

Eyes on the ball



Jacob Sanders gets ready to take a cut last Saturday at Bethlehem Town Park, while Jim Franco Branden Gordon waits his turn.

Town Squire eyes retail expansion

Elsmere's Pete Hogan to retire after **29 years of service**

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Peter Hogan is something of a living legend.

Hogan will retire from the Behtlehem School District in June after 29 years of service. Because all his years of service has been at the Elsmere Elementary School as the physical education teacher, he is now teaching children of parents who were also his students when they were in elementary school.

Hogan clearly loves working with children. When one of them asked if he was quitting, Hogan said, "No, I am not quitting, I am retiring.'

But retiring still means leaving. Having been such a big part of the life and fabric of the school and so effective in shaping the lives of his young charges, his departure will be a major event in the life of the school and the district.

Elsmere Principal Dorothy Whitney, said, "I don't know what we will do without him. He is of such good character and has such a good sense of humor. Children need to learn to be good human beings, and Pete is such a good example."

Superintendent Les Loomis echoed Whitney's sentiments.

"Pete Hogan is one of the best teachers with whom I've ever worked. He exemplifies every trait and example you would hope to impart to students," Loomis said. "He's a key person in terms of shaping the climate at Elsmere."

Both Loomis and Whitney said Hogan starts students early in teaching the value of lifelong fitness. Both also agree that Hogan is a strong proponent of Project Adventure activities for youth, where students are taught to approach physical risk taking by factoring issues like teamwork and the use of leadership to

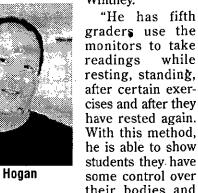


an adjacent 5,640-square-foot office requirements of the town building code

minimize risk.

Hogan, 55, overcame a health problem involving his heart several years ago and subsequently secured a grant to purchase heart monitors, said

Whitney.



graders use the monitors to take while resting, standing, after certain exercises and after they have rested again. With this method. he is able to show students they have some control over their bodies and

how the body works," Whitney said.

Both administrators also mentioned he was named Physical Education Teacher of the Year in New York state several years ago, and since has been widely sought as a speaker in physical education workshops throughout the Northeast.

Hogan is also an outdoorsman and mountain climber. He and his two sons, now ages 22 and 26, became 46ers together. There are 46 high peaks in the

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First of two parts. With a vote looming in less than four weeks on 2002-03 school budgets, most of upstate New York's school districts face budgetary constraints this year. But the spring of 2002 is particularly critical for the long-range fiscal future of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, which serves, among others, residents in the southern portions of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Two weeks ago, the RCS school board approved a \$32.4 million budget for the coming school year, holding the overall budget increase to just 1.13 percent - but resulting in a 7.32 percent tax rate increase for taxpayers if adopted on May 21. The increase amounts to \$1.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for homeowners.



While construction continues on the new 56,000-square-foot Price Chopper SuperCenter at Glenmont's Town Squire with a grand opening anticipated this summer, the realtor that owns and manages the plaza has filed preliminary site plans with the town planning department for further expansion.

Schuyler Companies of Latham hopes to add a 24,800-square-foot retail building, to be situated behind Price Chopper, on what is now a vacant, 5.6 acre wooded lot north of the existing plaza along Route 9W. The plans also call



building and a 3,500-square-foot bank. The bank outbuilding was discussed last

The addition of nearly 34,000 square feet to Town Squire would enlarge the plaza to more than

We're eager to begin construction, subject to municipal approvals, as soon as possible, and we're optimistic that we can get started in July.

Bruce Ginsburg

172,000 square feet of office, retail and service space and add to a growing Route 9W retail corridor. Construction of the proposed Bethlehem Town Center project less than a mile up the road has not yet

begun, but is expected this summer.

The Town Squire plan will likely be discussed at a work session of the town planning board at its meeting on May 7. No zoning variances are required beyond

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fall with the planning board before being dropped from the Price Chopper project to expedite its approval.

Almost 160 parking spaces are planned to support the three new structures, exceeding the minimum

6 DWI cases settled in Town Court

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Six individuals recently charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) in Bethlehem pleaded guilty to various charges in town court last week — while Bethlehem police arrested a Delmar resident for DWI on Sunday, April 14.



5 a.m. when officer Scott Galough stopped a vehicle on Delaware Avenue for failing to use a turn signal.

After administering field sobriety tests, he charged Jason Christopher Deitz, 25, of 10A Hallwood Road, Delmar, with DWI, and ticketed him for the signal failure and for an equipment violation.

Deitz was ordered to appear in surcharge. Town Court on May 7.

Meanwhile, three individuals appearing before town Justice Theresa Egan on April 16 pleaded guilty to DWI, and three others pleaded guilty to reduced counts of driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

David Leon Smith, 58, of 3 Mallard Road, Glenmont, charged with a felony DWI count on April 6, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor DWI. His sentencing was adjourned until June 18, pending completion of a pre-sentencing report, but his

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then.

Albert William Tripp, 42, of 19 Hadley Drive, Hannacroix, arrested March 27, and Tammy Louise Stanton, 44, of 5737 Route - video store was arrested last 32, Alcove, arrested April 6, each pleaded guilty to DWI land had of more than \$1,100 their licenses revoked for one merchandise from the store. year and six months, respectively.

Both were fined \$500 and assessed a \$125 state-mandated

Pleading guilty to DWAI were Jason Jerry Drahzal, 21, of 101 Astor Court, Delmar, arrested March 9; David Michael Parsons, 25, of 73 Crescent Drive, Albany, arrested March 24; and Eric Eugene Swett, 33 Dumbarton Drive, Delmar, arrested March 20. Each was fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge, and had their licenses suspended for 90 days.

All six were ordered to attend a drinking-driver remediation program and face a Victim Impact panel.

Police charge clerk The arrest occurred at about license remains suspended until in video store theft

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

An employee at a Slingerlands week and charged with the theft in merchandise from the store.

Alex Joel Mercado, 19, of 244 arrested on Thursday, April 18, on a felony charge of fourth-degree grand larceny after an internal investigation by loss prevention officials for the Hollywood Video chain implicated him in thefts at the store at 1325 New Scotland Road, in Price Chopper Plaza. The thefts of cash and merchandise took place over a nearly four-

month period since Dec. 30 of last year, police said.

Mercado was arrested after managers contacted Bethlehem police to file a formal complaint. According to the police report, ' Mercado signed a voluntary admission report of the thefts Delaware Ave., Delmar, was after he was confronted with the charges.

> Arraigned before town Justice Theresa Egan and released on his, own recognizance, Mercado is due in Town Court May 7. The grand larceny charge with which he has been charged carries a potential sentence of 1 to 4 years in prison, up to 5 years probation and a possible fine of up to \$5,000.

Voices of Hope set at church

The Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless will present the 10th annual Voices of Hope Experience on Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m. at the First United

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Voices of Hope features many styles of music from Capital District church choirs.

A highlight of the event is the inspiring story of the recovery from homelessness of one of Interfaith's former clients. Joseph « Farrell of First United Church in-Delmar and Wayne Woodard, leader of African-American choirs at Union Missionary Baptist Church, two of the region's most distinguished choir directors, are organizing the effort.

Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless is a nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter and services to maximize self-sufficiency and empowerment for those in need. While there is no charge for admission to the event, a freewill offering will help support the Interfaith Partnership.

Please donate to your local food pantry



in Pat Casale's district

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem is about to lose one incumbent state assemblyman representing the town in this year's elections – and likely gain another, thanks to the redistricting plan approved by the state revised plan, last week called the Legislature last week.

But a district represented by Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Albany, which includes the town of New Scotland, was left largely unchanged from an earlierversion of the plan.

"Like everyone has said, it's not a perfect plan, which anybody who knows anything about redistricting always says," said McEneny of the reapportionment plan passed by the Legislature on April 15.

Gov. George Pataki raised objections to the new plan, principally about proposed district lines in the New York metropolitan area, but was nevertheless expected to

sign it into law this week.

"I think this is the best possible compromise plan that could have been gotten by the respective houses, given their needs," said McEneny.

The most heavily revised local district is Assembly District 108, represented by incumbent Pat Casale, R-Spiegletown. Bethlehem, currently part of the 102nd district represented by John Faso, will be assigned to this district.

Casale's district previously encompassed all of Rensselaer County and parts of Washington and Saratoga counties. But the reconstituted 108th retains of those only an arc of communities through the center of Rensselaer County, from Schaghticoke to Schodack.

Added to the 108th is the northern tier of Columbia County, and across the Hudson, Coxsackie and New Baltimore in Greene County and Coeymans and Bethlehem in Albany County.

All of those communities were previously represented by Faso, who is leaving the Legislature at the end of his term to run for state Biscuit Company for many years Comptroller.

The reshuffled district lines

In the 108th, Coxsackie's Edward Barber was the only announced candidate for Faso's old job - but he has yet to announce whether he will continue his campaign.

Casale, who voted against the reshuffle of his district "not understandable at all." But he will run for re-election. "I have no choice. What else can I do?" he said. "My opposition is now over with.'

He has already begun to introduce himself to local elected officials in the new district.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller confirmed that Casale had reached out after the Legislature approved the new lines – "but we haven't spoken since. I think he's

waiting to see what happens.

The original reapportionment draft created districts that pitted 22 different Republican incumbents

against one another. The outcry from the GOP minority, and from Pataki, led to the revisions.

The fragmented 108th is largely the product of efforts to carve out a new district to the north for Roy McDonald of Stillwater, elected to the Legislature in February but slated to run against Betty Little of Glens Falls under the first-draft plan.

Portions of Rensselaer, Washington and Saratoga counties taken from Casale are now in McDonald's new district.

The revisions pose a campaign challenge for Casale, roughly half of whose former constituents have now been replaced by unfamiliar voters.

"It's much more difficult to be Pat Casale now," said McEneny. "His roots are in Lansingburgh," he lives in the back end of Troy. he's a former mayor of Troy. Campaigning is going to be difficult for him.

Bethlehem, with more than 30,000 residents, will now be the largest town in his new district.

'I was a salesman for National and a lot of Albany County was my territory," he said. "And on the positive side, my main office in the Legislative Office Building and Delmar are only a few minutes from each other. And Coxsackie is actually closer to my office than my home near Schaghticoke is."

Plan would place town Students take concerns to senator

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Concerned that the amount of state aid that the executive budget has proposed for the 2002-03 school year will lead to more than a nine percent tax increase, four Voorheesville high school students met with Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, to discuss the problems it could bring to the district.

Junior Matt Watson was one of the students who spent part of his first day of spring break in Albany's Legislative Office Building.

"I recently attended a board meeting, where they talked about things they're going to cut," Watson said. "Some sports, some faculty and a Spanish 5 class that would be an AP level college course with 20 students that kids would now have to take on their own at a local college." Students wrote to their assemblyman, John McEneny, D-Albany, and arranged Friday's meeting with Breslin.

Joined by sophomores Jenette Axelrod, Sarina Fiero and Kaitlin Conway, the students got their first lesson in face-to-face politics when Breslin "removed the barrier" of his desk and sat in a chair directly across from them. "Now I'll listen," Breslin said.

"We wanted to convey our feeling of helplessness about frozen aid formulas and BOCES aid," Watson said. "We're concerned that Voorheesville, as a result of the lack of state aid, will have to lose programs."

Specifically, Watson named the school's New Visions program, which provides internships in the workplace, and distance learning, which allows a geographically disparate population to take classes by closed-circuit television, as two programs that will be cut with the current budget.

"The higher level courses that kids need for college are also being cut," Axelrod said.

"Voorheesville is a unique community," Watson said. "We're very tight and close-knit, with close relationships. We need some steps to unfreeze this situation, and we're here on behalf of the student body."

Conway asked Breslin to explain the state budget process to them, so they could understand why it takes so long to agree on how much money will go to school districts.

Breslin, a lawyer with a Jesuit education, engaged the students in Socratic dialogue as ne explained the workings of the state Legislature.



State Sen. Neil Breslin talks to Voorheesville students, from left, Kaitlin Conway, Sarina Fiero, Jenette Axelrod and Matt Watson.

'The Assembly has been and legislators, and yell at your Democratic for 50 years, and the Senate has been Republican for 50 years," he said. "It leads to lethargy, and the power is controlled by the leadership of each party. Who does that exclude?" Breslin nodded as the students answered correctly. "The rest of us," he said.

As a local senator, Breslin said he has a bit of a bully pulpit, since the Times Union covers his activity, and everyone in the Legislature reads that paper.

"I speak out yearly," he said. "I'm from the liberal Democrat school, and I think the first thing we need is enough money for education. If we don't have that, we're clouding our future.'

Breslin said it looked like the budget may be passed earlier than last year's August date, and that the leadership was moving closer together on education issues.

(Gov. George) Pataki said this week that there will likely be more money for education,' Breslin said.

Breslin also spoke about the situation in New York City schools, and the Campaign for Fiscal Equity's lawsuit that says that education in New York City is so bad it's unconstitutional.

"I've visited schools in New York," Breslin said. "The bell rings, and students run to get to their classes because only 60 to 70 percent of them will get a seat. The buildings are cracked, and there are metal detectors to check for weapons. The books are outdated, and kids can't take their books home. There aren't enough computers, there are no gyms, no football teams and no teachers' lounges."

Locally, Breslin addressed the issues of diminishing tax bases and the impact of charter schools, which he is against.

legislators. I'm your elected official, and I need to uptempo this."

Breslin said he has put in legislation that would change the fiscal year in the state.

"When do we determine revenues?" he asked. "April 15 is tax day: that's when we know. When is the budget due? April 1. When did we pass last year's budget? August."

"School districts have to borrow and pay interest, too," Breslin said of the late budget.

"We then can't spend the money we deserve," Axelrod said. "It seems like we're transferring from being a school of excellence to a school of mediocrity," Watson said.

"The program we've seer, built up is being cut," Axelrod said. Conway pointed out that not enough students realize the impact of the state budget on their lives

"Our AP courses are getting fewer, and we need those to get into Ivy League colleges," she said. "In reality, the Legislature affects us.'

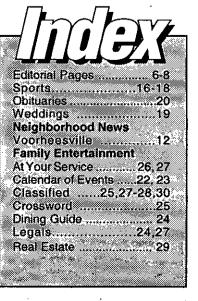
'When I speak at schools," Breslin said, "I tell people tc look around them. Somebody will need your help someday. The government has an unbelievable responsibility to make things equal."

Breslin invited the students to attend a legislative session and said he also hoped they would invite him to speak at their school.

Both students and legislator agreed that the time had been well spent. "I feel really passionate abut the budget cuts," Axelrod said. "The senator sympathized with us. I feel like we got answers, but not a solution." "I was surprised that he had the same viewpoint as us," Conway said. "I expected nim to support the top "If the government doesn't three leaders more." The students said they would definitely invite Breslin to their school and hoped that would spur more students into action. Breslin has met with teachers, students and recently spoke to a number of district superintendents. He will take these concerns to his colleagues in the Legislature - specifically Ron Canestrari, D-Cohoes, McEneny and legislative leaders of education commissions. "This will reinforce what budget), we can't make any changes," she said. Breslin commended the students for their been very impressive. "They were well-prepared, had an "There aren't enough people agenda and kept bringing me doing what you're doing," Breslin back to the agenda," he said. "I'm said. "You need to raise the heat, glad that we were able to talk

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threw the candidacies of several Republicans into confusion.



McEneny thought Casale would adjust well, particularly in representing Bethlehem, many of whose voters are already constituents of Casale's of another sort.

"Bethlehem people are heavily state workers, and people who work in Albany in offices and banks," he said.

"The governor, the Assembly and the Senate all come up with what they think are the revenues in the state," Breslin said. "So far, they haven't agreed on what the revenues are. You'd think we'd have a statutory policy if we didn't agree on what those revenues are, using the revenues from the year before and the year before that. We don't, and that slows the process."

Breslin also said that, year-toyear, there's little change in the elected representatives in the Legislature.

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have enough money for one public school system, how can it fund two?" he said. "Albany had to cut \$2 million from its budget to fund a charter school, and now they're facing a double-digit tax increase."

Conway expressed concern that Voorheesville voters won't pass the district's school budget this year.

"If we have a contingency budget (which happens after voters twice defeat a school actions.

send letters to the newspapers frankly."

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City mouse might really be country cousin after all

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Perhaps it was the winter that brought on this spring's geographical seven-year itch.

It's been seven years since we left Manhattan for the Capital District, spurred on by our children's need to start school and our desire to live in a slowerpaced environment.

The ranch house we first rented when we moved here felt like a dream come true. It seemed enormous to us, and the shaded yard expanded our living space to a size unimaginable in New York City. On the first night we fell asleep in that house, the silence the darkness were and overwhelmingly engulfing.

"I feel like I'm in a sensory deprivation tank," Chris had finally whispered when it became clear that there would be no streetlights, no sound of fire engines' sirens, car alarms or



trucks rumbling down FDR Drive. Our triumph felt complete have been replaced this past when, in 10 quick minutes, Christopher was enrolled in the local public school. Daffodils bloomed in front of the building on that April day, and there was no chain-link fencing enclosing the inside stair well.

That first summer, we spent huge amounts of time together, and we still laugh about the day when Chris came up the driveway on a Friday at 5:30 and I flew out the door in panic. "Why are you home?" I exclaimed. "Did they fire you?" "I was the last one to leave," he said, laughing.

house — with a guest room, two bathrooms, a deck and pretty flower gardens — it felt like Nirvana. I soon had the perfect part-time job, and volunteering at the kids' schools made me feel noble, informed and like I was giving back to society.

That contentment seemed to winter with restlessness, which made me think we should never have left Manhattan.

"Do you miss New York?" is a question we ask all our friends who have since left the city, and we mostly concur that we miss that relatively carefree time of our lives, when we were "dinks" double income, no kids.

This current time of our life feels more mired than carefree. Chris' work hours are better than in New York, but they're still long. As the children get older, I still love being here when they get

When we bought our own arole. Watching the World Trade the hamburger they ordered as Center get attacked outraged me, and I wanted to stand with the people cheering on rescue workers at Point Hope on the West Side Highway. We try to go to New York regularly with the kids, so that the place they were born is more than just the stories that Mom and Dad tell them. On a spring break visit last week, I paid close attention to see if we should consider moving back.

> We went for three days, and our gorgeous suite at the Shelburne Murray Hill tickled the boys - "three TVs! PlayStation!" - and awed Chris and me. It was bigger than our first apartment, and seemed like the sort of space we could easily live in.

> It seemed like the city's mood had picked up some. Things didn't seem as quiet as they'd been last fall. As the boys and I rode the subways, we picked up our pace to join commuters, students and families moving quickly and purposefully to the destinations that proved they were making it there, and would always be able to make it anywhere.

> We had dinner at Seppi's, a French restaurant as charming as it was casual, and it was great to see the boys order escargot and salade frisee — and cheerfully eat

what Cormac still calls "the main chorus.'

We caught a show, laughing out loud, clapping and cheering as Blue Man Group challenged our brains to think outside the box. The bizarre 95-degree heat proved the balancing point to the exciting stimulation of our beloved Big Apple. I pushed the boys — and another friend from home and her son — too hard, making them walk through Central Park, resulting in nearcollapse at the Museum of Natural History. I had forgotten that I used to take those long, invigorating treks with my guys in a double-stroller, the two of them sucking down diluted apple juice as fast as they could. Their 'drive me to the mall" suburban feet couldn't take so much of those mean streets.

Crowd maneuvering proved to be an art we'd lost, and we kept getting stuck behind people bent on meandering around the city. I began to feel incredibly frumpy, even in my casual-chic linen pants and rib-knit shirts. Maybe it was the Murray Hill and neighborhoods we were mostly in, but there were lots of what a Midwestern friend called "skinny women walking fast.'

Gone were the practical sneakers of the 1980s; in their place, strappy sandals with spiked heels. Loads of frilly blouses, sleeveless silk shells and cropped, flower-print hip-hugger pants all right for someone who spends most of her time in the car, not fast-walking a few blocks just to get to public transportation. Our train ride home was quiet, as Christopher dozed and Cormac played with his Game Boy. Outside, the Hudson River led us northward, and arriving at the Rensselaer stop, the cooler air felt soothingly comfortable.

At home, my plain cotton shorts and T-shirt felt like a piece of home, and the yard called me to come pick up sticks winter had knocked down and check out the peas Cormac and I had already planted.

A whole row of them had sprouted; behind them, three daffodils lifted their heads to the dark blue sky. The dog stood patiently watching me, and the boys drank lemonade on the deck.

New York City is a great place, and it will always be part of us. As the quiet of my backyard surrounded me and the newly brigh-green April grass lifted my spirits, 1 leit the contentment that comes from realizing that we had come home to a place that has its own gifts to offer.



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Planners look at longtime residential proposals

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Two residential development projects that have been under town review in Bethlehem for more than a decade were on the planning board agenda on April 16

Meadowbrook Section 3, a 50lot development on a 66 acre plot off Blessing Road in Slingerlands, still has "a lot to be done," said board member Parker Mathusa - but final plans for the 17-lot McCormack's Hollow subdivision in Delmar could soon face a public hearing before final plat approval.

McCormack's Hollow is a wooded 63-acre site off North Street, near the former North Road Extension, recently renamed Wright Lane. The site borders a residential neighborhood on Hudson Avenue, isolated from the rest of Delmar by the D&H railroad tracks.

Several seasonal tributaries drain into the Normanskill nearby. Siting development among nearly 8 acres of wetlands on the McCormack Hollow site is one of the challenges faced by planner Ed Kleinke, representing Slingerlands Hollow Co. of Cohoes, in the site plan which was first presented to the planning board in 1992 and granted preliminary approval in 1994.

Following review by the Army Corps of Engineers over wetlands delineation, a revised final version of that plan was submitted to the planning department on April 8, showing 17 lots of between 2 and 10 acres on which custom luxury homes could be built.

In Slingerlands, the Meadowbrook project was first proposed in 1990 as a 184-unit single-family development, bounded to the north and west by steep clay slopes lining the Normanskill's banks as it approaches Route 85.

The Normanskill's history of slope stability problems was underscored two years ago by the Elsmere landslide — and the Slingerlands area shares a similar history. A major slope failure alongMaher Road more than three decades ago partly rerouted the creek near Meadowbrook.

That and other environmental really floods," she said.

issues prompted the town board in 1991 to require that Gladstone **Development of Connecticut draft** a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Meadowbrook under the terms of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act.

Since then, Gladstone has steadily whittled down the project. But after repeated rebuffs in its efforts to persuade the town to waive the EIS requirement, Gladstone started from scratch, withdrawing its original application last November and resubmitting it in December. The town board then referred the project to the planning board for its recommendations on the site plan and the SEQR issue.

Gladstone's Jim Green has appeared before the planning board three times since then, reviewing traffic studies and outlining plans for wetlands mitigation, slope stabilization and storm and sanitary drainage.

He said wetlands-permit applications will be filed with the Army Corps soon — and that the entrance road to the development will align with the driveway to the Meadowbrook Apartments, resolving one potential traffic bottleneck.

But town planner Jeff Lipnicky and town engineer, Randy Passman detailed a list of issues they believe still need to be resolved. Those include documentation of erosion control plans and the project's impact on the Normanskill, accounting for certain discrepancies in estimated traffic volumes in Gladstone's analyses, evaluation of the project's aesthetic impact and data on endangered species.

'Some of these issues may already be dealt with, or Jim may have an idea of how he's going to deal with it," said Lipnicky. "But they're not documented. They need to be documented.'

Neighbors also raised issues. Marie Goedtel of Blessing Road, is concerned that potential slides and siltation in the Normanskill could exacerbate seasonal flooding.

"When that creek floods, it

Kevin Helm, owner of a 165- takeout area, but flooding may the planning body to refer to, said acre farm across the Normanskill on Maher Road, added that the 100-year flood stage of the creek had been exceeded twice in the last six years. He also said that development projects like Brookhill. Stafford's Crossing and Beverwyck, have driven an increasing number of deer with nowhere to go.

"All those deer haven't gone to Albany, they've come across to me," he said — citing a neighbor that has shot more than 250 on his property under nuisance permits in the past year. He called for a 500-foot buffer zone along the creek.

"The deer use that as the New York State Thruway," he said.

If crowded-out wildlife and floodwaters damage his agricultural land, he asked, "How are you going to compensate me?'

"I've heard enough," Green said, agreeing to revisit these issues. The board tabled the application.

Both projects also confront the question of whether to set aside land or pay a fee to the town under the terms of last year's park land setaside law. Green has suggested a creekside donation for a possible hiking path or canoe

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make that impractical. As for McCormack's Hollow, the setaside law would require less than an acre for parkland - an that we could have attached amount likely too small to be of use to the town.

"It probably makes more sense for us to consider the fee, Kleinke said.

"There is not per se a master plan for parks," Lipnicky said, so each residential project under review requires a separate determination by the parks department about whether a setaside or fee will be required. Without a master plan in place for a public hearing.

board member Dan Odell, "I'd hate to find out that there was a plan to build something nearby something to."

Pending a resolution of the setaside question, McCormack's Hollow's final plans as submitted have now cleared necessary engineering review, Passman said. Kleinke agreed to make some minor amendments to the plan documents, and the board could consider them again as soon as its May 7 meeting, at which time a date could be set for

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Walk the walk

We echo Fran Stevens' sentiments in her Point of View this week and urge Bethlehem residents to join the community safety walk this Sunday, stepping off from town hall at 1 p.m.

With the warmer weather beckoning us outdoors, it's a good time to review pedestrian safety tips, especially with children and young drivers.

Editorials

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Now is the time when the squeal of tires is commonplace as young drivers and a carload of teens take corners too quickly and pull out of parking lots at reckless speeds. And now is the time to give your young drivers a refresher course on the rules of the road. Take the high road on this one. Kids need to be reminded that the roadways are no place for daring do.

Younger kids need reminding also. Sure, more of them are aware of where to walk and bike, thanks to the Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety's program for second graders, but what about the 30 percent who still don't know which direction to take when walking or biking.

If you child owns a skateboard, make sure to lay down the law about using it on the roadways. It seems rather commonplace of late to see kids skateboarding or Rollerblading along on roads like Delaware Avenue and Route 85 in Slingerlands. With the ever-increasing traffic in town, it's clearly not prudent or safe to allow children to use roadways and streets for "rolling" recreation.

These issues are real and potentially dangerous. Let's not have an accident to bring home the obvious point. One vehicle/pedestrian accident is one too many.

Feestelijk's coming

Feestelijk Bethlehem is coming up this weekend. Our supplement this week includes a schedule of venues and performers to help our readers decide where to go.

This year, there are more events than ever before so you'll want to plan ahead.

Kudos to Feestelijk organizers who put together this annual springtime event. It's an enormous undertaking, but one that brings the whole town together for an evening of family fun and entertainment.

If you've never been to Feestelijk before, it's an opportunity to see your neighbors in action. The talented performers are locally based and do a great job, year after year.

Buy your buttons early and have a wonderful time.

Citizens for safety make a difference

By FRAN STEVENS

The writer is a member of Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety.

Please join us this Sunday. April 28, for the townwide "Community Walk" to kick off at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue at 1 p.m., rain or shine.

This Sunday's event marks the fifth anniversary of the walk,

sponsored by Bethlehem Citizens for Pédestrian Safety (BCPS). Anniversaries often lead us to recall beginnings, think about events along the way and take stock of where we are now. Whatever endeavor each of us becomes involved in, we need to feel that somehow our efforts are making а difference.

First, the existence −∙of BCPS proves that individuals can make а difference in their community. Lynn Finley first called a group of her neighbors, representatives from the town school and together in

teen-age ped-estrians, one a year, for three years.

Something had to be done and an individual "spark" made it come together. However, it takes collaboration and commitment to make use of that spark to have any impact on long-term change, whether that change is an environmental one like sidewalks, or perhaps even harder, a change

Point of View

in people's behavior.

Our membership has shifted over the years as members needed to respond to family and other commitments. However, we have maintained a core of hardworking, committed individuals who have stayed with us for years

Bethlehem Walks!

out town; improvements in . crossing signals and the entire Cross Walk Safety Campaign, known as "Bethlehem Walks."

The stanchions placed in the middle of the road appear to slow traffic and, hopefully, will be more successful this year in actually having drivers stop for pedestrians. Where feasible, some sidewalks have been a extended.

> Our highway department has been particularly supportive in all our efforts. You can now purchase reflective vests and flashers at both the town hall and the Parks & Recreation Department office - thanks to the folks who have taken this on.

You can also purchase flashers at I Love Books - so thanks to retailers for getting involved and by helping with our publicity. The police department continues to enhance our efforts by⊾ supporting the Crosswalk Campaign, act-, ively educating children about traffic and ped-

estrian safety and enforcing speed limits and traffic laws.

I think we are beginning to change the culture in our community to recognize that walking/biking safely in Bethlehem is important, and that we, need to keep moving away from our automobile-dominated environment.

It is important to our health where many of us are so inactive that as a population we are increasingly overweight and at' risk of cardiovascular disease, and it is important to our sense of community and good for local « businesses. Adding sidewalks and changing driver behavior for a large portion of the driving population are perhaps longerterm goals which we should continue to work toward. We urge parents to be good? models of Walking/biking behavior, and not just "talk the talk." We encourage drivers to s share the road safely. We advise all runners, walkers and bikers to wear reflective q apparel. We also hope the good start we have made over the last five years will continue. But in order for our work to continue, we need new members to join us --- not just for a stoplight at the end of a particular street, but for improvements throughout the community. To get involved, call me at 439-7232. And be sure to come to the Community Walk on Sunday.

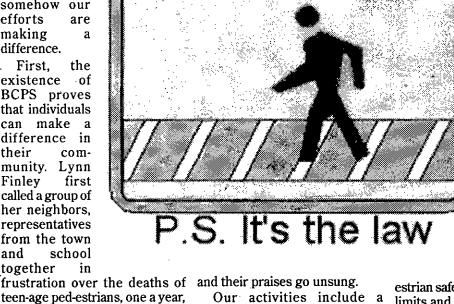
"Sharing Bag Project" which reaches every second grader in

the district with safe walking/ biking activities to be taken home and shared with parents. A thank you to teachers and PTAs who work with us on this effort, despite competing pres-

achievement.

After a donation from GE Cogen was used to purchase flashing signals at the middle school/St. Thomas area, we witnessed a wonderful example of leadership for St. Thomas School, where all school children took a community walk under the direction of their principal and teachers in order to actively learn principles of pedestrian safety. Have we made a difference? Five years ago when we addressed fourth and fifth graders as part of Home and On Your Own. a Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited project, only about 40 percent of the children responded correctly to the question of which side of the road do you walk on and which is the side where you ride a bike. This year, almost 70 percent would tell you to walk on left facing traffic and ride on the right. A genuine collaboration with the town has resulted in environmental changes such as improved signage (like the "Walk Left/Ride Right signs) through-

sures to focus on academic





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'Bambi complex' avoids Driver says dealing with problem

Editor, The Spotlight:

The April 10 article, "Decr thrive in suburban settings,' while quite informative, perfectly exemplified the schizophrenic attitude many people have toward deer, which I refer to as the "Bambi complex."

The article treated the issue of the growing threat deer pose to motorists in Delmar.

The article describes a woman driving west on Delaware Avenue near the town library who is confronted, in broad daylight, by a "herd" of deer running down the middle of the road. According to the the article, the woman thought she was going to die and only avoided an accident because one of the deer succeeded in hurtling her car.

The article duly reports that the woman's experience is not all that unique, as 30 car accidents involving deer have been reported to Bethlehem police since December 2001. With such a leadin, I expected somewhere in the lengthy article to be a discussion of the steps our elected town and state officials are taking to deal with the threat posed by deer.

Amazingly, the topic never came up. Instead, the article ends with a quotation from the ubiquitous wildlife pathologist Ward Stone advising that people should enjoy the fact the here in America, there are many kinds of wildlife so near at hand. Another Delmar resident is quoted as saying the "I love seeing them (the deer) out there."

In my opinion, marveling at the beauty of Bambi, when Bambi is smashing into our cars, is the height of irresponsibility. Do we not all place a higher value on the safety of our families, neighbors

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and friends than on deer, no matter how pretty their white tails look bobbing in the distance? Since deer criss-crossing our highways and streets are a menace to anyone who buckles up a seatbelt in this town, the logical response is simple: the deer population must be thinned out.

I plan on copying this letter to town Supervisor Sheila Fuller to see what measures the town is going to take to end this plague of suburbanized deer. Let's shake off our collective case of the Bambi complex and get our priorities straight. If deer are a threat to our safety, they must go.

James P. Connolly Voorheesville

thanks for help

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the many people who stopped and/or responded to my rollover accident on the afternoon of April 12 at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and the Delmar bypass.

Delmar ambulance, the EMTs and the Bethlehem police exhibited a high level of competence and professionalism.

A special thanks to the gentleman who helped me out of my truck, attempted to keep me calm and assured me I would be OK

To everyone involved, my heartfelt thanks. May God bless you all.

> Earl E. Jones Selkirk

Dash organizers are grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

This year marked the 14th year of the town of Bethlehem's support of our annual Delmar Dash.

On Sunday, April 7, this year's field of 502 finishers was again very vocal in expressing their appreciation of the town's cooperation.

This year's Kids Fun Runs attracted more than 150 participants, age 12 and under.

We wanted to acknowledge the special work of the Bethlehem Police Department, Delmar Rescue Squad, the school district, for use of the Elsmere School,

Boston Market and our 90-plus volunteers, including the Chase family water stop.

We would especially like to thank our race sponsors, Charter One Bank, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery and Delmar Chiropractic Office.

Also, thanks to everyone living in the area and driving along the course who accommodates us and encourages the runners.

> Hank Steadman, Pam Robbins and Joe Richardson Delmar Dash co-directors Paul Turner Kids Race director -



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Organizer pitches case for joining up

Matters of Opinion

Editor, The Spotlight:

8, at 5:45 p.m., the Voorheesville. 24 and the third from July 31 to Horseshu League will begin its Aug. 21. 10th season.

In one way, it is hard to believe; in another, we have had such committed souls pitching all these years and such support from the administration of the village of Voorheesville that we could not miss. Just take a look at our years. beautiful courts stretched out along the Vly Creek.

This year, as last, we will play three divisions, one six-week division and two subsequent fiveweek divisions. The first division

On Wednesday evening, May ' the second from June 26 to July

scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 28. On June 18, we hope to pitch the first of a home-and-away with out arch-friends in the Altamont Horseshoe League, a league that has been in existence for about 40

For the 2002 championship, we will stick to a proven winner of a format as well. The winner and runner-up of each division will be eligible for the finals, during which they pitch a five-game round-robin. The champion will

which we instituted two years Empie, can tell you that. ago.

The championship round is Altamont resident, artist, raconteur, horsesboe aficionado. traveler and friend Ed Cowley. Ed likes adjectives. For all of those 40 years that the Altamont league has been in operation, Ed has been instrumental in showing people the joy of the well-pitched shoe.

> Returning to our league this year will be defending champion Ivan Putnam, who also took top honors in 1997. Ivan edged out 2000 champion (and Tiger Woods of the league) John Diederich, Ed Farley, Russ Parker and Dan Putnam.

Once again, we would like to extend a welcome to anyone in the area who would like to pitch horseshoes to join us. We play a friendly game, the conservation is always good, there are more than a few laughs and there is no charge.

Plus, for those who fear they might not be equal to those who toss a ringer now and then, the league is run on an excellent handicap system so that, on any given night, the most novice of players can compete quite equally with the most veteran. It happens all the time. Our Most Improved

will extend from May 8 to June 12, be awarded the Ed Cowley Prize, Player of last season, Denny

Each league night, we pitch The prize was named after three games which takes little more than an hour. This provides just the right amount of exercise for any couch potato seeking to Editor, The Spotlight give his nerves a reprieve from the remote and spend an evening convivially.

> By the bye, Don Meacham and I established the league in 1993, shortly after the Small Town at the Millennium celebration.

> If any newcomers who would like to pitch — and like simultaneously the opportunity to quote lines from "Caddyshack" or Kurosawa's "Ran," we are never too high nor never too low-brow - please contact me at 765-2468 or village hall at 765-2692.

> We look forward to meeting you. And if you don't have a pair of horseshoes, the league has equipment to get you started. And that's the truth as well.

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Dennis Sullivan Voorheesville

Teacher deserves round of applause

How wonderful that physical education teacher Peter Hogan organized such a successful program of teaching circus skills to children at Elsmere Elementary School.

As Hogan rightly states, it is a self-rewarding program that gives children confidence in their abilities as they move forward in acquiring the skills at their own pace. Not only do the children greatly improve their balancing and coordinating skills, but they now also have a means of providing joy to others by performing their circus acts to the public.

In the past, children only had opportunities to learn circus skills in summer programs; so it is good to see the emergence of a program during the school year to reinforce practice.

A Vermont-based children's circus will be coming to New York state briefly this summer. Circus Smirkus will be performing in Saratoga Springs Friday through Sunday, July 12-14. The Saratoga County Arts Council is sponsoring the performances and information can be obtained by calling (518) 584-4132.

This might be of interest to our young troupers at Elsmere Elementary School as well as their enthusiastic audiences.

> Ursula H. Poland Delmar

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Opera preview on deck Many thanks to Jack of all trades

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Our own "night at the opera" will include arias and ensembles from Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana, Leoncavallo's Pagliacci, Adamo's Little Women. Haydn's Orlando Paladino and



Poulenc's Dialogues of the Carmelites.

Sam Helfrich will direct the program. Performers are sopranos Denise Knowlton, Kathleen Magee and Danielle Martin-Floyd, mezzo-soprano Kate Mangiameli, tenors Brian Register and Phumzile Sojola, and baritone Ray Fellman.

Andrew Bisantz will accompany the singers at the piano. According to Esther Nelson, the company's general director, the number of preview concerts has doubled this year as a result of audience demand.

For a complete schedule of concerts open to the public at other locations in the region, visit www.glimmerglass.org. The tour is made possible in part through the generosity of Corning, Inc., Procter & Gamble Walter Rich and the Delaware Otsego Corporation.

Library seating is limited. Call 439-9314 to register.

Feestelijk at the library

Admission buttons for this annual event are available at the library and other locations in town. Buttons can be purchased in advance for \$6, and on festival night - this Saturday, April 27 for \$8. The library will host two performances by singer Barbara Eckhaus, who will present an evening of "America in Song" with pianist Bill Jones.

Performances are scheduled for 7:15 and 8:45 p.m.

Eckhaus has performed both traditional and contemporary music in concerts, solo recitals and community fund-raisers throughout the U.S.

She has been featured soloist for the Ocean Park summer Music Festival and the Leddy Center for the Performing Arts.

She has also appeared at the Derry Opera House and Tanglewood Summer Music

On Feestelijk night, the library also hosts storyteller Joni Goldberg, who will spin some yarns for an adult audience at 8:15 p.m.

An American original

Educator and musician David Raphaelson will present a lecture and concert illustrating the ambience and evolution of the American parlor guitar on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m.

He will describe the social origins of the instrument, its place in 19th-century American music and its eventual demise in the face of new developments in guitar construction.

Raphaelson will play compositions by Holland, Lopes and others on an 1890 Bay State parlor guitar.

This program is supported in part by the New York Council for the Humanities.

Call 439-9314 to register.

Louise Grieco

After his retirement from a long stint at the wheel of a Voorheesville school bus, Gene Sickles is entering his second retirement after 14 years as the library's Jack-of-all-trades.

From his "office" in the boiler room, Gene has been managing



building and grounds operations since the library's move into the new building in 1988.

The staff feted him with a potluck lunch complete with cake, gifts and a scrapbook commemorating his years at the library.

We will miss "Mr. Green Jeans" and would like him to come over daily to get the coffee going for us!

Gene's command has been transferred into the able hands of Herb LaRock.

A historical note: Mildred Guffin, who was the library's first paid librarian from 1932 to 1936, recently passed away at the age at 7 p.m. tonight. of 94. According to village historian Dennis Sullivan, as a the library's best customer, checking out an average of six books each week in 1919.

reader knows that most of the characters in Kathleen Cambor's novel In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Garden are doomed. Cambor does an excellent job of recreating the era of the 1889 Johnstown flood, a local tragedy which resulted in the loss of many lives.

Sign up at the reference desk to receive a copy of the book, so you can join the May 8 discussion.

This Saturday, April 27, Dana Rudolph, an instructor at Sage Colleges, will be presenting a three-hour class in clay sculpting for registered participants.

If you have registered and cannot attend, please call and cancel so that someone on the waiting list can take your place.

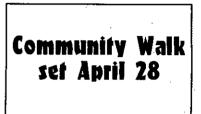
Families with kids age 2 through 7 are invited to, "Celebrate Our Earth" storytime

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on April 25 at 7 child, Miss Guffin was known as p.m. Newcomers are always welcome.

The Friends of the Library are in need of someone to take over-From the beginning, the the secretarial duties of the organization. A list has also been started for volunteers for the annual book and bake sale.

> You can call 765-2791 or e-mail the library at voorefq@uhls.lib. ny us to sign-up and get details about any of our programs. Visit Web site at our www. voorheesvillelibrary.org.

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Elsmere students get right to the power point

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

On a balmy Tuesday afternoon, first grader Chris Lowry and second grader Sam Vis took their places in front of their classmates assembled on the rug in Robin Reed's combined firstand second-grade classroom at Elsmere Elementary School.

The lights were off, and the whole class focused on the iBook opened on the stool at the front of the room.

"An interview with Sam Vis," Lowry read, then clicked to bring up a picture of Vis' grinning face.

Technology has been responsible for many happy faces in the two years that parent volunteer Betty Wall has been teaching students how to put PowerPoint together presentations that tie in to their curriculum. Wall began working with the kids when her son Evan was a second grader, and she was beginning a leave of absence from her job as a client executive with IBM.



Elsmere Elementary School parent volunteer Betsy Wall, first grader Chris Lowry and second grader Sam Vis enjoyed woring on Power-Point presentations at the school recently. Katherine McCarthy

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"I was working in Robin Reed's room, teaching the kids how to use the Internet," Wall said. "I went to a PTA meeting, and Nancy Smith, the librarian, had brought in one of the new iBooks. Playing around with it, I realized that I could do PowerPoint on it." (Each of Bethlehem's elementary schools now has 25 iBooks, with a remote connection to the Internet. Wall used the school's digital camera to take pictures of the students for their project).

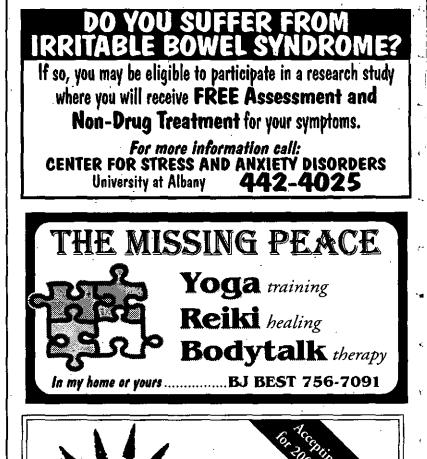
In the first and second-grade classes, Wall has helped the kids do presentations on spiders, penguins, solids, liquids and gases, and citizenship and friendship — the unit that inspired Lowry and Vis' presentation.

When Evan Wall moved on to third grade, teacher Diana Venter drew on Betsy Wall's skills, and her students have also been doing PowerPoint presentation's this year. Currently, Africa is the focus of the PowerPoint presentations. Wall has prepared a template for the kids to work from and spends time looking for appropriate materials at Bethlehem Public Library, the school library and from the Internet. Both Reed and Venter provide input, like vocabulary lists or specific topics, and Wall pulls together enough material so that the students can make their own choices of what to include.

In the third grade, for instance, Becca Languish and Ian Rhatigan selected pictures of people in tribal costumes and a herd of elephants for their presentation about Africa.

"If there's time after the kids have prepared," Wall said, "they can go in and change the background."

Wall spends 30 to 40 minutes in each classroom, twice a week.



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Yet, she said, it combines technology and curriculum in the best possible way.

technology is another way to get information," Venter said, "and it second grades." Wall said the kids gives the children a sense of how to gain a great deal from doing their present material

in a different format."

incorporate more and having the children work on as an entire class, has made that. possible.

They're very comfort-Venter said able with technology. she had wanted to They learn to present tech-nology into their material to their the classroom, *classmates, they* research information. PowerPoint in and it's good for their pairs, rather than thought process. They can be very creative.

The kids put together the their public speaking skills," she said. "We can get the kids' interest through technology, then focus it on the curriculum. Betty provides things, and the kids can pick what they want, so they have ownershipof the presentation."

"This has been great fun," Wall said. "The teamwork is really neat "I strongly believe that to see. The kids really help each other, especially in the first and PowerPoint

presentations.

"They're very comfortable with technology," she said. "They learn to present their material to their classmates, they research information, and it's good for their thought process. They can be very Betsy Wall creative." Other teachers have

Both Reed and

Venter had high marks for Wall's work with the children. "When Evan leaves my class next year, Mrs. Wall has to stay," Venter said. "Betty is so committed to sharing what she knows," Reed said. "She's very professional, and she's patient and kind with the kids. I never have to remind the kids who is working with Mrs. Wall on which day. When we come back from lunch, the kids who were chosen the prior week are already sitting with her getting started. How's that for motivation?"

Reed concurred with Venter about the academic benefits to the students. "The children get an exposure to technology, and they get a chance to share and work on favorite one so far.

asked Wall for assistance, and she has helped train other parents in PowerPoint. She plans to return to IBM in the autumn and would like to see other parents continue the program.

The kids clearly enjoy the presentation, from preparing the text to selecting facts to relay.

"Can you say loves?" Vis asked Lowry as he read. "Sam likes his grandmother's marshmallow cake." Languish clutched a book with facts she wanted to add to the Africa presentation.

"I liked working with the computer," Lowry said, adding that the citizenship unit had been his

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was recently invited to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, which will take place in Boston, Mass., from June 23 to July 2.

school students from around the country at the forum, which is a career development program for high school students who demonstrate academic excel-

Torie Kusel of Voorheesville lence, leadership potential and an they do their jobs. interest in medicine.

Throughout the forum, Kusel will be introduced to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general Kusel will join 350 other high practice, including visits to medical facilities and clinics. In addition to the site visits, Kusel will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with leaders within the medical field as

nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life, giving outstanding high school students the ability to make well-informed career choices. In addition to forums on medicine, the forum offers programs for students interested in law or national security.

Harlequin Players performances set

The Harlequin Players will present "Lend Me A Tenor" by Ken Ludwig on April 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and on April 28 at 2 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

productions a year, Harlequin performs children's show in local libraries and at Albany's First School. Night Celebration.

formances are \$10 for advance and Dollars for Scholars will be and \$12 at the door. Tickets for the matinee performances are \$8.



The Voorheesville Fire Department will host a blood drive on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m to 1 p.m. at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

To schedule an appointment call Bill Stone at 765-3309. Walkins are welcome.

Community volunteer day set for May 4

A townwide volunteer day will take place on Saturday, May 4. It will kick off at 9 a.m. at Feura Bush Town Park. Anyone who would like to volunteer or know of someone in need, contact the town supervisor's office at 439-4889.

Scholars boosters to hold phone-a-thon

The 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

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Bird workshop program set at Thacher Park

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High school presents "Twelfth Night"

The Voorheesville Dionysians present "Twelfth Night" a comedy in five acts by William Shakespeare on Friday, May 3, at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3,50 for students and seniors.

Extension offering several classes

The Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering the following horticulture classes.

Part two of "Lawn Care Series" on Tuesday, May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m.; and "Build Your Own Trellis from Vines and Branches" on Saturday, June 8, from noon to 3 p.m.

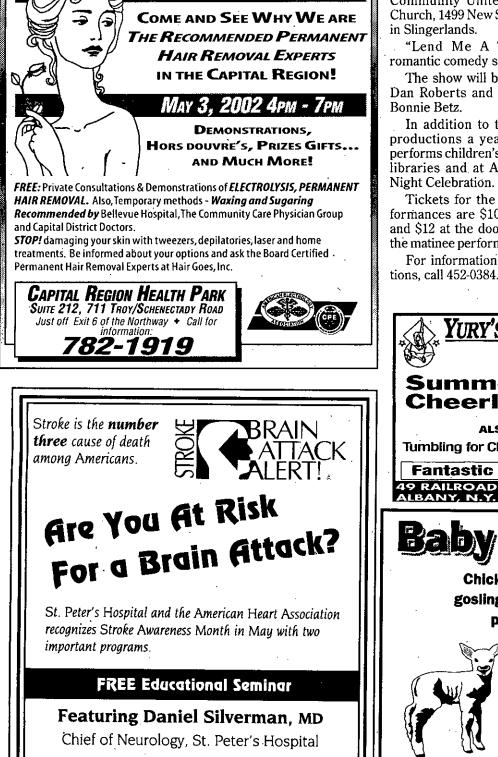
The classes will be held at the William Rice Jr. Extension Center at 24 Martin Road, off of Route 85A, in Voorheesville.

The second part of the "Lawn Care Series" will teach environmentally-friendly techniques for seeding, watering, fertilizing and disease diagnosis. The course fee of \$25 per person covers both class parts, as well a lawn care book which will be handed out in class.

The trellis class will be taught by Janice Shields, owner of Cut it Out; everyone in the class will build a trellis and take it home. The course fee, which includes the cost of materials, is \$45; a list of tools to bring to class will be mailed with your confirmation.

Pre-registration is required. Participants become registered when payment is received.

Make checks payable to "Cornell Cooperative Extension", and mail to: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Attn: Billie-Jo Ryan, PO Box 497, Voorheesville 12186. For information, call Ryan at 765-3512.



"Lend Me A Tenor" is a romantic comedy set in 1930s. The show will be directed by Dan Roberts and produced by Bonnie Betz. In addition to two full-scale

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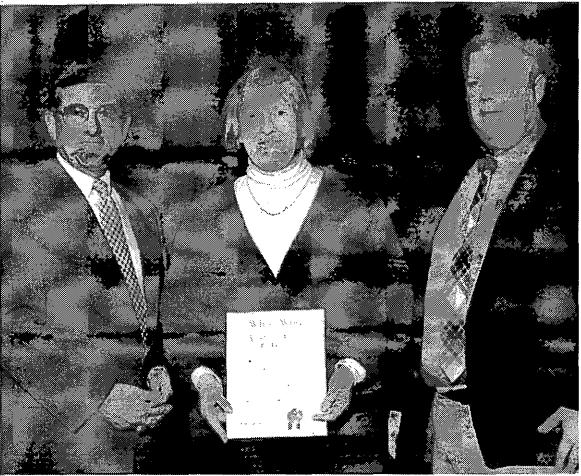
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Congrats in order



Laura Whiton of Slingerlands, a physician assistant student at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, was recently named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." She is congratulated by HVCC president John Buono, left, and David Irvine, chairman of the physician assistant department.

Loan Fund appoints Delmar man to post

munity Loan Fund hired Delmar resident Tom Schmieder as a loan officer.

The Loan Fund, a nonprofit organization, is supported by investments and contributions, ment and Research. and it has been lending with a social purpose in the Capital District for more than 15 years.

Schmieder was a utility financial analyst with the New York State Department of Public Service for 17 years.

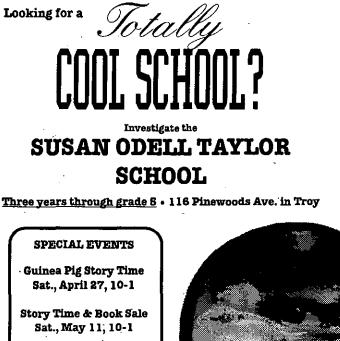
administrative assistant to the Capital District.

The Capital District Com- senior vice president overseeing Key Trust Company of KeyCorp's commingled investment accounts.

> He is a member of the Association for Investment Manage-

> He has a bachelor's in **Business Administration from** Babson College and is a chartered financial analyst.

Schmieder will assist in coordinating the lending and technical assistance efforts of the Before that, he was the Community Loan Fund in the



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Delmar realtor receives award

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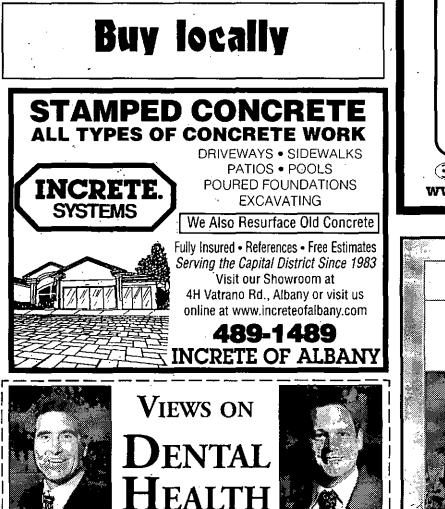
Ioni-Gara-Albert of Blackman & DeStefano Real Estate in Delmar was named Realtor of the Year.

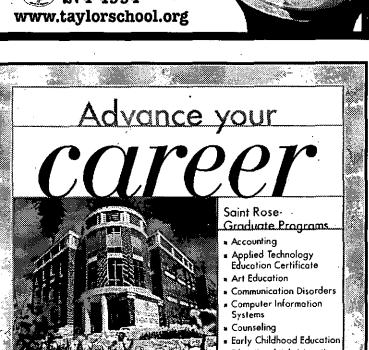
The Greater Capital Regional Association is a professional trade association representing 2,000 real estate professionals in the Capital Region. Its Annual Trade Show featured 40 vendors at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany; 300 persons attended the Luncheon Awards which followed.

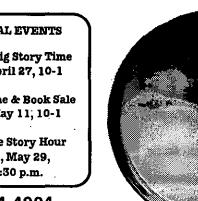
Red Cross to hold local blood drives

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive open to the public on Thursday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School, 70 Delaware Ave.

For an appointment, call the







Red Cross at 462-7461, ext. 815. On Saturday, April 27, there will be a blood drive at the Vooheesville Fire Department, 12 Altamont Road, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For an appointment, call Bill Stone at 756-3309. Appointments are recommended.

Obesity workshop set

Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold a childhood obesity workshop on Friday, April 26, at the William Rice Jr. Extension Center on 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The workshop will focus on the effects of childhood obesity and the risk factors related to it. For information or to register, call Angela Febus at 765-3500.

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V'ville board supports foundation's fund-raising campaign

The Voorheesville School recently with hard cash. Each member of the board handed in a check to buy a brick for the "Walkway To Tomorrow", the gateway to the new middle school entrance and auditorium.

John Cole, president of the school board, noted that he had always wanted to see a foundation started for the district.

"It offers the school another option - fund items that would not be funded by the school board," Cole said.

Earlier this year, the school board gave its permission with a unanimous vote to allow the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation to raise money by selling bricks.

Each member of the board presented a check to buy a brick.

"This support indicates that this is an action-oriented board and not a one to passively vote.' Cole said.

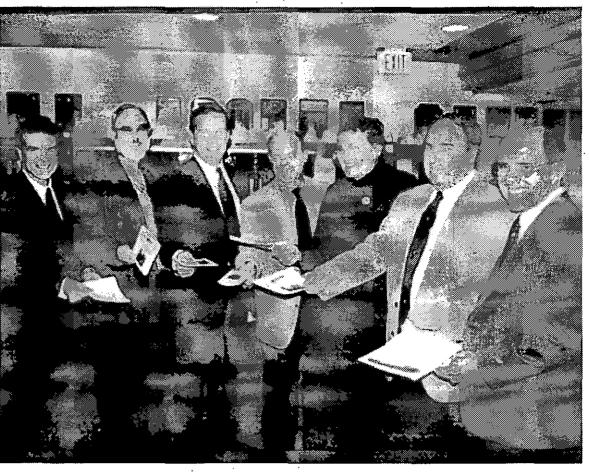
Tom McKenna, chairman of Board backed up its words the foundation, detailed the program as one that is selling inscribed bricks at the new high school facility, scheduled for completion in the fall.

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

> Each brick (regular: 4x8; large: 8x8) will have 3 lines with 14 characters each for inscriptions. The larger brick will sell for \$100.

> To date, we have had a wide range of participants, from businesses thanking the community for their support to grandparents, parents and family members using the opportunity for memorials and congratulatory messages," said John Schachne, foundation treasurer.

> 'We have already raised over. \$9,000," Schachne said. "I seem to get brick orders every day."



Members of the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation and the school board are working on "The Walkway to Tomorrow" campaign. Members of the foundation and the board, from left, include Tom McKenna, John Cole, Robert Baron, Joe Pofit, Erica Sufrin, Thomas Thorpe and James Coffin. The foundation is selling inscribed bricks to be placed at the entrance to the new middle school. Profits from the sale will be earmarked for school projects. Brick application forms are available at the elementary and high schools. For information, call McKenna days at 433-0313.



Due to the severe drought conditions the following restrictions are in effect for 2002:

Expecting to sell 1,000 bricks, the selling period will run through May of this school year. "With 1,200 students in the district, their respective family and friends plus the strong support from our business community, we anticipate no problem in selling out," said

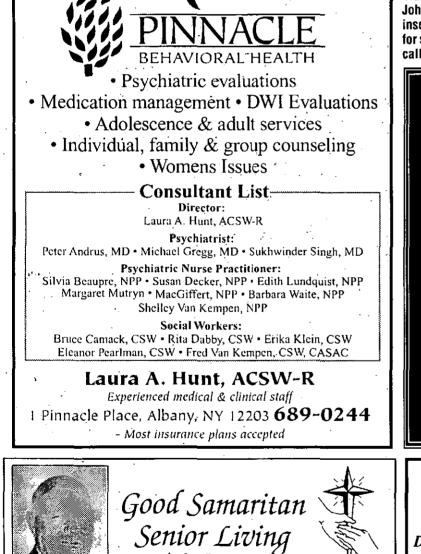
McKenna. The foundation has a special

program for larger donors. "We're looking for generous benefactors who would donate up to \$5,000," said Terry Underwood, board vice chairman and head of the Corporate Donors Program. "Among the items for corporate sponsorship identity is the original school bell, which will

go on display at the high school."

In addition to "The Walkway to Tomorrow" campaign, the foundation has also approved the issuance of a \$1,000 grant to the Voorheesville Elementary Humanities Committee to support its upcoming programs and recently sponsored the Fall Classic, a 3.1mile road race and walk.

The Voorheesville Community and School Foundation an independent, nonprofit foundation of the Community Foundation of the Captial Region offers a method for district residents to enhance the quality of life in the community through the tax deductible support of cultural, academic and athletic programs. All programs are initiated, developed, and implemented by the community for the Voorheesville community. All fincancial contributions support local district initiatives.



LIFE EXPECTANCY

by Lee Bormann

Life expectancy measures the average survival time in a given society. Currently, women in Japan have a life expectancy of 82, while those in France can expect to live to 81. Their U.S. counterparts average 79 years. For men, current life expectancy is in the low-to mid-70s in those same countries. It is unlikely that our life expectancy will rise to 100 any time soon. Large increases in life expectancy (about 30 years) during the 1900s were largely due to the advent of antibiotics, vaccinations, and proper sanitation. It is much easier to add decades to the lives of infants and children to bring life expectancy rates up than it is to add more years to an older person.

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The foundation's board of directors is a resident volunteer group dedicated to quality education and community life.

These individuals oversee the allocation of gifts and are charged with the responsibility to ensure that all gifts are used as directed by the benefactors.

Expansion

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site plan approval, according to Schuyler vice president Bruce Ginsburg; the site is already zoned for commercial use.

ABD Engineers, site planners for the expansion on behalf of Schuyler, filed the plans at town hall on April 15.

"We're eager to begin construction, subject to municipal approvals, as soon as possible, and we're optimistic that we can get started in July," said Ginsburg on Monday.

He declined to discuss the cost of the new project or name specific prospective tenants. The largest of the new buildings, he said, is designed for "a combination of some smaller tenants, local or service-type retail that will serve as a nice community-based strip center and be a complement to the existing center. We are in discussion for part of that space, but we are not committed just yet," he said.

The office building would accommodate a service-related tenant. And the bank addition would, Ginsburg said, "more than likely" be leased by Pioneer Bank, the prospective tenant when the outbuilding was first proposed last July. Pioneer opened a branch at Town Squire late last year.

"There appears to be a strong

RCS students receive vocational awards

Two Ravena Coeymans Selkirk students received awards at the regional Skills USA/ Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) competition recently at Schenectady County Community College.

Both students are currently attending the Capital Region Career & Technical School at its Albany campus. Malissa Carr won the first place Getting to Know You Award and won third place in Action Skills.

Justin Sill won fifth place in Collision Repair.

Skills USA/VICA is a national organization for career and technical students with local chapters at the Albany and Tech Schoharie Career campuses.

Through leadership rallies and workshops, community service, campus activities and competitions, Skills USA/VICA personal promotes and professional growth and success.

demand," Ginsburg said, for small retail store space in the redeveloped plaza, anchored by both the new Price Chopper and a Super Kmart. Of the existing store frontage, he said, "One or two spaces remain, but we're leased up very nicely."

The building shell and floor of the new Price Chopper, for which ground was broken last November, are now complete, and interior work and external facing of the building are under way.

"A lot of the big stuff is done," said town building inspector Kevin Shea on Monday. "They're in good shape. I'm sure they're pretty much on schedule.'

Whether the proposed new buildings, facing the supermarket's rear loading area, will require any changes in the market's rear facade is likely to be a topic of the planning board work session.

Price Chopper President and CEO Neil Golub projected at last fall's groundbreaking that the new store would be open by May, but now appears unlikely, and no ribbon-cutting date has yet been set. Shea said July was a more likely target date given the current state of construction.

Host families needed for high school kids

Host families are needed for 35 American Field Service foreign exchange students who will be coming to the Capital District for the 2002-03 school year.

These students from all over the world will attend local high schools and participate in all aspects of family, school and community life.

Local AFS volunteers provide family orientation and student support, as well as social and educational events for students, host families and host siblings.

Families who apply early this spring will have the best opportunity to view applications from students with special interests tht match theirs, such as athletics or music.

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Hogan

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Adirondack Park with elevations exceeding 4,000 feet, including 20 with no trails to the peaks. A 46er is one who has climbed to the summit of all 46 peaks.

Whitney says each summer, "Hogan schedules several climbs in the Adirondack Park for parents and their children. He posts sign-up sheets at the school, each describing the degree of difficulty of a particular climb, so parents can select a climb best matching their abilities and conditioning.

Hogan graduated from the State University at Brockport 1969. He taught for four years in Troy before coming to the Bethlehem school district.

After 33 years of teaching, he has made no immediate plans for retirement and wants to take a little time to think and sort things out.

It is probably a good bet a lot of that thinking will occur in the mountain air of the Adirondacks..

He has a favorite Web site from Paul Smith's College, located just north of the village of Saranac Lake, that shows a view from an active video camera.

The view is a glade surrounded by woods at the college with a totem pole, on which are marked one foot increments to measure snow depth.

He uses this method to learn conditions up north when planning a trek or walk on snowshoes in that area.

Another good bet is that a person with Hogan's creativity, drive, energy and reputation will discover a new niche for his talents before long.



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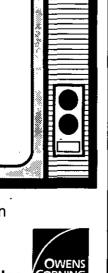
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Lady Eagles post important victories out west

By ROB JONAS

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Bethlehem girls lacrosse coach John Battaglino insists his team hasn't reached its full potential.

Section II may have to accept playing second fiddle to the Lady Eagles when they do.

Bethlehem ran its record to 7programs, Baldwinsville and came on the heels of two Manlius last Saturday.

impressive Suburban Council victories against Saratoga 7-4 April 15 and Guilderland 18-3 April 17.

'They were nice wins," Battaglino said of his team's success in If that's the case, the rest of the central part of the state. "Both teams are powerhouses.'

The Lady Eagles didn't play perfect games against Baldwinsville or Fayetteville-Manlius, but 0 with victories last weekend Battaglino said they put enough against two of Section III's top pieces together to forge their wins - 13-10 over Baldwinsville last Fayetteville-Manlius. Those wins Friday and 9-8 over Fayetteville-



Bethlehem's Katie Wagoner, left, brings the ball upfield during last Wednesday's Suburban Council game against Guilderland. Rob Jonas

understand why I ask them to do certain things," Battaglino said. it's beginning to click."

You could see them begin to goals against Baldwinsville and tallied four times in the victory over Fayetteville-Manlius. Strong "(The speed is) still too slow, but offensive performances were also turned in by Brianna Bubeck, Kristin Link came up big for who had five goals and two assists Bethlehem in the two non-league against Baldwinsville, and Katie games. The junior scored five Wagoner, who recorded a hat

trick against Fayetteville-Manlius.

The defense also had its moments. Goaltender Dani Blanchard made 18 saves to preserve last Friday's win against Baldwinsville and stopped a shot with two seconds left in last Saturday's game against Fayetteville-Manlius to help Bethlehem hold on for the one-goal win.

"Dani Blanchard did an outstanding job for us two days in a row, and you need that playing out there," Battaglino said.

Though the Lady Eagles left the Syracuse region with their perfect record intact, Battaglino said his team can't rest on its laurels --- not with a game against Columbia coming up Thursday and rematches with Shenendehowa and Saratoga looming in the distance.

This is the hardest-working team I've ever had, but that's both good and bad," Battaglino said. They have to learn to make better decisions (with the ball). We're not where I want to be in decision making, but in terms of tenacity, they've already been down in a few games and have come back. They won't roll over and die.'

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by John Quirk

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team has an important stretch of games coming in the next 10 davs.

After hosting Saratoga today, April 24, the Eagles travel to East Greenbush Friday to play Columbia in a Suburban Council game. Bethlehem then returns home to face two of the league's top teams, Shenendehowa (May 1) and Shaker (May 3).

The Eagles suffered their second league loss of the season last Thursday in a 5-2 setback against defending Section II champion Niskayuna, but theybounced back with a 15-2 nonleague victory over Ballston Spa last Friday.

Pat Riegal scored four goals, and Pat Heenan contributed three goals and four assists against Ballston Spa.



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By KATHERINE McCARTHY

e may still have trouble pro nouncing the name, but on the night of Feestelijk, we're all too busy enjoying the good weather, the good entertainment, and each other's company to fuss over a little linguistic challenge.

Now in its sixth year, Bethlehem's annual celebration showcases community talent and gives us a chance to get out among our friends and neighbors. It's a chance to see an incredible variety of talent – all local.

On our meandering last year, we watched Crackers

the Horse shoot hoops at the middle school (in the parking lot, not from the gym floor), heard a psychic predict that our 10-year-old neighbor will make it to baseball's major leagues, waved ribbon sticks in front of Blue Sky Recording Studio, and marveled that Ed Stander can coax recognizable tunes from glasses of

water. **Seeste/ijk** ☆ Water. At the Swing Docs' tent at Main Square, we waited for the dancing to start, standing back in

awe as Joe Carusone juggled flaming torches. The talent is undeniably great, but for a few hours on a balmy evening, Feestelijk makes you feel like you've stepped back in time. It's nice to walk down Delaware Avenue, instead of cruising throughin our

cars.

The middle school is a must-stop early in the evening for kids, who can do some arts and crafts and grab a piece of the pizza that Papa John's donates to the event. Even more fun is stepping out into the air again to see what else is going on.

Just as enjoyable is

that loop through Feestelijk's route. With their shiny wood interiors, they feel like a step into the past. They get overcrowded, sure, but nobody's going that far, and so many people know each other that all the waving and greeting makes it feel like Norm has just arrived at

> Cheers. John Guastella, former cochair of Feestelijk who is still handling publicity for the event, said it's that smalltown feel that makes the

Festival time

riding one of the

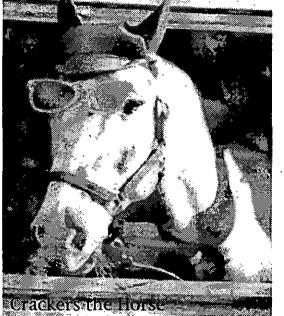
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festival such a success. This is Guastella's fourth year working on Feestelijk, and on Feestelijk. that night, what he feels is pride.

"Everyone comes with their families, and they pop in and out of all the different venues, and we hear so many positive comments," he said. "It's a centrally located festival, it's in our town, which is safe, and it showcases all of our great talent."

Guastella said that in addition to the businesses that donate space for the

venues, many community businesses do- nate to This year's list has 48 donors on it, and there will be 15 differ-

Ven ues. For the first time, a televi-

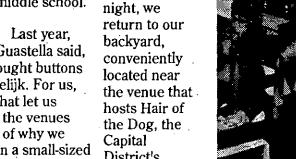
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sion commercial has been running on PAX 55. To avoid a conflict with the high school junior prom, the

Battle of the Bands will be held at Town Hall on the Friday night before Feestelijk. Dean Davis, famed reptile man, will join

the children's entertainment line-up at the Seestelijk middle school.

Guastella said, 2,500 people bought buttons to attend Feestelijk. For us, those buttons that let us wander among the venues are a reminder of why we wanted to live in a small-sized town. Feestelijk grew out of



an idea to help bring the claimed Irish band. We are community closer, and in sated from all the entertainthese troubled times, that's ment, from seeing friends just what we need. It feels and neighbors, and our town

> Everyone comes with their families, and they pop in and out of all the different venues, and we hear so many positive comments.

see people stop and chat with each other - all smiling. It's a rare gift in the course of an evening to be able to listen to a harp, lots of jazz

through

town with spring's

warm breeze

on our faces as evening

falls. It's uplifting to

musicians, some blues, some rock and roll, and some Irish music. For us, that's always the topper. After finally understanding what our grandparents meant when they said they went to Main Street on a Saturday District's highly acitself in a different light. When the tunes that we love so well drift into our backvard, we realize that this. indeed, is home.



Art gallery to host Feestelijk reception

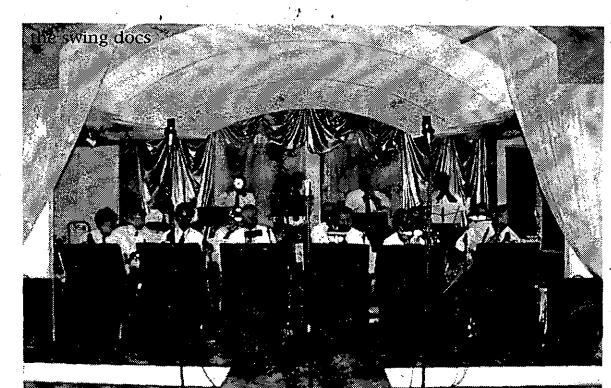
'En Plein Air Hudson Valley Landscapes," a nature gallery, will be the subject of a reception at the Gallery, 121 Adams St., Delmar, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. The gallery is open through Monday, May 27.

The artists featured in the gallery are James Coe, Jim Cramer, Harry McChesney Jr. and Leigh Ann Smith.

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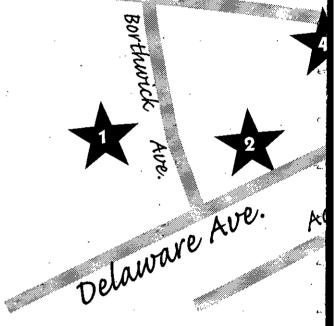


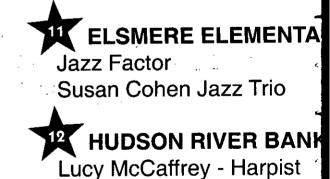
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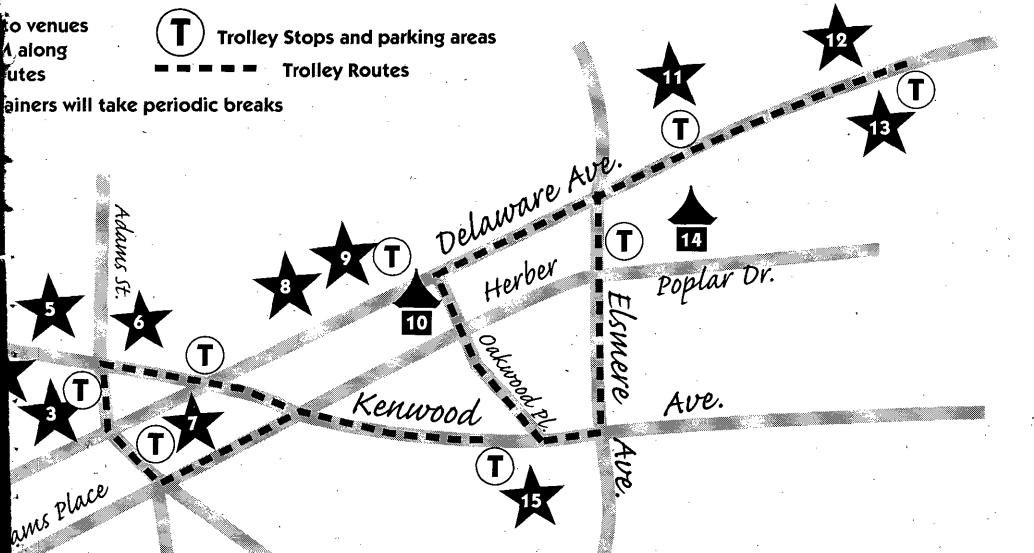
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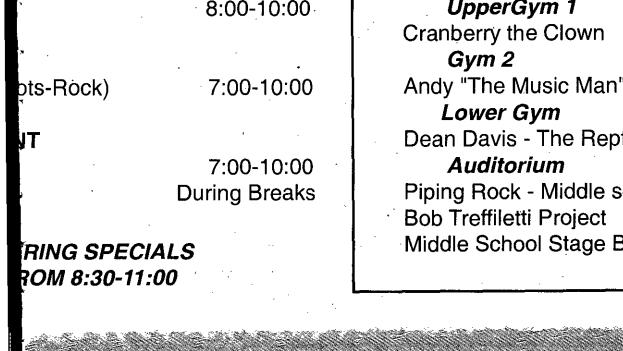
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7:00-9:45 Andy "The Music Man" Morse 6:00-6:30, 7:30-8:00 Dean Davis - The Reptile Man 7:15-7:45, 8:00-8:30 Piping Rock - Middle school choral group 6:30-7:00 Bob Treffiletti Project (Karaoke) 7:05-8:30 Middle School Stage Band 8:40-9:35

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Guitarist set to perform

since the age of 14, is scheduled to play at Feestelijk 2002.

Gonzales, at the age of 23, joined blues musician John Ragusa to form Not Necessary the Blues, a popular group in the Capital

Jeff Gonzales, a gui-tarist District and beyond. They continued touring until 1998. Gonzales then recorded

> Early Morning Blues, which brought him **Seeste**lijk back to his roots. Soon after, he recorded Wood, an acous-

> > tic album of modern folk blues songs.

Local vocalist performs

Barbara C. Eckhaus, a vocalist from Delmar, is scheduled to perform a concert entitled "America in Song," at Feestelijk this year. She has performed in concerts across America, with the Lake George Opera, Tanglewood Music Festival Opera, North Carolina Symphony and Cape Ann Symphony Orchestras.

Eckhaus earned a bachelor's degree in performance from Westminster Choir College, where she performéd with the New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestras. She is also on the voice faculty at Russell Sage College in Troy and has a private studio.

For information, call 439-1748 or e-mail bce@nycap.rr.com.



Masons to conduct child identification program

On Saturday, April 27, from 5 to 8 p.m., area Masons will conduct a child identification program in the Media Center of Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue. The

Juggler Joe performs

Joe Carusone, a juggler from the Bethlehem area, is scheduled to perform at

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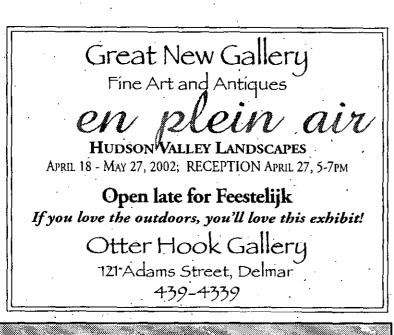
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Feestelijk 2002 on Saturday, April 27. He has juggled at Library Day for the Bethlehem Public Library,

the Albany Therapeutic **Riding Center's graduation** ceremony and in The Village Stage production of Carnival. He also has his own public access show, entitled

Cranberry to perform at feestelijk

Cranberry the Clown, also known as Jan Shoor Potter, is scheduled to perform at Feestelijk. Potter, a professional entertainer, educator and workshop leader, is a College of Saint Rose graduate, who has received many awards for her work as









Dixieland jazz band swings

Skip Parsons, a jazz musician, is scheduled to play at Feestelijk 2002. Born in Albany in 1936, he

began to play clarinet at age 9. In high school he became.

interested in jazz and played many gigs. He then formed



Goldberg performs for local children

Joni Goldberg, a storyteller since 1988, will perform at Feestelijk.

She has a bachelor's in theater from the University at Albany and has studied

the Riverboat 6, or the Riverboat Jazz Band.

Parsons and his band became more popular throughout the '70s, as he was the organizer of the Traditional Jazzfest. He then played at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics in 1980, on international TV. For information,

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Jacob, Hetko perform

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Jacob, a graduate of Boston Conservatory of Music, has played in many classical and jazz venues, including the Boston Conservatory Orchestra, Brooklyn Symphony and Albany Symphony. She is currently second flute for the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra and performs

regularly with Hetko as Duo Dolce.

Hetko, a accomplished guitarist who plays in many ensembles in the Capital District, is part of The Stomplistics and the Ernie Williams' Wildcats.

He won second prize in the LA Hilton Stores "Best Guitarist" competition, and has served as a publicist and president for the Capital **District Classical Guitar** Society.



Psychic to appear

Tita, a psychic reader with a nationally syndicated radio show, is scheduled to appear at Feestelijk. She is a modern day witch, and author of TitaScopes, an astrological forecast column.

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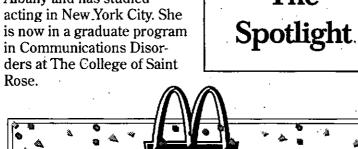


Goldberg has been a guest on the WAMC Storytelling Festival and has performed at the Capital Region Tellabration.

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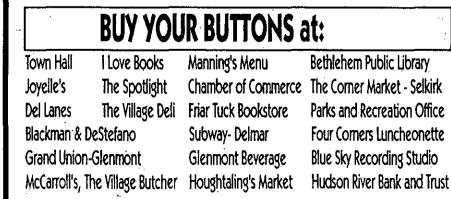
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St. Thomas excels



The St. Thomas seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball team finished second in the Albany CYO league with a record of 11-3. The team is, from left, (front) Meghann Walsh, Laura Harkell, Emily Drazan, Alyssa Strohecker, Marianne Schwab, Justine Lescarbeau and Maria Mahar. Back: coach Chuck St. Lucia, Martha Grady, Jackei Moreau, Clare Browne, Martha Kelly, Caitlyn Traver, Theresa Amodeo and coach John Hooper. Missing from picture: Nicole Volpi.

Upcoming Sports Sc

WED., APRIL 24

BASEBALL

Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Mechanicville, 4 p.m. Voorheesville at Cobleskill, 4:15 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE**

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 4 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS**

Bethlehem at Saratoga, 4 p.m. SOFTBALL

Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.

Schalmont at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

BOYS TENNIS

Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.

Voorheesville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m. **GIRLS LACROSSE**

Bethlehem at Columbia, 4 p.m

TRACK AND FIELD

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at

Schalmont, 4 p.m. Voorheesville at Cohoes, 4 p.m

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

BASEBALL

Averill Park at Bethlehem, 4 p.m. Lansingburgh at Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cohoes, 4 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE**

Bethlehem at Columbia, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Averill Park at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

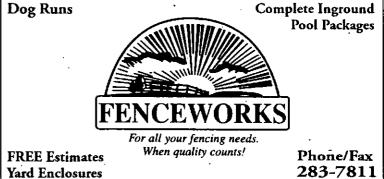
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Watervliet, 4 p.m.

Voorheesville at Cohoes, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

SOFTBALL

Cobleskill at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 10 a.m. Lansingburgh at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.



• Umar leads Eagles to Albright title

lead the Bethlehem boys track and field team to the overall title at last Saturday's Albright Invitational at Albany Academy.

Umar claimed first place in the long jump and triple jump, and Darnell Douglas and Eric Tur**ner** added individual victories to help the Eagles edge Colonie Central 97-94 for the team title.

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ing field athlete at the meet. He also had a third-place finish in the high jump with a height of 5-feet, track athlete. David Whydra 10-inches. Douglas won the 400-meter

jump to earn the most outstand-

race with a time of 52.4 seconds,

and Turner claimed victory in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a time of 59.7 seconds. Umar had a leap of 20-feet, 9-Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk inches to win the long jump and a took third place in the team stand-7ad)/A HEATING & COOLING CO. INC. "Our Business is Your Comfort" www.adams-heating.com



Rafiq Umar won two events to 43-foot, 4-inch effort in the triple ings with 74 points. The Indians were led by C.J. Berghela, who won the 100- and 200-meter dashes and was named the outstanding added a victory in the 3,200.





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MONDAY, APRIL 15

BASEBALL BETHLEHEM 1, COLONIE CEN-TRAL o

Bethlehem highlights: Brendan Hughes pitched completegame two-hitter, scored lone run on Jim Morrill's RBI single. **GIRLS LACROSSE**

BETHLEHEM 7, SARATOGA 4

Scoring: Bethlehem — Brianna Bubeck 2-0, Katelyn Primomo 2-0, Katie Wagoner 1-0, Kristin Link I-2, Amy O'Donnell 0-2, Mackenzie Riegel 1-0. Saves: Bethlehem - Dani Blanchard 8. SOFTBALL

COLONIE 4, BETHLEHEM 2

Bethlehem highlights: Jessica Urschel pitched complete game.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

BOYS LACROSSE QUEENSBURY 10, BETHLEHEM 7 Scoring: Bethlehem - Pat Heenan 0-1, Andrew Kelleher 1-0, Erik Lowery 0-1, Tom Trimarchi 2-0, Aaron Griffin 1-

1, Jon McCardle 1-1, Pat Riegel 1-0, Jim Mochringer 1-0.

WED., APRIL 17 GIRLS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 18, GUILDERLAND 3 Scoring: Bethlehem --- Brianna Bubeck 4-1, Cecilia Corrigan 1-0, Kristin Link 4-1, Kate Metevia 1-1, Amy O'Donnell 2-0, Katelyn Primomo I-0,

Mackenzie Riegel 1-0, Kate Rowan 1-1, Katie Wagoner 3-1. Guilderland — Lisa Kreckeler 2-0. Katie Kuzman 0-1. Clare Schwan 1-0: Saves: Bethlehem — Dani Blanchard 5. Guilderland ----Megân Pawlawski 8.

SOFTBALL

BETHLEHEM 3, NISKAYUNA 2 Bethlehem highlights: Jen Marro RBI single.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

BASEBALL BETHLEHEM 17, NISKAYUNA 4

AT COOPERSTOWN Bethlehem highlights: Cameron Brown and Matt Young, double, single; Mark



Bethlehem's Josie Klersy pitches the ball during last Wednesday's Suburban Council game against Niskayuna. The Lady Eagles edged the Silver Warriors 3-2. Rob Jonas

Bulger 2 hits. BOYS LACROSSE BETHLEHEM 15, BALLSTON SPA

Scoring: Bethlehem — Chris Abbott 0-1, Jon Bartow 1-0, Aaron Griffin 1-1, Pat Heenan 3-4. Andrew Kelleher 2-0. Erik Lowery 0-1, Nate Panucci 1-0, Pat Riegal 4-0, Tom Trimarchi 3-2

Saves: Bethlehem — Stephan Kidalowski 7, John Thibdeau 7. **GIRLS LACROSSE**

BETHLEHEM 13, BALDWINSVILLE 10

Scoring: Bethlehem — Brianna Bubeck 5-2, Kristin Link 5-0, Katie Wagoner 2-1, Emily Cohen 1-0 Saves: Bethlehem — Dani Blanchard 18.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD



Berghela (100 and 200 dashes), David Whydra (3,200).

GIRLS LACROSSE BETHLEHEM 9, FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS 8

Scoring: Bethlehem — Katie Wagoner 3-0, Kristin Link 4-1, Brianna Bubeck 1-1, Katie Rowan 0-1, Mackenzie Riegel 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem - Dani Blanchard 6.

Road runners club slates Mother's Day race in Delmar

Runners Club will hold its annual Mother's Day Race Sunday, May also be held, starting at 11 a.m. 12, at 10 a.m.

women and girls begins at Hamagrael School in Delmar.



The Hudson Mohawk Road Children's races of 200 meters, one-half mile and one mile will

Awards will be presented to The 3.5-mile road race for the top three finishers overall and to winners in each age group. The first three mother-daughter teams will also receive awards.

> Registration will be held until-9:45 a.m. the day of the race. The entry fee is \$10 per person, and the first 100 runners to register will receive a commemorative gift.

For information, call 435-4500 or visit the club's Web site at www.hmrrc.com.

Freihofer's race scheduled June 1

The annual Freihofer's Run for Women will take place June 1 in downtown Albany.

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The entry fee for the 5K race is \$20 before April 30, \$25 before May 30 and \$30 before May 31. There will be no day-of-race registration.

Registration forms are available at Price Chopper stores or at the event's Web site at www. freihofersrun.com.

For information, call 273-5552 or e-mail info@freihofersrun.com.

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Stephanie Ermides and Sean Walsh

Ermides, Walsh to wed

of the late Helen Ermides and Savas Ermides of Guilderland, and Sean Walsh, son of Mary Ellen and John Walsh of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

Guilderland High School and Services. Junior College of Albany.

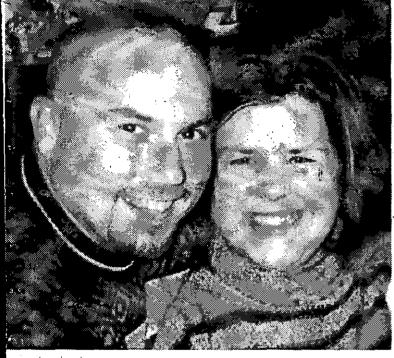
She is a site director of wedding.

Stephanie Ermides, daughter Childcare for the Guilderland YMCA.

> The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He is a senior computer programmer/analyst for the state The bride-to-be is a graduate of Office of Children & Family

The couple plans a Sept. 21



Patrick Honda and Catherine Winne

•• Winne, Honda to marry

Catherine Winne, daughter of Bethlehem Central High School. renda Winne of Feura Bush and he late Paul Winne, and Patrick Honda, son of Ruth Honda of coxsackie and the late Allen Honda, are engaged to be married.

The future groom is a graduate of Coxsackie-Athens High School and Schenectady County Community College.

The couple plans a Aug. 24

Rochester Institute of Technology Dan Xeller of Delmar.

Dean's List

BCHS grad given advertising citation

Daniel Xeller of Delmarm was awarded a citation from the **Rochester Advertising Founda**tion at the 2002 Addy Awards.

The citation was awarded in the Student: Consumer or Trade Ad category for his Singles Dating in Rochester campaign. Out of 470 total entries, 74 were awarded citations and 32 were awarded Addy trophies.

The Rochester Advertising Federation Addy Awards is an annual celebration that calls for the best advertising in Rochester. More than 100 companies submitted entries this year.

Local student receives scholarship

Blair Debes, a Union College Class of 2002 sociology major, has received a scholarship award at Union College.

Debes, a resident of Voorheesville, is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Jr-Sr High School.

Debes received the Marian A. Baciewicz Scholarship award. This scholarship was established in October 1980 by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Baciewicz in memory of their daughter, Marian, a 1977 Union biochemi-stry graduate.

The scholarship is awarded annually to a female member of Union College's senior class who has espoused a goal of furthering of human understanding.

Delmar resident earns college award

William Miles Nathan of Delmar has won a Presidential Scholarship from Wake Forest University for extraordinary achievement in music.

Nathan, the son of Myra Nathan of Delmar and Ronald Nathan of Latham, attends Bethlehem Central High School:

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Valerie Wells and Ensign John Kuta

Wells, Kuta engaged

Elaine and James Wells of Equinunk, Pa., and Ensign John Kuta, son of Mary Ellen and Ed-ward Kuta of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of

Valerie Wells, daughter of graduate from Villanova University in May.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Villanova University. He is an aviator in the Navy.

The couple plans a Sept. 14

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Bethlehem Youth Hockey to hold pre-registration

Bethlehem Youth Hockey will hold pre-registration for the 2002-03 season on the following dates: Wednesday, May 1, Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 19, at the BIG Arena, 900 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Registration will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. for both house and travel teams. Please bring a \$75 check made out to Bethlehem Youth Hockey and a copy of your child's birth certificate.

ituaries

Elizabeth Moak

Elizabeth "Betty" Scoons Moak, 76, of Slingerlands died Sunday, April 21, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. Moak for manager of the former Sander's Restaurant in Slingerlands for many years.

She was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion auxiliary and the Bethlehem Memorial Post No. 3185 auxiliary.

She enjoyed summers in the Adirondacks with her family and friends.

She was the widow of William J. Moak.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandra Rarick, Julie Irving and Sharon LaBelle; two sons, Daniel Moak and David Moak; a sister Carol Wilson; a brother, Gerald Scoons; and 11 grandchildren.

Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Heart Institute of Albany Medical Center, 47 New Scotland Ave.., Albany 12208.

Steven Pardee

Steven Pardee, 50, of Delmar died Wednesday, April 10, in Knox.

Born in Margaretville, Delaware County, he was a graduate of Downsville Central School. He was the valedictorian of his graduating class.

He was a graduate of Clarkson University with a degree in civil engineering.*

Mr. Pardee worked for the Department state of Transportation for the past 29 years. He was a registered professional engineer for 25 vears.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the State Services were from the Association of Transportation.

Applebee Funeral Home in Engineers and the Public an avid golfer. **Employees Federation.**

> Survivors include his mother, Mary Kennedy Ryan. Elsie Pardee of Downsville; a son, Ethan Matthew Pardee of Unionville, Conn.; his fiancee, Danielle Resso of Binghamton; a brother Richard Pardee of Delhi; and a sister, Barbara Leon of Americus, Ga.

Services were private.

Burial was in Paige Cemetery in Downsville.

Contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S.D. 57326.

Charles Ryan

Charles J. "Todd" Ryan, 84, of Clifton Park and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, April 16, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Colonie, he attended Vincentian Institute.

Mr. Ryan worked for Penn Albany. Central, retiring as a brakeman after 30 years of service.

He was a member of Saratoga Elks and the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Glens Falls. He was

He was husband of the late

Survivors include six sons, Michael J. Ryan of Delmar, Charles A. Ryan of Chesapeake, Va., Paul J. Ryan of Saratoga Springs, Dennis W. Ryan of Ocala, Fla., Lawrence E. Ryan of Damascus, Md., and Stephen F. Ryan of East Greenbush; four daughters, Marilyn Corbitt and Eileen Cronin, both of Albany, Sheila Farmer of Chesapeake, Va., and Marybeth Conrad of Loudonville; 25 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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

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

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in

Contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, 385 Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham 12110.

Place yard debris on edge of roadway

The Bethlehem Police Department is requesting that yard debris be placed at the edge of the road, not in the roadway during spring cleanup.

Town Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph said placing debris on the edge of the road will not interfere with pickups.

Placing debris in the roadway constitutes a violation of the law and creates a hazardous situation for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Grange to dish up chicken & biscuits

The Bethlehem Grange will serve a Chicken & Biscuit dinner on Saturday, May 4, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Takeouts will be available.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

The grange is located on Route 396 at Beckers Corners, and it is handicapped accessible.

For information, call 767-3342.

Children's school to hold fund-raiser

Bethlehem Children's School will host a Night on the Town fund-raiser on Saturday, May 4, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at Harris A. Sanders Architects at 252 Washington Ave., Albany.

Music, wine and beer tasting, desserts and a silent auction are all on the evening's agenda.

Greg Henderson's Street Jazz Ensemble will perform.

The cost is \$20 per person. For reservations, call 478-0224.

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Holy Names receives *\$75K foundation grant*

The Troy Savings Bank Applications for admission have awarded a \$75,000 grant to the 1997. Academy of the Holy Names.

The foundation contributed \$50,000 to the school's capital campaign to support its \$4.2 million renovation and expansion project. The major renovation and expansion project was prompted in part by the growing demand for admission to the school.

Charitable Foundation has increased by 34 percent since

In addition, the foundation awarded \$25,000 to the school's Partners in Education scholarship program. The program was established to sponsor and fund minority and economically disadvantaged students who qualify for school admission.



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family ENTE AŘS Е Ε R Τ-S 8 \mathbf{N} R Т А \sim T F----Pulitzer Prize winner Baker to visit UAlbany



Trail connects tourists to history

By JOSEPH A, PHILLIPS

With history-oriented tourism. growing, a new regional promotional campaign has been launched to promote New York's concentration of historical sites related to America's

journey from colonial outpost to mationhood — and upstate will be a big. beneficiary of the promotional push.

A private not-for-profit group. organized principally by businessmen in the Lake George and Glens Falls area and partially funded by New York state, has created an interactive Web site, distributed hundreds of thousands of brochures and begun a television and radio campaign touting the New York Independence Trail — a string of 43 historical sites from Staten Island to

Quèbec.

gathering the story of the two colonial conflicts into one thread three years ago. "In time, I believe this Independence Trail can become as successful in promoting the history of this area as the Civil War battle sites are at working

together," he said. The innovation of the Independence Trail is to link sites together and promote them as one, offering history-buff tourists a chance to see the whole picture. In particular, the Trail introduces visitors to sites on the way to the betterdeveloped attractions, but a little off the beaten track, with which they might be unfamiliar.

For example:

 Bloody Pond, near Queensbury. Only an historical marker on the shoulder of Route 9 denotes a crucialbattle in which local colonists defeated

By BILL FONDA

Ithough two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and political commentator SSELL Russell

Baker has been the host of PBS "Masterpiece Theatre" since 1994, he rarely gives talks or speeches.

"I'm retired," he said. "I retired from newspaper work at the end of the century."

However, Baker will leave his northern Virginia home to visit Albany Thursday, April 25, holding an informal seminar at 4 p.m. in the performing arts center on the University at Albany's uptown campus and a reading at Page Hall

Russell Baker will hold an informal seminar Thursday, April 25th at 4 p.m. in the performing arts center on UAlbany's uptown campus. Mr Baker will also hold a reading at Page Hall on the university's downtown campus at 8 p.m.

sincluded in the Independence Trail -

successfully delayed for a year the

British strategy to drive south from

Canada and split the United States.

Albany's South End, not far from

where the surrendered British

anniversary.

Schuyler Mansion, Albany, In

Cherry Hill, it was the family home of one of New York's delegates to the Continental Congress and the place

commander at Saratoga, "Gentleman"

battle. The historic site is planning a

recreation of the event this October, in

With the Saratoga anniversary sure

commemoration of the battle's 225th

to bring history buffs upstate this

summer and fall, the Trail could

Johnny" Burgoyne, was held after the

on the university's downtown campus at 8 p.m.

The events are sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute, and Baker said he agreed to AKER'S BOOKOF BOOKOF speak because of an AMERICAN

"When you're invited to associate with people like William Kennedy, you go," Baker said. "He's a very special writer. I'm well-read in Kennedy, and I admire him." Baker has written or edited 17. books, including his 1983

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autobiography "Growing Up," which earned him his second Pulitzer. From 1962 to 1998, he wrote the "Observer" column for the New York Times, winning a Pulitzer in 1979 for distinguished commentary.

In addition to his work for the New York Times Magazine, Sports Illustrated, the Saturday Evening Post and McCall's, his column "How to

XAKER memoirs and writing for television, and plans to read from his works in each.

"Basically, that's what I have in mind," he said. "I'll read enough to illustrate the points I want to make.'

And although Baker is known for his

Hypnotize Yourself into Forgetting the Vietnam War" was turned into a film for PBS by Eli Wallach.

While in Albany, Baker said he will talk about journalism.

The sites — roughly two dozen of which are in the Northeast - mark important events and figures in the twoconflicts that led to the birth of the United States: the Revolutionary War and the colonial struggle that preceded it, the French and Indian War.

The latter conflict is not well understood by many historical tourists. While the region is dotted with important Revolutionary War sites like Saratoga, upstâte New York was also a key frontier flashpoint during the conflict between Britain and France for colonial domination two decades before the War of Independence - and has the historic sites to prove it.

"The taking of a colonial empire by the British laid the foundation for the birth of an independent nation," said Frank Garofalo. A Glens Falls grocer, he originated the trail concept of

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French invaders in 1755. According to local tradition, the carnage turned the waters of this pond crimson, earning it its gruesome nickname.

 Cooper's Cave, South Glens Falls. On a bluff overlooking the Hudson River, this secluded rock shelter gave refuge to combatants fleeing Fort William Henry after a French victory during the French and Indian War. The site, made famous by James Fenimore Cooper in his novel The Last of the Mohicans," can still be visited.

 Skenesborough Museum, Whitehall. Miles from any ocean, this Warren County town claims the title Birthplace of the American Navy," and the museum's exhibits tell the tale. General Benedict Arnold built a fleet of makeshift vessels there that sailed against the British Fleet on Lake Champlain in 1776. Arnold's victory off Valcour Island — another historic site

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of sites - omitting, for instance, Rensselaer's Fort Crailo, reputedly the birthplace of the colonial song "Yankee Doodle Dandy" - Garofalo said it will be only the beginning.

provide a timely boost for local tourism.

While the Trail is not a definitive list

The plan calls for expanding the list and launching a national promotional campaign, not to mention documentaries, educational materials for schools, and amenities like parking and picnic tables at the less-developed

sites. Information on the Independence Trail, including suggestions for regional mini tours and links to related sites, can be obtained at the Web site "www.independencetrail.org". There is also a toll-free line, 1-866-OUR TRAIL (687-8724), and brochures are also available at many participating historical sites, and at Thruway rest stops, hotels and other tourisminformation displays. <u> Willia</u>

humorous works, he said he is not on the level of Bob Hope or "Saturday Night Live," so it will be a bonus if the audience finds what he says to be funny.

"You're always glad if somebody laughs," he said. "I hope somebody might chuckle."

Baker is also looking forward to interacting with his audiences, as he does not think people will want to hear. him do all the talking.

"You've got to give people a chance to talk," he said. "I like to get feedback from people." -

Both the seminar and the reading are free and open to the public. For information, call 442-5620 or visit the institute's Web site at www.albany.edu/ writers-inst.

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MAGNA CARTA

new historical musical, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, Ihrough May 1, \$17, \$14 for seniors, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256

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CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

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ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENT CLASSES

fiddle, ouitar, banio, pennywhistle, hammered dulcimer and bodhran, sixweek sessions on Tuesday evenings at the ROI Smith Center, Route 155. Guilderland, sponsored by Old Songs, \$75. Information, 765-2815.

DANCE CLASSES

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

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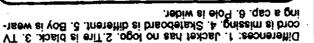
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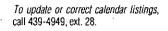
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Wed. 4/24

BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-4:30 p.m. Also Mon.

Information, 439-0503.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

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

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BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND STORY TIME AT LIBRARY

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

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

Thurs. 4/25

BETHLEHEM **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Volunteers must be 17 or older: 9 a.m. -2 n.m. Bethlehem Central High School. 70 Delaware Ave., Delmar: call for appointment, 462-7461, ext. 815.

'CLUCK, QUACK & MOO' Story hour for toddlers, Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10 a.m. Also Friday, 5/26. Registration, 439-9314.

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

NEW SCOTLAND POETRY PROGRAM AT LIBRARY Every Other Thursday Night Poets, Vooheesville 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 CHILD OBESITY WORKSHOP

Effects and risk factors; stategies for modelling healthy habits; tips for lifestyle changes. Cornell Cooperative Extension, William Rice Extension Center, 24 Martin road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3500.

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 **BIRD WALK AT FIVE RIVERS** Celebrating John James Audubon's birthday; field study of grounds; dress for outdoors, bring binoculars and field guides if possible. Five rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

CHILD I.D. PROGRAM

To provide video and information to assist in future searches for missing or abducted children. Sponsored by NYS Masons; Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, 5-8 p.m. Parents must accompany children.

FEESTELIJK

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Volunteers must be 17 or older; 8 a.m. -1 p.m., Voorheeesville Fire Dept., 12 Altamont Road, Voorheesville; call for appointment, 756-3309

deceased brothers and sisters; 10:30 a.m., child-care available, luncheon to follow. 1 Chapel Lane, behind Selkirk # 2 Firehouse, Glenmont. Public welcome. Information, 436-7710.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and

Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10 :30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

DELMAR REFORMED

and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contempo-

rary worship at 5:30 p.m. with

children's program. Nursery care

available at all worship times. 386

Worship services 9 & 10:45 a.m.;

nursery and Sunday School through

5th grade provided at both services.

201 Eim Ave, Information, 439-3135.

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship

service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee

767-9953

439-4407.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

hour, 65 Willowbrook Ave. Information,

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday

school and nursery, home groups,

group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information,

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11

Schoolhouse Road, North Bethlehem.

Sunday school and worship service,

11 a.m., child-care provided, 428

9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship

Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning

evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W,

Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m.,

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

a.m. and 6 p.m. Krumkill Road at

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11

a.m., fellowship hour after worship;

child-care provided, vespers 7 p.m.

Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk.

Information, 767-2243.

women's Bible studies and youth

Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. worship service and church school, 10 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. nursery care, assistive listening devices, Information, 439-1766. handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and Sunday School and worship service, 9 coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information. 439-9252.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,

SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10

a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware

KING'S CHAPEL

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF

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Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and

Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-

Traditional Baptist Bible service, 10

a.m.: 434 Route 9W. just south of -

Glenmont Road, Glenmont, Informa-

Ave. Information, 439-2512.

tion, 426-9955.

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

LECTURE AND CONCERT "The Last Rose of Summer: The Art And Times of the American Partor Guitar, with educator David Raphaelson. Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

'VOICES OF HOPE'

10th annual musical fest sponsored by Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless: First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 4 p.m. Freewill offering. Information, 434-8021.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Services Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mill Road, Normansville, beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-5710.

NEW SCOTLAND ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday

at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service 10:15 a.m. Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-



UNIONVILLE REFORMED

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided. Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

FAITH TEMPLE Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship service, 10:30 a.m., fellowship following worship service; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided; 2010 New Scotland Road. New Scotland, Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

JERUSALEM REFORMED

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

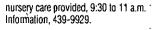
FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2021.

THE DRAGON'S EGG Welsh language group of the Saint

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

<u>Mon. 4/29</u>

BETHLEHEM **MOTHERS' TIME OUT** Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.



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

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK TALK

"Harriet The Soy," by Louise Fitzhugh. For girls grade 4 and up and mothers or caregivers. Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Eismere

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.

environmental conservation, 310

tion, 439-4205.

Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Informa-

EXPLORER POST 157 For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

Spring Concert, classical, pops, show

Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Free.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

Tues. 4/30

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GET 1 FULL YEAR

Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar,

7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5318 or

Glenmont Community Church, Weiser

Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m.

meeting. Information, 449-2210.

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W, 7:30

First United Methodist Church, 428

Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

a.m. Information, 767-2930

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85,

New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information,

tunes. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445

Information, 439-7749.

765-4410.

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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scolland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386

ART WORKSHOP AT LIBRARY

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

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SUPPER

Food served at 5 and 6:15 p.m.; accompanying bake sale, 4:30 p.m. to closing. Adults \$8.50, children 5-10 \$4, under 5 free. Takeout available. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush. Reservations, 439-2212 or 439-6693.

Sun. 4/28

BETHLEHEM ANNUAL RECOGNITION SERVICE AT GLENMONT COMMUNITY REFORMED Service of Recognition for Police and

firefighters, honoring our fallen and

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LEGAL NOTICE. PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is 1859 State Street, LLC (hereinafter referred

to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State

on April 4, 2002. THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is

Albany, FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1859 State Street. LLC. 236 Westchester Drive South, Delmar, New York 12054.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052, unless said period is further extended by amendment of this Agreement or sooner terminated in accordance with this Aareement.

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any law-ful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (April 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 3. The principal office of the lim-

ited liability company is in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is des-

ignated as the agent of the 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 24; 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 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of AIR-serv Group, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/4/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE.

riod of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NO-TICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 8th day of May, 2002 at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York

at 8:00 p.m., EDT. Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2002 to fill vacan-cies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, War-ren Stoker and Robin Storey and petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2002, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Susan Birkhead, must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., EDT, April 22, 2002

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon the followina:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the esti-mated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. For the election of three (3) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years, all commencing July 1, 2002, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Warren Stoker and Robin Storey;

3. Upon the appropriation of \$1,109,400 to purchase fifteen (15) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor; 4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes there-

for; 5. For the election of one (1) trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years com-mencing July 1, 2002, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Sujan Birkhead. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that application for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 21, 2002, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be available at the polling place on May 21, 2002. Steven O'Shea

School District Clerk Dated: March 13, 2002

Publish dates: April 3, 24, May 1, 15, 2002

(April 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE.

tion: 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., Al-bany, 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 Secv. of State. Corp. Dept., Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activ-

(April 24, 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 li ability companies may be orga-nized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (April 24, 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: Al-bany 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 Ser-vice 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 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of COMPAT-**IBLE CONNECTIONS, LLC. Arts** of Org. filed with Secy. of State of (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. Pur-pose: any lawful activity. (April 24, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE OF COMPLETION of TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

(PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 505 and 1526 of THE REAL PROP-EBTY TAX LAW)

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTY OF ALBANY HAS COMPLETED THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND THAT A COPY HAS BEEN LEFT WITH THE OFFICE OF ASSESSOR AT 445 DELAWARE AVENUE, DEL MAR, NEW YORK, WHERE IT MAY BE SEEN AND EXAMINED BY ANY INTERESTED PERSON FROM THE 1st of MAY UNTIL

MAY 28th. THE ASSESSOR WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE TEN-TATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY **BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30** A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. - WEDNES-DAY, MAY 22, 8:30 A.M. - 7 P.M. AND THE FOLLOWING SATUR-DAYS, MAY 11 AND MAY 18, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON. THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW WILL MEET ON MAY 28, 2002 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON AND 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M., IN SAID TOWN, TO HEAR AND EXAM-INEALL COMPLAINTS IN RELA-TION TO ASSESSMENTS, ON THE APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON BELIEVING HIMSELF TO BE AGGRIEVED. DATED THIS 24th of APRIL 2002. M. DAVID LEAFER

LEGAL NOTICE.

("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 orga-nized under the LLCL. (April 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Conesus Power Boat LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State 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 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of filing of articles of organization of a limited liability com-pany ("LLC") named Conroy Re-alty 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 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 pro-cess may be served. Principal off of LP: 4200 International Parkway, Carrollton, TX 75007. Name/ address of each genl. ptr. avail-able from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NV Secy. of State, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 24, 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 Sec-retary 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 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (April 24, 2002)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election

LEGAL NOTICE.

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 peti-

tions 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 Pfleiderer District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT at said hearing of the quali-fied voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Al-bany, 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 2002-2003 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 Ŵarner.

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 dur-

ing 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 the petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Library Board must be filed with the Clerk of the ibrary Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Library Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidates and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the iength 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 hould be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District

dissolve is December 31, 2052. FOURTH: The secretary of state

THIRD: The latest date on which

the limited liability company is to

LEGAL NOTICE

is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. he 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 com-

pany 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 24, 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 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of LLC is GEYERCOMM, LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organiza-tion 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. 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 24, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Gordon Residential Development, LP of formation of a Limited

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND, COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem entral Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the pe-

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 pro-cess 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 24, 2002)

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ASSESSOR TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (April 24, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Condor Fire Sprinkler Co., LLC

HEREBY GIVEN ICE IS 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 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 Voorheesville, New York 12186 Gail Sacco, Clerk

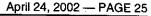
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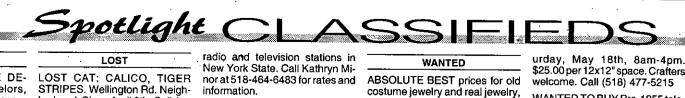
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FIRST **COLUMBIA WESTERN LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: FIRST CO-LUMBIA WESTERN LLC. SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

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 24, 2002)

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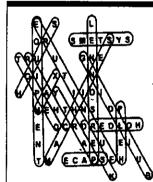
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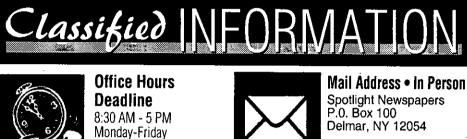
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The name of the LP is GREEN-WICH PARTNERS, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 6, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to 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 24, 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 24, 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. Of-fice 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 LEGAL NOTICE.

NH Secy. of State, 25 Capitol St., Concord, NH 03301. Purpose: insurance services and related activities (April 24, 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 upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corpora-tion Service Co., 80 State St., Al-bany, 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, Federat & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 24, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A **REGISTERED LIMITED** PARTNERSHIP (LP)

name of the LP 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 ac-The office of the LP is to be tivity. 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 24, 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 des-ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC,

LEGAL NOTICE. 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 pur-

pose. (April 24, 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: Al bany 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 24, 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 66095. Arts. of Org. on fife with CT Secy. of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: claim management services and third party claim administration services

(April 24, 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 desig-

LEGAL NOTICE. nated 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 24, 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: 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 Ser-vice 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 activ-

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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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: REPUBLIC MANAGE-MENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary

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of State of New York (SSNY) on

03/12/02. Office location: Albany

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy

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ington Avenue Extension, Albany,

New York 12203. Purpose: For

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: REPUBLIC VENTURES,

LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Susan K. Gibbons, M.D., PLLC ("PLLC"), a professional services limited li-

ability company, was filed with the Secretary of New York ("SSNY")

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of TAN Leasing, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 12, 2002, effec-tive 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, 25 Mason Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. 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 LLCL. (April 24, 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, Al-bany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (April 24, 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 Liabil-ity 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 Com-pany is 1997 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (April 24, 2002)

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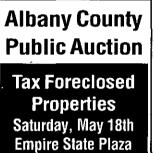
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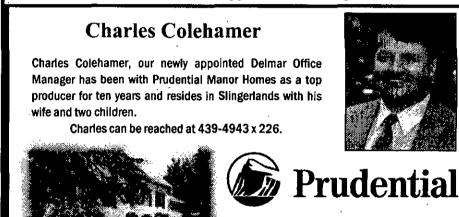


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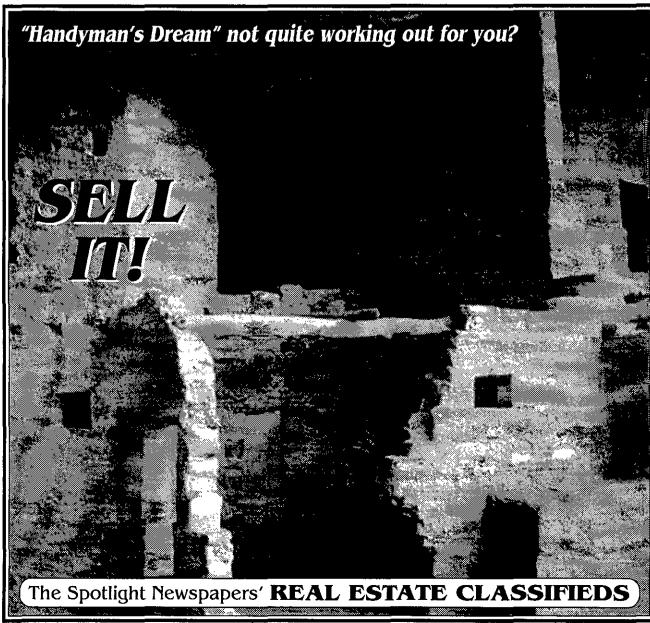




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5) ELECTRIC **GADGETS** - Every door should be opened and closed, every window rolled up and down, every light turned on and off, the radio and tape player should be played and every switch should be applied to ensure proper function. The heater, air-conditioner and defogger should all be tested for efficiency.

6) HIGH US-AGE ITEMS -Tires, doorsills, pedals and seat belts should be looked over closely to make sure their wear coincides with the mileage. The seller could be trying to hide actual wear and tear if these items do not comply.

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8) MAINTE-NANCE RE-**CEIPTS & DOCU-**MENTS -A technician can evaluate the

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The 2002-03 proposal comes on the heels of a 2001-02 contingency budget adopted after voters twice rejected a proposed spending plan last spring. This year's plan also comes against the backdrop of tightening state aid, a shaky economy and a string of pending challenges from the district's business taxpayers that could have an impact on future school budgets.

"What I'm asking people to do this year is look at the budget closely and compare it to other districts in the area," said Superintendent Robert Drake. "I hope the public really realizes the effort we have had to go through to keep this budget increase down.

Judged by that standard, the proposed RCS tax hike is a modest one. The state School **Boards Association reported** recently that districts statewide project an average 12 percent tax increase this year, with metropolitan districts more heavily impacted.

All districts face reduced levels of educational aid from the state stemming from the burdens of Sept. 11, coupled with greater uncertainty in the wake of last year's state "baseline budget" debacle, where supplemental aid that districts depend on — and assume in their spring budget projections - never came.

"This is probably one of the most difficult years in terms of

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revenues that we've ever had," Drake said.

The loss of supplemental aid last fall forced many districts to dip into reserves and to reduce their dependence on that aid in the budgeting process this year by cutting costs and raising local taxes. With the level of school aid in the final budget more unpredictable than ever. this year's late state budget though the state's 18th straight has "been a frustrating thing, the timing of it," said district business

administrator David Weiser. With an estimated 42 percent of the district's revenues coming from state aid, "It's absolutely ludicrous that we have to put a budget in place by May, but they haven't met their deadline in years," added Drake.

Among the more serious aid reductions this year is a change in the building aid formula, stretching out into the future the rate at which districts are reimbursed for construction costs. With RCS in the second year of a huge rebuilding program approved by district voters and affecting all of the district's facilities, that stretchout will raise debt costs for years to come.

Another future revenue-side issue is the mounting list of major industrial taxpayers in the district seeking tax breaks. According to Weiser, five of the district's 10 top taxpayers have filed or are about to file challenges to their

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Selkirk and Owens Corning in the Selkirk business district, and in Ravena, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and the Albany Water District.

The largest challenge comes from the district's biggest taxpayer, CSX, operator of the Selkirk rail yards - alone responsible for roughly \$600,000 in tax revenue a year. CSX has challenged the valuation of all of its rail properties statewide in federal court. As one of CSX's 10 biggest property-tax recipients, the RCS district was one of the defendants in that suit — which has further burdened the district with the cost of litigation.

'We are hoping for a legislative solution to that lawsuit," said Weiser. "But we were hoping we were close to that last year." Another possible revenue loss could result from a proposed agreement between the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and a would-be new industrial tenant in Selkirk — Topic A at an RCS school board meeting this past Monday, April 22, held at the RCS Middle School.

IDA chairman Michael Tucker and David Buicko, general manager of the Galesi Group, made a presentation on Galesi's plan to buy and renovate a warehouse at 158 West Yard Road, near Feura Bush, for computer products distributor Daisytek International.

incentive As an for undertaking the \$15 million project, Galesi and Daisytek seek a package of tax incentives from

assessments, including GE the IDA, including a 15-year involving a brand-new industrial payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement on the purchase of the property. The agreement would give Galesi an 85 percent exemption from property taxes in the first year of the deal reducing in five-percent steps each year to 10 percent by year 15, and full taxation in year 16.

> Buicko said that the company is also considering filing its own challenge on the property's current assessment, though he pledged it would not come until next year at the earliest.

Tucker Buicko and emphasized that the Daisytek project, if it moves forward, is projected to create 300 new jobs not relocated employees, but jobs from scratch — in the next five to 10 years, and "they have made a commitment to concentrate their job search efforts in the community," Buicko said.

But the magnitude of the Daisytek tax break took some of the board members aback.

'Everyone in this community is going to have to pick up the baggage of 15 years of tax reductions," said board member Sara Hafensteiner. Board president Gerald DeLuca added that's "extremely scary to us."

"I feel a little bit like Casanova is coming to town, and we're about to be the jilted lover," said board member Linda Marshall. "I feel we are going to have mud on our faces for a long, long time."

A particular concern, said Howard Shaffer, is that, unlike a typical PILOT agreement property, the Daisytek proposal involves an existing, assessed property that will reduce its tax payments if the deal is approved.

'This PILOT program will actually reduce our tax base, rather than bring in new tax base at a low starting level," he said.

Tucker acknowledged those and other concerns raised by the board. The 85 percent, 15 year agreement proposed, he said, is a significant deviation from the IDA's standard 10-year, 50percent model, and "Several IDA members have indicated in public meetings that it is a bit aggressive, including myself. I don't believe this is going to get approved at the level that this is being asked for.'

A public hearing on the Galesi/ Daisytek proposal is set for Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m at Bethlehem town hall, and Tucker urged the district to send representatives to attend it. He also pledged to open a dialogue with district officials, modelled on the relationship with the neighboring Bethlehem district during PILOT negotiations with PSEG Power over the Bethlehem Energy Center project last year.

Daisytek could be the first of several PILOT projects to come in Selkirk, which, Tucker told the RCS board, is a prime location for future industrial development in the town. The IDA is already in active discussions with another developer about a technology industrial park on Route 9W, within the district boundaries ---a project that could require PILOT agreements to grease the skids.

School district officials are well aware, Weiser said that in order to enlarge the tax base, "There's a need for economic development in this region. In order to entice companies to come in, there's a need to make deals on their taxes, and we know that." But as DeLuca said Monday, the impact of such agreements on the district's bottom line must be taken into account.

"Many members of this board," he said, "think that when decisions are made in the town of Bethlehem, that it's often forgotten that this district is in the community."



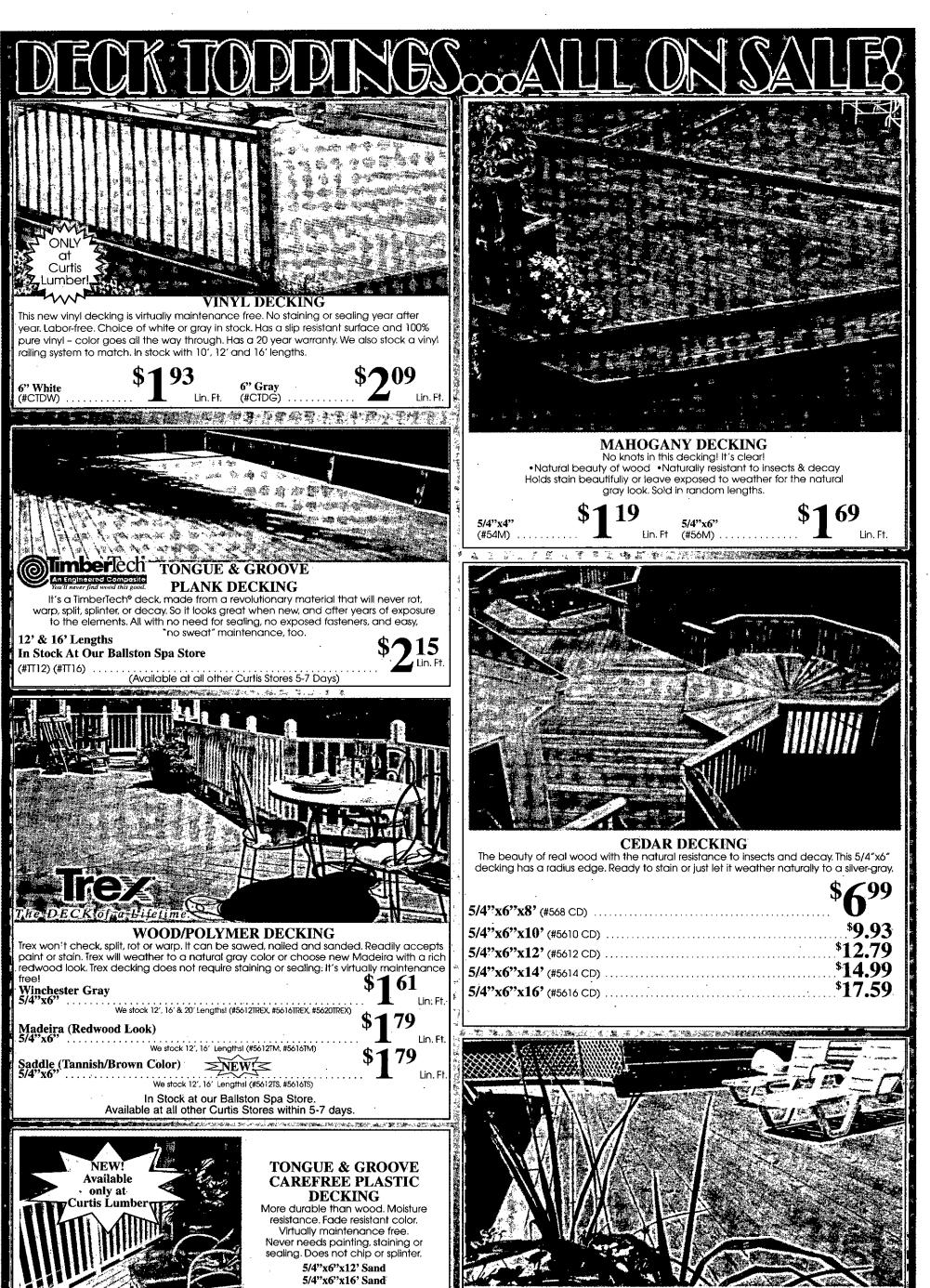
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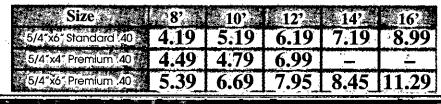


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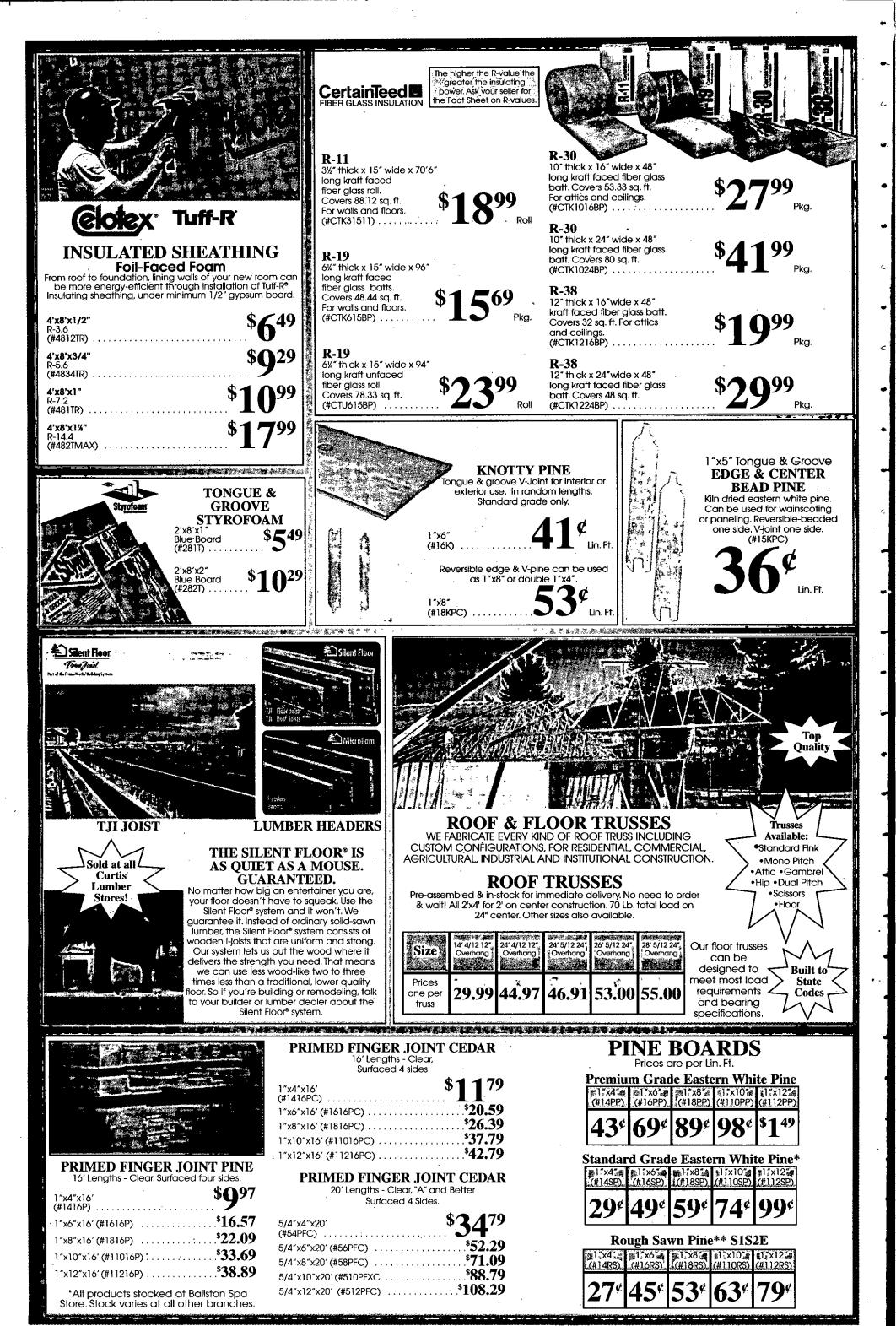
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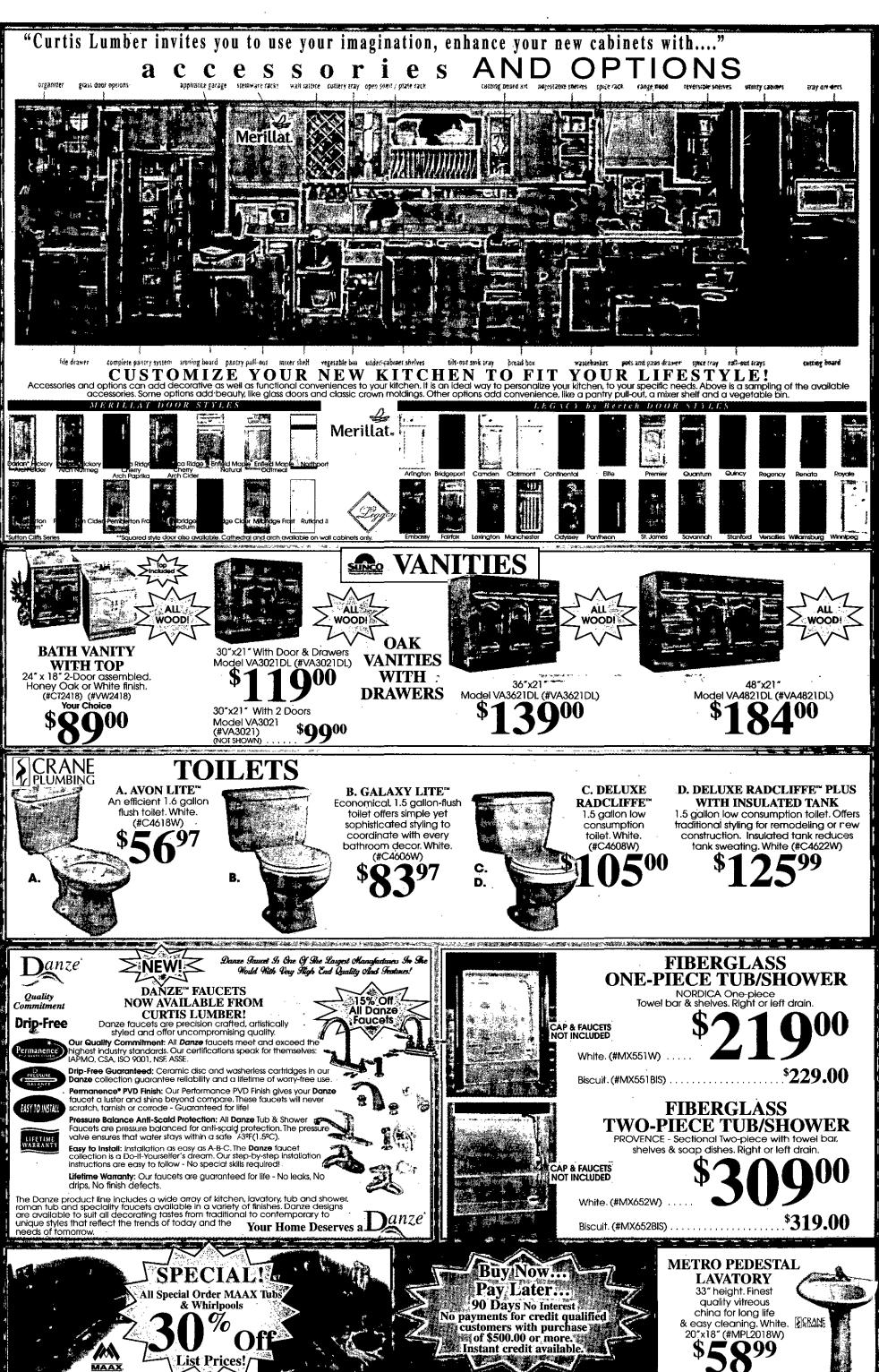
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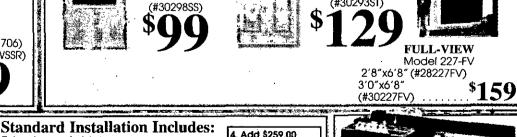


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