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Bare bones



Amy Briggs is fascinated by the skeleton of a bird at the annual Spring Fest at Thacher Park last Saturday.

Jim Franco

Board relaxes ban on water restrictions

Davis objects to 'premature' action

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

With two water supply agreements renewed and the Vly Creek Reservoir continuing its recovery from the emergency declared in January, the town board agreed to relax the emergency restrictions imposed in March on residential water use.

The restrictions that remain after the May 8 board meeting, town board member Dan Plummer said, are nevertheless stricter than any ever adopted before the water crisis. Residents previously banned from watering lawns and limited to two hours a day of hand-watering shrubs and gardens will now be permitted an alternate-day schedule of automatic or hand watering from 6 to 9 a.m.

Owners of existing pools will be allowed to top them off from the public water supply — though owners of new pools will still have to fill them by trucking water in. Other nonessential uses remain banned, including hosing down driveways and sidewalks.

And while prohibitions on the installation of new sprinkler systems have now been lifted, anyone obtaining a permit for one after the imposition of the town-wide water emergency can not turn their new sprinkler on until water restrictions are completely lifted.

Still, even this modest loosening of restrictions drew strong dissent from board member Doris Davis.

"In good conscience, I cannot support this," she said — fearful that relaxed restrictions would send the wrong message to a community only recently enlisted in the battle to conserve.

Reporting on the status of the water shortage, Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said that as of May 1, the reservoir has gained another two feet

since the last reading in mid-April.

That put the town's principal residential water source at 54 percent of its capacity — and 60 percent of seasonal average capacity, just above the "warning" level that prompted the town emergency watch last

I personally had not wanted to lift these restrictions. On the other side, I thought, if we had it available, who am I to tell people who felt they needed it they couldn't have it?

Sheila Fuller

November.

The reservoir's steady recovery is due in part to more rain, although the region remains below average for rain and snowfall since last August.

"We didn't get as much as we would have liked, but we did get some," Secor said.

Also a factor is the town's reliance

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Karen Cole spread joy & wisdom

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The pictures tell a lot of the stories about Karen Cole, Voorheesville resident and eighth-grade English teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School, who died unexpectedly last week at the age of 49.

"See her Juliet dress?" her husband, John Cole, asked, holding an album he described as "Karen's youth." In their prom picture, Cole sports an Afro of the 1970s and his then-girlfriend is wearing a dress straight out of Franco Zeffirelli's "Romeo and Juliet." "That was the most beautiful dress she ever wore."



Adam, Crystal, Rob, Katie, Karen and John Cole last year.

Cole's children — Adam, who coaches baseball at Voorheesville while looking for a teaching job; his wife, Crystal, about to graduate from Sage College; Rob, a drummer with a few local bands, including Kitty Little; and Katie, a junior at the high school — search the three boards of photos that gave callers a glimpse into their mother's personality in the days after her death. There's one of her with black between her teeth, one with something protruding from her nose and a view of a woman delighted to be

□ COLE/page 19

Two running for V'ville board seat

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Voorheesville voters will decide on a \$16.7 million budget when they go to the polls on Tuesday, May 21. The 3.68 percent increase of \$596,192 means a 9.85 percent increase in the tax levy for voters. In addition to the budget vote, two candidates are vying for the one school board seat Erica Sufrin has held for two terms. They are Kevin Kroencke and Rich Brackett.

Kroencke ran for the board last year, but lost to Joseph Pofit and C. James Coffin, who were running to complete the terms of seats they filled when Nick Faraone and Holly Desmond Debes resigned from the board.

This is Brackett's first candidacy for the board.

"I said last year that I would run

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Construction equipment reported stolen from site

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A burglar stole nearly \$7,000 in equipment in a recent midweek break-in at a Glenmont construction site.

The incident was reported on May 2 to Bethlehem police by workmen at a construction site on Harvest Ridge, off Elm Avenue East.

An employee arriving for work that morning discovered an overhead door on a construction trailer forced open, and the stolen equipment gone from the trailer.

A piece of heavy construction equipment that had blocked the trailer door had been moved to provide access to it — leading

investigators to believe someone with access to keys to that equipment may have been involved.

Taken from the trailer was a precision cutting laser valued at about \$5,500 and two other pieces of equipment, altogether totalling about \$6,800.

The theft was believed to have taken place between close of business on Thursday, April 30, and the time of the report.

Recent rain had obliterated any footprints in the mud around the trailer, police said.

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft.

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

Class of '82 plans November reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School class of 1982 will conduct its 20th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Normanside Country Club.

An organizing committee is gathering addresses of class members.

Contact Karen Bruni at 439-1319.

Police arrest two for DWI

Bethlehem police recently arrested two individuals for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

The arrests took place just hours apart on the weekend of May 4 and 5. Shortly after 9 p.m. on Saturday, officer Chad Rice responded to a report of a vehicle accident near the intersection of Krumkill and Blessing roads in North Bethlehem.

He arrested Max Jacob Powell, 23, of 12 California Ave., Albany, who went off the road after apparently failing to observe a stop sign at the intersection.

Rice administered field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening before charging Powell with DWI, failure to stop and failure to yield the right-of-way.

About 2 a.m. Sunday, officer James Rexford, while northbound on Route 9W in Glenmont, passed a southbound vehicle that failed

to dim its headlights. After following and pulling over the vehicle, he administered field sobriety tests on Lisa Karen Maskelle, 39, of 9 Rose St., Rouses Point, Essex County. He charged her with DWI, the headlight violation and failure to keep right.

Both Powell and Rexford were ordered to appear in Town Court on May 21.

Meanwhile, appearing before Town Justice Frank Milano on Tuesday, May 7, two individuals pleaded guilty to DWI charges.

Both Rachel Lavinnia Nichols, 22, of 310 First St., Scotia, arrested last Oct. 25, and Ian Stuart McClumpha, 23, of 43 Maple Ave., Selkirk, arrested on April 7, were fined \$500 and a \$125 state-mandated surcharge, and each had their license revoked for 6 months and was ordered to face a victim impact panel and undergo drinking-driver remediation.

Barbecue scheduled at Cedar Hill school

The Bethlehem Historical Association's annual barbecue and meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road, Selkirk.

The barbecue will begin at 5 p.m.

Manning's Menu will cater the barbecue. The cost is \$17 per person.

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Flower power



Supervisor Sheila Fuller, left, presents Pauline Ouderkirk and Marcia Turner of the American Legion Auxilliary with a proclamation declaring May 22 Poppy Day in Bethlehem.

Joseph A. Phillips

BC budget goes to voters

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Bethlehem school district Superintendent Les Loomis, conducted a public budget hearing at last Wednesday's meeting.

Of the 29 members of the public in the audience, 24 were students from the Participation in Government class. By a show of hands it appeared approximately two thirds of the student group were 18 years old. Thus, Loomis said, "They are eligible to vote on May 21 on the budget and school board candidates."

Only four likely taxpayers were present, and none asked any questions or made any comment on the budget, or the proposed tax increase. Turmoil, depicted in television clips of budget meetings in other local school districts, was absent.

Loomis complimented Steven O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business, for significant contributions to the district's ability to control its finances.

The district management of finances, reflected in the proposed budget, has resulted in a tax increase of 4.43 percent in Bethlehem and 4.44 percent in

New Scotland. While close to the proposed 5.1 percent tax increase in the North Colonie budget, it is nothing like the expected 7.9 percent in Schenectady, 9.7 percent in Albany or as reported, the 40 percent range for Troy.

All of these figures must remain tentative until school districts know the amount of state aid in the state budget that was due to be passed on April 1.

Another financial indicator, favorable to the district, is the cost per pupil comparison reported by Loomis.

"In the 2001-02 school year, the Bethlehem School District has calculated per student expenditures to be \$10,167, Suburban Council at \$10,635 and the state average for the same period at \$11,706," he said.

Voters will also be asked to approve a five-year bond proposition to purchase 15 vehicles to replace 13 aging vehicles and a net increase of two to the district bus fleet to accommodate increased enrollments in recent years.

In a handout entitled Proposed Budget Overview, the district is projecting 59 more students for next year, 46 at the elementary level.

Loomis said, "Some of the pressures driving the upward movement of expenses (are) an increased enrollment of 18 percent in the last 10 years and the fact the high school students are enrolling for more courses per student in recent years."

Loomis reminded everyone the vote is May 21 at the middle school starting at 7 a.m. Absentee ballots are available ahead of time at the district business office for any voter who will not be able to vote on that day.

Planners table discussion

Waste Management sticks to its guns

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's planning board, scheduled to launch environmental review of Waste Management of Eastern New York's proposed Regional Operations Center in Selkirk at its meeting on May 7, instead postponed discussion of the project until the board's next meeting on May 21.

This latest postponement was prompted by concerns of board member Dan Odell that Waste Management may not be coming clean with the board on the full extent of its plans for the 144 acre site along River Road.

Attorney John Stockli, representing Waste Management, vehemently denied that — but the board voted to table the matter while the town Planning Department investigates Odell's concerns.

The delay bought the citizens' group BREATH (Bethlehem Residents Environmentally Against Trash Hauling) time to organize its next steps in opposition to the project. Adjourning to a room in town hall after the board meeting, about 40 BREATH members discussed with attorney Kathleen Martens an appeal to be filed with the zoning board of appeals of town building inspector Kevin Shea's finding that the Waste Management project is an appropriate use for the site.

They will also seek a moratorium from the town board on construction in the rural district until the use issue is resolved, and rezoning to block the Waste Management plan. BREATH intends to launch a petition drive on behalf of the moratorium and rezoning — but may approach the town board with the request before the petition drive gets going.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said that representatives of BREATH had requested a meeting with her on Monday to air their concerns, but did not know what the group wished to discuss.

Waste Management topped last week's planning board agenda, but a planned discussion of a coordinated review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) was derailed by Odell's comments. Reading from a written statement, he said, "I'm very concerned that we are about to commence review without the necessary information (on) all known phases" of the project.

"It appears to me the project before us is part of a larger plan," he said. "It's entirely appropriate for this board to ask for minimal details of the entire project."

He cited confusion about the project's purpose: a contingency purchase agreement with current owner Grant Thorn describes it as an "operating hauling station," raising concerns that the site may one day harbor a waste transfer station. Waste Management's John Decker and Stockli have repeatedly denied that.

Odell also said site plan documents show internal roads

that suggest future development, and noted Waste Management's original intent to purchase a smaller portion of the property.

Stockli maintained that the larger purchase was motivated strictly by a desire to accelerate the approval process.

"Going with the full parcel as offered rather than carving a piece off required one less approval to go through for subdivision," he said.

Odell cited the board's rigorous review of the Bethlehem Town Center project last year, including grilling developer Nigro Companies on future construction plans.

"I doubt the planning board would have moved forward with that project had significant portions of it remained blank on the map," he said.

Review of only a portion of a larger existing plan could constitute "segmentation," barred by state law.

Planning board counsel Keith Silliman suggested that site plan review and not the SEQR process

suggestion, the board tabled the matter until May 21.

That left town planner Jeff Lipnicky puzzled. "I'm not sure what we'd look at, to be honest," he told the board. "We're in no better position than the board to speculate on coming up with some potential use of the remaining property." He said he would contact Silliman on how to proceed.

For his part, Stockli said, "The ball is in their court. I don't fully understand the basis for tabling the discussion. Certainly in initiating the SEQR process, enough information has been submitted to begin coordinated review. I'm waiting for guidance from the planning board. We are available on an ongoing basis to answer any questions from the planning board or the public on the full scope of the project."

Opponents remain skeptical of Waste Management's intentions despite Stockli's assurances.

"Mr. Stockli may have good intentions and may be an ethical man, but the company he

represents is not," said BREATH's Dominic Carotta.

Waste Management will be joined on the May 21 agenda by three public hearings on residential subdivisions set by the board last week: a 4-lot subdivision on Elm Avenue at Shanks Place proposed by Constantine

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was the appropriate forum for discussion of the project's full details, but nevertheless called the segmentation question "a threshold issue that affects the coordinated review."

Stockli defended the company's position, expressing concern with the "statement that we haven't told you the full thing. Yes, we have. That's the plan. There are undeveloped portions of the site, but this is the project. I'd like to see evidence for all the intimations that a larger project exists. It doesn't exist."

Stockli underscored Waste Management's pledge to leave roughly 80 acres of riverfront flats forever wild, and negotiations with one or more land conservancy groups as possible stewards. He also repeated previous statements that there was no plan for a future waste transfer station or landfill.

"I can't prove a negative," he said. "We'll continue to be patient, but unnecessary delay we don't think would be appropriate here. We are a nation of laws."

Board member Howard Engel sided with Odell, but suggested that a letter of intent from Waste Management might satisfy him.

"To leave it hanging out there, based on the fact that we don't have anything in writing, is a little premature at this time," he said. At chairman Doug Hasbrouck's

Kontagiannis, and two two-lot subdivisions, one sought by Cathy and Steve Barber on Werner Avenue and another, now called Laura Ridge, requested by Brian and Laura Collier on Adams Street.

The board last week also took its first look at a proposal by the developer of Glenmont's Town Square to expand the shopping plaza, but the board requested further data on traffic and other issues from the project's planner.

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Even when things don't make sense, we keep on plugging

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Life makes no sense sometimes, like on a beautiful spring day, staking up the peas so their jaunty tendrils can curl upward and their leaves can lead to little pods.

Springing up dangerously close, though, are tiny weeds, waiting to suck the nutrients away from the year's first crop. Why are they here, and not on the brown patch of lawn just five feet away where no combination of fresh soil, cow manure, seed and coaxing can induce any kind of green thing to sprout?

As the earth warms, our attention turns to our bodies, soon to be put on display in shorts, short sleeves and even — horrors — bathing suits. It seems like the whole world starts dieting and exercising in April. Why does it take till the end of May to see a change for the better, but only one weak half hour with a package of

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Oreos to undo all that good?

As days get longer, we crave more free time — time to spend outdoors with family and friends. It seems unfair that we have to work so hard to make a nice life for the people we'd just like to play catch with in our backyard.

As the scent of the season changes, the saying that memory is most closely linked to the sense of smell becomes a reality, and we easily remember springs gone before.

Twelve years ago this week, my father-in-law passed away at the far-too-young age of 54. His was the first of many deaths that marked our passage into the next

phase of our lives, where too many good-byes came unbidden to us.

In the intervening years, we've lost a beloved great-aunt, both of Chris' grandmothers, my father, Chris' brother and two good friends. The news in our community last week about the untimely death of a beloved teacher is a reminder of how much we lose when someone leaves us so suddenly. Springtime seems the worst time for people to die, for it is a time of so much hope and planning.

There are houses to paint, gardens to turn over, trips to take to favorite places and boats to ride on lakes that sparkle a blinding blue as spray cuts the heat of mid-day. It is hard not to mourn, and it's hard not to feel cheated, as we must continue on without the people we love so much.

When my father died, Chris looked for a way to explain to the four grandchildren, between the ages of 6 and 8, where Grandpa was now. The casket that looked so forbidding to them as it was lowered into the ground only holds his body, Chris said, likening it to a jewelry box. The jewel that is Grandpa's spirit is in heaven now.

Heaven is too far away for

conversation and hugs, though, even as the hurt of their absence gives way to stories retold and laughter shared. As we all smile with a common memory, we feel again the ones we love.

So we continue listening, watching and hoping to sense their spirits as we go about the

unnneeded calories.

We keep insisting that the musical instrument deemed "stupid and ugly" be practiced every day, then never say "I told you so" when a child's face shines with pride on the night of the concert.

We make sure projects get done, no matter how boring and time consuming they might be. We listen to the details of victory in the latest video game, or try our best to stay in at least one country during a game of "Risk" when we'd rather be snoozing on the couch with the *New York Times Magazine* shielding our eyes from Sunday afternoon's gentle light and sounds.

We make sure there are clean dishes for breakfast, and that tomorrow's clean clothes are at least in the dryer before we give in to sleep each night. In the midst of all the mindless, routine chores we do each day, we daydream a little and lay our plans. Maybe this week, we can get that upstairs closet cleaned out.

Maybe, then, we could add another room — or at least some new wallpaper where things are looking old. We can dream about our summer vacation; maybe to the place with so many memories or maybe someplace that will enrich us with new knowledge at the same time that it lets us relax and grow closer together.

Time goes too quickly, taking away too many people and too many things. We forget, though, that it also gives us new things, takes us new places and brings new people into our lives. As we move through life, there are more and more memories added to our hearts and minds, giving us comfort and warmth as we face the difficult and mundane.

We might not always know what's coming, but we know what's gone, and we can draw what strength we want from it.

The dirt that holds the peas and the weeds is warm, and we can feel its potential in our hands. It is a reminder that this season is ours. We must treasure all it offers, before we pack it away in the jewelry box that holds the rest of our past.

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sometimes-contradictory business of our daily lives. We keep making peanut butter sandwiches for kids' lunches when we know we should pack carrots and yogurt.

The healthy food would only come home again, so we hope for a busy recess to burn off

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Water

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since February on supplemental water sources for residential use — roughly 350,000 gallons a day from the town of Guilderland and about 1.2 million gallons a day (MGD) from Albany.

Guilderland had projected when it first extended supplemental water to Bethlehem in February that the supply would shut down once its own need increased in mid-May.

Instead, thanks to an at-capacity Watervliet Reservoir, the town's principal water supply, and Guilderland having excess production capacity at its own water plant, "They've now got a program in place that they'll be able to sell us some all summer," Secor said — continued supplemental supplies of between 200,000 and 300,000 gallons a day.

And Bethlehem has yet to draw fully on its emergency contract with the Albany water district, which provides up to 2 MGD.

In addition, he said, Bethlehem has been notified that the state Department of Environmental Conservation has approved the town's request to extend its emergency permit to draw up to 3 million gallons a day of surface water from the Hudson River, due to expire this month, for an additional 18 months. That will continue to boost water production at the town's Clapper Road water plant and guarantee enough to fully meet the needs of industrial users.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller underscored the role that conservation has played in turning the emergency around.

"I do think this community needs to continue to conserve," she said, "Frankly, that is what has helped most to lift the level of the reservoir."

"We have water available to us (from Albany) that we're not using, we have the water to accommodate the (public's) need. Why not give them some relief?" said Plummer.

Board member George Lenhardt agreed, suggesting the higher cost of purchasing from other municipalities would apply an adequate brake on residential consumption.

"The fact that the rates for this water they'll see in their bills, that's a tremendous conservation measure," he said.

But Davis called changing the restrictions "premature" and a reliable drinking water supply "a precious, precious, precious

thing." With Albany County remaining under a state drought watch, the reservoir still at the lowest level ever recorded for this time of year and May historically the peak month for water consumption, Davis urged standing pat.

"We're only at 54 percent of reservoir level," she said. "That's still very, very serious. This drought is not over. We still have a long way to go." As for the additional water available from Albany, "I appreciate the fact that the city has made it available to us. But conservation is conservation, and just the fact that we have it doesn't mean we should use everything we have."

Board member Tom Marcelle recommended amending Secor's recommendation to restore the ban on non-essential uses and to permit installation — but no use for now — of new automatic lawn sprinkler systems.

With those modifications, the board passed the restrictions, with Davis dissenting.

Town attorney Robert Alessi cautioned against further liberalization for now — noting that the DEC emergency permit, like Albany's contract for supplemental water, requires the town to maintain strict conservation measures.

"This board is not totally within its own discretion to do what members of the public want them to do," he said.

Fuller, had previously advocated retaining the sterner restrictions, but later said:

"I personally had not wanted to lift these restrictions. On the other side, I thought, if we had it available, who am I to tell people who felt they needed it they couldn't have it? The DEC permit for me was the difference."

But she backed Davis' call for reports from public works every two weeks on how the reservoir is progressing — and vowed to reimpose the restrictions if reservoir levels drop again. "I have to call this a work in progress," she said.

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Matters of Opinion

Your vote counts

Although school board elections typically attract few voters, especially when things are perceived as going well, it's a mistake for voters to blow them off.

Now, perhaps more than ever when things aren't going all that well, is the time to make your voice heard in Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk in budget/school board elections set for May 21.

Districts throughout the state agonized about budget packages in part because of the sour economy, but more so because of the uncertainty of how much state aid districts would receive this year.

A Catch-22 situation since the districts must have budgets voted upon on May 21, regardless of the footdragging of the state Legislature, notorious for ignoring its own April 1 deadline year after year.

A healthy turnout at the polls could send a message to legislators that people do really care about what's happening in their districts.

We're encouraged, at least in Bethlehem, that people do care — enough to write letters in support of candidates they'd like to see on the board.

We're also encouraged by the three districts boards' concern about holding the line on spending, while at the same time working to avoid program cuts and larger class sizes.

We believe all three local district boards — Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — have done their best to present reasonable budget packages, and we hope voters support them on May 21.

A life to celebrate

Bethlehem Central Middle School teacher and Voorheesville resident Karen Cole lived only 49 years, but she lived life to the fullest and will be remembered and cherished as an exemplary mother, wife and teacher. She will also be remembered for her sense of humor and her ability to laugh at herself.

Precious few people can accomplish what Karen Cole did in her short life. She left a mark, a lasting mark on many, many people in her community.

We extend our sympathy to her family and her extended family — her students and colleagues at the middle school. But along with our sympathy, we celebrate her life and her contributions to the lives of everyone she touched.

Editorials

Make education a priority

By GAIL ALTER SACCO

The writer is president of Parents for Excellence and director of Voorheesville Public Library.

Do you ever glance at the real-estate and apartment rental listings in *The Spotlight*?

Often, an ad mentions the school district where the home is located. That's because so many home buyers want to live in communities with good schools. No wonder. Education has always been important, but never more so than today.

Young people starting out in the working world without a good education face a tougher time than ever before. On the other hand, students who do well in school and in college have far more opportunity to make valuable contributions in technology, medicine, business and other fields.

For all of us, nothing is more important than seeing that each child has the opportunity to reach his potential. The idea that we must challenge and assist every student to achieve to the best of his or her ability is taking hold as never before in New York and indeed, all across the nation.

New York state is requiring every child to demonstrate achievement in key subject areas by passing the Regents exams. Assessment using state standardized testing begins in the fourth grade. While many believe students take too many exams, the good news is that most school districts are increasing their focus on helping those children who might otherwise fall behind. Those efforts are reflected in the school budgets that voters throughout New York will consider next Tuesday, May 21.

In Bethlehem, the proposed budget would add 6.8 teaching positions to meet increased enrollment and instructional mandates from the state. Both teaching and guidance staffing would be increased; for instance, a pilot program at the middle

Point of View

school targets assistance to students who demonstrate a marked disparity between their ability and their achievement level.

In Scotia-Glenville, the proposed budget reflects additional Academic Intervention Services. These services, which the state requires for selected students, are based on math and reading test scores in middle school. The South Colonie school board proposes a slight increase in teaching staff, so a projected enrollment increase of 57 students will not increase class size.

Not all districts have been as fortunate as those mentioned above.

For many, significant decreases in revenues from the state, as well as rising operating costs, caused school boards to make tough decisions against funding positions or services. Bethlehem and many other districts would benefit from additional guidance counselors to assist students with the increasingly competitive college application process and other needs.

In East Greenbush, the proposed budget includes a reduction of elementary teaching positions, media resources and other expenditures. Operating costs are higher as well.

The New York State School Boards Association recently reported that health insurance costs for districts across the state are rising sharply. Facilities and buses age and need maintenance or replacement. Community residents continue to demand that resources be used to increase school safety.

All of these needs result in additional budget expense. Few, if any, school budgets show dramatic increases in spending. In Bethlehem, Shenendehowa and North Colonie, proposed increases are around 5 percent.

Unfortunately, our state leaders did not agree on a budget by April 1, the start of New York state's fiscal year. As a result, when most districts calculated their revenues for the coming year, they were forced to estimate the amount of state aid. This aid represents roughly 40 percent of the average district's total revenues. Most budgets project a tax increase significantly higher than the percentage spending increase to compensate for unreliable state funds.

In East Greenbush, for instance, spending would rise by around 3 percent, but taxes would go up nearly 8 percent. That picture is repeated all across the state. Data from the state Education Department indicate that spending in all districts will rise an average of 4.2 percent, but taxes will go up more than 8 percent. Bethlehem school Superintendent Les Loomis and others have said communities must also be aware that new

business development can provide additional tax revenue to pay educational costs for the continually growing number of families in suburban districts.

In addition to school budgets, voters will see propositions for public library budgets and to elect members of boards. The libraries serve the same communities as the school district, but are managed by separate boards as distinct entities. The public library offers residents opportunities for self-directed personal growth and development, provides educational support to students, and helps fulfill an individual's need for satisfying recreation.

Libraries offer expert staff, programs and materials appropriate for all ages and types of people. These include law programs for seniors, computer instruction and story hours as well as books, videos and electronic magazine databases.

This year, the Bethlehem library is purchasing additional databases. The Guiderland Public Library budget includes a Sunday concert series. An individual usually pays less than the cost of four hard cover books for these services.

This is also a good time to reflect on the very real contribution that board members make in every community.

The job comes with no pay, and little if any thanks from the people served. Board members set the tone for the entire institution by hiring the superintendent or the library director, setting broad priorities with their policies and representing the community's interests. If you have never attended a board meeting, it's a good investment of time that will pay off in a greater understanding of how things work in public educational systems and why.

And if you've never thanked a board member for the time and talent they contribute, take an opportunity to do so. At a time when we must continually understand new ideas, when students face rigorous challenges and teachers are required to find ways to help all students meet those challenges, supporting our schools and libraries is one of the best investments we can make.

That means not only voting next Tuesday, but also asking our state leaders to make education a priority. Passing the state budget before May would help school districts plan better.

The job of the boards governing each district was very difficult this year. Members attempted to retain fiscal responsibility while maintaining their commitment to educational integrity so that each child can reach his fullest potential. They worked to support the educational programs which serve as the key to helping our children become responsible and informed citizens who are able to succeed in a changing world.

Take the time to learn about your school budget, and vote next Tuesday.

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Your Opinion Matters

Candidate sets us straight on who's who in family

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am grateful for *The Spotlight's* recent coverage of the Bethlehem school board election.

Please allow for the correction regarding my candidacy that appeared in the article. Town residents who know my family can imagine my wife Kathy's surprise when she read that we have three sons in the district. Of course, a correct reference would include our daughter, who has been the light of our lives for more than two decades.

She attended Bethlehem schools from kindergarten through high school graduation.

Our two sons, currently enrolled in district schools, have many fine friends who enrich our family. Yet, their parents would probably object if we were to formally stake a claim to any one of them.

Of serious note, I do believe our current board of education and district administrators have done an exceptional job developing the budget for the next

fiscal year. We've read much about huge problems in other school districts in the region. The sound planning and reasoning in place here is deserving of recognition. I encourage district voters to support the fiscal plan and vote favorably on May 21.

Finally, as noted, I believe that public school district business should largely be conducted by the board of education in the public eye. Constant attention toward that end is needed from all board members as representatives of our community. Exempt from such healthy public scrutiny, however, should not just be certain personnel matters and contract negotiations. Protecting the privacy right of individual students should be on the top of that list.

It's my intent to highlight other district matters of interest in the near future.

Jon Bartow

Bethlehem school board candidate

Resident urges support for Greene

Editor, The Spotlight:

Please consider voting for Pat Greene in this year's Bethlehem school board race on May 21.

I have known Pat since we were college wrestling teammates at Syracuse University, in the mid-1970s. Pat was a scholarship athlete at Syracuse and co-captained our team during his senior year.

After college, Pat served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala, went on to law school and practiced with a major New York City law firm before moving back to the Capital District and establishing a successful law practice in Albany.

He and his wife Ellen Sax are raising two boys, Matt and Kyle, in Slingerlands.

Based upon my knowledge of Pat's character, experiences and strengths, I believe he would make an outstanding asset to the school board. Please vote for him.

Guy Dugas
Glenmont

Coach backs colleague for board

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to ask for your support in electing Pat Greene to the Bethlehem Central School District board of education.

Pat has served as one of my assistant coaches in a local youth baseball program for the last three years. He has impressed me not only with his ability and genuine concern and enjoyment

in working with the children, but also with his ability to get along with all different types of people.

I believe these abilities, coupled with his background as a business attorney and a strong work ethic, would make him an ideal school board member.

Please vote for Pat on May 21.

Michael J. Izdebski
Delmar

Thanks for garage sale support

Editor, The Spotlight:

We wish to thank all those who supported the very successful garage sale on April 27, which will benefit poor preschools in Central America that are sponsored by

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Matters of Opinion

Arts director: Thanks to volunteers Chairwoman appreciates help with button sales

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 Troop 567 (Amy Cookfair, Alisa Fox, Kaelyn Haggerty, Emma Homsey, Becca Languish, Lydia Loy-Santelli and Heather Varcasia); Brownie Troop 576 (Laurie Nickford, Joan Rosenblum, Sandra Ryther, Karen Dombrowski, Katie Afriano, MaryBeth Dombrowski, Alison Nickford, 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, Katie Tivan, 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

**Be sure
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May 21**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Feestelijk Bethlehem would not have been such a great success if it had not been for all the locations and their employees who generously gave their time to sell buttons for the event.

Many thanks go to Bethlehem Public Library, town hall, Blackman & DeStefano Realtors, Blue Sky Recording Studio, the chamber of commerce, Del Lanes, Friar Tuck Bookstore, Four Corners Luncheonette, Glenmont Beverage, Grand Union in Glenmont, Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush, Hudson River Bank & Trust in

Delmar and Slingerlands, I Love Books, Joyelle's, Manning's Menu, McCarroll's Delmar Marketplace, Subway of Delmar, The Corner Market, The Spotlight and Village Deli in Slingerlands.

I would also like to thank all the individuals who volunteered their time to sell buttons on the day and evening of Feestelijk.

They include Dot Brown, Sue Conroy, Chris and Steve Corson, Kathy and Gerry Decker, Ryan Degonzague, Dave Duff, Karen Graziade, Jane Groff, Al Hofaker, Cara Kennedy, George Lenhardt, Dale and Paul Lukatschat, Gary Maggio, Harriet Minick, Mona Prenoveau, Larry Propp, Lynn Rhodes, Sally Rooney, Robin Singh, Peg Sopel, Betty Spooner, Jane Stolz, Fran and Joe VanDeloo and Theresa and Mark Wahl.

Finally, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the chamber of commerce for its assistance and to Doris Davis and Teresa Smith who served on my committee and made my job a lot easier.

Lynne Lenhardt

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Cogen is grateful for town police help

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of Selkirk Cogen and our additional work force recently contracted to update equipment at our state-of-the-art cogeneration power plant, we'd like to express our appreciation to the Bethlehem Police Department for its assistance in guaranteeing our highest mutual priority: safety.

Safety is so basic, it is frequently taken for granted. Yet it is safety that has dominated our headlines this year throughout our world, our country and our community. Safety can be as simple as crossing the street safely, and as difficult as crossing the street safely.

Safety requires training, planning, coordination and cooperation. We sought Bethlehem Police Department's experience and practices as they utilized signage, speed obstacles, and manpower all to ensure the safe crossings of hundreds of these workers on a daily basis across one of the fastest through roads in our area.

The police department's support helped our plant achieve a major milestone in the history of our facility: 10 years of no lost-time accidents.

We also wish to publicly congratulate our work force for its ongoing training, regular certifications and daily planning as

well as their diligent care for one another to have worked over three-quarters of a million man-hours safely.

Selkirk Cogen's safe practices have merited the highest recognition by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA.) As an OSHA STAR VPP site, these Voluntary Protection Program practices of each of our employees have earned us this award for the past five years.

"It takes a whole community to be safe." Again, thank you, Bethlehem Police Department, for all your help, not just for this special project, but throughout the year for all of us who live and work in this community.

Lorraine Chirico Smith
Community liaison

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Hamagrael kids get involved in fund-raisers for pantry, animals

Editor, The Spotlight:

Hamagrael School has been very busy. We would like to tell you what's happening at our school.

During the month of March, Hamagrael collected food and personal care items. Altogether, Hamagrael packed up eight boxes to be sent to local food banks and pantries.

Each student or adult who made a donation received a shamrock. We counted over 200 shamrocks hanging in the main lobby. That's a lot of caring and sharing!

A special thanks to all the fourth grade classes for cutting out the shamrocks and to Ms. Schade's class for packing the boxes.

May 3 was Raffle Day. We had a school-wide raffle for AnimaLovers. AnimaLovers is an organization that helps stray animals by giving them shelter, food and medication.

We collected \$212 and sold 424 tickets. Each ticket cost 50 cents. There were five Beanie Babies and soccer and basketballs as prizes.

We would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Townsend's fifth grade class and Ms. Schade's

two/three class for organizing the raffle.

We would also like to say thank you for participating in the caring and sharing project and the AnimaLovers raffle.

Matthew Weber
and Garrett Bernardo

On behalf of all the students and teachers of Hamagrael School in Delmar.

Got an idea?

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Matters of Opinion

Town pool user offers kudos to park chief

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last summer, I wrote a letter expressing my displeasure that beginning in mid-August, the town pool closed at 7 p.m. on weekday nights.

I felt that the early closing deprived working people of the opportunity for weekday swims.

Following my letter, Ms. Nan Lanahan, the parks and recreation administrator, called my at home to discuss my concern. She agreed to consider my request that the pool remain

open longer on weekdays.

Recently, the parks and recreation summer bulletin reported that the pool would remain open weekdays until 7:30 beginning Aug. 17, extending the early closing by a half-hour.

It's gratifying to know our town government can be responsive to its citizens' needs.

My sincere thanks to Ms. Lanahan and all involved in extending the evening pool hours.

Tom Baldwin
Delmar

Big thanks to Job Corps students

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to extend a special thanks to the students at Glenmont Job Corps Center who spent National Youth Services Day, Friday, April 26, at Henry Hudson Park.

Gayle Rundell and her team of 60 students spent the day picking up debris and raking the entire area. Their efforts have helped beautify the area for the spring and summer seasons and saved our crew countless hours of work.

We appreciate their spirit of volunteerism and commitment to this community.

Nan Lanahan
Bethlehem Parks &
Recreation
administrator

Writer endorses candidate for board

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to ask residents to consider voting for Pat Greene for the Bethlehem school board on May 21.

I have known Pat for nearly 10 years and believe him to be hard-working and easy to talk to. I also know that he cares a great deal about the quality of education in our schools.

Importantly, he recognizes that a strong commercial tax base is necessary to fund a quality school district. In this regard, Pat has shared with me several interesting ideas about how the school board might be better able

to work with the town board to promote commercial development in Bethlehem in a manner consistent with our goals as a community.

Finally, based upon my knowledge of Pat's professional background, I have no doubt that he will prove to be a strong advocate for parents and not afraid to tackle tough tasks.

Please vote for Pat on May 21.

Thomas Marcelle
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The writer is a member of the Bethlehem town board.

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Safety advocates say thank you for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety thank our local businesses for donating to the annual "Community Walk" held on April 28.

Thanks to Delmar Marketplace, Grand Union, Price Chopper and Dunkin' Donuts of Delmar for the healthy snacks and balloons.

This generous support means so much to a grass-roots organization with very little financial support from other

sources.

We had a handful of very dedicated families who braved the cold, damp weather to support our promotion of healthy walking in a safe and welcoming community. Thanks for coming, and we hope you warmed up.

A special note of gratitude to the pedestrian safety volunteers who spend so much of their prized family time to contribute to this effort. And thanks to *The Spotlight* for being so supportive of our cause of educating families about how to keep our children and their parents safe while walking, biking and driving in our community.

Frances Stevens
Bethlehem Citizens for
Pedestrian Safety

BC candidate has proven track record

Editor, The Spotlight:

Please consider voting for Pat Greene for the Bethlehem school board on May 21.

I met Pat 10 years ago when he served as counsel to the newly-elected County Executive Mike Hoblock. Although Pat had a busy and successful law practice, he devoted an extraordinary amount of time assisting Mike Hoblock in getting Albany County government back on track.

In his role, Pat was credited for saving the County Ice Rink and the Albany County Economic Development Trust Fund and for being the primary draftsman of the Albany County Charter.

I know Pat to be a devoted father and husband and a deeply involved in Little League, soccer and Cub Scouts. He is not afraid to tackle tough issues and is able to work well as a member of a team. He cares passionately about the quality of schools in our community and will prove to be a strong asset to the school board.

Sally Petraglia
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Your Opinion Matters

Outgoing board member endorses 3 candidates

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'd like to take this opportunity to endorse Warren Stoker, Robin Storey and Jon Bartow for election to the Bethlehem school board.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve on the board over the past three years with Warren and Robin.

As a retired teacher, long-standing community member and now grandparent of students in the district, Warren shows a keen understanding of all the major issues impacting BC. I have been very impressed with his strength as a board president this year, as he guides meetings and board deliberations with equanimity and an approachable leadership style.

Robin — as a parent, community member and former PTO president — also has been a strong advocate on behalf of the interests of students and parents, and has been very active as board vice president. Both Warren and Robin can be seen on an almost daily basis attending events on behalf of the district. I can't imagine two individuals who commit more time and energy to their positions than these two exceptional board members.

I have been very impressed with Jon Bartow's ongoing commitment to becoming a board member. He was narrowly defeated a year ago, but has

continued to show strong interest by attending the majority of board meetings this year. He is articulate and clearly committed to kids, and I feel will be a strong addition to the board.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the community for your support through my 10 years on the school board. I have enjoyed every minute of it and feel confident that the board and BC's exceptional administrators, teachers and support staff will continue to provide an exemplary education for our students.

Happy Scherer

Retiring Bethlehem school board member, president and vice president.

Resident calls for help to fight truck traffic

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am concerned about the truck traffic on Elm and Cherry avenues. As a Cherry Avenue resident, I am sure there are many others that have made calls to our local politicians and have tried to restrict the trucks using our roads.

We need to pool our information so that we can work together in a more efficient way. Selkirk has been working on their trucking problems for a long time. I would like Delmar residents to get together to form an organization such as the one Selkirk started — SAFER.

Delmar needs to make more noise if we want changes to take

place. If we don't act now, Elm and Cherry avenues will become another Route 20. The trucks that come out of the Conrail terminal in Feura Bush, for example — the many car carriers and tandem tractor-trailers are increasing rapidly. Another route has to be designated.

When County Route 52 roadwork begins, where will the trucks be re-routed?

Delmar residents — call or e-mail me. I need your support. We have to fight this to keep our town from being pulled apart.

Brenda Askew

Delmar

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Dollars for Scholars to host fund-raiser

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

Participants will be able to purchase tickets with numbers 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 local merchants.

Among the participating businesses are Smith's Tavern, Stewart's, Mangia and Mobil.

Money raised will benefit Dollars for Scholars to provide scholarships to graduating seniors at Voorheesville High School.

This month, SuperValu will also assist the group's fund-raising efforts.

For information, call 765-4308.

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, accuracy, style and length.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number.

Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

BCHS students wins Zonta award

The Zonta Club of Albany \$500 Young Women in Public Affairs Award for 2002 is Rizwana Kanwal Zaidi, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School.

Zaidi served as executive chair of the Model Congress, secretary

of the Student Council and editor of the Spanish newspaper.

In addition, she organizes Interact activities and volunteers at Albany Medical Center Hospital in the oncology and EMS departments.

Voorheesville to conduct school census

The Voorheesville Central School District takes a census every two years.

This year, JoAnn Donohue will

be the census enumerator.

For information, call Donohue at 765-2382, ext 514.

Daylily society sets Saturday meeting

The Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society will meet Saturday, May 25, at 10 a.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

This month's meeting will feature a member auction and plant sale.

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Author pays tribute to father

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Find out what it takes to write kids sports stories through the eyes of the author's son and hear the heart-warming stories behind

the books of Matt Christopher.

We encourage you to vote on May 21 at the high school between the hours of 2 and 9:30 p.m.

Your public library is an invaluable resource for the community. Besides the library budget, please vote for one of the two candidates appearing on the ballot for the library board of trustees seat, Cathy Anderson and Alan Kowlowitz.

Don't miss the clown collection of "Dr. Confusion," aka Jan Brennan, in the library display case.

Brennan's collection started with a gift from her daughter Kelli and has grown to encompass beautiful clowns of all descriptions. In the years since the collection began, Brennan has become a professional clown and entertains in a number of venues.

In the hall gallery are watercolors by Herb Steele, who lives in Delmar.

Steele now studies with John Dyer.

Volunteers are needed for the Friends' book sale. Call the library now to sign up.

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

Barbara Vink

Contacts service guide undergoing revision

Community Contacts, the library's guide to service and interest groups in and around Bethlehem, is currently being updated.

Published with the assistance of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library, this guide is revised

during regular library hours. Do not leave donations in or near the book drop.

I Spy My Hometown

Our youth services department is offering two more programs this month to coincide with the library's "I Spy My Hometown" project.

On Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m., "Discover the Iroquois" will introduce children in grades four through eight to the rich culture of these original New Yorkers.

Games, skill demonstrations, clothing, musical instruments and other artifacts will be presented by Colette Lemmon, former curator of the children's exhibits at the Iroquois Museum in Howe's Cave.

On Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m., Lemmon returns with "Dig Up the Past," an introduction to archeology featuring above-ground excavation and analysis activities for fourth through eighth graders.

Call 439-9314 to register for both these programs.

The "I Spy My Hometown" project is supported by federal LSTA funds granted to the Upper Hudson Library System by the NYS Library. Upper Hudson's "I Spy" Web site can be viewed at uhls.org/ispy.html.

Students in grades four through eight have partnered with librarians, teachers, and local historians to fashion virtual tours of their communities.

Digital photographs taken by the students are paired with original riddle-clues and captions. Historical photos are added when available.

The library's contribution to the site will be posted soon.

Louise Grieco

Check It Out
Bethlehem Public Library

annually and issued in September.

To be included in the publication, organizations must meet certain guidelines: no permanent office, no paid staff and no other telephone directory listing.

Each listing includes contact information for each group, along with a short description of activities, affiliations, meeting schedule and membership requirements.

If your group would like to be listed, pick up a copy of Community Contacts at the library, and fill out the organization profile at the back.

Group representatives can also call Susan Gorman at 439-9314 to relay information over the phone. Information must be submitted before June 30.

The guide is also available on our Web site, www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

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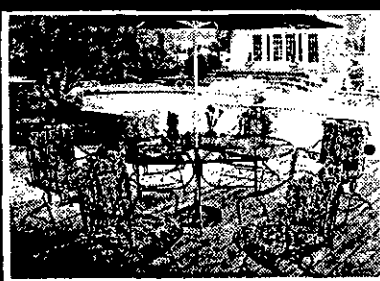
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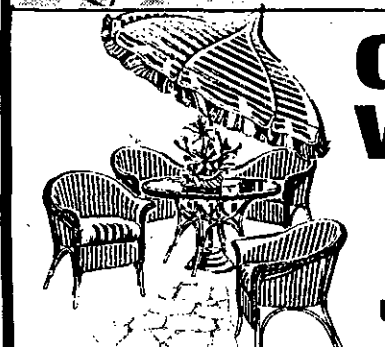
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Gardens yield tastier tomatoes

After more than six months of having to use store-bought tomatoes, warm May days mean that home-grown, tasty tomatoes are just a few weeks away.

All home-grown foods taste better than their store-bought counterparts, but with tomatoes, the taste gap is remarkably wide.

Tomatoes are therefore one of the most popular plants for home gardeners, and now that the last spring frost has probably occurred, home gardeners are ready to start planting.

Here are some tips for a healthy tomato crop this year:

- Plant in a sunny spot, in well-drained soil that has a pH of between 6.2 and 7.8.

- Space the plants about two feet apart, with three to four feet between rows.

- If using seeds, start seeds indoors six weeks before planting. If using transplants, purchase plants that are stocky, medium-sized, with good color, and insect- and disease-free. Transplants should be placed deep in the soil to allow for root growth.

- Early-season varieties will mature in about 60 days; mid-season varieties will mature in about 70 days; and late-season varieties will mature in about 80 to 100 days.

- Some popular varieties that do well in this area are: Extra Early (cherry) —

Whippersnapper, Early Cherry, Pixie and Presto; Early — New Yorker, Sunrise, Springset, Taxi, Mountain Spring, Solar Set and Spirit; Main Season — Ultra Sweet, Basket Vee, Better Boy, Harvest Vee, Freedom, Jackpot, Celebrity, Jet Star, Vendor, Roadside Red, Star Pak, Supersonic, Mountain Pride and Sunray; and Paste — Nova, Roma and Del Oro.

- For fertilizing, mix in four to five pounds of 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 for every 100 square feet of planting area to prepare the soil. Side dress about five weeks after planting.

- It's important to keep the planting area weed-free. Black plastic mulch can help keep weeds out, as well as conserve moisture and maintain warmth. Irrigate as needed, but don't overdo it, as too much water can lead to blossom end rot, early blight and late blight.

- Tomato plants must be supported in some way, due to the weight of the fruit. Plants can be staked, using stakes that are about five feet tall and one-and-a-half inches in diameter. Cages can also be built around each plant, using woven wire fencing or concrete reinforcing wire. The diameter of the cage should be about 18 inches and the height should be about four feet.

- Pruning is not essential. Pruned plants are easier to harvest and have cleaner fruit, but usually have a smaller total yield.

- Check the plants regularly

for diseases like blight and wilt or pests like aphids or whiteflies. Consult with your local Cooperative Extension office for tips on how best to deal with diseases or pests.

- Harvest when the tomatoes

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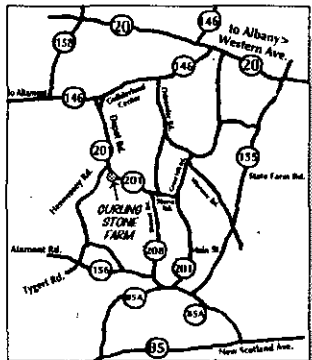
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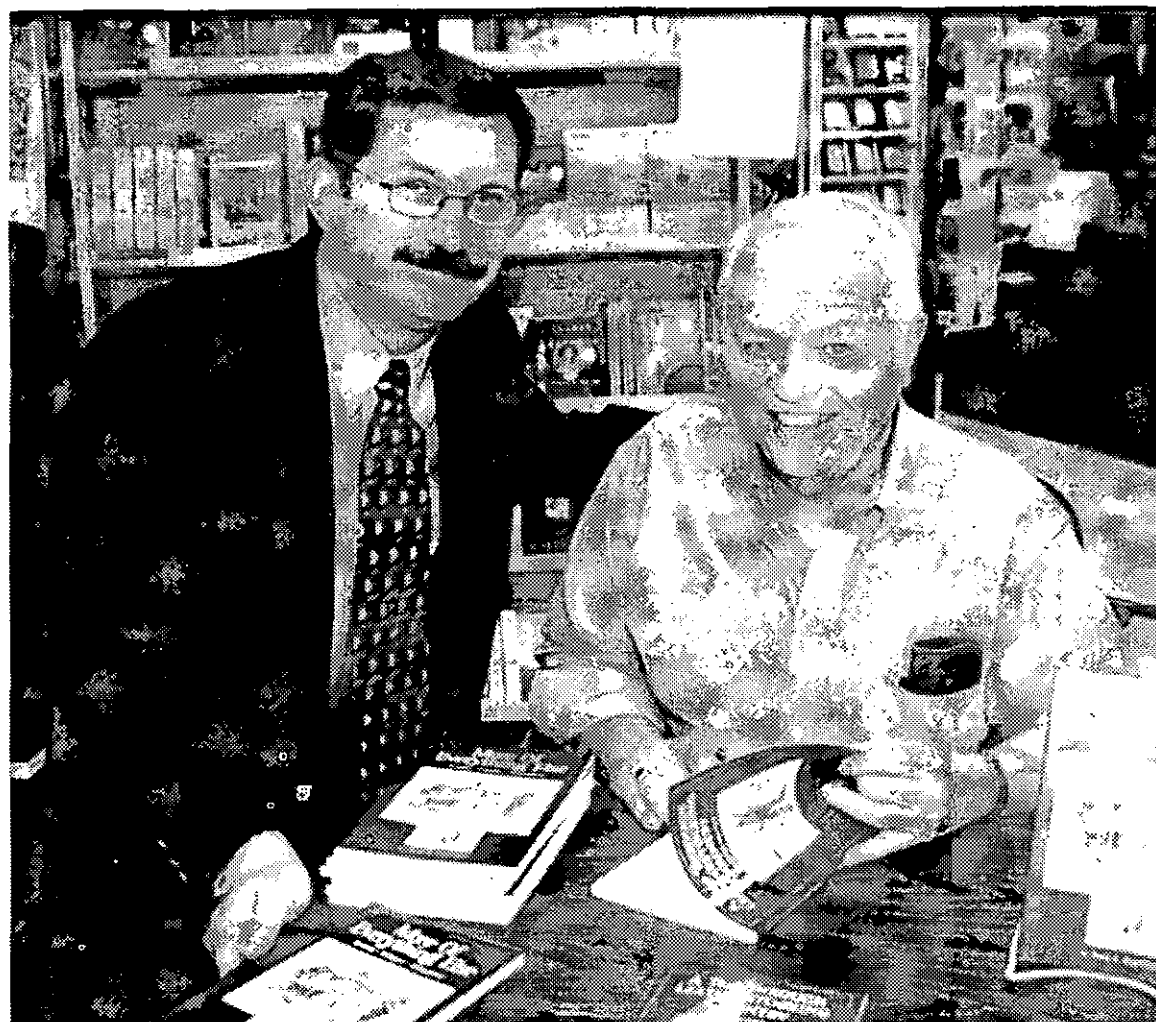
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Withers to leave legacy of excellent teaching

Colleagues sing her praises

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Sandra Withers will retire from her 30-year fourth grade teaching career this June. All 30 years have been spent at Elsmere Elementary.

Withers said, "Retiring was very hard for me to do. I don't even know how many days I have left, I just concentrate on my job. It is hard for me to believe 30 years has passed so quickly."

She and her husband, who recently retired from the state Department of Transportation, have lived in Guilderland for many years. Their one daughter graduated from Boston College and now works for a publishing company.

In preparation for her teaching career, Withers received a teaching certificate and bachelor's degree from SUNY Potsdam and has done graduate work at SUNY Albany.

Her classroom is very orderly and neat with student drawings and writings displayed all over the room. Written on the blackboard, in very legible handwriting, is the schedule for the day.

"With children this age, no two days are alike, and sometimes we do not accomplish everything scheduled on the board. You never know what is going to happen, what concerns or interests a class may express that need to be dealt with," she said.

While her habit of writing the schedule on the board each day has remained constant throughout her career, "There have been a lot of changes in teaching over the 30 years," said Withers. "In my early teaching years, class size would be 31 kids.

Now with smaller class sizes, new standards and standardized testing, there is more emphasis on teaching each individual. Early intervention with students not meeting their potential has been very effective."

She feels the Bethlehem school district is unique and has always been proud to say she teaches in the district. One of the reasons for her success, and that of the district, in teaching young people is parental support and involvement.

"No one knows a child like a parent knows them, and parents can give you insights into a child you might not otherwise develop," she said.

Withers is a highly regarded professional among both her associates and administrators.

Pete Hogan, also retiring after 29 years as the physical education teacher at Elsmere, said, "When I come to work here 29 years ago, Sandra Withers took me under her wing and helped me get acclimated to my new career."

"She is so good. She sets extremely high standards for children and has a way of working with them to make them reach beyond their own expectations. Simply stated, she is a consummate professional. As a colleague, she is dependable, reliable and always willing to go beyond what would normally be expected to get the job done right."

Elsmere principal Dorothy Whitney said, "She is such a good model for our children. She exemplifies the many good people we have here who make up the positive personality of this building. It is so much easier for good people to get along, and the children need to see our staff working so well together."

District Superintendent Les Loomis summed it all up in a few words.

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Thacher Park to host two nature, bird walks

Thacher Park will sponsor two nature walks Saturday, May 18, at 7 a.m.

Meet with Doug Fraser at the nature center for birding on the center trails. A limited number of binoculars are available for loan.

On Sunday, May 19, at 7:30 a.m., the program will be Spring Birds and Wildflowers.

Meet with Chris Keefer at 7:30 a.m. at the pool parking area for the birdwalk, and at 11 a.m., meet with botanist Ed Miller at Hop field picnic area for the wildflower walk.

AARP sponsors driving class

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.

People can attend the two-session class either Wednesday, May 15, and Thursday, May 16, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. or on 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 a valid driver's license and a check for \$10 made out to AARP.

Elementary students to give spring concert

The fifth- and sixth-grade band and chorus will present their annual spring concert tonight, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

Admission is free and is open to the public.

Activity night slated

Activity night for Voorheesville students in sixth grade will be held on Friday, May 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

There will be a DJ, games and food.

Tickets will be sold at the school and need to be purchased

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Annual budget vote set for May 21

Voorheesville Central School District will hold its annual budget vote on Tuesday, May 21, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the high school.

PTA to meet

The next PTA meeting will be Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

High School prom on deck Friday

The walk through for the prom-goers will be at the high school for all to see on Friday, May 17, at 5 p.m.

Professional pictures will be taken at the high school, after which prom participants will be announced and escorted for the walk through. Participants will then attend a private prom at the Franklin Plaza in Troy from 7 p.m. to midnight.

An after-prom party will be held at Town-n-Country Bowling, where there will be a DJ and food.

Early dismissal for high school

Grades 9 to 12 will be dismissed at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 17.

Town accepting summer applications

The town of New Scotland is now accepting employment and volunteer applications for the summer recreation program. Applicants must be at least 13 years old. Applications can be picked up at the town hall on Route 85. For information, call town hall at 439-4913.

To Life receives \$20K research grant

Ten Capital District organizations will receive \$118,379 in grants for breast cancer outreach, education and treatment programs from the proceeds of last fall's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure in Albany.

Grant recipients include: To Life! (\$20,000), Cancer Center for Albany Medical Center (\$9,650), Amsterdam Memorial Hospital Foundation (\$10,000), Pen & Palette (\$10,350), Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood (\$17,105), St. Clare's Hospital (\$3,081), St. Peter's Hospital (\$19,656), Wildwood Programs (\$3,041), Cancer Center for Albany Medical Center (\$10,334) and St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam (\$15,162).

"We are proud to award these grants," said Albany Affiliate Board president Susan Kopp, noting that \$450,000 has been awarded locally for breast cancer programs from the proceeds of Komen Albany road races and other charitable events since 1995. "Each offers a unique service targeted to the medically underserved populations of the Capital District," she said.

Proceeds from the race fund education, screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved in each race community and support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Research Program. A minimum of 25 percent of race proceeds support the foundation's research program, which, for the last 20 years, has

provided much-needed funding for groundbreaking breast cancer research.

The remainder of the funds raised stay in the local community, funding non-duplicative breast health and breast cancer outreach programs for the medically underserved. A committee of medical experts, community leaders and breast cancer survivors reviewed local grant applications, which were then approved by the board of directors of the Albany Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Susan G. Komen Breast

Cancer Foundation sponsors the Albany Race for the Cure, the world's largest series of 5K runs and fitness walks. The race has grown from a single event in 1983 to a series of more than 100 races with 1.3 million participants in 2001. Last fall's race in Albany's Washington Park drew almost 3,600 registered runners and walkers, a four-fold increase since 1995. The race was brought to the Capital District seven years ago by the Junior League of Albany. This year, the race will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Empire State Plaza. For information, call 463-3734.

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Bouton announces third quarter honor students

The Voorheesville school district has announced high honor and honor roll students in the junior and senior high school for the third marking period. Students on the high honor roll earned an average of 90 or higher for the quarter. Students on the honor roll earned an average between 85 and 89.

Grade seven high honor roll

Kristen Abrey, Laura Amato, Patrick Arico, Gail Axelrod, Grace Barone, Sarah Belenchia, Allison Belgiovine, Lauren Bennet, Hannah Beresford, Alyssa

Calomeni, Gregory Carson, Alexandra Childs, James Cillis, Michelle Cillis, Emily Clark, Michael Cretz, Richard Curreri, Robert DiBlasi, Mary Finn, Anna Foster, Hayley George, Lauren Glaser, Bryce Gray, Amanda Gruss, Joseph Kelmbczyk, Sarah LaFave, Kelly Larsen, Nicole Layden, Andrew Liu and Brittney Logan.

And Patrick Mackey, Mike Marshall, Jennifer Massaroni, Allison McArdle, Charles McGrail, Ashley Meixner, Sarah Miller, Cassandra Muth, Nathaniel Myers, Lauren

Passarelli, Dylan Perrillo, Kimberly Pofit, Timothy Robinson, Robert Selby, Garrett Simpson, Rose Skladanuk, Emily Smith, Sarah Stark, Christopher Thompson, Julia VanCleve, Rebecca VanderWende, Steven Wang, Laura Watson and Karolina Zimmerman.

Grade eight high honor roll

Jessalyn Ballerano, Matthew Belgiovine, Jessica Berschwinger, Monique Bidell, Jeffrey Bode, Kevin Bub, Anthony Cacace, William Corbett, Douglas Dawson, Amanda Dezalia, Nicholas Duncan, Christopher Faulisi, Elizabeth Funk, Caitlin Garrity, Jessica Giglio, Ali Glaser, Jamie Glath, Hilary Goetz, Kevin Goss, Claire Gravelin, Lisa Greene, Meghan Inglis, Tara Joyce, Jill Malfetano, Kelly McKenna, John McNally, Adrian Michalski, Austin, Michalski, Ian Michalski, Caitlin Morse, Ame Nadratowski, Jacob Norris, Alexyandra Parrott, William Pearson, Allison Pillans, Ashley

Pofit, Alyssa Poznanski, Austin Saddlemyre, Michael Tesch, Rebecca Thorman, Quinn Tompkins, Catherine Wargo, Leah Wilkinson and Brittney Wineinger.

Grade nine high honor roll

Jeffrey Abrey, Allison Arico, Michael Ashline, Anat Belasen, Sara Berte, Lydia Bingham, Shayne Brundage-Minick, Thea Carlson, Shannon Case, Laura Crisafulli, Allison, Curreri, Jonathan Deane, Gregory Delany, Todd Dembo, Sara Dimmitt, Amanda Dionne, Jennifer Emrich, Caitriona Fiero, Zachary Fluster, Corey Glath, Elizabeth Gorka, Joseph Handen, Christopher Hensel, Jarrett Hover, Kiana Jannesari, Eric Jones and Rachel Kavanaugh.

And Benjamin Keller, Matthew Kremer, Michael Kremer, Brett LaFave, Alexander LeClair, Matthew Lombardi, Christine Luerman, Kaitlyn Lyons, Jennifer Lysenko, Megan Maikoff, Lauren Matthews, Jonathan Morse,

Christopher Nelson, Erin Ozmat, Laura Pasquali, Michelle Pelersi, Jessica Ransbury, Trea Schumacher, Cyrilla Suker, Jessica Thompson, Katherine Winchell, Ryan Wineinger and Tiago Zeitoune.

Grade 10 high honor roll

Kaitlyn Arico, Jenette Axelrod, Brittany Baron, David Berger, Joshua Bevan, Adam Bied, Scott Brunt, Jason Bye, Abigail Corwin, Daniel Denn, Stephanie Disser, Jessica Engel, Sarina Fiero, Daniel Freeman, Mark Genovesi, Jordan Glover, Jacinda Hover, Eric Kiernan, Victoria Kusel, Anne Liu, Edward Mahar, Sean Michael, Matthew Nagy, Tyler Nichols, Megan Okoniewski, Taylor Osterhout, Andrea Passarelli, Amanda Polsonilli, Stephanie Scaccia, Zephafif Schumacher, Patrick Selby, Kate Thorman, Keri Vanderwarker, Christina Weaver and Matthew Zimmerman.

Grade 11 high honor roll

Jenica Abram, Kathryn Alpert, Mandi Bareis, Jessica Baugh, Ashleigh Berger, Tracie Boyle, Cassandra Cacace, Chase Campbell, Brian Carey, Thomas Cocca, Kathryn Cole, Deborah Dawson, Jaime DiBona, Stina Disser, Megan Fredette, Stephanie Fried, Sarah Goetz, Lynn Hallenbeck, Nicole Mabee, Megan Marczewski, Jamie Allison Pofit, Lesley Stefan, John Sullivan, Amanda Taylor, Matthew Underwood, Stacy Veeder and Matthew Watson.

Grade 12 high honor roll

Nicholas Angelieri, David Brown, Conor Bryant, Kara Byron, Anthony Califano, A.J. Cavanaugh, Gregory Conklin, Emily Corcione, Beth Deitcher, William Denn III, Brianne Dwyer, Jessica Faustel, Melissa Faustel, Brendan Fidell, Erica Finkle, Samara Fluster, Jaimie Glover, Stephanie Gotham, Timothy Hauser, Nicole Lapham, Jordan Liberty, Michael Lombardi, Jessica Matthews, Suzanne Maynard, Christina Michael, Jeremy Miller, Rose Mitchell, Kristen Musella, Lydia Norman, Emily Osterhout, Virginia Sayer, Jennifer Scay, Jayden Shutter, Meghan Smith, Michael Sullivan, Mark Tidd, Heidi Wiesmaier, Shanna Wiley and Alicia Young.

Grade seven honor roll

Jillian Blake, Nicole Bouvier, Elizabeth Burrill, Stephen Cardinal, Rebekah Coons, Eileen Daley, Jason Farooq, Devon Guy, Joshua Handen, Matthew Henry, Kyle Jacobs, Emily Keneston, Jaclyn Kohler, Colin Masterson, Jeffrey McDonough, John O'Connor, Evan Ozmat, Felicia Schaller, Alex Sotola, Patrick Spaulding and Alison Vogelien.

Grade eight honor roll

David Allen, Seth Bied, Jennifer Carter, Andrew Catellier, Thomas Cavanaugh, Bryan Davis, Kerri Farley, Paul Hognestad, Gregory Jones, Stephen Kohler, Sean Kroencke, Edward Labshere, Peter Lindner, Amanda Markert, Ross Michael Morrill, Rory Mycek, Josua O'Brien, Kaitlen Saba, Erika Schuster, Brenna Sommer and Samuel Warren.

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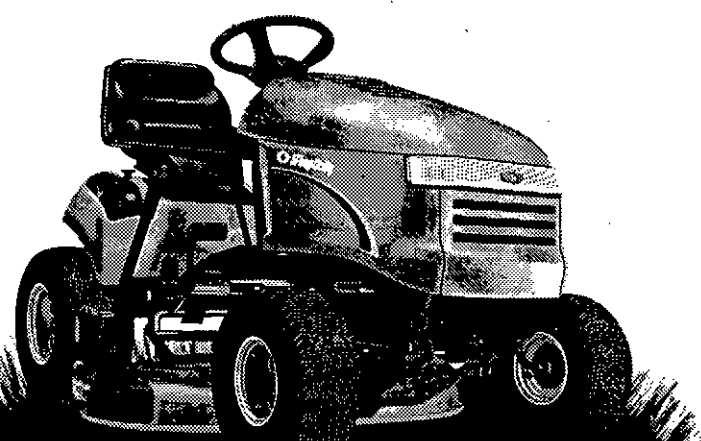
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**Grade 10
honor roll**

Michael Allen, Emily Burns, Michaela Byrnes, Lourdes Carrasco, Katherine Clark, Rana Cohn, Amanda Connors, Caitlin Conway, Katherine Flansburg, Patrick Garrity, Amber Gravelin, Samantha Gregorius, Gregry Herzog, Melissa Hopper, Michael Lagatuta, Kimberly Macklin, Jennifer Miller, Brittney Morehouse, Katherine Partington, Metanya Rigberg, Robin Sommer, Il'ya Starzhevsky, and Heather Wajda.

**Grade 11
honor roll**

Laura Bangery, Brad Bentley, David Bingham, Melissa Brewer, Casey Burger, Francis Catellier,

Heather Decotes, Meghan Finn, Jaimie Giglio, Shelley Hofelich, Christine Jordan, Brandon Konis, Julie Lenseh, Daniel Melewski, Jeffrey Nelson, Matthew Neri, Jane Pearson, Tricia Russel, Caralynn Simpson and Cynthia Traverse.

**Grade 12
honor roll**

Andrea Burch, Erica Cacciotti, Brian Connors, Jessica Crabill, Christina Decocinis, Michelle DeLaCruz, Joan DeSantis, Bridget DiPierro, Elizabeth Dieckmann, Amy Dunbar, Timothy Farricker, Kristin Fiato, Nathan Gibson, Eileen Griner, Liren Guerriero, Lindsay Halpin, Stephen Hensel, Joany Herzog, Kevin Hotaling, Kimberly Jones, Kimberly Kavanaugh, Eric Lkefbeck, Heidi Lapham, Lindsay Menia, Amy Miller, Mark Murray, Daniel Musella, Christin Nadratowski, Casey Plensack, Kimberly Rivenburg, Rachel Saddlemire, Karla Schallehn, Caitlin Sommer, Tennyson Tippy, Rebecca White and Jared Wuntsch.

Budding scientist

Visiting scientist Janie Schwab reviews one of the exhibits with Eric Segerberg at A.W. Becker school's recent Science Celebration.

**BCMS kids
do well on
language
exams**

On May 13, 164 students from Bethlehem Central Middle School were recognized at a special assembly for their participation in National Spanish Examination and the National French Contest.

Four local students were among those who are national winners at level 1A in the French contest. These students are Lisa Frangella, Darroch Putnam, Michelle Bub and Alyssa Greenburg.

In addition, the following students received honorable mention at the regional level: Sue Ding, Caroline Lang, Abigail Fisher, Morgan Fluster, Steven Hannigan, Florencia Lauria and Elizabeth Breiner.


At level 01A, Leslie Klein and Katherine Shumway were regional prize winners, and Caitlin Hill, Erin McCartan, Rachel Manning, Jeremy Stevens and Jack Teevan received honorable mentions.

Top scorers in the level 1 Spanish examination are: Lindsey Grossman, Ava Byer, Robert Nickles, Claire Stiglmeier, Emily Caracandas, Brian Cooper, Tristan Fritz, Krista Lombardo and Michael Morrill.

In the level 01 exam, top scorers were Stefan Weijola, Katherine Kurtessis, Bridget Chisholm, Rebecca Hager, Francesca Anzola, Kenny Rios, Michael Tracy, Bethany Carcuo, Jason Wasserzug, Erica Hill, Justine Prior and Michael Ernst.

The students who received national and regional awards will be honored at a reception to be scheduled in the spring.

The seventh and eighth graders are students of BCMS teachers Jeff Klamka, Lizette Liebold, Sheila Outing and Joyce Schreiber.

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Local government panel addresses regional issues

By BILL FONDA

Regional issues took center stage at the Guiderland Chamber of Commerce annual government officials luncheon May 7, where Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller sat on the panel.

Fuller was joined by County Executive Michael Breslin, county Legislator Mary Lou Bartolota-Connelly of the 32nd District in Guiderland, Guiderland Supervisor Kenneth Runion and Guiderland town board member Bruce Sherwin.

Breslin said regionalization was the most burning issue when he became county executive in 1995, but an initiative designed to introduce it never got off the ground.

He said that if personalities or history were not factored into the equation, it would make sense for police services to be regional, but that will not happen. Instead, Breslin said localities should look at functions where it makes sense to regionalize, and people will approve it.

"We have had great success with emergency medical resources, especially in the Hilltowns," he said.

"Slowly but surely we are getting there," Breslin said.

In addition, the county has a civil service and purchasing operation that towns and villages can use.

"No one is forced to do it," he said. "They can opt in or opt out."

Water is a trickier issue,

Breslin said, because all municipalities have their own resources.

"It's a much more complicated question because there already is a system in place," he said.

Fuller was part of the original regionalization study cited by Breslin.

"When we thought we were headed for regionalization, it all fell apart," she said.

Bethlehem, Fuller said, has taken a regional approach in several areas, including sharing hiring and cable services with neighboring towns.

"If we are able to tell from our experiences, it saves taxpayers money," she said.

Fuller also noted that when Bethlehem's water supply suffered due to the drought earlier this year, Guiderland pitched in to help and the city of Albany agreed to sell Bethlehem more water.

Runion said the issue has been a major one in New York for years, as the state probably has the most layers of government in the nation. However, he said those layers have served the population well and remembered his days as mayor in Altamont, where he still lives.

If regional governments are established, Runion said they could cause taxes to be reduced.

"I think that would probably be the biggest benefit," he said.

Sherwin said regionalization can be a good thing, citing the fire department merger between Cohoes and Watervliet. However,

he added that people are willing to pay for their own services, so regional government is going to take time.

"It's not going to be an overnight sort of thing," he said.

Bartolota-Connelly said studies have shown the value of regionalization, but most people believe the concept is fine elsewhere but not where they live.

"We have to represent what our community wants, and that's not always what's on the wall with these studies," she said.

One area where regionalization has worked, Bartolota-Connelly said, is tourism, as the entire Capital District has promoted its attractions as a group.

"People in Rensselaer County like to be tied in as part of that region," she said.

Responding to a question about what is being done to correct water problems in the town, Fuller said a major source of Bethlehem's water problems was the failure of wells at the water treatment plant on Clapper Road designed to provide water for industry.

The town had to go to court to force improvements, but Fuller said she believes six million gallons will be available in a year. In the meantime, the town received a permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation to pump water from the Hudson River for 18 months for industrial use.

In terms of residential water use, Fuller said the town's main source, the Vly Creek Reservoir, is at 54 percent capacity and that she is confident the town is ready to turn the corner. During the water shortage, the town had to begin pumping water from Albany in December, not May, and restrict water use in January.

"These were pretty drastic measures," she said. "The town has responded 200 percent."

One questioner noted that the county Legislature tabled a proposition to increase library funds in April and asked if it would come up again. Breslin said counties are under increasing pressure to spend more money on libraries, but also have to deal with unfunded mandates from the state.

With Medicaid, for instance, Breslin said New York is one of two states that passes half the burden onto counties and without that burden, the county would have had an additional \$20 million over the past five years.

According to Breslin, Albany County was one of the few in the state that did not have to raise taxes last year, but that was because it took \$8 million from its surplus. The situation next year, Breslin said, will be worse.

"We're looking at an \$18 million hole next year," he said. "At this point, we can't even consider additional money for the libraries."

However, Bartolota-Connelly said the Legislature's Democratic

majority will sponsor a 25 cents per capita increase in library spending, less than the 50 cents previously proposed.

"It's not going to be what the libraries want, but it is a piece," she said.

The final question was about disaster preparedness since Sept. 11.

Breslin said the most significant threats are from chemical, biological and radiational weapons, and that the county needs to make sure all medical resources are available in case of such an emergency.

Other than that, he said he does not anticipate a major overhaul of the county's plan.

"I don't think you're going to see significant changes other than when you get on an airplane at the airport," he said.

Fuller said Bethlehem has had a plan in place since the early 1980s, and the plan has faced many tests.

"Certainly the landslide is one, although fortunately there was no loss of life," she said.

According to Fuller, the only changes to the plan are more security measures.

In her final statement, Fuller said Bethlehem is making great headway in becoming partners with the business community.

"(Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Executive Director) Marty DeLaney just works tirelessly on a positive approach to bring business to Bethlehem," she said.

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2nd Annual Health & Services Fair

Last year an exciting collaboration took place as Congregation Beth Shalom and the Albany Jewish Community Center brought together two health fairs that had become staples in the region. The newly formed Health & Services Fair was a tremendous success last year, and this year we are proud to announce that the Capital Region will be participating in the 2nd Annual Health & Services Fair on Sunday, April 28th at the Sidney Albert Jewish Community Center, 340 West 11th Street in Albany. This fair is presented by Congregation Beth Shalom and the Albany Jewish Community Center. The major corporate sponsor is Senior Blue 4170. The fair is located at the Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.

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capital district seniors spotlight

Cole

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making goofy faces at the camera.

As the Cole family gathered to talk about their mother, it's clear that her presence will remain a strong one in this family.

John and Karen Cole met when she was in eighth grade, and she hid her too-short bangs from her friend's big brother. By the time Karen was 16, the daughter of an Air Force captain and the son of an aircraft mechanic were going steady and living in Rome, Oneida County.

Karen graduated from Syracuse University in the winter of 1973 and taught high school English at Rome Free Academy. The Coles married on June 28, 1974, and lived in Floyd, New York. After "majoring in staying out of the draft," John Cole opened a seafood delivery business and seafood store, called "From the C's."

"Karen taught all day and worked on the senior plays," John Cole said. "We were both involved in the Rome Community Theater, and Karen sometimes directed me in plays. She'd come home from school in the afternoon, work at the store, then go back and work on the plays. We'd be at the store till 2 a.m. on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and open on Sundays."

Cole laughed at what sounds like an impossible schedule. "We were young," he said. "Those were great times."

Eventually, John moved on to selling insurance, where having Sunday morning off was a treat after the hectic pace of owning a business. When Farm Family Insurance offered Cole a job in the Glenmont home office, Karen was the first to want to go, although jobs for English teachers were scarce in 1984. The family took a one-year lease on a house at 81 Elsmere Ave. in Delmar.

Adam finished first grade and went to part of second at Hamagrael Elementary School. Rob Cole remembered playing "Ghosts in the Graveyard" in the cemetery at Kenwood and Elsmere avenues, where his mother is now buried.

Although the Coles had lost money on their seafood business and they had three young children in a new town, Karen Cole wanted a home of her own.

"We were economically challenged," John Cole recalled, "and we hadn't yet begun exploring the area. Karen found this house, and I didn't know how we'd afford it. We came on a Sunday. There was no realtor around and the house was empty."

As the adult Coles poked around the property and peered in the windows, Rob and Adam played kickball with the neighborhood kids on the Salem Hills cul-de-sac their house faced.

"It's a raised ranch, so we pretty much knew what was inside," Cole said. "As we left, the kids said, 'We're buying this house, right?' Karen found somebody to lend us the money, and we bought the house."

"Of all of the places in Voorheesville, this was the best place to grow up," Rob Cole said.

Squirreling away money was one of Karen Cole's fortes, and the family laughed at the envelopes, rainy day funds, and

bottles full of change that paid for vacations and special events.

"I need to finish finding the prom envelopes," John Cole told his daughter, Katie. "They've got to be here somewhere."

Those funds took the family to Lake George, Cape Cod and a couple of times to Florida, the first as a surprise Christmas present.

"We're a Christmas family," John Cole said. "The room would be full at Christmas."

"You couldn't even see the tree," Adam Cole said. "When I was in sixth grade, Rob was in third and Katie was in kindergarten, we woke up, and this will make us sound like horrible kids, but there wasn't as much stuff as usual."

"We got summer things, too," Katie Cole said, along with Walkmans, Game Boys and fanny packs.

Then there were the clues.

"It was a treasure hunt," John Cole said with a grin, "basically to stress em out."

Eventually, the kids found out they were leaving at 10 a.m. for Florida, and Karen Cole pulled out the suitcases she'd packed for the family.

"We were ecstatic," Rob said.

"In those days, you could buy

a seven-day pass to the theme parks, and it wouldn't bankrupt you," John Cole said. "Katie and I drank Shirley Temples at 3 a.m. at the hotel pool on New Year's Eve."

"Something always happened on those vacations," Katie Cole recalled.

"At Sea World, I had bought two long cinnamon rolls," Rob remembered, holding up his arms as he recalled carrying them. "I was attacked by four seagulls, who stole them. Mom felt so bad, she bought me three more."

Karen's daily life was teaching, a profession she had always wanted to be in and never left.

"Sometimes she'd think about being an administrator, or a guidance counselor, or leaving altogether," John Cole said. "But she always stayed with teaching."

With retired social studies teacher Donna Variale, Cole helped create Bethlehem Middle School's African-American Day.

"We wanted to have an interdisciplinary, literature-based approach to social studies and English," Variale said. "We started by reading about people who had overcome great obstacles in their lives, and this included Harriet Tubman. Then we started taking

a small group of students to the Rensselaerville Institute to do a segment on the Under-ground Railroad. Kim and Reggie Harris, African-American performers, were part of it, too."

Eventually, Variale and Cole brought the program to the entire student body, and African-American Day became a regular event at the middle school.

"Karen brought a love of history, a knowledge of literature, and an ability to teach writing to the students," Variale said. "She was always willing to try new things."

Variale recalled Cole's true affection for her students, reflected in the fact that so many

of them attended her funeral.

"She cared about the kids, and paid attention to what they did outside of school, too," Variale said.

"The kids recognized that she cared about them."

Variale said she will miss her friend greatly. "Even though I'd retired, we'd talk about kids, and share little stories," Variale said. "We'd go out to lunch, and do the things you do when you have a good friend. The district will miss her, too. She was a stable influence, which is important as the eighth graders take the ELA test. This is a big loss for everybody."

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Sports

Guilderland shuts down Trimarchi-less Bethlehem

By ROB JONAS

Without its leading scorer, the Bethlehem boys lacrosse team finds itself at a disadvantage heading into the final week of the Suburban Council season.

The Eagles entered Tuesday's game against Gold Division-leading Niskayuna without Tom

Trimarchi, who suffered a concussion in last Wednesday's 7-6 victory over Colonie Central. Trimarchi leads the league in goals with 45.

"Not having him hurts our offense a lot," Bethlehem coach Dave Rounds said. "It's hard to lose such a high-scoring player as him."

Bethlehem's offense couldn't get anything going in the Eagles' first game without Trimarchi — a 12-4 loss to Guilderland last Friday. The Dutchmen controlled the action for minutes at a time, which limited the Eagles to 14 shots.

"Guilderland is starting to peak," Rounds said. "You can tell by the way they're moving the ball around and shooting the ball."

Though Guilderland had possession of the ball for long periods of time, the Dutchmen didn't break the game open until a three-goal burst early in the second quarter gave them a 5-0 lead. Chris Abbott tallied to get Bethlehem on the scoreboard,



Bethlehem's Chris Abbott (8) charges toward the net during last Friday's Suburban Council game against Guilderland. Abbott scored one goal in the Eagles' 12-4 loss. Rob Jonas

but Greg Powell scored a short time later to re-establish Guilderland's five-goal lead before half-time.

The Dutchmen struck for two more goals in the third quarter before Jon Bar tow scored off an assist from Pat Heenan to make

the score 8-2. Guilderland then sealed the victory with a 4-0 run, highlighted by three man-advantage goals. Heenan closed out the scoring with two tallies late in the fourth quarter.

Bethlehem goaltender John Thibdeau stopped nine shots, while Guilderland's George Polino and Evan O'Donnell combined for 10 saves.

After Tuesday's game with Niskayuna, Bethlehem travels to Saratoga Friday before closing

out the regular season next Monday against Columbia.

"Those are still games that we can win," Rounds said.

Lady Eagles roll

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team remained unbeaten with a 21-5 victory over Columbia last Saturday.

Kristin Link had five goals and five assists, and Amy O'Donnell contributed five goals for the Lady Eagles. Katelyn Primomo added a hat trick and two assists.

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The column has appeared in Bethlehem Elementary School newsletters, Bethlehem Central Middle School "Happenings" and other resources, presenting a question of interest and concern to parents on the topic of raising children. The question is accompanied by a response which promotes protective factors.

Topics which have been covered in "Family Matters!" include bullying, MTV, mall time and teen night clubs.

A special thank you goes to Natural Helpers, a group of students at BCMS, and to Peer Helpers at the high school. Both groups helped to shape the responses for the "Family Matters!" column.

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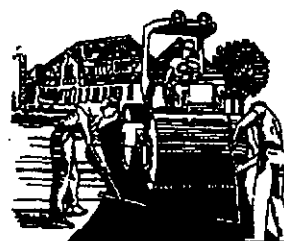


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Shen ends BC tennis win streak

By ROB JONAS

A winning streak that encompassed more than three seasons came to an end last Friday in Clifton Park.

The Bethlehem boys tennis team was edged by unbeaten Shenendehowa 5-4 to suffer its first Suburban Council loss since 1998.

"I think they were very proud of themselves, and I was equally proud of them," Bethlehem coach Steve Smith said. "They played extremely hard for me, and that's all I asked of them."

Shen twins Tony and Mark Piro gave the Plainsmen a boost by beating Bethlehem's Jon Clair and Peter Cooley. Tony Piro outlasted Clair 6-1, 7-6 at first singles, while Mark Piro defeated Cooley 6-0, 6-3 at second singles.

"Clair lost in two sets, but the

second set was in a tiebreaker," Smith said. "He was in it, he had a chance."

Robert Hoffman pulled out a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Shen's Arun Ganesh at third singles, but Eric Herd suffered a three-set loss against Nick Rutherford at fourth singles. Carter Thomas was the only other Bethlehem singles player to earn a victory, defeating Drew Ambrocy 6-3, 6-3.

The tandem of Dan Cohen and Sandeep Murthy defeated Mike Bellis and Sandeep Danyamriku 6-2, 6-3 at second doubles, while Mike Kattleman and Steven Govanlu edged Eric Curtice and Nate Seitelman 7-6, 6-4 in third doubles for the Eagles.

The loss to Shen didn't affect Bethlehem's seeding for the

Section II, Class A team tournament, which begins Wednesday. The Eagles received the No. 1 seed based on their unbeaten record at the time of last week's seeding meeting — a record which included a victory over Niskayuna but no meetings with Shen.

"The rain (this spring) has been horribly annoying," Smith said. "Until last week, we had not played either Shenendehowa or Niskayuna."

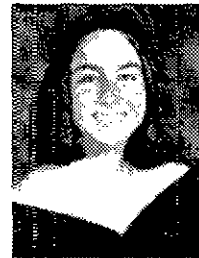
With Sectionals starting this week, Bethlehem may not get a rematch with Shen unless the two teams meet for the Class A championship. But should they meet the Plainsmen again, the Eagles are ready.

"They're looking more forward to playing them again, if we can," Smith said.

Local athlete receives league, school honors

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Willow Eyres

was named the SUNY Oswego Athlete of the Week May 6 after being selected to the All-SUNY Athletic Conference softball team.



Eyres

Eyres, a freshman catcher with the Lakers, led her team in several categories. She had a .365 batting average with 11 doubles and two home runs. She drove in 26 runs and scored 16 runs, and she had nine stolen bases.

Eyres also led the Lakers with 38 hits, 55 total bases, a .529 slugging percentage and a .405 on-base percentage.

Eyres is the first SUNY Oswego softball player to earn all-league honors in three years.

Eyres is the daughter of David Eyres of Selkirk and Peggy Lynn of Delmar.

Conference taps Voorheesville grad

Voorheesville's Jan Rissacher was named to the Little East All-Conference softball team.

Rissacher, a junior at Keene State College, batted .321 with three home runs and 17 RBI this season.

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Tour du Parc slated for Elm Avenue Park

The Tour du Parc cross country race is scheduled for May 26 at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

The five-kilometer race starts at 9 a.m. There will also be a one-mile run for children ages 12 and under, as well as half- and quarter-mile fun runs.

The pre-registration entry fee is \$10. Runners may register the day of the race for a \$15 fee.

For information, call Paul Turner at 475-1927.

Eagles win Whisher Inv

The Bethlehem boys track and field team won the Whisher Invitational last Saturday at Niskayuna High School.

The Eagles finished with 139 points, 42 points ahead of second-place Shaker High School.

Bethlehem was led by Zach Maskins, who won the triple jump with a leap of 41-feet, 9.5-inches. Second-place performances were turned in by Darnell Douglas (100-meter dash), Doug Demarco (400), Rob Kuhn (1,600), Pat Shaffer (3,200), Jamie Putnam (110 hurdles) and Paddy Hennessy (shot put and discus).

The Bethlehem girls track team finished second overall with 109 points, 32 points behind Shaker. Emily Coles won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.7 seconds.

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by John Quirk

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Cole

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School Superintendent Les Loomis called Cole's death tragic.

"Karen had a way of connecting with people over the long term," Loomis said.

"At her funeral, Kim and Reggie Harris sang four songs that grew out of their connection with Karen promoting African-American history."

Loomis felt Cole's connection to her students when he substituted in her class a few years ago.

"It was a delight," Loomis said. "She gave me beautifully crafted

lesson plans, and the kids were perfectly behaved. Karen was brilliant at sharing her love of literature and her passion for writing."

Loomis said that Cole was a mentor to many colleagues, and has left a huge spot to fill in the middle school.

In addition to her regular teaching load, Cole also taught Academic Intervention Services, mandated classes for students who do not reach a particular score on state-mandated tests.

"Karen gave those students a real boost," Loomis said. "She formed a personal connection,

which is as important as the quality of instruction. Karen was a generous, generous person, and her students knew it. She earned their genuine respect and affection."

That generosity is the lesson her family felt she considered the most important.

"Be giving in any way you can," Rob Cole said his mother always encouraged them. "Grow up as your own person, and be compassionate."

"Mom wouldn't make us do things if we were unconvinced of them," Katie Cole said. "But she did encourage us to be the leader, not the follower."

"She'd tell us — 'If all your friends are going to jump off a bridge, don't!' Rob Cole recalled. "She was the kind of mom who knew her kids, and we could talk to her about the good, the bad and the taboo."

"She never forced you to say anything, but she'd keep asking," Katie Cole said.

"Then, when you told her, she'd

say, 'Yeah, I know,'" Adam Cole said.

"Karen and one of the kids were always lying in the bed together, laughing and talking," John Cole said. "She'd tape a stupid soap, turn it on at night, but probably never got to watch it."

Karen was a generous, generous person, and her students knew it. She earned their genuine respect and affection.

Les Loomis

"We always said we'd go out and have dessert first," Crystal Cole said of the mother-in-law who held firm to the tenet that life is fun. "Her favorite dessert was from her sorority days, strawberry shortcake made on Twinkies."

The family laughed as a guest groaned at the thought. "Try it," they promised, "you will love it."

As the sunshine shone in on a family caught up in happy memories, it was easy to guess that Karen Cole's legacy of sinful desserts, envelopes of saved money and making faces at the camera will stay with the Coles forever.

SPORTS RESULTS

THURSDAY, MAY 9

GIRLS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 11, SHENENDEHOWA 5

Scoring: Bethlehem — Brianna Bubeck 2-1, Kristin Link 7-3, Katie Wagoner 1-1, Katelyn Primomo 1-1. Shenendehowa — Jamie Blake 1-1, Erin Flaherty 2-0, Liz Morehouse 1-0, Kate Godlewski 1-0, Mary Wooden 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Dani Blanchard 3. Shenendehowa — Samantha McHugh 24.

SOFTBALL

BETHLEHEM 2, BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE 1 (8)

Bethlehem highlights: Jenn Macro RBI single, Josie Klersy pitched two-hitter.

MECHANICVILLE 2, VOORHEESVILLE 0 (GAME 1)

Voorheesville highlights: Cyrilla Suker pitched four-hitter.

MECHANICVILLE 2, VOORHEESVILLE 1 (GAME 2)

Voorheesville highlights: Suker scattered seven hits in complete-game performance.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

BASEBALL

SHAKER 15, BETHLEHEM 6

Bethlehem highlights: Parker Brown 2 singles.

COBLESKILL-RICHMONDVILLE 3, RCS 2

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Desi Biechman 2 singles, David Cross 2 singles.

BOYS LACROSSE

GUILDERLAND 12, BETHLEHEM 4

Scoring: Bethlehem — Pat Heenan 2-1, Jon Bartow 1-0, Chris Abbott 1-0. Guilderland — Greg Dillon 2-0, Dave Demasi 3-0, Brett Davis 1-0, John Tanner 2-0, Greg Powell 2-2, Bryan Adams 1-5, Greg LaPlante 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 9. Guilderland — George Polino 5, Evan O'Donnell 5.

BOYS TENNIS

SHENENDEHOWA 5, BETHLEHEM 4

Singles winners: Shenendehowa — Tony Piro, Mark Piro, Nick Rutherford, Samcer Nagpal. Bethlehem — Robert Hoffman, Carter Thomas.

Doubles winners: Shenendehowa — Neil Godbole-Nil Gholkar. Bethlehem — Dan Cohen-Sandeep Murthy, Mike Kattlemen-Steven Govanlu.

SOFTBALL

SHAKER 8, BETHLEHEM 0

Bethlehem highlights: Lauren Reis 2 singles.

RCS 3, HOLY NAMES 2

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk highlights: Katie Stott double, single, 2 RBI; Jessalyn Hotaling scattered five hits and struck out 12 in complete-game pitching performance.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

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Obituaries

Karen Cole

Karen J. Cole, 49, of Voorheesville died Sunday, May 5, at her home.

Born in Tucson, Ariz., she was a graduate of Syracuse University. Mrs. Cole lived in Floyd, Oneida County, for several years before moving to Voorheesville.

She taught eighth-grade English at Bethlehem Central Middle School for 17 years.

She worked on the eighth-grade ELA, taught summer school at Berne-Knox-Westerlo schools and was a scoring trainer for BOCES.

She also reviewed teacher licensing credentials for the state Education Department and assisted with the student teacher training program.

Survivors include her husband, John A. Cole; two sons, J. Adam Cole of Delmar and Robert H. Cole of Voorheesville; a daughter, Kathryn E. Cole of Voorheesville; and her parents, The Rev. Teddy H. and Dorothy B. Jones of Jacksonville, Fla.

Services were from First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville.

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

Contributions may be made to the Karen J. Cole Education Fund.

Leona Seabury

Leona L. Seabury, 88, of Delmar died Saturday, May 11, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center.

Born in Glenmont, she was a stenographer for Albany Associates before she retired.

Mrs. Seabury was a member of Third Reformed Church of Albany and AARP.

She was the widow of Milton N. Seabury.

Survivors include a sister, Kathryn VanZandt of Loudonville; a niece, Linda Thorsen of Loudonville; and two grandnieces.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. today, May 15, at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany 12209.

Scott Watkins

Scott Watkins, 30, a former Delmar resident, died Monday, May 6, at Bay State Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Mr. Watkins was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology.

He lived in Salt Lake City and worked for Keystone Marmin Co. and United Parcel Service.

He enjoyed kayaking, canoeing, snowboarding and was an avid motorcyclist.

Survivors include his mother, Shirley Adams Watkins of Delmar; four brothers, Richard E. Kitrick, Gregory J. Watkins, Thomas Watkins and John Watkins; a sister, Cassandra Viscusi; and his maternal grandmother, Anne Sweet.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Larry Sandgren

Larry Sandgren, 53, of Selkirk died Saturday, May 4, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Long Beach, Calif., he was a self-employed truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Terry Sandgren of Selkirk; a daughter, Tricia Reynolds of Rotterdam Junction; a son, Larry Sandgren II of Selkirk; three sisters, Diane Southworth, Nancy Sewell and Cathy Novabalski, all of California; two brothers, Edward Sandgren and Carl Sandgren, both of California; and three granddaughters.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Susan Smith

Susan "Suzy" Charron Smith, 51, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and formerly of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, May 7, at her home.

Mrs. Smith was a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy.

She worked for Merck-Medco in Columbus as a staff pharmacist.

She was a communicant of St. Pius X Church and an active volunteer for the Mt. Carmel Women's Health Center Breast Cancer Support Group.

Survivors include her husband, David B. Smith; a son, Jared Smith; and her mother, Mary Tork Charron of Voorheesville.

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

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

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

Contributions may be made to Mt. Carmel Hospice, c/o Mt. Carmel Health Foundation, 793 W. State St., Columbus, Ohio 43222-9988.

Catherine Schillaci

Catherine Lancellotti Schillaci of Delmar died Friday, May 3.

She was the widow of Anthony A. Schillaci.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Catherine Foley and Carla Rose Schillaci; a son, Mark Salvatore Schillaci; and two grandchildren.

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

Josephine Sievert

Josephine Altieri Sievert of Delmar died Friday, May 3, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born and educated in Amsterdam, she was a burler for the former Mohawk Carpet Mills in Amsterdam. She was a cashier at the former Delmar Lumber Co. for 10 years.

Mrs. Sievert was an avid bingo player.

She was the widow of Rudolph Sievert.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Sievert of Delmar; two brothers, Herman Altieri and Richard Altieri Sr., both of Amsterdam; a sister, Alice Chiricko of Amsterdam; a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Amsterdam.

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

Common sense helps to protect victims

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The experts agree that some common sense rules can go a long way to protect a person from becoming victim of a scam.

Detective Michael McMillan of the Bethlehem Police Department cautions residents: "Be wary of anyone knocking on your door. Legitimate businesses do not solicit door to door. The oldest scams on the books involve someone knocking on your door, pointing out repair needs on your house or driveway and offering to do the repairs for an outrageous price. Someone may even offer to take you to the bank to get the money while the work is under way."

The elderly, more likely to be infirm, can be easily intimidated by intruders. "So never let a stranger into your home. Often, two people will force their way in

the telephone line that permits calls into the residence of only approved numbers like friends, family doctors and the like. This provides a positive block to all unwanted telephone calls," she said.

Reed also admonishes family members to "ensure no strangers are in the house or are suddenly living there. Reinforce to an elderly family member they should never talk to strangers or give personal information to any one."

Terese Myers, public relations officer of Key Bank, says their bank, like all other financial institutions, try to be alert to scams, particularly those that exploit seniors.

"Operations people look for unusual activity on an account like a series of cash withdrawals and will alert an agency in the customer's area like family and child services, police or some senior services unit," she said.

Myers said that reputable businesses do not require cash to conclude transactions and a request for large amounts of cash should raise red flags to a potential victim. It does

Family members should keep involved with the elderly. Look at the check book or canceled checks to see where the money is going. Sign the individual up for the telemarketers call blocking service provided by New York state. This provides a positive block to all unwanted telephone calls.

Margaret Reed

if you open the door and while one keeps the resident occupied, the other ransacks the house looking for valuables," McMillan said.

"Never give personal information like Social Security numbers, credit card or bank account numbers to a stranger, either in person, over the telephone or by e-mail. No reputable business would ask you for such information except in connection with legitimate transactions conducted in their place of business," he added.

Finally, "Keep the doors to your house locked at all times," McMillan said.

In balmy weather, it is nice to open up the house. But McMillan has had cases where people would be sitting or gardening in the back of the house, and intruders would enter an unlocked front door, steal valuables and get away without being noticed.

Attorney Margaret Reed, with offices at 203 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, said the elderly are at the greatest risk.

"The elderly are often most vulnerable. Many live alone, some have memory problems or are otherwise infirm and very lonely," she said. The opportunity to talk to someone, even strangers is often welcome, but could lead to unfortunate results if they have been targeted for a scam.

"Family members should keep involved with the elderly. Look at the check book or canceled checks to see where the money is going. Sign the individual up for the telemarketers call blocking service provided by New York state. There is also an electronic device that can be plugged into

to tellers who at Key Bank will direct the customer to a private office to deliver the money out of the public eye. While in the private area, a bank employee will attempt to elicit information on why large amounts of cash are needed.

The banker will point out the risks of carrying so much cash and the fact that if it is lost or stolen, it is gone for good. An official bank check can be replaced, and if it is a scam, payment can be stopped on the check.

Key Bank trains its tellers to look for indicators in a customer like bruises, agitation, hesitancy, unsure, poor hygiene and grooming and a transaction that seems out of the ordinary for the person at the window to trigger an alert to some senior services unit.

Terry Jandreau of A.G. Edwards, a nationwide investment firm, gives many of the same cautions.

"Know who you are dealing with. For new relationships, conduct business in the broker's office to confirm their identity and relationship to the firm they claim to represent. Sometimes even that is not enough to prevent a loss," said Jandreau.

"Dealing with a major company means they are insured against losses. So if you do sustain a loss from dealing with an unprincipled employee of a major company, the chances of insurance covering your losses due to fraud are pretty good," according to Jandreau.

His rule of thumb, "If something sounds too good to be true, it is."

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Hazen, Morrow engaged

Marissa Hazen, daughter of Pamela and Guy Hazen of Clarks-ville, and Jon Morrow, son of Anna LeGrand of Underhill, Vt. and John Morrow of St. Albans, Vt., are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be was home-schooled and graduated from Hudson Valley Community College.

She is a Web page designer at the Voorheesville Public Library.

The future groom graduated from Spalding High School.

He is a shipping technician at University Wholesalers in Colchester, Vt.

The couple plans a Oct. 5 wedding.

Delmar student inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

Trafton Wesley Drew of Delmar, a senior psychology major at the University of North Carolina, was one of 142 students that Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most honored of all college honorary societies, inducted during its spring ceremony April 9.

To be admitted, students must maintain grade-point averages of 3.75 for juniors and 3.65 for seniors (on a 4-point scale) in academic courses in the College of Arts and Sciences, said UNC chapter secretary and faculty adviser Dr. Michael Lienesch, a political science professor.

Grades earned at other universities are not considered in determining averages.

"Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa recognizes excellence among students in the arts and

sciences," Lienesch said. "Only about 1 percent of all college graduates qualify to be members."

Past and present Phi Beta Kappa members from across the country have included six American presidents, 12 Supreme Court Justices and numerous artistic, intellectual and political leaders, Lienesch said.

Of 262 Phi Beta Kappa chapters nationwide, UNC's chapter, Alpha of North Carolina, was founded in 1904 and is the oldest of four chapters in North Carolina. Each year, Phi Beta Kappa chapters and alumni associations across the country raise and distribute more than \$1 million in awards, scholarships and prizes benefiting high school and college students.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Nathaniel Thomas Schin, to Brenda and Tom Schin of South Bethlehem, Jan. 17.

Girl, Margaret Elizabeth Remmel, to Mary Pat and John Remmel of Delmar, March 11.

Girl, Amy Curry Burdick, to Ann and Tom Burdick of Glenmont, March 11.

Class of '02

Empire State College

Dennis Capraro of Slingerlands (bachelor's in science); Richard Hughes of Delmar (bachelor's in science).

SUNY Fredonia

Marielle Postava-Davignon of Delmar (bachelor's in science); Gregory Tobler of Voorheesville (bachelor's in science).

Pace University

Magan Sellnow of Delmar; and Warren Joscelyn of Slingerlands.

Scholarships offered to local students

The Capital District Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction is currently offering a NAWIC Founders' Scholarship to local college students who are aspiring to a career in construction or engineering.

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Those not eligible to apply are high school, part-time and graduate students. Applications are due June 17.

For information or an application, contact Patty Burgess at 518-782-0131, Ext. 5121.

Glenmont resident earns national award

Andrew Fisher of Glenmont has been named a United States National Award Winner by the United States Achievement Academy in foreign language.

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Fisher was nominated for the national award by his Christian Brothers Academy teacher, Lucien Mackey.

He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," George Stevens, executive director of the United States

Achievement Academy, said. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Local Siena students receive scholarships

Siena College recently awarded 564 students with scholarships.

Local students who received the scholarships include: Jacqueline Carona of Delmar (Columbia Plumbing and Heating Supply scholarship); Brooke Ford of Delmar (Bond Family scholarship and Salvatore, Josephine and Melissa Papa scholarship); Beth Anne Filkins of Glenmont (Isabelle Vogel Led Duke Memorial scholarship); Amy Nevins of Glenmont (Gilbert O. Robert

Memorial scholarship - Albark and Bernard F. Picotte scholarship); and John Kazukenus of Voorheesville (Bernard F. Picotte scholarship).

"While each scholarship has its own criteria, most are awarded to students based on demonstrated financial need, academic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities," Director of Financial Aid Mary Lawyer said. "These awards are made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends of the college."

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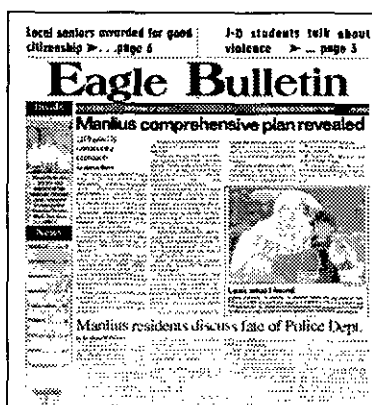
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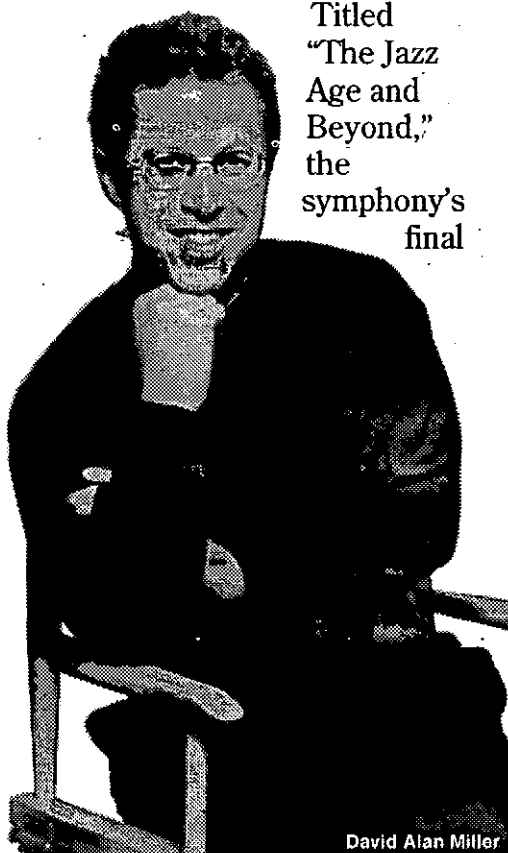
By DEV TOBIN

The Albany Symphony Orchestra has generally made it a point to present concerts that combine modern American

concert of the 2001-02 season features two American works, George Gershwin's "Concerto in F," with pianist Kevin Cole, and John Harbison's "Remembering Gatsby, Foxtrot for Orchestra,"

Cole has dazzled listeners around the world with his performances of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," "Concerto in F" and cabaret evenings devoted to Gershwin's songs.

music, along with the classics of the symphonic repertoire. This Saturday's concert at 8 p.m. in Albany's Palace Theatre is no exception.



Titled "The Jazz Age and Beyond," the symphony's final

The concert is also a celebration of David Alan Miller's 10th season as music director and conductor of the ASO. Miller has led the orchestra in its work with new American composers like Harbison, who has returned the favor by calling the ASO "my favorite orchestra." Miller is also the guiding light behind the ASO's American Music Festival, the fourth edition of which took place in March.

Harbison's "Remembering Gatsby, Foxtrot for Orchestra" opens the concert. "Remembering Gatsby" is a jazzy, lively homage to the jazz age by one of America's most celebrated and accomplished composers, according to Miller.

Gershwin's "Concerto in F" is the greatest of all American piano concertos, according to Miller. Written in 1925 and premiered by the New York

Philharmonic with Gershwin as soloist, the work is the jazziest, bluesiest concerto ever written, Miller noted.

Called "the definitive Gershwin pianist of his generation," Cole has dazzled listeners around the world with his performances of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," "Concerto in F" and cabaret evenings devoted to Gershwin's songs. He recently performed "Concerto in F" with the Boston Philharmonic.

The final work of the concert, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 is, according to Miller, a profound expression of an artist's triumph over adversity that provides an appropriately dynamic conclusion to the season.

Prior to the concert, Miller and Cole will present Classical Conversations, a stimulating conversation about the evening's performance, at Capital Rep Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., at 7 p.m.

The Palace Theatre is at North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue. There is plenty of free street and paid parking near the Palace. Tickets for Saturday's concert are \$17, \$29 and \$36.



Kevin Cole

For reservations, call 465-4663.

This week is also the final one for the Vanguard Showhouse in Loudonville, the ASO support group's biggest fund-raiser of the year.

The annual event, in which Capital District decorators strut their stuff in a local mansion, is at Springwood Manor, 498 Loudon Road, this year.

Tickets are \$15; free parking is at Colonie Town Hall, Route 9, Newtonville, and a shuttle service brings people to the Showhouse. There is no street parking near the Showhouse.

For information, call 724-0357.

Final chance for Young America exhibit

The Young America exhibit of treasures from the Smithsonian American Art Museum at the Albany Institute of History and Art, featuring works like, from left, Thomas Cole's "The Subsiding of the Waters of the Deluge," David Gilmour Blythe's "Boy Playing Marbles," and Henry Kirke Brown's "La Grazia," closes this Sunday.

The Subsiding of the Waters of the Deluge (Thomas Cole - 1801-1848)
1829, Oil, 90.8x121.4 cm



Boy Playing Marbles (David Gilmour Blythe - 1815-1865)
1858, Oil, 55.6x67.4 cm



La Grazia (Henry Kirke Brown - 1814-1886)
1850, Bronze, 47.2x24.6x25.9 cm

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

THE SMELL OF THE KILL

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

THE MEMORY OF WATER

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

COME BACK TO THE FIVE AND DIME, JIMMY DEAN

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

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.

BEYOND

avant-garde theater, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., May 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., May 19 at 3 p.m., \$15, \$8 for student and seniors. Information, 434-1703.

Music

MELISSA FERRICK

Valentine's, 17 New Scotland Ave., Albany, May 17, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 432-6572.

ROLAND HANNA

First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, 1221 Wendell Ave., May 19, 5 p.m., \$12. Information, 465-1278.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

playing works by Ravel, Britten and de Falla, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 19, 3 p.m., \$15, \$10 for children. Information, 273-0038.

CAPITAL CHAMBER ARTISTS

playing works by Mozart and Haydn, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, May 21, 8 p.m., pre-concert recital at 7, \$16, \$8 for students. Information, 458-9231.

HANK WILLIAMS III

Valentine's, 17 New Scotland Ave., Albany, May 22, 8 p.m., \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Information, 432-6572.

BRUCE MOLSKY

Old Songs Dutch Barn, 146 Maymont Fairgrounds, Route 116, May 24, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children. Information, 765-2815.

Comedy

SPALDING GRAY

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, "Swimming to Cambodia" on May 17 and "Interviewing the Audience" on May 18, 8 p.m., \$24, \$40 for both nights. Information, 473-1845.

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

AUDITIONS

for July Albany Civic Theater production of "Betty's Summer Vacation" by Christopher Durang, May 20 and 21 at 7:15 p.m., 235 Second Ave. Information, 235-3107.

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

MALE SINGERS NEEDED

for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, 30 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 R01 Smith Center, Route 155, Gunderland, sponsored by Old Songs, \$75. Information, 765-2815.

DANCE CLASSES

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

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

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

Wed. 5/15

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

'NONFICTIONADOS'

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 5/16

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

Fri. 5/17

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 5/18

BETHLEHEM

LAWN SALE IN SELKIRK

Fundraiser for new roof at First Reformed Church, Route 9W, Selkirk. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Information, 767-9165 or 756-6742.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Bethlehem Garden Club annual sale of perennials, 9 a.m. - noon, parking lot of Delmar Dental, 344 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 5/19

BETHLEHEM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices, handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED

Sunday School and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with children's program. Nursery care available at all

worship times. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worship services 9 & 10:45 a.m.; nursery and Sunday School through 5th grade provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, 65 Willowbrook Ave. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, vespers 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Krumkill Road at Schoolhouse Road, North Bethlehem.

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

KING'S CHAPEL

Traditional Baptist Bible service, 10 a.m.; 434 Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-9955.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school

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

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED

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

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

JERUSALEM REFORMED

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

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

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

Mon. 5/20

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

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

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 5/21

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

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

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Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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.

HORTICULTURE CLASS

Lawn Care Series, Part II: environmentally friendly techniques for seeding, watering, fertilizing and disease diagnosis. Course fee \$25 per person. William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 765-3512.

VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

Wed. 5/22

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FAMILY ACTIVITY AT VPL

Author Dale Christopher appears at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 5/23

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Block Garage Sale,
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Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
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SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is ALBANY.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company may be dissolved is December 31, 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 15, 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 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 15, 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 15, 2002)

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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.

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 (May 15, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is 363 FAIRVIEW AVE., LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 8, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.
 (May 15, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

7143 HCB, LLC

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

Cooper Erving & Savage, LLP
 Attorneys for 7143 HCB, LLC
 39 North Pearl Street
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 (518)449-3900
 (May 15, 2002)

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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 15, 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 15, 2002)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND, COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar,

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New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 8th day of May, 2002 at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

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

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

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
 2. For the election of three (3) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years, all commencing July 1, 2002, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Warren-Stoker and Robin Storey;
 3. Upon the appropriation of \$1,109,400 to purchase fifteen (15) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
 4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
 5. For the election of one (1) trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2002, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Susan Birkhead.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that application for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 21, 2002, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be available at the polling place on May 21, 2002.

Steven O'Shea
 School District Clerk
 Dated: March 13, 2002
 Publish dates: April 3, 24, May 1, 15, 2002
 (May 15, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of ARC III, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/29/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/29/1997. 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: 600 Grant St., Ste. 900, Denver, CO 80203. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (May 15, 2002)

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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 des-

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ignated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: 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 15, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 8:00 p.m., to take action on the application of Brian & Laura Collier, 64 Delmar Place, Delmar, NY, for approval of a two lot (2) subdivision at the present terminus of Palmer Ave. and Adams St., Delmar, NY as shown on map entitled, "Map of PROPOSED SUBDIVISION, 'LAURA RIDGE', ADAMS STREET & PALMER AVENUE, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York", dated March 18, 2002, revised to May 2, 2002 and made by Paul E. Hite, LLS, Delmar, NY.

Douglas Hasbrouck
 Chairman, Planning Board
 NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact the Parks Dept. at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested.
 (May 15, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on TUESDAY, May 21, 2002, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Constantine Kontogiannis, 1064 New Scotland Rd., Albany, NY, for approval of a four lot (4) subdivision located on the westerly side of Elm Ave. (Co. Highway #52) approximately 600 ft. southerly of its intersection with the Delmar Bypass, also opposite the intersection of Elm Ave. and Shanks Rd., Delmar, NY as shown on map entitled, "Preliminary Plat, PROPOSED KONTOGIANNIS (4) LOT SUBDIVISION, ELM AVENUE, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York", dated April 5, 2001, revised April 6, 2002 and made by Paul E. Hite, LLS, Delmar, NY.

Douglas Hasbrouck
 Chairman, Planning Board
 NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact the Parks Dept. at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested.
 (May 15, 2002)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is CAPITAL HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on May 2, 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: CAPITAL HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC, 9 Chestnut Hill Road North, Loudonville, New York 12211.

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

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law.
 (May 15, 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 15, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Concor Fire Sprinkler Co., LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 5, 2002, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 3434 Carman Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
 (May 15, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of Conesus Power Boat LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/9/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State, Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (May 15, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Credit Management, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/28/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Nevada (NV) on 12/31/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal off of LP: 4200 International Parkway, Carrollton, TX 75007. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NV Secy. of State, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (May 15, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DELLAMAR EQUITIES GROUP, LLC

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Formation of DELLAMAR EQUITIES GROUP, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on April 16, 2002.

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

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 15, 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

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of State on April 18, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower Place, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, New York 12203.
 (May 15, 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 15, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Duke Energy Merchants, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/17/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/23/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, TX 77056. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: crude and refined products marketing.
 (May 15, 2002)

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Name of For. LLC: ECI Conference Call Services LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY): 1/9/02. Jurisd. & date of org.: DE 11/29/01. NY State office loc.: Albany Cty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 415 Hamburg Tpke., Wayne, NJ 07470. DE addr. of LLC: c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed in DE with: DE Sec. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: All lawful activity.
 (May 15, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

FundUSA, LLC
 1. The name of the limited liability company is FundUSA, LLC.
 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on April 8, 2002 and became effective on said date.
 3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.
 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: FundUSA, LLC, 251 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205.
 5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.
 Dated: May 1, 2002
 (May 15, 2002)

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The name of LLC is GEYERCOMM, LLC. The date of filing with the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is 3/21/2002. The office of the LLC shall be in the County of Albany in the State of New York. The N.Y. Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the N.Y. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served is: c/o The LLC, 859 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business.
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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: insurance services and related activities. (May 15, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Interpool Chassis Issuance, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/26/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/21/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 15, 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 15, 2002)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is OUR COFFEEHOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF

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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 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 15, 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 15, 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

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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 15, 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 Road, Selkirk, NY. 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 15, 2002)

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ROUTE 9W ASSOCIATES II, LLC Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on May 1, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (May 15, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on TUESDAY, May 21, 2002, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:45 p.m., to take action on the application of Steven B. & Cathy G. Barber, 59 Columbine Dr., Glenmont, NY 12077, for approval of a two lot (2) subdivision at the present terminus of Werner Ave. as shown on map entitled, "PROPOSED SUBDIVISION, LANDS OF STEVEN B. & CATHY G. BAR-

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BER, WERNER AVENUE, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York, dated March 11, 2002, revised to April 22, 2002 and made by Paul E. Hite, LLS, Delmar, NY.

Douglas Hasbrouck Chairman, Planning Board NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact the Parks Dept. at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested. (May 15, 2002)

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

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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 15, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of TAN Leasing, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 12, 2002, 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

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act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. (May 15, 2002)

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THE GLEASMAN GROUP, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on April 17, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 120 Railway Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. (May 15, 2002)

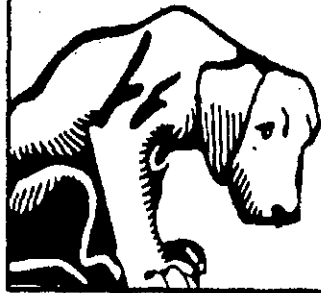
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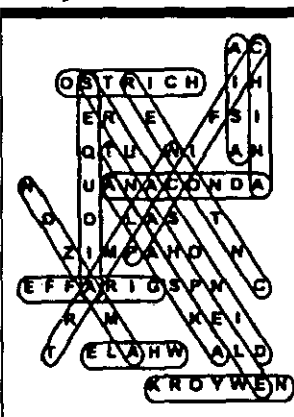
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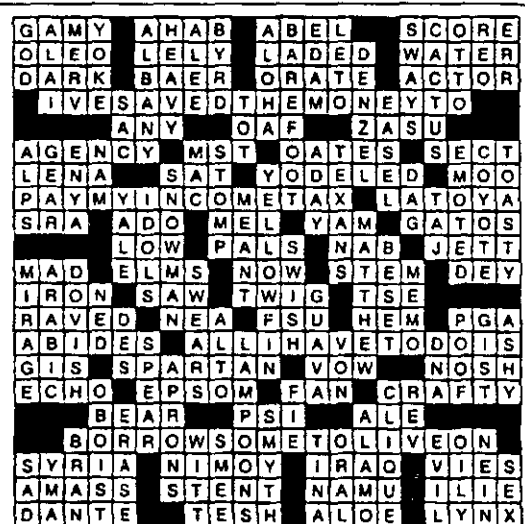
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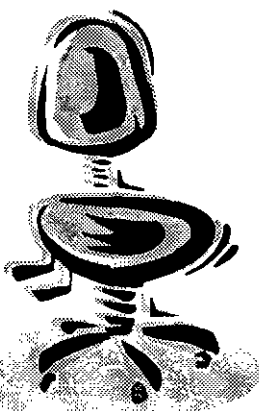
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Drivers should be prepared for collision and repair

No one plans for collision repair. But preparation is key to surviving a vehicle repair experience, especially collision repair. These are just some of the questions to ask yourself: What do you do when an accident happens to your vehicle?

Who do you call for help? How can you restore your car to "pre-accident" condition with minimal hassle? How can you and your car get back on the road quickly? Here are some answers to common questions asked by first time accident victims.

I've just been in an accident. What do I do?

The first thing to do is determine if anyone has been injured in the accident, and call an ambulance if required. Calling the police responsible for the area in which the accident took place is also a wise idea. You may need to have an accident report number, provided by the police, if you want to submit a claim to your insurance company. Make sure to get the names, addresses, phone numbers and insurance information of everyone involved in the accident.

The accident has made it impossible or dangerous to drive my car. Who can I call for help?

While most minor accidents don't require a tow truck, there are times when cars can't be driven after accidents. Commonly, vehicle owners arrange for a tow truck through their insurance carrier's roadside assistance plan. Drivers of new and/or leased vehicles should also consider their vehicle's original equipment manufacturer (OEM) emergency roadside assistance plans. The OEM roadside assistance plans' coverage matches or is often more inclusive than the insurance companies' counterparts.

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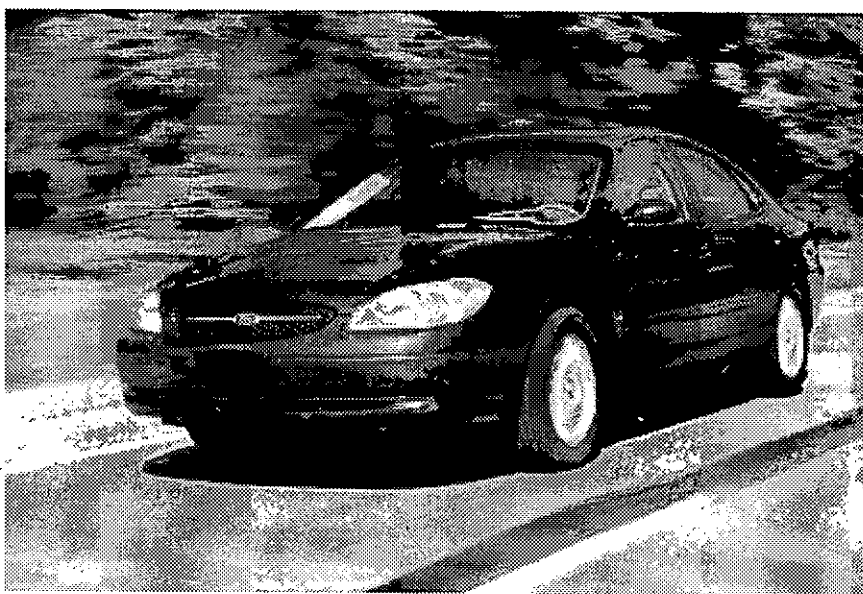
Where should I get my car repaired?

One of the most critical aspects of collision repair is getting the vehicle returned to "pre-accident condition." To accomplish this goal, it's necessary to find a reputable collision repair facility that has the expertise and equipment to do the job right—the first time. Your auto dealership may be the best point of reference, though it is likely your insurance company will also make recommendations. You have the final say in where your car gets repaired though. Take the time to ask around and select the dealership or body shop with the best references.

How do I know my car is getting repaired properly and affordably?

Reviewing a few facts about collision repair can help you make educated decisions on issues that may affect the quality of repairs and, ultimately, the value of your repaired vehicle. During the collision repair process you will have to make several choices, especially about the parts used to repair your vehicle (commonly known as "crash parts").

Crash parts are defined as the sheet metal and plastic components most often damaged in accidents, such as fenders, hoods, bumpers and doors. OEM (original equipment manufacturer) crash parts are made by or for vehicle manufacturers, and are the same as the parts installed on new vehicles.



They are made with the same tooling, stamping, and materials as the original parts.

In contrast to OEM parts, there are aftermarket parts (unauthorized imitations of OEM parts), salvaged parts removed from "totaled" vehicles, and reconditioned parts. Your insurance company may specify any of the above listed parts for your repair but you can request that your car be repaired with specific parts.

To make the choice that's right for you, consider these facts:

- Testing by a variety of manufacturers and independent firms consistently confirms that OEM crash parts clearly out-perform aftermarket crash parts in all critical quality areas, including fit, finish, structural integrity, corrosion protection and dent resistance.

- OEM crash parts are the same as those used on new vehicles, which meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

- OEM crash parts carry industry-leading warranties.

- Significant questions remain unanswered about quality, durability and safety of aftermarket crash parts. In addition, damage to adjoining or adjacent parts and/or system, caused by a substandard aftermarket crash part, is not covered by vehicle manufacturer warranties.

- A nationwide collision study found a vehicle repaired with OEM parts was professionally appraised \$760 more than one repaired with aftermarket parts. Consumers appraised the car with OEM parts at \$1,670 more.

Will I get my car back quickly?

Of course the speed with which your car is repaired will depend on the severity of the accident. Reading the collision repair estimate carefully can speed up the process considerably. Collision repair estimates can be confusing, so ask for explanations of all the abbreviations, acronyms or terms that you may not fully understand. If you are

offered a repair payment check immediately at a drive-in claim center, don't cash it until you review the estimate with the collision repairer to be sure the check covers all repairs. This could save you some aggravation with your insurance company and more time in the body shop later with additional repairs.

because of their poor fit. Increased repair time leads to more time without your vehicle and increased rental car bills.

So what's the bottom line?

It's your vehicle. If you need collision repair, know your rights. Select a reputable body shop. Read the estimate and repair order carefully. Make your preference for parts known—before repairs begin. If you don't get involved in the decision-making process before repairs actually begin, your parts preferences may not be considered. And inspect all repairs carefully before you sign-off on the job. These easy tips will help protect your vehicle investment and ensure a satisfying collision repair experience. Collision repair can be confusing—know the facts to save yourself time and money.

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Stressed out? These 13 tips help reduce stress behind the wheel

Kids can be a major source of stress on the road, with cries of "I'm hungry!" "He's on my side of the seat!" and "Are we there yet?" A portable entertainment system, like the Audiovox VBP2000 (shown), can keep kids occupied, so drivers can focus on driving. A portable entertainment system also can be moved from vehicle to vehicle, and it even works in hotel rooms, at tailgate parties and on camping trips.

"Everybody seems to be running short on time these days, so people are often in a big hurry when they get behind the wheel," says Sue Elliott-Sink, director of content for enjoythedrive.com, the consumer website from SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association. "When you add in all the normal stresses of driving—like traffic, bad directions, even the sun in your eyes—people can wind up being nervous wrecks by the time they reach their destination."

That's why enjoythedrive.com has put together simple tips to help drivers turn their vehicle into a sanctuary of sorts and help reduce stress on the road.

1. Allow some extra time. Running late is one of the primary reasons people speed—and a major cause of increased blood pressure on

the road today. Because traffic, car crashes, detours and other surprises can cause any trip to take longer than planned, one of the best ways to make driving less stressful is to allow plenty of time to reach a destination.

2. Make that vehicle a sanctuary. Everyone has the occasional rough day, but it is possible for people to leave business and personal cares behind once they slide behind the wheel. The key is to create an inviting, relaxing environment. For instance, an in-seat massage unit can help relieve sore muscles after a tough day at the office or at the gym. "Music also helps soothe frayed nerves after a rough day, but static as a radio station fades in and out along a route can be mighty irritating," says enjoythedrive.com. "The new satellite radio receivers solve this problem, offering access to the same programs all across the country. A CD changer also provides hours of soothing tunes, and sun visor CD organizers keep a change of disks close at hand. Even something as simple as changing into driving shoes or donning driving gloves can signal that it's time to shift gears and leave work or personal problems behind."

3. Stay cool. Getting into a scorching hot vehicle is

enough to make any driver miserable, but there's really no need to get all hot under the collar. A remote starter will cool off a car or truck before it's time to get in, so makeup doesn't melt and clothes don't get soiled with perspiration. That remote starter comes in handy on bitter cold days, too.

4. Protect the interior. Spills happen, and mud or gum is eventually going to find its way inside any vehicle. Waterproof and spill-proof seat covers and floor liners allow parents, sports enthusiasts and everyone else who gets messy to stop worrying about their vehicle's interior while they're driving.

5. Clear up clutter. Map books, CDs, purses and all the other stuff that accumulates in a vehicle often go rolling around every time a driver turns or steps on the gas or brakes. "Not only are these items distracting, but they can turn into projectiles in the event of a crash," says enjoythedrive.com. "That's why it's so important to stash things inside a trunk organizer or cargo area organizer, or in a center console."

6. Keep kids occupied. Bored and testy children not only increase stress levels while driving, they also make it difficult for adults to keep

their eyes and attention on the road. Having books and games handy—or having an entertainment system on-board—will keep kids occupied and allow drivers to focus on the task at hand.

7. Light up the road. Night driving can be especially tiring and stressful. Perhaps that's why car crashes are more likely to be fatal after dark. According to enjoythedrive.com, "To make nighttime outings easier, people can add a set of driving lights to their vehicle. These auxiliary lights provide a broader and longer beam, so they illuminate the road further ahead and illuminate the shoulder more than standard headlights." This gives drivers more time to react to obstacles on the road.

8. Get rid of blind spots. Changing lanes in heavy traffic can be stressful, too. A set of wide-angle mirrors can help drivers eliminate blind spots, making lane changes less of a neck-crane experience. Plus, outside mirrors with built-in turn signals will alert vehicles in those blind spots to an impending lane change.

9. Stop staring into the sun. Driving into the sun can be exhausting and dangerous, especially when the sun drops below the level of a vehicle's sun visors. Adding

smoked plastic sun visor extenders can make it much easier for drivers to keep their eyes on the road during morning and evening commutes.

10. Keep snacks on hand. "Hunger can make many people irritable," notes enjoythedrive.com. "Instead of driving around with a bad attitude, they can keep snacks on-board. A small refrigerator that plugs into a power point or cigarette lighter makes it easy to keep healthy food and drinks fresh." It's especially convenient for parents and business people who spend a lot of time on the road and would rather avoid fast food establishments.

11. Avoid traffic jams. What could be more aggravating than getting stuck in an unexpected traffic jam? Fortunately, drivers can now get up-to-the-minute traffic information in their vehicle, so they can steer clear of snarls.

12. Don't get lost. Getting bad directions and getting lost are hugely stressful, yet very common, experiences. Having a navigation system on-board makes it easy to avoid the stress and locate virtually any destination, and most systems instantly adjust the directions in case of a detour. Some also include information on "points of

interest," ranging from the nearest gas station or family restaurant to the nearest golf course.

13. Don't dread backing up. "It's tough to see out the back of many vehicles on the road today," adds enjoythedrive.com, "so it's no surprise that driving in reverse can be especially stressful, whether someone is parallel parking, trying to get out of a busy parking lot or negotiating down a narrow driveway. A backup warning system can make all of these maneuvers easier. It provides an audible warning that lets drivers know the rear of the vehicle is approaching an obstacle."

For more information on how to reduce stress behind the wheel—or to find out more about the auto accessories mentioned here—visit www.enjoythedrive.com. The information-packed website includes a Hot Products area filled with many of the latest custom auto accessories. The site's Auto Glossary features definitions and helpful comparison shopping tips, and enjoythedrive.com offers scores of articles covering everything from tire safety to how to get better fuel economy. Plus, there are great gift ideas for car lovers, as well as a special Tool Of The Week section and an inspiring Gallery Of Cars.

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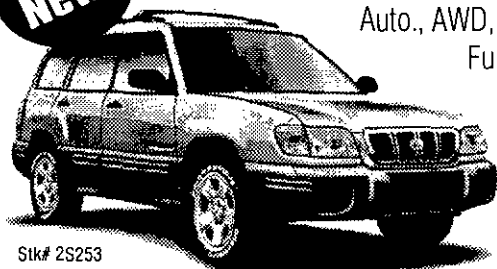
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Springtime inspection is key to trouble-free cruisin'

Now that winter's almost over, it's difficult to imagine anything being harder on your vehicle than cold starts and extreme demands placed on it by driving in snow and ice. The truth is that summer's heat, combined with the stop-and-go driving associated with annual road repairs, will create even more challenging conditions in the months to come.

That's why it is important to get the car ready by conducting periodic maintenance, including a complete inspection of the spark plugs and wires. Checking spark plugs and ignition wires for signs of wear and system malfunction is something that virtually anyone can do with basic tools and a few extra minutes. The information gathered will indicate whether a vehicle is ready for the challenges of summertime driving, or in need of a tune up.

Sounding out the Problem

Before checking under the hood, start the diagnostic process by listening to your car. "Tell-tale signs that new plugs and wires may be needed include hard starting, rough idling, hesitation and stalling, lack of acceleration, poor gas mileage and perhaps failing an emissions standards test," says Mike Sheridan, product brand manager for SplitFire® Spark Plugs and Wire Sets. "If any of these sound familiar, it is a

sure sign that the spark plugs and wires need to be checked, and possibly replaced."

Seeing is Believing

Old spark plugs can tell you a lot about your car. Spark plug deposits provide valuable

"clues" to what an engine is doing. To check your spark plugs and wires properly, you will need a few simple tools that are available at any auto parts store, including a spark plug socket and ratchet.

The special spark plug socket keeps the plug in place as it is lowered into position. First remove the spark plug wire by gently twisting and pulling on the boot only. Pulling on the wire itself can damage the connection and necessitate replacing the wire set. It's important to mark each wire, and to do only one spark plug at a time. This prevents mixing up the wires. With the wire removed from the plug, remove the spark plug counter-clockwise. For maximum performance, spark plugs should be replaced in sets, not individually.

"Old spark plugs can tell

you a lot," says SplitFire's Sheridan. "The deposits on the firing tips provide insight as to whether your engine is running properly or requires maintenance or service." He suggests looking at the firing tips of your old plugs to look for clues to the engine's

characteristics and resistance to wear, gap erosion and heat. "Our 100,000-mile SplitFire Triple Platinum guarantee says it all," adds Sheridan. "If you are not totally satisfied with the performance of our plugs, we will replace them for free."

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performance. Among the problem signs to look for are signs of black soot or white ash, or if the plug is oil soaked. "If you see anything unusual, replace the plugs or have your car checked by a service professional immediately," he recommends. "To extend service intervals, we suggest replacing old plugs with a platinum spark plug, such as SplitFire™ Triple Platinum."

Platinum Power

Sheridan points out that many automakers are going to platinum spark plugs as original equipment because the enhanced performance

So before the last of the snow melts away, be sure that your vehicle is ready for fun in the sun by checking and

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again," Kroencke said. "Education is really important to me, and I'll be involved no matter what. If I am going to be involved,

it seems like there's no better place to be than on the board."

Kroencke said he was a Kennedy Democrat, and said that serving on the school board would be a way to give back to the community. "I'm not wealthy," he said, "but I can give my time."

Kroencke is also involved with the pastoral council at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and was recently elected vice president of the men's assembly there. He is a volunteer ambulance driver, and serves on the town of New Scotland's recreation committee. He and his wife, Eileen Kroencke, have been involved with mid-level planning at the school, worked on career nights and belong to Friends of Music.

Kroencke is a founding member of the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation, and organized last year's Fall Classic, a run that raised \$1,700 to buy new equipment for the school's track.

He said he agreed with many of the goals and accomplishments Sufrin had worked for in her years on the board. "Erica talked about improvements the district has made in curriculum, the arts and the building projects," Kroencke said. "More kids are going to four-

year colleges, and more are leaving the state. I'd also like to see kids have as many opportunities as we can offer them."

Kroencke is in favor of kids starting to learn second languages and playing musical instruments at younger ages, and improvements in math and science. With more children attending pre-school, Kroencke also feels that all-day kindergarten is a good idea. At the same time, Kroencke said, it's important to be fiscally prudent.

Kroencke said that this year's budget is cause for concern, since some modified sports teams and accelerated programs have had to be dropped.

Primarily, Kroencke said, he would focus on programs and academics as a school board member. "That is the main role of a school," he pointed out. Kroencke, 47, works in the office of professions for the state

Education Department. He and his wife have one son, Sean, who is in eighth grade.

Brackett first moved to Voorheesville when he was in seventh grade, and left briefly after graduating from the high school. After marrying Colleen Brackett, they moved back to the town because they felt it would be a good place to raise and educate a family. "I have three children in the schools," Brackett said, "and the current board seems to be losing their handle on things." In particular, Brackett is troubled that this year's budget required the district to cut some classes, in particular the Spanish V class at the high school.

"Even first graders are starting to learn Spanish," he said. "Now, after all these years of learning the language, we're telling them they can't have another level of it."

"The state is 90 percent to blame," Brackett said, "and everyone blames Sept. 11. But the board was headed down the wrong path before 9-11."

Brackett said he questioned a great deal of the school's \$15 million addition, the bulk of which will see a separate middle school facility, attached to the current high school, opening this September.

"I'm not opposed to the new classrooms," Brackett said. "But do we need a track? A pool? We were told that the swim team couldn't excel in the old pool; the pool has nothing to do with it. We also had a perfectly good auditorium, and although it got crowded and some people had to stand, we could have just rebuilt it."

Brackett also said he is opposed to hiring another administrator to oversee curriculum.

"If we're short-staffed," he said, "I'd rather see more staffing, or see the district buy \$80,000 worth of new computers." Brackett said he'd like to work to get more parents involved in the district.

"I go to board meetings," he said, "and sometimes there are only five people there. It's ridiculous. Things happen, the board passes things, and nobody knows about them."

Brackett called himself a "vocal person," and said he would work to keep parents informed.

"A lot happens in executive session," he said, "or you read about things in the paper. People only show up when there are big issues, and then it's too late. I wouldn't talk about personnel or students, but I'm not afraid to tell anybody anything. I want people to be aware of what's going on."

Brackett and his wife, who is the nurse at Voorheesville Elementary School, both volunteer with the American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes. Over an eight-month period of time, they raised \$13,000 for those associations, with a great deal of it coming from a raffle of donated items.

The Bracketts also help raise money for the American Cancer Society. Brackett, 42, is an electrical contractor with his own business, Rich Brackett Electric. The Bracketts have three children: Abby, who's a high school senior; Erin, a 10th-grader; and first-grader Hannah. The vote for budget and one school board trustee will take place on Tuesday, May 21, from 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the high school foyer.

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