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Board OKs Earth Tech
plan, critic objects

Water restrictions will stay in effect

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Discussion of Bethlehem's public water supply was the focus of the agenda of the town board's April 24 meeting.

The board conducted a public hearing on the report of Earth Tech Environment and Infrastructure about boosting the output of the town's Clapper Road water plant, and authorized the firm to proceed with seeking permits to install a new system of wells on Schermerhorn Island.

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor reported on the slowly-improving state of the town's Vly Creek reservoir — and faced grilling by several board members about lifting water-use restrictions imposed by the board in March. Some town residents have begun to call for lifting restrictions as the reservoir's level has risen out of the emergency stage.

But Supervisor Sheila Fuller opposed that. "Frankly, it's a little premature to consider adjusting these restrictions at this time," she said and Secor agreed, urging that any relaxation of residential water use restrictions be put off until at least early May.

The near-term residential water shortage comes as the town considers what to do about its long-term industrial water supply from the Clapper Road plant. The Clapper system has performed far short of the 6 million gallons a day guaranteed to the town, and was the subject of litigation with the plant's designers and builders that was

tentatively settled last spring.

Earth Tech, successor to Rust Environmental & Infrastructure, designer of the infiltration gallery that was supposed to be the plant's principal water source, has spent most of the past two

years examining the system and studying ways to augment it, under the terms of the settlement.

At last week's public hearing, a team of Earth Tech officials, led by vice president and

project director Steven Myers outlined the history of the plant, and explained its findings on why the infiltration gallery failed to produce as contracted.

"The gallery failed for a number of reasons, partly due to its construction," said senior hydrologist Paul Cote.

He and his colleagues reported finding the gallery's intakes are encrusted and 95 percent clogged with iron-oxide deposits, and characterized the system as poorly maintained from the outset. The geologic and hydrologic characteristics of the aquifer itself, and the man-made obstruction of a wooden dike constructed

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Developer
eyes country
club land

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A developer is considering constructing 32 single-family homes on a parcel of land adjacent to Colonie Country Club on Route 85A in New Scotland and may eventually build a series of estate homes nearby.

The Michaels Group, a prospective developer of the project in conjunction with the members of the country club, has filed preliminary plans with the New Scotland building department, and Voorheesville public works officials have been approached about the possibility of extending water to the project just outside the village.

"We're just trying to get our ducks in a row," said Michael Neff of Guilderland-based Emco Construction, to whom Michaels Group officials referred inquiries about the project. "It's still in the very preliminary stages."

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V'ville Dionysians tackle '12th Night'

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Old will meet new this weekend when the Voorheesville Dionysians stage one of Shakespeare's most performed plays in the new high school commons space.

Seeing echoes of the Globe Theatre in the pillars that support the gallery that once overlooked the pool, music and art teacher John Lopez backed the thrust stage right up against the colonnade in the room that will host performances of "Twelfth Night" this Friday and Saturday.

"Twelfth Night" is one of Shakespeare's comedies," Lopez, who has directed shows at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School for

the past nine years, said. "It's a series of mistaken identities that culminate in more mistaken identities."

"Twelfth Night" finds twins Viola and Sebastian shipwrecked and separated from one another on the shores of Illyria. Each believes the other is dead, and Viola disguises herself as a man — Cesario — and falls in love with Count Orsino, who employs her to send messages of love to the Countess Olivia, in seclusion following the death of her brother. Olivia falls in love with "Cesario."

Olivia's uncle, Sir Toby; his foolish friend, Sir Andrew Aguecheek; and Olivia's servants, Maria, Feste, and Malvolio provide even more comic relief as the cases of mistaken identity unfold. When Sebastian (Viola's twin) arrives with his friend Antonio, he is surprised but not reluctant to accept Olivia's offer of marriage.

Some accusations and a little sword-play ensue, followed by revelation of true identity and, soon all ends happily. "This is a blatant comedy," Virginia Sayer, who plays Viola, said. "The characters are almost like cartoons, since they're larger than life," said Nathan Gibson, who plays Antonio.

Rose Mitchell plays Feste and said that audiences would enjoy the show. "This is one of the easiest to understand," she said. "Every line of dialogue has action to go with it."

This is the third Shakespeare play that Lopez, who will be performing in Albany's Park Playhouse this summer, has directed at Voorheesville. Lopez chose the approachable "Twelfth Night" after last year's weighty double bill of "Romeo and Juliet" and "West Side Story."

Construction at the high school prevented the staging of "Twelfth Night"

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Antiques reported stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of Oriental antiques valued at more than \$6,000 from a storage area of a Delmar apartment building.

Two items — a Burmese ivory bust of a woman, mounted on a carved pedestal, and an 18th-century southern Chinese opium pot, were reported on April 21 by their owner to be missing from a

storage room in the basement of a building on Elsmere Avenue.

The objects had been moved to the secure storage space by the owner while plumbing work was being done in the storage closet, where the pieces were normally kept. They were believed to have been taken sometime between 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20, and about 7 a.m. the next day.

Church to host lasagna buffet supper

Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will host a lasagna buffet supper on Saturday, May 4, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Homemade lasagna, meat-

balls, salad, garlic bread, rolls, beverage and dessert will be on the menu.

A donation is requested. Proceeds will benefit the Camp Fowler Youth Scholarship Fund.

Hilltown Players to perform at church

Delmar Reformed Church will present an evening of theater and dessert on Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

The Hilltown Players will perform "Occupation Murder," a murder/mystery/comedy at the church on 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$5 at the door. The cost includes dessert and beverage during intermission.

Child care will be available.

Call 439-9929 for information.

QUILT to meet

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet on Friday, May 10, at 9:15 a.m. at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

For information, call 439-1744.

Police investigating pedestrian, car accident

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A pedestrian in a crosswalk at a busy intersection in Delmar was injured last Wednesday, April 24, when he was struck by a vehicle in an early-evening accident. Bethlehem police are still investigating the circumstances of the mishap, but driver confusion is believed to have been a key factor.

According to police, Patrick C. Perrino, 65, of Cherry Avenue, Delmar, was crossing Delaware Avenue, at the intersection where Cherry and Elm avenues meet, at 6:48 p.m.

He was struck by a pickup truck driven by Robert J. Butler, 39, of Elm Avenue, while making a left turn onto Delaware. Though

the vehicle was moving at slow speed, Perrino rolled several feet after being struck.

Delmar Ambulance treated Perrino at the scene and transported him to Albany Medical Center Hospital for treatment of head injuries, which are not believed to be life-threatening, according to police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Heffernan.

Traffic was halted at the busy intersection for nearly an hour while police and ambulance workers were on the scene.

The Delaware-Elm intersection is marked with pedestrian crosswalks but lacks pedestrian crossing signals. According to the police report, a Coeymans motorist in the lane facing Butler, waiting to make a right-hand turn onto Delaware, had waved to Perrino in the crosswalk to continue his cross.

Butler, who maintained he did not see Perrino in the crosswalk at the time, said he had interpreted the gesture as an indication that he should proceed with his turn.

The glare from the setting sun in Butler's eyes may also have been a factor contributing to the mishap, according to the accident report. Several witnesses are still being interviewed by police, and no charges were filed at the time of the accident.

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Village budget reflects sharp spending decline

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Voorheesville village board voted on April 23 to adopt a \$1.16 million budget for the coming year — a steep decline in outlays compared to previous years' budgets, due mainly to declining sales tax revenues.

The board also set a public hearing for its next regular meeting, Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. on a draft local law to restrict adult entertainment establishments within the village.

The belt-tightening budget, drafted by Mayor Jack Stevens and board member and budget officer Tom Ruane, was the subject of a previous public hearing on April 3. Stevens said last week that the loss of some 500 residents from the village's population as recorded in the 2000 Census was expected to cost the village roughly \$80,000 in revenues this year.

Several reductions from the \$1.89 million budget in place for the current fiscal year are the result of one-time-only expenses in last year's plan — including a \$350,000 line item for purchase of a new fire truck and nearly \$400,000 for bridge repair that has now been completed.

Some expenses will rise in the coming year. The budget calls for no salary increases for the village's elected officials or for village counsel, but other village employees will receive a 3 percent raise.

The contingency budget was nearly tripled to \$45,000, and insurance costs have risen by nearly half, to over \$43,000, in the wake of Sept. 11. Those increases have been partially offset by numerous budget projections more conservative than past practices, reduced to more closely reflect actual spending.

The board last week reviewed a list of adjustments to the budget — notably, shifting \$50,000 allocated in the public works budget for general capital projects and for storm drain maintenance to paving — before unanimously approving the final budget, which goes into effect in June.

The proposed adult entertainment law distributed to the board last week was drafted by a special advisory committee consisting of trustee Camille Jobin-Davis, village attorney Donald Meacham and Planning Commission counsel Anne-Jo McTague. The advisory group was charged to draft an adult use law that would impose appropriate regulations that would pass judicial muster, and

they extensively reviewed existing case law and similar statutes in other communities in preparing the draft.

"A proactive approach to the enactment of an ordinance is favored over being confronted with this issue after the fact," the committee wrote in its report to the board. "Regulating an existing business would be much more time-consuming and costly to the village."

The draft sets forth definitions of the uses covered by the statute, from adult books and video to cabarets and theaters to massage establishments. No such businesses exist in the village at present, but any future applicants would be limited to industrial zones only, and barred from locating within 500 feet of any residence or residential zone, any other adult use business or any of a lengthy list of other sensitive locations.

Those include libraries, community centers, schools, child-care facilities, religious institutions, counseling or psychiatric facilities, public parks, recreational facilities or congregating areas, train stations or school bus stops and historic structures or districts.

Certain restrictions would also be imposed on public displays, signage and noise emanating from adult use premises, which would be off limits to anyone under 18.

The May 28 hearing will precede the board's next monthly business meeting.

The board last week also discussed the informational meeting conducted on April 10 with residents of Salem Hills concerning proposed changes in Sewer District No. 1, and at the request of a village resident, the possibility of a similar meeting with residents of Mountainview who are being offered the possibility of joining the district.

Village Public Works Commissioner Will Smith discussed the progress of the village sewer plant reconstruction project, for which he said he hoped to begin construction in the spring, and of the supplemental water tank project, which is undergoing environmental review.

"Our intention is to have all permits in hand, everything on paper and all of these agencies happy by fall so we can go to bid," he said.

The board also voted to dedicate the village park behind village hall in honor of Jim Nichols, the late owner of the SuperValu.

"This park has a special attachment to the Nichols' family," said Jobin-Davis, and Nichols' wife Elaine will be consulted about the dedication.

Correction

A photo caption in last week's issue incorrectly identified Wolfgang Wehmann. He is Brigitte Wehmann's husband.

RCS faces budget challenges

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Second of two parts.

The long-range budget dilemma facing the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district — assessment challenges from a number of its largest industrial taxpayers, and a possible tax-break agreement with the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (IDA) for a major new industrial tenant, Daisytek International — forms a backdrop for this month's vote on a proposed \$32.4 million budget for 2002-03.

With the district operating under a contingency budget for 2001-02 adopted after voters twice shot down a proposed \$32.2 million spending plan last year, RCS officials took steps to involve voters more closely in preparing this year's budget.

"When we lost our budget last year, we heard a lot of theories about why," said district Superintendent Robert Drake. "Mainly, we heard voters say they didn't feel involved in the process. I think we've been very active in reaching out this year to turn that around. We opened up the budget process a lot more this year. There wasn't anything from salaries to whatever that we didn't present to them."

The result, approved by the school board last month, is a budget with just a 1.13 percent increase.

"Opening up the whole process was a good thing," said Drake. "We're very pleased we're going in the right direction."

The budget proposal will be presented in a public forum at

RCS Middle School on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. The budget referendum and school-board vote is set for Tuesday, May 21, at the high school.

District business administrator David Weiser said the budget reflects a series of cost saving measures including new purchasing and bidding practices for even relatively small purchases like copiers and other equipment, and tighter costs.

RCS is also undertaking more cooperative bidding with neighboring school districts, including a gas-purchase consortium that should help reduce heating costs and cooperative bids for the purchase of buses and other vehicles.

Staffing reductions have also been proposed in a district that currently maintains one of the lowest teacher-to-pupil ratios in the region. According to Drake, two positions at the elementary schools will be eliminated through attrition, and several part-time teaching positions will be phased out in specialized programs like consumer science, health and business.

"The staffing levels will remain within the guidelines in enrollment that the board has created," Drake said — 19-23 students per class for kindergarten through grade two, and 23-26 for grades three through eight.

"We're trying to control costs while still maintaining improving standards for our students," Drake said. "The question for us is, can you do both at the same time, and my answer is, absolutely."

On the revenue side, several

critical categories of state education aid will be reduced in the state budget still under negotiation in Albany. These include "excess cost" aid, reimbursing a district's mandatory expenses for special-needs education, and BOCES aid, which covers everything from special transportation to funding district public information programs.

Reimbursements for new construction will also be stretched out over a longer period — a change that will have an impact in districts with recent building projects in the pipeline like RCS. As much as 90 percent of the cost of the two-year-old, \$29 million program at all of the district's schools will eventually be reimbursed out of state coffers, but the stretch-out means greater debt costs.

Weiser said the district has restructured its ongoing debt for previous building projects dating back to additions to the district's two elementary schools approved in 1994.

"What that's allowed us to have is lower payments up front, stretching out those payments to more closely match when state aid comes in," Weiser said.

The district also relies increasingly on donations of services and goods from the very corporate taxpayers that are seeking to reduce their tax obligations. At a recent school board meeting, the board recognized Selkirk Cogen for donating hundreds of middle school science textbooks to the district and creating internship programs for high school students.

BC board hears science report

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The Regents Earth Science Program, adopted by the board of education in 1999, is working well.

The school board conducted a workshop to review with the science faculty and district administration results of the 1999 decision, since the program is in its third year, and some measurable results were available.

The program eliminated the Bethlehem Earth Science Program and placed most ninth grade students in the Regents Earth Science course. The exceptions were Excel Science 9 and Lab School ninth grade students.

The discussion was facilitated by a report prepared and presented at the meeting by Science Supervisor Bruce Tulloch and three of his associates, Roberta Rice, Tom Cunningham and Charles Reed.

John McGuire, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, said, "The report presented as good research as was possible for the time the program has been in existence."

Superintendent Les Loomis said, "The program is yielding

very positive results for our students. I am also satisfied with the evaluation. One purpose of the program is to provide our students with the possibility of taking four years of science."

The first year all students took Regents Earth Science in 2000, 88 percent passed the regents exam with a grade of 65 or better, 48 percent at the mastery level. The next year, 97 percent passed above the grade level of 65, with

full pay for Jack Rightmyer and Joleen Roe. Those wishing approval for a sabbatical must make application to the district Professional Advancement Committee. The committee then conducts interviews and selects two applicants each year.

According to Loomis, "Committee decisions are based on two criteria. First, the degree of professional development expected to be achieved by the individual and second, the ability of the applicant to affect positive changes in the district with information developed during the sabbatical."

"Roe, a great photographer, will study the use of technology in art programs and art careers," said Loomis.

The program is yielding very positive results for our students. I am also satisfied with the evaluation. One purpose of the program is to provide our students with the possibility of taking four years of science.

Les Loomis

67 percent achieving the mastery level.

The science department recommended at the conclusion of its report that "the program be continued and the current avenues available for students to use in qualifying for Advanced Placement Biology without completing a Regents Biology or Regents Chemistry course be continued."

The board also approved sabbaticals for one semester at

"Rightmyer is studying ways to introduce humor in the classroom setting and has recently attended a workshop in Saratoga Springs presented by Project Humor," Loomis said.

The meeting concluded with board president Warren Stoker announcing that the board will conduct a budget hearing at its next meeting on May 8, followed by the budget vote on Tuesday, May 21. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22.

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Time and TV management becomes life juggling act

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Last week was "No TV" week, an annual event that truly tests our fortitude as parents.

Where is the arts and crafts box? Can the children spend more than an hour outside without whacking each other with sticks? Who has outgrown their bicycle from last summer? What happened to the lucky car/shoe/boat piece from the Monopoly game? Do video games and DVDs count as watching TV?

Sometimes, this feels like the era of reproachfulness, with more and more experts coming up with ever-growing lists of things that should be off-limits or things that we must do to guarantee continuation of ourselves as people and mankind as a species.

TV is a great example, since it's pricking at a conscience that hadn't planned to do "No TV" week, felt guilty and got the whole

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family to try it, then caved completely at two separate "Survivor" episodes and a brand new "ER."

Sure, sure, that time would have been much better spent reading, playing a board game with the kids, exercising, doing laundry, clearing up that corner of clothes in the bedroom that got put there two years ago when winter yielded to spring and it was time to weed through outgrown apparel. Sorry, though, in the parallel universe that lets this mother escape reality, the demise of Dr. Mark Greene is shaping up to be one of this spring's pivotal events. Let the kids have the

upper moral hand for a while: they watched less TV last week than Mom did.

Recently, the American Academy of Pediatrics said that children should watch no television before they turn 2. Not so fond memories of the 5 to 7 p.m. "arsenic hour" of infant and preschool years made me glad my boys were born when it was laudable to only watch PBS. "Sesame Street," "Mr. Rogers," "Thomas the Tank Engine" and even that freakish purple dinosaur (when he's tall he's what we call a purple irritation, one dad sang gleefully) guaranteed at least a tiny space of time when going to the bathroom could be a private moment.

Now, TV for toddlers should be replaced by interaction with a human being. Great — another half hour of rolling cars across the living room rug. Or maybe we could just all spend it exercising together, since we've apparently turned into an entire nation of big, fat people. For my older kids, we're supposed to be getting one hour of fast running, walking, swimming, biking — anything.

Well, this is easy when you're keeping your toddlers away from the TV, and they're climbing all over monkey bars, swing sets, refrigerator doors, or catapulting

themselves down the hall stairs. When they get older, though, the indoors holds great attractions, whether it's the evil black box or Lord of the Rings action figures. So we hunt for physical activity our whole family can enjoy.

A game of catch? Have you seen our hand-eye skills? Bowling? Good for Cormac, only tolerable for Christopher. Rollerblading or ice skating? Good for Christopher, an excuse for Cormac to go play with the arcade games or head for the snack bar at some of the local rinks. Hiking? They're still traumatized from the forced march up Mt. Hadley I took them on two years ago. They couldn't believe muscles could get worked out like that.

They love to swim, and what's bathing suit trauma for Mom if they're frolicking like little dolphins? When it warms up some, we'll bike, and perhaps if someone sneaks little chocolates onto my pillow each night, we could do a little camping. We love to fish — does eviscerating worms on a hook, then tossing that into the water count as exercise?

To make up for too much physical inertia, I double my efforts to get five fruits and vegetables into them each day —

eaten at as many meals as a family as we can swing. Man — it's easier to get them outdoors than to ingest all this fiber. If we could count Country Time lemonade as a fruit, we'd be all set.

We may chafe at edicts from above designed to keep us healthy and fit, but they're at least clear. As our kids hit their middle years, the gray areas are getting broader. What's the right balance between protecting them and giving them a little independence?

Why, our 12-year-old's current question, are he and his friends allowed to meet up on a nearby school playground without a parent, but he can't go to somebody's house unless a grown-up is home? How do you discourage him from hanging out at the local shopping plaza without instilling debilitating fear about the dangers of today's world?

Then there's all the balancing that goes into school. Why is one child's homework binder suddenly off-limits to his parents? How do we help them without undermining their abilities? How do we set standards they strive to reach, not ones that turn them into neurotic mushballs afraid of ever making the mark?

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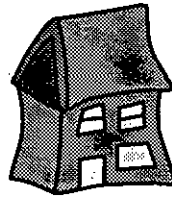
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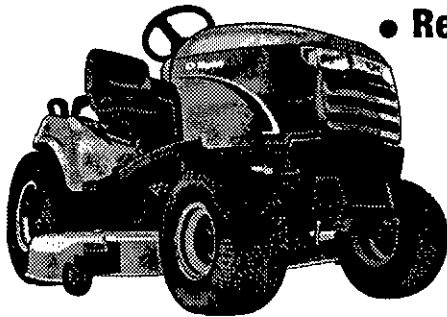
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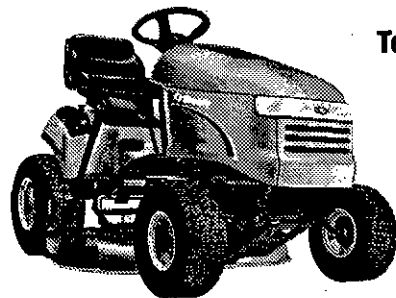
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How, when we disagree with the set-up of school, do we make sure we're heard? How do we get teachers and administrators to mesh what they know about our children as students, with what we know about them as people? We know kids do better when parents are involved with school, but getting involved in just the right way can be a tricky thing.

This is also a great era of involvement, and a mark of being fully involved in contemporary society is how many sports our children are involved in, how many instruments they play and how much time we parents spend in the car. All these "enriching" activities come in addition to a full day of school, work and taking care of a home and each other.

In these days when we still keep all the victims of Sept. 11 in our hearts and minds, it feels petty to complain about being busy.

How many of those people — and all the people we've lost from our lives too soon — will never get a chance to do all the things we complain about?

To honor them, we work harder and try to engage ourselves fully in life — with a capital "L."

Sometimes, though, a break from all the "musts" and a chance to just relax would be such a welcome relief. What would we discover if our lives didn't already feel fully scripted? Maybe cuddling in front of the TV or enjoying each other's company over an extra piece of pie might be just the quality time we need.

Reformed church sets upcoming events

Delmar Reformed Church will offer a Prayer Labyrinth on Thursday, May 2, to observe a national day of prayer.

The labyrinth is based on the original at Chartres Cathedral in France and is also found at

Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. The labyrinth provides a guided path for prayer and meditation.

The church will also host "20 Years of Friendship and Song" as the Friendship Singers celebrate

their anniversary with a concert on Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the church on 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-9929 or check info@drchurch.org.

Grange dinner slated

The Bethlehem Grange will serve a chicken and biscuit dinner on Saturday, May 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the grange on Route 396 at Beckers Corners. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Take outs will be available.

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REGARDING JESSE BRAVERMAN

For 27 years Jesse Braverman has been a resource room teacher in the Bethlehem Central School District. He additionally has been coaching various school athletic teams, including softball, soccer, basketball and baseball. Teacher/coach Braverman has always been a dedicated, devoted and unselfish instructor who has given his all for his students—**your sons and daughters**.

Jesse Braverman went into the teaching/coaching field due to his passionate commitment to contribute to the development of young people. In the classroom he strove to see all his students academically advance. On the athletic field he sought to have his athletes experience team interaction, self-development, self-esteem, personal motivation and achievement. With his professional training and talents, his students were provided a sound, structured environment in which to grow.

During these past 27 years Jesse Braverman has barely missed a teaching/coaching day. He has put in workdays starting 6:30 a.m. and ending 11 p.m. He has always assisted students with special needs, providing private tutoring and mentoring. Where school budget monies fell short for athletic needs, Jesse financially made up the difference personally. As a resident of your community, he has volunteered untold hours of his time coaching.

Any community would be proud to have such a gifted classroom teacher and high school varsity baseball coach who won the prestigious 2000 Easton Sports Master Coach Award. **Except perhaps Bethlehem.**

Jesse Braverman was fired as the Bethlehem High varsity baseball head coach in December 2000. He has endured an ordeal with the school administration for two years now. All of this has taken a terrible toll on his health.

You may think this is just a local incident. **Wrong!** It has taken on a national character as the Jesse Braverman story has been published in different parts of the United States. BBC radio in London, England is expected to air Braverman's story in the early 2003, giving this international exposure.

Those of us who have ascribed our names to this open letter believe the residents of Bethlehem are good people. We believe you have the capability and power to right a terrible wrong committed against Jesse Braverman. We look forward to hearing that you made a community effort to overturn an injustice, and restore dignity not only to teacher/coach Braverman, but also to Bethlehem.

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Matters of Opinion

Continue to conserve

The Bethlehem town board and Supervisor Sheila Fuller exercised proper restraint in choosing not to withdraw water restrictions just yet. After reassessment of the reservoir levels after this weekend's rain, it will be possible to ease the restrictions to some degree.

But rushing pell-mell into a situation that could hurt the town in terms of available drinking water would not be prudent.

After all, drought conditions began last August and continued throughout the fall and most of the winter. It took time for the reservoir levels to reach an emergency stage, and it will take time before it will be at an acceptable level.

We understand the frustration of new homeowners who are eager to start new lawns and the frustration of longtime home owners who take great pride in maintaining pristine yards in the summer.

But this month, purchase of water from Guilderland will likely end, so it is better for the town to err on the side of caution as far as water is concerned.

In the meantime, we should all continue to practice water conservation measures in our homes and in our yards.

Lifesaving aids

Albany International Airport is the latest public facility to acquire lifesaving automated external defibrillators.

These portable defibrillators, capable of jumpstarting the heart of a heart attack victim, can be operated by people without specialized training (although the airport is training its staff to use them quickly and efficiently).

The airport will now have six defibrillators, so no one anywhere in the terminal will be more than a minute away from one.

This is great news for travelers, especially now that air travel is so much more stressful than it was before 9/11.

The \$17,000 cost of the machines is covered by a county grant, secured by county Legislators Mary Lou Connolly, D-Guilderland, and Daniel McCoy, D-Albany.

Given that heart disease remains by far the No. 1 killer of Americans, we say the more defibrillators in public places, the better.

Once again, thanks

Thanks to Feestelijk organizers and performers for wonderful evening. We're already looking forward to next year.

Editorials

Film offers insight into Gen Xers

By PETER HANSON

The writer, a former Spotlight reporter, is an Albany-based free lancer.

As a thirtysomething American in the early years of the 21st century, I'm a member of a group that has been dismissed, ridiculed and vilified — often by members of the group itself, and often even by me.

I belong to Generation X, and it took me years to be able to say that proudly. Yet now, my pride has a focus because I recently concluded months of research into, and writing about, a prominent means by which people can gaze into the collective soul of my generation. In my new book, *The Cinema of Generation X*, I present my argument that the movies made by people of my age group are a window into our emotional and spiritual lives.

The strata of Generation X with which most people are familiar are "slackers," young layabouts with neither the will to participate in society nor the passion to change it. Once the slacker archetype was identified in the early '90s, it was intrinsically linked to Generation X — so much so that some pundits dismissed all of my peers as apathetic do-nothings.

One of the key issues raised during the media's analysis of slackers is how greatly they differed from the rebellious youths of the previous generation. For where Generation X has slackers, the baby-boom generation had hippies. Similarly, the films made by the baby-boom generation are vastly different from those made by members of my age group.

The great directors of the late 1960s and early 1970s, the period during which the boomer-driven counterculture had the most visible effect on mainstream society, were realistic, often downbeat parables about the harsh realities of American life. "The French Connection" looked at the insinuating evil of crime;

Point of View

"Taxi Driver" examined the rot of moral decay; "The Godfather" spotlighted how closely capitalism is linked to the American dream; and so on. William Friedkin, Martin Scorsese, Francis Ford Coppola and other directors spoke for their generation in strident but powerful voices.

Yet, the first director to truly speak for my generation did so in a voice so hushed it was almost a whisper. Steven Soderbergh hit the scene in 1989 with the independent film "Sex, Lies, and Videotape," which presented heady commentary about marriage, honesty, the power of images and loyalty. The movie was quiet and elegant, and its groundbreaking style set the tone for years of independent films. Many of the best subsequent independent films were directed by people who, like Soderbergh, belong to Generation X: Quentin Tarantino ("Pulp Fiction"), Kevin Smith ("Clerks"), David Fincher ("Fight Club"), Robert Rodriguez ("Spy Kids") ... the list goes on.

These directors, all born in the 1960s and 1970s, speak to a common theme: Their pictures ask what role Generation X truly plays in contemporary American life. These directors are on a quest for meaning because they inherited a damaged society from those who came before.

In the early-to-mid-1970s, when the first wave of Gen-X filmmakers passed through or approached puberty, America suffered two of the most divisive upheavals in its history: the anticlimactic conclusion of the Vietnam War and the unprecedented downfall of Richard Nixon. Against the backdrop of Vietnam, Watergate and civil-rights conflicts, the women's movement took center stage in the mid-1970s; combined with the ongoing sexual revolution and an astronomical rise in divorce rates, the gender-equality debate of the 1970s led to a new morality far different from that of the era during which the baby boom occurred.

The fuzzy parameters of this new morality contributed to the confusing social climate into which Gen Xers were born, and goes a long way toward explaining why so many Gen-X filmmakers seem obsessed with amorality — as seen in the senseless violence committed by characters in "Seven," "Pulp Fiction" and many other pictures.

As countless observers have noted, a sizable contingent of boomers responded to the darkening of modern society by retreating into the same consumerist cocoons that had given their parents comfort; Lawrence Kasdan named this shift with the title of his poignant movie about 1960s youths selling out their ideals, "The Big Chill."

By the time the blights of AIDS, the Iran-Contra scandal and the collapse of family farms and savings-and-loan institutions arrived in the mid-1980s, the

same time at which the first waves of Gen Xers reached adulthood, the chill had become a killing frost.

Gen Xers grew up in the aftermath of a beautiful but unrealized dream, and this sad fact informs their sensibility. Some wear this hand-me-down ennui as anger, some as cynicism, some as apathy. But all who belong to Generation X feel the after-effects of the big chill.

Cut from the tethers that grounded their predecessors to ideals of societal and familial security, Gen Xers grew into adults who, unsurprisingly, question the virtue of pursuing traditional goals and seethe with the frustration and resentment of the disenfranchised. These violent emotions don't fuel every member of Generation X, of course, but the quantity of disaffected characters in Gen-X movies strongly suggests that the filmmakers born in America in the 1960s and 1970s bear the scars of collective separation trauma.

Reflecting the turmoil of their upbringing, Gen-X directors work in modalities ranging from the brazen to the austere, infusing mainstream and independent American films with the vigor, the promise, the possibility and even the foolhardiness of youth.

The tones wrought by Gen-X filmmakers are as varied as the directors themselves: Soderbergh's provocative post-modernism; Tarantino's swaggering violence; Smith's philosophical ribaldry; Fincher's seductive nihilism. Even individual directors from this unpredictable group have surprises up their sleeve: After scoring at the box office last year with "Oceans 11," a glossy caper flick populated by several of Hollywood's most glamorous stars, Soderbergh is poised to return to theaters with "Full Frontal," an experimental picture made for a meager budget and shot on the cutting-edge digital-video format.

Before I researched and wrote *The Cinema of Generation X*, I shied away from identifying myself as a member of my own generation because I didn't want to be associated with a group known for apathy and laziness. But once I ventured into the wilds of movies created by people of my age group, I discovered a world beyond slackers and other stereotypes. I discovered a cinematic universe in which my peers turn the trauma of our formative years into challenging art, and I was inspired by the example set by Soderbergh and those who followed him.

Today, I'm proud to call myself a Gen Xer, and I have a clearer idea than ever before of what it means to align myself with others born after the baby boom but before the emergence of today's teen-agers, who belong to Generation Y. I'm proud to call myself a Gen Xer, largely because of the lessons I learned by studying the cinema of Generation X.

For information on *The Cinema of Generation X*, visit <http://www.mcfarlandpub.com>.



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Your Opinion Matters

Integrity key to river valley life

Editor, The Spotlight:

I do not live near the Hudson River but find myself caught up in the proposal of Waste Management purchasing land along the river. All of us who live in this area called the Hudson River Valley fall under the wonderful heritage of the river.

I did investigate the Web sites listed in an earlier letter to the editor from Connie Strong Wilbur. In addition, I found www.rachel.org/bulletin very interesting. In all fairness, this site's report was July 12, 1997, possibly too old to be considered relevant for today, yet it does have many facts to consider.

Also opening WM's own Web site and reading Transfer Stations, they state (I will paraphrase): With the large volume of solid waste... It is often not feasible or economical to transport waste directly from the collection point to the landfill... WM has transfer stations strategically located to accept waste from collection trucks. At these transfer stations, waste is consolidated, compacted and loaded into long-haul trailers for transport to landfills.

In WM's own press releases on New York City Landfills, WM has many years of sledge removal experience (also the payment of class actions brought against its

operations of such removal.

Considering its desire to consolidate transfer stations, the amount of vacant land in this proposed purchase, and the federal government crackdown on GE regarding the river's future anticipated PCBs sludge removal, will this become "the site?" The city of Albany has already addressed this issue with a loud no. What will Bethlehem Do? Are our town and elected representatives asking these questions and getting responsible, accurate answers?

There is still a broader dilemma in this problem. Bethlehem is a town unsophisticated in its own future, as: 1) a limited and confusing land classification for the property in question — Rural District-Not Zoned. 2) confusion and lack of support of Bethlehem's own townwide Master Plan with the present land owner to provide a fair and agreeable monetary amount for selling or development ideas for his property which does not impact the local community to the extent WM's proposal will.

As residents, whether you live on the Hudson River or within its "name boundary," we are honor bound to live responsibly, and leave for future generations a cleaner, healthier, fiscally-

protected heritage. Businesses, tax bases, trash hauling and disposal are important. So are farms, neighborhoods, green space, vistas and a clean, historic river valley.

True integrity is what is most important — integrity of the Hudson River, its surrounding area, plus the rights of property owners, towns, cities and businesses.

Meredith Meislahn
Slingerlands

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AUTO FACTS
by John Quirk



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Matters of Opinion

Retired engineer says Earth Tech 'solution' will cost town

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the April 24 Bethlehem town board meeting, the proposal to construct angled wells and ground water reservoirs to satisfy a settlement between the town and Earth Tech was approved.

Robert Alessi accepted Earth Tech's recommendations completely. He acted as the attorney for the town and is also the attorney for the town in the lawsuit.

The test data obtained from the angled well clearly shows that the well was being clogged with iron hydrate as the well was being pumped. Earth Tech proposes to routinely add calcium hypochlorite to each of the seven-to-nine wells. The maintenance cost will be very large because there will be a chemical treatment plant on Schermerhorn Island.

Calcium hypochlorite is an oxidizing agent that will increase the precipitation of iron hydrate in the sand aquifer around the well.

I challenged Earth Tech in a letter in the April 3 issue of *The Spotlight* to describe how the angled well underneath the river could be safely and economically cleaned with hydrochloric acid. The explanation presented by Earth Tech at the April 24 meeting was that it is done all the time at low cost.

I am in complete disagreement with Earth Tech. The town will be taking on a high cost and a very high risk that Earth Tech or the state will eventually use against the town when the wells clog up and hydrochloric acid is discharged to the environment in futile attempts to unclog the wells.

The ground water reservoirs will be man-made artificial lakes that will require constant maintenance. Ice flows could easily wipe out fences. Blow-outs from the bottom or sides when the lakes are pumped will be common. Fine sand will ruin the high-speed pumps necessary to send the water to the treatment plant. The cleaning of the bottom of the lakes will require very expensive maintenance.

When I asked Mr. Alessi who will pay for the maintenance costs, he replied that Earth Tech will have to pay for the costs above the cost that was required for maintenance for the infiltration gallery in the first place. The maintenance cost for the infiltration gallery would have amounted to \$2 million per year because of the large construction

costs necessary to safely clean the gallery with hydrochloric acid. This means the town will probably owe Earth Tech or Waste Management money.

Mr. Alessi claims that the guarantee of six million gallons of water per day for 13 years is very rare. This is completely false. The company that constructs radial wells routinely guarantees large-yield wells for 20 to 30 years if the community enters a contract to have the radial well company maintain the well. Most of the legal difficulties with wells arise from claims of lack of proper maintenance.

Bethlehem's failed infiltration gallery is a good example. Why wasn't it cleaned the first year? Rust or Waste Management tried to blame the well failure on an act of God.

It is very clear that the town will be back with the same well-clogging problem time and time again when the lawsuit is resumed. Where will the industrial water come from? Town residents should know what company has the \$20 million that will have to be recovered from the lawsuit — Earth Tech or Waste Management.

Waste Management is the same company that wants to operate a truck storage facility in Selkirk. Restructuring, selling businesses and declaring bankruptcy are common practices today for companies to get out of financial problems.

Waste Management has a poor reputation. Earth Tech, which bought Rust from Waste Management, has a better reputation. However, the parent company of Earth Tech, Tyco International, is under investigation by the Securities & Exchange Commission.

Earth Tech's interests are with Tyco or Waste Management, not the town.

I repeat what I have said in the past. It is in the best interest of the town and its industries to change the Clapper Road water system from a drinking water supply to an industrial water supply, take water directly from the Hudson River and settle the lawsuit as soon as possible.

The town can then plan on a legitimate long-term contract with Albany to purchase drinking ware for residential use only without the constant legal battle with Earth Tech or someone else over the next 13 years as to where the industrial water will come from.

William J. Kelleher
Delmar

The writer is a retired engineer.



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Thomas Whalen will be missed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thomas M. Whalen was an outstanding attorney and public servant.

His ongoing contributions to the Capital District will be missed but always remembered.

After 42 years of decline during the reign of Mayor Erastus Corning, the city of Albany came to life under the enlightened leadership of Tom Whalen.

He led the city out of the political morass and machine politics that are well described in William Kennedy's most recent book, *Roscoe*.

Tom restored fiscal integrity to

the budgetary process for the city of Albany and brought in professional people to handle responsibilities in the offices of the city treasurer, engineer and police chief.

Under Mayor Corning and the O'Connells, the city had refused to accept the vast amount of federal funds that were available for the restructuring of urban access areas because they did not want to invite federal inspectors in to see how the money might be spent.

Tom Whalen's administration sought, received and utilized the available federal funds to improve the infrastructure of the city of

Albany. Because of his efforts to improve the city, it was designated as an All-American City by the National Civic League.

Tom gave of himself to the community. He understood the meaning of the biblical guideline that we are "to serve and not to be served."

He gave a good example of the idea of term limits. He stepped down voluntarily as a city judge and as mayor.

Tom was a law school classmate and longtime friend. We will miss him.

Robert J. Coan
Schenectady

Pesticides are harmful

Editor, The Spotlight:

This time of year around Delmar, the town is at its most beautiful.

It's really a pleasure to enjoy all the foliage and newly green trees, and to appreciate the hard work Delmar residents have put into their homes and gardens.

There is one caveat, however. Some streets in town have signs that say "Pesticide Application. Do Not Enter Treated Areas of Property" at almost every house.

It is incredible to me that otherwise intelligent people would put these toxic chemicals on their lawns.

Studies have shown that there are elevated health risks to the

inhabitants of household who use pesticides and insecticides. They are also harmful to birds, small animals and pets. The reason is these chemicals work by destroying the central nervous system of insects or pests targeted. They are usually deployed in small doses that are completely toxic to the pests. However, these small doses over time can accumulate in larger animals and humans and cause damage.

I assume that home owners using pesticides are striving for picture-perfect lawns. But is it really worth the risk to their families and neighbors?

Terry Rooney
Delmar



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allow water and gases to pass through the fabric.

Avoid over-mulching, since a layer of mulch more than three inches deep may keep too much oxygen away from plant roots.

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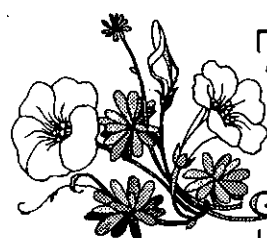
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RCS Middle School names honor, merit roll students

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The students are:

Grade six honor roll

Thomas Boehm, Charles Bradford, Jamie Breedlove, Steven Busch, Geoffrey Deluca, Christopher Dottino, Jared Fortier, Andrew Fuller, Jason Gallagher, Amber Gibson, Rebecca Herrington, Jacob Hyer, Sarah Louis, Jared Margiasso, Julianne Maynus, Juan McQueen, Jenna Melewski, Zachary Nagy, Zoe Ostrander, Christopher Parker, Amelia Persico, Andrew Philpot, Jennifer Rosen, Gregory Russ, Jamie Sanderson, Jill Scalzo, Paige Scott, Christopher Snyder, Tara TenEyck, Vicky Tiberia, Teresa Vitale, Erica Wagner, Nori Williams, David Winne, Hannah Winsenread and Brianna Yurek.

Grade seven honor roll

Meagan Boomer, Jeffrey

Britton, Lisa Cross, Nathan Doane, Stephanie Fansler, Julianna Glassanos, Andrea Griffin-Bordis, Susan Grutza, Abigail Hafensteiner, Danielle Harmon, Maureen Keller, Jillian LeFevre, Taylor O'Brien, Brendon Palmer, Jamie Pelletier, Julie Persico, Dillon Ruxton, Meaghan Sanderson, Breanna Spence, Adam Stott, Kathleen Tice, Janaki Vakharia, Victoria Vasto, Richard White, Brett Winne and Sarah Yanni.

Grade eight honor roll

Neal Applebee, Catherine Bradshaw, Anna Brooks, Ashley Carboni, Scott Holbrook, Evan Hotaling, Amanda King, Jaclyn Levie, Loren Libby, Nicholas Noblett, Kari Philpott, Krista Raynor, Jeannine Rider, Gabrielle Rieth, Stacey Roberts, Kayla Robinson, Alicia Ross, Ryan Ruxton, Timothy Sanderson, Samantha Schools, Lauren Scott, Zachary Snide, Ashley Anne Snyder, Eric Stott, Johnna Thyrring, Cassandra Volkheimer and Dawn Weidman.

Grade six merit roll

Lynsey Ackert, Lea Agans, Dylan Arnett, Gabriella Ballou, Shyqueena Bartlett, Ashley Burns, Kristen Clayton, Charles Cole-Cox, Megan Corsi, Lauren Dawson, Elisha Deer, Zackery Deering, Cristal Delgado, Emila DePaula, Garrett Frueh, Erin Gilmore, Adam Gosse, Corinn Haker, Anthony Hardy, John Hillmann, Khloe Houlihan, Karl Hunter, Steven Jasenski, Kalika Jenkins, Amber King and Laura Kissel.

And Justin Knowles, Caleb Lewis, Brittany Lomen, Alyssa Losee, Briana Macaione, Jason Maher, Patrick McCarthy, Jessica Meyer, Chelsey Miller, Lauren Miller, Tamara Millious, Emily O'Hanlon, Laura Obernesser, Jamie Paeglow, Brock Palmatier, Philip Papas, Samantha Parrella, Jessica Payne, Anthony Perez, Elizabeth Polonski, Mindy Rivers, Danielle Rudolph, Ariel Searles, Emilie Searles, Arthur Shutter, Heather Slurff, Amanda Stalker, Kristin Sterling, Jeremy Utter,

Tarang Vakharia, Jacob Van Etten, Jourdan Vatalaro, Samantha Viviano, Brent Weidman and Alyssa Williams.

Grade seven merit roll

Amanda Appleby, Amanda Brady, Dean Brady, Shannon Brisson, Corey Brooks, Jessica Byerwalters, Zachary Collins, Jessica Delamater, Patrick Filkins, Alyssa Finke, Veronica Foley, David Hennessy, Dustin Hughes, Jacob Latter, Allison Leonard, Matthew Lundquist, Ashley McMullen, Philip Meacham, Arthur Miller, Jennifer Mine, Marie Myers and Eric Norris.

And Kelly Northrup, Rebecca Northrup, Nicole Persico, Kimberly Poetzsch, Carol Pry, Cheri Rice, Mandi Rios, James Rivers, Renee Rohl, Lindsey Shields, Richard Slater, Samuel Slingerland, Megan Smith, Stephanie Smith, Samantha Sofologis, Amanda Spring, Andrea Starks, Brittany Stillwell, James Sutton, Daria Whalen, Michael Wing, Steffen Wolfe and Joshua Wolfgang.

Grade eight merit roll

Jordan Baumes, Brittney

Boehm, Jessica Brown, Justin Bullis, Shannon Carpentier, Scott Caswell, Katharine Clayton, Amanda Court, William Craven, Brianna Datri, Brittany Davis, Katrina Deering, Meaghan Dishman, Brianna Drexler, Jacob Ellis, Ryan Fargione, Kayla Firstiun, Ashley Golgoski, Cody Haack, Matthew Haker, Miles Hamilton, Seana Hazelton, Jaime Hotaling, Robert Hummel, Jason Ingraham, Christos Jones and Dallas Jones.

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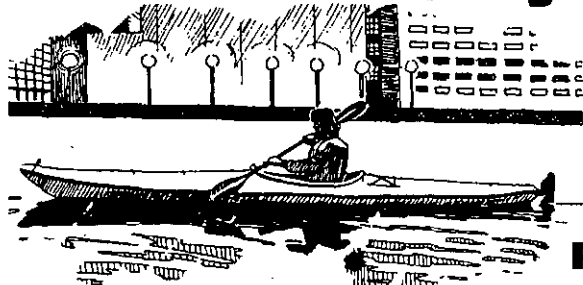
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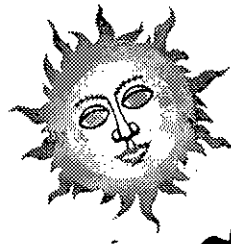


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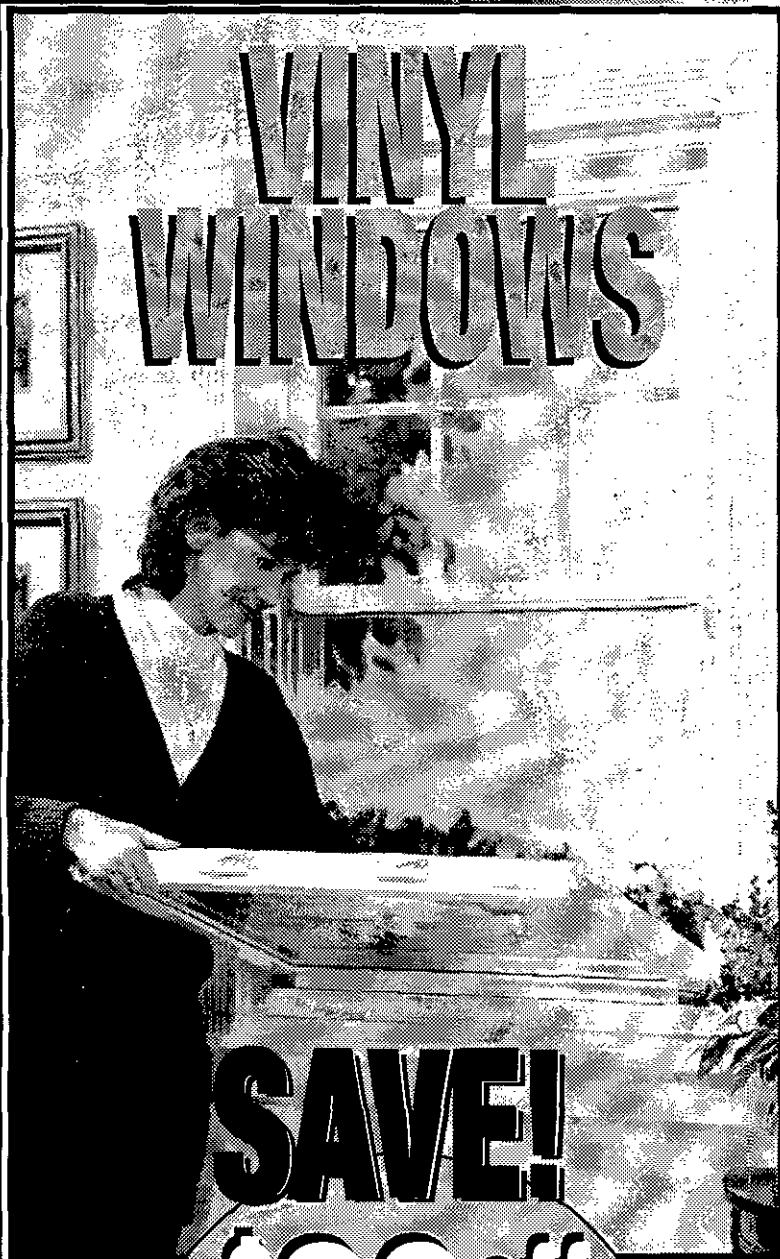


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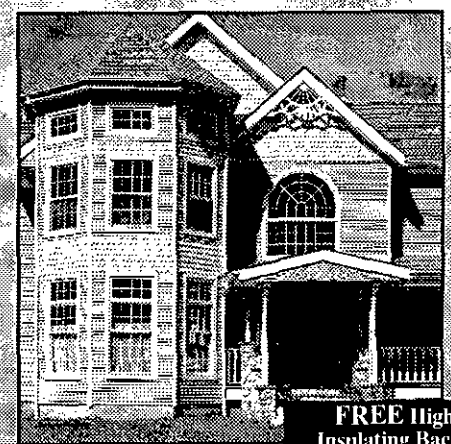
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Mother's Day brunch set for May 11 Public hearing slated on 2002-03 budget

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While Mom enjoys her coffee, Dad can help little ones make a

Voorheesville Public Library



gift for Mom for her special day.

Registration is necessary for food planning. Call 765-2791 or e-mail voorefq@uhls.lib.ny.us.

This program is a "Families Read" grant presentation in collaboration with the Mohawk Valley, Southern Adirondack and Upper Hudson Library Systems, supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds.

The Library Club meets after school on May 9 to make gifts for Mom, too. Sign-up and a signed permission slip are necessary for this monthly program for fourth through sixth graders. Transportation is provided from the elementary school.

There are a number of new paperback series now available for young readers. Check out *Barkley's School for Dogs*, *Animal Art Pets*, *The Zach Files*, *Wild at Heart*, *The Secrets of Droon* and the P.C. Hawke mysteries, among others.

The Friends of the Library annual book and bake sale is scheduled for May 31, and June 1 and 2.

Strong volunteers are needed to carry cartons of books in from our storage shed and unpack them.

If you are a high school senior,

this work will count toward your community service requirement for graduation.

Call the library to sign up for Tuesday and/or Wednesday, May 28 and 29.

Volunteers are also needed for sorting and manning the book sale tables over the weekend.

Creative Writing meets on Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

A book discussion of *In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Garden* meets on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m.

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 our Web site at www.voorheesville.library.org.

Barbara Vink

Museum exhibit

Sunday, May 5, is the last day to see the Onesquethaw-Feura Bush Exhibit at the New Scotland Museum in New Salem.

The museum will be open from 2 to 4 p.m., and a special slide show of old photos of the area will be shown continuously.

Refreshments will be served.

The library board will present the proposed 2002-03 budget at a public meeting in the library on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m., prior to the monthly board meeting.

If that budget is passed, the total tax levy will actually decrease 5.81 percent. The

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library's share of IDA PILOT money will account for over \$230,000 in available funds. The 2002-03 library budget makes provision for several improvements, including a drive-up bookdrop and new carpeting.

Patron demand has also prompted the addition of funds for several new electronic reference databases. The Upper Hudson Library System will install a new and improved online catalog and circulation system this fall; this will engender increased fees. Increases are offset by the PILOT money, reductions resulting from staff retirements and a federal telecommunications subsidy.

Overall, the proposal shows a modest 2.87 percent increase in the library budget. The 2002-03 budget and the board's annual letter are published in full in the May/June issue of "Footnotes," the library newsletter, which has been mailed to every household in the school district.

Copies are also available in the library.

Board vacancy

Ronald Berger and Randy Fisher are candidates for the

trustee seat that will open up on July 1 with the departure of Susan Birkhead.

Birkhead will have served two consecutive 5-year terms, seven years as board president.

Berger is a professor of history at UAlbany. A 21-year resident of Delmar, he is currently vice-president of Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Fisher is a technical and advertising writer who has lived in Bethlehem since 1996. He is a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Budget vote

Voting for the library budget and the new trustee will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at Bethlehem Central Middle School. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Louise Grieco

Bike Day slated at town park

The 26th annual Bike Day — sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department, Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau and business and community organizations — will be on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

Activities include a bike rodeo, where participants navigate a safety course. New bikes and other prizes will be awarded. Bicycles can also be inspected and licensed by Bethlehem police.

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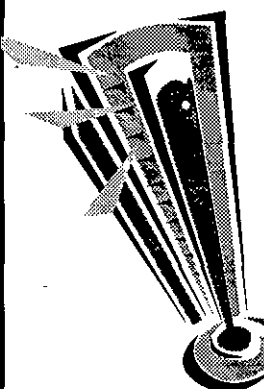
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Pitch in on townwide volunteer day Books in the Morning to feature 'Middlemarch'

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.

High school students, please note that this day counts toward your community service requirements.

Scout leaders to meet

The Girl Scout leaders will meet for their regular meeting tonight, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

PTA to host

Staff Appreciation Day

The annual staff appreciation luncheons will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at the elementary and high schools. The luncheons honor the teachers and support staff.

Zoning board meeting

The next regular village Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held at the village hall on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

Senior citizens to meet

The next regular meeting for the senior citizens group will take place on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout

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Community Center in New Salem.

Thacher Park offers nature walks

Thacher Park will sponsor two nature walks on Saturday, May 4.

A birdwalk with Doug Fraser looking and listening for songbirds will meet at the Paint Mine picnic area at 7 a.m.

A wildflower walk with botanist Ruth Schottman will meet at Paint Mine picnic area at 11 a.m.

Call 872-0800 for information.

Thacher Park plans Spring Fest

Thacher Park will hold a day-long Spring Fest with programs and activities on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please join in a celebration of spring and discover some of the mysteries of the natural wetlands of "your own backyard."

There will be a live animal presentation, nature art and photography, children's activities and crafts, educational displays,

nature walks, traditional string music, fly tying and casting demonstrations and a bird banding demonstration.

For information, contact the Nature Center at 872-0800.

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.

The final Books in the Morning lecture/discussion series will feature George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, "One of the few novels written by grown-up people," according to Virginia Woolf.

The talk will be at Bethlehem town hall on Friday, May 3, at 10:15 a.m. and is free and open to the public.

The next series begins in October. The seven-part program centers around the theme "Seven Characters in Search of

Themselves.

The program will include Jane Austen's *Emma*, Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, George Eliot's *Adam Bede*, Henry James' *Portrait of a Lady*, Edith Wharton's *The House of Mirth* and Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse*.

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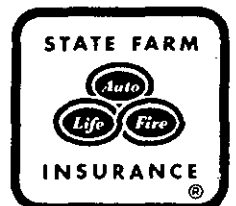


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Entry forms and a 5K course map are available at www.townofbethlehem.com/tourduparc.

Applications are also available at Bethlehem Public Library, town hall and the Parks and Recreation office.

For pre-registered runners, the entry fee is \$10. Runners can register on the day of the race from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and the entry fee will be \$15.

For runners age 65 and older, the pre-registered entry fee is \$5 and \$8 on the day of the race.

Money raised from the Tour du Parc will be used to supplement the high school cross country program and to fund the Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club's youth running programs.

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A bird walk is scheduled on Saturday, May 18, at 7 a.m.

Join biologist Doug Fraser for an early morning birding adventure on nature center trails.

A limited number of binoculars are available. Beginning birders are welcome.

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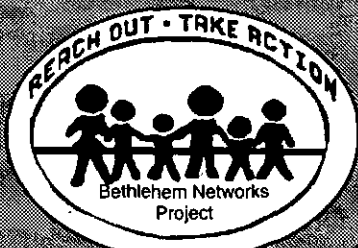
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Earth Tech

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more than a century ago to restrain the river's banks, had also added to the system's failure.

Earth Tech proposed to create up to seven diagonally-drilled, 1,000-foot "angle wells" to penetrate the aquifer beneath the Hudson River. They also described a program of maintenance for the wells using steady chlorine injections and regular use of acid cleaning, and their expectation that the system would meet the settlement agreement's terms of reliability for the next 14 years.

Earth Tech also proposed drilling several conventional vertical wells and building up to three groundwater reservoirs along the river bank in addition to keeping the infiltration gallery, which produces roughly 800,000 gallons a day, in operation.

"With the angled wells alone, we will get the majority of the 6 million gallons a day, but not with a wide margin of error," said senior hydrologist Jesse Schwalbaum, who computer-modeled the proposed system.

Earth Tech's "fix-it team" then answered questions from board members and others at the meeting about a host of technical questions, and requested permission to seek the necessary permits from state and federal regulators to proceed.

Earth Tech's Trish Gabriel, who oversees regulatory issues for the firm, said a series of pre-permitting meetings with regulators from the state Department of Environmental Conser-

vation (DEC), the Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies had cleared the way for what she anticipated would be an expedited permitting process. The firm plans to submit all permit applications by May 10, she said.

Myers projected that construction could begin by late summer and wrap up as early as spring of 2003.

Litigation could resume if the proposed fix fails again.

"This is not your typical public hearing," said town attorney Robert Alessi. "The public hearing is taking place in the context of litigation."

Several who commented at the hearing expressed concern about that, including the plant's most persistent critic, retired engineer William Kelleher.

Kelleher praised Earth Tech for its candor: "At least they're the first consultant to appear before the board who knows what they're talking about in terms of the cleaning and maintenance of the wells," he said.

But he challenged Earth Tech's proposed maintenance plan. "I demand that you prove to this town that you can clean a well the way you describe. It can't be done," he said.

He urged the board to reject the proposed supplemental system, in favor of seeking permits to permanently draw water from the Hudson.

"I still say it is in the best interests of the town and of Earth Tech, and of the industries in Selkirk, Clapper Road's principal customers need to turn this into

a true industrial water supply, settle this lawsuit and take water from the river," he said.

There were other concerns, from the impact of spring flooding on the reservoirs to the cost of maintenance. Neighbor Debbie Hendrickson expressed concern about the possible environmental impact of the well system.

"We are trying to minimize the viewscape impact of any structure put in place," Myers said.

"As Mr. Alessi suggested, we can spend (money) in court or we can spend it on the system," he said. "I spoke to Mrs. Fuller in 2000 and asked her to let us spend it on the system. To be blunt, we want to put it in the ground and move on to our jobs"

In the end, the board unanimously authorized pursuing the necessary permits.

As for the Vly Creek reservoir, Secor said that it continues to hover between 60 and 70 percent capacity still within the "warning" range outlined in the town's water emergency plan, but above the emergency level.

"We need to gain another foot, foot and a half" to move out of the warning stage, Secor said.

"At this point, I'd still like to put off any determination about changing any of our (conservation) measures until our first meeting in May," he added. He also reported that the town has not yet obtained the requested extension of its emergency draw of water from the Hudson, a critical part of its calculations about its water needs for the next 18 months; he hoped DEC would grant that approval in the next two weeks.

But board member Dan Plummer said that the town was not using the full amount available for purchase from Albany. "We have the ability to use up to 2 million gallons a day, and we're only using a million," he said, and urged that at least some of the restrictions on lawn-watering be eased. "I think we need to provide some relief so people can use some water."

Robert Hussar presented a petition on behalf of a group of Haswell Farms homeowners

seeking permission to seed and water new lawns.

Secor said that with the emergency river draw permit not yet renewed by DEC and the supplemental contract with Guiderland likely to end in May, the unused Albany water was important to hold in reserve for use this summer if the reservoir remains significantly below its normal seasonal levels.

Secor said there will be an update on the system at the board's May 8 meeting.

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Land

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The proposed development is less than a mile and a half from the proposed Tall Timbers development, just northeast of 85A off Hilton Road. The developer of that project, last before the town planning Board last fall, is currently preparing a draft environmental impact statement, and further review is

not yet scheduled at present.

At their April 23 meeting, the Voorheesville village board of trustees briefly discussed the inquiry about available water for the country club proposal, but took no formal action. Public Works Commissioner Will Smith told the board the developer had already explored the possibility of connecting with the Northeast Water District, but found it

prohibitively expensive.

The property targeted for the project, owned by the country club, is on the west side of the club grounds, adjacent to the village limits. The plan filed with the town shows 32 single-family lots, but does not depict the possible estate homes, reportedly another eight building lots.

"We are exploring a few things in conjunction with the country club," Neff said. "Most likely it would be sold to a developer. We are discussing having Mr. Michaels as the developer, but nothing has been finalized yet."

Neff described the proposed single-family homes as "more of an empty-nester thing," and the club's members would likely have the first option to buy. "We have a lot of members who spend most of the winter in Arizona and Florida and only a few months of the year here in the beautiful northeast," he said, and they would likely find homes close to the club grounds attractive.

No formal application for review by the town planning board has yet been filed.

Dionysians

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in the fall, even though it had been cast last June.

"We cast Shakespeare plays early because the students need to research the plays and figure out what they're saying," Lopez said. "They need to get their lips around the words, then figure out how to act them."

The language of Shakespeare is part of the reason that Lopez likes to do a production of the Bard's work each year.

"We're not used to Shakespeare's words, so the kids really have to enunciate them," he said. "It's definitely a vocabulary expander, and it's interesting language. It's great actor training because what you always should do you have to do in a Shakespeare play."

Words, Lopez said, were the art form of the Elizabethan age, and Shakespeare had to appeal to three distinct audiences.

"There were the nobles, who were the sponsors," Lopez said. "The merchant class provided

most of the money by attending the shows, and there were the unwashed masses. Shakespeare needed elegance that all would understand. He took a lot of swipes at the professional classes, and he provided rough humor for the lower classes."

To meet all those needs, Shakespeare's works had many layers. "There's what was being said, why it was being said, as well as other meanings that could be found," Lopez said.

"At the heart of Shakespeare is the fact that he's able to capture the essence of what it is to be human," Lopez said. "We're the same as they were in the 1500s. We have the same strengths, the same weaknesses, the same fears. Look at this play, for instance. There's a glutton and people hiding who they really are."

Nearly 50 students have been involved in the production of "Twelfth Night." There are 35 cast members, but the tech crew will also be visible and in costume.

John Sullivan will play Orsino, Christie Nadratowski will be Sebastian, Brendon Schlappi is Toby Belch, Tony Califano is Sir Andrew Aguecheek, Erica Finkle is Olivia and Virginia Sayer is Viola. Performances are this Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, at 7:15 p.m. in the commons area at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School on New Salem Road. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3.50 for students and seniors. They will be available at the door or in the school office during the week.

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- 3) No new lawns to be installed that require watering from public water supply.
- 4) No new swimming pools unless water to fill the pool is trucked in from a private source.
- 5) No refilling of pools for spring start-up, unless water is trucked in from a private water source.
- 6) No building permits will be issued for underground sprinkler systems.

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Avoid strain with safe springtime activities

By ANDREW GREGORY

Now is the time of year when most of us enjoy being outside. There's nothing quite as rewarding as trimming your hedges, pruning the shrubs or mowing your lawn. Unfortunately, these tasks become increasingly difficult with every passing year. But just because you're a senior citizen doesn't mean you have to stop being active; it just means you have to engage in safer tasks.

"We encourage our residents to remain active with a wide array of activities," said Nathan Schafroth, activities director

for Atria Assisted Living. Seniors are delighted at the chance to experience all that the city of Albany has to offer. "We'll often take trips out to Thacher Park for a picnic. It's a wonderful experience for the residents and the staff of Atria," said Schafroth. Along with these 'Mystery Rides,' Atria residents maintain a garden close to the facility.

This sort of non-strenuous activity helps to maintain good blood flow, and it also instills a sense of self-worth.

"There's no reason why seniors should feel limited in their abilities just because of their age," said Schafroth.

Other activities include attending free concerts at the Empire State Plaza, Friday night barbecues and feeding the ducks at the Atria Pond.

At Fountain View of Guilderland, residents participate in similar activities.

"One of the most popular activities is line dancing. Seniors can mingle and get in a light workout at the

same time," said Lynn Bearup, admissions coordinator at Fountain View.

Transportation to local shopping malls can also be arranged. Residents are free to stretch their legs at several local malls.

"They get so excited when they get a chance to do everyday regular things that most of us take for granted," said Bearup.

Golf putting, a low impact form of exercise, is popular amongst residents at Fountain View. With a limited range of motion, putting is an excellent example of how to remain energetic without putting too much strain on your body. "We have designed these activities so that seniors can get the exercise they need without the risk," said Bearup.

Senior Living

Seniors, employers to get together at unique job fair

By DEV TOBIN

Today's seniors are more healthy, more active and, like everyone else, more likely to need a few extra dollars.

Today's businesses are always on the lookout for reliable, competent employees.

Recognizing these two facts, several organizations will co-sponsor the first Albany County Senior Job Fair, for seniors 55 years old and older, at Crossgates Mall in Guilderland on Tuesday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The most convenient access to the fair will be via the food court entrance on the Western Avenue side of the mall.

More than 40 organizations and businesses will be at the fair, looking to connect with local seniors.

"Many businesses have work force issues and desperately need employees to

cerns by bringing qualified, interested employers to them."

Schramm called the response from potential employers "terrific, they're very supportive of this initiative."

"Many (seniors) want to obtain gainful, stimulating employment, but are unsure about the reception they will get from prospective employers,"

- Jane Schramm

grow," said Jane Schramm, executive director of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and the prime mover behind the job fair.

"Seniors want to remain independent and viable members of the community without relying on public assistance," Schramm said. "Many of them want to obtain gainful, stimulating employment, but are unsure about the reception they will get from prospective employers," Schramm added. "This job fair will alleviate their con-

Signed up for the fair so far are banks, drug stores, grocery stores, home care agencies and nonprofits like Catholic Charities and the Center for the Disabled.

The fair will also provide job and career counseling, as well as information on training and retraining opportunities.

"The most exciting part of this venture is the potential for making connections that will really help people," Schramm said.

Steve Snow, deputy commissioner of the Albany County Department for Aging, said seniors are an often-overlooked part of the work force, despite several

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Keeping cool in the summertime

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The heat waves are coming. It is important for the most vulnerable, our senior citizens, to refresh their memories on how to protect themselves from medical emergencies caused by heat related illnesses.

A person loses up to two quarts of fluid a day during hot weather which must be replaced.

Jean Barnowski of Kingsway Community Center referred to a brochure prepared by American Academy of Dermatology, American Cancer Society and The Skin Cancer Foundation. While much of the brochure discusses skin protection it is also full of advice on how to avoid heat related illnesses.

Some of the brochure tips are "sip water all day long, avoiding beverages containing alcohol or caffeine as they make you lose fluids faster. Also avoid sugary soft drinks and full strength fruit juices as they prevent fluids from leaving your digestive system. A person loses up to two quarts of fluid a day during hot weather which must be replaced.

Use of air-conditioning, at least several hours a day, greatly reduces risk of heat related illnesses. If your home has no air conditioning go to a shopping mall, library or community center to cool off.

Reduce physical activity

and try to confine it to the cooler part of the day, morning or evening. Take frequent baths and showers to cool down and wear light loose fitting clothing made of natural fibers like cotton. Avoid plastics or nylons as they interfere with sweating, one of the bodies heat loss mechanisms.

Eat lightly and choose foods with high water content like soups and fruits and salads. And if you live alone, work out a "buddy call"

telephone system with someone so you can check on each other during the hot season. And finally check with your health provider to see if any of your medications put you at a higher risk and determine if some modification is possible."

A website on the subject of heat exhaustion cautions to avoid direct exposure to sunlight and if you must be out wear a wide brimmed hat and cover extremities with loose fitting clothes.

Andrea Russo, a principal in the heating and air-conditioning firm Crisafuli Brothers, has this advice for those with central air-conditioning. "Be sure to have your system checked annually before the hot season arrives, to clean it, have the Freon charged if necessary and change the filters."

Russo says the annual cleaning is advised since the units sit outside and are exposed year around to all of the elements.

Also, Russo said, her firm provides a service not generally available at companies like hers, walk in service for window units. "Walk in" means the window unit must be brought to their location at 520 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY. The most common problem with window units brought to them is the Freon needs to be re-charged. Russo also stated that they do not sell or install these units.

Most of the above tips are common sense. "However some elderly people become forgetful as they age and consequently are more vulnerable to the effects of heat. If you are aware of a family member or friend in this category arrange to have them checked on frequently during the hot spells," cautions Barnowski.



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Saving for your grandchildren's education

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

As the costs of college education rises, many grandparents look to see how they can assist their grandchildren with that considerable expense.

"There are some neat things that have taken place that let grandparents accomplish a couple of goals," Mark Bryant of Bryant Asset Management said. "We have some fairly wealthy grandparents who can have the enjoyment of giving money away at the same time that they can watch that money continue to grow."

An educational investment tool that has become popular nationwide are 529 plans, college savings plans that

states run, and that are named after the section of the tax code that governs them. New York's 529 plan is called "New York Saves," and parents, grandparents, and other relatives can open an account for a child. They

can contribute up to \$10,000 per year per child, and watch that money grow tax-free until it's withdrawn for higher

education at the school of the child's choice. Different states designate different managers for their 529 plans, and TIAA-CREF manages New York Saves.

Waddell and Reed, a national financial services organization with an office in Albany's Great Oaks office complex, manages the state of Arizona's 529 plan.

"Ours is called the Waddell and Reed InvestEd Plan," Susan Schell of Waddell and Reed said.

"529s have very high contribution limits," Schell said. "Our 529 allows an account balance of \$177,000."

For grandparents with significant amounts of money to give away, a 529 plan is a good way to "gift" a large sum of money. "If a grandparent wanted to gift \$50,000 in one year," Schell said, "they could do that, and it counts as five years worth of gifting." "With a 529," Schell said, "the grandparent still has control of the money, with the child as the beneficiary, while it takes that amount of money out of their estate. The earnings also grow federally income-tax deferred, and withdrawals are tax-free for higher education expenses." Bryant pointed out that 529 account

holders have no say over how the money is managed. Generally, portfolios are organized in an age-appropriate manner, moving towards more secure investments as a child approaches college age. Different people can contribute to a child's New York Saves account, Bryant said, for a total of \$235,000 in the account. Bryant cautioned that 529s require monitoring, and grandparents should keep an eye out for the best possible place to put their money. "There's also the education IRA," he said, "which is now called the Coverdell Education Savings

used for secondary as well as college education."

The Uniform Gift to Minors Act is still an instrument that grandparents can use to give money to their grandchildren. "That money is taxed if it's not used for education," Bryant said. The

UGMA allows grandchildren more choice about how they use the money their grandparents have put aside for them.

"Sometimes a grandparent might want to

fund a trip or special vacation for a grandchild," Bryant said.

Bryant also advised grandparents to not overlook a standard investment tool that can serve two purposes - life insurance. "Parents might be working their rear ends off to save for their children's education," Bryant said. "Grandparents might consider buying life insurance on the parents, and if anything happens to them, their grandchildren's education is funded. They can also cash out the accounts when the grandchildren turn 18, and help pay for college that way." Both Bryant and Schell are Certified Financial Planners (Dear Editor: this apparently needs a TM designation after it), and can help parents and grandparents plan for their higher education for children and grandchildren. "I work with a fair number of families," Schell said, "and educating their children is a part of their concern."

Schell can be reached at Waddell and Reed, at 452-5700, extension 214. Bryant's office is located on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, and his number is 439-1141.



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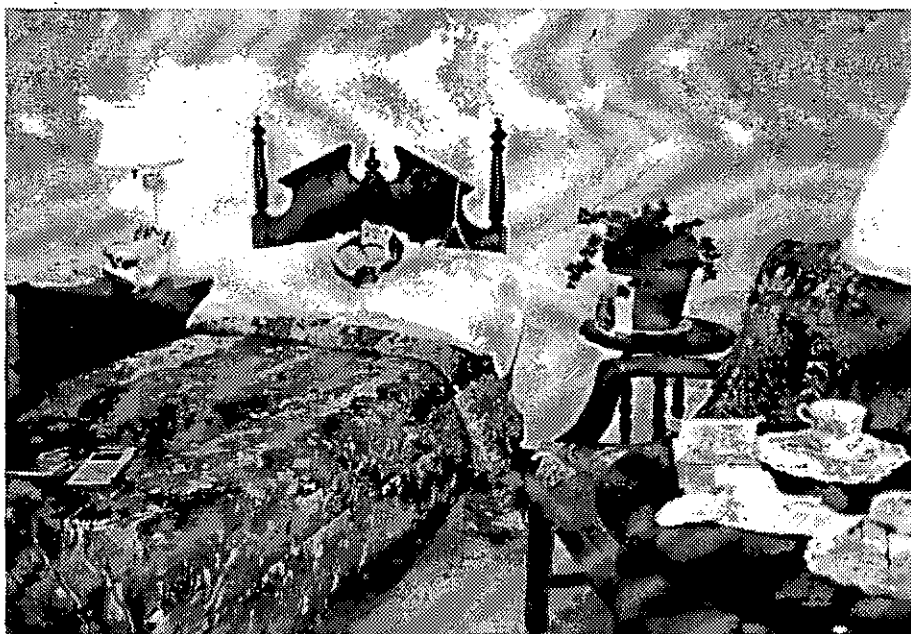
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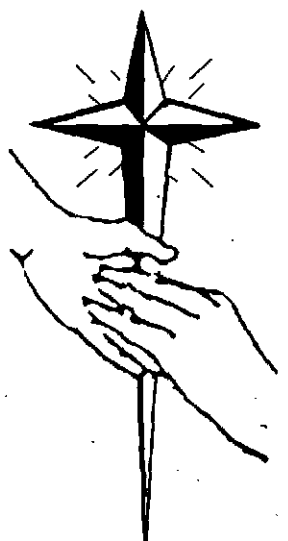


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By ANDREW GREGORY

With Alzheimers is claiming more and more victims that ever before, it is important to get a good mental workout. It's funny to think of the brain as a muscle; but it is the most important one in the human body. In order to stay sharp, you must challenge your cerebral boundaries everyday.

"I can't emphasize how crucial mental wellness for

all seniors. Whether your 65 or 95, your brain needs a workout so that deterioration doesn't set in," said Barbara Smith, executive director of Coburg Village in Clifton Park. One of the most amazing displays of mental agility that Smith has witnessed is the weekly bridge game. In this complex card game, the participants must be quick and strategic in order to win.

"It's as-see seniors react so quickly to the play of their opponents. To see their competitive side come out is really

great," said Smith. Many residents enjoying reading novels and newspapers which helps to stimulate cerebral activity. The effect of classical music, which has

the residents enjoy every minute of it," said Smith.

Throughout 2001, there were 1215 events either at Coburg Village or provided by Coburg Village. Smith

noted that such a wealth of events were held due to the fact that seniors know they

"Yoga helps to calm the mind. Once people are in a relaxed state, they are able to focus and think in a clear way," - B.J. Best

been recently documented in regards to early childhood mental development, has a similarly positive effect on seniors. "The Clifton Park town orchestra will come in and play for the residents and

need to maintain their mental health. "Our residents want to remain in good mental shape. Just because they're aging doesn't mean they want to grow old," said

Smith. The 190 residents of Coburg Village certainly enjoy every opportunity to test their brain.

While most people recognize the benefits of reading and games involving strategy, B.J. Best, owner and operator of The Missing Peace, is presenting a very peaceful alternative to traditional approaches. "Yoga helps to calm the mind. Once people are in a relaxed state, they are able to focus and think in a clear way," said Best. Most yoga exercises begin and end with deep breathing. According to Best, this is done to balance the energy of the body. "Once a balance has been achieved, the body and mind are much more efficient," said Smith. With over thirty years experience, Best has helped many seniors become not only mentally fit, but physically fit as well. The connection between both aspects of senior living is evident according to Best, "When the mind is relaxed, stress is eliminated. This decreases the amount of strain placed on the immune system." Best believes the mental fitness is the key to life-long vitality. For more information on The Missing Peace call (518) 786-7091.

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Radio personalities Steve Fitz and Chris Martin, themselves part-time senior workers, will be at the fair. Free light refreshments will be available for exhibitors and attendees.

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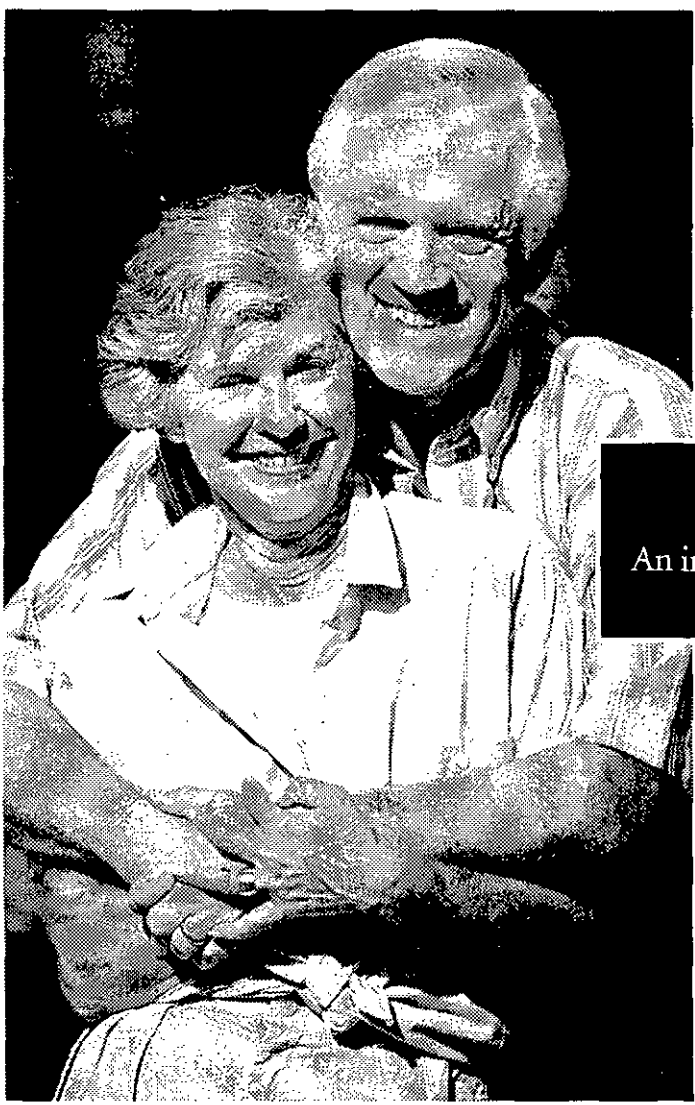
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positive image of aging and older adults.

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Month nationally and Senior Citizens' Month in New York State. Here in Empire State, the New York State Office for the Aging will hold a special recognition ceremony honoring senior achievers from every county and diverse aging organization as part of the "Achievement is Ageless" campaign. "Achievement is Ageless" is an opportunity to tell the stories of countless older persons, known and unknown, who can help give new meaning to old age. We also have an opportunity to

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There are already thousands of older New Yorkers who volunteer their time in a variety of ways to help others. Their achievements are indicative of the spirit that lies within all volunteers. Let me share some examples:

* Thousands of older New Yorkers are part of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program who volunteer their services at work assignments tailored to their interests and skills;

* Low-income seniors work with children with special needs through the Foster Grandparent Program; and

* Through the Senior Companion Program, low-income seniors provide supportive person-to-person services to developmentally disabled adults who need assistance to remain living independently. If we look at history, we can find a multi-

tude of examples of people who continued to achieve at an advanced age. Grandma Moses was still painting at 100. Benjamin Franklin effected the compromise that led to adoption of the U.S. Constitution at age 81. Pablo Picasso was producing drawings and paintings at 91. George Burns was acting and performing stand-up comedy

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"Achievement is Ageless" will provide an opportunity to write new chapters in history and introduce new generations to older achievers who are making great contributions to our society.

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mean, frail or helpless. This couldn't be more wrong. Today, our older residents are more active and vibrant than ever before and the time has come to change these stereotypes. "Achievement is Ageless" is a national campaign spearheaded by John Mack Carter and Elinor C. Guggenheimer, to change the perceptions associated with older people.

Why is it so important to change the perceptions of older persons? Simple; in the years to come there will be more of them. The aging of the "Baby Boom" generation will have a profound effect on our society. By 2030, there will be close to 70 million people age 65 and older in the United States; nearly 3.3 million of whom will reside in New York. The statistics are but a small part of the story. The real stories are the people who, despite their age, continue to accomplish great things. During the coming months "Achievement is Ageless" will celebrate longevity and the potential it offers for us to

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Strategies for beating osteoporosis

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The bad news about bones is that they begin thinning at age 35. The good news is that they can be built back up at any age.

Helene Wallingford, community nurse educator for women's and children's health services at St. Peter's Hospital, said there's a lot that people of any age can do to strengthen their bones.

Getting enough calcium is one of them, and Wallingford recommended 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams of calcium per day, with a minimum of 1,500 milligrams for women who

are menopausal and not on hormone replacement therapy.

"Most food stuffs are marked with the amount of calcium they contain," Wallingford said. "Eight ounces of skim milk — we recommend that all adults drink a glass of milk with 1 percent or less of fat in it

every day — contains 300 milligrams of calcium."

Some products put a percentage of calcium on the label, rather than the number of milligrams.

"Yogurt, for instance, gives the percentage," Wallingford said. "Generally, add a zero to the percentage to get the

number of milligrams, so that something with 20 percent calcium has 200 milligrams."

Green leafy vegetables like broccoli are another great calcium source, Wallingford said. Calcium supplements are also available, but must be distributed throughout the day.

"Your body can only utilize 1,000 milligrams of calcium at a shot," Wallingford said, "so take supplements in the morning, evening and before bed. Also, take them with food, and try to get a lot of vitamin D, since both of those help with calcium absorption."

Exercise is critical for maintaining or rebuilding bone density.

"Thirty minutes of weight-bearing exercise per day will prevent you from getting osteoporosis," Wallingford said.

You don't have to become spend hours at the gym to keep your bone density up; a walk is a good way to get that exercise.

"You need that pounding," Wallingford said. "You also need to think about your upper body, so try lifting weights of just one to two pounds. Even a couple of books would be good."

The list of risk factors for osteoporosis is long. Any steroid treatments — like

turned out to be a group with a higher incidence of osteoporosis.

"Slightly built people have less dense bones," Wallingford said. "This is also why men get osteoporosis less than women. They tend to have bigger builds, and their reproductive

hormones don't abate as early as women's do."

Drinking more than two glasses of alcohol a day and a sedentary

lifestyle are other risk factors for osteoporosis, as is smoking. A high-fat, high animal-protein diet adds more phosphorous, which can wash away the calcium needed to keep bones strong.

Osteoporosis is diagnosed with a machine called a "Dexa," Wallingford explained

"It's a very easy diagnosis," Wallingford said. "You lay on a table, and the machine moves over you, scanning your lower spine, hips and upper legs."

The machine diagnoses osteoporosis as well as osteopenia, which indicates that bone density is beginning to diminish.

In some cases, prescription medicines are used to combat osteoporosis.

"Hormone replacement therapy has been popular," Wallingford said. "But some of the newest research indicates that HRT isn't what we thought it would be in terms of preventing heart disease."

Fosomax is a non-hormonal prescription medicine that patients take first thing in the morning, and must remain upright, and not eat, for half an hour.

"Fosomax is tough on the intestinal tract and not everyone tolerates it," Wallingford said.

Erista is another medication, and there are nasal spray prescriptions available.

"There's nothing to do surgically," Wallingford said, "unless a hip breaks because of poor bone density."

Wallingford does a lot of community outreach education, where she often repeats the critical message of osteoporosis: If you don't use it, you'll lose it.

"You can stop osteoporosis," Wallingford said. "You can build up bone mass. It's never too late."

Wallingford can be reached at 525-1388.

"Thirty minutes of weight-bearing exercise per day will prevent you from getting osteoporosis," - Helene Wallingford

those used for asthma — increase the risk of osteoporosis. Never having been pregnant increases the likelihood of osteoporosis, since the increase in estrogen and progesterone help the body maintain bone density during pregnancy. Similarly, an early or surgical menopause causes a decrease in estrogen and progesterone.

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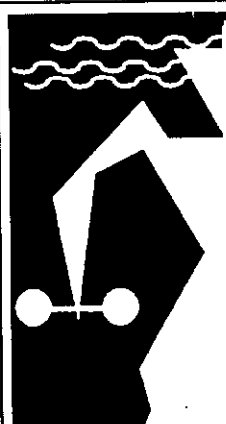
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By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

With three of nine seats on the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board up for election on May 21, two incumbents have opted not to seek re-election after just one term on the board.

Board members Cathy Long of Feura Bush and Linda Marshall of Selkirk declined to seek re-election, but four candidates filed petitions before the April 22 deadline, including Nanette Mayes of Selkirk, a former board member appointed to fill the remainder of the term of Renee Rider, who resigned earlier in the year.

Joining Mayes in a wide-open race for three-year board terms are three first-time candidates, John Bonafide and Mark Deyo of Ravena and Scott Hughes of Selkirk.

Mayes served two prior terms on the board before being defeated for re-election to a third last spring. A former administrator with Sterling Drug Co., she is a manager of Majestic Tree Farm and a trustee of First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Bonafide is a senior historical preservation analyst with the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation, and Hughes an assistant director of First Health Services. Both served as members of the budget advisory panel formed by the district this year to help draw up the \$32 million plan that will also go before the voters this month.

Both have also been active in other community activities — Bonafide as a member of the town of Coeymans ethics

Church to dish up roast beef dinner

Clarksville Community Church will serve a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday, May 18, with seatings at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the church on 1997 Delaware Turnpike.

The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls and butter, relish tray, beverages and homemade pies.

Walkins are welcome.

There will also be a bake sale by the Women for Christian Service.

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committee and active in community redevelopment and historical preservation, and Hughes as a member of the citizens' advocacy group, Campaign for Fiscal Equality.

Deyo is a purchasing agent with Security Supply Corp. in Selkirk and a substitute teacher for the RCS district. He has also served part-time as a volunteer coach or assistant coach for several of the district's athletic teams. He is president of the Coeymans Volunteer Fire Co.

Both Long and Marshall cited the time pressures of new jobs in the decision to step down from the board — and neither would rule out a future run should circumstances change.

Long has recently taken a new position with the Coeymans-based Hillside Agency.

"My night-time availability is not what it had been," she said. "I didn't feel I could give my all to the board, and it's a position that involves a lot of evening hours. It was simply a matter of availability."

Similarly, Marshall has recently taken on public-relations duties with the Berkshires-based Landmark Volunteers, though she emphasized that she is not moving and would remain active in school affairs.

"I've really, really enjoyed being on the school board and serving the community," she said. "My kids have had great teachers who really cared, and I felt I owed the school district a lot. But I've just gotten this wonderful new job and I didn't want to spread myself too thin. I feel like I would not be able to give the school board the time it deserves."

She said the experience of serving on the board has been rewarding, if frustrating at times.

"Things move very slowly, and I always have incredibly high expectations that I think eventually will be fulfilled," she said. "I don't have a lot of patience for incremental change, though the school district has made some wonderful changes. But each kid only goes through once, and I think they deserve the best of the best. I know we can get there."

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Sports

Blackbirds enter crucial stretch

By ROB JONAS

At the midpoint of the season, two of the traditional baseball powers in the Colonial Council, Lansingburgh and Watervliet, occupy the top two positions in the standings.

But lurking in third place — behind the first-place Knights and second-place Cannoneers — are the Voorheesville Blackbirds. And they're not ready to concede the league title.

"I haven't been overly impressed with any team in the respect that I haven't seen a team we couldn't beat," first-year Voorheesville coach **Craig Tynan** said. "Between those three teams, I think it basically comes down to who plays the best defense on a particular day."

The Blackbirds (5-2 league) had a chance to knock off Lansingburgh last Friday, but their defense betrayed them in an 8-5

loss. Voorheesville had a 5-4 lead in the top of the seventh inning, but some untimely errors led to a four-run Lansingburgh rally. In all, the Blackbirds committed eight errors.

"Up until Friday, I was impressed" with how well the team was playing, Tynan said. "But Friday, we kind of had some breakdowns, which I wasn't happy with."

The eight errors spoiled another strong pitching performance by **Steve Hensel**. He allowed only five hits in a complete-game effort.

"He's been able to keep the ball in the strike zone for seven innings," Tynan said of Hensel. "He's pitched three full games, and he's allowed seven hits over those 21 innings."

Hensel is one of several players Tynan cited as major contributors to the team's success. He credited **Mark Murray, Mark Tidd** and **Greg Conklin** for their consistent

play, and has been impressed by the progress of **Kevin Massaroni** and **Ryan Blakeney**.

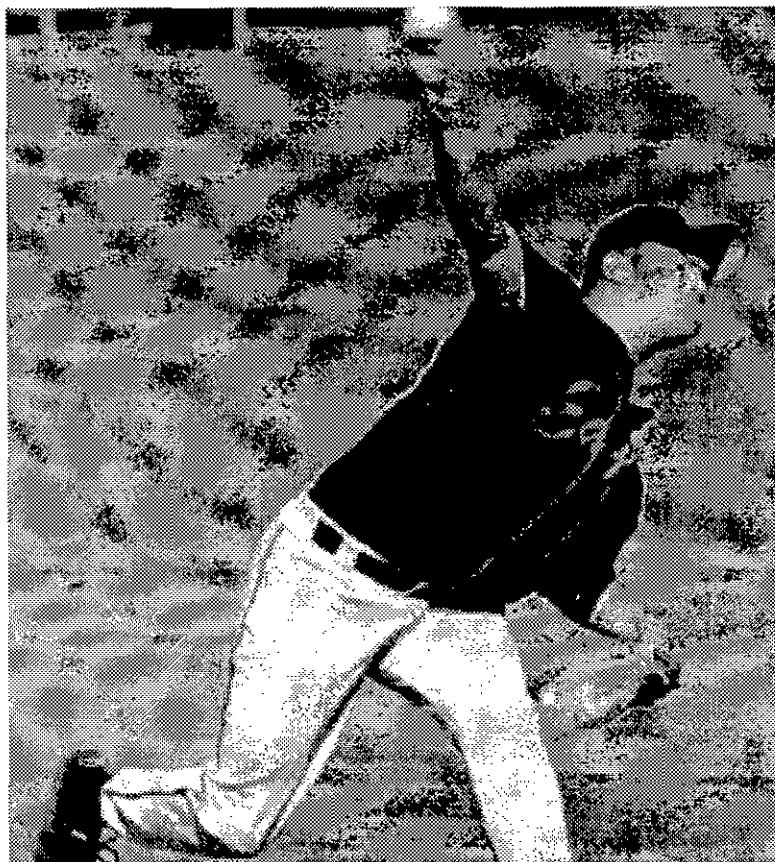
"Kevin Massaroni was battling an injury early in the season, but he's been hitting the ball better lately," Tynan said. "Ryan Blakeney has been a bit of a surprise for us. He's a junkball pitcher, but he's thrown well in the two games he's pitched."

Voorheesville was scheduled to face Watervliet Monday to start the second half of the season, but a threat of rain had Tynan concerned that the game might not be played — a problem that could also affect the Blackbirds' upcoming games against Schalmon today, May 1, and Albany Academy Thursday, May 2.

"I think we're going to be hurting the next two weeks if these games get rained out," Tynan said. "We'll have to play at least four games every week for the next two weeks, but every team will have to go through the same thing."

The Blackbirds will host Schalmon today at Swift Road Park before traveling to Albany Academy tomorrow.

Here's the pitch



Bethlehem pitcher Mark Bulger delivers during last Wednesday's 6-1 loss to Shenendehowa in a Suburban Council game. *Rob Jonas*

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Hartshorn leads local marathoners

Christopher Hartshorn of Delmar was the top Capital District finisher at the Boston Marathon April 15.

Hartshorn completed the course in a chip time of 2 hours, 38 minutes, 21 seconds to place 149th overall.

Two Slingerlands residents — **Aaron Colman** and **Martha DeGrazia** — were also among the top area finishers.

Colman was the third Capital District male to complete the course with a time of 2:46:31, while DeGrazia was the third-fastest area female finisher with a time of 3:13:08.

Club schedules Mother's Day race

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will hold its annual Mother's Day Race Sunday, May 12, at 10 a.m.

The 3.5-mile race for women and girls will start from Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar. Children's races of 200 meters, one-half mile and one mile will also be held, starting at 11 a.m.

Runners may register until 15 minutes before the start of the 3.5-mile race. The entry fee is \$10, and the first 100 runners to register will receive a commemorative gift.

For information, call 435-4500.

Hughes receives league honor

Bethlehem Central High School graduate **Pat Hughes**, a junior on the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute baseball team, was chosen to the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association All-Academic team.

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High School Varsity Sports Results for the Week of April 22-27

MONDAY, APRIL 22

BOYS LACROSSE
GUILDERLAND 7, BETHLEHEM 6
Scoring: Bethlehem — Tom Trimarchi 4-0, Pat Heenan 0-1, Ryan Dalton 0-1, Mike Nuttall 1-1, Andrew Kelleher 1-0. Guilderland — John Tanner 1-1, Greg Powell 0-2, Bryan Adams 0-1, Greg LaPlante 1-0, Greg Dillon 0-1, Dave DeMasi 1-1, Mike Norris 1-0, Matt Frye 3-0.
Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 15. Guilderland — Evan O'Donnell 7, George Polino 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

BASEBALL
BETHLEHEM 2, BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE 1
Bethlehem highlights: Cameron Brown RBI triple.
SCHALMONT 7, RCS 6
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Jim Currey 2 singles, 2 RBI; Jeremy Irwin 2 singles, RBI.
BOYS TENNIS
Voorheesville 3, Cohoes 0
BOYS TRACK AND FIELD
BETHLEHEM 114, MOHONASEN 65
Bethlehem individual winners: Andrew Swiatowicz (110-meter high hurdles), Dave Kadish (100), Adam Hill (1,600), Jamie Putnam (400), Kevin Gutman (400 hurdles), James Laberge (200), Paddy Hennessey (shot put, discus), Zach Maskin (long jump, triple jump), Stephen Strait (high jump).

RCS 98, ALBANY ACADEMY 42
RCS 124, MECHANICVILLE 17
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk individual winners: Tom Nevinger (200-meter dash, 400), Darrick Priester (800), George LaMountain (400 hurdles), Eric Whiting (long jump), Jeff Bradley (high jump), Howard Fagan (shot put), Kristofer Jeune (discus).

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

WED., MAY 1

BASEBALL
Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Lansingburgh, 4 p.m.
Schalmont at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE
Shenendehowa at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

GIRLS LACROSSE
Bethlehem at Saratoga, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD
Voorheesville, Lansingburgh at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

BASEBALL
Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.
Cohoes at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
BETHLEHEM 20, SHAKER 1
Scoring: Bethlehem — Brianna Bubeck 6-3, Kristin Link 4-0, Katie Wagoner 2-2, Kate Rowan 1-0, Katelyn Primomo 1-1, Kate Metevia 1-1, Cecilia Corrigan 2-0, Emily Cohen 1-0, Mackenzie Riegel 1-0, Amy O'Donnell 1-1. Shaker — Allison Wolanin 1-0.
Saves: Bethlehem — Dani Blanchard 1.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD
BETHLEHEM 107.5, MOHONASEN 71.5
Bethlehem individual winners: Emily Coles (100-meter hurdles), Laura Molino (100), Meg Anderson (1,500), Amy Cunningham (400 hurdles), Emily Malinowski (800), Celinda Gebhardt (200), Katie Parafinczuk (3,000), Kathleen Hart (high jump, shot put, discus).

HOLY NAMES 74, RCS 64
RCS 117, MECHANICVILLE 21
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk individual winners: Kiernan Townley (100-meter hurdles, 400 hurdles), Tera Weddell (100), Stephanie Przybylowicz (shot put, discus), Jessica Poetzsch (high jump), Melissa Andritz (pole vault).

SOFTBALL
RCS 8, HOLY NAMES 7
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Ashley Byerwalters and Christy Latter 2 RBI.
VOORHEESVILLE 5, SCHALMONT 0
Voorheesville highlights: Cyrilla Suker pitched one-hitter with nine strikeouts, Shana Wiley 2 singles, 2 RBI.

WED., APRIL 24

BASEBALL
SHENENDEHOWA 6, BETHLEHEM 1
Bethlehem highlights: Brendan Hughes 2 hits, RBI.

RCS 11, MECHANICVILLE 8
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: C.J. Berghela 2 doubles, 2 RBI, 3 runs scored; Jeremy Irwin home run.
VOORHEESVILLE 25, COBLESKILL 8
Voorheesville highlights: Mark Murray 5 singles, Keith Massaroni 3 hits.
BOYS LACROSSE
SARATOGA 14, BETHLEHEM 11
Scoring: Bethlehem — Tom Trimarchi 5-1, Andrew Kelleher 1-0, Chris Abbott 1-1, Pat Heenan 0-3, Pat Riegel 2-0, Jon McCardle 1-1, Mike Nuttall

0-1, Erik Lowery 0-1, James Traylor 1-0.
Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 18.
BOYS TENNIS
BETHLEHEM 8, SARATOGA 1
Bethlehem winners: Singles — Jon Clair, Peter Cooley, Robert Hoffman, Eric Herd, Carter Thomas, Dan Stevens. Doubles — Brian Greenberg-Brandon Cary, Dan Cohen-Sandeep Murthy.

SOFTBALL
Shenendehowa 2, Bethlehem 0
SCHALMONT 3, RCS 2
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Jessalyn Hotaling pitched a four-hitter.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

BASEBALL
AVERILL PARK 10, BETHLEHEM 8
Bethlehem highlights: Parker Brown double, 2 singles; Jim Morrill 3 singles.
LANSINGBURGH 8, VOORHEESVILLE 5
Voorheesville highlights: Kevin

Vanderwarker 2 doubles.
RCS 15, COHOES 7
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: David Cross home run, triple, double, 5 RBI; Steve Correll 3 singles, double, 3 RBI.

BOYS LACROSSE
BETHLEHEM 13, COLUMBIA 4
Scoring: Bethlehem — Chris Abbott 0-2, Aaron Griffin 1-0, Pat Heenan 3-3, Andrew Kelleher 3-0, Nate Panucci 1-1, Pat Riegel 2-0, Tom Trimarchi 3-2.

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 10.
SOFTBALL
RCS 17, WATERVLIET 4
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Sarah Stott bases-loaded triple, 2 runs scored.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

SOFTBALL
LANSINGBURGH 3, VOORHEESVILLE 1
Voorheesville highlights: Alex Fish double, Lindsay Halpin RBI single, Cyrilla Suker pitched three-hitter.

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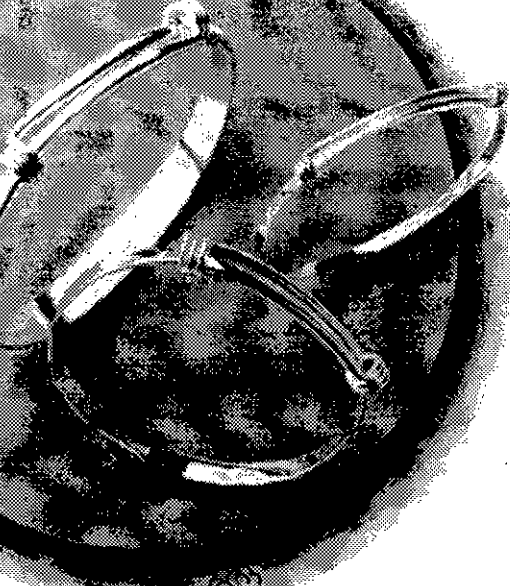
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Obituaries

Dennis Murnane

Dennis Shawn Murnane, 44, of Albany, and formerly of Voorheesville, died Thursday, April 23, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Voorheesville High School.

Mr. Murnane worked for the state Office of General Services for more than 20 years.

He was an avid sportsman and loved the outdoors.

Survivors include his parents, Dennis and Katherine Murnane of Stuart, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Murnane of Voorheesville, Patricia King of Cary, N.C., and Kelly Gilman of Guiderland; and three brothers, Brian Murnane of Stanford, Conn., Timothy Murnane of New York City and Michael Murnane of Altamont.

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

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205 or the Neurosciences Institute of Albany Medical Center, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

John Minahan

John E. Minahan Jr., 68, of Palm Springs, Calif., and formerly of Bethlehem, died Sunday, April 21.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He was an alumnus of Siena College, Cornell, Harvard and Columbia universities.

Mr. Minahan was a former writing instructor at Harvard. He is the author of 21 books, including the Doubleday Award-winning novel *A Sudden Silence*, the best-seller *Jeremy*, which was

produced as a motion picture by United Artists and *The Great Diamond Robbery*, produced as a CBS television special.

Mr. Minahan was also a staff writer for "Time."

Survivors include his wife, Verity A. Hill Minahan; two sisters, Constance Weber of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Joan Davis of Bethesda, Md.; a stepsister, Ann Hans; and a stepbrother, Francis Mulderry.

A memorial service will be held at the Magin & Keegan Funeral Home, 891 Madison Ave., Albany, at a later date.

Interment will be in the family mausoleum in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Esther Hoffman

Esther Siegel Hoffman, 86, of the Beverwyck in North Bethlehem died Sunday, April 21, at her home.

Born in Amsterdam, she was a longtime resident of Albany before moving to the Beverwyck.

She was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast.

She attended Keuka College and was a graduate of the former New York State Teachers College. She received a master's degree from the Teachers College.

Mrs. Hoffman taught history, Latin and the philosophy of education at the Teachers College.

She was a longtime volunteer for the Hudson Valley Girl Scouts Council and the Red Cross.

She served as chairman of volunteers for the Albany Chapter of the Red Cross and also served as chairman of the Albany Chapter. She traveled throughout the country a Red Cross National consultant for planning. In 1980, Gov. Mario Cuomo appointed Mrs. Hoffman as the public representative on the state Board of Nursing.

In 1989, Mayor Erastus

Corning and the state Legislature proclaimed March 7 Esther Hoffman Day in the city of Albany.

She received community service awards from the Red Cross, Girl Scouts, the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis Club, Keuka College, Jewish War Veterans, Albany PTA and the YMCA.

She was a founding member of the Voluntary Action Center. In 1998, she organized the Senior Volunteer Program for Albany. In her most recent volunteer effort, she worked in the Intergenerational Program in Guiderland.

She was the widow of Harold Hoffman.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Mow of Briarcliff Manor; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Temple Israel Cemetery in Guiderland.

Contributions may be made to the Girl Scouts Hudson Valley Council, 8 Mountainview Ave., Colonie 12205, Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208 or Congregation Sons of Israel, 355 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam 12010.

Anthony Tommell

Anthony Tommell, 85, of Meadow Brook Court in Guiderland, and formerly of Stove Pipe Road in New Scotland, died Wednesday, April 24.

Mr. Tommell was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a truck driver.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Myers Tommell; two sons, Anthony W. Tommell of Westmoreland and Thomas J. Tommell of Guiderland; a brother, Frank Tommell of Clarksville; and two grand-

children.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Colonie.

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

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

John Hosey

John P. Hosey, 90, of Guiderland, and formerly of Glenmont, died Tuesday, April 23, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center.

Born in Albany, he was a shipping clerk at Hudson Valley Paper Co. for 35 years before he retired.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 850th Bomb Squadron. Mr. Hosey flew on 27 missions in Africa and Europe and received two Purple Hearts.

He was a member of the Albany Elks and a former president of The Old Gang of Mine.

He was husband of the late Dorothy Thomas Hosey.

Survivors include a brother, Bryant Hosey of Utica.

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

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

James Slingerland

James A. Slingerland, 23, of Delmar died Saturday, April 20.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He attended the state University of New York at Fredonia and Albany, where he studied music and mathematics.

Mr. Slingerland was an accomplished composer and musician.

He served as organist at

Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church and First Church of Christ, Scientist, Delmar.

Survivors include his parents, Jacalyn and James C. Slingerland; a sister, Bethany Slingerland; a brother, Philip Slingerland; his paternal grandmother, Martha Slingerland of Delmar; and his maternal grandparents, Robert and Elda Morby of Delmar.

Services were from Community United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery in Feura Bush.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159 or the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands 12204-2718.

Mary R. Easton

Mary R. Easton of Voorheesville died Monday, April 22, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

She was the widow of Andrew F. Easton.

Survivors include a son, Andrew F. Easton of Fort Wayne, Ind., a daughter, Mary Lynn Hayden of Voorheesville; a sister, Dorothy Kavlick of Indian Head, Md.; five grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a lifelong friend, Mildred A. Allen of Albany.

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

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Joseph Tice

Joseph E. Tice, 65, of Rotterdam, and formerly of Voorheesville, died Saturday, April 20, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was raised in Voorheesville.

Mr. Tice served in the Army from 1960 to 1966.

He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Wan Wormer Tice; two sons, Dennis W. Tice and Douglas J. Tice; two daughters, Pamela S. Lown and Jennifer A. Tice; a sister, Sandy Bauder; and nine grandchildren.

Services were from Heldeberg Reformed Church in Guiderland Center.

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Aaron and Jamie Louridas

Czajka, Louridas wed

Jamie Czajka, daughter of Karen and Dr. John Czajka of Slingerlands, and Aaron Louridas, son of Eileen and Leo Louridas of Wayne, N.J., were married on Aug. 10, 2001.

The Rev. James Walsh performed the ceremony at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

A reception followed at Glen Sanders Mansion.

Alix Czajka, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Jessie Czajka, sister of the bride, Pamela Ogonoski and Cristina Romeo, cousins of the bride, Leah Witko and Semia George.

Adam Louridas, brother of the groom, was best man.

Ushers were John Czajka and Cory Czajka, brothers of the bride, Erin Farley, Daniel Weinmann and Delaney Zanes.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, College of the Holy Cross and Albany Law School.

She is an attorney for Corporation Counsel in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Wayne Hills High School, New York University and Seton Hall University Law School.

He is an appellate court

attorney for the Appellate Division, Third Department of the New York State Supreme Court.

Following a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple resides in Albany.

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital
Boy, Peter Kras, to Heidi and Bill Kras of Selkirk, April 19.

BCHS grad receives chancellor's award

David Fogelman, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is among 187 recipients of State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Fogelman is a senior ceramic engineering major in the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science at Alfred University.

"This is a singular recognition of what highly motivated and talented students can do with the help of great faculty members," Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, Alfred University president said.

Fogelman, a National Merit Scholar, has earned a 3.96 GPA with a dual major in ceramic engineering and computer science, with minors in mathematics, chemistry and general science.

Other awards that the senior has earned are the Samuel R. Scholes Sr. Award, the Phi Kappa Phi book award and the PinPoint Communications Merit Scholar award.

He is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Keramos, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies.

Area student earns Union scholarship award

Blair Debes, a Union College class of 2002 sociology major, has received a scholarship award from the college.

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

She received the Marian A. Baciewicz Scholarship award, which is award annually to a female member of Union's senior class who has espoused as a goal the furthering of human understanding, and is seeking a job in the health field.

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Pamela and Ryan Walsh

Harms, Walsh marry

Pamela Harms, daughter of Linda and Robert Harms of Voorheesville, and Ryan Walsh, son of Faith and Lawrence Walsh of Floral Park, were married on June 2, 2001.

The Rev. Arthur Toole performed the ceremony at St. John the Evangelist Church in Schenectady.

A reception followed at Glen Sanders Mansion.

Kate DePasquale, was maid of honor, and Noelle Crisafulli was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Amy Hall, sister of the groom, Julie Hwang and Marybeth Lennox-Dunn.

Anthony Contardi was best man.

Ushers were Scott Harms,

brother of the bride, Brian Hall, brother-in-law of the groom, Chris DelBroccolo, Sean McDonnell and Mark Skarulis.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Boyton High School, SUNY Binghamton and Northeastern University.

She is a business planning manager for Biogen in Cambridge, Mass.

The groom is a graduate of Chaminade High School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is attending Boston University.

He is a financial planning manager for Sapient Corporation in Cambridge.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple resides in Wakefield, Mass.

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Local theatres cook up variety in May

By DEV TOBIN

The Capital District theater season is in the final stretch, before most companies take the summer off and prepare for the 2002-03 season.

So May is one busy month on local stages.

For its final production of the 2001-02 season, Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany will present "The Smell of the Kill," a dark, contemporary comedy by Michele Lowe from May 2 through June 2.

The new play involves three wives of middle-aged college buddies who find they have a lot of unhappiness in common while they clean up and chat after a dinner party. Their unhappiness turns rather nasty, but whether it will turn deadly is at the heart of the play.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays, 4 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. The May 2 performance is "pay-what-you-will" and May 8 is the formal opening night, with music by 2 Broads With Alotta Sound before and a champagne and dessert reception following the play.

The Capital Rep theater is at 111 N. Pearl St. Tickets are \$28 to \$36. For information or reservations, call 445-7469.

The penultimate production of Curtain Call Theatre in Latham this season is the regional premiere of "The Memory of Water" by Shelagh Stephenson.

The play, also a dark comedy (though not quite as dark) with three main female characters, deals with

Shelley Delaney (left), Pamela Hart (center) and Corinna May (right) star as three suburban wives who whip up a cold concoction for their not-so-perfect husbands. Cap Rep's dark comedy "The Smell of the Kill" runs from May 3 to June 2.



three daughters who are brought together after the death of their mother.

"The play is a whirlwind of passion that moves through the sometimes joyous, sometimes painful territory of family relationships," said Carol Max, CCT's producer who plays one of the three daughters.

"The Memory of Water" runs through Nov. 17. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Curtain Call Theatre is at 210 Old Loudon Road. Tickets are \$15. For

information or reservations, call 877-7529.

On a lighter note, a middle-aged guy sells his soul to the Devil in the Schenectady Light Opera Company's season finale.

"Damn Yankees" is the Yankees-haters' Faust, with great Adler/Ross songs like

"Whatever Lola Wants." When Joe Boyd considers trading his soul for All-Star baseball prowess that will help his beloved Washington Senators finally defeat the hated Yankees, the game is on, with lots of laughs and songs.

Performances in the company's opera house at 826 State St. will be May 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m., and May 5, 11 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18, \$9 for children under 13. For information or reservations, call 877-5340.

On a purely lighter note is the Albany Civic Theater season finale, "Come Back to the Five and Dean, Jimmy Dean," in which several female fans of the country music star gather for light-hearted reminiscences in a West Texas dime store.

Performances in the theater at 235

Second Ave. are weekends, May 10 to 26. Tickets are \$12. For information or reservations, call 462-1297.

Also on stage in May will be a production of David Mamet's "Oleanna" by the Way Off Broadway Players in the Hilton Center for the Performing Arts, 40 Russell Road (next to Westgate), Albany.

The drama, starring Shaker High School graduate Agnes Elizabeth Kapusta, will be on stage May 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., and May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 2 p.m. For information or reservations, call 453-1048 or 225-7677.

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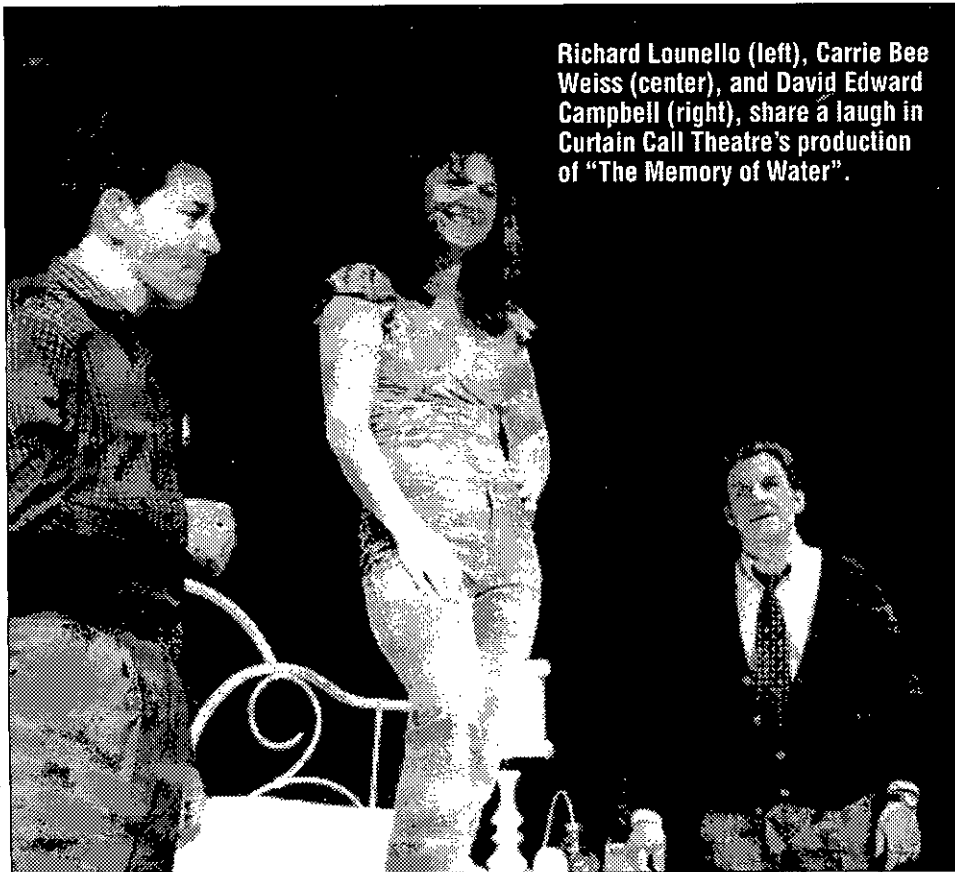
— Carol Max

At the end of the month, the New York State Theatre Institute will present its final show of the season — "Gina Farina's Pies," a new musical based on the children's book "Gina Farina and the Prince of Mintz."

The play will run from May 30 to June 9 at the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy. Tickets are \$17, \$14 for senior and students, and \$8 for children under 13.

For information, call 274-3256.

Richard Lounello (left), Carrie Bee Weiss (center), and David Edward Campbell (right), share a laugh in Curtain Call Theatre's production of "The Memory of Water".



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

THE SMELL OF THE KILL

dark comedy by Michele Lowe, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through June 2, \$28 to \$36. Information, 445-7469.

THE MEMORY OF WATER

Shelagh Stevenson comedy-drama, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through May 18, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

COME BACK TO THE FIVE AND DIME, JIMMY DEAN

Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., weekends, May 10 to 26, \$12. Information, 462-1297.

DAMN YANKEES

Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., weekends through May 12, \$18, \$9 for children under 13. Information, 393-5732.

Music

CHUCHO VALDES

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 2, 7:30 p.m., \$24. Information, 273-0038.

CHRIS BOTTI QUARTET

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, May 3, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$20. Information, 381-1111.

ISAAC HAYES AND CYRUS CHESTNUT

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, May 4, 8 p.m., \$29 to \$39. Information, 346-6204.

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 4, 8 p.m., \$25. Information, 273-0038.

ALBANY PRO MUSICA

Voices of Nature concert, Zion Lutheran Church, 153 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, May 4 at 8 p.m., Cathedral of All Saints, South Swan Street, Albany, May 5 at 4 p.m., \$20, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students. Information, 438-6548.

TONY LEVIN BAND

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, May 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$16. Information, 381-1111.

GLORY FESTIVAL 2002

Christian music concert, The Egg at

Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 4, 7 p.m., \$10. Information, 459-3152.

COLORADO STRING QUARTET

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, May 5, 2 p.m., \$22.50. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 4.

ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 6, 8 p.m., \$28 and \$32. Information, 273-0038.

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Old Songs Dutch Barn, Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, May 10, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 765-2815.

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openings in strings, especially cello and

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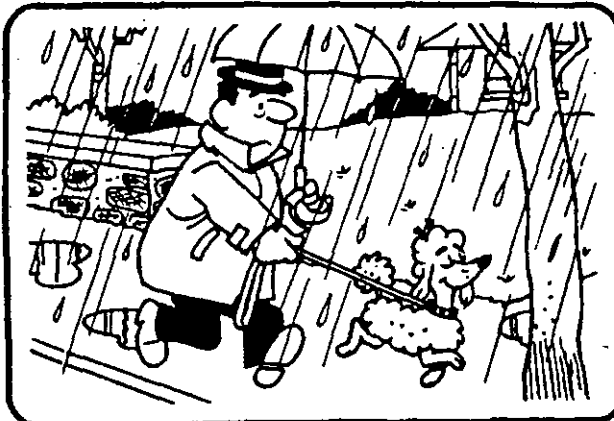
watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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5 Oates' partner
9 Leams fast?
14 Spill the beans
18 Art deco designer
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20 Spartan serif
21 "— Train" ('71 hit)
22 Marsh duck
23 Family
24 Cremona craftsman
25 Kickoff
26 Riddle: Part 1
30 Elf
31 "A mouse!"
32 Slippery —
33 Paris, to Helen
37 — de-lance
39 Take the honey and run
43 — ghanouj
47 On a whale watch
48 Holler
50 Pay up
52 Actor
53 Wise guy
55 Retreats
58 — standstill
59 Heavyweight Holmes
61 Riddle: Part 2

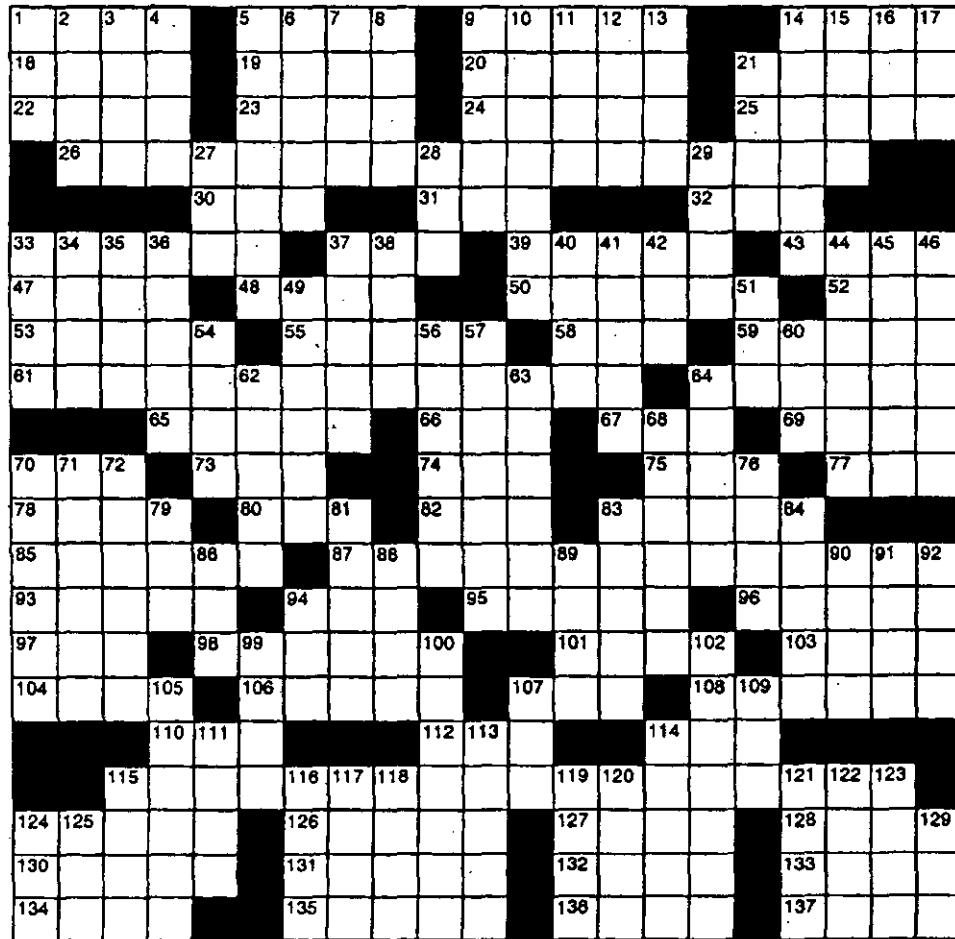
64 With hands on hips
65 Activist Hoffman
66 Misjudge
67 Went jogging
69 Sew a toe
70 Beaver or boater
73 Figs
74 By means of
75 Alphabet sequence
77 Duncan's denial
78 Singer
80 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
82 Part of SASE
83 Coral outcrop
85 Cruise
87 Riddle: Part 3
93 Luncheon-ette lure
94 Every last bit
95 Distort
96 Bryant or Ekberg
97 "Unforgettable" name
98 Socked a shuttlecock
101 Sharp
103 Thicken
104 Sitka's st.
106 Take the reins

107 — diem
108 On the beach
110 Torrid
112 Beame or Burrows
114 Soupy
115 Answer to riddle
124 Serengeti group
126 Dunk it
127 Clinton Cabinet member
128 Deride
130 Seasonal song
131 "— Gay" resident
132 Riyadh
133 "— Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
134 Fret
135 Barrett and Jaffe
136 Spanish surrealist
137 Bog, for short
DOWN
1 Matching pieces
2 Hands
3 Bountiful setting
4 Oscar — Renta
5 Handle wood
6 Improvise

7 Slender
8 Polaroid inventor
9 Rub the wrong way
10 Some movies
11 Be — unto oneself
12 Lorde role
13 Tend the sauce
14 Stupefy
15 Endure
16 Mr. Lucky's card
17 Wager
21 Shooting match?
22 Above, to Arnold
29 Boat bottom
33 Credit alternative
34 "— forgive those..."
35 Belfry sound
36 Buccaneers' headquarters
37 Cereal bit
38 Nobelist
40 Remini of "The King of Queens"
41 Furry fisherman
42 Child welfare org.
44 Flier

45 Ms. Streisand
46 "Tennis, —?"
49 Plaza Hotel
51 Lodge brother
54 Library abbr.
56 Keanu of "Hardball"
57 Short races
60 Land a hand
62 Porterhouse alternative
63 TV's "Have Gun Will —"
64 Composer
68 Perceptive
70 Cigar city
71 Lacking principles
72 Honda competitor
76 Skeleton part
79 Snead or Shepard
81 Investigate
83 Capp character
84 "The Elephant Man" director
86 Vapor
88 Nautical adverb
89 Gardener's tool
90 Mideastern dough

91 "Ripley's Believe — Not"
92 Conductor Jeffrey
94 Collectibles, collectively
99 Tivoli's Villa d—
100 Blood count?
102 "Out of Africa" setting
105 "— of a Doubt" ('43 film)
107 Cello part
109 Wine word
111 Hurler
113 Greek consonants
114 Correctional
115 Employ
116 — Neisse Line
117 Singer Sonny
118 Aware of
119 Gowned figure
120 Blood components
121 Gulf country
122 "A Tiger Walks" actor
123 Philanthropist
124 Off. equipment
125 Sneaky sort
129 Turn sharply



The Spotlight CALENDAR

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Wed. 5/1

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

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BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN
Program, "Healthy Cooking!" with Angela Febus and Barbara Stevens of Cornell Cooperative Extension, and meeting to follow dinner. Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-7237.

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

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

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

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

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

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

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

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NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

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

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

Thurs. 5/2

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

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

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

Fri. 5/3

BETHLEHEM

"BOOKS IN THE MORNING"
Discussing "Middlemarch" by George Eliot. Sponsored by Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning. Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9661.

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Lunch also sold. Glenmont Community Reformed Church, Chapel Lane & Weiser Street, Glenmont. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Also Saturday, with bake sale. Information, 436-7710.

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

Sat. 5/4

BETHLEHEM

CHICKEN & BISCUIT SUPPER
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AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Sun. 5/5

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION
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Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
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Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
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Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
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Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION
Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquehew Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Information, 439-9144.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

Wed. 5/8

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

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

BOOK DISCUSSION AT LIBRARY
"In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Garden." Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 5/9

BETHLEHEM

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

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

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW
Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

AA MEETINGS

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



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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 Agreement.

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

(May 1, 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 date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: 7143 HCB, LLC, c/o James W. Harris, 1988 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

Dated: April 17, 2002
Cooper Erving & Savage, LLP
Attorneys for 7143 HCB, LLC
39 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(518)449-3900

(May 1, 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.

(May 1, 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.

(May 1, 2002)

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 Central 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

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school district budget for the period 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 NOTICE 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 vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Warren 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 following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated 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 therefor;

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 commencing July 1, 2002, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Susan 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
(May 1, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

BCM Mfg., LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is BCM Mfg., LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on April 11, 2002 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: BCM Mfg., LLC, 13 Verdun Street, Watervliet, New York 12189.

5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

Dated: May 1, 2002
(May 1, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

C, J & D Properties, L.L.C., filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 11, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to C, J & D Properties, L.L.C., 518 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

(May 1, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of CENTRAL CREDIT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/2/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/22/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 3525 E. Post Rd., Suite 120, Las Vegas, NV 89120. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Dept., Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Chuck's Woodworking Products, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 11, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Chuck's Woodworking Products, LLC, P.O. Box 221, Clarksville, New York 12041. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

(May 1, 2002)

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

(May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

(May 1, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of Conesus Power Boat LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/9/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State, Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(May 1, 2002)

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Notice of filing of articles of organization of a limited liability company ("LLC") named Conroy Realty I, LLC. Articles filed with NY

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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.

(May 1, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Credit Management, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/28/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Nevada (NV) on 12/31/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 4200 International Parkway, Carrollton, TX 75007. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NV Secy. of State, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DELLAMAR EQUITIES GROUP, LLC

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Formation of DELLAMAR EQUITIES GROUP, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on April 16, 2002.

The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership, leasing, purchasing, selling, development and mortgaging of property and in any way dealing with all interests and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 7 Country Ridge, Schenectady, New York 12304.

(May 1, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is DENISE DRIVE ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 18, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower Place, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, New York 12203.

(May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Dodson Properties, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 27, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Dodson Properties, LLC, 286 Waldemair Rd., Feura Bush, NY 12067. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

(May 1, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Duke Energy Merchants, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/17/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/23/1999. 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: 5400 Westheimer Court, Hous-

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ton, TX 77056. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: crude and refined products marketing.

(May 1, 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

(May 1, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

FundUSA, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is FundUSA, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on April 8, 2002 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: FundUSA, LLC, 251 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205.

5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

Dated: May 1, 2002
(May 1, 2002)

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

(May 1, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Gordon Residential Development, LP

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

(May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

The name of the LP is GREEN-

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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.

(May 1, 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.

(May 1, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

(May 1, 2002)

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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 Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

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

(May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

(May 1, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of MANN BRACKEN, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/20/2002. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 7/29/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 State St., Suite 608, Albany, NY 12207. GA address of LLC: 229 Peachtree St., Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30303. Arts. of Org. on file with GA Secy. of State, Corps. Div., 315 West Tower, #2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334-1530. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 1, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Elmwood Park Fire District, located in the Towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland, and Guilderland will accept bids for the construction of a new engine tanker with a 2,500 gallon carrying capacity and a pumping capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute. The vehicle shall include an enclosed cab suitable for seating of 6 fully equipped firefighters. All bids must be accompanied by a 10% bid bond. All bids should include as an option the trade in on a vehicle presently owned by the Elmwood Park Fire District designated as E-68, which is a 1985 Ford Pierce. Said vehicle may be viewed at the Firehouse by making arrangements with the Fire District Chief Paul Miller. Copies of the plans and specifications for the vehicle may be obtained from the Fire District Chief Paul Miller at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203 or by contacting him by calling (518) 489-6556. All bids will be publicly opened and read at the Elmwood Park Fire District Firehouse on June 3rd, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. All bids must be re-

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ceived in an opaque envelope addressed to the Elmwood Park Fire District at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203 and received by the Fire District no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 3rd, 2002. The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to disregard minor irregularities in the submitted bids. Paul Fuino, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District (May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

NRG REAL ESTATE, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 18, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to NRG Real Estate, LLC, P.O. Box 98, Latham, New York 12110. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (May 1, 2002)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is OUR COFFEEHOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 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 10, 2002. THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

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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: 180 Fairlawn Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. FIFTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any business permitted under the Law, except to do business in New York any business for which any statute of New York other than the Limited Liability Company Law specifically requires some other business entity or natural person to be formed or used for such business. Dated: April 22, 2002 (May 1, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Parsons Electric LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/29/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/13/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 5960 Main St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 1, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Susan K. Gibbons, M.D., PLLC ("PLLC"), a professional services limited liability company, was filed with the Secretary of New York ("SSNY") on 3/25/02. Principal office of the PLLC is located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as

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Articles of Organization of TAN Leasing, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 12, 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 shall mail a copy of 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 LLC. (May 1, 2002)

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(May 1, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

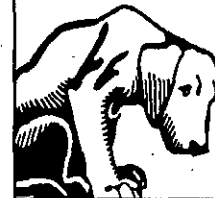
The name of the Limited Liability Company is Total Flooring Plus, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State on March 8, 2002. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against the Limited Liability Company may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company is 1997 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (May 1, 2002)

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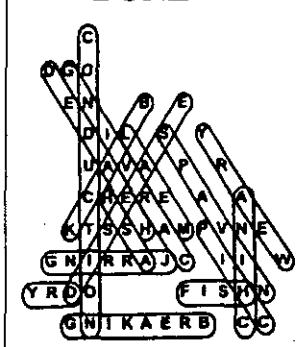
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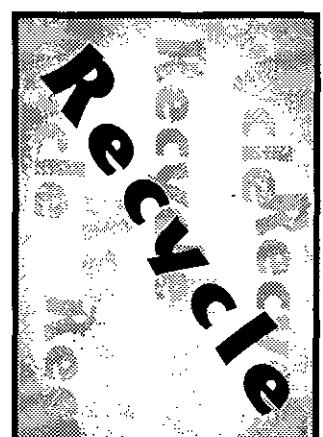
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No matter. While SUVs have plenty in common with their passenger car cousins, they have some unique traits and special needs that set them apart and merit some attention. The experts have compiled some suggestions to make your SUV driving experience safer and more enjoyable.

In order to handle the demanding off-road aspects of the SUV's job description, most of the larger, longer-wheelbase members of the breed are blessed with bigger engines, all-terrain tires, greater weight and a higher center of gravity. That translates into more power, better traction and greater ground clearance — all good things when you're clearing rocks and limbs on the trail.

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Because of their size, power output and work load, SUV engines typically require a different grade of motor oil and more frequent oil changes than are recommended for passenger cars. Check your owner's manual carefully for the manufacturer's recommendations. Likewise, their heavier and more complex two- and four-wheel-drive transmissions demand the kind of precise use and regular maintenance you'll find outlined in your owner's manual.

With a variety of sizes and types of tires now available for SUVs, be sure to choose a set that fits both your usage and your wheels. The all-terrain tires that come as 'original equipment' on many SUVs may not be appropriate if you're simply using your SUV around town. By the same token, don't plan on taking your SUV off road if it's equipped with standard all-weather street tires. Find the tire that's right for your driving lifestyle. The fit is as imperative as the function, so be sure to get tires that are a match to the wheel size on your vehicle. Your owner's manual contains the proper specifications.

With so many SUVs on the road these days, creating and selling customized accessories for them has become a cottage industry. Many accessories, like running boards, supplementary lights, bug screens, larger shocks, equipment racks and trailer hitches, enhance the utility of your SUV. Others simply add aesthetic value. Whatever the intent, be sure to do your research on the accessory manufacturer's background and the equipment's safety record. Also, be sure to have any accessories installed by a certified mechanic and employ them only for their intended uses and within their recommended limits.

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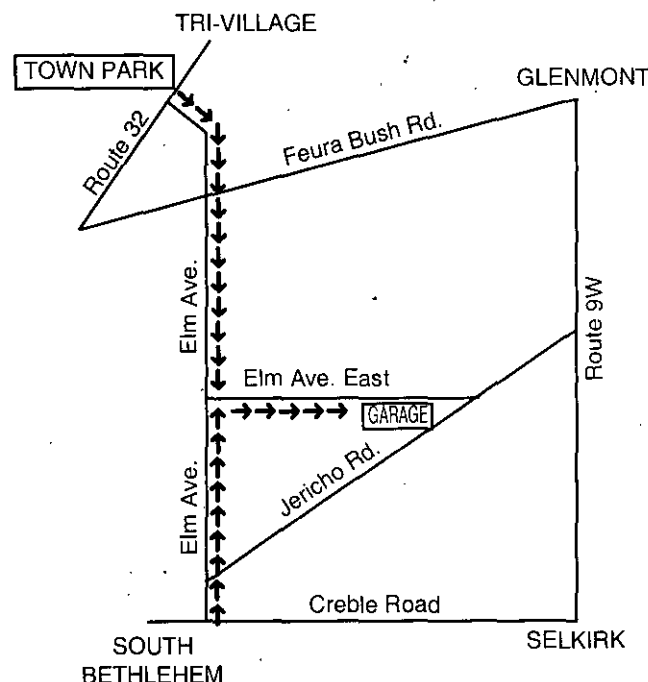
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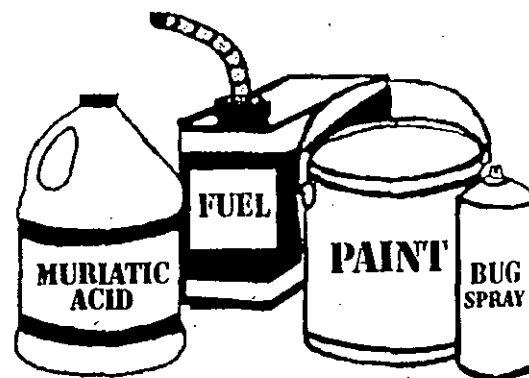
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