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V'ville to put budget up for second vote

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

At its second special meeting since May 21, when voters defeated a \$16,788,172 proposed budget for the Voorheesville school district, the board last Wednesday voted to present a second, revised budget for district approval.

On Tuesday, June 18, from 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the high school, residents will say yea or nay to a \$16,729,172 budget for the 2002-2003 school year. The \$59,000 decrease in spending will yield an estimated 6.62 percent tax rate for residents, compared to the 8.4 percent tax rate estimated that went along with the defeated budget.

Should the June 18 vote be defeated, the district will be forced to go to a contingency budget of \$16,649,743, which will mean a tax rate of 5.81 percent. Based on a home assessed at \$150,000, the tax increase under the newly-proposed budget would be \$166. Under the contingency budget, the tax rate on a \$150,000 house would be \$146.

A contingency budget brings restrictions with it, particularly as to what a district can purchase and how its

buildings can be used. Community groups, for instance, might have to pay to use the school facilities, and new uniforms and equipment for sports teams could not be purchased. Although more state aid has become available to

the district since the first budget vote went out, audits by Questar BOCES' state aid planning office and the Voorheesville administration are yielding different sets of numbers, concluded after

two different analyses. For the budget to be voted on June 18, the district estimates that it will receive \$5,369,669 from the state, an increase of \$129,148 since the first vote went out on May 21. The district plans to apply \$86,000 to the revised budget proposal, and keep \$43,148 in reserve.

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My life would be simpler if I could say we're going to get this money but that would be irresponsible.

Anthony Marturano

Team spirit



Kelly Hughes, left, Emma Strachman and Caitlin Schreffler, members of the Bethlehem Lacrosse team cheer on their teammates at last Saturday's Class A Regional Championship.

Jim Franco

Three longtime town employees retire

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Last Friday, May 31, was officially Barbara Asprion Day in Bethlehem, thanks to a proclamation by Supervisor Sheila Fuller to mark the final day in office of the executive secretary who has served three town supervisors for the last 16 years.

Asprion is the third veteran town employee to have retired in recent weeks — including two senior police officers. Taking her place, starting this week, is Jo-Mary Dragon, previously employed in the town building department.

Asprion came to town service in 1986 from previous employment as a dispatcher for Bennett's Plumbing and Heating.

"I knew town hall was a really nice place to work and would be a great place to finish out my career," she said last week. "This was a wonderful place to work. Everyone's very friendly and happy, and there's very little animosity. It's like a big team, everyone helping everyone else in the other offices. It was a hard decision, but it's time."

The retirements of Sgt. Joseph Sleurs, a member of the 43-member uniformed police force since 1969, on April 26, and Detective Joseph Mastriano, a 24-year veteran, effective May 17, leave two unfilled vacancies. "These are two that are tough to lose," said Chief Richard LaChappelle. "We have some awful good people in this department, and these are among the best."

A candidate for one of those vacancies, forwarded to the town board for consideration at its May 22 meeting,



Barbara Asprion, seated, is congratulated for her town service by former supervisors Bob Hendrick, right, and Ken Ringler and current Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

moved and situated."

Sleurs later oversaw the department's transition to computerized record-keeping, and the establishment of the 911 computer-aided dispatch and automated reporting systems. The most complex piece of that puzzle, he said, given the town's rapid residential development over the last 25 years: geocoding and numbering all of the town's lots and buildings for computer-aided dispatch.

"When it first started, everyone hated the computer," he said. "Now if they go down for a day, everybody misses them."

"He's been the guy in a position of responsibility who held a lot of our administrative systems together," said LaChappelle. "You're not going to find another Joe Sleurs soon."

Like Sleurs, Mastriano also started out as a patrolman for 14 years before his promotion to the detectives bureau. As technology has changed the functioning of the police department, it has changed the nature of detective work as well.

"We're seeing a lot more plastic crime, computer crime identity theft," he said.

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BC names high school assistant principal

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Johanna Friedman will start her new duties in the Bethlehem School District as assistant principal of the high school on July 1.

Friedman, young in years and diminutive in size, has been a solid performer in the Guilderland school district, having just completed a year as acting dean of students at the high school. Prior to that she completed a one-year administrative internship with the



Friedman

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Man charged with DWAI Police report on town accidents

A fender-bender in North Bethlehem on Tuesday, May 28, led to the arrest of an Albany driver, charged with driving under the influence of drugs, and his passenger, charged with possession of marijuana.

The accident at the intersection of Monroe and North Bridge streets was reported to Bethlehem police shortly after 6:30 p.m. Police responding at the scene found a vehicle driven by Mitchell K. Nolan-Schou, 22, of 11 Norwood St., Albany, that had apparently struck another vehicle in the intersection.

Neither driver nor Nolan-

Schou's passenger, Jasmine Franette Tice, 20, of 415 Green Hill Court, Albany, was injured. But Nolan-Schou, who told police he was en route home from a picnic at Thacher Park at the time, underwent field sobriety tests, and was arrested for driving while ability impaired (DWAI) by drugs, and ticketed for failure to observe a stop sign.

A search of the car allegedly turned up several containers of marijuana and related paraphernalia, and Tice was issued a summons for unlawful possession.

Both are due in Town Court on June 18.

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

No injuries were reported in three recent vehicle accidents involving several public vehicles — a Bethlehem Central school bus, a town police car and a town mowing tractor. But four private individuals weren't so lucky, sustaining injuries in other recent traffic accidents.

The bus collision occurred about 7 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at the intersection of Grafton and Wyngate roads in the Somerset Woods development off Wemple Road.

Christopher M. Jordan, 18, of Glenmont, driving a vehicle with one passenger, attempted a right turn from Wyngate into the path of an oncoming bus on Grafton driven by Joseph Sala of Glenmont, with 21 Bethlehem Central High School students aboard.

Jordan was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way. But no injuries were reported and only minor damage occurred to either vehicle.

A police car sustained heavy damage in an accident on a rain-dampened Wemple Road shortly before 4 a.m. on Friday, May 24. While engaged in a high speed chase of another vehicle southbound on River Road, Officer Scott Galough attempted to make a turn onto Wemple and skidded into an embankment on the shoulder of the road. The vehicle then crossed the roadway and struck several trees before colliding with one head-on. Galough suffered no injuries in the mishap.

River Road was the scene of another accident about 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27.

Kevin Eggleston of 44 Mountain Road, Ravena, was aboard a town mowing tractor operating along the shoulder of the road just north of Beaver Dam Road when he was struck from behind by a car driven by Grant P. Ford, Jr., 65, of 27 Sand Creek Road, Colonie. Ford told police he did not see the mower because he was behind another vehicle that

abruptly swerved at the last moment to avoid colliding with the tractor. Eggleston sustained a minor neck injury in the accident. Ford was not charged.

A Glenmont resident was injured in a motor-vehicle accident on May 13, when she apparently fell asleep at the wheel, according to police.

Megan P. Leary, 18, of 508A Feura Bush Road, driving westbound on Kenwood Avenue, apparently drifted off the shoulder and struck a utility pole just west of Hoyt Avenue, near Magee Park, at about 6:30 a.m. Albany County paramedics and Delmar ambulance responded at the scene, and Leary was transported to St. Peter's Hospital for observation and treatment of chest pains, and later released.

No charges were filed.

A similar accident occurred just before 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Edmund R. Carloni, 49, of 219 Van Wies Point Road, Glenmont, was westbound on Read Road approaching River Road, when his passenger-side front tire caught the edge of the narrow roadway and caused him to lose control, drive off the road and strike a tree.

Bethlehem Ambulance transported Carloni to Albany Medical Center for observation and treatment of head lacerations.

Two vehicles were involved in a collision near the Toll Gate restaurant on New Scotland Road on Sunday, May 19. An eastbound car driven by Wendy Lee Allen, 32, of 11 Colatosi Place, Albany, slowed to turn into the Toll Gate parking lot. Turning partially into the westbound lane, Allen's vehicle was struck by another driven westbound by Douglas Krasher, 43, of 213 Orange St., Albany, despite Krasher's attempt to avoid the collision by driving onto the shoulder.

Two passengers in Krasher's vehicle, his wife Florence, 48, and father Joseph, 81, were both treated at the scene for minor injuries, transported to Albany Medical Center for observation, and later released.

Allen was ticketed for failure to yield right of way.

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In memory



Dawne Ellers, Tri-Village Little League president John Fisher, Lance Ellers and Dave Ellers recently participated in ceremonies dedicating the new pavilion at McGee Park to Russell S. Ellers, who had played six seasons at the park.

Vandals run rampant over holiday weekend

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police faced a wild Memorial Day weekend with numerous criminal mischief and burglary complaints reported throughout town.

Much of the activity reported between Friday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 28, involved damage to vehicles by rocks and bottles thrown through windshields. Several incidents were reported in the overnight hours of May 25-26 on several Delmar streets including Adams Place, Bennett Terrace and Oldox Road. Three cars sustained broken windshields, and a garage window was smashed with a large rock.

In one incident shortly after midnight, an Adams Street resident chased two suspected

vandals, reportedly teen-agers, but a subsequent check of the area by police was unable to locate them.

The proximity of the incidents makes it "more than likely" they were related, according to Officer Timothy Beebe.

"It's pretty disturbing," he said. "Give kids a snow day and a four-day weekend and just look what they do with it."

Across town, on Center Lane in Glenmont, the vehicle storage lot of Robert Wright Disposal was vandalized sometime over the weekend, for the second time in recent months. The windshields of several trucks, a van and a demolition crane were smashed. At Glenmont Elementary School, someone climbed onto the roof of the building and smashed two skylights — damage discovered Monday by a janitor.

Also reported over the weekend were break-ins at three construction trailers — one at a site on Elsmere Avenue near the Delmar bypass and two on Hannay Lane in Glenmont. Losses in the incidents of tools and equipment totalled more than \$3,000 and \$9,000 respectively.

A business on Booth Road was burglarized somewhere in mid-afternoon on Saturday, May 25, with more than \$3,000 in checks and \$1,600 in currency stolen.

Town, police union OK contract

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The town of Bethlehem has approved a new contract agreement for 2002-04 with the Bethlehem Police Officers Union.

The pact was ratified unanimously by the town board at its May 22 meeting — just two days after the union rank-and-file voted for it by an overwhelming majority.

Councilman George Lenhardt and attorney Michael Smith, representing the town, and the union's bargaining team, led by president Scott Anson and attorney Richard Walsh, agreed on a 3 percent raise retroactive to Jan. 1 for the department's 43 uniformed officers, to be followed by alternating 2 and 3 percent raises at six-month intervals.

The base salary of a probationary officer, for example, will rise from \$34,263 a year under the previous agreement to \$39,732; a five-year veteran officer from \$45,954 to \$53,289; a first-year detective from \$48,741 to \$56,520; a first-year sergeant, \$51,575 to \$59,806; a third-year sergeant, \$55,193 to \$64,003. Base pay for a lieutenant will rise from \$61,184 to \$70,950 and for the chief from \$69,279 to \$80,337.

"I believe negotiations this time did go more smoothly," Lenhardt said. "There was a much more professional approach to the negotiations. It was all business."

The previous three-year deal, negotiated through Council 82 of the Law Enforcement Officers Association, was concluded in spring of 2000 after almost two years of contentious negotiations.

The Bethlehem local severed

its ties with Council 82 after the last round of bargaining was concluded.

"With their administrative problems, we felt we needed a different type of negotiations this time, somebody who could get in there and help us in a different way," said Sgt. Robert Markel, vice president of the Bethlehem union. "Dick Walsh was the guy we thought could do it for us. He did a superior job with negotiations."

Walsh also represents officers on several other suburban forces, including Colonie, Gunderland and Rotterdam. His detailed comparison of those departments' salary structures to Bethlehem's provided a basis for negotiation.

"We agreed with their analysis up to a point, though not to the extent they hoped," said Lenhardt.

"We understood we weren't going to be able to make up the whole difference (with comparable departments' wage levels) at once," Markel said. "What the town offered was basically acceptable."

Apart from what Lenhardt characterized as "minor procedural issues," the various ancillary benefits, work rules and retirement and medical leave provisions in the new contract remain unchanged from the one that expired on Dec. 31.

"The town had a couple of issues they wanted us to address," Markel said. "And we did deal with one of them."

The only other significant issue in the negotiations, both men agreed, was the length of the contract itself.

"They would have preferred a two-year contract," Lenhardt said. "With this uncertain economy, you're not sure where you're going to be. Inflation could take off. But we preferred three, rather than having to come back in a year and start negotiations again." The staggered half-year raise structure — effectively, fractionally higher than 5 percent annually, and ahead of the 3 percent annual raises granted to non-union town employees in recent years — helped break the impasse.

Markel said that when the contract was presented to the union for ratification, "There were no problems with most of the terms, only a few questions" raised about retirement benefits for those with more than 20 years of service in the department.

But those did not prove an obstacle to ratification, which was "essentially unanimous," he said.

"I think it's a fair settlement," said Chief Richard LaChappelle. "Both sides entered into negotiations in good faith; it's nice to see negotiations done in a very amicable manner for a change."

Markel said the union was pleased with the newfound labor peace.

"We established a good working relationship with the town in these negotiations," he said. "We want that to continue and move forward from here."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said: "They just cut through the nonsense that has gone on in other negotiations and got right to the issues. The team that came to the table from the police and our representatives helped bring it to closure much more quickly."

BC board names BCMS assistant

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The Bethlehem school board has appointed Sandra Morley as assistant principal of the middle school effective July 1.

Superintendent Les Loomis said: "Sandra is an experienced and dynamic teacher who has demonstrated administrative abilities in a lot of ways in the past. Her recommendations are outstanding, and we expect her to hit the ground running."

Her schedule for last Saturday, June 1, supports Loomis's statement. She was director and coordinator for Freihofer's Run for Kids in the morning. Three thousand area children from age 2 to 13 participated in either the one-mile or 400-meter event. Each youngster received a T-shirt with a No. 1 and a certificate for participation in one of the five largest children's running events in the United States.

Morley then changed hats and became a contestant in the Freihofer Women's Run later in the day. In this race, contestants will vie for a national championship. Morley also has been director of Freihofer Adult Training Program for the last 12 years.

With a bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY

Cortland, she started her teaching career in the Mamaroneck school system in Westchester County in 1981. She was returning to the community where she grew up. In addition to teaching physical education in grades seven and eight, she was coach of varsity field hockey, soccer and fencing.

Morley's ability to make a difference started early in her career. Because of her teaching and coaching accomplishments, she was inducted into the Mamaroneck High School Athletic Hall of Fame, was named Westchester-Putnam County Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 1981 and earned several athletic appreciation awards from the Mamaroneck district.

Morely then moved the Gunderland in 1983 to teach physical education at Farnsworth Middle School. Her supervisor, Wayne Bertrand, district director of health and physical education, said: "Sandra Morley is an asset to any organization. I can not say enough about her. She is task-oriented, very centered on the kids and has shown outstanding leadership skills in the district, community and the state."

She was president of the New York State Association for Health,

Physical Education, Recreation and Dance from 1996 to 1998, has been on the group's board of directors since 1993 and currently serves as chairman of the board.

Her résumé states she serves "as a clinician, keynote speaker and consultant for local, state, regional and national conferences and workshops in the areas of physical education assessment, professional advocacy and, study skills and academic programs for at risk students."

Morley has a master's degree in exercise physiology from Adelphi University and New York State Certificate in Administration from College of Liberal Arts in North Adams. She has also done graduate work at the College of Saint Rose, Mercy College, Salem State College and St. Lawrence University.

Shari Keller, former principal of Mohawk House at Farnsworth Middle School, was Morley's supervisor when she served as an administrative intern from 2000 to 2001.

"She is just an incredibly exceptional person," said Keller. "She is highly motivated, energetic, well-organized and respected in the district community, as well as statewide educational groups."

Morley said: "I have heard great things about the staff at the Bethlehem Middle School. I am excited about going there, and I am looking forward to becoming part of that team."



Morley

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Here's to the bride & groom on their wedding day

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

I was 10 years old when my youngest brother, Tom, was born, and in all due deference to the three siblings between us, I thought he was a present my parents had brought just for me. While this is kind of sweet, the way that a pre-teen cares for a child is likely a little bit different than the way his parents would.

Our mother, a nurse, worked 3 to 11 p.m. shifts part-time while we were still in school. By the time I was 12, I had tortured every babysitter to tears, and convinced my mother that I was smarter and more capable than they were. In a day when kids had both more freedom and more responsibility, she bought it.

Tom, I'd like to apologize for those sugar water bottles I let you

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drink in front of afternoon cartoons.

In spite of more than a little randomness, Tom made it to adulthood, and this past weekend, we all gathered to celebrate his wedding to the woman of his dreams.

We five siblings lead disparate lives now. The middle three siblings live in different parts of California; I live in the Capital District, and Tom and Vicki live in our hometown of Burlington, Vermont. In fact, they live in the top apartment of the New

England triple-decker that we grew up in, and that my parents gutted and completely renovated just a few years before my father died, too many hopes and dreams still in front of him.

This renovation means that while we all come home to where we grew up, we also come home to a place neater, more organized, and more color-coordinated than it ever was when we were children. Amazing how one woman living alone can create and maintain order where a family of seven clawed their way out of chaos to get to the outside world each day. It amazes me in all families that although the children have the same genetic material and live in the same environment, each is vastly different from the other. When we five Learys are together as adults, it's interesting — and sometimes

exasperating — to see how those differences have gelled and which new ones have come to be in the years we've been apart. In an economical but decidedly risky move, my siblings — plus Peggy's 10- and 11-year-old daughters — all stayed with my mother this wedding weekend, proving that pull-out couches are the most functional piece of furniture ever invented.

In spite of our 10-year-old Cormac's worry that he would miss even one moment of all the excitement, our family went for Plan B, and got a room at a hotel. This was an enormous relief to 12-year-old Christopher, who doesn't take well to a steady diet of socializing. The pool also gave the four grandchildren a place to play away from Grandma's newly-seeded back lawn (the final portion of the house renovation

project), and an activity other than running to the corner store that employed nearly all of us during our high school years.

When we return home, we all turn too easily to our mother, who has been our pillar of strength in good times and bad. At 63, she has more energy than the rest of us may ever have, and it is unfairly tempting to rummage through her cupboards for cookies, peer in her fridge to see if we can pick something good out of the pasta salad she's making for the post-wedding gathering, and wonder out loud what she'll feed us for dinner.

Only when she teeters on the edge of sharpness in her comments do we remember that perhaps we could wash grape tomatoes for the salad, bring up extra chairs from the cellar, or run to the store ourselves for one more package of cheese. "What would your family do without that corner store?" our Aunt Katie asks, and in truth, the demise of the corner market is a great loss to our society — and a wonder to our Californian sister-in-law Holly. "They really let you kids buy cigarettes to bring home to your parents?" she asked once, shocked at the notion.

"Well, sure," we said, "but they did draw the line at selling us beer." After we work our way through the tensions that define a family, we settle in for conversation, and the stories that are our lives make us laugh and fill the room with a sense of commonality.

On this weekend that is about Tom and Vicki, the stories should be about him, and we remember when we couldn't figure out why he called his sweater his "neighbor." Our mother finally realized that the peculiar appellation came from watching Fred Rogers ask kids to be his neighbor at the exact moment that he pulled on the zippered cardigan his mother made for him.

In the way of families, the stories move on to the rest of us. We remember the time the neighbor's dog crawled under our porch to have puppies, and after Dad rescued them, Peter sat for hours in the neighbor's yard, returning scampering puppies to the box that had become their home. When Pat was 4 and tired of winter, he reported that our mother's comment that "Spring is just around the corner" was, in fact, not even remotely true.

At their wedding, Tom and Vicki lighted candles to honor our father and Vicki's mother, whose departures from this earth came far too soon. While the candles burned, the lawns around the Highgate Manor Inn in Vermont were quiet, and as we thought about the people who mean the most to us, my eyes turned to Christopher, Cormac, Ama and Kokaale, the grandchildren bidding their time to go explore the creek running behind the inn. s?

In that moment, as Tom and Vicki stood facing us, the green promise of early summer was a perfect backdrop to the beginning of their lives together. Joy shone in their faces as they looked into a future full of hopes and dreams. The rest of us gently held the past that the sunshine wove around us, and the newest couple in the family wrote the first page of their own story.

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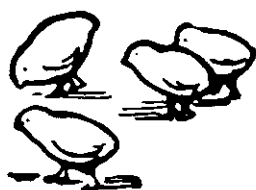


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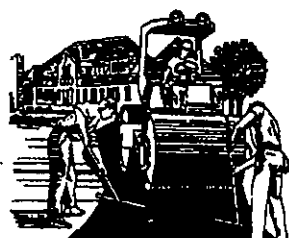
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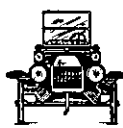
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Firefighters cited for rowdy behavior

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A social event — partially funded by taxpayers — for members of the three Selkirk volunteer fire companies that allegedly turned raucous has led to disciplinary action against two firefighters.

At a public disciplinary hearing at the Glenmont fire station on Tuesday, May 28, before special hearing officer William Young, assistant chiefs Shawn Wagner and Michael G. Weddell faced charges of misconduct under the state's General Municipal Law and violation of the Selkirk Fire Company's bylaws, and could face suspension or expulsion from the company. The charges, brought by the district Board of Fire Commissioners, stem from the departmental Installation Dinner and Annual Muster, held on April 13 at Albany's Italian-American Community Center.

The hearing, attended by roughly 40 district residents, proceeded despite motions to dismiss the case by attorneys Arnold Proskin, representing Weddell, and John Biscone, representing Wagner. They argued that the district lacked authority to regulate conduct at what is essentially a private function for the department — and that the two men had already been disciplined, without benefit of hearing, by the chiefs of Selkirk's three fire companies.

The installation and muster is an annual event honoring the elected officers of the fire company. At a cost estimated at about \$10,000, the banquet is paid for by a \$3,000 donation by the district board, the remaining costs being divided among the three fire companies — which are also partially funded by taxpayer levies.

Its formal purpose is an annual "muster" of company members as required by General Municipal Law, and formal installation of officers. But those officers are now elected and officially installed in December, leaving the formal purpose largely overshadowed by its social aspect.

Conflicting testimony from more than a dozen witnesses was presented at the hearing by attorney John Ciavardoni, representing the district, and by Biscone, offered differing accounts of the actions of the accused firemen. The district board alleged public drunkenness, coarse language, one of the accused dancing partially clothed on a chair in the middle of the room and resisting efforts to escort him out, a near-brawl and other conduct, sufficient for disciplinary action under the company bylaws.

The sworn testimony presented a picture of an event where drinking and what several witnesses characterized as "rowdy" behavior — encouraged by a six-hour free open bar that was shut down early only on the center manager's request. Estimates elicited from the witnesses of the number of drunken individuals, of the more than 130 in attendance, ranged from about one in 10 to more than two-thirds of those present.

The day after the dinner, chiefs of the three companies, William Borger (Selkirk No. 1), Jeff Hammond (Glenmont No. 2) and

Curtis Apple (South Bethlehem No. 3), met with members of the Installation Committee, headed by Apple's wife Joan, and drafted a letter to the two accused firefighters, outlining "repercussions" for their actions.

The two were banned from installation dinners for two years, to be made permanent "if any such behavior becomes a problem again." They were also held responsible for restitution if the community center sought reimbursement for damages. And the memo said there could be further repercussions.

The district commissioners then drew up charges and called the disciplinary hearing. Biscone and Proskin said their clients did

not dispute the punishment, but both moved to dismiss the commissioners' charges for absence of sufficient evidence.

They also challenged whether the district board, the official governmental arm of the fire service, as opposed to the fire companies, the "firematic" and social bodies, had authority to discipline off-duty misconduct.

Young will rule on the dismissal motions before making a recommendation to the commissioners on the substance of the disciplinary action. He ordered an expedited transcript of the proceedings and gave attorneys until June 7 to file motions and responses — and will issue his findings by June 14.

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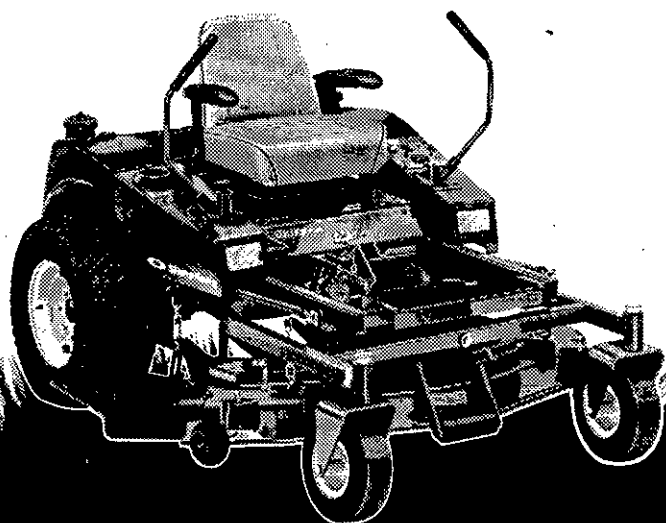
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Matters of Opinion

Be a good neighbor

The spree of incidents of vandalism over Memorial Day weekend is disturbing. And with vacation season coming up, it's likely there will be more acts of senseless destruction in the coming weeks.

It's a good idea to practice the good neighbor policy, and be on the look out for your own property and that of your neighbors.

If you do plan to be away, have lights both inside and outside put on a timer. You should also notify Bethlehem police, who will periodically check your property for the time you are away.

In addition, have your mail stopped. Bulging mailboxes are a green light to potential thieves or vandals.

And don't leave unlocked vehicles in the driveway. Every year during the warm weather, a number of residents fall prey to those who view an open car as an invitation to take or destroy whatever is left inside.

Best laid plans...

Many of the complaints we receive these days come via e-mail or voice mail. We try to contact these people, but sometimes are unable to because they don't leave a name or a number.

This week, for example, a mother of a Bethlehem middle school student called to chastise us for neglecting to include the third quarter honor roll in the paper. Had she left her name, we would have called her to apologize — and explain why we have been so tardy.

It's true the honor roll came out in late April, but it doesn't usually get to us for another week or two. Now, in June, we have it and will run it just as soon as there's enough room. Middle school honor rolls are space eaters, usually filling two and sometimes three pages in the paper.

The space we have for news each week is determined by the number of ads that are sold.

The ideal balance should be about 50 percent of space for news and 50 percent for advertisements. If this isn't accomplished, *The Spotlight* would not be able to stay in business.

We would like nothing better than to be able to please this mother and probably many others who are wondering why the honor roll hasn't appeared yet.

It, like most local happenings, is important to us.

Editorials

Get the facts on hospice care

By DONALD W. STAKE

The writer is public relations specialist for The Community Hospice serving Albany County, Amsterdam, Columbia/Greene, Rensselaer County, Saratoga and Schenectady.

It may or may not come as a surprise, but most people do not know the meaning of the word "hospice," much less what is involved in hospice care.

According to a survey conducted by the National Hospice Foundation in 1999, 80 percent of the people do not know what hospice means, and more than 90 percent do not know that hospice provides pain relief for the terminally ill.

And yet, the same survey found that 83 percent of people over the age of 45 want pain control, a team of professionals to carry out their wishes, and emotional and spiritual support for themselves and their families — all of which is a fair description of hospice care.

It goes to show that many, perhaps most, people are in a fog of misunderstanding regarding hospice care. Many myths cloud the landscape like so much smog. Facts come like a breeze of fresh air to dispel the prevailing "myth-information."

MYTH: Hospice is a place where people go to die.

FACT: Hospice is a service delivered to seriously ill people wherever they are — at home, in a hospital, or in a nursing home.

Most people want to die at home, with family and friends nearby. In many instances, hospice care makes this possible. When the burden of care becomes too great on the family, their loved one may need to be in a nursing home or hospital, but hospice care follows along to his or her new "home."

MYTH: Hospice helps people die.

FACT: Not true. Hospice care neither hastens nor prevents death. Rather, hospice care is

Point of View

focused on the patient's dignity and quality of life during a most difficult time. The needs of the person determine the agenda for hospice care.

A primary concern is to enable the person to deal with "unfinished business" and to spend the remaining time in a fulfilling manner. A person who enters hospice care is encouraged and enabled to revise and broaden their hopes about life, relationships and the future.

Pain management helps the person feel up to necessary activities, such as making a will, naming a health-care proxy, or dealing with personal relationships in the family and beyond.

Spiritual support is available to help the person come to peace with personal faith issues.

Early entry into the hospice program makes it possible to enhance the quality of the person's life at the end. When the decision to enroll is delayed, often a sense of crisis prevails, and it is too late to accomplish many desired tasks.

MYTH: Hospice care is given by one person, like a visiting nurse.

FACT: Hospice care is delivered by a team including a medical director, nurse, patient case supervisor, social worker, home health aide, chaplain, volunteer supervisor and volunteer. The team cares for the whole person, not as a patient alone, but in the person's various relationships and unique needs for quality of life.

This interdisciplinary approach makes it possible to provide the person and family the unique service required and desired. The special resources needed for any specific situation are coordinated and brought to bear in the most personal manner possible.

MYTH: Hospice is only for those with cancer.

FACT: Hospice is for anyone diagnosed with a terminal illness. It serves people with any disease where the prognosis is a life expectancy of six months or less. Hospice patients suffer from heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, Lou Gehrig's disease, leukemia, emphysema, kidney disease, AIDS and others.

MYTH: Hospice is only for old people.

FACT: Hospice patients are of all ages, from infants to elderly. Hospice care is specifically designed for each particular individual person so that, whatever the age, the care given will be appropriate.

MYTH: One who receives hospice care cannot keep his or her own doctor.

FACT: The person's doctor continues to be the primary physician. The hospice medical director and the hospice nurse confer with the doctor regarding pain control and all treatments to

comfort the patient.

MYTH: Hospice care serves only the terminally ill.

FACT: Hospice care is also designed to serve the person's family with counseling, personal support and practical assistance. Emotional support and practical information is offered to those primarily concerned with caring for a loved one. Respite is provided so the caregivers can have time for themselves. Trained volunteers give companionship and assistance in many different ways. Family meetings are held to discuss important issues and coordinate care.

MYTH: Hospice care ends when the seriously ill person dies.

FACT: Bereavement support is offered for 13 months to all surviving family members. As soon as a death takes place, a bereavement counselor is assigned the responsibility of following up with the family. Ongoing support is available as desired, and memorial services and other activities may be planned by the family with the counselor.

MYTH: Hospice care is very expensive.

FACT: Hospice care is generally less expensive than traditional care for the terminally ill and is covered by Medicare and many insurance programs, though some deductibles and co-payments may apply. The Community Hospice discusses insurance coverage with the patient and family when hospice care is being considered. No one is denied access to hospice care because of financial reasons.

MYTH: Hospice care is not available to everyone.

FACT: Hospice services are available to all, regardless of race, religion, age, ancestry, citizenship, marital status, handicap, sexual orientation or ability to pay.

The Community Hospice services are available to anyone based on medical necessity. If one cannot pay and insurance coverage is not there, The Community Hospice staff will work to find a way to cover the cost. A primary emphasis of the philosophy of The Community Hospice is that everyone has a right to comfort and dignity when nearing death. Frequently, the Hospice Goodwill Fund is used for this purpose.

MYTH: The Community Hospice provides services only for the terminally ill and their families.

FACT: The Community Hospice also has a broad range of outreach and educational programs, counseling and services available to the public free of charge.

Free educational programs are offered regularly at Community Hospice locations for caregivers, people taking care of sick family members or friends at home. These are open to anyone.

For information about The Community Hospice, call 1-800-678-0711 or visit the Web site at communityhospice.org.

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Your Opinion Matters

Kenholm Pool group welcomes new members

Editor, The Spotlight:

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The Kenholm pool has convenient parking right next to the pools. This makes loading and unloading your gear hassle-free.

At the Kenholm pool, there is a small fenced-in kiddie pool right next to the larger pool, which makes it very easy to keep track of your little ones.

We have a nice shaded grassy area, and there is a variety of seating available — chaise lounges, plastic chairs, picnic tables, some small kids' chairs and a couple of small kids' picnic tables.

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Kenholm pool members have other advantages that come with their membership. A member has the opportunity to rent the pool facilities for birthday parties for a reasonable cost.

Children's swim lessons are offered in the early evening hours which many times can be more convenient for working parents.

Our pool kicked off its season

on Memorial Day weekend. The Kenholm pool offers some unique advantages and is a viable alternative for those looking for a change.

We at the Kenholm pool would like to extend an invitation to the community to join our pool. We have a current special that is available to new members who join before June 30.

The capital improvement fee of \$200 will be waived if you join before this time.

We also will be having an open house on the weekend of June 15 and 16.

We welcome anyone and everyone to come and see what the Kenholm pool has to offer. For information, you can e-mail us at KenholmPool2002@yahoo.com or call Liz Dole at 439-1827 or Jane Lang at 439-5118.

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BC board president says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is with humility that I wish to thank Bethlehem Central voters for your support in the May 21 school board election and budget vote.

This community has been part of my life for 35 years, and I have been a part of the educational structure for all of that time.

Now you have entrusted me with three more years of caring for the educational needs of our future leaders.

We have many educational challenges facing us as a community that will take both time and talent to solve.

Your continued support of the schools and your input into the process are what makes this a school district that gives us pride.

Again, thank you for your support on May 21.

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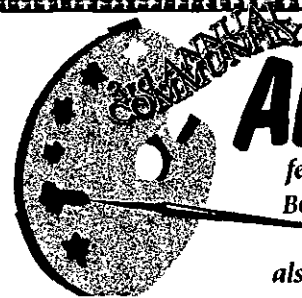
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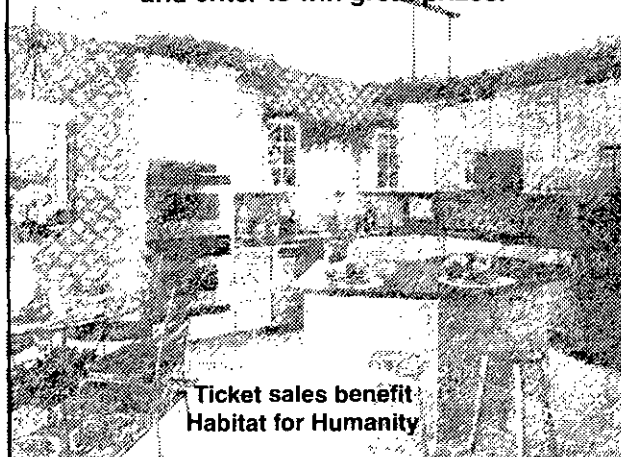
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Matters of Opinion

BCHS students hope to repeat mission of mercy in Jamaica

Editor, The Spotlight:

About eight months ago, *The Spotlight* published a letter regarding our experience of a lifetime. This past summer, we traveled with the international human rights organization Free the Children to Jamaica to experience firsthand the desperate situation of its citizens.

As two suburban teen-agers, we were grateful for the opportunity to experience new cultures and give back to the greater global community. We met children who lived in makeshift houses in the squalor of garbage dumps. We realized

these children do not have the means to afford proper food or receive a substantial education, nor do they receive adequate health care. Such a situation leaves little hope for their future.

Upon returning home, we considered how we could continue to help to give these children a chance. Writing our original letter was one step.

Now we have another. We hope to return to Jamaica this summer, for a week or possibly two, but realize that we have access to heighten our impact. We are looking to bring a team of medical professionals to provide

basic health care and education, and if possible immunizations to various communities in Kingston. We hope not only to treat immediate basic health conditions that the people may have but also to help promote their continual well-being through educational workshops.

Our intent in writing this letter is to appeal to the conscience of this town and to ask for support.

We are currently looking for volunteers, preferably in the medical or educational professions, to travel with us. However, an endeavor such as this requires a substantial amount

of fund-raising and medical supplies, and any type of monetary or material donations would be much appreciated.

We encourage anyone who would like to help, with suggestions, or with questions to contact us as soon as possible so that we can send additional information. Although this project may seem somewhat idealistic, it is possible with the support of our own community.

And if there is one thing that we learned while in Jamaica last summer, it was the value and importance of building a more connected world, especially

through initiatives such as this.

So again, we ask you to please donate whatever you can — be it time, funding or supplies. Anything you can give will be worthwhile to those who need it most.

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Among the most harmful invasive plants are purple loosestrife, kudzu, giant salvinia, multiflora rose, tree of heaven and

water chestnut.

Purple loosestrife, particularly endemic in New York, is an example of what can happen when a plant intended for limited use escapes its intended purpose. An ornamental plant promoted because of its bright purple flowers, purple loosestrife was once limited to gardens, but now chokes wetlands and infests roadsides all across the Northeast.

Free of the natural checks and

balances of their native lands, these alien invaders establish themselves in new areas, then proliferate and persist to the detriment of native species. They hoard light, water and nutrients, and can even alter entire ecosystems by changing soil chemistry. These invasive plants can also negatively affect animals that had relied on the native plants for food.

The threat to native plants and animals posed by invasive plants is exceeded only by the threat of habitat loss.

"Taking the time to remove invasive plants on your property and replace them with non-invasive varieties brings new energy to the old adage, think globally, act locally," said Steve McCormick, president of The Nature Conservancy.

"Customers look for plants that establish quickly, withstand environmental stresses and generally grow without much care," said Wayne Mezitt, vice president of the American Nursery and Landscape Association. "Unfortunately, these characteristics can also be features that make plants invasive."

To learn how to identify and remove invasive plants, log on to www.nature.org.

This information was provided by The Nature Conservancy of New York State.

Annual garden tour set in Slingerlands

On Wednesday, June 19, from 4 to 8 p.m., five homeowners in the Slingerlands area will open their gardens for the sixth annual Bethlehem Garden Tour, sponsored by Bethlehem First and the Bethlehem Garden Club.

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Delmar man hopes to help street kids

Editor, The Spotlight:

Nearly 10 months ago, I decided to dedicate my first years after college to work with street children in Brazil. As a student of international affairs at Georgetown University, I had just returned from a yearlong study abroad program, which had given me the opportunity to live in Ecuador, Chile and Brazil.

My experience in South America, among people and places far removed from my hometown of Delmar, was both beautiful and traumatic.

To be sure, South America delighted with breathtaking mountain vistas, posh shopping malls and vibrant and rhythmic dances. But throughout the continent, the omnipresence of poor children begging, crying, working and sleeping in the streets proved impossible to ignore. My limited interaction with these children always provoked multiple sensations: pity, fear, sadness, helplessness and anger at society.

I began to realize that concrete solutions to the problem of street children in Brazil really do exist. While doing research for a paper, I came across a Brazilian non-governmental organization (NGO) called Projeto Axé, which was consistently cited in academic research on the topic and had won an esteemed human rights award in Brazil. Projeto Axé is based in the poor northeastern state of Bahia that is home to a significant number of Brazilian children who live and work on the street. The NGO's mission is to provide a safe haven, where kids can learn and form the skills necessary to reintegrate themselves into their schools and society. The organization maintains programs in health and arts-based education, literacy, job training, legal advocacy and family outreach.

I decided to contact Projeto Axé to seek out work opportunities that might be available. The director responded quite favorably. At this point, I hope to play a small but positive role in this complex issue.

Projeto Axé and I hope that my distinct perspective and abilities — along with simple novelties like my accent — could provide a useful spark for the program. One of the directors and I decided that I would join the organization for about a year to teach and to assist in the creation and management of a program to help the older

students navigate the transition to move away from Projeto Axé and look for stable jobs or higher education opportunities.

Due to the nonprofit nature of Projeto Axé, the organization is unable to provide significant funding for this endeavor. In search of financial support, I developed an official grant proposal that details the specifics of the project and the \$8,500 budget. I received \$5,500 in grants from the Gerogetown community, which included donations from alumni, the university's Center of Social Justice and the Lena Landegger Award for Excellence in Community Service. I have secured enough funding to ensure that the project will move forward, but I am still seeking about \$3,000 to support a 12- to 16-month endeavor.

My hope is that members of the Bethlehem community will decide to become partners in this

initiative. The Bethlehem Lions Club has already responded with a contribution. I am seeking additional grants, of all sizes to be able to reach my goal of \$8,500.

The contributions are tax-deductible when directed to a friends of Axé based in New York. Moreover, sponsors will receive a monthly Web-based newsletter that will demonstrate the impact of their contributions. When I return to the states, I will provide a Power Point presentation to each contributor, detailing the most noteworthy aspects of the program.

I truly hope to incorporate the Bethlehem community into this partnership. Anyone who would like to become a sponsor can contact me at 439-5044 or at sherrin@georgetown.edu. I will promptly send on a detailed grant proposal about Projeto Axé, my capacity and the initiative.

David Sherrin
Delmar

Ball player wants results listed correctly in paper

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the newspaper, there was a page which printed the number of wins and losses of all the teams of the Bethlehem Tomboys.

I am on the team Crane, Greene & Parente.

The Spotlight printed out that our team had zero wins and two losses.

I would like to make the point that I think you miscounted because our team has won six times, lost three times and tied one time.

If there is any way you could change that, it would make me happy. Thank you.

Emily A. Parente
Slingerlands

Editor's note: We were unable to print the updated records for the 10-and-under "B" Division that Crane, Greene & Parente plays in for the May 29 edition. However, we will duly note the team's updated record and make the necessary changes in this week's standings. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

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- Superhero tales about Spider-Man and X-Men

- "The Dark Knight Returns" (and other Batman adventures by Frank Miller).

Nimblefingers members are displaying their handiwork in the community room through June 18. We invite and encourage you to stop in and see this beautiful exhibit, which includes the quilt the group recently completed to be raffled off to benefit the Library Friends.

"Jumpin' June" story times are on the calendar for June 12 and 19 at 10:15 a.m.

Come prepared for some special fun before the summer season begins, when pre-readers will be having their own Summer

Reading Club on Tuesday mornings. SRC signups begin June 24.

On June 13, the Library Club will be partying on while doing an SRC work project with Joyce Laiosa.

The next meeting of this group of fourth through sixth graders will be in October.

Signup and a permission slip are required to attend.

The 2002 book and bake sale was a great success. We made some new friends among the volunteers, many of whom were first-timers. Thank you all.

Please remember that the work of the Friends goes on. Ask how you can continue to be active with FOL during the year. Attractive new library bookbags are on sale at the library for \$5 each to benefit the Friends.

FOL sponsors the popular summer concert series, which this year brings back two of your

favorite performing groups — Ernie Williams and the Wildcats and the McKrells.

Also featured in this year's lineup is well-known vocalist/songwriter Valerie de la Cruz and a return engagement by the Mood Swings.

Beginning June 9, the library will be closed on Sundays until after Labor Day, with Saturday summer hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 765-2791 or e-mail the library at voorefq@uhs.lib.ny.us to signup and get details about any of our programs. Visit our Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Barbara Vink

Library to close

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed on Friday, June 14, for a staff development day.

The library will reopen on Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m.

To Life garage sale scheduled June 15

To Life, a local group dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, June 15, (the raindate is June 22) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale will take place at the offices of Prudential Manor Homes, at 205 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

You can support To Life by donating items to or buying items from the garage sale. To donate any items, excluding appliances, clothing or tires, bring them to the Prudential offices June 10 through June 14, any time from 6:30 to 8 p.m. To volunteer, or to request information, contact Marcia Preusser at 478-0809, or at mahr28@aol.com.

Daylily society to meet at extension

The Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society will meet on Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

This month, Cathy Rogers will be discussing ornamental grasses. Meetings are open to the public.

For information, call Christl Schmidt at 271-1733, Jim Healey at 438-1819, Harriet Mooradian at 766-2113, or Melanie Mason at 587-2156.

Elm Avenue Park opens June 8

The Elm Avenue Park pool complex will open for the summer on Saturday, June 8.

The pool will be open daily through Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends.

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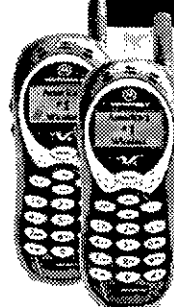
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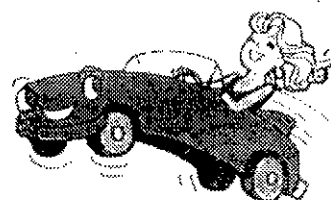
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Youth soccer registration under way for summer

The village of Voorheesville youth summer soccer program is registering students until Friday, June 14. The program will be held June 25 through Aug. 8, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the elementary school soccer fields.

The soccer drills are geared for students entering first through fourth grade. Fifth and sixth grade students are also invited. The program is free to village residents and \$5 for non-village residents. Forms can be picked up at village hall and the elementary school main office.

Helderview Garden Club to host bus trip

The Helderview Garden Club will sponsor a bus trip to Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Worcester, Mass. The bus will leave from Voorheesville Elementary School on Saturday, July 13, at 7:30 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. that evening.

The cost for the bus, garden admission and tour is \$35 per person.

For information and reservations, call Lois Gallagher at 765-4644.

Kiwanis to sponsor blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood

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pressure clinic on Tuesday, June 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu on Maple Avenue. The screening is free and open to the public.

School to honor seventh and eighth graders

The seventh grade recognition awards will be held on Monday, June 10, at 7:45 a.m. at the high school. The eighth grade recognition awards will be held on Tuesday, June 11, at 7:45 a.m. at the high school.

Early dismissal on June 7

Students at the elementary school will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, June 7, for a staff development day. Children in the afternoon kindergarten will follow their regular schedule.

Seniors honored

Senior recognition awards will be held on Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Food co-op orders due June 10

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will accept food orders

until 1 p.m. on Monday, June 10, for the Thursday, June 27, delivery date.

Pick up is between the hours of 7:30 and 10 a.m. Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

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Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

Students to choose instruments

An instrumental meeting for fourth-grade students and their parents will be held tonight, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school. Students will sign up for their instrument.

Lessons will begin in the fall.

Field day set for June 12

The elementary school annual field day will be held Wednesday,

June 12 (rain date June 13), beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The field day will include outdoor activities and class picnics.

Board to honor volunteers for service to schools

The school board will hold its annual volunteer recognition ceremony on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

A regular meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Orientation for parents slated June 11

A meeting for the sixth grade parents for an orientation into seventh grade to be held at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the large group instruction room at the high school.

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To Life founder receives award

Mara Ginsberg of Delmar, president and founder of To Life — a non-profit breast cancer education and support organization serving women and families in the Capital District — is the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Community Service Award from the Psychological Association of

Northeast New York.

The award was presented at the association's annual awards dinner. The award is presented each year to a local psychologist and a community member whose work has made an outstanding contribution to improving the emotional well being of individuals in need of supportive services.

"Mara was chosen to be this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her work with To Life," said association President-Elect Nadine Lindner. "Through To Life, Mara has provided a haven for women seeking information and services as they fight breast cancer. Our Association applauds her personal dedication to the psychological and educational needs of the people she helps, and the innovative and imaginative ways she fills a sorely lacking community need."

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Hall gallery contains lifetime of photographs

"A Lifetime of Photographs" is on display in the northwest hall this month.

The lifetime and the photographs belong to John Hotchin, a retired physician who has been fascinated with cameras since his boyhood in England.



Hotchin remembers his enchantment with the shutter mechanism of his first camera, a gift from his father when Hotchin was 4.

"Regrettably," he said, "I managed to wreck the camera in my destructive search for what actually made the noise."

Early photos of relatives ("a remarkable collection of boring photographs of singularly

disgusted-looking people") and wartime adventures (he served as a surgeon lieutenant in the Royal Navy) led eventually to a preference for photographing the natural world.

In service of his avocation, he explored the camera's technical variations and innovations. He discovered that photography "makes one really look at things, developing appreciation for the incredible beauty of this planet."

Hotchin emigrated to the U.S. to run the state Health Department's Virus Laboratories from 1957 to 1987. He states that "following this truly fun career I began the hard work of retirement and multiple hobbies." Some of the fruit of that hard work is hanging on the wall in our lobby.

Alison Swanson displays a mixed media exhibit in the southwest hall. Our display cases hold Library Trustee Melissa Palmer's candlestick collection, and "Dewey's Zoo," librarian Babs Carlson's collection of ceramic fauna, organized by call number.

The Brain Injury Association's bulletin board display, "Be Head Smart" and Amanda Eckert's collection of baseball mascots round out our June displays.

Louise Grieco

Mother-daughter book club to meet

"Bridge to Terebithia" by Katherine Paterson will be discussed at the next Mother-Daughter Book Club meeting on Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

Copies of the book are available at the youth services desk. The program is designed for daughters in grade five and up and their mothers or caregivers. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. To register, call 439-9314.

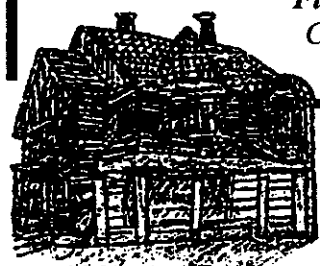
Students win awards

At the recent Mendelssohn Club vocal Competition, Hannah Lewis, a junior at BCHS, received the Misenhimer Encouragement Award for exhibiting "outstanding singing potential."

Peter Marler, a BCHS sophomore, won first place in the Beginning Male division.

Lewis also won first place in the New York State Music Teachers Association Heddy Kilian Competition at Union College and was a first place winner in the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society Vocal Competition.

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Assistant

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"She is very bright and a quick study," said Whipple. "High expectations for her performance cannot be measured by her age or accomplishments to date," he said. "She is an absolute natural with kids and has earned the respect of our teachers. Combined with a strong intellect, she makes a very effective package. One of her greatest skills is to stay focused on an issue and not the emotions behind it."

According to Friedman's résumé, she was hired by Guilderland as a high school English teacher in 1998, teaching ninth and 11th grade language arts curriculum. She designed, organized and taught a new interdisciplinary course for at-risk students, implemented internships for future teachers and reviewed and recommended new literature for the curriculum.

Friedman's educational focus changed this year as she became an administrative intern in the high school and acting dean of students.

The academic performance of Friedman certainly bears out the intellect comments. A grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, where she received her NYS School District Administration Certification in July 2001, preceded receiving a Master of Arts in English from Union College in June 1998 — again with a 4.0 GPA. She graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs bachelor's in English, magna cum laude with a 3.78 GPA.

In case you wonder how she has packed so much into a short career her day "starts with a run or exercise at 4:45 a.m.," while most people are still in a deep sleep, she said. The athletic native of Cherry Hill, N.J., will go home this weekend to compete in a 7-kilometer race with her father. With a half-smile, she said her

Second

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father beat her last year.

Another of Friedman's interests was reflected in her master's thesis, poetry and creative writing. She also likes to cook and has an excellent teacher at her Saratoga home. Her husband is a chef at the Guideon Putnam Hotel in the Saratoga State Park.

Bethlehem school Superintendent Les Loomis said, "Johanna is an outstanding English teacher. She has accumulated a great deal of experience in a limited number of years. She is committed, talented and will make a wonderful addition to the district and high school."

"I am very passionate about what I do," said Friedman. "I will bring a new energy, vision and excitement to my new duties."

Guilderland teaching associate Amy Mann, also a high school English teacher, said, "Johanna is smart and has so much energy. She has raised the level of enthusiasm for teaching in the high school staff. She will be a great loss here, and Bethlehem is getting one of the best."

Friedman, 27, will earn an annual salary of \$75,000.

for special education, the state run showed that Voorheesville should receive \$756,483 in state aid; the state aid planning service came up with \$653,830, and an internal Voorheesville audit yielded \$622,885.

The state's rules for building aid have changed since Voorheesville approved the \$16.5 million building project currently under way. The state has increased the length of time that school districts will use to repay their debt, which means that the district will pay more. Voorheesville has opted not to refinance any of its six outstanding debts, concerned that the refinancing charges will further increase the district's costs. Voorheesville resident John McArdle, father of two students in the district and press secretary to the state Senate, said that his own inquiry to the state Education Department showed that the district should receive an additional \$213,000 in aid for the coming year.

Business Superintendent Anthony Marturano acknowledged the discrepancy in the state aid numbers and said the district is checking into them. Any resolution — and possible increase in aid — would come too

late to be part of the equation in the vote on June 18, although it could provide relief to taxpayers upon receipt.

"My life would be simpler if I could say we're going to get this money," Marturano said, "but that would be irresponsible." Marturano maintained the district's position that refinancing any of its debt would cost taxpayers more money. Although aid payments

from the state will come over a longer period of time, the district will not increase the amount of time it takes to repay its debt.

In an effort to reach more of the community, there will be an informational meeting about the revised budget on June 17 at 7 p.m. at the elementary school.

The budget vote will be from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the lobby of the high school.

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Sports

Bethlehem advances to state semifinals

By ROB JONAS

For the second time in four years, the Bethlehem girls lacrosse team is going to the state tournament.

The Lady Eagles scored the final six goals of the game to defeat Section I champion Suffern 13-7 in last Saturday's Division I regional final at Shenendehowa High School to advance to Friday's state semifinals in Cortland.

"They gutted it out," Bethlehem coach John Battaglini said. "I labeled this team at the beginning of the year as relentless, and they've proven me right. They are relentless."

Suffern (20-2) scored twice on

8-meter free position restarts to tie the game at 7 in the second half before Bethlehem (20-0) took over. Katie Wagoner notched the go-ahead goal less than a minute after Suffern's Julie Foote tied it, and Brianna Bubeck tallied a short time later off an assist from Kristin Link to give the Lady Eagles a 9-7 lead. From that point on, Suffern never challenged.

"We knew it was anyone's game," said Wagoner, who finished with two goals and four assists. "Basically, (Battaglini) told us we had to take the game. We had to pick up the (ground) balls and connect on our passes."

"We didn't play crisp (on offense) until the second half, but

we found the right time to do it," Battaglini said.

Jen Greenberg scored on Suffern's first shot to give the Mounties an early 1-0 lead, but Link responded with a goal to tie the game for Bethlehem. The two teams traded tallies before Wagoner gave the Lady Eagles their first lead midway through the first half on an unassisted goal.

Crysti Foote had two unassisted goals for Suffern, but Bubeck responded each time with free position tallies to keep Bethlehem in front. Greenberg tied the game at 5 late in the half, but Amy O'Donnell converted a pass from Link into a goal to make the score 6-5 at halftime.

Like she did in the first half, Link got the Lady Eagles going by leading off the second half with an unassisted goal. The Foote sisters each scored on their free



Bethlehem's Katie Wagoner, center, runs out during player introductions at last Wednesday's Section II, Division I championship game against Saratoga at Shenendehowa High School. Rob Jonas

position restarts before Wagoner's second goal of the afternoon put Bethlehem ahead for good.

"I told them at halftime this is why I'm hard on them during the

year," Battaglini said. "They made the critical plays."

Bubeck led Bethlehem with five goals, while Link contributed three goals and two assists. Crysti Foote had a hat trick for Suffern.

"Every time we won the draws, that was our spark," Bubeck said. "So, when (Katie) Rowan and Katelyn (Primomo) came up with the draws, that just increased our confidence."

The Lady Eagles will now face Section VIII champion Farmingdale, Suffolk County, in Friday morning's Division I semifinal at SUNY Cortland. The winner plays either West Genesee (Section III) or Brighton (Section V) in Saturday's state championship game.

"This is our second time back, and we want to go there and do well," Wagoner said.

"We're going to have some fun," Battaglini said. "I get to practice with my girls for another week, which was my goal."

Bethlehem wrapped up its fourth consecutive trip to regionals by beating Saratoga 10-5 in last Wednesday's Section II title game at Shen.

The Lady Eagles jumped out to a 6-3 halftime lead and never looked back in defeating the Blue Streaks for the fifth consecutive time.

Link and Wagoner each had three goals, and Bubeck tallied twice for Bethlehem. Bethany Loffredo scored three goals for Saratoga (15-3).

Getz leads Siena softball

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Carrie Getz was the leading hitter for the Siena College softball team this past season.

The sophomore had a .389 batting average to lead the Saints, which was also good enough to place her second among all hitters in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. She set a school record for hits in a season (51) and was fourth in the MAAC in stolen bases (11).

McTighe earns honor

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Christian McTighe, a senior on the Bates College men's rowing team, was named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Academic team for the spring 2002 season.

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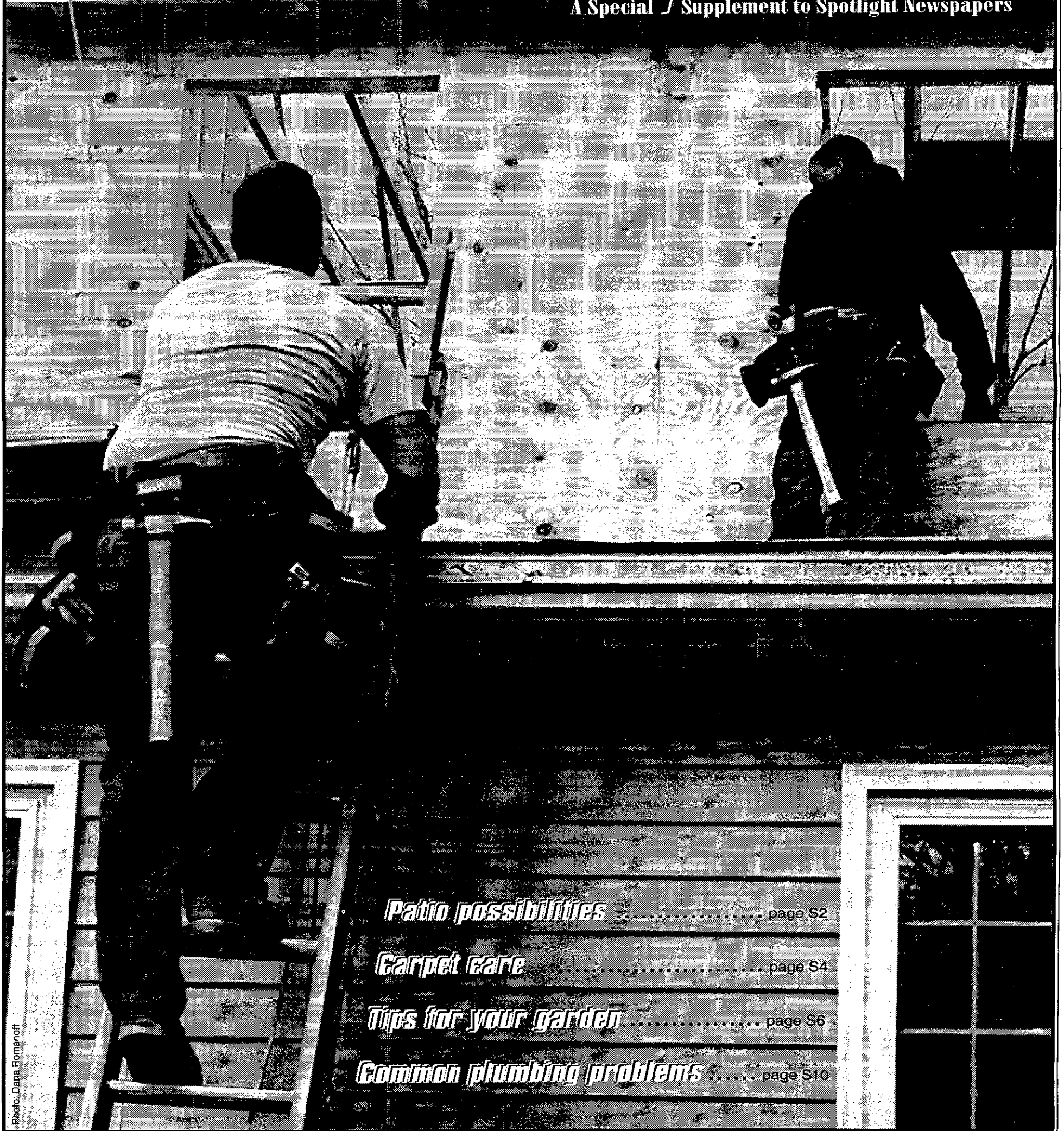
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Take a seat with new patio furniture

By ANDREW GREGORY

You've just spent all spring working on your new patio or deck. It turned out exactly like you had pictured, and now your home is complete.

Well, almost complete. Now that you have a great area for family gatherings, you need some patio furniture to sit in. The good news is that there are several local stores that carry a wide array of patio furniture.

A-Frame, the Imperial Pools Co. store on Route 9 in Latham, offers great patio furniture at reasonable prices. Home Crest furniture sets are available in various designs ranging from sling to cushioned. Complete sets

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The Foligno nine-piece set, at \$599, offers a sleeker approach to patio furniture design. The sling design of the six chairs is both stylish and comfortable. The rectangular table comes with a weighted base and a market umbrella.

A-Frame also offers some

Now that you have a great area for family gatherings, you need some patio furniture to sit in.

charming companion pieces like a cast aluminum bistro set, which comes with two small chairs and a table. Benches and seating groups are also available. If you're looking for a way to transport beverages from the kitchen

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Woodard is one the top sellers at Islander Pools & Spas. This manufacturer produces pieces ranging from modern aluminum to old country wicker.

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By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

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"We'll do everything, from soup to nuts," Lontrato said. "We can help you with the design of your bathroom, replace or install new fixtures, and do the electrical and plumbing work."

"Colors are out these days," Lontrato said. "People are choosing toilets, sinks and showers that are white or biscuit-colored."

Fixtures like faucets had been all chrome or all brass, Lontrato said, but now people are choosing a mixture of both.

Whirlpool tubs have also become popular, but Lontrato cautioned people to be careful of what they purchase.

"A lot of people are purchasing jetted tubs," he said. "That's just like turning your garden hose on in the tub. You should buy hydrotherapeutic tubs, which circulate the water and mix it with air. The bubbles breaking on your skin are what stimulates your skin, and increases your blood flow."

Sinks and vanities are easy to update. While pedestal sinks may look attractive, Lontrato said customers really only want them in their half-baths or guest bathrooms.

"Otherwise, people still want vanity sinks," he said. "We used to sell a lot of Formica tops with a drop-in sink. Now people choose molded, cultured marble, which gives a seamless look, or a solid-surface top like Corian."

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While tile walls — and floors — in most of the bathroom remain popular,

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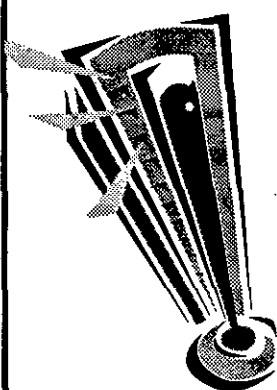
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Take preventive care to prolong carpet life

By ANDREW GREGORY

Ever feel like you're getting stepped on day after day and no one cares about you? Hopefully, you don't, but chances are your carpet does.

Caring for your carpets is no easy task, but with a little know-how and good advice from carpeting experts, you'll soon be able to whip your carpet into shape.

According to Lindy Childrose, sales manager for Total Flooring Plus at 1997 Central Ave. in Colonie, said vacuuming is a key prevention method.

"Vacuuming reduces soil accumulation and prolongs the life of your carpet," Childrose said. "It's a good idea to vacuum at least once a week."

Another key preventive measure is having walk-off mats at frequently used entrances. These mats

absorb heavy soil particles which could be tracked on to your carpets.

"Careful movement of your furniture can also help sustain your carpets' durability," Childrose said.

People will often move heavy couches or chairs quickly, leading to snags or tears. If you do decide to rearrange your living room, using the right kind of furniture rests will prevent matting.

"Matting occurs when there is a noticeable depression in the carpet. Fixing this problem may require pad replacement, which can cost you both time and money," Childrose said.

Color fading, caused by prolonged exposure to natural sunlight, can be prevented by closing your blinds or curtains.

"While people enjoy natural light in their homes, it can harm their carpets," Childrose said.

Treating spills and stains is a serious matter when considering the maintenance of your carpet.

"If a spill should occur, try working from the edge of the spill towards the center. You should also avoid over-wetting the stained area," Childrose said.

It is possible to fight spills before they even happen. Carpet padding is now being manufactured with an upper plastic membrane that contains stain fighting enzymes.

Depending upon the type of spill, a damp cloth may not do the trick.

It is possible to fight spills before they even happen. Carpet padding is now being manufactured with an upper plastic membrane that contains stain fighting enzymes.

"It's a truly outstanding advancement in the industry," said Peter Tyler of NRF Distributing.

The wetness of a spill activates the enzymes which permeate through the membrane and seep into the fibers of the carpet. The stain and any odor that may accompany it are thus

But before you decide to replace your current carpet, you should be aware of the tell-tale signs of a damaged carpet. Major seam distresses, large snags, constant pilling, and numerous fiber sprouts are indicators of a permanently damaged carpet. If you have one or more of these problems, it may be a good time to install new carpeting.

There are several ways to go about the installation process. Attaching the carpet to the floor boards with tacking strips is the most widely used process.

"Most contractors prefer to use this method because the carpet will remain taut for a longer period of time," Tyler said.

However, if you don't want to risk damaging your floor boards, direct gluing will also do the job. This will reduce the chances of splitting or splintering. A more efficient way of gluing is to glue the carpet pad to the floor and then gluing the carpet to the pad.

"The advantage of pad gluing is that your carpet will be closer to your pad which can help in the fight against stains," Tyler said.

Whether your carpet is cotton or synthetic, maintenance and replacement should be a serious consideration for any homeowner. Snags and serious folds may actually lead to minor injuries. You can avoid future headaches by taking care of your carpet now.

broken down.

"While selecting a pad with this feature may not seem worthwhile, it is invaluable in the fight against stains," Tyler said.

But what if you have a pre-existing stain that you'd like to eliminate? NRF Manufacturers have a stain removal spray which is available for sale at Total Flooring Plus for around \$15. This spray uses the same enzymes as the carpet pad.

"Our spray works exactly like the enzyme pad. The results are phenomenal," Tyler said.

While some carpet messes can be remedied by stain removers and preventive measures, it might be time to replace your carpeting.

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Making the most out of your closet space

By DONNA J. BELL

You don't have to buy a new home to get more closet space; sometimes it just takes a little planning, a few stor-

A few simple devices such as shoe cubbies or rods to hang items at different levels could give you space you never knew existed.

age devices and perhaps an expert to make that too-small closet fit your life.

"The first thing to do is go in the closet and get rid of what you have not worn for several years," said Tom Barber, vice-president of Closet Crafters at 25 Craft Ave., off Central Avenue in Albany.

"You'll be surprised how much space you make by getting rid of that." In addition, many people use their closets to store out-of-season clothing, file cabinets, holiday decorations, odds and ends and a myriad of items that don't belong in a clothes closet.

Find alternative places for those items to reside. Then

you should create an inventory of the items you want to store in that closet. It might be time now to call for a free consultation from a professional organizer, who Barber said has been trained to help you make the best of your space.

It doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg to bring order to your closet; Barber said a closet organizer can cost as little as \$150 up to thousands of dollars depending on your needs.

A few simple devices such as shoe cubbies or rods to hang items at different levels could give you space you never knew existed.

"We are conditioned by our typical home closets with one shelf and a rod," Barber said. "You can double or triple your space by hanging low." Not only does this eliminate the wasted 3 or 4 feet below a dangling shirt, it makes it easier to see an entire wardrobe at a glance, thus eliminating the time it takes to go through each piece of clothing.

To begin, organize cloth-

ing items into categories according to how much space they take up when hung. Long gowns and overcoats take up the most space, but we usually own a few of these. Next come dresses and trousers hung by the cuff, with shirts, jackets and folded pants following.

Rods holding these shorter-length clothes can be hung one above another, thereby layering more into the closet. If you put shoes in cubbyholes, you can squeeze in even more room because

you can stack each shoe on top of each other.

Professional organizers will then look to place the clothing you wear the most in the front of the closet. Again, for most people the long, formal dresses will be worn least and will be placed by the back. Business clothing would come next, and then leisure wear. On the tops or the bottoms of the closet you will store clothing only used rarely or seasonally.

The devices such as dividers, shelves, and modu-

lar units that make the closet work better are available in a wide range of prices. Home improvement centers sell the cheapest versions and usually need a lot of assembly.

A professional will come in for a free consultation and totally install your closet; of course, you pay for the convenience. After you get one closet organized, watch out; its efficiency may send you searching out other closets and spaces in your homes to organize.

Tips for the first-time painter

Painting your home is an exciting and challenging project, especially if you are doing it for the first time. Whether you're painting one room or an entire house, the look and mood of a home can be determined by the paint job. The colors you choose, how well the paint is applied and how well you have prepped the surface all determine the outcome. Like most projects, painting

requires a lot of preparation, guidance and proper clean up. For the first-time painter, who might be less concerned about the details and more concerned about the color and final results, there are some simple instructions and tips that will help you execute and complete your painting project with ease.

Here are some basic guidelines to get you started:

- Discuss your paint options with an informed salesperson. Paints are formulated for special needs. By making sure you have the right type of paint for your project you can save time and energy and eliminate the need to re-paint the area. Some of the many different paint finishes are: flat, egg-shell, satin, semi-gloss, gloss

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Keep that garden going all summer long

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

There's nothing like late spring to get a gardener's heart-rate growing. All the digging, all the planting, then comes the waiting.

Whether it's lettuce or lilies, there are things you can do to keep enjoying your garden all summer long, and to make sure you get the crop you want.

At Engel's Farm Market on Albany-Shaker Road just west of the Northway, Ed Engel and his brother John are the seventh generation of the family to run the farm market. When Engel offers advice, it comes from a lot of years of experience.

"We grow everything you could think of here," he said. "We have carrots, tomatoes, beans, peas and sweet corn."

Add to that his wife Cindy's baked goods, and the convenience store that the Engels opened at customers' requests, and you've got the

best of summer's bounty right in front of you.

"Nelson Rockefeller used to pull up in his car," Engel recalled, "no motorcade, no security, and roll down his window. 'Hello, young fella, give me a dozen ears of corn,' he'd say."

You might not get politicians pulling up to your house to buy your crop, but Engel offered some advice to home gardeners.

"You can buy plants at a garden store unless they've gone to seed, and put them in the ground throughout the summer,"

Engel said. "When you're planting vegetable seeds, read the package and figure out how many days you need to grow them in."

Frosts tend to come in September, Engel said, which will end most growing seasons. Some plants, like lettuce, prefer cold weather, and could be planted in August, when the heat of the season ends. Likewise, look for fall corn. Tomatoes will survive frosts if they're

covered with cloth, not plastic. Before the frost hits, though, you'll need to get your veggies to survive the summer's sun.

"Water at the correct times," Engel said. "Don't let the plants wilt too badly, but you don't want to overwater them, either. If the plant is turning yellow, it's had too much water. You want your foliage to be a nice, dark green."

Pluck dead stuff from the plants and keep the debris off the ground, Engel advised.

Dean Plummer at Delmar's Price-Greenleaf added that the debris included weeds.

"The weeds will take all the moisture and nutrients from the soil," Plummer said.

If the idea of being bent over to pull weeds from the ground doesn't appeal to you, Plummer suggested using a weed preventer like Preen, or Preen and Green, which combines an herbicide with a fertilizer.

"You have to use that after your plants are in," Plummer said. "Don't use it at the same time that you plant your seeds."

Landscape fabric, at \$13.99 for a 3-foot-by-50-foot roll, covers the ground, and after you cut holes to put your

plants in, will let air, water and fertilizer through, but keeps weeds from coming up.

Plummer agreed that there's still plenty of time to plant vegetables.

"If you plant too early, you don't really get a jump on the season," he said. "Anytime through mid-June is good for planting vegetables."

Watch the corn, though; it needs almost three months."

Fertilizer will help both vegetable and flower gardens grow.

"Read the labels," Engel said. "I still learn a lot by reading what's on the product."

Plummer advised fertilizing a vegetable garden about

new garden or an established flower bed.

"You could add a little peat humus, composed cow manure or even topsoil," she said. "That will help the soil retain moisture, especially in an area with sandy soil."

Brousseau also recommended keeping gardens raked out and cleaned out, which keeps gardens pest-free.

"Don't do anything about bugs unless there's a terrible problem," she said.

If slugs get to be a problem, Plummer recommended a cold one.

"Put a cup in the ground and fill it with beer," he said. "The bugs are attracted to that."

Brousseau also recommended thinning plants, which will encourage blooms and

discourage bugs and mildew.

"Take a spade, and go right down in the dirt and dig up the plant," Brousseau said.

Removing the dead part of the plant will keep it healthy. If you're moving some of the plant around, choose a reasonably good-sized section with roots. Don't separate plants just before they're about to bloom, Brousseau advised.

Rachael Smart, manager at Story's Nursery on Route 67 in Freehold, agreed that water is essential for good garden growth.

"If you have a newly planted garden, water it every couple of days," Smart said.

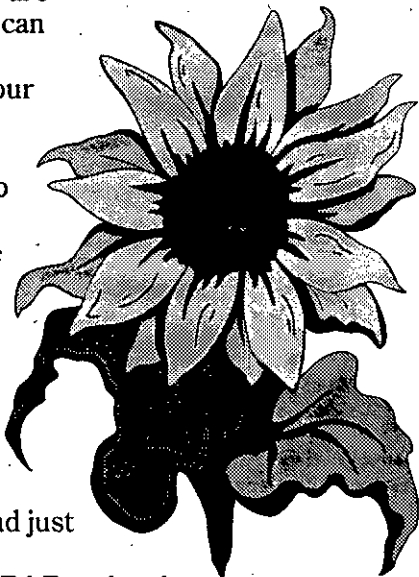
Be sure and do it thoroughly and deeply, not just half an inch down. The deeper you water, the deeper the root structure will go. A soaker hose rests on the soil, and waters into the ground. If you use a sprinkler, leave it on long enough to saturate the ground.

"Be careful when watering overhead, because you could create leaf diseases," Smart said.

If your garden has been in the ground a couple of years, Smart said, don't water unless there are drought conditions.

Smart advised fertilizing any kind of garden regularly, and named deadheading as one of the best things for a garden.

"Pick the spent blooms," she said. "The more you deadhead, the more blossoms you'll get."



Don't do anything about bugs unless there's a terrible problem.

Sandy Brousseau

once a month.

"Most products will tell you what to use and how often to use it," said Sandy Brousseau, assistant greenhouse manager at Olsen's on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Even before that, she recommended, do a little work on your soil, be it in a

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Refinishing cabinets can create spiffy new look

By DONNA J. BELL

Face it, new kitchen cabinets can be expensive.

New, standard modular cabinets are around \$100 per linear foot. Those costs can be double for custom cabinetry, and that's with a standard finish option. Interested in a designer look with a hand-painted finish? The cost can be doubled again.

Without \$20,000 to plunk down for a new kitchen look, it may be a better alternative to refinish existing cabinets. The nice thing about refinishing your existing cabinets is not only the cheaper cost, but the opportunity to be unique or match the rest of the kitchen.

The first step is to decide what look you want. You could peruse magazines, visit kitchen centers or make an appointment with a designer or an expert refinisher.

Perhaps you can grab a do-it-yourself book. However, if you are one of those people who doesn't know a screwdriver from a table saw, perhaps you should hire a professional.

Refinishing for the nonprofessional can be a long, tedious and always messy job. Richard Fredenburg, the owner of RJC Kitchen Cabinets, said refurbished cabinets can bring new life to your home for as little as a few thousand dollars.

"The difference is night and day," Fredenburg said. "It is unbelievable."

Whether you are looking to spruce up a worn cabinet, achieve a new look or just change your color scheme, refurbishing can enhance the look and value of your home.

"When they are done, they look brand new," Fredenburg said. "We do a lot of work for people looking to sell their homes."

Don't forget to ask your professional what types of guarantees are offered; at the minimum you should receive a year for materials and craftsmanship.

However, say you are a brave soul and are ready to

look). Check to see if your drawer has a separate front. If so, save yourself some time by just removing the front.

2. Then it is time to clean. This may be the worst part, as you have to be sure that the years of grime, grease

3. Next is the sanding; again, consult a book or ask for professional help on the best materials to use for the type of wood.

4. You are ready now for a base coat if you'll be painting. If you have a dark cabinet that you are trying to lighten, you may need a few coats. Staining is another option.

5. Finishing touches. Now is the time to try that faux finish you loved in your favorite designing magazine. A word of warning: practice first on heavy paper or scrap lumber you have prepared.

6. And the last step? Be patient. Most people find that the job takes them at least twice as long as they anticipated.

The nice thing about refinishing your existing cabinets is not only the cheaper cost, but the opportunity to be unique or match the rest of the kitchen.

roll up your sleeves and try the job yourself. Here are a few tips:

1. Take all the doors down and remove the hinges and pulls. Remember that the hardware can either modernize or date your kitchen. Going for a modern look? Try chrome. Cozy and cute? Porcelain knobs with a hand-painted look can be had for as little as a few dollars each (or much more depending on the style and the custom

and dirt are removed completely. (This is where most people wish they had hired someone). Ask a local home decorating/hardware store for some help with choosing the right product. This is a job that is sometimes best done outside of the home.

Home buyers should check key areas

It is crucial for potential home buyers to remember that not everything meets the eye when it comes to homes.

Federal programs these days heavily promote home buying. Many families are taking advantage of low interest rates along with other incentives, and are shopping for new homes.

Prospective purchasers must be fully aware of what they are getting into when buying a home. For example, a recent study found that as many as 44 percent of consumers call a plumber within one year of purchasing a new home. Many homes may have an attractive facade and price, but bear problems that

can prove to be costly. Problems that lie beneath the surface of a home, such as faulty plumbing or water leakage, often do not become evident until after the house is acquired.

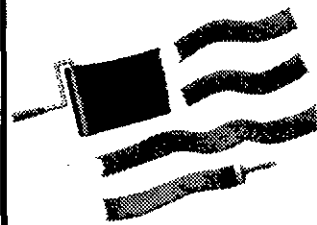
To help avoid such unexpected and costly problems, experts at Roto-Rooter offer potential home buyers helpful tips and a "Plumbing Checklist for Home buyers." Many home buyers look to professional home inspectors to examine prospective homes. Roto-Rooter also recommends these guidelines:

TOILETS

- Check around the base of toilets for signs of water

damage or soft floors (check for soft floors by standing over the toilet and rocking back and forth on each foot. If the floor feels spongy, it has probably been damaged).

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Patio rooms make warm weather enjoyable

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Eating an evening meal out of doors after a long day at work can be very relaxing. Unless you find yourself on the menu for swarms of biting bugs like mosquitoes. Plus, the threat of West Nile disease and Lyme disease adds to concerns about dining al fresco.

While working in the yard, precautions against biting insects can be taken by covering the entire body with long pants, long sleeve shirts, socks and the use of bug repellent. But it is more refreshing to relax in shorts, bare arms and shoes without socks and without the odor of bug repellent.

And planning a summer

Ray Smith of Great American Awning, at 1995 Central Ave. in Colonie, has a solution to the problems created by bugs and inclement weather — a patio room.

meteorology is not a precise science and an unexpected cloudburst can make an outdoor party a disaster.

According to Smith, "A patio room can be adapted to any house. They are built so the flooring of the patio room is on the same level as the first floor of the house. Built on footings, duct work can be extended from the air handling system to heat it in the colder months if a year-round facility is desired. Even if not heated, a patio room can extend the outdoor season from April to Thanksgiving.

"The frames are aluminum with baked on enamel and strong enough to handle the snow loads we experience in the Northeast," Smith said. "Further, the glass is strong safety

glass and will crumble into very small pieces if broken. The structures have screened windows that can be opened to circulate fresh air during mild weather. Since each room is custom-de-

signed, it takes four weeks to prepare the room for installation, which takes then about four days to complete."

Awnings are a good addition to a home to protect open patio space against inclement weather and screen people from the dangers of direct sun light. Awnings also can be used to cover windows to make a home cooler in the summer heat.

"Awnings come in 160 colors and many patterns," Smith added. "The

material is an acrylic fiber that holds colors five times longer than canvas. We have had awnings up over 12 years that still look new."

Smith noted he has installed awnings up to 40 feet wide.

According to Smith, "Awnings can be stationary or retractable. Retractable awnings can be fitted with sensors that automatically lower the awning at certain temperatures or at the start of precipitation. Sensors are also available that gauge

wind strength and will retract an awning during high winds.

"The material is impervious to weather conditions and can be rolled up wet with no ill effects, where canvas would deteriorate if packed up wet," Smith said.

Custom made awnings can be produced in about three weeks. Smith said this is the busy season for his business — he is booked through the third week of July. So if you are contemplating a patio room or awning, you should contact a vendor soon if you want to enjoy it this summer.



Imagine taking your patio to the next level by enclosing it. In addition to further protection from the elements, patio enclosures help keep away those pesky bugs that can ruin an otherwise beautiful day.

cookout? Even with Doppler radar meteorology is not a precise science and an unexpected cloudburst can make an outdoor party a disaster.

Fertilizer isn't always what doctor orders for proper lawn maintenance

Most homeowners know that fertilizer can improve the appearance of their lawns. But surprisingly, fertilizer isn't always the best thing for a lawn.

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How to cope with common plumbing problems

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

A residential plumbing system can be divided into three functions: supply of water, discharge to drain away waste and excess water into a septic system or sanitary sewer system and a vent system to carry away sewer gases from the system.

Water is fed into a residence under pressure. This is true either from a municipal system or when pumped from a well on the property. The pressure ensures a strong flow of water when your faucets or

garden hoses are opened.

The concept works well as long as the water stays in the piping provided for the supply or discharge process. But if the drain system develops a clog, or if there is a rupture in the supply side of the system — which, remember, is under pressure — the water starts flowing into your basement or other living area at an amazingly rapid rate.

It is important for homeowners to locate the shut-off valve where the water enters the home to be able turn the water off

rapidly in the event of a leak. The mess and damage in a flooded home can be costly to correct.

When leaving a home for an extended period, like a vacation, it might be wise to turn the water off. If an absence occurs during the cold winter months, a homeowner may also want to learn how to drain the water system and winterize the traps.

If the heating system fails while a homeowner is away, water pipes can freeze and burst. In two-story homes, the upper levels will freeze first, so the flood will start in the upper areas in the event of a burst.

Another vulnerable area on the supply side of the system is the spot where two hoses from the hot and cold water supply pipes feeding the washing machines. The valves should be shut when the washer is not in use to relieve pressure on the hoses, and the hoses should be replaced every few years to be safe.

When a drain doesn't drain, "Do not use over-the-

counter products to clear a clog in a drain in your system," said James Fobare of Fobare & Sons Construction at 13 Horstman Drive in Scotia. "It only makes the clog worse by cleaning the pipes in front of the obstruction and then sends

"They are more efficient and use 1.5 gallons of water to flush instead of the 3.5 gallons required by older models. For a family of four, this means a savings of over 9,000 gallons of water a year from just one household," he said.

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more material into the clog. Use a plunger to try to break open the clog, and if this does not work call a licensed plumber. The use of over-the-counter preparations to break up a stoppage in the drain only creates an acid condition that is dangerous for the plumber who will eventually clear the system."

Fobare added that if the first doesn't work, trying a second preparation can cause an eruption of material from your system and still not free it up.

"It is a good idea to drain a hot water heater once a year to clear a build up of minerals in the tank. Drain until the water from the tank runs clear. If no water runs out when the drain is opened, it means the tank is totally plugged and should be replaced," he said.

Fobare said there have been radical changes in toilet construction in recent years.

According to Fobare, there may not be a big economic benefit to replacing an older model toilet. However, he said the environmental impact is significant.

"Another consideration is, if the household is on a septic system, reducing the amount of waste discharged into the system by 9,000 gallons could be a huge benefit in the life and efficiency of the system," he said.

Finally, if you have a spare bathroom or something like a mop sink that gets little use, run some water in the sinks or tubs occasionally to keep the traps from drying out. Traps are designed to hold water and prevent sewer gas from flowing from the sanitary sewer system into the residence. Sewer gas can make a person ill and is explosive in large concentrations.



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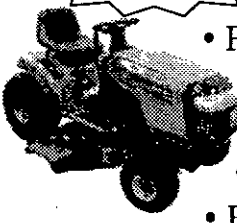
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Various finishes can transform beat up walls

By DONNA J. BELL

What do your walls look like? If they are white, off-white or beige or covered with harvest green and gold wallpaper from the 1970s; it's probably time for a change. It's color and texture that is in now, baby. With everything from chicken wire and plaster, to deep and vibrant color schemes to faux painting, the walls of homes are losing their plain Jane look. Many people, however, are daunted by the fact that in order to change your current walls you either have to repair or refinish your current walls.

Wallpaper? You need to remove it all including the top coat and the paper backing which means having to spray the wall surface with a mixture of hot water and a small amount of liquid dishwashing detergent, or with chemical wallpaper remover. Once the paper has separated from the wall, start scraping it off with wallboard taping knife.

How about removing a texture from the wall? Most people leave that up to a professional like Robert Golderman, the owner of Best Walls and a master craftsman since 1966. "Just because a wall is textured it doesn't mean it has to stay that

way," said Golderman. Most people don't believe you can take the texture down. But Golderman's expertise is not only in bringing textured walls down to a smooth sheen, he can also repair any wall or even complete a

Adding texture to your walls can be accomplished with anything from plaster to sand in different grades and colors to even chicken wire

major plastering or entire house jobs.

Paneling? No problem, Golderman can make it look like it was never there. Or, if you want the reverse, texture on smooth walls that isn't a problem for him either.

"If the homeowner doesn't like the surface, or they want it pristine, or have serious water damage I can give them something that used to be an eyesore and make it looklike new," Golderman said. Golderman even has a technique that leaves no dust. Once you have your walls ready for their new look the sky is the limit on what you do with them. A faux finish can make your walls look like marble, a Spanish villa, or even suede. It takes paint, patience and practice; the look can turn your home into a showcase. Faux

finishing will surprise the novice, because with a little practice, most anyone can create a work of art using common supplies; like a feather for a marbled look or some plastic wrap for a "crinkled" look.

Push that look one level more and you can try stenciling or decorative painting. While stenciling is an art most

beginners can try, for a complicated look you should hire a decorative painter.

"You can put on just a simple border, like flowers, or have something very involved like a wall-sized mural with houses, lakes and trees," said Sue Black, a member of the Society of Decorative Painters, and local chapter, the Capitolers. It adds a hand-painted personal touch and something no one else has in their home. Black said that the best thing about having

your own decorative art is that it can be influenced by your own personal tastes. Love roses? Stenciled roses can drape across an archway. Is your husband an avid fly fisher? His study can feature a running brook, wildlife and of course, a fly fisher. "It can be whatever you envision," Black said. Depending the level of involvement and time the project takes, it could cost you anywhere from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand to hire a painter for your home.

Adding texture to your walls can be accom-

plished with anything from plaster to sand in different grades and colors to even chicken wire; it can be a complicated job, the type Golderman relishes. "You can do a greathand-textured look on a wall," Golderman said. "It will look like it's always been there."

You can see examples of Golderman's handiwork on his Web site at www.bestwalls.com. So what are you waiting for? Your dull, boring walls are screaming for attention, so go grab a paintbrush.



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- Check for leaky or loose tiles.
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Water supply piping

- Turn on the water in the bathtub and the kitchen sink. If there is a noticeable reduction in volume, the pipes may need to be replaced because of calcium and mineral deposits.
- If the house has a basement, check exposed pipes for signs of leaks and recent repairs.
- Find the main line cleanout and be sure it is accessible.

Water heater

- Check the date of the water heater (the first four digits of the heater's serial number are the month and

year it was made). Typically, the operating life of a water heater is between seven and 20 years, depending on water conditions and frequency of usage. Hard water conditions significantly reduce the life of water heaters.

- If the water heater vent ties into the chimney, verify that the chimney is lined. To check, look to see if a metal liner sticks out of the top of the chimney. In the lower level of the house, make sure there is a drip tee sticking out of the chimney.

- If there is not a basement in the house, make sure the water heater vent is a "class b chimney" or at least six inches away from wood.

Other vital tips

- Make sure the garbage disposal and dishwasher connections work properly.
- Use a flashlight to check for signs of water damage inside cabinets. Check washing machine hoses for rupture and turn valves on and off to test for leaks.

Paint - from S5

and hi-gloss, enamel, and moisture and mildew-resistant. The right finish depends on how you want it to look. It is also important to consider the amount of traffic moving through the room and the potential for dirt and grease to come in contact with the painted surface. See a local paint dealer for professional recommendations.

- Prepare your painting surface. Before you paint, make sure that the surface is clean of any dust or dirt. Repair any cracks or holes with spackle, available at hardware and home improvement stores. Once the paste is dry, use sandpaper to smooth out the surface.

- Choose a tape that is safe for your surface. Tape off areas where you do not want paint — moldings, ceilings and floors. Using a good, high-quality painting tape will ensure that the paint stays off the areas

you do not intend to paint, yet the tape will remove cleanly without damaging surfaces. There are many types of painting tapes but for most interior surfaces such as drywall and wallpaper, it is best to use a tape specialized for delicate surfaces.

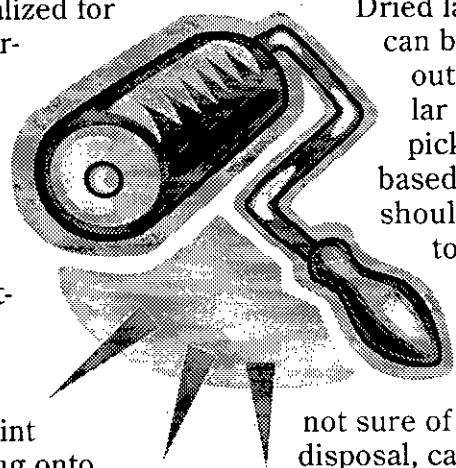
Protect your work area. Use double-sided painting tape to apply drop cloths to prevent paint from getting onto floors and furniture. Drop cloths are easy to install and can be custom fit to the area that you are painting. For added convenience, some brands offer a variety of drop cloths with a pre-taped edge that makes hanging them fast and easy.

- Dispose of your paint properly. If you have a substantial amount of paint left, call local schools or

shelters to see if they have a need for paint. If there is a small amount of paint left, make sure it is disposed of correctly. Before throwing away your latex paint, take the lid off and allow the paint to dry.

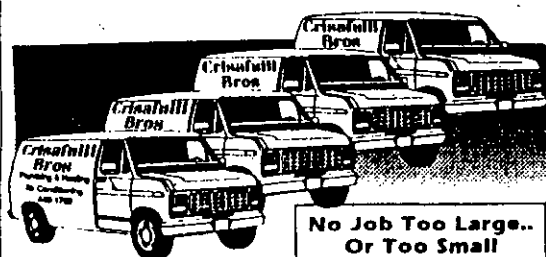
Dried latex paint can be thrown out with regular garbage pick up. Oil-based paint should be taken to a hazardous waste collection center. If you are not sure of proper disposal, call the sanitation or health department for instructions.

With the above guidelines, your first-time painting project can be enjoyable and successful, no matter how large or complex the project seems. As long as you have the right tools and instructions, you can create a beautiful paint job that will add a whole new dimension to your home.



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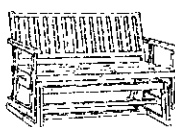
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Obituaries

Alice May Lenhardt

Alice May Lenhardt, 78, of Slingerlands, died Saturday, May 25, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Ellenville, she was a receptionist at the former Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Slingerlands before she retired.

Mrs. Lenhardt was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Albany, the American Legion Blanchard Post Auxiliary, the China-Burma-India Association auxiliary and a past president and honorary member of the Slingerlands Fire Department auxiliary.

She was the widow of Earl H. Lenhardt.

Survivors include three sons, George H. Lenhardt and Earl G. Lenhardt, both of Slingerlands, and Dennis A. Lenhardt of Delmar; two brothers, Charles Bennett of Albany and Walter Bennett of Petal, Miss.; a dear friend, Frank P. Stauble of

Slingerlands; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or the Scholarship Fund of the Slingerlands Fire Department, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

Bertha Verstandig

Bertha D. Verstandig of Delmar died Thursday, May 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Germany, she emigrated to the United States in 1914.

She and her late husband opened the Delmar Nursery in 1942 and later a florist shop at the Four Corners. In 1958, they moved to their current location on Delaware Avenue and changed

the name to Verstandig's Florist.

Mrs. Verstandig was a longtime member of the Bethlehem Professional Women's Club and the Bethlehem Historical Association.

She was the widow of Alfonse P. Verstandig.

Survivors include a son, Robert J. Verstandig; a daughter, Rita Reed; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Memorial Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054 or the Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Wayne Kleinhans

Wayne T. Kleinhans, 42, of Delmar died Friday, May 31, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Kleinhans was a self-employed carpenter.

He was an avid outdoorsman and member of the Onesquethaw Rod & Gun Club. He attended Glenmont Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Faith Leonard Kleinhans; his parents, Thomas and Marcia

Kleinhans of Delmar; four daughters, Jamie Kleinhans, Lina Kleinhans, Jenna Kleinhans and Lauren Kleinhans, all of Delmar; and four sisters, Wendy Davison of Glenmont, Lisa DeMarco and Lynda Smith, both of Delmar, and Lori Salisbury of Clarksville.

Services were from Glenmont Community Church.

Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery in Feura Bush.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Northeastern New York, 23 Computer Drive, Colonie 12205.

John Nick

John R. Nick, 81, of Slingerlands died Monday, May 27, at his home.

Born and educated in New York City, he was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Nick was a foreman in the tool grinding department for the Ford Instrument Co. in Long Island City before entering the service.

He earned graduate degrees from Columbia University, St. John's University, Fordham University and New York University.

He was a physics teacher for the New York City school system for 25 years, retiring from

Aviation High School in 1976.

He was a communicant of Historic St. Mary's Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Mariann Nick; a daughter, Cathryn M. Doyle of Slingerlands; a brother, Eddie Petch of Long Island; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Historic Church of St. Mary's in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Center for the Disabled, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Barbara Jean Gagnon

Barbara Jean Gagnon, 63, of Delmar died Tuesday, May 28, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mrs. Gagnon worked for Fuller Brush in Albany.

She was a member of Delmar Reformed Church for more than 50 years.

She was the widow of John Gagnon.

Survivors include a sister, Marjorie Batiste of Delmar.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 6 Automation Lane, Colonie 12205.

Edwin 'Ted' Potter

Edwin John "Ted" Potter, 91, of Elsmere died Tuesday, May 28.

Born in England, Mr. Potter emigrated to the United States in 1930 and became a citizen in 1936.

He worked for the Watervliet Arsenal. He was a machinist and retired as an engineer technician after 30 years of service.

During World War II, he was a nighttime airplane spotter and Civil Defense volunteer.

Mr. Potter was a member of the Elsmere Fire Co. for more than 23 years, serving as a second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain. He served as fire commissioner for 12 years.

He was a member of Delmar Reformed Church, serving as deacon, elder, corresponding secretary of the Consistory, recording secretary of the Great Consistory and member of the Offering-Banking Committee.

He enjoyed making miniature furniture.

He was husband of the late Beatrice Potter

Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Lemon of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Kenneth F. Potter of Orillia, Ontario, Canada; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

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Renae Lurenz and Glenn Seguin

Lurenz, Seguin engaged

Renae Lurenz, daughter of Kathleen and Robert Lurenz of Clifton Park, and Glenn Seguin, son of Denise and Larry Becker of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School and The College of Saint Rose.

She is a special educator at Iroquois Middle School.

The future groom is a graduate

of Christian Brothers Academy and Siena College.

He is an operations manager for Windsor Development Group.

The couple plans a July 27 wedding.

Class of '02

St. Lawrence University
Michael Coker of Delmar (bachelor's in economics); Andrew Hartman of Delmar (bachelor's in government).

Hamilton College
Colin Donnaruma of Delmar (bachelor's of arts); David Shaye of Delmar (bachelor's in arts).

Dean's List

Hope College
Kenneth Hackman of Delmar.

University of Buffalo
Rachael Shatsoff of Slingerlands.

Delmar resident inducted at Sage

Rebecca Botta of Delmar was inducted into the Lambda Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Sage Junior College of Albany recently.

Botta is majoring in graphic design.

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Local resident earns college scholarship

Carley St. Lucia of Delmar was awarded the James G. Murphy Memorial Scholarship at Boston College's All-Sports Banquet on May 1.

The Murphy Scholarship is presented annually to a student-athlete who demonstrates academic excellence and outstanding athletic prowess.

St. Lucia is a freshman women's lacrosse player who started 16 of the 17 games that she played in this year. She was third on the team in scoring with 37 points (28 goals and nine assists).

St. Lucia also collected 30 ground balls and won 31 draw controls.

Selkirk student presented first-year award

Erica Brunner of Selkirk was presented with the Bradley R. Evers '94 Outstanding First-Year Student Award at Moving-Up Day ceremonies held recently at St.

Lawrence University. The Bradley R. Evers Award is granted to first-year students who best exemplify qualities of good citizenship at the university.

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Bethlehem Auto Service

AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk



BATTERY ASSESSMENT

To tell the condition of a car battery, look through the side of its translucent case and see if one cell has substantially less electrolyte than the others, an indication that the cell has gone bad. Many maintenance-free batteries have no access to the electrolyte to check the level or state of charge. Most, however, have a built-in tester that consists of a plastic wand that sticks down into the battery just below the normal level of the electrolyte. At the bottom of this is a small chamber containing a green plastic ball that floats in the dense electrolyte when the battery is charged. When the battery is discharged, the ball sinks and only the dark electrolyte is visible.

In today's hectic times, it can be difficult to make time to maintain your vehicle. You can avoid unneeded repairs and breakdowns by implementing a routine maintenance schedule based on the age of your driving patterns and the age and make of your vehicle. When you bring your vehicle to BETHLEHEM AUTO SERVICE, an A.S.E. Certified Technician can evaluate the battery, brakes, belts, hoses, and shock absorbers. Call 426-8414, or visit us at 62 Hannay Lane in Glenmont off Rt. 9W behind Stone Ends. Business hours are Mon.-Fri., 7-6. Shuttle service is available for those who leave vehicles for repair.

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Community



BCHS Graduation Celebration Committee seeking donations

The Bethlehem Central High School Graduation Celebration Committee is still in need of additional monetary donations to finance the after graduation event on Friday, June 28, from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m.

Send donations to Lisa Plummer at 24 Huntersfield Road, Delmar 12054.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Free music abounds this summer

By DEV TOBIN

The quality and quantity of live, free music outdoors is one of the best things about summer in the Capital District.

When the season gets going in earnest later this month, there will be four, and sometimes five, free concerts a week on the area's major outdoor music stages.

Albany hosts three of these stages — the Empire State Plaza, Tricentennial Park and Washington Park lakehouse — with three different promoters providing some of the top talent to come to the Capital District all year.

The state Office of General Services sponsors the At The Plaza series, "another spectacular season of outstanding concerts and festivals," according to OGS Commissioner Ken Ringler of Bethlehem.

The Fourth of July festival, beginning at 4 p.m., features the region's largest fireworks show, as well as performances by the United States Air Force Band of Liberty and Albany Pro Musica.

On July 12, the Fleet Bluesfest returns from noon to 10 p.m. for its seventh year, bringing blues legend Bo Diddley and rising stars like Jimmie Vaughan, Sue Foley and Kenny Neal on three stages throughout the plaza.

The plaza crowds will love rock 'n' roll on July 17, as Joan Jett and the Blackhearts will play their classic anthem. Boston alternative rockers Antigone Rising will open.

Classic 1970s pop takes center stage on July 24, as America and the Average



Black 47

The Hudson River Bank & Trust Food Festival on Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. will, of course, feature lots of food, but also music all day, topped off by 1970s Southern rockers Marshall Tucker Band

The plaza season winds up, at least for now, with saxman Sam Butera and The Wildest on Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

Downtown, the Alive at Five series on Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. at Tricentennial Park (Broadway between Pine and Columbia streets) features a variety of theme nights that have proven popular in the past. Each Alive at Five concert has an established local band opening for a nationally prominent act.

For example, there are two Irish nights, tapping into the strong support of Irish music by the Capital District's largest ethnic group.

On June 6, New York City's rocking Black 47 kicks off the Alive at Five season, with local favorites Hair of the Dog opening.

Then on July 11, Gaelic Storm, which was in the hit movie "Titanic" as the steerage party band, returns with its take on traditional music. The Glengarry Boys will open.

Popular county/Southern rock and rockabilly has three nights on the Alive at Five schedule.



Mark Gamsjager and The Lustre Kings

The Dickey Betts Band, featuring the guitarist from the fabled Allman Brothers band, rolls into town on June 20, with House project opening.

Seminal county rockers Poco perform on July 25, with Stony Creek opening.

Other theme nights include Oldies Night (June 13) with The Drifters and The Sundowners; Soul Night (July 18) with The Spinners and R&R Express; and R&B Night (Aug. 1) with Jersey rocker Southside Johnny and The Refrigerators.

The Washington Park series, produced by Second Wind Productions, offers a variety of music on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

This year's schedule includes Steve Earle on July 8, Femi Kuti on July 15, Bamboleo on July 22, Danu on July 29,

Liquid Soul on Aug. 5 and Otis Clay on Aug. 12.

Second Wind also puts on a concert series in Schenectady's Central Park on Sundays at 3 p.m.

This year's lineup there includes Inner Circle on July 7, Dervish on July 14, Bo Dollis and the Wild Magnolias on July 28, Rory Block on Aug. 4 and Yerbu Buena on Aug. 11.

Finally, the Guilderland Performing Arts Center schedule in Tawasentha Park on Route 146 features national and local acts on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., including Out of Control Rhythm & Blues Band on June 13, the Old Songs Festival Preview on June 20, Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band on July 11, Richie Havens on July 25, Trout Fishing in America on Aug. 1, The McKrells on Aug. 15 and Terrance Simien on Aug. 22.



America

White Band play songs that many will be able to sing along with.

The African-American Arts and Cultural Festival on Aug. 3 from 1 to 8 p.m. will feature Oleta Adams, Michael and Regina Winans and the Martin Luther King Interdenominational Mass Choir.

On Aug. 7, Cracker, with singer David Lowery and guitarist Johnny Hickman, will mix rock, country and alternative-jam energy.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

GINA AND THE PRINCE OF MINTZ

children's musical, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through June 9, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

MOUNTAIN: THE JOURNEY OF JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

Impulse Theatre and Dance production, Pine Knoll Theatre, 186 Woodstock Ave., Palenville, weekends through June 16, \$12, \$10 for seniors and students. Information, 797-3684.

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, June 9, 2 p.m., \$22.50. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 4.

THE DRIFTERS

with Bobby Dick and the Sundowners, Tricentennial Park, Albany, June 13, 5 p.m., free.

TREY ANASTASIO

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, June 13, 7:30 p.m., \$33.50. Information, 465-4663.

HARRY CONNICK JR.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, June 14, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50 to \$65. Information, 587-3330.

Music

THE GOO-GOO DOLLS

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, June 5, 7:30 p.m., \$28.50. Information, 465-4663.

CHRIS BOTTI QUARTET

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, June 6, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$20. Information, 381-1111.

BLACK 47

with Hair of the Dog, Tricentennial Park, Albany, June 6, 5 p.m., free.

MEDESKI, MARTIN & WOOD

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, June 6, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 465-4663.

ALAN JACKSON

with Martina McBride, Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, June 7, 8 p.m., \$33.50, \$43.50 and \$48.50. Information, 476-1000.

JOE LOVANO TRIO

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, June 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$26. Information, 381-1111.

Visual Arts

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

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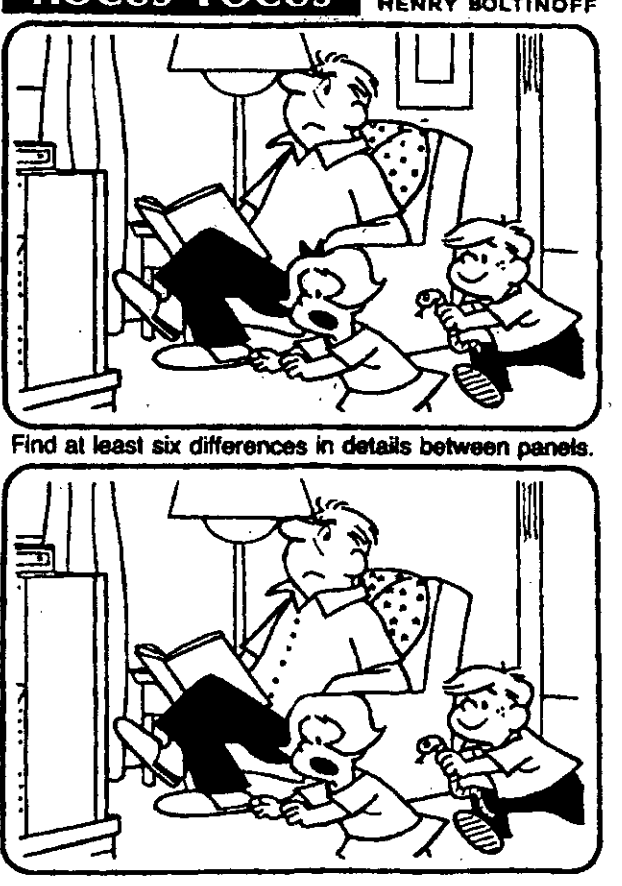
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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121 Engines

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38 Stagger

39 Be an advocate

40 Japan's first capital

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42 Analyze poetry

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47 Carson's successor

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

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Wed. 6/5

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OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program, "Spice up your wardrobe!" with Margo Matromarchi of La Marguerite Style Studio, and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND

HOME BUYER CLASS

Home Buyer Education Course sponsored by Albany County Rural Housing Alliance; reservations recommended. William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, 6 - 9 p.m. Also June 10, 12. Registration, 765-2425.

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 6/6

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.

FAMILIES FIRST

support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8839.

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

AA MEETINGS

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

Fri. 6/7

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. 6/8

BETHLEHEM

PROGRAM AT FIVE RIVERS

Presentation on New York State Breeding Bird Atlas; field survey of breeding birds, capturing and banding birds for study, weather permitting. Dress for outdoors, bring binoculars and field identification guides if possible. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

COMMUNITY ART SALE

Paintings by local artists, members of Bethlehem Art Association and Village Artists; plant sale and bake sale. Sale hours 1 - 5 p.m., also Sunday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission free. Slingerlands community United Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands; Information, 439-6437 or 439-1766.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

WELLNESS PROGRAM

A day of exercise, wellness and fun, including NIA, core conditioning, cardio kick-boxing, Aikido, yoga and massage. Followed by Barbecue. Stretchfitness Studio, 18 Drywall Lane, Voorheesville; 8:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. Information, 765-5717.

TRELLIS-BUILDING CLASS

"Build Your Own Terrace From Vines and Branches," taught by Janice Shields; \$45 course fee, including materials; pre-registration required. William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, noon-3 p.m. Registration, 765-3512.

Sun. 6/9

BETHLEHEM

SPEAKER AT UM CHURCH

Scott Ritter, former team leader of UN Special Commission weapons inspectors in Iraq, to speak; Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Contact churches for summer schedules. Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135. Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328. Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512. First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243. First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976. Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710. King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955. Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510. Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766. Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314. South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953. St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265. St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951. Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Beginning today through Labor Day, closed Sundays; Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road. Information, 765-2791.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Contact churches for summer schedules. Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086. Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916. Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021. Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548. Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390. Onesquethaw Reformed Church,

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

Mon. 6/10

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

HOME BUYER CLASS

Home Buyer Education Course sponsored by Albany County Rural Housing Alliance; reservations recommended. William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, 6 - 9 p.m. Also Wed., June 12. Registration, 765-2425.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 6/11

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, 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.

THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH

sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Women's Organization, next to the church on Willowbrook Avenue, weekly on Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

TOWN BOARD

Meeting moved from June 12. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

BINGO

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

Wed. 6/12

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

Regular meeting moved to June 11.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY TIME AT VPL

"Jumpin' June" story time with Mrs. Brown; Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Also June 19. Information, 765-2791.

TOWN COUNCIL

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

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. 6/13

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

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

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

POETRY AT VPL

Every Other Thursday Night Poets; Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 6/14

BETHLEHEM

Q.U.I.L.T.

Quilters United In Learning Together meeting featuring 25th birthday celebration and "First and Last Quilts." Cake and pot-luck lunch. New members welcome. First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:15 a.m. Information, 439-1744.

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 1 & 3 MARCUS BOULEVARD LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is 1 & 3 MARCUS BOULEVARD LLC.
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is ALBANY.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052.
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

1698 Central Avenue
 Albany, New York 12205
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 30th day of April, 2002 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
 S. Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
 (June 5, 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
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love
 Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203
 Albany, New York 12205-3898
 (June 5, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is 363 FAIRVIEW AVE., L.L.C. 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.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of 59 44th Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/21/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Colorado (CO) on 2/22/02. 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, reg-

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istered agent upon whom process may be served. CO address of LLC, 4643 S. Ulster St., Ste. 1500, Denver, CO 80237. Arts. of Org. filed with CO Secy. of State, 1560 Broadway, Ste. 200, Denver, CO 80202. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

BCM Mfg., LLC
 1. The name of the limited liability company is BCM Mfg., LLC.
 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on April 11, 2002 and became effective on said date.
 3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.
 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any 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
 (June 5, 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.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

CENTRAL FLORIST, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on May 22, 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 117 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Choice Telco, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/6/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 3/16/01. SSNY des-

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ignated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CT address of LLC: 100 Wells St., Hartford, CT 06103. Arts. of Org. filed with CT Secy. of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (June 5, 2002)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER SECTION 206 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company ("Company") is: Conley Realty Services, LLC.
 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on May 15, 2002.
 3. The Company maintains its office in Albany County.
 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 194 Washington Avenue, Suite 420, Albany, New York 12210.
 5. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.
 (June 5, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DELLAMAR EQUITIES GROUP, LLC

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Formation of DELLAMAR EQUITIES GROUP, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on April 16, 2002.
 The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership, leasing, purchasing, selling, development and mortgaging of property and in any way dealing with all interests and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC Law. 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.
 (June 5, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is DENISE DRIVE ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 18, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower Place, Sluyvesant Plaza, Albany, New York 12203.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

DG & A MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC
 1. The name of the limited liability company is DG & A MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC.
 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on May 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

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it is DG & A MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
 5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.
 Dated: May 9, 2002
 NOLAN & HELLER, LLP
 Attorneys for DG&A Management Service, LLC
 39 North Pearl Street
 Albany, New York 12207
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Duke Energy Merchants, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/17/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/23/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, TX 77056. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: crude and refined products marketing.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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.
 (June 5, 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
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of the formation of Greenstone Communications LLC filed with SSNY on 5/2/2002. Office Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to 3 Bonnie Drive, Gunderland, NY 12084. Purpose: any lawful purposes. Publication dates: May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, 2002.
 (June 5, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Janell Holdings, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 20, 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, 41 East Claremont Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC Law.
 (June 5, 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.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of NAKSHBANDI, USA LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 05/09/2002. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of OrthoAssist, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/7/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/3/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office of the LLC, 2211B Lakeside Drive, Bannockburn, IL 60015. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (June 5, 2002)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is OUR COFFEEHOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET, LLC, (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 10, 2002.
THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 180 Fairlawn Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
FIFTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any business permitted under the Law, except to do business in 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
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Commodore Plaza, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (June 5, 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.
 (June 5, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Real Living Mortgage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/3/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/8/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MAC X2401-049, One Home Campus, Des Moines, IA 50328, principal office of LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

RENU PAPER FIBRES, LLC
 Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
 Articles of Organization of Renu Paper Fibres, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the New York State Department of State ("NYDS") on May 15, 2002. Office location: Albany County. NYDS is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYDS shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 41 Crescent Drive, Albany, New York 12208. LLC does not have a specific date of resolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love
 Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203
 Albany, New York 12205-3898
 (June 5, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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.
 (June 5, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: SOFIA ENGINEERING PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/25/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 7 Lorna Lane, Loudonville, New York 12211. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Engineering.
 (June 5, 2002)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SWF XIII, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF XIII, L.P."
 2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
 3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.
 4. The name and business address of the sole-general partner is:
 DRL, LLC
 302 Washington Avenue Extension
 Albany, New York 12203
 5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is April 30, 2002.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 30th day of April, 2002, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
 SWF XIII, L.P.
 by: DRL, LLC, General Partner
 BY: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
 (June 5, 2002)

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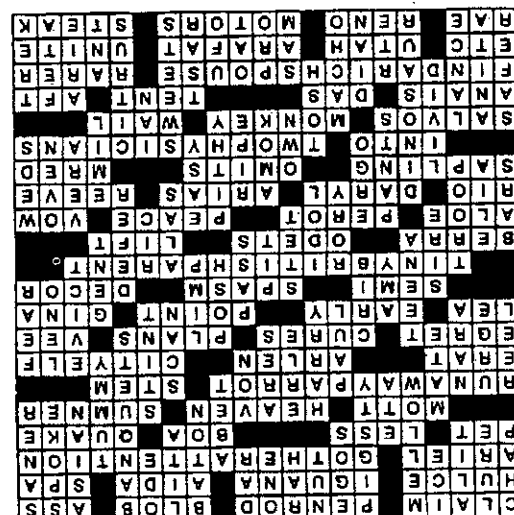
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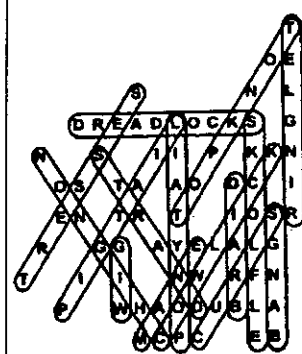
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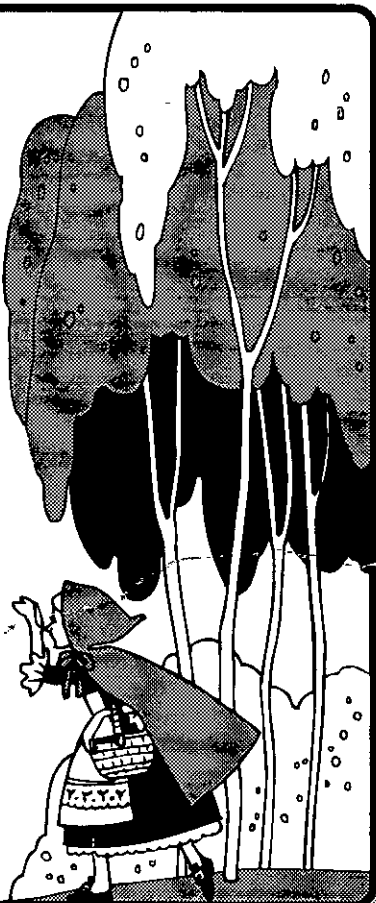
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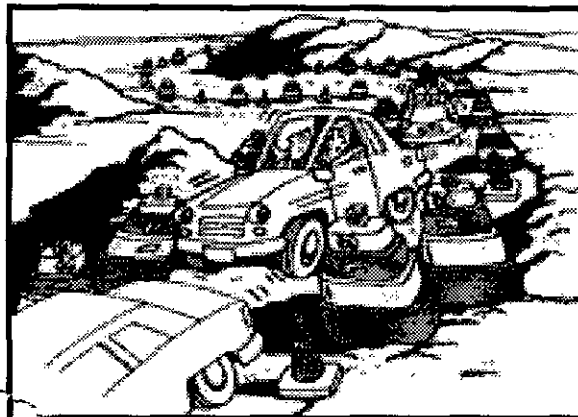
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spending a lot more time in court," he said. "I won't miss that." Yet despite its changing character, he said, "We still have basically good rapport with the community. I think the police department, and I think we've done a great job for them."

LaChappelle called Mastriano "one of the most knowledgeable, effective investigators I've ever met — a man of integrity and

great ability." No replacement has yet been appointed to fill his position.

"We're down at least one or two in the detectives division," he said. "Replacements will be made once the manpower is available." Eligible officers are being canvassed to determine their interest in the post, he said, and internal transfers can take place once two previously appointed officers complete training in the regional police academy and join the force full-time later this month.

Like Sleurs and Mastriano, Asprion has seen great change from her vantage point as the first face many visitors to town hall encounter. "When I first came to town hall, the basketball stripes were still on the auditorium floor," she said. "A lot of town hall is still as it was. But the job has changed. There's been a lot of growth, and that means a lot more phone calls in the supervisor's office."

A town resident since the age of 5 — her dad, Bill Frasier, was a former Newsgraphic employee — she attended Bethlehem schools and raised four children here, two

of whom followed her to careers in town hall.

Her responsibilities have included booking rooms for a host of community organizations and fielding the phone traffic prompted by emergencies from the Elsmere landslide to Hurricane Floyd.

"That October ice storm of a few years back, that was probably the busiest it has ever been in this office," she recalled. "I worked the switchboard for a few days straight, then came in here to catch up. The phone rang non-stop."

She is proud of her share in the accomplishments of the supervisors she has served. "We've done a lot to improve pedestrian safety around town, and water's been a constant issue. It's been wonderful to serve here. I can honestly say I never once got up in the morning and thought, I don't want to go to work today. I never once dreaded coming in."

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None of the three will have trouble filling their newfound leisure time. "I love to travel, and I love to putter," said Mastriano. "I'm not going back to work soon, that's for sure."

Sleurs, who stayed with the department long enough to see two of his sons join him there — Brian as a dispatcher, Craig joining the patrol division a year and a half ago — has similar immediate plans: "I'm just going camping for awhile."

He'll also be keeping his hand in as enforcement officer — effectively, chief bailiff and court security — serving the Town Court part-time. He briefly resigned the post in order to begin drawing his police pension benefits under the state retirement system, but was reappointed in April by the town board.

"I've always worked closely with the judges on the bench, and I've really enjoyed that part of my work," he said. "So, I'm staying with it."

As for Asprion, "I'm going to be doing a little travelling and spending time with my children. All of them are still in the area, and I'm very, very proud of all of them."

"I guess you kinda know when it's time to close one door and open another, so to speak," she added. "I feel very bad about going, but I haven't had any second thoughts."

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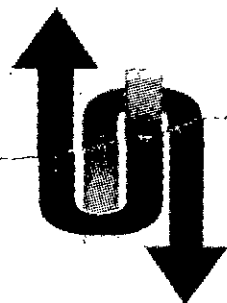
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