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IDA clinches deal for Daisytek project

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency (IDA) approved tax incentives for Selkirk Ventures LLC and Daisytek International, prospective tenant for a warehouse in Selkirk.

The deal followed a public hearing last Thursday and a weekend of negotiations with Galesi Group, Selkirk Ventures' corporate parent.

The payment in
lieu of taxes
(P I L O T)

agreement approved Monday clears the way for Selkirk Ventures to close this week on the purchase from a Japanese investor group of the 34-acre parcel at 158 West Yard Road.

Galesi, one of the largest local developers of industrial property, will renovate a 350,000 square foot warehouse there into a regional distribution center for Daisytek, which will sign a 10-year lease, with five-year renewal options.

The Texas-based firm, with \$1.2 billion in sales last year, is a wholesaler of office, computer, copier and fax products and services.

The warehouse, once occupied by James River Paper Company, will be one

of six new regional distribution hubs Daisytek will open in the next year and a half, according to recruiting manager Robert Buck. It will install \$7 million in new equipment and open for business by August.

That urgency, Buck said, reflects a sudden change in the company's business model. Until now, Daisytek relied upon a single shipping hub in Memphis utilizing Federal Express, dependent upon shipping by air. "Sept. 11 prompted Daisytek to change our business

philosophy," he said, adopting a more regionalized, ground-based model.

Buck projected Daisytek will hire 300 new management and warehouse employees at the Selkirk facility within five years, most to be recruited locally — jobs, he stressed, that will pay starting salaries of \$9.50 to \$12 an hour and up, with “all the benefits a major publicly-traded company would offer.”

Daisytek will receive "a very aggressive incentive package put together by New York state as well as the Albany County Partnership," said Galesi general manager David Buicko: \$500,000 in job-development assistance through the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), and a \$50,000 grant through the Partnership, a joint economic-development venture of the county and the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce.

Luring Daisytek upstate, said ESDC's Ray Gillen, "was a very competitive fight because it's a high-tech, growing company."

The IDA granted Daisytek exemption

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Four vying for BC board seats

By Ronald E. Campbell

The clerk of the Bethlehem school board received four valid petitions for three school board seats to be voted on May 21. The deadline for filing was April 22, according to clerk and Assistant Superintendent for Business Steve O'Shea.

The board openings were created by expiration of three terms for Warren Stoker, Robin M. Storey and Happy Scherer. Scherer has decided to retire after completing more than 10 years service on the board.

Stoker and Storey are seeking second terms, having each been elected in 1999. Rounding out the four-candidate slate are attorney Patrick K. Greene and educator Jon Bartow.

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Friendship Singers celebrate 20th

They're guaranteed to raise a smile

By Katherine McCarthy

Twenty years ago, a group of women dropped their preschoolers off at Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, so they could get a little free time while babysitters minded the kids.

"We ended up staying in the parking lot," Jane Conklin, one of those women, said. As they chatted, they realized that

Chance encounter



Jessica Carmel takes a chance at a game at Glenmont's Grand Union Customer Appreciation Day last Saturday. *Jim Franco*

Jim Franco



Marie Liddle, Linda Drew and Muriel Welch
of the Friendship Singers. *Katherine McCarthy*

they all shared a passion for music.

Soon, Rhonda Ballou, then the organist and choir director of Slingerlands

Community United Methodist Church, invited the 14 women into the church for an informal singing session.

The Friendship Singers were born, and this Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, the group will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a program of song and dance that ranges from show tunes to spirituals to a little bit of doo-wop.

Over the years, 42 women have been members of the Friendship Singers, which usually numbers between 15 and 20 at any one time. The group currently

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Police make DWI arrest

A Greene County man faces a felony charge of driving while intoxicated (DWI) following his arrest by Bethlehem police on Saturday, April 27.

According to police, at about 7:30 p.m., officer Francis Muller investigated a report by an off-duty officer of an erratically-driven vehicle on Route 9W near Feura Bush Road. The vehicle was located in a driveway on Magee Drive and stopped when

the driver, Francis John Casey, 39, of 1019 Schoharie Turnpike, Athens, attempted to back out of the driveway.

After undergoing field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening, Casey was arrested for DWI, elevated to a felony after a license check disclosed a previous drinking-driver conviction.

Casey was also issued a summons for failure to keep right. He is due in Town Court on May 21.

Decision Making Day slated at library

New York State Bar Association's eighth annual Decision Making Day is set for Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Local attorney Margaret Reed, who focuses on elder law, will be

the presenter.

She will provide a general overview of legal documents and review power of attorney, health care proxy, wills, organ donation and maintenance and retention of documents.

To register, call 439-9314.

INS investigates illegal alien case

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Glenmont/Albany fast-food restaurant operator could face more than \$180,000 in fines for having illegal aliens on the payroll, pending the outcome of an investigation launched last week by the regional office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Seven individuals face deportation proceedings in the case after they were apprehended on Friday, April 26.

In a separate incident, a Bulgarian national apprehended by Bethlehem police and turned over to INS officials on Tuesday, April 30, also faces possible deportation.

Seven Brazilian nationals, several allegedly in violation of temporary visas for nearly two decades, were taken into custody by immigration officials, according to Gary Hale, officer in charge of the INS regional office based in Latham.

"They were all charged with being in the United States in violation of their immigration status," said Hale. "Some had apparently accepted employment in violation of temporary admission visas dating as far back as 1980.

Their employer, Richard Beach, owner of two local McDonald's franchises including the restaurant on Feura Bush Road near Route 9W in Glenmont, is now under investigation to determine if he knowingly hired

illegals, according to Hale.

Contacted Friday, Beach confirmed the pending investigation and said he expected to face questioning sometime this week by immigration officials. But he declined to discuss the matter.

The seven Brazilians were among 10 individuals apprehended by INS officers, acting on an anonymous tip, at an apartment on Tremont Street in Albany.

The seven were cited for violating the terms of temporary visas by accepting employment at Beach's restaurants.

They were released on \$5,000 cash bond each. Hale declined to disclose their names, pending deportation proceedings.

"They've been served with notice of appearance before an immigration judge," Hale said. "They will be scheduled eventually, and the hearings will be over in Buffalo."

Such deportation or removal proceedings, he said, are not criminal in nature, more akin to a traffic citation but punishable by immediate deportation.

Most of the defendants have apparently been illegal residents since 1980 or 1981; several "were actually invited to (Beach's) wedding and didn't go home as they said (on their visa applications)," Hale said. "That started the connection. They all entered on temporary visas."

Questioned by INS agents, all "indicated they knew (Beach) and

they knew his wife," herself a Brazilian native, Hale said. How long they have been employed by Beach has yet to be determined, Hale said, but they are believed to have worked at both restaurants: "I would suspect he put them where he wanted."

Beach has not yet been charged with any violation of immigration law but will face investigation.

"I do know that will be planned," Hale said. "Normally we serve an individual with notice, that he should appear with his employment records and documentation."

Beach could face citations and a possible fine of \$25,000 for each individual "if it is determined he knowingly hired illegals," Hale said. He could also be fined \$1,000 apiece if he has not maintained the necessary paperwork employers are required since 1986 to keep on file, verifying the eligibility of their workers for employment.

In the other case, a Chicago resident and Bulgarian native, Borislav V. Kassabov, 38, was apprehended by Bethlehem police at the Big Main truck stop on Route 9W in Glenmont shortly before 2 a.m. on April 30. Police were summoned to the truck stop by a cashier after a verbal dispute with Kassabov over an unsuccessful credit card transaction.

An INS record check disclosed that Kassabov had been admitted to the country on a temporary non-immigrant visa in April of 1998.

Bethlehem police took him into custody, but as he had no criminal record, they turned him over to INS officials.

"We are processing that person for possible deportation," Hale said, adding that the circumstances of his apprehension were unusual: "We thought it was a little odd that someone in the company of an illegal alien would have gotten into an argument like this."

Hale said he was grateful for the actions of the Bethlehem police. "It's no secret we always appreciate and rely on the support of local law enforcement," he said.

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Windfall



Heavy winds fractured a tree last Friday, damaging the roof on a house on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Dev Tobin

BREATH will try to air concerns with zoners

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's planning board was scheduled to continue its discussion of a proposed regional operation center in Selkirk for Waste Management of Eastern New York at its regular meeting last night, May 7.

But the town zoning board of appeals could soon be called upon to take a position on the project as well.

In a memorandum to planning board counsel Keith Silliman dated April 29, town building inspector Kevin Shea responded to a March request by Silliman, for his analysis of whether the Waste Management proposal was a permitted use for the 144 acre site on River Road, with his interpretation and decision that it is under the existing town zoning code.

But Marcus Poirier, a Selkirk resident who leads the citizens' group that opposes the project — Bethlehem Residents Environmentally Against Trash Hauling (BREATH) — and Marc Gerstman, an attorney representing the group, both vowed to appeal Shea's decision to the zoning board. BREATH met Monday night to consider that appeal and to discuss other possible action to halt the Waste Management proposal in the meantime.

At issue is whether the proposed facility — a two-story, 28,000-square foot administrative and truck service building, and a separate 5,000 square foot maintenance building for metal disposal containers to be stored on the site — is an accepted use in an area designated "Rural District-not zoned."

The zoning code lists some 32 uses for such a site that require site plan approval from the planning board — including administrative and professional offices, which, Shea wrote, applies to the larger of the two proposed buildings. But unlike other zoning designations, the rural district heading offers no list of accepted uses. The question put to Shea: did the lack of such a list mean any and all uses are permitted in a "not zoned" area — or only those 32 prospective uses requiring site plan approval?

In his memo, Shea said that single-family homes are not included in that list — but that many exist "of right" in the town's rural districts. He also pointed out the town's building inspectors' long history of permitting "of right" commercial and industrial uses in Selkirk's rural zones, including the Teppco cargo terminal, a railroad contractor, the state Thruway Authority's vehicle maintenance facility and others, from septic services to garages.

"This section of the Zoning Chapter, along with other sections, demonstrates a balance that the town board has tried to achieve over the years between landowner freedoms and basic zoning protections for those landowners in the Rural District not zoned area," he wrote — pointing out that many residents of the rural unzoned areas have been vocal opponents of zoning.

Citing several other sections of the code, including one specifying that "Nothing herein contained

shall affect the Rural Districts ... until such time as portions of the Rural Districts may be otherwise classified," Shea said that while the administrative building required site plan approval, which Waste Management has already sought, "no planning board approval or other board approval is necessary" for the smaller building.

But by labelling his memo an "Interpretation/Decision," Shea hinted at a route for opponents to appeal his conclusions. The zoning code empowers the zoning board to hear appeals of the building inspector's decisions.

BREATH's leaders vowed to pursue that course.

"Obviously, we do not agree with the building inspector's opinion," said Poirier last week. "We disagree with his entire memo from beginning to end. Our next step is to go to the zoning board of appeals."

"If it's not listed, it's not an approved use," he added — while calling Shea's observations that single-family homes as missing from any such list and comparing that to Waste Management's proposal "ludicrous. They're comparing apples and oranges. There is no zone in town where single family homes aren't appropriate."

"Certainly, we need to appeal this to the zoning board of appeals," said Gerstman. "It is, I think, a distortion of the zoning code. If the building department has interpreted the zoning code to the detriment of the community in the past, this is no reason to not stop them now," he added.

"Many of the grounds we put in (earlier) letters to the planning board are still applicable, and nothing the building inspector has said changes our position," he said.

In a letter to Silliman on March 19, Gerstman wrote, "The words 'not zoned' in the title of the rural districts classification are not controlling. It would be anomalous to prescribe uses for which an approval via site plan review is required and, somehow, authorize other more invasive and incompatible uses to proceed without such review. The uses set forth are the exclusive uses for the Rural District-not zoned."

No appeal of Shea's findings has yet been filed with the zoning board. The zoning code requires such an appeal within 30 days. But Poirier distributed copies of Shea's memo to BREATH members for discussion at Monday's meeting.

He also said the group planned to discuss mounting a petition drive to halt the project "until we get a determination on this issue. I think maybe a moratorium of some kind would be a start. Our intent would be to prevent construction of the type Waste Management has described."

Waste Management topped last night's planning board agenda, with the board likely to discuss Shea's conclusions and possibly begin environmental review of the project. Poirier pledged that his group would be out "in force" at the session to keep up the pressure on the board to deny the project.

Bike Safety Rodeo set at park

Many bicycles will be auctioned

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Bethlehem Police Department, in collaboration with the town Parks & Recreation Department, will conduct its annual Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, May 11, in conjunction with a roundup of another sort.

After the wrap-up of the rodeo and the awards presentation that follows it, professional auctioneer Jack Bailey of Clarksville will bring down the gavel on a sale of more than 110 unclaimed bicycles rounded up by police over the past three years.

The bikes have been in the police property inventory for at least six months.

"They are all found around town, lying in the street or turned in by a resident," said Detective Michael McMillen, supervisor of the police Youth Bureau, who organized the rodeo.

Many of the bikes are believed to have been stolen, but do not

match the description of any reported as stolen to police agencies — and the police department lacks storage for so many bikes. Proceeds of the sale will go to the town general fund.

The rodeo, which is set to begin at 10 a.m. at Elm Avenue Park, has been an annual event for decades, designed to encourage proper signalling, safety equipment and operating skills. This year is the fourth time that the event has been held at the park.

"We were a little concerned when we moved it to the park, because it used to be right here in town," said McMillen. But turnout has remained steady; between 100 and 200 citizens are expected to participate this year, mostly youngsters — weather permitting.

"We had a larger turnout last year because we didn't do it the year before, because it was rained out," said McMillen.

Two separate skill courses will be laid out in the parking lot, essentially the same course but one scaled for younger children. The skill course is designed to test a rider's balance, turning and circling skills and traffic safety practices — including hand signals, fast becoming a lost art

among bicyclists but more important than ever with increasing traffic on suburban streets.

Proficiency awards are given at the event's conclusion, about 2 p.m. Police and volunteers will also be on hand to conduct equipment inspections, offer

safety tips and to register bicycles.

In a way, McMillen said, the bike auction underscores the value of registration with the police.

When someone turns in an abandoned

bicycle, we check to see if it matches the registration of any bikes in our records, and too many of them are unregistered," he said.

Occasionally, a bike will be saved from the auction block at the last moment when an owner turns up with proper paperwork to identify it. "But it doesn't happen very often," said McMillen.

Most of the orphaned bikes are in near-mint condition.

"There are some nice bikes there for sale," said McMillen. "Somebody's going to get some good bargains." And they can register their prize purchase on the spot.

There are some nice bikes there for sale. Somebody's going to get some good bargains.

Michael McMillan

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Motherhood's a long and winding journey

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Periodically, a spotlight gets shone on motherhood, and all sorts of analysis ensues. Currently, that bright light has been turned on Karen Hughes, President Bush's director of communications, who cited homesickness and the need for family time as her reasons for leaving one of our nation's most highly visible jobs.

Closer to home, Jane Swift decided not to run for governor

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of Massachusetts, a position she's filled since her predecessor became ambassador to Canada.

Swift's position drew attention before she even took over as governor, as her attempts at having it all drew criticism when

babysitters and emergency flights home on the state chopper seemed to come at taxpayers' expense. When she became the first governor to give birth — to twins, no less — while in office, motherhood took center stage.

These two women have raised the question of whether women really can have it all. The bigger question, really, is what "all" is. Sometimes it seems like motherhood is the smallest part of that "all."

We all complain about being stressed out, but, really, our society admires it. The mom who shows up at a soccer game in a business suit gets lots more admiration than the one who arrives in jeans and a sweatshirt, after being home all day. Sometimes, it feels like there's a belief that the woman who stays home is either married to a fabulously wealthy man and can afford to drive her SUV to the day spa after putting the kids on the bus, or she's self-indulgent.

Once, in the early months after my first son was born, a single friend was perplexed at my life. "Do you just sit around and read, and eat bon-bons all day?" she asked, her attempts at joking revealing the truth of her thought. To tell the truth, I couldn't really tell her what I did all day, just knew that it took all day to do it.

Twelve years later, the days still fly by, and when I tumble into bed at night, it feels like I was in constant motion all day, with nothing to show for it.

My mother and grandmother always worked — more because they had to than wanted to, but out the door they went.

"I liked working the 3 to 11 shift," my grandmother, who worked in New England mills all her life, said. "That way, I could get everything taken care of for my family before I went to work." "Gram," I said, "you worked two jobs, then." She looked surprised, but think about what she did: breakfast and lunch for her three

children, husband, and her mother and sister who lived with her, plus dinner ready to be popped into the oven; housework and laundry done in the thorough manner she still maintains at age 86; then off to eight hours of factory work.

My mother is a nurse, and combined it with raising five children. As we grew older, we often suspected that work was a haven for our mother, something she admitted when she watched me with a 2-year-old and an infant. "I loved to go to work," she said. "I was out of the house, I liked the women I worked with, and I got to use my brain."

She has been a little suspicious of my choice of part-time writer as a career. My lack of interest in housework confounds her, too, and I've caught her wiping down the front of the stove or refrigerator when she visits us.

A mother friend — who works a 20-hour work week around her children's school-day schedule — and I are having an ongoing discussion about what success is. Is it money? Is it a big house? Is it having time to yourself? A big part of that discussion is how we feel about combining work and family.

I had actually thought that by the time my children were in grade school, I'd work full-time. Sometimes I think I'd be more content if I worked full-time; I know for sure the rewards would be more tangible. What I didn't count on, though, was how big the "mother bear" part of me would be, the part that wants to be around to protect, enjoy and nurture my kids for every moment that I can. I am lucky that Chris' job lets me stay home, but I'm also proud of the fact that we live in small house, only have one small and nearly antiquated TV, don't drive SUVs and get by without enormous wardrobes.

Mothering is full of questions, about ourselves and our direction as much as it is about guiding our children safely until they are ready to leave the nest. For mothers everywhere this Mother's Day, I wish the direction that will assure us we are doing the right thing for our families and ourselves.

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Klersy wants zoning extension to develop site

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Same project, different developer.

Bethlehem landowner Henry Klersy will go before the Bethlehem town board tonight, May 8, to renew a long-standing proposal to build a senior assistive-living facility on a 6.7 acre lot in Delmar.

Attorney John Cahill, of Cahill and Messina in Slingerlands, notified Supervisor Sheila Fuller in a letter May 2 that Klersy had formed a limited liability company, to be called 467 Delaware Avenue LLC, with himself as principal partner. The new entity will take ownership of the parcel at that address, rezoned in 1998 as Planned Commercial District No. 5.

Preliminary plans for the revised version of the project, labelled Delmar Place Assisted Living and prepared by architect James Tobin of Slingerlands and ABD Engineers on Schenectady, were delivered to the town Planning Department on Friday.

Cahill also requested that the board at its meeting tonight consider amendments to a previous project approval granted for the site. The town board is likely to refer the matter to the planning board for its review and recommendation on Klersy's request, but any substantive change in the approval documents will ultimately require town board approval.

The lot, adjacent to property of Bethlehem Public Library, was targeted several years ago by Massachusetts-based CMI Senior Healthcare Associates and later by the company's successor, Epoch Senior Living Associates, for construction of a 94-unit residence facility.

But after weathering considerable opposition — and two years of unsuccessful litigation by a group of neighbors seeking to halt the project, dismissed by a state court in December 2000 — Epoch

abandoned it last year. That prompted Klersy last July to seek, and obtain, from the town board an extension of the rezoning for up to two more years while he sought another developer for the project.

I'll be calling some of my neighbors. We'll be ready to roll again.

Bob Kelley

In opting to take the project on himself, Klersy and his consultants have made several modifications to the site plan approved in 1999 by the town and planning boards, while retaining the basic intent and footprint of the project.

Those modifications include such details as driveways, the

location of some utilities and equipment, and some interior modifications, but the number of proposed residence units remains the same.

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky acknowledged receiving the new plans but had not as of Friday afternoon had an opportunity to review them and declined comment on their specifics.

At last July's public hearing on the rezoning extension, Cahill declared that no modifications would be sought in the building project approval granted to Epoch if the project were kept alive by Klersy.

But in his letter last week, Cahill requested amendments to the approval documents reflect-

ing the change of ownership and the plan modifications, as well as a request for a change in the completion date — from July of next year to Dec. 31, 2004. Should the planning board find those changes substantial, the full site plan review process could resume all over again.

Neighbors, who sued to halt the project three years ago, have repeatedly vowed to continue to fight it. Informed last week that the project would be on the public agenda once again, one neighbor, Bob Kelley, said, "I'll be calling some of my neighbors. We'll be ready to roll again."

Legion to serve Mother's Day meal

The Voorheesville American Legion will dish up an All You Can Eat Breakfast on Sunday, May 12 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Post on Voorheesville Avenue.

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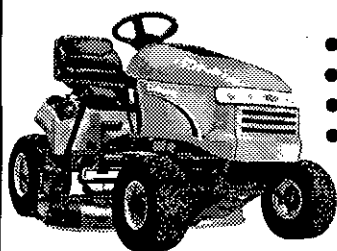


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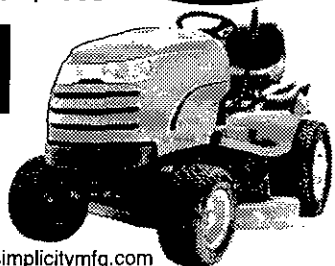


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Background

- Bethlehem resident for thirteen years
- Lives in Slingerlands with wife, Ellen Sax, and their two boys, Mati (age 8) and Kyle (age 5)
- Actively involved in Little League, Soccer and Cub Scouts
- Helped create a wrestling program for Bethlehem youth
- Albany Attorney with Crane, Greene & Parente
- Received undergraduate degree from Syracuse University; attended on an athletic scholarship (wrestling)
- Received law degree from Fordham University
- Served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala
- Served on Guilderland YMCA Board of Directors
- Served as counsel to former County Executive Mike Hoblock
- Served a primary role in drafting the Albany County Charter
- Credited by the *Times Union* with saving the Albany County Ice Rink and the Albany County Economic Development (AL Tech) fund.

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Matters of Opinion

Pamper your mother

Don't forget mom this Sunday. It's Mother's Day, her official day, a day when she deserves to be pampered.

Flowers and candy are always appreciated, but recognizing her specialness is probably a gift she'll treasure for a long time after the flowers wilt and the candy is gone.

Moms, both working and stay-at-homes, give 100 percent all year long, making sure that the family always comes first. And often, the family just takes her efforts for granted.

Editorials

Think about what most mothers do in today's world. Shop, do most of the errands, chauffeur the kids to a host of activities and appointments, cook, clean, do laundry. And for many mothers, all of this is accomplished in addition to a full or part-time job.

So, give mom a treat on Sunday — breakfast in bed, lunch or dinner at her favorite restaurant or even just keeping the house tidy for her. Whatever the day brings, make sure she knows how much she is appreciated.

Hope for the best

Daisytek International and the town IDA have hammered out a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement in record time for the company that will operate a large warehouse facility in Selkirk.

The town and the IDA are hoping that this agreement will serve as a catalyst to help dispel the notion that Bethlehem is not very business-friendly. The town, in fact, has been trying without much success to bring in new business for at least the past several years.

In essence, what the IDA hopes is that other prospective businesses will look at Daisytek and say 'Gee, maybe it's not all that tough to get a business going in Bethlehem.'

We sincerely hope the IDA is correct, since the tax base without solid business taxpayers shifts the burden to residential taxpayers and makes Bethlehem off limits to people with lower incomes.

What's troublesome about the Daisytek agreement is that the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district will take a hit of sorts with this PILOT, since the property involved is already on the tax rolls. RCS voters twice defeated the school budget last year and will likely be suspect of what they may perceive as unnecessary increases this year.

In the meantime, let's hope the town and the IDA are right and more prospective business owners find Bethlehem to their liking.

Mother's presence is best present

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The writer is a freelance author living in Delmar.

This year, I bought my mother a mop for Valentine's Day. Not just any mop, but an "As Seen on TV" mop with a removable end that's machine washable (and refillable). I even threw in an extra refill.

So now that Mother's Day is coming up, I'm thinking, how can I top the mop?

Not with a set of colorful seashell-shaped soaps and a loofah. The last set I gave her 10 years ago remains unopened, collecting dust in my old bedroom at my parents' house. I guess my mother feels either "those little soaps are too pretty to use" or "how can a person wash with a piece of soap the size of a quarter?"

The great thing about the mop is that I knew she wanted one. I'm not saying she got choked up over the mop, but it was an unexpected present and she wasn't likely to get around to buying one since she already owned a functioning mop. And really, the mop was just an "I heard you mention this, so I picked one up for you" gift. I just happened to give it to her on Feb. 14.

Still, I have to admit that I have no clue as to what kind of gift would really wow my mother. This is one of the many ways in which we are alike. We are both impossible to buy for and somewhat reluctant to splurge on items that aren't "practical."

Fun gifts are things you want, but don't necessarily need. It's also neat (and usually rare) when someone knows exactly what you desire without being told or when you are surprised with a gift you love but would never have thought to ask for.

Four years ago, I very much wanted a necklace with a "birthstone kid" charm, to proudly display my status as the mom of a daughter born in July.



Muriel Shrager with her daughter Robin.

Point of View

Any time I saw a woman wearing such a necklace, which was quite often, I would point and exclaim (hint, hint) "Oh, look at that necklace, isn't that cute?" or "That's really neat, they come girl-shaped and boy-shaped."

My husband would reply, "Huh? Oh, yeah. Right. Cute."

On Mother's Day that year, my husband presented me with a 20-by-24 poster of our beautiful daughter, made from a photograph I had taken a few months prior. Rachel is beaming in the photograph. It shows her at 20-months, a red barrette holding her sparse hair straight off the top of her head, twinkling eyes and a bubbly grin spilling from the full lips she inherited from me.

"Wow! It's, um, larger than life," I said, realizing that there was no second small box with the costume-jewelry birthstone charm.

Don't get me wrong. I love the print. It's still hanging in our family room, shocking visitors to this day. And I most certainly was surprised. Best of all, the poster provides a lasting presence of a very precious moment in our daughter's toddlerhood. (I finally got the charm two years later).

I don't know if my mother still gives my father hints about gift ideas, but I've never heard any from her. As a result, I tend to go the homemade, heart-felt route.

A few years ago on her birthday, I sent her a long list of my favorite "memories, expressions and pieces of advice." They were in no particular order, but most of the items were from my childhood years: Compiling a list of homonyms together (I kept the paper near my bed, and we'd add new words each night, like "there, their, they're") Dunking Social Tea cookies in her coffee (I often didn't dunk fast enough, and the cookie would end up as mush in the cup). The way she carved my initial in a newly-opened jar of Skippy peanut butter. The way she dissolved orange baby aspirin on a teaspoon

for me, mixing with her pinky. The time a goat chewed on her coat belt at the petting zoo in Colonie Center.

The list also included items which represent the ways we are alike: We both like to sleep curled up in a ball, and we both start to snort when we laugh too hard.

I think about the traditions I am continuing and the list my daughter might one day make for me. She could take items directly from the list I made for my mother: Being called my "sweetie-patootie," enjoying a snack of peanut butter on toast (cut in quarters) and playing Crazy Eights. (Rachel would also add a new item: "I like when my mom gives me a back rub").

I am grateful to be cherished by my own daughter, and I know that the love my own mother showered on me growing up (and to this day) is the foundation for my parenting skills.

There are nights when I am trying not to nod off while reading my wide-eyed daughter "just one more story." On those occasions I recall my mother sitting on the edge of my childhood bed. She is wearing a light-blue nightgown and she is leaning on one elbow resting her head in her hand, and struggling to stay awake as stalled and stretched out the bedtime routine. Only now do I truly understand how tired she felt. Only now do I truly appreciate all her efforts.

Of course, there are times my mother irritates me (and vice versa), and Rachel and I also have our "you're bugging me moments." What close relationship doesn't?

More often, I think about the times when, even as an adult with a child of my own, I long to be my mother's baby. And really, as I tell my daughter, we are always our mother's babies, even when we're grown. A long, tight, loving hug from your mom is wonderful any age.

This Mother's Day, may Rachel and I will start our own homonym list (first on the list "presents and presence"). I do know if my mother is secret hoping for jewelry, but for me, the presence of my mother will be present enough.

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Local alliance seeks items for garage sale

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to let you know about an opportunity for people in our community to support an organization that is working to alleviate poverty and strengthen democracy in Haiti.

Fonkoze is an alliance of peasant organizations, women's collectives and credit unions which serve the poor through education, microlending programs and business training, in the tradition of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh.

Fonkoze of Albany is a support group which works to provide information about Haiti and to raise funds for the ongoing efforts

of the people who are working there.

On Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fonkoze of Albany will be holding a garage sale in the parking lot of Doane Stuart School as part of this effort.

We are inviting everyone to make contributions of saleable items and to attend the sale.

To make a donation or for information about the work that we do and opportunities to participate, please contact me at 439-1129.

Lucy Pulitzer
Delmar

Driver thanks samaritans

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank the two fine gentlemen — Pete and Paul — who stopped to help me when I was on the side of the road with

a flat tire on Tuesday, April 23

Their concern and help was truly appreciated.

Betsy Millington
Glenmont

Feestelijk was great

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Saturday, April 27, Bethlehem held its sixth annual Feestelijk celebration.

As the first year co-chairperson, I was amazed how much work the volunteers of the committee put into the planning stages and during the festival.

Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the event was as successful as ever. The community enjoyed a night of entertainment in our beautiful town.

I would like to give sincere thanks to the members of the community for their hard work, to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and to the volunteers that helped out during Feestelijk.

Also thank you to the venues, the sponsors and to more than 2,000 members of the community who attended Feestelijk and made it such a success.

We look forward to your participation at Feestelijk 2003.

Shoham Piorentino
Feestelijk co-chairperson

Selkirk Fire Co. says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 would like to thank the community for coming out to support our spaghetti dinner on April 20.

The event was a wonderful success, thanks to the patronage of so many residents.

In addition, the fire company would like to thank the vendors that generously donated supplies for our dinner. These include: Deli Plus, Hannaford, Vers-

tandig's Florist and Mayone's Liquor.

Many thanks to all the fire-fighters and auxiliary members of who volunteered to prepare and serve the meals. It is their effort and dedication, coupled with unwavering support from our community that allows us to serve the residents of the Selkirk Fire District.

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Matters of Opinion

The evolution of this year's school district budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

On May 21, voters across the state will have the opportunity to vote on their school district's budget.

This is one of the major responsibilities of your elected school board. There is no other group of elected representatives whose budget must be approved by voters. Developing a budget is a continuous process — as soon as one budget is completed, it is time to think about the next year with its special challenges.

We thought you might like to take a closer look at how Bethlehem's school board developed this year's \$52.8 million budget.

The philosophy that the Bethlehem board has followed since we have been on the board is to offer programs that will maximize students' academic

achievement and development, while at the same time keeping the school tax increase at a reasonable level. Bethlehem does not have a large commercial tax base and has seen an increase of almost 18 percent in the number of students educated in our schools over the last decade.

The budget process begins in late summer when the school district sets its goals for the coming academic year. These goals serve as the steering wheel for the district, with each department, building and the central office administrator's work driven by them.

Throughout the year, program reviews may be requested by the school board so that we have the information we need to determine cost implications. Actual enrollments are taken at each of our schools on a set date in early fall.

This is the beginning of the annual long-range planning work done by our superintendent, Dr. Leslie Loomis.

The current figures are compared with the projected figures we had used to determine our staffing, class configurations and class sizes at each of our schools. The long-range planning projection numbers directly impact our facilities by giving us an idea of where we may need to add classrooms.

They are also an indicator of what our staffing needs may be for the next year. The building principals begin to use these numbers to decide how they will set up their schools for the next year. Subject supervisors decide what program initiatives they might like to develop for the next academic year.

In December, the high school

presents recommendations to the board of education for new courses it would like to offer. All of these changes and additions bring with them budget implications. Cost calculations must also be figured for meeting state mandates.

Next year, we will be required to offer a parenting course to 10th graders, a new state mandate that comes without any funding from the state to meet the requirement. State testing costs each district a lot of money, as our teachers need to be out of the classrooms, and substitutes hired, so that the test can be set up and graded.

In January, the board is presented with the preliminary fundamental operating budget (FOB) increase. The FOB represents what it will cost in the next year to continue offering the same programs, services and staffing levels as in the current year.

Most of the increase in the FOB is due to non-discretionary increases such as contractual salaries, health insurance premiums and special education services. This becomes the starting point for our budget discussions.

It is important to have input from all those who educate our students, maintain our facilities and transport our children in this important process. At the direction of the board, a list of priorities is developed along with the cost implications. We also ask for revenue projections as an important part of the puzzle that includes estimates on state aid

and tax revenues.

The budget season officially begins in February with the presentation of the FOB and the list of priorities to the board and the public.

We are a responsive board, as we should be, since we represent the community, and it is important for us to hear from those we represent.

As we are unable to fund all of the requests, we must decide what will become part of the budget and what will not make this year's cut. We know from the outset that we will not please everyone.

How will we ever decide what to fund and what programs will have the greatest impact on our students? During budget season, we hold weekly board meetings. Each Friday, we receive a packet of information that requires many hours to read.

The budget meetings are divided into designated topics, with presentations made to the board and the public. Tentative decisions will be made, or more information may be requested and consideration of that request will be postponed.

We are required to adopt a budget at least 24 days before the state mandated budget vote on May 21. There is no leeway in meeting this deadline.

As we work through the topics, we are updated with more current figures. We are mindful at all times of what the budget-to-budget increase is and what the increase to the taxpayer will be.

We vote with our conscience and try to weigh all of the options presented to us. We know we can't have it all and work very hard to balance all needs. The process does work well, and we were able to adopt this year's budget of \$52.8 million (approximately 4.4 percent tax increase) by March 20.

Some of what we added includes additional teacher staffing at all levels, support staff in some areas, increased substitute pay, partial funding of hockey and freshman football, equipment for programs, and computers for student technology courses and staff needs.

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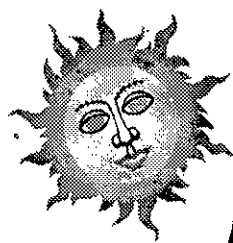
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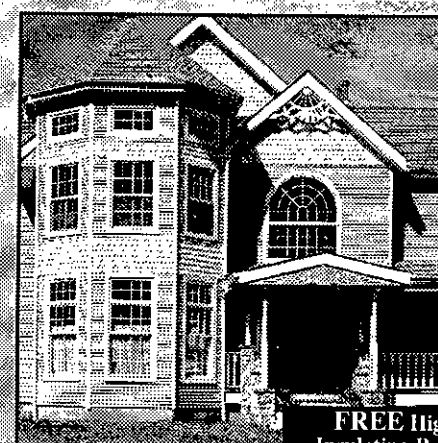
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Matters of Opinion

Feestelijk coordinator says thanks for help

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to extend thanks to all those who volunteered their time at the Children's Arts & Crafts portion of Feestelijk Bethlehem 2002.

Their support was extremely valuable in making the event fun for all who participated.

Thanks also to Grand Union for providing helium for the balloons and shopping bags for the children to take their crafts home in.

Finally, I would like to thank the Children's Arts & Crafts team — Christine Edwards, GERALYN Haggerty, Bill Morrison and Chris Porter — for their time, creative ideas and enthusiasm for making this event a success.

Volunteers included leaders,

parent helpers and Scouts from Brownie Troop 576 (Laurie Nickford, Joan Rosenblum, Sandra Ryther, Karen Haley Powers, Jessica Rosenblum, Rachel Ryther, Amanda Sternklar and Elaine Wilcox), Junior Troop 850 (Donna Henchy, Elaine Henion, Diane Tivan, Katie Henchy, Samantha Henion, Kim Newell, Stephanie Newell, Becky Shumway, Allison Tivan and Kelly Wentworth), Pack 258 (Kim Schoening, Mike Knight, Matt Lowry, Zack McDowell, Jim Roberts, Martin Sharlow and Chris Wilsey) and face painters Katie, Kelly, Melissa and Theresa Haggerty and Caitlin Ryther.

Terry Powers
Children's Arts & Crafts
coordinator
Glenmont

Festival was a bargain with great performers

Editor, The Spotlight:

Our thanks to the Feestelijk Committee and the long list of sponsors for another evening of fun.

We started with America in Song with mezzo-soprano Barbara Eckhaus and her accompanist, William Jones, and could not leave. They are consummate entertainers and managed to get the audience involved during at least half of the numbers.

After a short stop for tradi-

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Lisette Pylant
Delmar
Age 10

Editor's note: We loved it!

BC class of 1982 plans 20th reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1982 is planning its 20th reunion, and an organizing committee is gathering addresses of class members.

If you can help, contact Karen Bruni at 438-1319 or e-mail her at kbruni@nycap.rr.com.

The reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 30, at Normanside Country Club.

Church to serve corned beef dinner

Voorheesville Methodist Church will dish up a corned beef and ham supper on Saturday, May 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church at 68 Maple Ave.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5.50 for children age 5 through 12.

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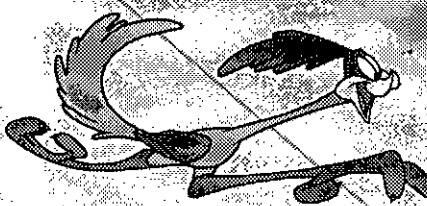
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Presbyterian church to serve dinner

New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands will serve its annual spring dinner on Saturday, May 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The menu will include roast pork, mashed potatoes, carrots, green bean salad, rolls and butter and homemade pies served family style. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children.

Kiwanis to sponsor blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, May 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

The screening is free and open to the public.

Springfest slated at Thacher Park overlook

Thacher Park will hold a day-long Springfest 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."

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photography, children's activities and crafts, educational displays, nature walks, traditional string music, a fly tying and casting demonstration, and bird banding demonstrations.

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

Girl Scouts plan bake sale

The Voorheesville neighborhood Girl Scouts will hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 11, at SuperValu from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

School board to meet May 13

The next regular school board meeting will be on Monday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Town Board to meet

The New Scotland town board will meet tonight, May 8, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Food co-op orders due May 10

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until 1 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

Orders can be picked up on May 30, between 8 and 10:30 a.m. Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

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Defensive Driver Review class offered

A Defensive Driver Review class sponsored by AARP and the town of New Scotland will be held at the Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

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Thursday, May 16, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. or Thursday, May 16, and Friday, May 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To reserve your space in class, call 439-4865. Bring with you to class a valid driver's license and a check for \$10 made out to AARP.

Helderview Garden Club slates meeting

Helderview Garden Club's next regular meeting will be on Friday, May 10, in the Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The meeting will be the preparation time for the upcoming plant sale. All members are asked to bring at least 10 items for the sale. These can be seedlings, plants, packages of seeds or bulbs.

Legion to serve Mother's Day breakfast

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve a Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Dollars for Scholars to hold fund-raiser

Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars will host its fourth annual Ping Pong Ball Race on Saturday, May 25, following the village parade at Vly Creek in village park.

Participants will be able to purchase tickets that correspond to the 400 balls that will be floated in the creek. The balls are floated down the creek and will be retrieved at the finish line.

Ticket holders with numbers corresponding to the first 25 balls to cross the line will win a prize donated by a local merchant.

Money raised from the event will benefit Dollars for Scholars, a local community-based scholarship foundation.

The group provides scholarships to graduating seniors at Voorheesville High School. This year, it will give away \$6,300, up from \$4,500 awarded last year.

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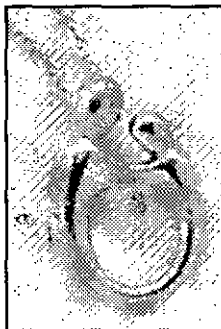
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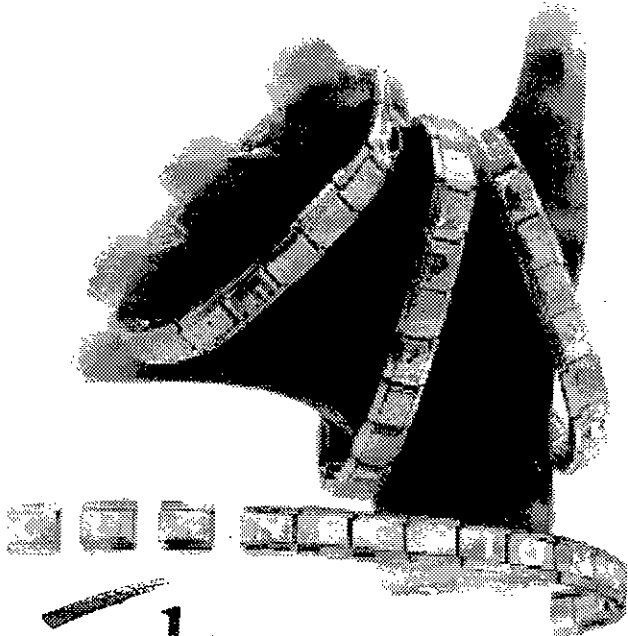
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This program is a "Families Read" grant presentation in collaboration with the Mohawk Valley, Southern Adirondack and

Upper Hudson library systems and supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet on May 9 at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

Copies of *Tender at the Bone* by Ruth Reichl are available when you sign up for the June book discussion.

Reichl explores the connections between food, family and love with some interesting and eccentric characters. The May meeting is tonight, May 8, at 7 p.m.

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Club to serve pancake breakfast

Delmar Kiwanis Club will hold its spring pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to noon at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

All proceeds will benefit Kiwanis Projects for Youth. The donation is \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

Displays include variety of styles, approaches

"Garden Favorites," a selection of oil paintings by Raymond Decker, is on display in the northwest hall this month.

Retired and living in Sling-



erlands, Decker has been painting for more than 20 years. Self-taught, he has won awards for his work.

"Quiet Moments of the Heart," a mixed-media exhibit by Lorraine Miskinis, is displayed in the southwest hall.

An active artist for almost 20 years, she left the corporate world in 1996 to make her art a full-time profession. Her style is impressionistic and her subject matter is varied. She draws on memory for much of her work, and says that her paintings reflect the expression of an emotional moment in time.

Volunteer opportunities for teens is the theme of a bulletin board display by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. Brochures from various community organizations and the 2002 Student Guide to Volunteer Opportunities will be available.

The Student Guide is published each spring by the Bethlehem Networks Project. Networks Director Mona

Prenoveau speaks of the benefits of teen volunteerism: "Volunteering is a positive activity that teaches important life lessons. Volunteering is a way to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, have fun, and grow."

Michael Farley displays "Folk Instruments of the World" in the display case near the circulation desk. Farley is the library's head of computer and media services.

Paul Peter's kites are temporarily earthbound in the case by the stairs.

Timmy Saxe shares his collection of cars and trains in the youth services area.

Budget vote

Voting for the library budget and a 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.

Ronald Berger and Randy Fisher are candidates for the trustee seat, open on July 1 with the expiration of Susan Birkhead's second term. Birkhead served as board president for seven of her 10 years.

Web survey

Thank you to all those patrons who participated in our online survey last month. We received many excellent suggestions that will help us improve our Web site. A report will be posted within a few weeks. Visit us at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

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from sales taxes on its new-equipment purchases. It also approved a 15-year PILOT agreement with Selkirk Ventures, including sales and mortgage-recording tax breaks and a schedule of payments amounting to an average 42 percent discount on its property tax bill.

The IDA board unanimously approved both agreements, though town board member Dan Plummer abstained from Daisytek's sales-tax resolution, citing his law firm's dealings with GE Capital, which will finance the equipment purchases. He hailed the agreements as "fantastic" and Daisytek as "a real asset to this community."

"I think this is an important project," said IDA Chairman Michael Tucker. "It's an important example of how, when a developer comes to us with a project and a potential tenant and needs to move quickly, three months later we are able to put the pieces in place to get it done." He hoped the agreement will help dispel the town's image as a difficult place to do business.

"This shows that we can provide attractive incentives to developers, yet still not give away the store," he said.

The final PILOT agreement was more limited than what Selkirk Ventures sought at the public hearing — cumulative property-tax discounts of 54 percent over the life of the PILOT. IDA board members, representatives of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district, which will bear the brunt of tax revenue reductions, and several residents opposed that.

"For the school district, the question of tax breaks for Daisytek can't be taken in isolation" from its impact on the district's finances, RCS

Superintendent Robert Drake said. "We do support efforts to bring in industrial development, but at the same time, we want to stop you from being too generous."

And Delmar resident Bob Jasinski said, "I understand you've got to offer them something. I just caution you on what you offer. Let's bring it down to a realistic dollar figure on what you can offer — and what you can salvage if it goes bust."

Buicko emphasized the property's deterioration under its present ownership and the difficulty in attracting a tenant without incentives. "One, it is not a custom building. Two, people can't get through the maze of buying it," he said — negotiating with overseas owners now in receivership.

He stressed the job creation and spinoff benefits of the project. The site could be expanded by another 100,000 square feet — an improvement not covered by the PILOT agreement — and Galesi, developer of complexes like Guilderland's Northeast Industrial Park, is already eyeing an adjacent 16-acre vacant site for development. "This is one community where as of now we don't have any operations," he said — but that will likely change, he said, after a successful Daisytek project.

County and state officials weighed in in favor of an aggressive PILOT.

"This is a quality company with a significant number of jobs

they've committed to, and these are good quality jobs," said Gillen — and the state grant, still under negotiation, will include "recapture" provisions if Daisytek doesn't meet its job-creation projections over the next five years.

The IDA's PILOT agreement, commencing in July 2003 and running through 2018, includes a similar proviso, and a sliding-scale recapture of Selkirk Ventures' PILOT benefits should the deal fall through. The agreement also softens the blow to the RCS district with four years

of fixed payments roughly double what Galesi proposed to pay — and more than the IDA's standard PILOT.

Tucker urged Daisytek to adopt a good-neighbor relationship with the district similar to those other Selkirk industrial firms have established.

The special taxing jurisdictions in which the project is located — the Selkirk Fire and Bethlehem Ambulance districts, and the Bethlehem Water District — will be unaffected by the deal, and Selkirk Partners agreed not to challenge its property tax assessment until at least 2007. The agreement's numbers are

We do support efforts to bring in industrial development, but at the same time, we want to stop you from being too generous.

Robert Drake

Children's school to host open house

Bethlehem Children's School is hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 22, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the school on 12 Fisher Blvd. in Slingerlands.

The school's Ocean Exhibits will be on display at the open house.

In addition, there will be refreshments and an ocean-related craft for children. All are welcome.

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Tower Ventures proposal postponed until May 28

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Resumption of a public hearing on a proposal by Tower Ventures to erect a 170-foot telecommunications tower on Upper Font Grove Road has been postponed for a second time by New Scotland's zoning board of appeals.

The hearing, launched in February, was scheduled to be reopened at the board's April 23 meeting. But the board postponed the matter until its next scheduled session, on May 28 at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem, at the request of representatives of Clifton Park-based Tower Ventures.

They sought the one-month

continuance prior to the April meeting in order to buy additional time to prepare documentation requested in March by the zoning board, including visual simulations of the tower based on the results of a balloon test conducted last month.

While the hearing was postponed, there was movement on the review of the tower project reported at the April meeting. Counsel Louis Neri reported to the board that the Albany County Planning Commission had responded to the board's declaration of its intent to serve jointly with the town planning board as lead agencies for environmental review of the project.

Neri said the county planning

body had no objection to the joint lead agency declaration, but requested that appropriate regulatory bodies in Guilderland and Bethlehem be notified of the Tower Ventures application, should they wish to intervene with respect to the environmental review.

At the recommendation of chairman Ronald Von Ronne, the zoning board deferred until the May 28 meeting entering a letter received from attorney Marc Gerstman, on behalf of the Northeast New Scotland Neighborhood Association, into the hearing record. Gerstman and co-counsel Kathleen Martens have raised a number of issues about Tower Ventures application on the association's behalf at the

zoning board's February and March meetings, and the letter contained various citations of related case law.

The board also conducted a hearing on an application of David Wajda of 310 New Salem Road, seeking a variance to permit construction of a porch at his residence. With no public comment received at the hearing, the board granted the application.

The board also unanimously granted the request of Michael J. Marinello of 300 Font Grove Road to rescind an earlier variance granted him last November, permitting construction of a third dwelling on his property — a project rendered moot by the death of a family member.

Building inspector Gerald

Gordinier also reported to the board that a variance, granted a year ago to Marty Flansburg to permit operation of a transmission repair garage and used car display on his property at 1196 Delaware Turnpike in Unionville, had expired. The variance was contingent upon his obtaining site-plan approval from the town planning board, and Gordinier said no application for that had been filed within the 1-year limit set by the zoning board. He said he would order the immediate halt of business on the property.

Flansburg has since reapplied for the variance, and the planning board was scheduled to review the application on Tuesday, May 7 and prepare a recommendation to the zoning board.

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Fertilization is also important. The first step is to get your soil's pH level tested at your county Cooperative Extension office. The pH should be in the range of 6.0 to 7.0, where plant nutrients in fertilizer will be most effective.

Lawns should be fertilized two or three times a year — if twice a year, in the spring and early fall; if three times a year, in the late spring, early fall and late fall.

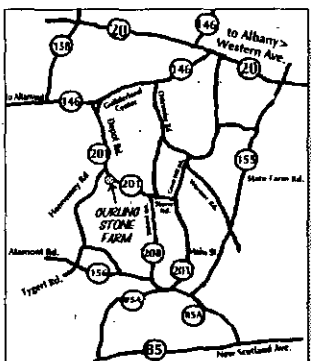
Mowing at the proper height and frequency will also make your lawn more pest-resistant. Mowing too short can foster a shallow grass root system that will make it easier for weeds to germinate and grow. Lawns should be mowed no lower than 2 inches, and never cut more than a third of the grass length. Lawnmower blades should be kept sharp, since dull blades leave wounds on the grass blade that can be an entry point for diseases.

Where allowed by local law, lawns should be watered deeply (about 1 inch of water) when the first sign of wilt appears in the spring. Deep watering encourages deeper, healthier roots. In the summer, waterings should be light and frequent.

The best time to water is in the early morning; evening watering does not allow time for the grass to dry, which creates an environment conducive to disease development.

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Friendship

(From Page 1)

joined the group in 1986, and by 1991 had convinced the group to try a few dance steps.

"When we started dancing, our costumes changed," said Stephanie Bollam, a charter member who has been with the Friendship Singers all 20 years. "At our Christmas concert, we had a mannequin display of our costumes."

Although Liddle and Drew work together to make preliminary selections of what songs the group should perform, everyone is in on the final decisions. "As director, I just conduct," Liddle said. "Everyone has a say in the music."

"The majority rules," Drew said.

"We've always worked in a non-confrontational, non-catty way," Bollam said. "The one time that we did have a problem, we had a meeting to work it out," Liddle said.

"I think it works well because music affects you so positively," Welch said. Another positive effect of the group has been the supporting role they've played in each other's lives.

"A lot of us have been through our children's pre-school years and teen years together," Conklin said. "We're all in it together." "We've become very close friends," Welch said. Bollam pointed out that the Friendship Singers aren't just a group of bored housewives. "The women in this group are very versatile and active," she said. "Sometimes we're racing to get into our costumes."

One thing they definitely are is committed. The Friendship Singers rehearse every Tuesday morning at the Slingerlands church where they got their start from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

"Some of the women have arranged time off from their jobs so they can be at rehearsals," Drew said.

In addition to their spring and winter concerts, the Friendship Singers perform at different venues throughout the year.

They continue to sing at nursing homes, where they first focused their concert efforts. They've performed at all of Bethlehem's grade schools, as well as at Feestelijk, the Tulip Festival, baseball games, and even at a recent WWF event in Albany. They regularly perform at jails and hospitals.

"We try to consider some populations that might be overlooked," said Conklin, who signs all the songs the group perform. "Sometimes we get more out of the performances than the audience does," Bollam said. "We often get very choked up." The group also performs at wedding anniversary celebrations, funerals and memorial celebrations.

Every year, the group gets away for a weekend to Vermont's Queechee Lake, where, not too surprisingly, they often break into song. "One night, we heard applause from across the lake," Conklin said. In addition to singing, dancing and signing, the

Friendship Singers also play hand chimes and a flute. When he's available, Bill Reusswig plays drums for the group.

At Saturday's concert, donations will be accepted, with all proceeds going to the Bethlehem Festival Fund, which discreetly helps out community members in need.

The Friendship Singers welcome new members who must know how to sing, "and not be intimidated by movement," Bollam said. Those interested in

joining the group should call Liddle at 439-2360.

"When I go to Friendship Singers, I never feel nervousness or intimidation," Bollam said. "It's a comfortable environment." "We know we can ask each other for help," Conklin said. Drew summed up the reason that, 20 years later, the Friendship Singers are still making beautiful music together.

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Sports

Lady Eagles edge Saratoga in rematch

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team solidified its hold on first place in the Suburban Council with a 9-8 victory over Saratoga last Thursday.

Kristin Link scored four goals, and the defense made several big plays in the second half to lead the Lady Eagles (8-0 league, 12-0 overall), who were ranked fourth in the latest state Class A poll.

"I thought they did a phenomenal job on defense — especially Trisha Primomo, who is an

eighth grader, and Cecilia Corrigan, who is a freshman and did a great job on ground balls," Bethlehem coach John Battaglini said.

Katie Wagoner contributed two goals, while Brianna Bubeck, Amy O'Donnell and Katelyn Primomo added individual tallies for the Lady Eagles.

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Delmar Dolphins has openings for swimmers

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Home runs: Brian Pauquette, Matt Branigan, Nick deVries, Mike Carroll, Craig Wilcox, and Derek Wolff.	
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Club schedules Mother's Day race

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

The 3.5-mile race for women and girls starts at Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers overall and to winners in each age group. The first three mother-daughter teams will also receive awards.

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Registration will be held until 9:45 a.m. the day of the race at the school. The cost is \$10 per person, and the first 100 registrants will receive a commemorative gift.

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LANSINGBURGH 6, RCS 5

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: C.J. Berghela 3 singles.

VOORHEESVILLE 5, SCHALMONT 3

Voorheesville highlights: Steve Hensel pitched three-hitter, Adam Hatch and Pat Selby doubled and singled.

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SHENENDEHOWA 15, BETHLEHEM 6

Scoring: Shenendehowa — Eric DeSalvatore 0-1, Shane Koppens 4-4, Chris Lepkowski 2-0, Casey Lewis 3-3, Willie Munoz 1-0, Cory Nellissen 3-3, Caleb Stratton 1-0, Anthony Wallace 4-0. Bethlehem — Chris Abbott 1-3, Aaron Griffin 1-0, Pat Heenan 2-2, Ken Porter 1-0, Tom Trimarchi 1-0. Saves: Shenendehowa — Josh McLane 10. Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 13.

BOYS TENNIS

Bethlehem 9, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 0

Voorheesville 6, RCS 1

SOFTBALL

COLUMBIA 5, BETHLEHEM 2

Bethlehem highlights: Andrea Stupp RBI single.

RCS 8, VOORHEESVILLE 4

Highlights: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Katie Stott double, triple, RBI; Ashley Byrwalter double.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

SCHENECTADY INVITATIONAL

Team scores: Schenectady 93, Shenendehowa 77, Bethlehem 66, Guiderland 61, Shaker 58, Saratoga 46, LaSalle 27, Queensbury 21, Amsterdam 18, Albany 16, Colonie Central 14, CBA 11, Johnstown 6, Fonda-Fultonville 3, Cobleskill-Richmondville 2, Mohonasen 1, Averill Park 1. Bethlehem individual winners: Rafiq Umar (long jump and triple jump).

GIRLS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 9, SARATOGA 8

Scoring: Bethlehem — Brianna Bubeck 1-0, Kristin Link 4-0, Amy O'Donnell 1-0, Katelyn Primomo 1-0, Katie Wagoner 2-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Danielle Blanchard 9.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

BASEBALL

BETHLEHEM 6, MOHONASEN 0

Bethlehem highlights: Mark Bulger pitched two-hit shut-out, Matt Drislane 2 doubles and 2 RBI, Parker Brown 2 singles, Matt Young double.

VOORHEESVILLE 9, COHOES 7

Voorheesville highlights: Kevin Massaroni 3-run and 2-run home runs, Mark Murray 4 singles and 3 runs scored.

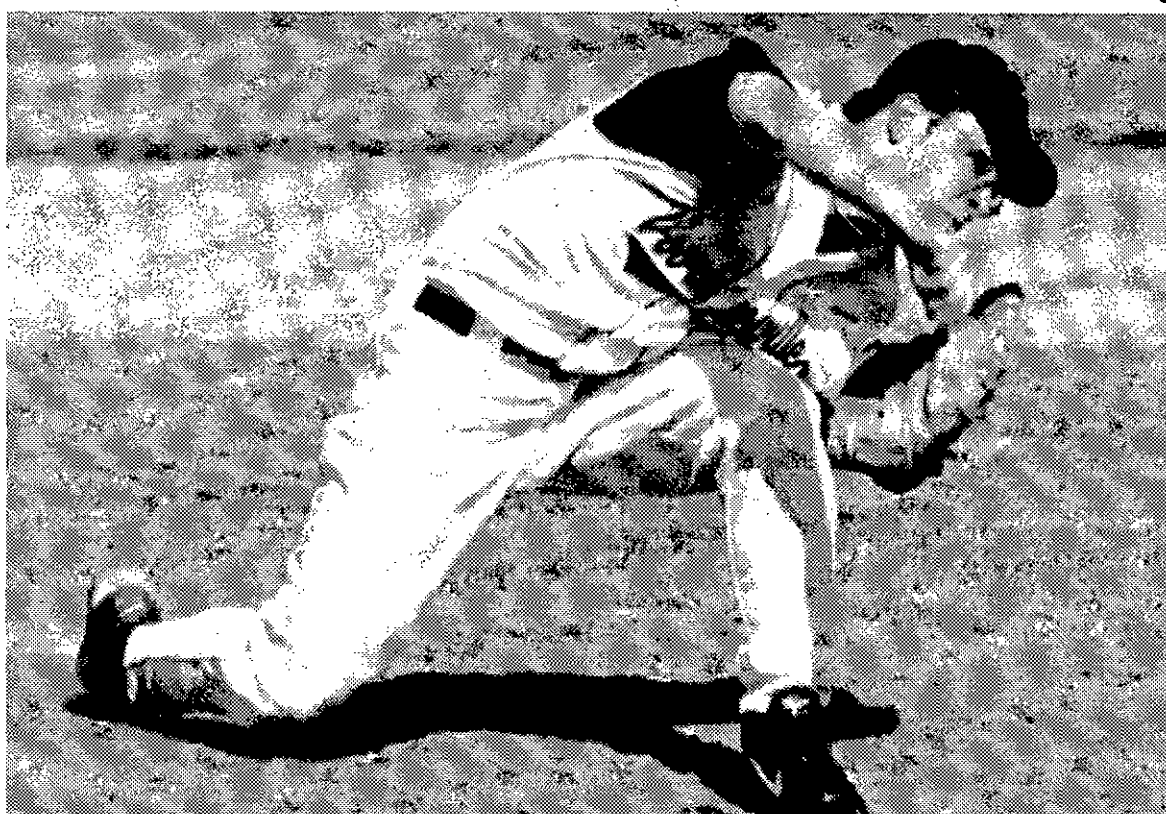
WATERVLIET 11, RCS 3

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: C.J. Berghela 3 stolen bases and 3 runs scored.

BOYS LACROSSE

SHAKER 8, BETHLEHEM 7

Scoring: Shaker — Alex Barvoets 2-1, Cody Daigle 2-0, William Farrell 1-0, Carlo Fusco 1-0, Mike McDonald 0-1, Brian Svitak 2-2. Bethlehem — Chris Abbott 3-0, Pat



Voorheesville pitcher Steve Hensel delivers to the plate during last Wednesday's Colonial Council game against Schalmont at Swift Road Town Park. Hensel tossed a three-hitter to lead the Blackbirds to a 5-3 victory over the Sabres.

Henriksson. Doubles — Luke Yurek-Elijah Fagan.

SOFTBALL

ACADEMY OF HOLY NAMES 5, VOORHEESVILLE 2

Voorheesville highlights: Kim Kavanaugh double.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

BASEBALL

Saratoga 6, Bethlehem 5

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

COLONIE RELAYS

Team scores: Shenendehowa 113, Bethlehem 82, Shaker 72, Schenectady 56, Guiderland 40, Saratoga 36, Colonie Central 35, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 21, Albany Academy 11, Averill Park 10, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 10, CBA 6, Albany 4.

First-place finishes: Bethlehem — long jump relay (Zach Maskin, Stephen Strait and Rafiq Umar), triple jump relay (Maskin, Umar and Jamie Putnam), high jump relay (Umar, Maskin and Strait), 6,400-meter relay (Rob Kuhn, Pat Shaffer, Adam Hill and Doug Demarco).

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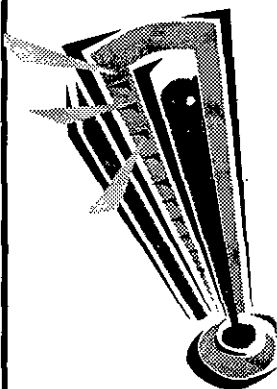
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Obituaries

Beverly Bastian

Beverly P. Bastian, 55, of Voorheesville died Thursday, May 2, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a former member of the Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary.

She was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas J. Bastian; a son, Jeffrey Bess of Feura Bush; and two brothers, Elbert "Al" J. Pangburn Jr. of Glenmont and Richard Pangburn of Gunderland.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

Mary Chestney

Mary V. Chestney, 95, of Pine Plains, and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, April 29, at Baptist Home in Brookmeade in Rhinebeck.

Born in Fort Edward, she was a graduate of Oneonta Normal School and the former State Teachers College in Albany.

Mrs. Chestney taught in Albany public schools for 30 years before she retired.

She was a member of the Milan Senior Citizens and Rowe United Methodist Church.

She was the widow of Gerald H. Chestney.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary E. "Betty" Doyle of Stanfordville; a son, Gerald W. Chestney of Pine Plains; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from Rowe United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains.

Arrangements were by the Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Pine Plains.

Contributions may be made to the Pine Plains Rescue Squad, PO Box 100, Pine Plains 12567.

Helen Garrett

Helen T. Wagoner Garrett, 94, of Ravena died Tuesday, April 30, at Gunderland Center Nursing Home.

Born in Selkirk, Mrs. Garrett was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Coeymans-Ravena Women's Club.

She attended Congregational Christian Church in Ravena.

She was the widow of Alden T. Garrett.

Survivors include a brother, Sidney J. Waggoner Jr. of Selkirk.

Services were from the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Congregational Christian Church, PO Box 326, Ravena 12143.

Delmar died Sunday, April 28, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, she worked for the former New York Telephone Co.

Mrs. Hewitt later worked for the state Higher Education Services Corp. in Delmar.

She was an avid collector, flower gardener and floral arranger.

She enjoyed many trips to San Francisco to visit relatives.

She was the widow of Harold M. Hewitt.

Survivors include three sons, Timothy M. Hewitt of Delmar, J. Randall Hewitt of Pacifica, Calif., and Lawrence J. Hewitt of East Calais, Vt.; two brothers, Henry Michalski and Felix Michalski; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville.

John Yamin

John Peter Yamin, 83, of the Beverwyck in North Bethlehem, and formerly of Troy, died

Sunday, April 28, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

He was a graduate of LaSalle Institute and Siena College.

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

Mr. Yamin was affectionately known as "The Mayor" at the Beverwyck.

He was the husband of the late Margaret S. Shama Yamin.

Survivors include a son, John Yamin; a daughter, Marney O'Hearn; a brother, George Yamin; and six grandchildren.

Services were from St. Ann's Marionite Church in Troy.

Arrangements were by the John H. Clinton Funeral Home in Troy.

Contributions may be made to St. Ann's Marionite Church.

Garden club to host plant sale May 18

The Bethlehem Garden Club will conduct its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Delmar Dental, 344 Delaware Ave.

The sale will be held rain or shine.

A wide variety of perennials will be offered. Come early for best choice. For information, call Faith Fuller at 767-2986.

St. Stephen's slates tag sale, flea market

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Elsmere Avenue in Delmar will host its community tag sale and flea market on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The rain date is June 1.

Items for sale include sporting goods, children's clothing, toys and accessories, books, crafts and homeowner tag sale items.

Vendor space is available by calling 477-5215.

Proceeds from the sale support local and international outreach programs and St. Stephen's Senior High Pilgrimage.

For information, call the church at 439-3265.

Church to serve roast pork dinner

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church will serve a roast pork dinner on Saturday, May 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the church at 2010 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Kids under age 5 eat for free.

For information, call the church office at 439-6454.

Historical association plans barbecue

The Bethlehem Historical Association is hosting its annual meeting and barbecue on Thursday, May 16, beginning at 5 p.m. at Cedar Hill School House, 1003 River Road, Selkirk.

The barbecue will be catered by Manning's Menu and costs \$17 per person. The public is welcome.

For information, call Barbara Muhlfelder at 439-0342 by May 10.



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

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

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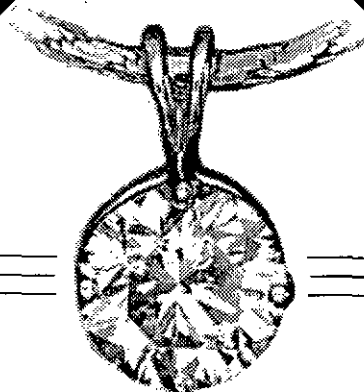
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Sullivan, Kenyon engaged

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Academy of Holy Names, Princeton University and Samuel Merritt College.

She is a physical therapist for Kaiser Permanente in Portland, Ore.

The future groom is a graduate of Suffern High School, Princeton University and California Institute

of Technology.

He is a technology developer for Intel in Hillsboro, Ore.

The couple plans a August wedding.

Birth's

Albany Medical Center
Boy, Peter Gallagher, to Jennifer and James Gallagher of Delmar, Feb. 3.

Girl, Anna Ablove, to Tova and Robert Ablove of Delmar, Feb. 4.
Boy, Samuel Boice, to Paula Genovesi-Boice of Slingerlands and Jonathan Boice of Staatsburg, Feb. 6.

Boy, Dylan Paty, to Dawn and Philip Paty of Slingerlands, Feb. 12.

Boy, John Pocorobba, to Vicki and John Pocorobba of Delmar, Feb. 19.

Boy, Ryan McInerney, to Jennifer and Jeremy McInerney of Delmar, Feb. 22.

Boy, Christian Alston, to Jennifer and George Alston of Glenmont, Feb. 25.

Girl, Meghan Bauder, to Melissa and Justyn Bauder of Glenmont, Feb. 27.

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Local student honored by SUNY Buffalo

Thomas Downes of Delmar has recently been honored for being the outstanding graduating senior in the physics department at the University at Buffalo.

Each outstanding senior that has been honored will receive a medal to be worn at the commencement ceremony on May 12.



Bethlehem Auto Service

AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk



A CHECK OF THE COOLING SYSTEM

If you have ever been stranded by an overheated engine, you know the value of thoroughly inspecting your vehicle's cooling system to avoid failure. The radiator and cap should be pressure-checked for signs of leakage. Then, if necessary, the antifreeze should be flushed and refilled with a 50/50 antifreeze and water mixture. All hoses and belts should be checked for signs of wear (bulges or cracks) and replaced if they are more than three or four years old. Hose inspection includes the smaller heater hoses and the two large hoses that lead from the engine to the radiator. The thermostat, which regulates the flow of coolant throughout the engine, should also be checked and replaced if necessary.

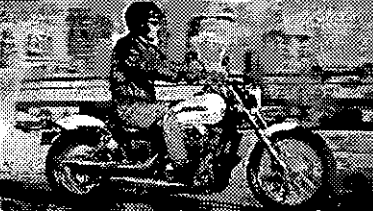
A properly functioning cooling system is critical to the performance of your vehicle. May is National Good Car-Keeping Month. At BETHLEHEM AUTO SERVICE, we emphasize preventive maintenance and remind readers that they can save themselves a great deal of time and money by having their vehicles inspected on a routine schedule. When you bring your vehicle to us, an A.S.E. Certified Technician can evaluate the condition of the vehicle's belts and hoses, check the antifreeze level, and make sure the thermostat is functioning properly. Call 426-8414, or visit us at 62 Hannay Lane in Glenmont off Rt. 9W behind Stone Ends. Business hours are Mon.-Fri., 7-6. Happy Mother's Day!

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Community



Bethlehem Youth Hockey to hold pre-registration

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

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

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The Dutch are coming! The Dutch are coming! Albany prepares for 54th Annual Tulip Festival

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

More than 50 years after the first "Pinksterfest" celebrated Albany's Dutch heritage, the weekend-long Tulip Festival in Albany's



Rani Arbo

Washington Park has become a fixture in the Capital District's spring scene.

This year, the Tulip Festival will begin on Friday, May 10, at noon on State Street.

Women from the Albany Historical Society will wear traditional Dutch costumes to the street-scrubbing, and 10 of them will scrub the top block of State Street near St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Lodge Street. To prove that the Tulip Festival celebrates all of Albany's heritage, the Albany Police Pipe and Drums will escort the scrubbers down the street.

The Tulip Festival has grown from the coronation of the queen and traditional Dutch dancing to the three-day event it is now.

"This is the most traditional aspect of the Tulip Festival," Susan Cleary, public relations coordinator for the city of Albany's office of special events and volunteer services, said. "In the Netherlands, the streets have always been scrubbed clean before a big 'fest.'"



The Dirty Dozen Brass Band

After the street is clean, local dignitaries and the general public will attend the Tulip Queen Luncheon, where reigning queen, Amy Kaplan and the five finalists for this year's crown will be feted. The new Tulip Queen will be crowned on Saturday, May 11, at the amphitheater near the lake in Washington Park.

"The selection committee accepted names for the next Tulip Queen in February and March," Cleary said. "Anyone can nominate a candidate, and there is an interview process."

The Tulip Queen works on Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings' literacy campaign, and queens always choose their own focus.

"Amy set up a Pen Pal program between seventh graders at Philip Livingston Middle School and sailors on the nuclear submarine, the U.S.S. Albany," Cleary said. "Some of the crew have come to meet the students, and 12 of them are coming to be part of this year's coronation ceremony."

On Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12, the 170,000 tulips planted in Washington Park will host some 100,000 people.

"The park is 90 acres, and there are four different stages, so it never feels too crowded," Cleary said.

Two of the stages will be devoted to national and local music groups. The Main Stage at the parade grounds will feature Buster Poindexter and the Banshees in Blue on Saturday and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band on Sunday, while the amphitheatre stage in front of the

boathouse offers such local acts as urban pop band Sirsy, modern rock band The Wait and Latin big band Alex Torres and the Latin Kings.

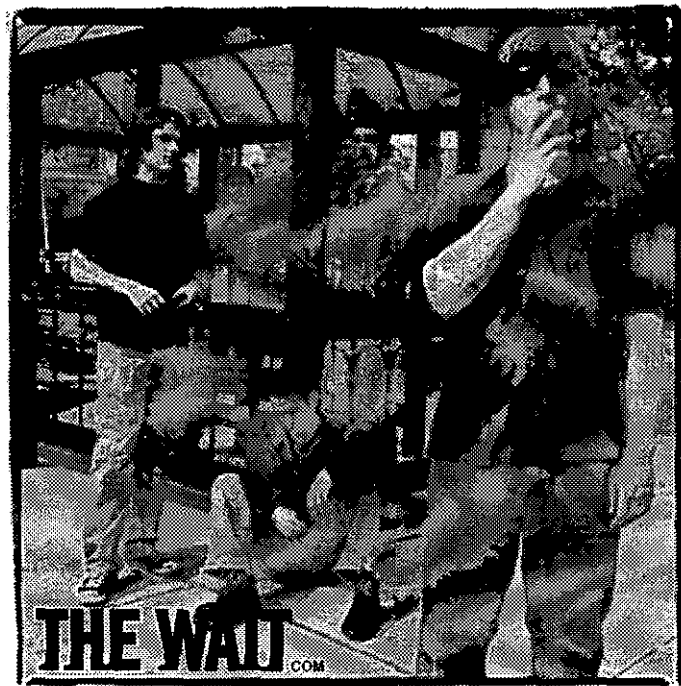
In addition to a juried craft show, the MVP Health Care KidZone is offering activities to keep families entertained.

There will be face painting, balloon sculptures, pony rides, a fire safety bus, and hands-on crafts from local institutions like the Albany Institute of History and Art and the Junior Museum. Mad Science of the Capital Region will offer special presentations at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. on Saturday,

and the Airbourne Jugglers will perform at 2 and 4 p.m. that day.

On Sunday at 1, 3, and 5 p.m., Ernie Williams will present an interactive show called "Blues in Schools." At 2 and 4 p.m., the Castle Bridge Players will perform their marionette show, "George and the Dragon." The MVP tent will be right near the playground in the park.

At the Hannaford tent, you can decorate a cake for Mother's Day, and on the hill behind the amphitheater, you'll find an 18th century encampment. The encampment will provide a glimpse into life for soldiers of the American Revolution, as well as home life and battlefield situations. Traveling players will perform music, magic, and Punch and Judy shows.



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Cleary said the office of special events spends about 10 months preparing for the Tulip Festival. Of great debate each year are the tulips themselves.

"As much as possible," Cleary said, "our gardeners plant bulbs that will last all spring. The past few springs have been very mild, but the Festival takes place rain or shine."

The Tulip Festival has grown from the coronation of the queen and traditional Dutch dancing to the three-day event it is now.

"We've added a fine arts show this year with photography and oil paintings," Cleary said.

"The dance stage will also feature local troupes throughout the weekend."

Not to be forgotten is the main inspiration for the festival,

the tulips. This year, the Tulip Festival will focus on them, and their blossoming brethren.

"We'll have local experts offering a lecture series about gardening throughout the weekend, at the Moses statue," Cleary said.



On Sunday morning, mothers and families can step right into spring by participating in the "Mother's Day Meander," a stroll around Washington Park Lake. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., and the walk starts at 10:30,

The artists pictured on this page are just SOME of the MANY exciting things you will find at this year's Tulip Fest. DON'T MISS IT!!!

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

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

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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.

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

PLAY BY PLAY

Stage Works production, North Pointe Cultural Arts Center, Route 9, Kinderhook, through May 12, \$20 and \$25. Information, 822-9667.

JAKE'S WOMEN

Neil Simon comedy, The Players production, Maureen Stapleton Theatre, Hudson Valley Community College, Route 4, Troy, weekends through May 19, \$12. Information, 590-0273.

Music

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Christian singer, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, May 9, 7:30 p.m., \$24 and \$28. Information, 463-4663.

JERRY JEFF WALKER

Saratoga Music Hall, Saratoga Springs, May 9, 8 p.m., \$40. Information, 581-1604.

BRYAN BLOWERS

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

DEBBIE REYNOLDS

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, May 11, 8 p.m., \$34 to \$39. Information, 346-6204.

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ST. PETERSBURG STRING QUARTET

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, May 12, 2 p.m., \$22.50. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 4.

Family Fun

ALL-STAR CIRCUS

Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, May 10 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., May 11 at 3 and 7 p.m., \$15 and \$12.50, \$6 for children. Information, 476-1000.

BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE LIVE

performing "Surprise Party," Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, May 10 at 7 p.m., May 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 and 5:30 p.m., May 12 at 1 and 4:30 p.m., \$16.50 to \$25.50. Information, 463-4663.

BLUES CLUES LIVE

performing "Blue's Birthday Party," Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, May 14 at 7 p.m., May 15 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., \$15 to \$27. Information, 346-6204.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

American Impressionists Abroad and at Home, through June 16; Focus on Nature VII, through Sept. 9, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

Young America, Treasures from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, through May 19, exhibits on Hudson River School painting, the Albany Army Bazaar of 1864, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

Hy Rosen retrospective, through May 24, 161 Washington Ave. Information, 462-4775.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Spring Into Summer," through July 31, Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 786-6557.

OTTER HOOK GALLERY

121 Adams St., Delmar, Hudson Valley Landscapes, through May 27, Thursday to Sunday. Information, 439-4339.

Call for Artists

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

MALE SINGERS NEEDED

for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

Classes

ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENT CLASSES

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

DANCE CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES

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

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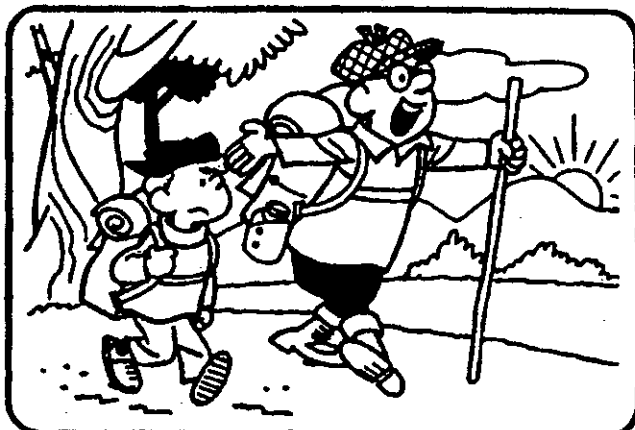
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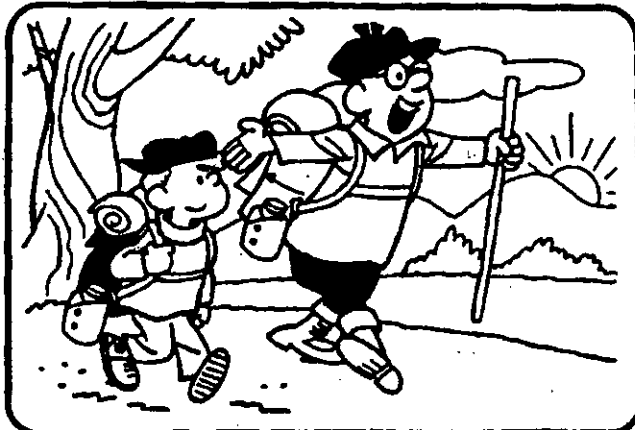
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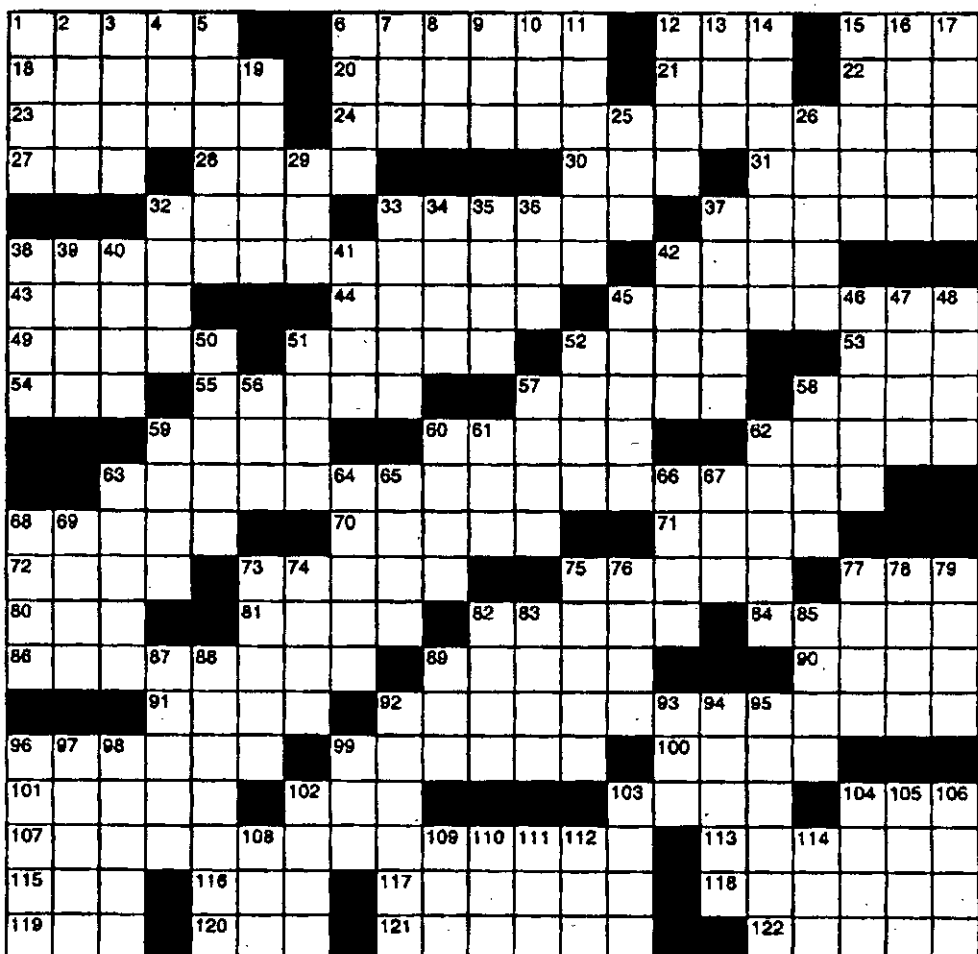
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1 Brandy bottle
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20 Melville or Munster
21 Corporate VIP
22 Tokyo, once
23 Giza god
24 DST Salman Rushdie book?
27 Itch
28 Little hit
30 Manner
31 Jeweler's measure
32 Self starter?
33 Meddle (with)
37 It may be grand
38 DST Gary U.S. Bonds hit?
42 One of the Waughes
43 Component
44 Pop
45 Jaclyn Smith, for one
49 Did nothing
51 Deck of destiny
52 Moo juice
53 Director Craven
54 Computer acronym
55 Acts like a stallion
57 Hiawatha's transport
58 Harvest
59 Pickling herb
60 "Comes Mary" ('66 song)
62 Frank book
63 DST Spencer Tracy film, with "The"?
68 "Rise and —"
70 Barter
71 Isolated
72 Lewis or Long
73 Clean the sink
75 Jambalaya ingredient
77 Palm oil?
80 Bird-to-be
81 Yarn
82 Calro creed
84 Diminish
86 Chime
89 Dwight's competition
90 Busy as —
91 Israeli airline
92 DST Count Basie song?
98 Underside
99 Crooner Rudy
100 Notes from Verdi?
101 Wild
102 — lac-toe
103 Desire defied
104 Word with on or off
107 DST
108 Vogue's tune?
113 Unwrinkled
115 Author LeShan
116 — polloi
117 "The Far Side" cartoonist
118 Paraguayan title
119 Dress size
120 Actor
121 Prool- reader's list
122 Spoken for
DOWN
1 Brawl
2 Metallic fabric
3 Mideastern Gulf
4 Trans- gression
5 Agile Olga
6 Worn-out
7 Barnyard belle
8 Literary preposition
9 "Believer" ('66 hit)
10 Flight
11 Respond
12 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 tune)
13 I.M. the architect
14 "The Hobbit" author
15 — Incognita
16 Perfect
17 — Carlo
19 Cook fast and hot
25 Subway unit
26 Monkey or pony
29 Neither's partner
32 Jocular Johnson
33 City on the Loire
34 Curly coil
35 TV's "America's — Wanted"
36 Set
37 Stroke of luck
38 Plocadilly pound
39 Reverse
40 Sneezes and wheezes
41 Aspen apparatus
42 Singer Guthrie
45 Church support?
46 Deal with a nose
47 Glum drop?
48 Discern
50 Ambition
51 Hard to believe
52 Palomino's pride
56 Yalie
57 Harbor locale
58 Lestat's creator
59 Say it isn't so
60 Out of range
61 Cover
62 Couturiers Karan
63 Artist Velazquez
64 Bikini, e.g.
65 Factual
66 Chowder ingredient
67 Sound like a Shorthorn
68 Molt
69 "Les Miserables" author
73 Word with bath or shovel
74 Summon
75 Mary Kay
76 Banister
77 Off-limits
78 List entry
79 Nest noise
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103 Best or Ferber
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

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

Wed. 5/8

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

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.

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.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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 8, 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

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.

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.

NEW SCOTLAND ACTIVITIES AT VPL
Library Club for Kids, 3:30 p.m.; Every Other Thursday night Poets, 7 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 5/10

BETHLEHEM CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER
Takeout available, \$8 dinners including mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert, coffee and beverages. Willowbrook Cafe at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, 4-7:30 p.m. Information, 767-9953 or 767-2752.

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

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and kiddush

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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 8, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Dodson Properties, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 27, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Dodson Properties, LLC, 286 Waldermaier Rd., Feura Bush, NY 12067. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (May 8, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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, Houston, TX 77056. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose:

at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

Sat. 5/11

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

NEW SCOTLAND MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH AT VPL
Brunch and stories for children; Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. Registration necessary. Information, 765-2791.

SPRING FEST AT THACHER PARK
Programs and activities include live animal presentation, nature art and photography, children's activities and crafts, educational displays on natural wetlands, nature walks, traditional string music, fly-tying and casting demonstration, bird banding demonstration. John Boyd Thacher State Park, off Route 85, New Scotland, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information, 872-0800.

Sun. 5/12

BETHLEHEM WORSHIP INFORMATION
Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland

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crude and refined products marketing. (May 8, 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.

SPRING CLEANING? DONATIONS REQUESTED

For GIANT Lawn Sale
to benefit local hunger and homeless programs
NEEDED: Clothing, Household, Toys, Furniture, etc.
Drop off:
Delmar Presbyterian Church
585 Delaware Avenue
(Corner of Delaware and Cherry Avenue).
Saturday, May 11, 9AM - 12 Noon
Saturday, May 18, 1 - 4 PM
Saturday, June 1, 9 AM - 12 Noon
or call 439-9281 or 439-6952
Receipts Provided

Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

Mon. 5/13

BETHLEHEM MOTHERS' TIME OUT
Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

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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.
SJesse Vandergrift,
Attorney in Fact
(May 8, 2002)

EXPLORER POST 157
For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS
Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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

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

Tues. 5/14

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)
Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

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

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

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

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

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 8, 2002)

NEW SCOTLAND STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

Wed. 5/15

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

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

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

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

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

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

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 1 & 3 MARCUS BOULEVARD LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is 1 & 3 MARCUS BOULEVARD LLC.
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is ALBANY.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052.
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 1698 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12205
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 30th day of April, 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 8, 2002)

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

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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 8, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

187 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD, LLC
 Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
 Articles of Organization of 187 Old Niskayuna Road, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 18, 2002. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 803 Hawley Court, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.
 Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love
 Address: 450 Karner Road, Suite 203
 Albany, New York 12205-3898
 (May 8, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

2692 HAMBURG STREET, LLC
 Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
 Articles of Organization of 2692 Hamburg Street, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 24, 2002. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 803 Hawley Court, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.
 Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love
 Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203
 Albany, New York 12205-3898
 (May 8, 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

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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
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 (518) 449-3900
 (May 8, 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 8, 2002)

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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 8, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2001 for the Town of

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC, RMC
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DATED: May 2, 2002
 (May 8, 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 8, 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 8, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of COMPATIBLE CONNECTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of

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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 8, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Condo 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 8, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 8, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of filing of articles of organization of a limited liability company ("LLC") named Conroy Realty I, LLC. Articles filed with NY sec. of state ("SOS") on 3/20/02. Office location: Albany County: SOS, designated as agent for service of process, shall mail copy of process to The LLC, 1867 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.
 (May 8, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Credit Management, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/28/02. Office location: Albany

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 (May 8, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Cumberland Farms, Inc., 777 Dedham Street, Canton, MA. 02021 for Modification to a previously granted Special Exception under Article VI, Permitted Uses of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to replace three existing gas tanks and make changes to the canopy, signage and handicap ramp at premises 430 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York.
 Michael C. Hodom
 Chairman
 Board of Appeals
 (May 8, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Dean and Wilda Shealy, 17 Eastland Circle, Albany, New York 12203 for Area Variance under Article XVIII, Rear Yards, Section 128-82, Fences and Walls and Articles XVII, Side Yards, Section 129-76, Fences and Walls, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a portion of six foot solid fence which would exceed the four foot allowable at premises 17 Eastland Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
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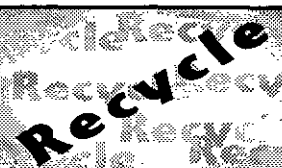
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

The name of the LP is GREENWICH PARTNERS, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 6, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (May 8, 2002)

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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: in-

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surance services and related activities. (May 8, 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 Or-

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ange 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 8, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of JPR Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/30/02. 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 St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 8, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

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Money spent on car upkeep likely returned at trade in time

In a booming economy money is spread around that might stay in one's pocket during leaner times. However, when it comes to paying people to keep your car clean and well maintained it would probably be money well spent, says the Car Care Council.

"At trade in time dealers are willing to

pay extra for a car that's been kept in good condition," says Donna Wagner, Council President. "And, like your grade point average in school, you can't make it look good overnight. It's an ongoing process."

Wagner suggests washing your car at regular intervals and waxing it twice a year. If you opt to do the

work yourself, research it first. Do-it-yourselfers who aren't familiar with the products they're using can do more harm than good. By all means, read the directions and follow them.

Take care of little dents, scratches and nicks in the exterior as they occur. Repair

chipped or cracked glass, as well. Left unattended, small problems can turn into big ones fairly quickly. "There's new technology to treat many of these blemishes," advises Wagner. "Many times the service personnel are equipped to come right to your home or office." The interior of your vehicle is just as important as the exterior. It's hard to sell a house that looks good outside but whose interior has been ravished. A car is no different. Cigarette burns in the upholstery, rips, tears and stains all decrease the value of a vehicle.

"Not only that," emphasizes Wagner, "but it may have a negative psychological effect on the owner, as well. We spend lots of time in that driver's seat; it makes sense that we would feel better if the interior is well kept."

Maintenance is important, too. Car dealers look more favorably on a vehicle with detailed maintenance records. A car without any service history has an unknown value, and the owner is unable to validate any claims of repairs or maintenance.

Summer is the perfect time to pay

special attention to your car. Get the exterior cleaned and waxed and take care of any bodywork that needs to be performed. Look at the inside with new eyes; start with the floor mats and work up. Finally, check the recommended service schedule and make maintenance a priority.

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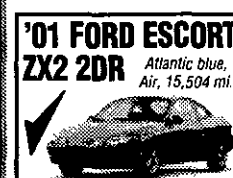
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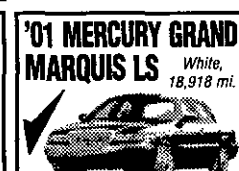
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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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

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which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (May 8, 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. 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

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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 8, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Parkway Construction & Associates, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/23/02. Office location: Albany County, LP formed in Texas (TX) on 12/21/01. 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. TX address of LP: 1000 Civic Circle, Lewisville, TX 75067. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, 800 Brazos, Ste. 750, One Commerce Plaza, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 8, 2002)

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Quality Pavers, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on April 22, 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 Quality Pavers, LLC, 60 Miller

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Susan K. Gibbons, M.D., PLLC ("PLLC"), a professional services limited liability company, was filed with the Secretary of New York ("SSNY") on 3/25/02. Principal office of the PLLC is located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the PLLC, Joseph B. Carr, Esq., Couch White, LLP, 540 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: practice of medicine for pecuniary profit. (May 8, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of TAN Leasing, LLC ("LLC") filed with the

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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 may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 25 Mason Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. (May 8, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: TOBIAS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/20/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 400 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (May 8, 2002)

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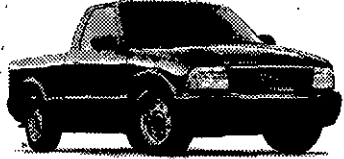
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Board

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Warren Stoker, current school board president, taught English and social studies for 30 years in the Bethlehem School District, retiring in 1997. Stoker also taught for three years on Long Island before moving to the Bethlehem District.

A native of Central New York, Stoker received his bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Cortland.

Stoker lives in Delmar with his wife and raised two children who were educated in the district. Daughter Christine is now a

teacher at Glenmont Elementary and son Howard works as a landscaper. He also has two grandchildren in the district schools.

"I know a great deal about the district and its workings, having served here for over 30 years," Stoker said. School board work is a labor of love for him, "very time consuming, but I hope our efforts will make a difference in young people's lives. I have had a good life, and now I am getting a chance to give something back with my community service." He enjoys mission work at his church, particularly where the efforts of his group lead to being able to

provide housing for a homeless family.

One of his big concerns is crowding in the elementary schools, which will soon be felt in the middle and high school facilities.

"I want to be part of developing the solutions to the crowding issue. Problems are always cropping up, and our job is to solve them," said Stoker.

Storey served this year as vice president of the board. She is a native of Summit, N.J., and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University. She and her husband moved to Bethlehem in 1990.

Storey's elder son Rob is a senior at Delaware University and her daughter Sarah is a Bethlehem senior. Her younger son Brian is a student at the middle school.

Storey said volunteering in the community and school system

has always been important to her. She has served as a board member of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and was a former co-president of Hamagrael Elementary School PTA.

As a board member, Storey "is concerned about financing in school districts. One troubling aspect is the unequal distribution of state aid. State aid may represent less than 20 percent of a school district's budget on Long Island but be close to 90 percent of a district budget in the northern part of the state," she said.

"I am concerned about crowding in our facilities caused by growth in the district and want to work on solutions to the issue," said Storey.

Bartow said he and his wife have three sons in the Bethlehem School District. Bartow is assistant dean of graduate studies at SUNY Albany.

"I received my bachelor's

degree from SUNY Oswego, master's degree from Syracuse University School of Education and an MBA from SUNY Albany. We moved from Rensselaer County in 1984 to the Bethlehem School District because we felt it was a better district for our children's education," he said.

Bartow feels the current board has done an exceptional job.

"I have no big issues, but want to help the district continue its strong educational program" he said. "However, I see fiscal challenges ahead with uncertainty in state aid, un-funded state mandates and upcoming contract negotiations. On the revenue side, I am concerned about the tax base and want to be part of the district ongoing financial planning.

"There has been a lot of turnover in the district recently and am concerned about administrative stability. I also am an advocate, to the extent possible, to conduct all business in the public eye. While I understand personnel matters and delicate negotiations need to occur in executive sessions, we need to be mindful of this matter." Bartow was quick to add, "I am not aware of any violations in this matter."

Greene, a corporate attorney, lives in the district with his wife, Ellen Sax, and two children — one in Clarksville Elementary and one who will be starting school in the near future.

Greene said, "I graduated Syracuse University, attending on an athletic scholarship and captained their wrestling team, then graduated from Fordham University Law School.

"My background includes serving in the Peace Corps in Guatemala, counsel to former Albany County Executive Mike Hoblock, served in a primary role in drafting the Albany County Charter and credited with engineering the transactions to rescue the Albany County Ice Rink and the Al Tech Trust Fund.

"My community activities have included Little League, soccer and Cub Scouts, helping create a wrestling program for Bethlehem youth and serving on the Gunderland YMCA board of directors," said Greene.

"My wife and I feel fortunate to live in Bethlehem, which maintains quality schools for our children," Greene said.

"It would be easier to run for the school board if I had a highly controversial issue or crisis to address. Fortunately, I do not believe we face such an issue or crisis. But that does not mean the district does not face challenges like state mandates and local tax pressures that make the administration of a school district more difficult. Bethlehem is not immune from these pressures. If elected, I will devote all of my efforts to managing day-to-day issues the district will face in the current economic and educational environment.

"Finally, I believe the single most important challenge facing the school board is ensuring the district remains responsive to the individual needs of the parents in the current environment, and I am committed to maintaining the excellence of our schools and listening to the concerns of our parents and taxpayers," Greene said.

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