to fix the problem."

Dan Pezze of Pega Insurance and Financial Services, agrees, "Rates are affected by rampant fraud in the no fault arena."

Both Pezze and Turner advise an auto insurance

purchaser to do their homework, get the advice of professionals and shop around when in the

market for auto insurance coverage.

Turner recommends clients consider taking a defensive driving course.

"Completion of this six hour course results in a 10 percent reduction in auto insurance rates for a three year period," he said.

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Pezze's agency can select coverage from 10 companies. "Some companies have rates good for family accounts, some are best for multi car accounts and some are better for drivers with marks on their records. Some companies run an applicants credit history and if bad credit is

discovered, the applicant does not qualify for preferred rates."

As an example of the need to shop around

Pezze points out with certain companies "An applicant with great credit but a poor record in terms of violations and/or accidents could get a better rate than a driver with a great driving record but poor credit history."

The key is according to both agents, is to do your homework and shop around before committing you hard earned dollars for coverage to be sure you are getting a fair deal.

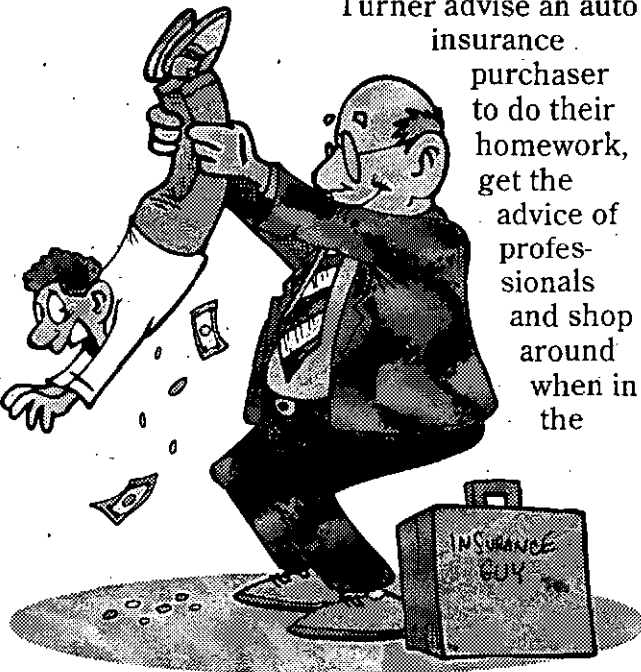
Companies set premium rates by "considering characteristics of the individual applicants like type and age of auto to be insured, age of the driver and their history of violations and accidents."

For example "Youthful operators are the highest risk driver for a company to insure, due to accident rate and violations, followed by the senior citizen driver," according to Turner, whose agency writes coverage for

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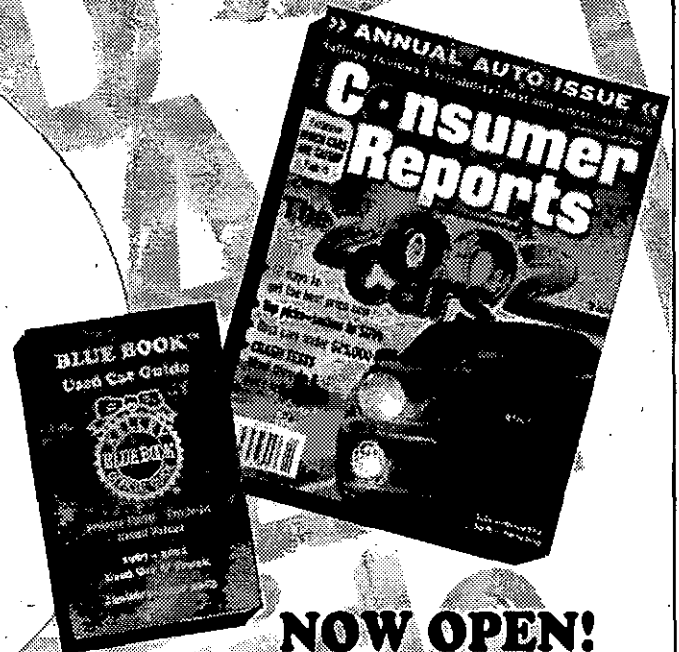
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Six steps to used car shopping

Buying a used car can be a troublesome experience. In order to make your used-car shopping experience a pleasant one, follow these six simple steps:

1. Get a copy of "Finding the Best Used Car" available from the Federal Consumer Information Center in Pueblo, Colo. (visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov for details).

2. Determine what vehicle best meets the needs of your college-bound teen. How will he be using it? How far will he be driving it? How much "stuff"

will he be hauling to and from college? Are issues like gas mileage, air conditioning and insurance a concern?

3. Set a budget for what you want to spend before you shop.

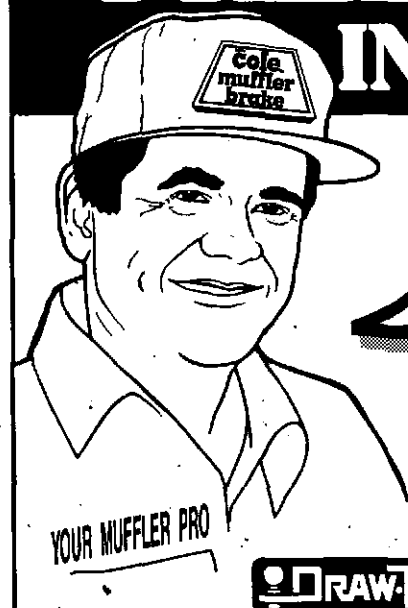
4. Research a few makes and models that meet your criteria and price limitations. Sources such as Edmunds.com, Con-

sumer Reports, and KBB.com can help you determine value and reliability of those cars. Edmunds.com even has a community driven "Town Hall" that provides consumer, expert and manufacturer interaction on all aspects of researching, selecting, purchasing, leasing, maintaining, owning and selling a vehicle.

5. Once you've narrowed down your choice, start visiting local dealers. For any vehicle you consider: ask detailed questions about the vehicle's performance, history and reliability, request maintenance and inspection records, and get a Carfax vehicle history report (most dealers will provide reports for free, you just have to ask or get one yourself at www.carfax.com).

6. Test drive the vehicle. Make sure everything on the car works properly—brakes, gauges, lights, windows and locks. Take the car up to a good speed to make sure it does not shimmy, shake or pull to one side. Check for excessive wear and tear in the interior.

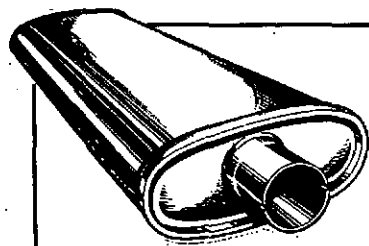
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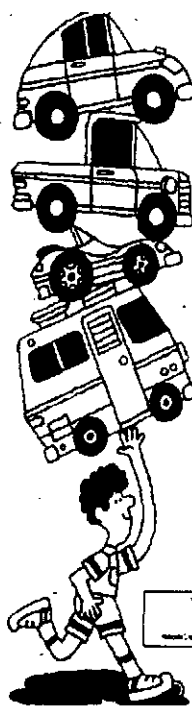
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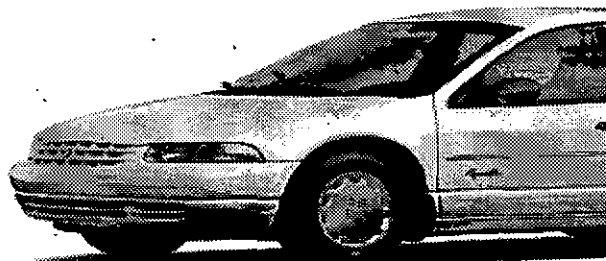
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2003 Preview: Dodge 3500 Ram

When Dodge debuted its all-new HD 3500 Ram pickup at the recent Chicago Auto Show, witnesses were moved by its outstanding display of torque.

able in the 2500/3500 truck market, offering a tow rating of 23,000 pounds (Gross Combined Weight Rating). It may also be the most durable, engineered to

Ford's 7.3-liter V-8 Power Stroke and General Motors' 6.6-liter Duramax turbo diesels don't quite measure up to the output of the High-Output Cummins, producing 275 hp/520 lb-ft and 300 hp/520 lb-ft, respectively.

High-Output Cummins engine is impressive enough on its own, but

that's not the only surprise in Dodge's 2003 all-new heavy-duty lineup: all hail

the return of the legendary Hemi, now standard power in the 2500/3500 series trucks. The new 5.7-liter V-8 Hemi Magnum produces 345 horsepower at 5600 rpm and 365 lb-ft of

torque at 4400 rpm. The modern engine features cross-flow aluminum heads with hemispherical combustion chambers, two spark plugs per cylinder for fast, efficient combustion, and a direct ignition system for a complete, consistent fuel burn. Rounding out the high-horsepower engine offerings is the familiar 8.0-liter V-10 Magnum, already

known for its 305 horsepower and 450 lb-ft of torque.

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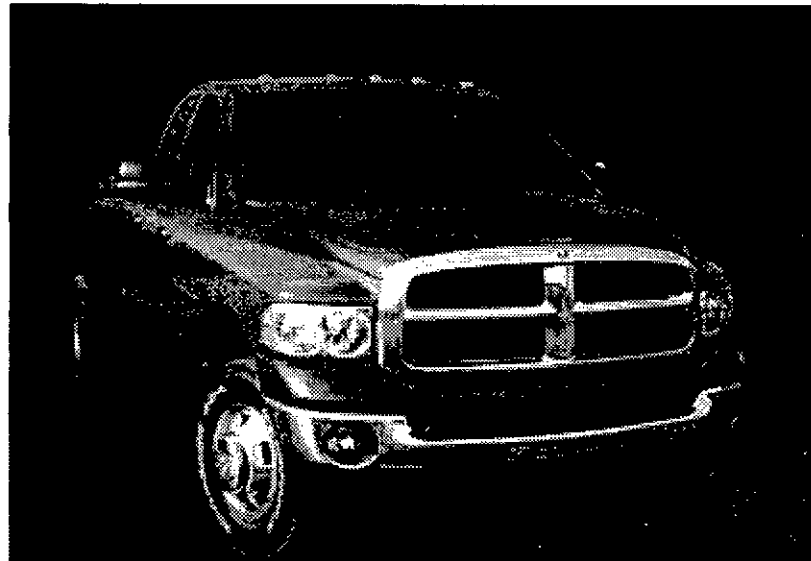
redesign, sharing its bold body styling. The similarity stems from the truck being designed from the

get-go as a workhorse, with even the enormous horse-collar grille engineered to be large enough to accommodate the extra cooling needs of the heavy-duty powertrains yet to come.

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has modeled these heavy-duty trucks from the striking 2002 Ram 1500



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weighing an estimated 32,000 pounds — yards across the floor using only enough throttle to keep the truck idling in first gear. The stunt demonstrated the sheer strength of the Ram's new inline-six 5.9-liter High-Output Cummins Turbo Diesel engine, which delivers 305 horsepower at 2900 rpm and 555 lb-ft of torque at only 1400 rpm when shifted by its manual six-speed transmission. Dodge rightfully boasts that this is the most powerful turbo diesel avail-

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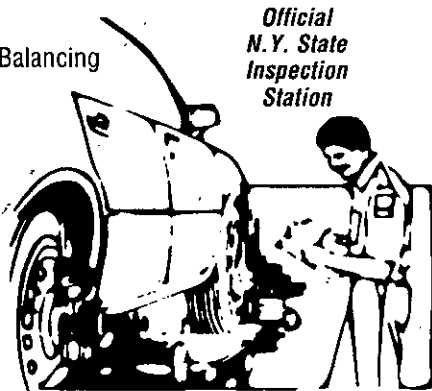
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relate to that quite easily, hence part of the allure. Some quick calculations reveal that same vehicle would cost a couple hundred more a month, for an additional year, to purchase. So is leasing a good deal and is it for you?

Advertised leases boast outstanding monthly payments in contrast to traditional purchases because you pay for limited use, essentially the depreciation plus finance charges during the term. Consider it an extended rental con-

tract. Typical leases run 24 and 36 months, putting a new vehicle in your driveway at regular intervals, always protected by manufacturer warranty. Simply

chase, and vehicles aren't getting cheaper.

As much as we would like to plan our economic future, sometimes the here and now must take precedent. Leasing offers the opportunity to acquire a vehicle worth more than you could afford to purchase outright. But because vehicles suffer their greatest depreciation hit the first two years, leasing is destined to be more expensive than purchasing in the long run.

Our table presents the costs of buying versus leasing, showing not only the long-term differences, but the benefits of negotiating the lease. Discovering dealer holdback and incentives will arm

you with powerful ammunition for haggling a more favorable price for either method. The advertised lease is dependent on a down payment (aka "cap cost reduction") to deliver the juicy monthly price (note: \$399 doesn't include tax), but that contradicts a real appeal of leasing: getting into a new vehicle for little out of pocket.

The contract can be rewritten to remove the cap cost reduction from the drive-away cost, which will already include the security deposit, disposition fee, and first payment. Mileage can be a real problem for lessees, since the dealer will exact several penalties for exceeding the maximum allotment. Prepaying for additional miles at a lower rate can save serious money, and the surplus can be refunded.

The traditional buyer has few tricks other than to maximize the down payment and negotiate aggressively. Term length can be adjusted to achieve a favorable monthly payment, but the overall cost increases with every additional month. The \$725.14 payment reflects a three-year loan (to match the lease), but while extending the term to 48 months

lowers the monthly payment to a more reasonable \$564.67, it adds about \$1000 to the total cost of acquisition. Buying the vehicle ultimately means \$30,105.04 out of pocket, but there would still be \$19,230 worth of asset in the driveway after three years.

Stellar lease deals can be found, usually with manufacturer subvention, but buying will likely be more cost effective in the long run. Which profile below best describes you? This will give you a strong indication of which finance method would best meet your goals.

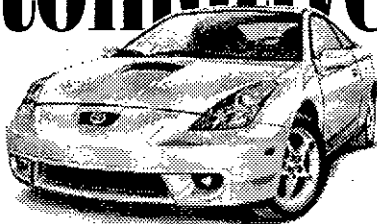
1: Typical Buyer Profile High-mileage driver

- Likes to customize
- Takes pride in vehicle ownership
- Will hold onto vehicle for four-plus years
- Regular passengers include carsick kids and incontinent dog

2: Typical Lessee Profile Low-mileage driver

- Largely drives for business
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- Have minimal trade-in or down payment
- Want pricier car than you can afford to buy

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enjoy driving a new vehicle that makes you the envy of neighbors, then drop it off at the dealer when you're done. However, there is one caveat: This leasing cycle may be hard to break, since you have no trade-in to apply toward a pur-

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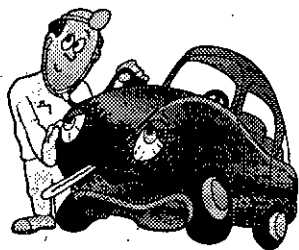
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Sports

Bethlehem boys tennis team aims for another title

By ROB JONAS

Bethlehem boys tennis team coach **Steve Smith** knows not to get too excited about the Eagles' 4-0 start in 2002.

For one thing, Bethlehem lost several key players from last year's Section II, Class A championship team. For another, the Eagles have yet to play their nearest competitors on paper — Niskayuna and Shenendehowa.

That will change when the Eagles return to action next week. They lead off with a match against Shenendehowa Monday and then face Saratoga Wednesday and Niskayuna Thursday.

"That whole week will be big," Smith said. "In a period of seven days; the Suburban Council will probably be decided."

It's a good thing for Smith and the Eagles that they will be armed with several key veterans sprinkled throughout the lineup including singles players **Jon Clair**, **Carter Thomas** and **Peter Cooley**, as well as doubles specialists **Sandeep Murthy** and **Dan Cohen**.

"It helps a lot knowing going into a match like the Shen match that we have that depth," Smith said. "We have several guys who have played varsity and some guys up from a junior varsity team that has been very successful."

Clair has assumed the role of the top-seeded singles player from **Matt Treadgold**, who



Jon Clair enters the 2002 season as Bethlehem's top-seeded singles player.

graduated last year. However, the senior isn't planning on matching Treadgold's accomplishments from 2001, which included winning the Sectional and state singles titles.

"I think he wants to finish his senior year playing with Pete (Cooley)" in the Sectional doubles

tournament, Smith said of Clair, who was runner-up to Treadgold at last year's Sectionals. "We're hoping that if we put them together, they'll make it to states one last time."

Another key singles player is newcomer **Robert Hoffman**. The eighth-grader has already established a winning reputation on the regional tennis circuit and is aiming to do the same at the high school level.

"He's very poised for an eighth grader playing third singles on varsity," Smith said. "He has a

great attitude. He doesn't get down on himself."

So far, the mix has been effective for Bethlehem. The Eagles defeated Colonie Central, Shaker, Guilderland and Averill Park by a combined score of 35-1. But Smith said that it won't be that easy the rest of the way.

"It's nice to know that none of the matches are a given this year," Smith said. "We beat Shaker 9-0, and Niskayuna beat Shaker 5-4. So, we know that our second match with Shaker probably won't be another 9-0 result."

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Bronze medalists



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Pitching fuels Blackbirds' fast start

By ROB JONAS

What a difference a year makes.

After stumbling out of the gate last season, the Voorheesville softball team has been flying high to start 2002. The Blackbirds are 4-0 after winning three Colonial Council games last week, including a 3-2 victory over Academy of Holy Names last Monday.

"We're having a great time," Voorheesville coach John Schachne said. "It's different to be 4-0 than 0-4. But, we will get our tests when we get back from vacation."

One difference has been the presence of pitcher Cyrilla Suker. After helping a sub-500 Voorheesville team reach the Section II, Class CC semifinals as an eighth-grader, Suker has raised her game to another level. In more than 20 innings this season, the younger sister of Voorheesville great Larina Suker has yet to allow an earned run.

"We'll see how the Mechanicville game and the Lansingburgh game (next week) go," Schachne said. "You have to remember that she's only a freshman. I've told her that she has to be her own pitcher."

Though Suker has shouldered much of the pitching load in the first four games, she gets help from veteran Katie Duncan. The duo combined for a two-hitter in a 10-6 victory over Cobleskill-Richmondville last Wednesday.

Suker and Duncan have also received more support from their defense. Outside of a five-error effort against Cobleskill, the Blackbirds have been fielding

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better than last year, when mistakes cost them several victories.

Schachne said the main reason for the defensive improvement is that he has most of his lineup back from last year's 10-13 team.

"The chemistry has been very good," Schachne said. "We seem to understand that we need to make not as many errors" as last year.

The new-look Blackbirds take their perfect record into next

Monday's home game against defending state Class C champion Mechanicville. A victory against the Red Raiders would help Voorheesville in its bid for a Colonial Council title.

"Are we there? We're in the mix," Schachne said. "Will we win the Colonial Council? It's too early to tell. I like our chances, though."

After its game with Mechanicville, Voorheesville visits Cohoes April 26.

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Trimarchi leads Eagles past Garnet Raiders

The Bethlehem boys lacrosse team improved its Suburban Council record to 2-1 with an 8-3 victory over Colonie Central last Thursday.

Tom Trimarchi scored three goals and added an assist to lead the Eagles (3-1 overall). Chris Abbott contributed two goals, Pat Heenan chipped in three assists and Mike Nuttall added

two assists.

Bethlehem began its week with an 8-7 overtime loss to Shaker last Tuesday. Trimarchi and Nate Panucci scored two goals apiece, and Hennan added a goal and two assists.

After hosting Queensbury Tuesday, the Eagles travel to defending Section II, Class A champion Niskayuna Thursday.

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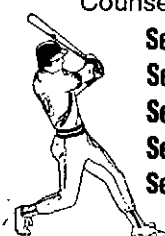
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High School Sports Results for the Week of April 8-13

MONDAY, APRIL 8

BASEBALL

BETHLEHEM 5, QUEENSBURY 4

Bethlehem highlights: Rick Rogers and Evan Marsh, 2-run doubles.

VOORHEESVILLE 14, SCHALMONT 0

Voorheesville highlights: Steve Hensel pitched complete-game one-hitter with 9 strikeouts; Josh Marks, 3-run home run.

LANSINGBURGH 8, RCS 7

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Eric Vasquez pitched complete game, shut out Lansingburgh through first three innings.

BOYS TENNIS

BETHLEHEM 9, SHAKER 0

Singles winners: Bethlehem — Jon Clair, Peter Cooley, Robert Hoffman, Eric Herd and Carter Thomas.

Doubles winners: Bethlehem — Dan Stevens-Brian

Greenberg, Steven Govanlu-Sandeep Murthy, Mike Kattleman-Andrew Grund.

RCS 6, WATERVLIET 1

Singles winners: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Jake Halensteiner, Alexander Orsi, Aric Mine, Sam Halensteiner, Jacob Henrickson.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

BETHLEHEM 127, COLUMBIA 67 SARATOGA 100, BETHLEHEM 78

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Laura Molino (100- and 200-meter dash), Taylor Jackson (400), Emily Coles (100-meter high hurdles), Marcelle Martens (triple jump), Kathleen Hart (high jump).

SOFTBALL

VOORHEESVILLE 3, HOLY NAMES 2

Voorheesville highlights: Kim Duncan, RBI single in eighth inning; Cyrilla Suker pitched complete-game four-hitter.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

BOYS LACROSSE

SHAKER 8, BETHLEHEM 7 (OT)

Scoring: Bethlehem — Chris Abbott 1-0, Nate Panucci 2-0, Tom Trimarchi 2-1, Pat Heenan 1-2, Andrew Kelleher 1-0, Mike Nuttall 0-1. Shaker — Cody Daigle 1-0, Carlo Fusco 2-2, Matt Camarota 1-0, Alex Barvoets 1-0, Mike McDonald 3-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 10. Shaker — Kevin Hines 13.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

BETHLEHEM 90.5, SARATOGA 88.5

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Darnell Douglas (100- and 200-meter dash), Evan Siegal (400), Rafiq Umar (long jump and triple jump), Paddy Hennessey (shot put and discus).

GIRLS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 11, NISKAYUNA 8

Scoring: Bethlehem — Kate Wagoner 4-0, Kristin Link 4-0, Katelyn Primomo 2-0, Brianna Bubeck 1-0. Niskayuna — Carrie Down 3-2, Megan Hiltz 3-0, Caitlyn Gansfuss 2-0. Saves: Bethlehem — Dani Blanchard 8. Niskayuna — Jamie Nass 8.

WED., APRIL 10

BASEBALL

BETHLEHEM 2, COLUMBIA 1

Bethlehem highlights: Mark Bulger 2 singles, pitched complete-game one-hitter; Matt Drislane 2 singles.

WATERVLIET 4, RCS 0

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: David Cross pitched complete game.

BOYS TENNIS

BETHLEHEM 8, GUILDERLAND 1

Singles winners: Bethlehem — Jon Clair, Robert Hoffman, Dan Stevens, Brian Greenberg.

Doubles winners: Bethlehem — Steven Govanlu-Sandeep Murthy, Dan Cohen-Mike Kattleman, Tom Potter-Andrew Grund.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

BETHLEHEM 103, AVERILL PARK 78

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Julia Oakley (800-meter run), Emily Malinowski (1,500 and 3,000), Emily Coles (100 hurdles), Amy Cunningham (400 hurdles), Johanna Marvin (long jump), Kathleen Hart (shot put and discus).

SOFTBALL

COLUMBIA 4, BETHLEHEM 0

Bethlehem highlights: Lauren Reis pitched complete game.

MECHANICVILLE 1, RCS 0

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Jessalyn Hotaling allowed six hits in complete-game performance.

VOORHEESVILLE 10, COBLESKILL 6

Voorheesville highlights: Dana Herchenroder 3 singles, Kim Cavanaugh 2 hits, Katie Duncan and Cyrilla Suker combined on two-hitter.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

BASEBALL

MOHONASEN 7, BETHLEHEM 5

Bethlehem highlights: Mark Bulger single, double, 2 RBI.

VOORHEESVILLE 9, RCS 8

Highlights: Voorheesville — Adam Hatch 2 singles, 2 runs scored; Kevin Massaroni double, single, 2 runs scored. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — C.J. Berghela 3 singles, 2 runs scored.

BOYS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 8, COLONIE CENTRAL 3

Scoring: Bethlehem — Chris Abbott 2-0, Aaron Griffin 1-0, Pat Heenan 0-3, Andrew Kelleher 1-0, Pat Riegel 1-0, Mike Nuttall 0-2, Tom Trimarchi 3-1. Colonie — Mike Flood 1-0, Bob Lemerise 0-1, Jeremy Sheffer 1-1, Steve Wunsch 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 24. Colonie — Matt Colehour 15.

BOYS TENNIS

BETHLEHEM 9, AVERILL PARK 0

Singles winners: Bethlehem — Jon Clair, Robert Hoffman, Carter Thomas, Dan Stevens, Brian Greenberg, Sandeep Murthy.

Doubles winners: Bethlehem — Dan Cohen-Steven Govanlu, Tom Potter-Andrew Grund, Mike Follette-Scott Birdsey.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

BETHLEHEM 120, AVERILL PARK 61

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Chris Sgroi (200-meter dash), Adam Rodriguez (400), Doug Demarco (1,600), Pat Shaffer (3,200), Eric Turner (110 and 400 hurdles), Rafiq Umar (long jump and triple jump), Stephen Strait (high jump), Paddy Hennessey (shot put and discus).

GIRLS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 21, COLONIE CENTRAL 2

Scoring: Bethlehem — Brianna Bubeck 5-0, Emily Cohen 1-2, Kristin Link 4-3, Tess McGrath 1-0, Kate Metevia 1-0, Amy O'Donnell 1-1, Katelyn Primomo 3-0, Mackenzie Riegel 3-1, Katie Rowan 1-1, Kate Wagoner 1-3. Colonie — Jenelle Bushaw 1-0, Maureen Foley 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Dani Blanchard 7. Colonie — Jasmine Vanterpool 8.

SOFTBALL

LANSINGBURGH 8, RCS 0

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Katie Stott single. Voorheesville 14, WATERVLIET 0. Voorheesville highlights: Cyrilla Suker pitched one-hitter with 10 strikeouts; Kim Cavanaugh and Dana Herchenroder each had two singles and 2 RBI.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

BASEBALL

VOORHEESVILLE 13, MECHANICVILLE 1

Voorheesville highlights: Kevin Massaroni single, double, grand slam; Mary Murray single, triple.

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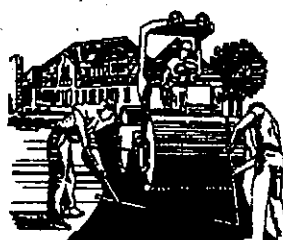


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Obituaries

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Mr. Campbell was an accountant for Cargill in Albany before he retired.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Altamont.

He was husband of the late Zenith Campbell.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol Joralemon of Delmar, Joanne Campbell of Rhode Island and Christine Wilbur of Ohio; two sons, William J. Campbell III of Delmar and Wayne Campbell of Ohio; two grandchildren; and a dear friend, Mildred Stowell of Albany.

Services are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19, at Saratoga National Cemetery. There will be a reception at 3:30 p.m. at the Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Elsmere.

Arrangements are by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Drive, Delmar 12054.

Janet LaQuire

Janet Walton, LaQuire, 85, of Stove Pipe Road in New Scotland died Friday, April 12, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she lived in New Scotland for 58 years.

Mrs. LaQuire worked for Sterling Winthrop in Rensselaer for 35 years before she retired.

She was the widow of Henry F. LaQuire.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet Brady of Albany; a son, Henry LaQuire of Feura Bush; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Catherine Weissenburger

Catherine Ertel Weissenburger, 83, of Delmar

died Thursday, April 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she owned and operated Fitzgerald's Grill & Restaurant in Albany for many years.

Mrs. Weissenburger was also a beautician at the former Mele's Beauty Salon in Delaware Plaza before she retired.

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

Survivors include a brother, George Ertel of Slingerlands; and two sisters, Evelyn Dugan of Gansevoort and Helen Nickel of Albany.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle and Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Harvey Westervelt

Harvey H. Westervelt Jr., 81, of Slingerlands died Wednesday, April 10, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was a graduate of Siena College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, with degrees in math and mechanical engineering.

Mr. Westervelt was a mechanical engineer for General Electric for 20 years and retired from the state Thruway Authority.

He was husband of the late Irma Kelley.

Born in Mr. Tabor, N.J., he was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was active in Boy Scouts and was Scoutmaster of Troop 21 in Scotia.

Survivors include a daughter, Ellen Westervelt Boehmer of Richardson, Texas; four sons Harvey H. Westervelt III of Collierville, Tenn., Paul A. Westervelt of Williamston, N.C., Peter H. Westervelt of Cary, N.C., and William G. Westervelt of Tumba, Sweden; and his former wife, Wilma Westervelt of New Hartford, Oneida County; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Westervelt donated his body to the Anatomical Gift Program at Albany Medical College. There were no public services.

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

Alan Morris

Alan E. Morris, 83, of

Clarksville died Friday, April 12, at his home.

Mr. Morris was a carpenter.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Alan Morris of Fallbrook, Ga., and the Rev. William John Morris of Clarksville; two brothers; two sisters; two grandsons; and a great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Clarksville Community Church Memorial Fund, Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville 12041.

Irene Benza

Irene C. Benza, 85, of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center died Sunday, April 7, at the nursing home.

Born in Bergen, N.J., she was a former resident of Liberty, Sullivan County.

Mrs. Benza was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liberty.

She was the widow of Joseph C. Benza.

Survivors include a son, Donald J. Benza of Delmar; a sister, Edna Hildebrand of Teaneck, N.J.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from Ramsay's Funeral Home in Liberty.

Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

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

Charles Oliver Sr.

Charles Edward Oliver Sr., 82, of Albany, and a Slingerlands native, died Monday, April 8 at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in France, Germany and England. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

Mr. Oliver worked for Shurfine

Wholesalers and other companies for many years before he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Chillemi Oliver; three sons, Charles Oliver Jr., Jack Oliver and Richard Oliver; three daughters, Linda Oliver, Tina Oliver and Carole Oliver; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or St. Peter's Cancer Care Center.

Yvonne Strum

Yvonne M. Strum, 70, of Asprion Road in Glenmont died Monday, April 8, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Meridan, Conn., she was a longtime resident of the town of Bethlehem.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem High School.

She worked at the Chicorelli Funeral Home in Albany as an administrative assistant for more than 25 years. She was an avid Yankee fan.

Mrs. Strum was the widow of Vincent Picarazzi and Alfred Strum.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Picarazzi of Delmar and Mark Picarazzi of Watertown; a daughter, Holly Nates of Selkirk; a sister, Eleanor Tremont of Scho-dack; and nine grandchildren.

Services were from the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont and St. John's/St. Ann's Church in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Frank Adams

Frank F. Adams, 72, of Elm Avenue in Selkirk died Sunday, April 7, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Troy, he was a bus driver for Bethlehem Central School District for 10 years before he retired.

Mr. Adams previously worked for Coca-Cola, the Job Corps in

Glenmont and Senior Projects in Ravena.

He was a former member of the Tri-City Yacht Club.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Prusik Adams; and a son, Frank F. Adams of Selkirk.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Memorial service

A memorial service for Esther Hunter, who died Sunday, March 10, is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Arrangements are by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Dogs attack goat on Selkirk farm

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem animal control officers are investigating an incident where an unidentified pair of dogs apparently attacked and killed a farm animal in Selkirk.

A resident of a farm on Beaver Dam Road reported to police that at about 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, he chased off two dogs, one brown and the other gray with white spots, that had killed and begun to devour a goat on his property.

The goat's owner told police the two animals escaped under a fence when he shouted at them, but he was unable to identify the breed of the dogs.

Animal control officers responding to the complaint were unable to locate the animals, but are searching licensing records in the town for dogs fitting the description.

Remember When The Word "Service" Meant Something?

We remember when people took the time to serve others. Our family has been helping families here for many years. As our town has grown, we have grown too, with more specialized services, such as out-of-town arrangements, pre-arrangements, cremations and a grief recovery program.

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Death Notices

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

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

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

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➤ UPDATE I — BUSINESS & FINANCE

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➤ UPDATE II—SERVICES

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➤ HOME AND GARDEN

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➤ SENIOR LIVING

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➤ WELCOME SUMMER

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➤ HOME IMPROVEMENT

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➤ CLASS OF 2002

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➤ BACK TO SCHOOL

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➤ HEALTH CARE

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➤ COMMUNITY SERVICES

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➤ WEDDING GUIDE

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➤ FALL AUTOMOTIVE

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➤ HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE II

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➤ LAST MINUTE GIFT GUIDE/NEW YEAR'S

Issue Date: Dec. 18 • Ad Deadline: Dec. 11

Police investigate 2 town accidents

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Two accidents occurred within a matter of hours of each other in Bethlehem on Friday, April 12 — but all three victims have since been released from Albany hospitals.

Bethlehem police and Delmar Ambulance rescue personnel were summoned to the scene of an accident shortly after 11 a.m. on Feura Bush Road, near Sudbury Drive. The driver of the vehicle involved, 21-year-old Jennifer M. Brown of Snowden Avenue, Delmar, told police that she had been westbound on Feura Bush when, distracted by sudden pain in her back and legs, she veered off the road onto the westbound shoulder. Her vehicle struck one utility pole and sheared off another before rolling onto its side and coming to a stop.

Brown, who was wearing a seatbelt, suffered minor injuries

in the accident but was transported to St. Peter's Hospital for observation and later released. She was issued no summonses in the mishap.

At about 3:20 p.m. the same afternoon, a two-car collision took place at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and the Delmar bypass. According to police, a vehicle driven by Earle E. Jones, 67, of Route 9W in Selkirk, was crossing the bypass when he was struck on the passenger side by a southbound car driven by David A. Skidmore, 36, of 719 Cedar Lane, Greenville. Jones' car then struck a utility pole on the driver's side before it came to a stop.

Both men were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by Delmar Ambulance for treatment of neck and chest pain and later released. Skidmore, who appeared to have fallen asleep at the wheel and failed to observe the traffic light for the southbound lane, was ticketed for running a red light.

Two break-ins reported at Bethlehem sites

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police are investigating a pair of weekend burglaries in Bethlehem — one a joint investigation with Albany police of multiple-car break-in at a towing-service impound lot, the other a break-in at the Elsmere Fire Co. firehouse.

The auto-lot burglaries took place at Dawson's Towing on Port Road South, adjacent to Scarano's Boat Builders, in the Albany Port District's southernmost end. Patrolling at about 6 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, April 14, Bethlehem police officer Adam Hornick noticed a vehicle with its parking lights turned on inside a fenced-in area of the towing service lot and contacted Dawson's personnel to investigate.

Inside the fenced area — an impound lot for storing vehicles from police tows and seizures, most ordered by the Albany Police Department — some 20 vehicles were found burglarized, several with broken windows or trunks pried open.

An unknown number of thieves removed hubcaps, tools, stereos and other electronic gear,

and tail lamps from various vehicles.

Investigators found a hole cut in a fence on the southwest corner of the lot and another section of fence pushed down. Tools possibly used in the burglary and several discarded pieces of car stereo equipment were found outside the fence and along railroad tracks leading southward.

The burglaries are believed to have taken place some time between 2:30 p.m. the previous day and the time the thefts were discovered.

The burglary at the Elsmere fire station on West Poplar Drive was reported to police on the morning of Saturday, April 13, by a fire company member arriving about 7 a.m. A door to a rear storage room was found pried open. While no items were immediately identified as missing, the door was damaged in the break-in, which is believed to have occurred sometime after 8 p.m. Friday.

Police conducted a canvass of the neighborhood seeking leads on the break-in, but no suspicious overnight activity was reported by neighbors.

Dean's List

Boston university
Brian Fage and Julia Garfin-
kel, both of Delmar.

Union College
Katie Smith of Delmar.

SUNY Morrisville
Christopher Pace of Bethle-
hem.

The University at Albany
Stephen Wallant of Delmar.

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital
Boy, Christopher Ciccone, to
Michele and David Ciccone of
Slingerlands, March 30.

Boy, Evan Carl, to Kathleen
and Andrew Carl of Voorheesville,
March 2.

BCHS grad presents at Ithaca symposium

Philip Slingerland of Delmar, was recently chosen to be a presenter at the sixth annual James J. Whalen Academic Symposium, held on the Ithaca College campus.

Slingerland, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, is a physics major who is expected to graduate in 2004.

Named for the former president James J. Whalen, the annual symposium celebrates the tradition of student-faculty collaboration in research and creative activity at the college and the continuing support that Whalen provided for that work during his presidency, from 1975 to 1997.

The spring academic symposium featured research findings as well as original music compositions, poetry, art, films and videos that resulted from coursework, independent studies, seminars and honors projects.

Nearly 100 Ithaca College students, in collaboration with faculty sponsors, participated in the program.

Some of the presentations featured research related to the September 11 terrorist attacks and their aftermath, including "When Is It Time to Laugh? Topical Satire in the Wake of 9/11," "Crisis Sermons: Preaching in a Time of National Tragedy," and the essay "Extraordinary Before and After September 11."

Other presentation topics included "From VHS to MP3s: Twenty-Five Years of Litigation in the Entertainment Industry," "Automated Asteroid Tracking," and "The Popularity of 'Survivor.'"



Daniel Scholz and Beth Finkelstein

Finkelstein, Scholz to wed

Beth Finkelstein, daughter of Laurie and Allan Finkelstein of Delmar, and Daniel Scholz, son of Lisa and Paul Scholz of Stony Brook, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and will graduate from New York University in May.

She will then attend Harvard

University for a graduate degree in Administration, Public and Social Policy.

The future groom is a graduate of Ward Melville High School and will graduate from New York University in May.

He will then attend the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

The couple plans a August 2003 wedding.

Zinnanti, McAllister

Deborah Zinnanti, daughter of Eileen and Richard Zinnanti of Red Hook, and E. Bruce McAllister, son of Shirley Burlingame McAllister and Edward McAllister of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Red Hook Central High School, SUNY Plattsburgh and The College of Saint Rose.

She is a vocal music teacher in

the Millbrook Central School District.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central School District, Russell Sage College and Sage Graduate School.

He is a seventh grade social studies teacher in the Schalmont Central School District.

The couple plans an Aug. 10, wedding.

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.

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

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Community



Selkirk Fire Company to serve spaghetti dinner

Selkirk Fire Company No. 1, located at 126 Maple Ave., will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Medieval history comes alive in new musical

By DEV TOBIN

For most of us, the Magna Carta is barely recalled from high school history as an important document some nobles forced the English king to sign, ending one of many such Middle Ages power struggles. And the King John who signed it is best-known as the scheming autocrat of the Robin Hood legend, so much beloved by Hollywood.

For Ed. Lange of Delmar, associate artistic director of the New York State Theatre Institute, the Magna Carta story "has fascinated me since high school — it's very exciting and the perfect situation for a musical."

So he wrote one, or the book at least.

"Magna Carta," with music and lyrics by George David Weiss and Will Severin, will debut at the New York State Theatre Institute this weekend.

The main players from history are there — King John, his mother Eleanor of Aquitaine, his brother Richard the Lion-Hearted, Cardinal Stephen Langton, Lord Robert FitzWalter — but Lange adds several fictional characters to round out the story of how the Great Charter had significant impact, both then and now.

"I wanted to tell a story through individuals, so we see history unfold through their eyes," Lange said. "This story had to involve common people and explore what the effect was on them, how did this make their lives better."

Lange noted that his play is not just a history lesson, since the 13th-century struggle for freedom from tyranny "applies very strongly today."

Severin said the music and songs also had to connect with today's



Sir Peter de Mornay played by Joe Cassidy and Lady Kathryn played by Catherine LaValle, above, are members of the court in Magna Carta, a new production staged by NYS Theatre Institute beginning Saturday, April 20. Eleanor of Aquitaine played by Lorraine Serabian and Henry II played by Joel Aroeste, left, are also featured in the production

authors, guiding the blending of the musical's threads of history, romance and patriotism," Snyder said. "It's a privilege to share with our audience the

audience.

"It's a matter of doing something that a contemporary audience can relate to, but it's not 'Camelot,' it's a mix of styles," Severin said. "Musically speaking, it's epic, with songs of revolution, romantic ballads, dramatic pieces, comic numbers, etc."

NYSTF Producing Artistic Director Patricia Di Benedetto Snyder, who is directing "Magna Carta," said the work to stage this new musical was like making a medieval tapestry.

story that influenced the creation of America's Bill of Rights."

"Magna Carta" will be on the Schacht Fine Arts Center stage at Russell Sage College in Troy from April 19 through May 1. Morning matinees at 10 a.m. are on April 23, 24, 25, 26, and 30 and May 1. Weekend performances are at 8 p.m. are on April 19, 20, 26 and 27, and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. are on April 21 and 28.

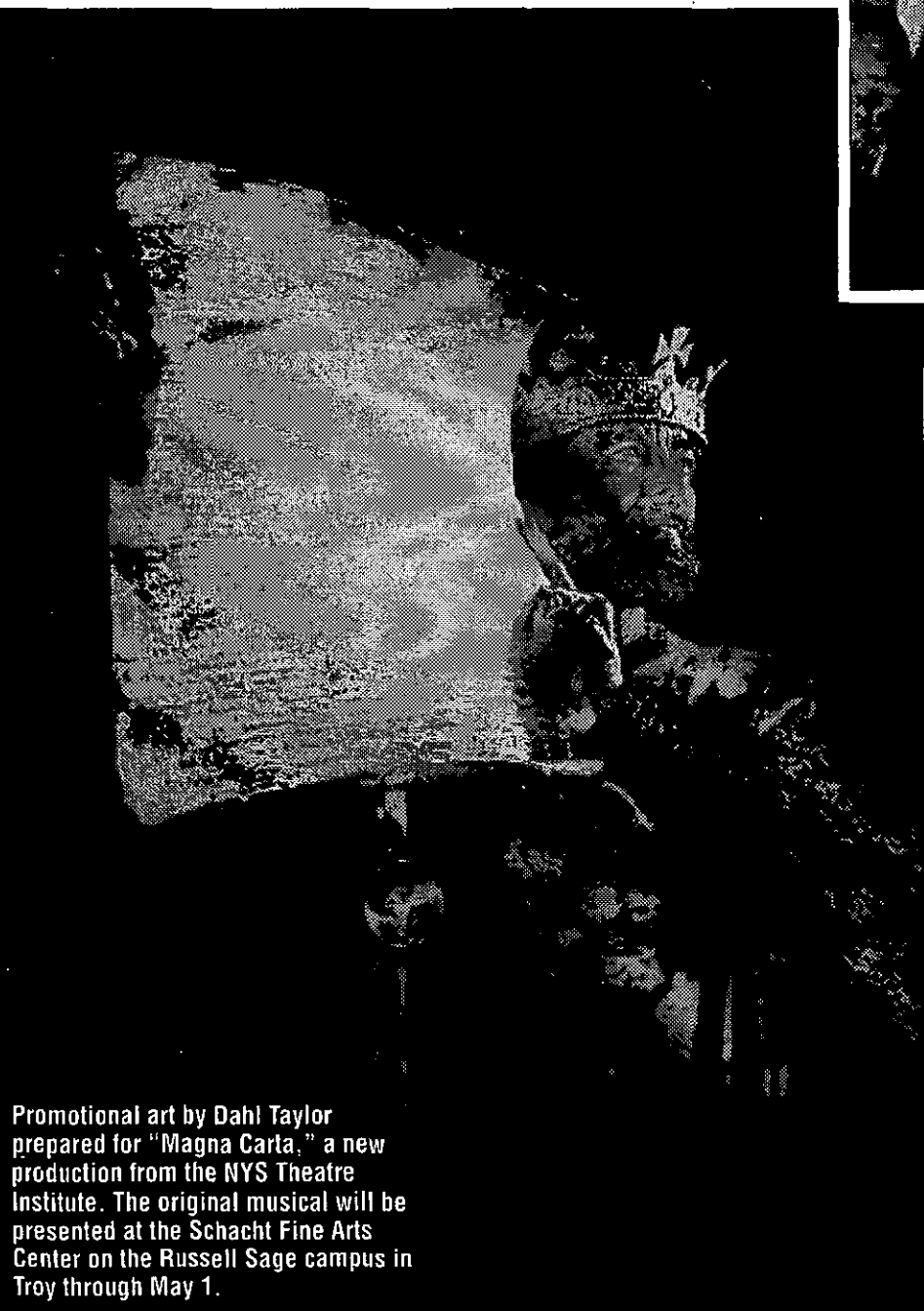
Tickets are \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. For information,

directions or reservations, call 274-3256.

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— Ed. Lange

Promotional art by Dahl Taylor prepared for "Magna Carta," a new production from the NYS Theatre Institute. The original musical will be presented at the Schacht Fine Arts Center on the Russell Sage campus in Troy through May 1.



This is the watch Stephen Hollingshead, Jr. was wearing when he encountered a drunk driver.

Time of death 6:55pm.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



Photo by Michael Mazzeo



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The Spotlight CALENDAR

To update or correct calendar listings, call 439-4949, ext. 28.

Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Wed. 4/17

BETHLEHEM

"FINGERPRINT FUN"

Children K-5 make a menagerie of animals using their own fingerprints; Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

'NONFICTIONADOS'

Book discussion group focusing on nonfiction works; meeting third Wed. of each month through May. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of

Thurs. 4/18

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

"FAMILY STORYSINGER CONCERT"

Chris Holder shares his music, tall tales, jokes and riddles; Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOC.

Monthly meeting, presentation by Marion Davies on "Costumes Through the Ages". Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m. Information, 478-7247.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

Bennington Museum program on "Amazing Toys of Long Ago," for kindergarten through adult. Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

Fri. 4/19

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

"Box City," children grades 4-8 build their own neighborhood. Signup at reference desk. Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 10 a.m. -noon. Information, 765-2791.

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. 4/20

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 4/21

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.
Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710.
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. 4/22

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 COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 4/23

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.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Limited to six registrants; tutorials on use of mouse and keyboard, online catalog, basic searches. Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

BINGO

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

Wed. 4/24

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY TIME AT LIBRARY

"Spring Fling" family story time; "Celebrate Our Earth." Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 4/25

BETHLEHEM

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Networking breakfast for business, with presentation by Dave Bradley, Director of Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform, including Q&A on "What's Driving You Nuts?" Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7:45 a.m. Buffet breakfast \$8. Reservations, 439-0512.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

POETRY PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

Every Other Thursday Night Poets, Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 4/26

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 4/27

BETHLEHEM

FEESTELIJK

Buttons go on sale 5 p.m. at middle school; more than 30 events throughout Delmar 6-11 p.m. Information available at Bethlehem Public Library, Town Hall, many local businesses.

AA MEETING

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

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ART WORKSHOP AT LIBRARY

Clay sculpting workshop with Dana Rudolph, registration required. Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 1-4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.



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7143 HCB, LLC
1. The name of the limited liability company is 7143 HCB, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on April 1, 2002 and became effective on said date.
3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: 7143 HCB, LLC, c/o James W. Harris, 1988 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.
5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.
Dated: April 17, 2002
Cooper Erving & Savage, LLP
Attorneys for 7143 HCB, LLC
39 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(518) 449-3900
(April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 77 East 125th St. Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/23/02. 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 Greenblatt, 220 E. 65th St., NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

C, J & D Properties, L.L.C., filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 11, 2002. 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 C, J & D Properties, L.L.C., 518 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. 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.
(April 17, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of CENTRAL CREDIT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/2/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/22/1999. 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: 3525 E. Post Rd., Suite 120, Las Vegas, NV 89120. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Dept., Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Chuck's Woodworking Products, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 11, 2002. 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 Chuck's Woodworking Products, LLC, P.O. Box 221, Clarksville, New York 12041. 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.
(April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CIRCLE.COM LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/6/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/17/1999. 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. Principal office address of LLC: 111 S. Calvert St., 21st Fl., Baltimore, MD 21202. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(April 17, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of COMPATIBLE CONNECTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/15/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 14372, Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Conductor Fire Sprinkler Co., LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 5, 2002, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 3434 Carman Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC Act.
(April 17, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of Conesus Power Boat LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/9/02. 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, Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of filing of articles of organization of a limited liability company ("LLC") named Conroy Realty I, LLC. Articles filed with NY sec. of state ("SOS") on 3/20/02. Office location: Albany County: SOS, designated as agent for service of process, shall mail copy of process to The LLC, 1867 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.
(April 17, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Credit Management, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/28/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Nevada (NV) on 12/31/01. 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: 4200 International Parkway, Carrollton, TX 75007. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NY Secy. of State, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Dodson Properties, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 27, 2002. 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 Dodson Properties, LLC, 286 Waldermaier Rd., Feura Bush, NY 12067. 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.
(April 17, 2002)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2002-2003. And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m.: Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:
1. To elect a member of the Board

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of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Erica M. Sufrin.
2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.
And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:
Voorheesville Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Clayton A. Bouton High School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.
And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day not later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:
Clerk, Board of Education
Voorheesville Central School District
Voorheesville, New York 12186
Dated: April 3, 2002
Dorothea Pfeleiderer
District Clerk
AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT at said hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York held on May 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district, the Public Library budget for the year 2002-

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2003 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.
And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m.: Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:
1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the term of Homer Warner.
2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.
And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:
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And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day not later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:
Clerk, Board of Education
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Gail Sacco, Clerk
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Notice of formation of FABTEX LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 02/28/2002. 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, 1350 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (April 17, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FIRST COLUMBIA WESTERN LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: FIRST COLUMBIA WESTERN LLC. SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052. FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 26 Century Hill Drive, Suite 101 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 1st day of March, 2002, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S/Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact (April 17, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FOLIAGE CONSULTING LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: FOLIAGE CONSULTING 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 on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052. FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: P.O. Box 103 Slingerlands, New York 12159. 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 1st day of March, 2002 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S/Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GE Noryl Global Products, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/28/02. 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: GE Noryl Global Products, LLC, Attn: General Manager, One Noryl Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of LLC is GEYERCOMM, LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is 3/21/2002. The office of the LLC shall be in the County of Albany in the State of New York. The N.Y. Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the N.Y.

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Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served is: c/o The LLC, 859 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Gordon Residential Development, LP. Notice of formation of a Limited Partnership ("LP"). Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of the State of NY ("SSNY") on 3/5/02. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: 50 State Street, 6th floor, Albany, NY 12207. The names and business street address of each general partner are available from the SSNY. The latest date upon which the LP is to dissolve is 12/31/52. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

The name of the LP is GREENWICH PARTNERS, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 6, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Halmar Bolton Landing Group, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 15, 2002. 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 Halmar Bolton Landing Group, LLC, 29 East Cobble Hill Road, Loudonville, New York 12041. 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. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Henry Keys, M.D., PLLC ("PLLC"), a professional services limited liability company, was filed with the Secretary of New York ("SSNY") on 2/26/02. Principal office of the PLLC is located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the PLLC, Joseph B. Carr, Esq., Couch White, LLP, 540 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: practice of medicine for pecuniary profit. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of IC Insurance Services LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/27/02. Fictitious name in NY State: IC Insurance Agency. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Hampshire (NH) on 3/13/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NH address of LLC: 22 Windmere Lane, Exeter, NH 03833. Arts. of Org. on file with NH Secy. of State, 25 Capitol St., Concord, NH 03301. Purpose: insurance services and related activities. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Interpool Chassis Issuance, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/26/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/21/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of 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. DE address of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

The name of the LP is LANSINGBURGH PARTNERS II, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 6, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Louis Byrne Physician, LLC was filed with the Secretary of State New York on March 22, 2002. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 3 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The registered agent is: Louis Byrne Physician, LLC, 2 Tower Place, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MANN BRACKEN, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/20/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 7/29/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 State St., Suite 608, Albany, NY 12207. GA address of LLC: 229 Peachtree St., Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30303. Arts. of Org. on file with GA Secy. of State, Corps. Div., 315 West Tower, #2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334-1530. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MCMC LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/8/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 12/21/01. 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., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CT address of LLC: 425 Day Hill Rd., Windsor, CT 06095. Arts. of Org. on file with CT Secy. of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: claim management services and third party claim administration services. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

NRG REAL ESTATE, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 18, 2002. 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 NRG Real Estate, LLC, P.O. Box 98, Latham, New York 12110. 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. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NSL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/6/02. Office location:

LEGAL NOTICE

Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/5/00. 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. Principal office of LLC: 100 Second Ave., Needham, MA 02494. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Parsons Electric LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/29/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/13/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 5960 Main St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for repairs to the Town Hall/Lower Roof Area. Bids will be received up to 3:15 p.m. on the 1st day of May, 2002 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Project specifications may be picked up at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 10, 2002
(April 17, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for repairs to (2) Clarifier Media Retainers located at the Town of Bethlehem Clapper Road

LEGAL NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 10, 2002
(April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: REPUBLIC MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: REPUBLIC VENTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (April 17, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Rusch Property Management LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 2/15/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 257 State St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Susan

LEGAL NOTICE

K. Gibbons, M.D., PLLC ("PLLC"), a professional services limited liability company, was filed with the Secretary of New York ("SSNY") on 3/25/02. Principal office of the PLLC is located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the PLLC, Joseph B. Carr, Esq., Couch White, LLP, 540 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: practice of medicine for pecuniary profit. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability Company is Thomas Inkpen, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State on February 27, 2002. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against the Limited Liability Company may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company is 38 Hedgerose Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: TOBIAS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/20/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 400 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (April 17, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability Company is Total Flooring Plus, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State on March 8, 2002. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against the Limited Liability Company may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company is 1997 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (April 17, 2002)

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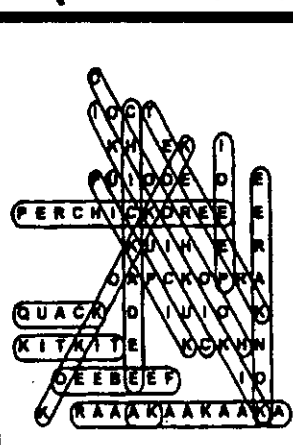
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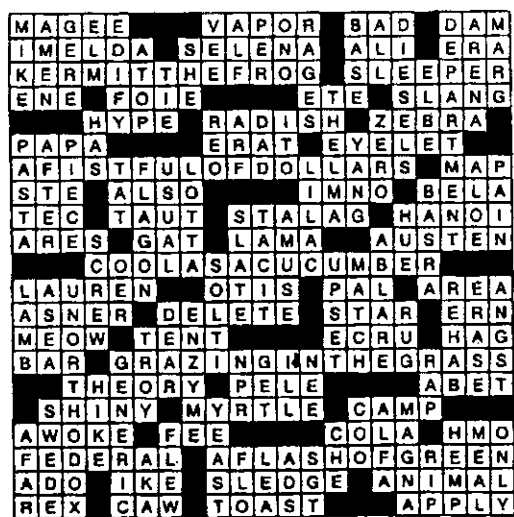
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before an Albany County Family Court judge on Wednesday. He was ordered to a 30-day program for psychological evaluation.

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Family Court could then order more testing or a treatment program. McMillan said treatment could be provided while the boy lives at home, or in the extreme, at a secure or non-secure facility during the

treatment period.

"The evaluation could also determine the boy is no longer a threat, has learned his lesson, and he could be released," he said.

"No one should take the boy's action to be a defining statement of who he is. He has done something wrong, needs to face it and hopefully learn from it. The boy needs help, and I am sure he will get good help. Before he can return to school next year, I will need evidence that he has learned his lesson and is prepared to behave correctly," Loomis said.

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by John Quirk



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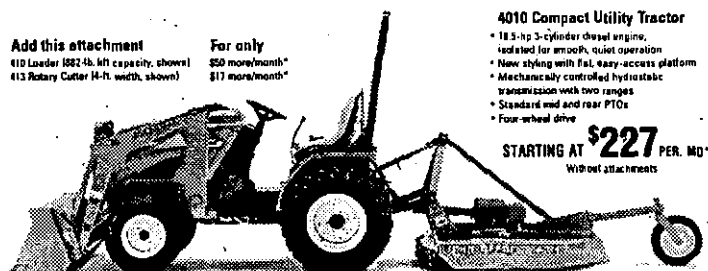
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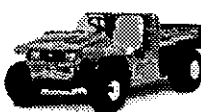


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