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# The Spotlight

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## Real property rates force school tax shift

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

New equalization rates set by the state Office of Real Property Services will result in a school tax increase for Bethlehem residents and a decrease for New Scotland residents.

Superintendent Les Loomis said, "This is an unusual situation, and it is a large, significant shift."

A district news release mentions "this year's equalization rate shifted more of the tax burden to the town of Bethlehem to compensate for the fact that Bethlehem properties now account for a larger share of total market value of properties in the district, a direct result of the boom in the real estate market."

Bill Alston, manager of the Delmar office of Realty USA, said, "It's basic supply and demand. There has been a greater influx of people wanting to move to Bethlehem without a proportionate increase in the number of houses on the market, and that's driven prices up. Multiple offers drive the market even further."

Realtor Catherine Griffin, of RE/MAX Premier in Delaware Plaza, said, "The average sales price of existing single-family homes listed in Bethlehem has increased by about \$38,000 since 1996, and \$22,000 of that increase occurred in the past year alone."

The news release said that "between 2001 and 2002, the market value of Bethlehem properties increased from 90.7 percent of total district value to 92.3 percent, while New Scotland's share dropped from 9.3 percent to 7.7 percent. So, the law requires the adjustments in tax rates to reflect the changes."

In discussion by the board prior to setting the new tax rates, it was also revealed the district will receive \$313,000 more in state aid than expected or budgeted for. The board opted to apply this windfall to reducing school taxes to partially mitigate the increase to be imposed on Bethlehem residents, as opposed to increasing district expenses.

Following the decision, the board set 2002-03 tax rate at \$23.69 for Bethlehem and \$20.92 for New Scotland, representing a 5.95 increase for Bethlehem and a 15.51 decrease for New Scotland. Without the decision to apply the increase in state aid to the budget, the Bethlehem increase would have been 6.84 percent.

The board accepted, with regret, the resignation announced by Cheryl Chance Judge, who plans to retire on Jan. 31 after 30 years service to the district. She currently teaches at Hamagrael Elementary School.

The board also appointed Ben Swinton as the district energy manager. The district administration had been authorized by the board to enter into a contract with Energy Education at its meeting on June 5.

The purpose is to implement a program designed to reduce and control energy costs for the district. This is accomplished by analyzing energy usage and designing

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Les Loomis

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## Clad in plaid



Samantha DesMoines of Slingerlands warms up Saturday for the beginner's division of the Highland dance competition at the Scottish Games in Altamont. Jim Franco

## Cops arrest Delmar man for sodomy

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Just 10 days after the conviction of a Delmar man for inappropriate sexual conduct involving an 11-year-old boy, another resident was arrested last Friday on multiple felony counts of sodomy involving a 13-year old boy. According to a police spokesman, at least one of the incidents in question in the latter arrest is alleged to have taken place at the Glenmont Fire Station.

Brian Richard Rowe, 36, of Wellington Road, a former Albany County sheriff's deputy and a part-time bus driver for the Bethlehem Central School District until last spring, was arrested on Thursday, Aug. 29, and charged with nine counts of second-degree sodomy,

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## Detective concerned about net predators

By SUSAN GRAVES

Bethlehem Youth Bureau Services Detective Bruce Oliver is gravely concerned about use of the Internet to "hunt" children and exploit them for sexual purposes.

Two recent cases involved two middle-aged men and two 14-year-old Delmar girls.

Both men were eventually apprehended, but not before incidents where one girl was lured into sexual relations at the her home and in other places. Gennaro Natalie, 56, of Saratoga Springs began his relationship with the girl by initiating chat room conversations with her.

The Internet connection "resulted in

him traveling to her residence on nine occasions," Oliver said. It wasn't until the girl's parents became suspicious about her online activities that the relationship was reported.

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Bruce Oliver

Rodriguez was arrested by the FBI in conjunction with the Bethlehem police investigation.

"These are people with the specific intent of hunting for kids," Oliver said, "First, they develop a bond with an

ultimate goal of meeting these kids for sexual purposes. It happens here right in our own town."

Young adolescents, he added, can and do succumb to the "charms and pressures" of these people. "The kids think they can handle it." But according to Oliver, the predators are very adept at seducing young victims.

And to darken the scenario, Oliver believes the recent incidents are just "the very tip of the iceberg," here and elsewhere, but here particularly in this community that is affluent and where many children have computers and

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# Two enter guilty pleas in domestic incidents

Two Bethlehem residents, facing felony charges stemming from recent domestic incidents, have each entered guilty pleas in connection with those incidents.

A North Bethlehem man charged with several felonies after his Aug. 7 arrest at a former girlfriend's Krumkill Road home entered a guilty plea in Albany County Court on Saturday, Aug. 24, to one of those charges in a plea agreement with the county district attorney's office.

Mark Andrew Cossingham, 45, of 565 Russell Road, was charged with climbing into a window of the victim's home and menacing her with a shotgun found in the house. Under the terms of the plea agreement, Cossingham pleaded guilty to a count of felony burglary that carries a sentence of 3 to 6 years in state prison.

Charges of criminal use of a firearm and menacing were dismissed.

Cossingham was ordered to surrender Oct. 17 to begin serving his prison sentence. In

the meantime, he remains under a home detention order, monitored by an electronic device, and under supervision of the county Probation Department.

Earlier last month, a Delmar man facing a felony assault charge stemming from a July 6 incident pleaded guilty to a lesser count in Town Court.

Michael James Dwyer, 38, of 210 Murray Ave., also charged with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, pleaded guilty on Aug. 6 to the latter charge before Town Justice Frank Milano.

Dwyer was fined \$185 and assessed a \$65 state-mandated surcharge as well.

The felony assault count was dismissed.

## New exhibit to open

Monotypes and pastels by Stanley Maltzman and Susan Story will be on display at Otter Hook Gallery, 121 Adams St., Delmar from Sept. 5 through Oct. 6. There will be a reception on Sept. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m.

# Homecoming picnic slated at church

First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar will celebrate "Homecoming" on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Church school teachers will be introduced during the 9:30 a.m. service, and classes will begin for all ages.

A special potluck picnic will be held in the courtyard beginning at 10:45 a.m. The public is welcome, and reservations are not required.

Bring place settings and a favorite dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

## Dolphins tryouts set

Tryouts for the Delmar Dolfin Swim Club will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool and at 10 a.m. at the Albany Academy pool.

The minimum requirement is the ability to swim one length of the Academy pool (25 yards), nonstop, performing the front crawl stroke with proper breathing to the side.

Swimmers should be at least 6 years old.

# Teen, Selkirk man face DWI charges

A Selkirk man and a Delmar teenager face charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) lodged by Bethlehem police.

Mark Steven Brennan, 41, of 15 Skyridge Lane, Selkirk, faces felony counts of DWI and unlicensed operation of an automobile as well as multiple traffic citations, including leaving the scene of a personal-damage accident, following his arrest on Friday, Aug. 23.

According to police, Officer Christopher Hughes, on patrol on River Road in Glenmont, reported spotting Brennan's southbound vehicle at about 7:20 p.m., operating at excessive speed and gave chase.

On two occasions, Brennan stopped his vehicle and attempted to depart, but was finally restrained until additional officers arrived on the scene, police said.

After administering field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening, Hughes arrested Brennan for DWI.

A complainant who arrived at the scene of the traffic stop also reported that Brennan had allegedly struck a mailbox at the Samaritan Shelter for Boys on River Road and had driven off shortly before being spotted by Hughes.

Officers gathered evidence related to the incident at the accident site.

A license check also confirmed a suspended license and a prior DWI conviction in Bethlehem for Brennan — and an insurance suspension on the vehicle involved.

The owner of the vehicle, who was not present at the time of the incidents, was later cited for knowingly permitting Brennan to drive the vehicle under these conditions.

Brennan was arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan, who ordered him sent to Albany County jail without bail, pending a preliminary hearing and a Sept. 17 court date.

In a second incident, a 17-year-old Delmar female, whose name was withheld since she is a minor, was arrested shortly after 3 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, for DWI.

Officer Scott Galough made the arrest after observing the driver failing to stop for a red light while turning onto the Delmar bypass from Murray Avenue.

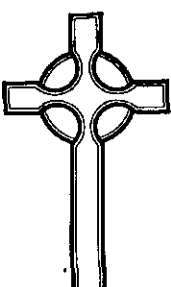
He administered field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening after stopping the vehicle near Kenwood Avenue. The girl is due in Town Court on Sept. 17.

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# DOT study results irk residents

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's town board devoted nearly two hours of its Aug. 28 meeting to a discussion of truck traffic on the town's major roads and resolved to consider restrictions for a stretch of highway through Delmar at its next meeting on Sept. 25.

The board directed town attorney Robert Alessi to prepare several versions of a draft town law to bar non-local truck traffic from County Route 52, the portions of Cherry and Elm avenues between the Delmar bypass and Kenwood Avenue.

Neighbors had petitioned the town board in June to ban trucks from that stretch, concerned that the planned road improvements would increase the speed and volume of truck traffic through the largely residential neighborhood that, they maintain, is already too heavy. But the town board, while requesting stepped-up traffic enforcement from the Bethlehem police in the meantime, delayed acting on the request until last month while awaiting the results of a town-wide truck traffic study prepared by planners at the state Department of Transportation.

Jeff Marko of DOT's Region One staff presented a draft of that study, the first comprehensive analysis of truck movements since 1991. He also outlined the regulatory authority of various levels of government regarding traffic laws — indicating that the town can restrict truck traffic by several means on all roads except those designated as critical for truck traffic by DOT.

The study confirmed that nearly half of the town's truck traffic is generated by businesses in the vicinity of the Selkirk Rail Yards, and a quarter of it travels over Maple Avenue (State Route 396) through Selkirk — four times the volume one might expect for such a road, Marko said. Maple Avenue is formally designated a critical truck route by DOT.

Higher-than-anticipated numbers of trucks were also recorded on the Delmar bypass, almost twice the typical volume for a four-lane feeder highway.

But the study found truck traffic on Route 52 to be close to average numbers for such a roadway, which DOT has designated as a "principal arterial," Marko said. Of the daily traffic volume, between 9,000 and 10,000 vehicles, approximately six percent is truck traffic.

Board member Dan Plummer questioned the road's designation, comparing its largely-residential character to Kenwood,

Delaware and Elsmere avenues.

"In my judgment, they are very similar in terms of weight and type of traffic they can accommodate, and yet you've restricted traffic on those roads," he said.

But Marko defended the classification. "The trucks don't go there because we call it a principal arterial," he said. "We call it a principal arterial because trucks are using it."

He said that the proposed county road improvements were not likely to increase truck traffic on that section of road. But the long-touted Slingerlands bypass — which, he said, DOT now projects to begin building by the fall of 2005 — very likely will, though by no more than 10-15 trucks a day in each direction.

Many of the roughly 60 residents in attendance at the meeting — most of them residents of the residential neighborhood through which Route 52 passes — questioned the numbers.

"Your figures aren't worth the paper they're written on," said William Little — and called on the board to act. "Help us," he said. "Don't make us bring a lawsuit. Trust me, you're going to be drawn into it."

"I'd love to sit here and count traffic, but why do we have to?" added Arlene Jordan. "It doesn't belong here. Not one truck belongs on that road."

Board member George Lenhardt agreed. "I think we've studied this to death," he said. "My opinion is, there's too much traffic, whatever the numbers are."

Plummer expressed qualms about a blanket ban. "I'm in favor of limiting truck traffic," he said. "But I'm not supportive of (language) inclusive of all trucks."

And Supervisor Sheila Fuller

expressed concern about the impact of such a ban on town businesses.

"What's the financial impact to everyone, depending on what local law we put in place?" she said. "Where are these trucks going to go if they're not allowed to go this way? Is it another neighborhood that will be affected?"

Nonetheless, the board unanimously directed Alessi to draft versions of a law basing a ban on such criteria as weight, size and classification of vehicle. Alessi pledged to explore other alternatives: "Nothing ever said the town attorney can't do more work than what the motion said."

He vowed to have those drafts ready for the Sept. 25 meeting, at which time the town board could set a public hearing for October at the earliest on a final version.

"We have four weeks to take a long look at this. I urge everyone to participate in this process. I'm sure there will be businesses and other neighborhoods that will be affected by it," Fuller said.

Several Selkirk residents also reacted to the DOT study, calling for noise restrictions for trucks that use Maple Avenue.

"If the town can regulate this, why aren't they?" said Marcus Poirier. But Alessi suggested such legislation would prove difficult to enforce.

The Selkirk residents also expressed opposition to DOT's current proposed route for a Selkirk bypass, designed to remove truck traffic from Maple Avenue, preferring a farther-removed northern alternative. They also challenged DOT official Dick Carlson over the timetable for sidewalk improvements along the road; he pledged to meet again with residents "in the coming weeks."

## Town OKs water rate hike

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

On a busy agenda dominated by traffic issues, the Bethlehem town board took several other important actions last week — including raising rates for the town's water customers for the third time in less than a year.

At its Wednesday meeting, the board ratified amendments to the building project approval granted earlier this year for the Bethlehem Town Center project, OK'd a delay in construction for an office complex in Slingerlands and approved several public appointments.

The water rate hike goes into effect immediately but will show up in bills sent to customers beginning in January — bills that will now be mailed quarterly rather than three times a year.

The rate charged to most residential customers — those using between 800 and 80,000 cubic feet of water per billing period — will be raised from \$3 to \$4 per thousand gallons, and the rate for larger industrial customers from \$1.50 to \$2 per thousand. But the board insisted that Superintendent of Public

Works Bruce Secor craft a rate for the small number of customers using below 800 cubic feet per billing period — mostly seniors — to keep their quarterly minimum bills unchanged, at around \$10.

The new rates are intended to close a water fund balance that Comptroller Judith Kehoe said she hoped would be held below \$1 million by end of year. Secor and Kehoe projected that the new revenue would help bring the fund back into balance within five years — but Secor also suggested that might depend upon another rate hike for 2004.

In other action:

- The board approved the recommendation by the town planning board that Bethlehem Town Center's phasing plan, and related subdivision of the proposed site in Glenmont, be approved. Board member Dan Plummer was the lone opposing vote.

- The board approved the appointment of Timothy C. Travis of Selkirk as a police officer, effective Sept. 14. Travis, 36, comes to the department after a year and a half of experience as a patrolman with the Ravena and Coeymans police departments.

## The beat goes on



Dan Fleming of the Schenectady Pipe Band performs at the Scottish Games last weekend at the Altamont Fairgrounds. *Jim Franco*

## Police arrest teens for school vandalism

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Police are investigating what Bethlehem Central School Superintendent Les Loomis characterizes as "a number of occurrences" of vandalism at Hamagrael Elementary School — and at least two Delmar teenagers have been arrested.

An attempted arson on Aug. 17 and a window smashing incident on Aug. 23 led to the arrest of a 15-year-old. A second youngster was arrested on Thursday, Aug. 29, in connection with the vandalism spree — which remains under investigation by police.

"The vandalism at Hamagrael has been substantial," said Loomis on Monday. "And given the level of it, it's something that parents and the community need to be informed of. We want to have full information to provide to parents and the community by the end of this week."

According to police, officers patrolling the area near the school on McGuffey Lane shortly before 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 17 heard noise in the vicinity and investigated, finding windows on the southwest side of the building smashed and smoke coming from inside. Several glass bottles filled with a flammable liquid had apparently been hurled through the windows sometime after midnight.

Delmar Fire Department units responded, and Albany County Sheriff's K-9 units and additional police patrols were summoned to search a wooded area near the school, without success.

With several incidents already recorded at the school, police established surveillance in the nearby woods. On Aug. 26, they witnessed, at about 2:30 a.m., a youth wearing a green face mask running toward the building. The teen picked up a flashlight left there previously and approached some glass doors at the building, smashing them with a blunt object.

The teen then fled into the woods, where he was apprehended. Information developed after his arrest led to the detention of another youth a week later.

The earlier arson and other vandalism acts are believed to be connected, according to police spokesman Thomas Heffernan.

Both were "local kids from the neighborhood," Heffernan said, but he declined to identify them or discuss specific charges, which might include felony counts of arson and criminal mischief. The two were turned over to the county Probation Department.

Loomis declined to discuss specifics of the vandalism or the full extent of damage at the school, except to say that the cost "will come out to be quite substantial."

"I've been talking with police, but they have it still under investigation," Loomis said.

Heffernan said a joint press conference to discuss the incidents, involving Loomis and police Chief Richard LaChappelle, has been tentatively set for Friday, Sept. 6, at a location and time yet to be determined.

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# Three mustards spread confusion in the kitchen

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Anyone who has ever said "Vive la difference" hasn't stood in my kitchen, trying to make four sandwiches for a weekend lunch.

First, there's the bread issue. Freihofer's 12 Grain only for the kids, and anything but for Dad. Turkey's OK all around, but cheese is a tricky issue. A slice of cheese on a turkey sandwich will evoke gagging noises from our 12-year-old. Our 10-year-old loves cheese, but burned out on having it between bread after eating grilled cheese sandwiches for breakfast for two years straight. Dad, however, looks vaguely

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disappointed if there's not a slice of cheese on his weekend sandwich.

Remembering cheeses is only a slight exercise for my mommy-brain, which has forgotten why the number pi exists, but remembers that with an "e" on it, Dad likes cherry, Christopher likes pumpkin and Cormac likes

apple.

Before pie, though, there are the sandwiches, which now require mustard. This sets my neurons frying, but makes the people at the supermarket glad to see me, as I recite my lunchtime mantra: three men, three mustards. Yellow for Cormac, brown for Christopher, grainy brown for Dad.

Then, of course, there are those who question the whole idea of mustard with turkey. Once, when my parents were visiting, I innocently asked my father what kind of mustard he'd like on his turkey sandwich, only to have the question taken as a personal affront.

"Mustard?" he asked incredulously. "You would really do that to me? Mayonnaise goes on a turkey sandwich."

It's a wonder that people can grow up with the same parents, in the same environment, and turn out so differently. We're watching that more and more

with our children, as they get older. They were different from the start, of course, and we have worked very hard to see two unique individuals, in spite of our instinct that makes us want to see a matched set, always in agreement and harmony.

Sometimes it seems like their food choices are the way they can best manifest their differences, and they take it as an insult when the parts of my brain that sort out their ever-complicated food desires fuses together and makes a mistake.

Cormac, as the perpetually aggrieved younger brother, takes particular umbrage should a glass of milk wind up in front of his dinner plate.

"Christopher drinks milk," he will tell me icily, turning his face away from the offending glass of white stuff.

My mother will gently tell me that I give them too many choices, but that's the luxury of raising only two children, not the five she faced every day.

I may have to memorize mustards, but I avoided the sandwich-cutting trap that used to take up the bulk of her lunch-making time. The permutations that the five of us invented for the slicing of a peanut-butter and jelly sandwich would have boggled Pythagoras' mind: closed-cut square; closed-cut triangle; closed-cut-four-squares; two sides open; until she would throw up her arms and ask, "And how else would his majesty like his sandwich prepared?"

As a very young mother, I was prepared to present my children with many things (food, clothes, toys, bath time) as fait accomplis; elements that didn't need to worry them.

I was ready to be the mother superior, but then Christopher started nursery school, at an alternative kind of school in New York City. The kids got to paint without smocks, pour their own juice, and the school held a weekly parent discussion group.

The school's young director led this session, arriving cheerfully in her miniskirt, hair

and make-up perfectly in place, generally drinking a glass of wheat-grass juice. A former dancer, she sat perfectly straight, while the rest of us slumped, clutching Land-of-the-Giant sized coffee mugs or nursing the infants we'd had to keep our preschoolers company.

"Offer the children choices," she'd chirped. "It makes them feel empowered and helps them prepare for the world."

The only preparation a 3-year-old needs for the world is an extra juice box and a small bag of pretzels, but I bought it, and have been regretting it ever since I first asked whether Cheerios or waffles with yogurt would be the breakfast of choice that day.

Now, I rattle off breakfast choices like a waitress at a diner, and if I offer five choices, they'll ask for the sixth, their favorite that ran out the day after I went grocery shopping, and the only thing, they'll remind me, they really truly love, the lack thereof indicating that actually, I love the other brother better. Perhaps, in families where both parents work equally outside the home, the father understands the food requirements fully. In too many cases, though, that just doesn't happen.

"Why can't he remember that it's 7-grain, not 12-grain bread," a friend moaned once about her husband's error in the supermarket, leaving her with bread no child would touch.

Next time, I told her, bring the bread to my house, and we'll trade it for the 7-grain my husband inevitably buys, but our boys only eat in the most dire of emergencies.

I call this the purple silk shirt syndrome. When Chris first did our combined laundry, he tossed my purple silk shirt — a long-saved for and luxurious item for an assistant at a publishing house — in with the regular clothes. He has been excused from laundry ever since.

His confusion about the proper number of grains in the bread guarantees him supermarket trips with short and specific lists.

The kids think he should shop more, for he always returns with goodies that delight their little eyes and tummies. There's a product that all three of my mustard-teers agree on — Entenman's fine-baked doughnuts. The three of them will dive into a box with great glee, delighting in the pasty chocolate that yields to a spongy yellow cake-like substance.

Mine is the only voice of dissent, sorting through the bread, mustard and milk in the grocery bags.

"What, no Freihofer's chocolate chip cookies?"

## Youth Court seeks student jurors

Bethlehem Youth Court is seeking students in grades eight through 12 to volunteer for jury duty.

Jurors will hear details of a case involving a first-time youthful offender.

At the conclusion of testimony, members of the jury will evaluate what was presented and determine an appropriate sentence.

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# Primary hopefuls line up for Sept. 10 vote

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Like their peers throughout the state, Bethlehem and New Scotland voters belonging to five political parties have a host of statewide contests to sort out on the primary day ballot Sept. 10.

Democrats, Independence and Conservative voters, and Working Families and Right to Life voters have statewide contests on the ballot.

Independence Party voters in both communities also have local Assembly candidates to choose.

Both Independence races feature previews of November's major-party face-offs in recently redrawn assembly districts.

In Bethlehem, incumbent Pat M. Casale, R-Schaghticoke, is challenged by attorney and Democratic nominee M. Tracy Brooks of Coeymans for the Independence nod in the new 108th Assembly District, which encompasses parts of Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene, Ulster and Albany counties. Brooks qualified for the Independence ballot as a registered party member; Casale, who has carried the party's endorsement in previous elections, received the party's Wilson-Pakula designation in July, enabling him to be on the ballot.

Casale will also hold the Conservative and Right-to-Life lines in November.

In New Scotland, there will be three separate primaries for the

104th Assembly district, which encompasses Guelderland, the Hilltowns and part of Albany. The main event pits incumbent Democrat John J. McEneny of Albany, who received Wilson-Pakula designation for the ballot, against party member and Republican-conservative challenger-designee Kerry L. Murphy, an independent businesswoman and former town zoning board member.

Green Party members in the 104th also have an Assembly primary on Tuesday. Albany resident Joshua C. Lieberman, a Green candidate last year for Albany Common Council, filed petitions last June for the party nomination. Primary voters can also write in an alternative — and McEneny has carried Green support in the past.

Right-to-Life voters will also have a write-in opportunity next week. Joseph Sullivan, Albany's city GOP chairman and a frequent candidate for various local public offices, carried the Right-to-Life line four years ago in a failed challenge to state Sen. Neil Breslin of Delmar — and last month, he filed opportunity-to-ballot petitions to force a primary for the 104th Assembly seat.

"Quite frankly, I circulated the petition in the hopes that someone might step forward that was pro-life and might also have some other issues to bring forward to voters," Sullivan said. "So far, I haven't been successful

(in identifying a candidate). It's awfully difficult to get somebody to step forward and accept (the Right-to-Life line): Maybe somebody is out there that I don't know about.

"They have to get 50,000 votes statewide in order to remain a party on the ballot for four more years. It's a small party, but it is still an important viewpoint in my mind."

Garnering the most attention this primary season are statewide contests in the Democratic, Independence and Conservative parties featuring would-be challengers to incumbent Republican Gov. George Pataki and Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue — and a Democratic primary for state comptroller.

Incumbent Comptroller H. Carl McCall seeks the Democratic gubernatorial nod against former federal Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew M. Cuomo, and their respective running-mates, Dennis Mehiel and Charles G. King, square off in a Democratic primary for lieutenant governor.

The party's comptroller primary, which will name a candidate to replace McCall, matches former assemblyman and New York City comptroller Alan G. Hevesi against William J. Mulrow of Erie County. The two also face off in a statewide primary for the Working Families line, but the minor party is widely expected to follow the Democrats'

lead in November.

Another comptroller's primary, for the Right-to-Life line on November's ballot, pits John W. Berry and Garifalia Christea against one another.

Winners will face the Republican-Conservative-Independence nominee, Assemblyman John Faso, in the general election.

There is also a little-publicized three-way primary for lieutenant governor on the Working Families line. It features Democratic contenders King and Mehiel and a little-known party activist, Elon Harpaz. The winner will join McCall, Working Families' gubernatorial can-

didate, on the November ballot. Cuomo and King have secured the Liberal lines for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Meanwhile, Independence primaries for those offices match Pataki and Donohue against B. Thomas Golisano, two-time Independence standard-bearer for governor, and William J. Neild, an Independence member and Golisano's designee as running mate.

A loss by Golisano in the Independence primary could spell the end of a three-way gubernatorial race in November.

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**September 9**, Capital Building North Concourse, Albany, NY. Caring Together, Inc. will hang their Ovarian Cancer Awareness Quilt. Information will be available to learn more about ovarian cancer, the signs and symptoms, risk factors and recent research. For more information, call 518-475-1139 or e-mail [Bmaltzman@aol.com](mailto:Bmaltzman@aol.com) or 518-355-8786 or e-mail [NewYorkHalfPint@aol.com](mailto:NewYorkHalfPint@aol.com).

**September 15, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Shoreline Cruise in Lake George, NY. Learn more about ovarian cancer from Michael Guido, M.D. and Joe Hamel, recent Ovarian Cancer Fellow at NCI. Contact Carole Smith at 518-793-0565 or [cjs@capital.net](mailto:cjs@capital.net) or Mary Davis at 518-656-9321 or [mmdavis@localnet.com](mailto:mmdavis@localnet.com).

**September 28, 6:30 p.m.**, Second Annual Dinner Dance to benefit the Linda Young Ovarian Cancer Support Program, at Wiltwyck Country Club in Kingston, NY. Please call 845-334-3171 or e-mail [surech@benedictine.org](mailto:surech@benedictine.org) for information or to request an invitation.

**September 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, Ovarian Cancer, The Missing Link presented by Patricia Murphy, PhD, Geneticist with Daniel Kredentser, MD and Duncan Savage, MD, Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

### Ovarian Cancer Facts

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The Northeastern New York Ovarian Cancer Support Network invites you to learn more about the signs and symptoms of Ovarian Cancer - the fourth leading cause of cancer related deaths among women. The Network is currently coordinating numerous educational events about Ovarian Cancer Awareness around New York State. Please join us! For more information about our efforts, visit us at [www.nenyovariancancer.org](http://www.nenyovariancancer.org).

# Matters of Opinion

## The roots of sprawl

Suburban sprawl has become a hot issue, in academia (see this week's Point of View), for environmental groups and at most planning board meetings.

As with many such issues, defining sprawl and recognizing its negative aspects are much easier than coming up with effective ways to limit it. We may well have driven our cars too far down the sprawl road.

The plain fact is that most Americans, assuming they can afford it, would prefer to live in a single-family home in a nice suburb and to commute to work and other activities via automobiles.

There may be an undercurrent of selfishness, even alienation, in that preference, but there is also an element of common sense. Suburbs are safer and cleaner, have better schools and other services, and are quiet at night. Why wouldn't people want to live there?

As more people moved to the suburbs after World War II, retail and office development followed and traffic naturally increased. The days when most people worked in downtown Albany and shopped on North Pearl Street are forever gone.

A good mass transit system can help relieve sprawl-related traffic congestion and stress, but mass transit in a relatively small metropolitan area like the Capital District means buses, which are, for most suburbanites, a last resort.

For example, most Spotlight employees have about a 20-minute commute to our Delmar office by car. By bus, the commute would take more than an hour. No one takes the bus.

Commuting to downtown Albany is simpler, but for many suburbanites involves driving their car to a park-and-ride lot.

And, of course, a government bus company that builds a \$53 million train station and a \$300,000 bus shelter instead of effecting a southern Saratoga County to Albany light rail line does little to inspire confidence in mass transit.

Traffic would have to get a lot worse, and gas a lot more expensive, before suburban commuting habits will change in any significant way.

We are also concerned that land-use restrictions to control sprawl will merely raise the already-high cost of suburban housing. Large-lot zoning, combined with increases in materials and labor costs, would place a new single-family home beyond the financial reach of most people.

Generally, government should establish and enforce health, safety and construction quality standards and reasonable minimum lot sizes. Government can also preserve open space and farmland through purchases and/or tax preferences. Beyond that, government should get out of the way and let builders build what they think people will buy.

Neighbors of such construction will not always like it, but that's the American way.

### Editorial

## Students fighting suburban sprawl

By KATRINA HOWEY, ROB MESSIA, NICOLE PEZZULO and MATT LINDSTROM

*Howey, Messia and Pezzulo were students last year in Assistant Professor Matt Lindstrom's Suburban Sprawl: Culture, Ecology and Politics course at Siena College. This essay is adapted from the paper they delivered at the Redefining Suburban Studies Conference at Hofstra University in March.*

Suburban sprawl is an issue that affects almost every aspect of American life today, and many of the effects of sprawl are negative and call for just solutions. Notably, the environmental and social consequences of unregulated suburban growth are having a negative effect on American society, and therefore is the responsibility of the witnesses of such injustice to take action against it. It is important for students at Siena, as it is at all higher education institutions, to immerse themselves in a curriculum which stress variety, diversity, contemporary issues, social justice, respect for the environment and care for fellow humans. Siena's "Suburban Sprawl: Culture, Ecology, and Politics" is a course that provides exceptional constructive outlets for all aspects of the liberal arts and Franciscan tradition.

Today, it is more important than ever to study suburban sprawl. Suburban sprawl is a phrase buzzing at water coolers, on the airwaves and in political bodies around the nation. Sprawl is defined as ad-hoc-growth occurring at the fringe of metropolitan areas, characterized by fast-food restaurants, strip malls, office "parks" and residential subdivisions. This development caters entirely to the automobile and usually lacks sidewalks and public gathering places; sprawl fosters a dwindling sense of place and community.

### Point of View

Sprawl is mercilessly gobbling up the rural landscape and leaving in its wake increasingly disconnected communities. James Howard Kunstler, author of *The Geography of Nowhere*, writes, "We have become accustomed to living in places where nothing relates to anything else, where disorder, unconsciousness and the absence of respect reign unchecked."

The bedlam that is suburban growth in towns across America leads to social discontinuity,

bio-diversity thrived.

While not all cities and suburbs are alike, middle and upper class Americans continue to migrate to fenced suburbs, shop in mega-malls, strip-malls and big-box stores, and spend more and more time alone in their automobiles. In fact, nearly all suburbs are planned around the automobile and emphasize individual expedience over public interaction and exchange. One planning report from sprawl capital Los Angeles even goes so far as to claim, "The pedestrian remains the largest single obstacle to free traffic movement."

Sidewalks, bike lanes and bike

paths are afterthoughts, if thought of at all, and public places, as in town squares or common areas, increasingly manifest themselves as food courts and parking lots.

Our course of study looked at such issues and asked: Why is sprawl occurring so prevalently in America? Why do

we allow sprawl to happen? What causes people to want to seclude themselves from society? What can we do about these issues? And how can we create a more just and equitable community in the process of saving this nation from sprawl?

Our approach to understanding sprawl is not purely theoretical or "academic." We also wrestled with the issues of sprawl in a realistic and applied manner. Looking at solutions, big and small, is a major component of our course. For example, we studied large-scale gentrification efforts of municipalities, the rise of corporate sponsored towns (e.g., Celebration, Fla.) and cooperative efforts to dynamically change city life.

We are also studying and working on small scale projects of our own including building a bus stop for students, faculty and community members of Siena College, attempting to install a sidewalk along Route 9 between Siena and Newton Plaza and designing a student ride-sharing program. This understanding of the both large and small realm of sprawl empowers students, not only reassuring that individuals can make a difference, but that sprawl is a dynamic issue and that if people work together, that we can create places worthy of respect and human life.

We do not want to jump in our cars and drive for hours every day to perform the simple tasks of life. We want a better world. We want a better quality of life. Studying sprawl and its alternatives is a substantive and meaningful way of increasing the quality and sustainability of life and the environment of our world.

***This isolationist attitude not only affects the social fabric of a town, it also affects the environment: individuals do not maximize the potential of their resources, they waste fuel on excessive car trips, they eat fast food which creates tremendous waste and they install land-hungry individual septic systems.***

where people do not interact in a traditional social manner and individuals withdraw from the public realm and seclude themselves in the privacy of their automobiles and single-family homes.

This isolationist attitude not only affects the social fabric of a town, it also affects the environment: individuals do not maximize the potential of their resources, they waste fuel on excessive car trips, they eat fast food which creates tremendous waste and they install land-hungry individual septic systems.

The inefficiency of individualist attitudes is profound and leads to the waste of precious, nonrenewable resources. Directly related to the sprawling tendencies of American growth is the need to spread development out and to be physically separated from our neighbors. To do so requires building more roads and environmentally destructive infrastructure. The United States currently has 38.4 million square acres of roads and parking lots, creating an asphalt blanket the size of the African nation of Rwanda.

Asphalt thrives on suburban growth, and in cities like Phoenix and Houston the growth is almost totally unchecked by natural or legislative barriers. Such unregulated growth leaves the greater metropolitan area of Phoenix to cover a region the size of the state of Delaware.

Every day, this nation increasingly becomes one of asphalt and substandard development, covering what were, for thousands of years, ecosystems of forests, pristine river valleys and hillsides where

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# Matters of Opinion

## Taking Hudson River water not a viable option for town

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been recommending that the town of Bethlehem convert the Schermerhorn Island drinking water supply to an industrial water supply only, take water directly from the Hudson River and close out the settlement agreement between the town and Earth Tech.

But the recent approvals of two large electric power plants at Bethlehem and Athens indicate that it will be impossible for the town to obtain permits from the state to withdraw water from the river.

The state is enforcing an Environmental Protection Agency law that requires shad egg screens on all new water intakes for power plants on the lower Hudson River. The result is that new, once-through cooling water systems have been outlawed completely. The use of wet cooling towers on the lower Hudson will also be extremely difficult to obtain approval for.

The power plant at Athens, using dry cooling towers, was approved to withdraw 0.18 million

gallons of water per day (MGD) from the Hudson. The Bethlehem Energy Center, using hybrid wet/dry cooling towers, received approval to withdraw 4.7 MGD. This replaces the 800 MGD that the old Niagara Mohawk steam plant had permits for. In order to satisfy the terms of the settlement agreement, the town will have to apply for 6.0 MGD.

The town will have to go through the same approval process as did the owner of the Bethlehem Energy Center (BEC). The town will have to defend the use of the wet cooling tower at Cogen in Selkirk. Cogen competes in the electric power market. I advise town residents to look at the large volume of reports and testimony concerning the BEC that are in the town library to understand what the town will have to go through to obtain permits for the withdrawal of water from the Hudson.

Riverkeeper, a private environmental organization, has been campaigning against fish mortality in the lower Hudson River for years. Riverkeeper participated in the

approval of the power plants in Bethlehem and Athens. Riverkeeper's position is that sections of the shad egg screens do fail and that the best protection against fish mortality is to use dry cooling towers that require the least amount of water intake.

Riverkeeper will oppose the town's application to take water from the Hudson until it is proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that 6.0 MGD of industrial grade groundwater cannot be obtained from Schermerhorn Island.

Taking water from the Hudson is not a viable option. The town must continue to pursue the lawsuit that requires Earth Tech to provide 6.0 MGD of groundwater.

William J. Kelleher  
Delmar

## Time to stand up for cuts

Editor, The Spotlight:

Its time for Albany County Legislator Charles Dawson to support the initiative to reduce the number of county legislators. As Albany County approaches its worst fiscal crisis in years, it's time to cut costs by reducing the bloated Legislature from 39 to 21 and not services to the citizens.

No county in the state of New York has a legislature as large as Albany County's. Not even counties with significantly larger populations can or would attempt to justify such an extravagant legislative operation.

Every year, Albany County has asked its employees to perform more functions with less staff and

equipment to save money while the Legislature votes itself raises and benefits. This part-time position pays more than \$18,000 a year with full-time benefits such as full health coverage and retirement.

Albany County Legislature's most recent decadence was to vote itself a 3 percent mid-term raise as double-digit tax increases loom in the near future.

Mr. Dawson, please do the right thing for your constituents. Please show that public service does not mean self-service at the expense of tax payers. It's time to stop the gangland style of politics in Albany County and to put people first.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Residents need to participate in siting new business

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to encourage the residents of Slingerlands, the town of New Scotland and the village of Voorheesville to attend the public hearings at New Scotland Town Hall to follow the ongoing review of the proposed Stewart's Shoppe on Route 85, adjacent to Olsens Nursery.

The proposal brings up several issues that deal with Stewart's itself and also with the region's long-term plans, especially whether or not updating the zoning law should be amended to reflect today's sensibilities of what we want the future of our area to be and look like.

The concerns that I have about Stewart's are not the business per se. I believe that Stewart's is a good company and a good neighbor. As a matter of fact,

because of some business dealings that I had with Stewart's, I go out of my way to buy gas at its stations.

My first question is in regard to the potential negative impact Stewart's might have on the independent SuperValu in Voorheesville. Many of us deplored the empty Grand Union that stood vacant for many years and were delighted when SuperValu opened. We were determined and committed to support it.

Now, when I buy milk, I make a point of going to SuperValu and leave with milk, bread, fruit and other sundries. However, I know that if Stewart's were conveniently located on my way home, I'd probably stop there instead of traveling two minutes longer to SuperValu.

That is a Stewart's strategy

when it locates near a large supermarket. While the targeted super might be the Price Chopper down the road, Stewart's will have a similar negative effect on the smaller, independent SuperValu.

Has the town done a market study to determine what kind of effect Stewart's would have on SuperValu?

The other question that the Stewart's proposal raises is the way we want, in fact we do want, commercialization to develop along routes 85 and 85A. Already, we have businesses that look like they might fit right in on Central Avenue. Without guidelines, the commercial entities, not the residents, will control what our neighborhood will look like.

Many communities hire professionals to conduct "visioning" sessions in order to

plan their future. These visioning exercises involve all members of the community and are one of the most democratic and "social capital" building ways to strengthen communities.

Perhaps we can look to Saratoga Springs, which conducted a visioning exercise more than 25 years ago, as a role model. Saratoga, I believe, has aesthetic rules for new development, even for chain stores.

We should not be afraid to enforce community standards on businesses. We will find that, if we decide to increase our tax base by increasing commercialization, the community and the businesses can live in harmony—businesses will prosper when residents are happy about having them in their neighborhood.

Some things to consider:

- We live in a rural area with grass, cornfields, trees and houses with porches and gardens. Do the Stewart's gasoline tanks have to be in the front of the buildings? The building itself is an old architectural design and not aesthetically pleasing. Can't it look like an old-fashioned grocery store with a porch in the front where people can sit and have iced cream during the summer? Changes like these, even with lighted signs in the front, would be more in keeping with the rural small-town nature of our area.

- Usually, where there's one gas station, there are two or three more. Is that what we want for routes 85 and 85A?

- If, as predicted, Albany becomes a mini-Austin as a result of the Sematech deal and more people move to our beautiful and accessible area, will routes 85 and 85A become mini-highways to move people to and from work? As our farmland is developed should access roads just spill onto routes 85 and 85A or should some new interior roads be built that empty closer to Route 155 and the junction of routes 85 and 140?

- Do we want black tar to cover the ground? Some towns are going back to "old-fashioned" brickwork to make roads and walkways more aesthetically pleasing. They are also making roads pedestrian-friendly.

- With the water problems in our region, and has been fighting about, with the drought and with the antiquated, leaking water lines, should we be building more houses in this area that will put a greater strain on our water systems?

- With school budget defeats should we encourage an increase in the school population?

Already the Department of Transportation plans, despite community protest, to make Kenwood Avenue a more "efficient" roadway and build a rotary at the junction of routes 85A and 155 because DOT predicts a large enough population increase to justify these projects.

Experts in community development and planning know the myriad questions that we should be considering in order to move our region forward in a way that we all would like to envision. We should consult them before allowing more expansion willy-nilly. If we decide that we want more commercial development, isn't it time to control how that development evolves now?

My family has lived on Route 85A not far from Falvo's for the last 25 years, and we have loved it here. We have already put a lot of money into our house and into a beautiful garden, but after 25 years, the house needs some more improvement. I'd like to know the future of this area in order to decide whether or not to invest in the house as a residence or to regard it as a potential commercial investment.

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# St. Matthew's to host 9/11 service

There will be an Ecumenical Memorial Service to remember and to reflect upon the terrorist attack of Sept. 11 on our country.

The service will be held at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. The service is co-sponsored by Voorheesville First United Methodist Church, New Scotland Presbyterian Church and St. Matthew's Church. The public is invited to attend.

## Dollars for Scholars to hold garage sale

Dollars for Scholars will hold its fourth annual garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SuperValu parking lot, with a rain date of Sept. 29.

This will be held in conjunction with a car wash. For information on this event, contact Debbie Baron at 765-9371 or Val DiBona at 439-2133.

Dollars for Scholars is an organization that raises money for college-bound students.

## School Board to meet

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room in the music wing of Voorheesville High School.

## Volunteer Firemen to host annual convention

Voorheesville Fire Department is host this year to the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20 and 21.

The Mardi Gras parade will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m., followed by dancing with a D.J. under the tent until 11 p.m., rain or shine.

The formal dress parade, which has 35 fire companies participating along with 16 bands, will begin on Saturday at 1 p.m. The evening will have a live band (rain or shine) with food, carnival activities and casino games. There will also be the "Great Greenback Give Away" with \$7,500 in prizes. Contact any firehouse member for tickets.

The cost of the tickets is \$5, and the drawing will be held on Saturday evening.

## Food co-op orders due Sept. 10

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until Tuesday, Sept. 10, for the Thursday, Sept. 26, delivery day.

Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Extra Helpings provide a pre-select menu of groceries at wholesale prices. Each order cost \$14, and patrons are under no obligation to purchase every month.

Payment can be by cash or food stamps.

Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

## Legion to serve breakfast

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an "all you can eat breakfast" on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The menu will feature eggs, French toast, home fries, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for children and under age 5 eat for free.

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## PTA, room parents to meet Sept. 12

The PTA's next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

A room parent meeting will be held prior to the PTA meeting at 7 p.m.

All room parents are asked to attend the meeting and pick up room parent packets.

## Beach cleanup set at Cocksackie launch

Join the Friends of Thacher Park in removing trash from the shore of Gays Point in International Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, Sept. 14.

Participants will meet at the Cocksackie State Boat Launch site

for a boat ride to the island. Lunch will be provided. Call 872-1237 to register or for information. Rain date is scheduled for Sept. 15.

## School pictures set for Sept. 18 & 19

School pictures for the elementary school will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 18 and 19.

## Grange to celebrate national honor

The Bethlehem Grange will celebrate the placing of the Grange Hall on the National Register of Historical Places on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m. at the grange, 24 Bridge St., Selkirk.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

The grange has served the Bethlehem community since 1874.

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# Hill announces courses for upcoming semester

The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL) has announced its fall schedule of events.

There will be five university-level courses.

On Monday, Sept. 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Politics as Comedy; Politics as Tragedy will be presented at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, the presentation will be Views of Human Nature from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Reading the Modern Short

## Story teller to give presentation at library

On Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m., Leah Golby will tell "Stories on Sunday," an afternoon of tales for

Story will be presented on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue.

My Favorite Mozart is set for Oct. 2 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the church.

The final presentation, Earth from the Beginning; Views on Origins, is slated for Thursday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

The program is free.

To receive a brochure of HILL's program or to register, call 439-1358.

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# Bethlehem Central names fourth quarter honor students

Bethlehem Central High School has announced the fourth quarter honor roll and merit roll students. The students include:

## Grade 12 honor roll

Christopher Abbott, Kathryn Adams, Ellen Bandel, Harold Barnard, Jeffrey Barnet, Rachel Bellizzi, Rebekah Beyer, Peter Bird, Nicole Comi, Misty Crowder, Kelley Curran, Miranda Davis, Katherine Donovan, Merav Epstein, Stephanie Garbo, Luciana Giacosa, Lauren Gordon-Fahn, Deborah Gordon-Messer, Aimee Gould, Benjamin Greenberg, Ian Grovenger, David Guo, Christopher Kajano, Garrett Koepficus, Josef Kopchick, Harris Kornstein, Anne Lind, Kathryn Longley, Daniel Margolis, Judith Mark, Kevin Nagel, Julie Polovina, Sarah Richardson, Katherine Roark, Lauren Schucker, Michael Schnab, Marcy Shultes, Meredith Singer, Rebecca Smith, Jennifer Sokoler, Andrew Swiatowicz, Kelly Vadney, Elizabeth Vincent, Sara Virgil,

Eric Wilcox, Emily Wistar and Benjamin Wolinsky.

## Grade 12 merit roll

Christopher Affinati, Arno Alarcon, Bradley Alston, Madeleine Andersen, Johanna Anderson, Laura Baboulis, Matthew Beauchaine, Alec Betterley, Danielle Blanchard, Laura Blumenthal, Katherine Bonafide, Robert Boughton, Sean Boyle, Parker Brown, Eric Buist, Mark Bulger, Elaine Carberry, Rebecca Cariati, John Carnes, Brandon Cary, Ruth Catalano, Jonathan Clair, Quinn Coffey, Daniel Cohen, Susan Collen, Sean Conger, Peter Cooley, Rebecca Corson, Christine Coulon, Lindsey Crusan, Brendan Cullen, Laura Curtis, Ryan Dalton, Christopher Deitz, Leslie DiPaolo, Megan Dole, Matthew Drislane, Daniel Dugas, Andrew Eckel, Lance Ellers, Jennafer Engelstein, Matthew Frank, Jason Fudin, Joshua Gaul, Celinda Gebhardt, Jennifer Gerstenzang, Nancy Gort, Katherine Gould, Hannah Gray,

Aaron Griffin, Jaimie Haas, Stephanie Halbedel, Shannon Halpin, John Hamm, Kristyn Hammond, Marisa Harrison, Amy Haskins, Laura Hayes, Brooke Hebert, Padraic Hennessy, Eric Herd, Molly Herrick, Roisleen Hickey, Nicole Hill, Raven Hilton, Ryan Hogan Michael Hoghe, Brendan Hughes and Eric Hunter.

And Kalin Jaffe, Joseph Kadish, Aaron Kaplan, Max Kaplan, Josie Klersy, Robert Kuhn, Diana Lajeunesse, Heather Leary, Erik Lowery, Bryan Mannarino, Jennifer Masker, Zachary Maskin, Andrew Mason, Kelly McGrath, Alison McKee, Brian McVoy, Matthew McWhinnie, Jessica Menrath, Chloe Morgan, Lisa Murray, Sandeep Murthy, William Nathan, Elizabeth Nehrbauser, Christine Norvici, Michael Nuttall, Amy O'Donnell, Joshua Okun, Amy Oldendorf, Alex Orsini, Timothy Palmieri, Jennifer Peters, Jaclyn Pillette, Caitlyn Plummer, Alissa Python, William Quimby, Lauren Reis,

Steven Riedel, Jennifer Rodgers, Adam Rodriguez, Teresa Rosetti, Rachel Ross, Josh Rucinski, Jessica Russo-Cannone, Gerald Saliba, Steven Sanchez, Risa Sarachan, Jennifer Schoonbeek, Christopher Sgroi, Nicholas Shimkin, Hilary Shpeen and Ashley Smith.

And Paul Stewart, Margaret Sullivan, Jeffrey Sundram, Carter Thomas, Sarah Thomas, Erik Turner, Christie Turner, Kathryn Venezia, Kristen Wagner, Joshua Wallas, Michael Walker, Nora Wallant, Brian Wasserstein, Andrew Wendth, Andrea Youngs, Wunan Zhou Eric Zimmer and David Zirpoli.

## Grade 11 honor roll

Joshua Alfred, Emily Axford, Emily Bango, Jonathan Bartow, Justine Bell, Scott Braaten, Liam Brennan, Andrea Burriesci, John Davis, Marianne DiNapoli, Nathaniel Drake, Winter Eyres, Lindsay Franklin, Zachary Frone, Emma Furman, Thomas Geyer, Amy Ginsburg, Bridget Griffin, Benjamin Hager, Bethany Harren, Kathleen Hart, Stephanie Holmes, Sarah Horn, Lauren Kohl, Peter Laird, Amanda LeRoy, Zachary Levine, Aaron Levy, Hannah Lewis, Tony Lombardo, Amie Lytle, Jennifer Marro, Dennis Miaw, Joshua Modney, Jordan Murray, Kathleen

Parafinczuk, Kaitlyn Peterson, Emily Petraglia, Roxanne Piegare, Jonathan Pietrafesa, Lillian Pittman, Thomas Potter, Katelyn Primomo, Kelly Rider, Patrick Riegel, Mella Rook, Alexandra Rosenthal, Maytal Saltiel, Brenda Schmidt, Adam Shpeen, Evan Siegel, Julie Silverman, Allegra Smith, Daniel Steiner, Erin Stenson, Daniel Stevens, Matthew Suozzo, Larissa Suparmanto, Abby Svenson, Matthew Swiatowicz, Larysa Switlyk, Matthew Taber, Marina Virnik, Nicole Vitillo Jessica Volpi, Lauren Wakeman, Leonard White, Jessica Willen and Susanna Winkeller.

## Grade 11 merit roll

Joshua Arcus, Courtney Arduini, Maura Ayres, Robert Barrowman, Jonathan Baselice, Jonathan Berk, Laura Beyer, Scott Birdsey, Mark Black, Meghan Blake, Matthew Blendell, Caleb Bonvell, Elizabeth Bouyea, Rebecca Bruculere, Steven Brunner, Elizabeth Buckley, Robert Bushnell, Joseph Cardamone, Heather Ciccone, Joseph Clyne, Emily Cohen, Joseph Colacino, Kylie Conley, Nicole Cookingham, Paula Coons, Ada Cornell, Matthew Curtin, Brian Danchetz, Meagan DePaulo, Andrew Dolan, Timothy Donahue, Jeanne Drucker,

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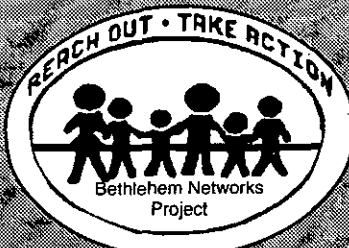
The Pit is an afternoon meeting place where students can mingle with their friends. A snack bar and pool and ping pong tables are available. The free program is open daily from 2:45 to 3:55 p.m.

Students Craving Really Exciting Activities at the Middle School (SCREAMS) sponsors recreational field trips during the school year. Trips include a corn maze in September, a haunted hayride in October, the BIG Arena in November and Rock N' Bowl in December.

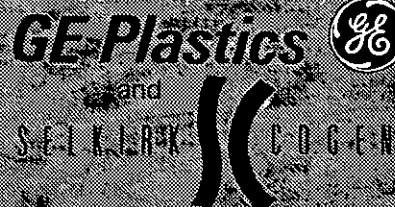
Fliers for SCREAMS activities are distributed in homeroom, and extras are available at the school office and the parks and recreation office.

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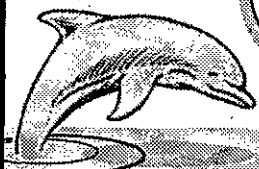
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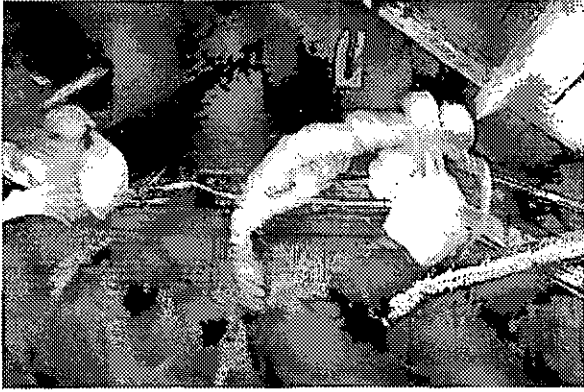
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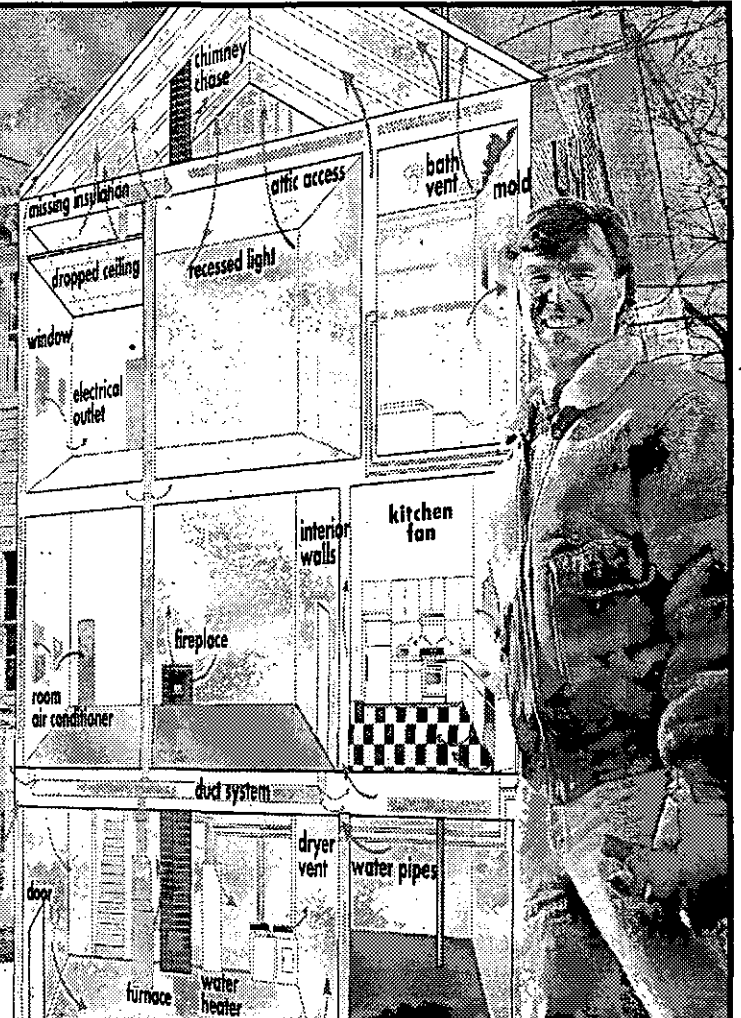
more comfortably. Many homeowners are not getting the comfort they expect from their home, with rooms that are too hot or cold, as well as drafts, poor indoor air quality, and ice build-up on the roof that can cause structural damage. These may be common signs that the house is not sealed, insulated or heated properly.

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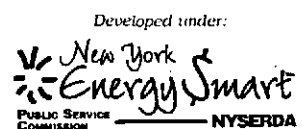
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# Tax deadline set for Sept. 30

Monday, Sept. 30, is the last day for Bethlehem taxpayers to pay school and library tax bills.

The bills were mailed in the last week in August.

Residents enrolled in the state's Basic STAR program will see an assessment credit of \$31,890 on their primary residence. This translates to a saving of about \$588, depending upon the school district the property owner lives in.

Property owners in the Enhanced STAR benefits (people over age 65 with an adjusted gross income of under \$60,000 excluding income from IRA distributions) will be eligible for an exemption of approximately \$53,150 depending on the school district involved.

Almost 95 percent of town property owners eligible to participate in the STAR programs are enrolled.

Property owners who do not have an escrow account will be billed directly by mail. Those who have refinanced their homes or have satisfied an escrow account are requested to notify the tax office of the change.

To pay tax bills by mail, tear off the stub at the bottom of the bill and mail it with a check to the receiver of taxes at town hall. The cancelled check is the taxpayer's receipt.

If you request a paid receipt, the top portion of the bill will be stamped "paid" and returned.

No penalty will be assessed if payments are postmarked by Monday, Sept. 30, or paid in person by that date.

A two percent late fee will be levied from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31. On Nov. 1, all delinquent accounts will be turned over to

Albany County for collection with additional penalties imposed.

If you did not receive a tax bill or have an escrow account and were sent a bill in error, call Receiver of Taxes Nancy Mendick at 439-4955, ext. 177.

For information about the STAR exemption, contact the assessor's office at 439-4955, ext. 103.

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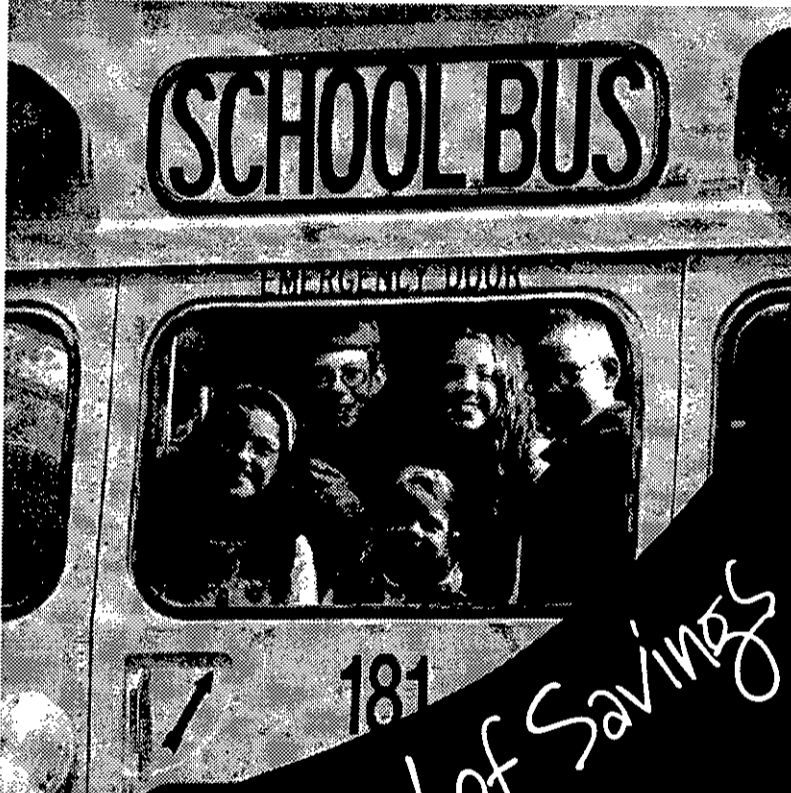
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# Story hours expanding this fall

Moms asked for it, and we are responding with an additional story hour on Fridays this fall.

Storytimes begin on Sept. 9 and meet Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. Storytimes offer books, songs, fingerplays, a short video and an art activity, all centered around a theme.

Join us with your preschooler on whatever day is convenient for you. No signup is necessary.

Ongoing programming is picking up for the fall and winter season. The October book discussion selection is *Facing the Wind* by Julie Salomon, a riveting



account of a family's painful disintegration when one of their children is born with severe physical disabilities.

The book will be available when you sign up at the reference desk. The monthly group meets on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo.

The library is home to two writers groups: The Every Other Thursday Night Poets, who will meet on Sept. 12, and a creative

writing group for prose writers, which will meet on Sept. 16. Both groups meet at 7 p.m. New writers are welcome.

Nimblefingers, the needlework group, is back in full swing every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Newcomers are always welcome.

Now is your chance to take a chance on winning the lovely Nimblefingers quilt, which is on display at the library. Tickets are available at the circulation desk for the Oct. 31 drawing. You can make this treasure one of your family heirlooms for only \$1.

Attractive new library bookbags are available for only \$5 each. Both of these endeavors are fund-raisers for the Library Friends. For information about the group, call President Cindy Childs at 765-2911.

Visit the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

Barbara Vink

# Community Day offers something for everyone



Our 18th annual Community Day, formerly known as Library Day, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Our star performers are, as usual, the community groups that so generously bring their displays and demonstrations to share with patrons and passers-by.

Giveaways, refreshments, magic and balloon sculptures are all part of the fun. Mark your calendars, and plan to do some extra browsing that day.

### Sunday hours resume

The library reopens on Sundays from 1 to 5 beginning this Sunday, Sept. 8.

### Storytime registration

Bethlehem school district residents can register in person for fall storytimes on Monday,

Sept. 9, anytime during library hours. Call-in registrations for Bethlehem school district residents begin at 1 p.m.

Residents and nonresidents can register by phone or in person on Tuesday, Sept. 10, during library hours. No registrations will be accepted by voice mail.

For information on the fall storytime schedule, see the September/October edition of "Footnotes," the library's newsletter and events guide, or call 439-9314 and press "4" for youth services.

### Book discussions

"Afternoons with Books" resumes on Monday, Sept. 9, at 1:30 p.m. with a discussion of Kathleen Cambor's *In Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden*.

"Nonfictionados" meets again in two weeks, on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. The topic will be *Nickel and Dimed: on (not) getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Both groups welcome new members. Copies of the books are available at the reference desk. Call 439-9314 for information and to register.

### September displays

Sept. 21 through 28 is Banned Books Week. Reference librarian Gordon Noble has put together a display of library-owned books that have weathered storms of controversy in this nation's distant and not so distant past.

Our bulletin board will feature Community Day festivities. Megan Perry's collection of bears in various guises — glass, ceramic and cloth — fills the large case by the stairs. Rachel Nolte's collection of cats is on display in the youth services area.

Louise Grieco

## Cogen supports escarpment project

The Open Space Institute (OSI) has announced that Selkirk Cogen Partners L.P. was one of the grant providers to help provide protection for the Helderberg Escarpment.

OSI purchased a conservation easement on the Ketcham Farm, a 318-acre parcel situated between Thacher Park and Thompson's Lake State Park. The easement will provide view shed protection, while allowing the longstanding agricultural use of the property to continue.

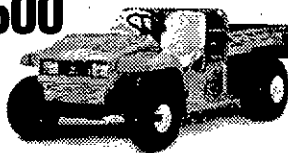
"Selkirk Cogen has demonstrated support of our communities early on with emphasis on safety, education and the environment. Because the preservation of the Helderberg Escarpment is particularly significant in multiple ways, including the beautiful view shed prominent in our community, we're very pleased to support this project. We are also very proud to be the first private business to partner with Open Space Institute," said Lorraine Chirico Smith, Cogen community liaison.

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# Sports

## Bell closes in on completing Appalachian Trail

By ROB JONAS

Ray Bell has climbed every high peak from New York to Maine, but that hasn't proven to be as challenging as his current quest.

Since 1991, the Delmar resident has been actively trying to complete the Appalachian Trail — a chain of hiking trails that stretches from Maine to Georgia. To date, the 67-year-old Bell has 1,750 miles under his belt and has approximately 400 miles to go.

"I thought it was more difficult, but it's a different type of hiking," Bell said. "With the 46 peaks (of the Adirondack Mountains), you go out and back in a day. When you're walking the trail, you go out for as long as a weekend. Plus, I'm carrying a 50-pound backpack at times" full of camping gear.

Bell's quest began unofficially on Aug. 28, 1948, when he was brought to the top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire by his father. The length of the hike was less than two feet, since his father drove them up the highway that leads to the summit.

Several years later, Bell and his father returned to Mount Washington to climb to the top by foot. That hike got Bell hooked on mountain climbing.

"I was 15 years old, and it was a 15-mile hike up Mount Washington," Bell said. "After that, I didn't climb many other mountains — except for Mount Washington until I came here (to Delmar)."

Bell made it a goal in the early 1970s to reach the summits of all 46 high peaks in the Adirondacks. Once he achieved that goal, he turned around and started on the rest of the 113 4,000-foot peaks in the Northeast.

"It took me 13 years to do the 46 high peaks in the Adirondacks, five years to do the high peaks in New Hampshire and one year to do the high peaks of Maine," Bell said.

The last high peak Bell climbed — Mount Katahdin in Maine — became the starting point for his quest to complete the Appalachian Trail.

"Mount Katahdin is really tough," Bell said. "I climbed it twice (in 1991 and 2002), and maybe because I was younger back then, it was much tougher the second time."

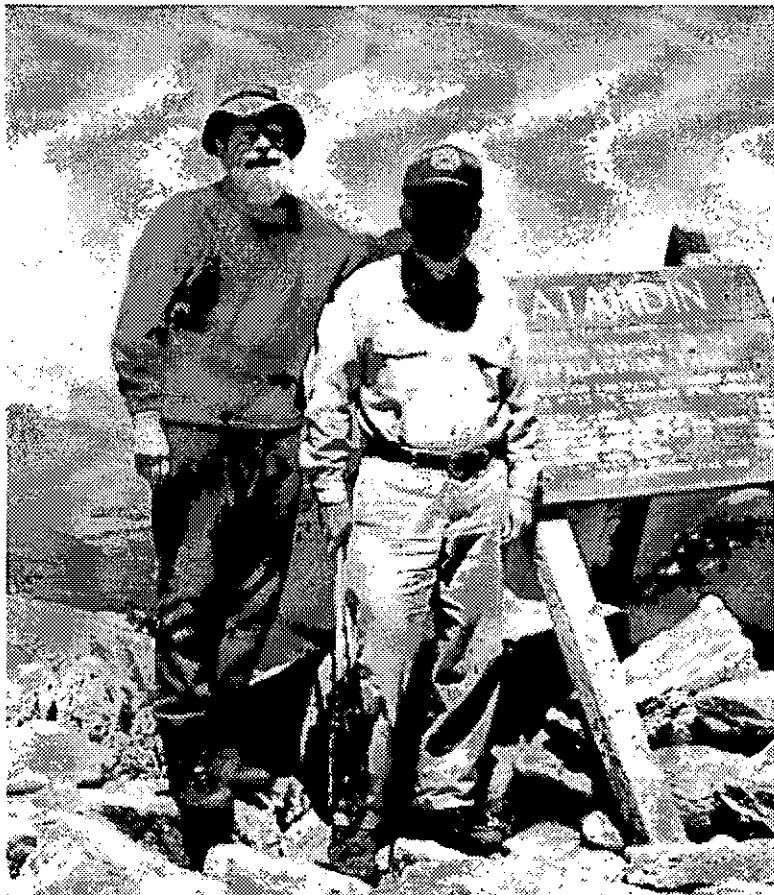
Bell has encountered all types of weather in his trips along the Appalachian Trail — from sultry summer days in the Southeast to a snowstorm in Pennsylvania.

"The snow was a foot-and-a-half deep," he said. "I didn't like it, but I never thought I wouldn't make

### BC girls soccer team opens with victory

The Bethlehem girls soccer team began its season last Saturday with a 5-0 victory over Monroe-Woodbury (Section IX) at the Shen Scramble in Clifton Park.

Emily Petraglia and Vanessa Patry each scored two goals to lead the Lady Eagles. Stephanie Holmes also tallied, while Megan Volo and Brianna Bubeck each made three saves to combine on the shutout.



Ray Bell, pictured with Phelps Gates (left), stands at the summit of Mount Katahdin in Maine, the northern starting point for the Appalachian Trail. Bell climbed Katahdin for the second time in June 2002.

it back alive."

Bell has also seen his share of wild animals, including an encounter with a black bear in 1993.

"Down in Virginia in the Shenandoah National Park, the bushes are quite tall," Bell said. "When I pushed this one bush aside, I saw this bear about 50 to 100 feet away. It scared the living daylights out of me."

Bell said he plans to complete

the Appalachian Trail next year, 55 years after he and his father drove to the top of Mount Washington. Most of what he has left to hike is in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in North Carolina.

"I don't think what I've done is anything special," he said. "It's just something I and thousands of other people have done. You just have to make up your mind to do it."

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 Sept. 14 — Shaker Invitational, 10 a.m.; Johnstown Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 Sept. 17 — Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 21 — Guilderland Invitational, 10 a.m.; Proctor Invitational, Utica, 10 a.m.  
 Sept. 24 — Mohonasen, Guilderland at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

Oct. 1 — Columbia, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 — Grout Invitational, Schenectady, 10 a.m.  
 Oct. 8 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 12 — Burnt Hills Invitational, 10 a.m.; Manhattan Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 Oct. 15 — Bethlehem at Shaker, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 18 — Albany County Meet, Colonie Town Park, 4 p.m.

Oct. 26 — Suburban Council Championships, Saratoga Spa State Park, 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 1 — Section II Championships, Saratoga Spa State Park, 11 a.m.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Sept. 4 — Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 9 — Bethlehem at Guilderland, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 — Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 — Shenendehowa at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 18 — Bethlehem at Columbia, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Bethlehem at Shaker, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — Bethlehem at Albany Academy for Girls, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 — Saratoga Springs at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — Bethlehem at Cossackie-Athens, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 2 — Guilderland at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 7 — Albany Academy for Girls at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 9 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 11 — Columbia at

Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 15 — Shaker at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 17 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 4 p.m.

## FOOTBALL

Sept. 5 — Averill Park at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 — Shaker at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Bethlehem at Colonie Central, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 — Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 11 — Columbia at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 18 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 7 p.m.


## GOLF

Sept. 4 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 5 — Bethlehem at Colonie Central, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 6 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 3 p.m.  
 Sept. 9 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 10 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Shaker at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
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 Sept. 27 — Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — Averill Park, Shenendehowa at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — Bethlehem at Suburban Council Tournament, Western Turnpike Golf Course, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 8 — Bethlehem at varsity scramble, Van Patten's, 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 9 — Bethlehem at Section II Tournament, Ballston Spa, 8:30 a.m.  
 Oct. 15 — Bethlehem at ABCD playoff, 8:30 a.m.  
 Oct. 17 — Bethlehem at state qualifier, Saratoga Spa State Park, 10 a.m.

## BOYS SOCCER

Sept. 4 — Bethlehem at Ketcham, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 10 — Bethlehem at Colonie Central, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 12 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 17 — Guilderland at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 — Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 21 — Saratoga Springs at Bethlehem, 1:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 — Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 — Ketcham at Bethlehem, 1 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 7 p.m.



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 Oct. 8 — Bethlehem at Guilderland, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 10 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 12 — Bethlehem at Shaker, 1:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 15 — Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 17 — Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 19 — Averill Park at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Sept. 9 — Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 — Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 18 — Bethlehem at Guilderland, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 — Averill Park at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — Guilderland at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — Bethlehem at Shaker, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 — Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 1:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 7 — Bethlehem at Colonie Central, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 9 — Shenendehowa at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 11 — Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 15 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**

Sept. 12 — Bethlehem at Guilderville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Shaker at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 21 — Diving meet, Skidmore College, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 24 — Troy at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — Albany Academy for Girls at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 4 — Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 — Diving meet, Mohonasen, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 8 — Albany at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 10 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 11 — Bethlehem at New Hartford, 6:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 18 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 24 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 26 — Diving meet, Ballston Spa, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 29 — Glens Falls at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

**GIRLS TENNIS**

Sept. 5 — Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 9 — Shenendehowa at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 — Guilderland at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 17 — Bethlehem at Shaker, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 — Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — Saratoga Springs at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 — Bethlehem at Guilderland, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — Shaker at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Sept. 9 — Saratoga Springs at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 — Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 — Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 18 — Bethlehem at Colonie Central, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 — Bethlehem at Scotia-Glenville, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 — Shenendehowa at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — Bethlehem at Guilderland, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — Bethlehem at Shaker, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 2 — Bethlehem at Saratoga Springs, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — Bethlehem at Columbia, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 — Scotia-Glenville at Bethlehem, 11 a.m.  
 Oct. 7 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 9 — Colonie Central at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 11 — Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 15 — Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 17 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 22 — Guilderland at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 24 — Shaker at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Sept. 5 — Guilderland at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 10 — Averill Park at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 12 — Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 17 — Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 — Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 — Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.  
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ment, 10 a.m.  
 Oct. 1 — Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 — Saratoga Springs at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 8 — Bethlehem at Averill Park, 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 10 — Bethlehem at Shaker, 4 p.m.  
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# Sodomy

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as well as misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child and disorderly conduct.

Rowe could also face charges relating to an unregistered handgun found at his residence, said Bethlehem police spokesman Thomas Heffernan, and on the more serious charges, "It's still an open investigation if there are any more incidents or any

more victims."

Arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan on Friday, Rowe was sent to Albany County jail, pending a preliminary hearing scheduled for today, Sept. 4. At his arraignment, Rowe reported suffering chest pains, was transported by Delmar Ambulance to Albany Medical Center Hospital for treatment and was jailed after his release.

The arrest stemmed from an altercation with a relative reported at Rowe's home at about 8:30 p.m. last Thursday. According to a statement issued by Bethlehem police, officers investigating the domestic incident were confronted by an intoxicated Rowe, who became belligerent and attempted to re-enter the home, and was taken into custody.

Police developed information that Rowe allegedly had illegal contact with a 13-year-old on nine separate occasions over the course of roughly three weeks. The incidents "mostly occurred at Brian Rowe's residence," according to Heffernan, "but apparently one incident that we were advised of took place at the Glenmont Firehouse." Efforts to reach fire district officials were unsuccessful.

A search of Rowe's residence turned up two handguns, one properly registered in Rowe's name but the other unregistered, Heffernan said. Both weapons were impounded in accordance with routine procedures in domestic incidents.

"We are asking anyone familiar with Brian Rowe and any similar incidents to call us if they know anything," said Heffernan, although adding, "We do not have any information to suggest that. We haven't received any other calls and don't have any information regarding any other victims."

In particular, police and officials of the Bethlehem Central

School District — where Rowe was employed for a year as a substitute bus driver and for two years as a part-timer until he resigned last April, according to School Superintendent Les Loomis — have no prior complaints of any incidents involving Rowe.

"I'm not aware of any complaints from the school district related to him," said Heffernan. "The incidents in question all took place since he left that position."

"We had absolutely no indication of anything that has any relation to the crimes with which he has been charged," said Loomis on Monday. "If we had, we'd have been addressing it immediately with police." Those hired as drivers by the district are routinely screened, he said — but as a former sheriff's deputy, Rowe's record came up clean. "We will continue to remain vigilant in our security," he said.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated case, William J. Heim, 60, of 39 Greenock Road, Delmar, was sentenced in Rensselaer County Court on Aug. 19 to two years in prison on a second-degree sexual conduct charge. Heim was charged last March with fondling an 11-year-old student at a Troy school where Heim served as a counselor.

Heim pleaded guilty in Albany County Court in June to possessing child pornography, found in his Delmar home at the time of his sexual-misconduct arrest. He was sentenced to five

years' probation on that charge under the terms of a plea agreement reached with the county district attorney, in exchange for his cooperation with the investigation.

## Boards adjust meeting schedules

With Sept. 11 — and the anniversary of last year's terrorist attacks — falling on the same night that both Bethlehem and New Scotland normally hold town board meetings, both boards have altered their meeting schedules.

Bethlehem's board voted last week to cancel its regular second-Wednesday-of-the-month meeting, in order to free members who wish to participate in other observances. The board's next regular meeting is now set for Sept. 25.

At its last monthly meeting on Aug. 14, the New Scotland town board voted to move its meeting time on Sept. 11 to 5 p.m. The meeting will be preceded at 4:50 p.m. by a public hearing on a proposed extension to the Font Grove Water district that would add the home of residents Robert and Susan Cook to that district.

No new water main will be required for that extension, and the Cooks will bear the cost of necessary connections if the extension is approved.

## New member joins V'ville school board

Rich Brackett has joined the Voorheesville board of education, replacing Erica Sufirin. Brackett will complete a five-year term that ends in 2007.

A longtime resident of Voorheesville, he is a 1978 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

He attended Hudson Valley Community College and operates his own business as an electrician.

Brackett and his wife Colleen, who is a nurse at the elementary school, have three daughters.

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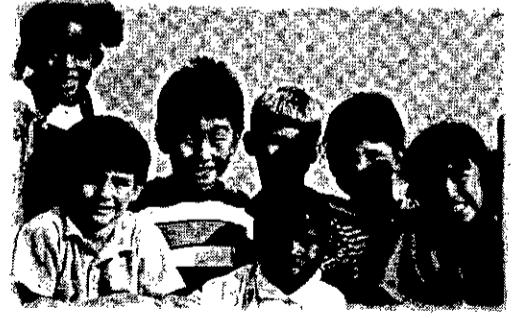
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# Tax

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programs that will develop cost effective energy habits by users of district buildings, both during the heating and cooling season.

Swinton, also a high school social studies teacher, has been busy this summer visiting current clients of Energy Education and meeting with company officials. He will work under the direction of district Facilities Manager Greg Nolte for the energy assignment.

In other business, Loomis also said that the American Heart Association, through its New York state unit, has noted in a thank you letter that Glenmont Elementary had raised and donated to the association \$22,695.94 through its fundraising efforts. This was the highest amount donated by any school in the country.

The board then reviewed the proposal by a student group that the district adopt a purchasing policy to exclude items from third world countries that permit the use of child labor.

Three students were present to discuss the proposal, Annie Longley, Hannah Lewis and Caitlin Carelli. The attorney for the school district will draft the policy for student and board review. Two readings are required and will be scheduled for the Sept. 4 and Sept. 18 board meetings, with approval scheduled for the Oct. 2 meeting.

The board then announced it had accepted, with regret, the resignation of member Robert B. Wing. Loomis commented "during his two years on the board Rob made an important contribution to us. He always had the best interests of the students in mind and brought commitment and expertise to his work on the board."

His resignation was prompted by personal reasons. It was clear from comments by other board members that Wing's participation in district matters will be missed.

Attorneys for the district had advised the board that under Public Officers Law and Education Law, the board had three options for dealing with the vacancy created by the resignation. First, they could leave the seat vacant until the next election; second, they could hold a special election or they could appoint someone to complete the term, which will expire on June 30.

The board determined that it would be in the best interest of the district to fill the term by appointment. The vacancy reduces membership on the board to six and the potential of a tie vote on a critical issue prompted the decision to fill the seat.

The board would like to receive a letter, addressed to Board President Warren Stoker, Bethlehem School District, 90 Adams Place Delmar 12054 from any district resident who would like to serve on the board for the remaining 10 months of this academic year. The letter should include the individuals qualifications to deal with district and educational matters. Applicants should have the letter delivered to the board president

# Predator

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and Internet access at home. But the Internet isn't the only culprit, according to Oliver.

"Sex is wide open and MTV and song lyrics — kids are bombarded by it," he said. "It's not easy being a kid."

But as alarming as these incidents are, there are things that parents and kids can do to prevent them.

Kids need a certain amount of privacy, but they need to be supervised, Oliver said. "If a child does make you aware of inappropriate content on the Internet, support the child, don't overreact," he said. "Parents have got to keep the lines of communication open," and that means not throwing the computer out the window.

Parents also should keep track of credit card charges since some

Internet sites can only be accessed with a credit card. They also need to carefully look at cellular telephone bills and investigate numbers that are unfamiliar.

In addition, there are filtering software devices to block out certain words and topics and tracking software to make a record of every site visited.

Still, Oliver said, although these devices can help, it is parental involvement, knowledge and supervision that is most important.

"Technology is a part of the solution, but the main piece is parental knowledge, guidance and supervision."

It helps if parents become more computer literate, he added.

Oliver said a 1999 survey by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported

that young people between the age of 10 and 17 who use the Internet on a regular basis found that one in five had received sexual solicitation. One in 30 had received aggressive sexual solicitation through gifts or money.

The school district is also concerned about inappropriate Internet use, said Superintendent Les Loomis.

"Every school district is required to have a policy on Internet protection and use, and we are very vigilant about the use of school computers," he said.

# Five Rivers to host Vlomankill walk

A walk along the Vlomankill Trail will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

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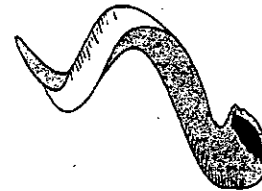
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# Obituaries

## Estella Hamblen

Estella C. Winchip Hamblen, 93, of Julie Blair Nursing Home in Albany, and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the nursing home.

Born and educated in Glen Falls, she was a longtime resident of Delmar before moving to Albany.

Mrs. Hamblen was a cook at Slingerlands Elementary School for more than 10 years.

She was a member of the AARP, Albany Chapter.

She was the widow of Winston Y. Hamblen.

Survivors include two daughters, Judith A. Parker of Clifton Park and Patricia DeLorenzo of Voorheesville; a son, Gary Hamblen of Albany; a sister, Phyllis Bogle of Chestertown; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Albany Medical Center Foundation, Child Center, A119, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

## Theodore Schwarz

Theodore George Schwarz IV, 56, of Eton Drive in Slingerlands died Friday, Aug. 23.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., he was a graduate of Worcester Academy in Massachusetts and Union College.

He was an Army veteran.

Mr. Schwarz was a project manager for Atlas Copco Comtec in Voorheesville before he retired because of illness.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed skiing, camping, fishing, skeet shooting, bowling and stock car racing.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Leushner Schwarz; and two brothers, Carl L. Schwarz of Berne and Peter B. Schwarz of Andover, Mass.

Services were from the Dady Funeral Home in Schenectady.

Burial was in Vale Cemetery in Schenectady.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205.

## Bryan Gosling

Bryan H. Gosling, 68, of Voorheesville died Thursday, Aug. 22, at his home.

Born in New York City, he attended the School for Industrial Labor Relations at Cornell University. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army and served in the Infantry 4th Armored Division in Germany.

He retired from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel in 1985.

He received the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Meritorious Medal.

As a Reservist, he was a detachment commander and operations officer in the 11th Special Forces Group and an inspector for the Army Command and General Staff College.

He was a public relations manager for New York Power Pool for many years.

Mr. Gosling was an avid military historian and re-enactor, and a member of numerous military and historic organizations.

He was a founding trustee and public relations chairman of the New York State Military Heritage Institute, a fellow of the Company Military Historians and the Saint Andrew's Society of Schenectady.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Wiggers Gosling; two sons, Bryan H. Gosling IV of Rotterdam and Harold Gosling of Niskayuna; and a brother, Craig Goodwin Gosling of Indianapolis.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the New York State Military Institute, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs 12866 or VNA of Albany, Inc., 35 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

## Richard Neal

Richard L. Neal of Slingerlands died Monday, Aug. 26, at his home.

Born in Bay City, Mich., he was a longtime resident of the Capital District. He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Neal served in the Army Air Forces.

He earned an engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He worked for Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Niskayuna for many years.

He was a communicant of Church of Christ the King in Gunderland and a former member of Pinehaven Country Club and CASTA.

Survivors include his wife Maureen Killelea Neal; two sons, Richard Neal of Fayetteville and Lawrence Neal of Glen Ridge, N.J.; a daughter, Mary Dignum of Loudonville; two sisters, Carolyn VanDerpool Anschicks of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Virginia Braun of Reno, Nev.; and eight grandchildren.

Services were from Church of Christ the King.

Arrangements were by the Hans Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Church of Christ the King, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany 12203 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

## Jane Kausel

Jane C. Kausel, 79, of Slingerlands died Thursday, Aug. 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Worcester, Mass., she was a graduate of Worcester Classical High School.

She received a bachelor's degree from Emmanuel College in Boston and a master's degree from Yale School of Nursing.

Mrs. Kausel was a past president of Albany County Medical Auxiliary, the Women's Legislative Forum and the Garden Study Club of Albany. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing bridge.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Harvey Kausel.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Emmanuel College, 400 The Fenway, Boston, Mass. 02115.

## Benjamin Cross

Benjamin L. Cross, 17, of Knox, and a student at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School, died Saturday, Aug. 31, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He worked at J.C.'s Pizza in Voorheesville and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his mother, Elise Mahan of Westerlo; his father, Lawrence Cross of Knox; a brother, Nicholas Cross of Westerlo; three stepbrothers, Ryan Mahan, Kevin Mahan and Peter Mahan; a stepsister, Sonya Whitaker; his best friend, Kevin Cox; and his grandparents, James and Gloria LaGrange and Mary Fiocco.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Fredendall Funeral Home on Main Street in Altamont. Calling hours are scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Gunderland.

Contributions may be made to the Altamont Rescue Squad, PO Box 56, Altamont 12009 or the Helderberg Ambulance Squad, PO Box 54, East Berne 12059.

## Alice Denney

Alice M. "Gigi" Denney, 81, of Delmar died Saturday, Aug. 31, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Denney retired from St.

Peter's Hospital after 26 years of service.

She was the widow of Robert L. Denney Jr.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane Pangburn of Gunderland and Barbara Betor of Delmar; four brothers, Paul Martin, Ray Martin, Douglas Martin and Clyde Martin; two sisters, Joyce Adams and Evelyn Yowell; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 4, from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Normansville Community Church, 14 Mill Road, Delmar 12054.

## Amelia Watson

Amelia Watson, 95, of Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing home in Delmar died Sunday, Sept. 1, at the home.

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

Mrs. Watson was a homemaker.

She was the widow of George J. Watson.

Survivors include a son, George J. Watson Jr. of Prospect Heights; two daughters, Lois Marr of Delmar and Edwina Donnelly of Colonie; 14 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. today, Sept. 4, at the Rockefeller Funeral Home, 165 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer.

Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Recruitment program for Y guides set

A recruitment program for the YMCA Guide program will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in the community room at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue.

The Y Guide program has been in existence for more than 70 years. It was created to bring parents and children to spend quality time together.

There are monthly meetings and special events such as weekend cabin campouts and projects.

For information, call Lawrence Rockefeller at 439-5037.

## BCHS class of 1972 sets reunion date

The Bethlehem Central High School class of 1972 will hold its 30th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the BIG Arena in Delmar.

Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased by writing Class of '72, 3021 Valley Pine Drive, Schenectady 12303.

Additional even information can be obtained by contacting Kit Guntner at pucksave@hotmail.com.

## Walk for diabetes on deck Sept. 29

"Bethlehem Cares," a town-wide walk team that will participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes, is looking for individuals and school, church, fraternal, youth and Scout groups to join their team.

All proceeds from the walk, scheduled for Sept. 29 at Corporate Woods in Albany, will benefit diabetes research.

The first 175 people who register as members of "Bethlehem Cares" and turn in at least \$25 for diabetes research will receive free team t-shirts. Free food and entertainment will be provided for all participants on the day of the walk.

If you wish to join the team, call 439-6894 or pre-register using walk brochures found in many Bethlehem area businesses.

If you are unable to participate but would like to make a donation, mail your check, made payable to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, to "Bethlehem Cares" at 65 Boylston Drive, Delmar 12054.

## Local man joins Army Reserves

Justin R. Harbinger has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

After completion of basic military training, Harbinger will receive advanced individual training in his career job specialty prior to being assigned his first permanent duty station.

Harbinger, a 1999 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has reported to Fort Sill, Okla.

## 2002 school census begins this month

The Bethlehem Central School District will be conducting its 2002 School District Census this September.

The biennial census, an account of all residents of the district (those with and without school-age children), is helpful to the district in projecting enrollment to best anticipate future district and school needs.

A bright orange envelope will be mailed to all district residents at the end of August.

The district asks that all residents (even those without children or with children attending private schools) fill out the form and return it in the accompanying postage-paid envelope to the district office at 90 Adams Place in Delmar no later than Sept. 20.

## Computer class slated at library

"Computer for the Absolute Beginner" is a hands-on introduction to computers offered at Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to use the keyboard, mouse, explore the Web catalog and do basic searching.

The workshop will be repeated at 3 p.m. Each session covers the same material and is limited to six people.

Register for one session only by calling 439-9314.

## Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.



Ronald James Lucas and Beverly Ann Lissandrello

## Lucas and Lissandrello to wed in October

Beverly Ann Lissandrello, daughter of Beverly and Herbert Larock of Voorheesville, and Ronald James Lucas, son of Karen and Richard Lucas Sr., will marry on Oct. 19.

The ceremony will be held at South Westerlo Congregational Church in South Westerlo. Pastor William Balta will perform the marriage.

A reception will follow at Western Turnpike Golf Course in Guilderland.

Melissa Peck, sister of the bride, will be the matron of honor.

Diane Adams, Anne Femia, Cindy Khan and Shannon McDonald will be bridesmaids.

Arnie Adams, John Femia, Steven Peck and Mark Larock will be ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Voorheesville High School and Maria College with a degree in early childhood education. She is a keyboard specialist for the state of New York.

The groom is a graduate of James Madison High School in Atlanta, Ga. and is working toward an associate's degree in computer science. He is a custodian for the Voorheesville Public Library.

Following the wedding, the couple will spend their honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains.

## Junior high sweethearts renew vows after 50 years

Leona and William Morin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

After the ceremony, the couple's children threw a surprise party in honor of their parents at the VFW in Albany.

The couple, who met in junior high school, were originally married in St. Joseph's Church in Albany on June 28, 1952.

The Morins are the parents of

David Morin and his wife Diana of Guilderland, Daniel Morin and his wife Tonya of Selkirk and Diane Hechechouche and her husband Yahia of Canada.

They also have four grandchildren, Tara, Ryan, Justin and Jacob Morin.

William is a Korean War Veteran who retired as a carpenter after 40 years with Local 370. Leona retired from VA Medical Center after 20 years where she was an occupational therapy assistant.

## Megan Gorman and Scott Prince wed

Megan Gorman, daughter of Sheila and Richard Gorman of Delmar, and Scott Prince, son of Barbara Prince of Carver, Mass., were married on June 29.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Daley at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

A reception was held at Appel Inn, in Altamont, following the ceremony.

Jessica Avery was maid of honor.

The bridesmaids were Colleen Doody, Holly Prince, the groom's sister, and Kathleen Coughlin, the bride's cousin.

Sage Murphy was best man.

The ushers were Tony Levesque, Michael Bolles and Timothy Burke.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Keene State College in New Hampshire.

She is an elementary music teacher in the Mascoma School District in Enfield, N.H.

The groom is a graduate of Carver High School, Carver, Mass., and Keene State College.

He is a fitness instructor and personal trainer at River Valley Club in Lebanon, N.H.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple plans to reside in Enfield.

## Rapazzo, Elmendorf engaged to be wed

Tonilee Rapazzo, daughter of Susan and Charles Rapazzo of Rensselaerville, and John Elmendorf, son of Dianne and the late John Elmendorf of Voorheesville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Greenville Central High School and Colonna Beauty School. She is a hair stylist at Leonardo Hair Designers in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of Voorheesville High School. He is a contractor and also works as a selector for Save-a-lot food stores.

No wedding date has been set.

The couple lives in Loudonville.

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Daniel M. Robbins and Suzanne Fish

## Robbins and Fish engaged

Suzanne Fish, daughter of Donna and Peter Fish of Glenmont, and Daniel M. Robbins, son of Charlene and Ronald Robbins of Clifton Park, are engaged to be married on June 7, 2003.

The location of the ceremony has not yet been determined.

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Bethlehem Central High School and Maria College.

She is a physical therapist assistant for Eddy Cohoes Rehab. Center and Columbia Physical Therapy in Cohoes.

The future groom is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School.

He is a United States Postal Service employee.

## Delmar couple celebrates 50th wedding anniversary

Odette and Herbert Fox of Delmar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

The couple was married on July 22, 1952, at Sacred Heart Church in Cambria Heights.

Family and friends celebrated at a reception at the Bavarian Chalet in Guilderland on July 20, in honor of the couple.

The couple's children

Edward Fox and his wife Linda of Glenmont, Robert Fox of Glenmont, and Herbert Fox III and his wife Stephanie of New York City-hosted the party.

Herbert is a retired northeast sales representative for Amtrak. Odette is a homemaker. They also have three grandchildren; Katie, Michael and Alisa Fox.

## Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to P.O. Box 100 Delmar, NY 12054.

## Community



### Unionville celebrates Plum Fest

New Scotland Historical Association will sponsor the fourth annual Plum Fest on Sept. 14 in the Unionville area.

The celebration will include driving tours of historic homes and buildings, the unveiling of new historic markers and trips to the CSX Railroad Yards. Special exhibits will feature spinning demonstrations, quilt displays, a collection of historic postcards and a model of the old Unionville Hotel. There will be craft sales, a petting zoo for children and a chicken barbeque supper.

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# The Write Stuff

## Institute brings authors to area

By DUNCAN CAMPBELL CRARY

Most people might not think of Albany as a literary crossroads, but the New York State Writers Institute continues to work to change that perception with its Fall 2002 Visiting Writers Series lineup.

Though not always recognized, the Capital District has a rich literary heritage, that includes prominent authors such as Herman Melville, Robert Louis Stevenson and Kurt Vonnegut.

"We aim to provide a sense of continuity in our literary heritage — a sense of the ongoing conversation that literature is," said Donald Faulkner, director of the institute, which is part of the University at Albany.

The Writers Institute offers a wide range of free programs, including young and adult writing workshops, a classic film series, television programming and a publication series. But, perhaps the most popular program is the visiting writers series, in which notable authors of widely varied backgrounds come to read, discuss and share their work.

All visiting writers programs are free and open to the public. Most events are either in Page Hall, at 135 Western Ave. on the UAlbany downtown campus, and Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, on the UAlbany uptown campus.

"The fact that we are able to offer all events free to the public is something that I'm proud of," Faulkner said. "This is certainly the most advanced program of its kind on the state level; we're bringing the world to New York state."

Though some readings deal with controversial topics, Faulkner said that the Writers Institute is not trying to shock or upset the community.

"We always try to work within a frame of community standards," Faulkner said.



On Sunday, Oct. 20, Albany novelist William Kennedy will speak as part of the writers series.

Some of the topics covered in films and during readings may deal with adult themes like heartbreak, loss, and tragedy, Faulkner noted, "But these things are part of life. I don't think there are many events that I would warn parents not to bring children."

Dennis Smith, retired New York City firefighter and best-selling author, will commence the fall lineup on Tuesday, Sept. 17, by reading from his recently published book "Report from Ground Zero: The Story of the Rescue Efforts at the World Trade Center" at 8 p.m. in Page Hall.

The following

Wednesday, Sept. 25, Richard Russo, winner of the 2002

Pulitzer Prize for "Empire Falls," will read from his new collection of short stories at 8 p.m. in Page Hall.

The next night, Sept. 26, British-Nigerian novelist Bernardine Evaristo will read from her novel in verse at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Palestinian poet Taha Muhammad Ali and Israeli poet Aharon Shabtai will read from their work at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

Poet Marvin Bell will read from his work at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall on Oct. 8.

Fiction writer Colson Whitehead will read from his novel, "John Henry Davis," on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Recital Hall.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Albany novelist William Kennedy will present a talk on "State and Pearl Streets: The Corner Where History Meets the Imagination" at 2 p.m. in the UAlbany Art Museum, Fine Arts Building on the uptown campus.

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, poet and translator

Clayton Eshleman will read and discuss his work at 8 p.m. at

Assembly Hall.

Actress Zoe Caldwell will read from her memoir at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, fiction writer Jim Harrison will read from his new memoir at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

Institute writer-in-residence James Lasdun will read from his novel "The Horned Man" at on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

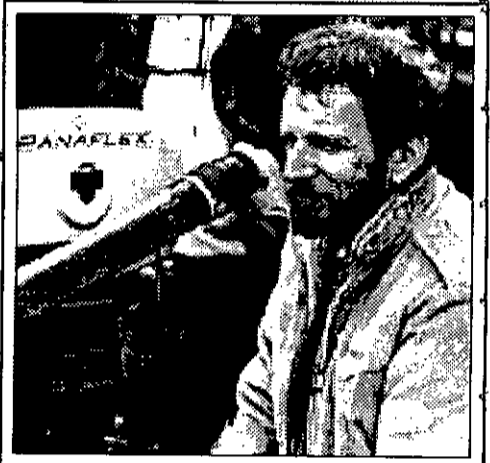
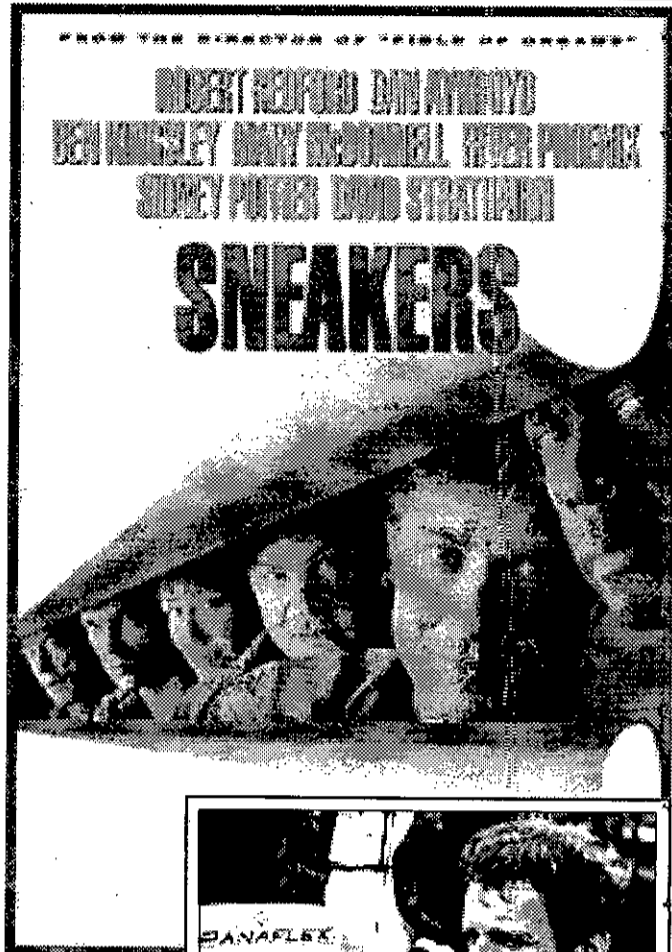
Cuban-American author Ana Menendez will read from her collection of short stories at 8 p.m. in the

Assembly Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, novelist and essayist Lynne Tillman will read from her newly released story collection at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall:

Helen Vendler, one of America's foremost poetry critics, will present a lecture on "Yeats and Lyric Poetry" at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the Recital Hall

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, short story writer Richard Ford will read from his recent collection of short stories, "A Multitude of Sins," at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.



Phil Alden Robinson, director of *Sneakers*, *Field of Dreams* and most recently, *The Sum of All Fears* will hold an informal seminar on writing for the screen on Thursday, Oct. 3. *Sneakers* will be shown as part of the film series on the same date.

Novelist Pat Conroy will wind down the fall schedule by reading from his new nonfiction book "My Losing Season" on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in Page Hall.

All visiting writers will host informal seminars on the day of their readings.

For information, contact the Writers Institute at 442-5620 or online at [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).



Richard Russo, author of the novel *Nobody's Fool*, will read from and discuss his work on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Russo received the 2002 Pulitzer prize for his latest novel, *Empire Falls*.



## Good to the last drop



Bill Arnold, Michael Pearce Donley and Bob Stromberg, the Trio of writer/actors appearing in the Capital Rep production, *Triple Espresso*. The entertaining comedy has returned to the area in an encore performance for one week only beginning Sept. 10. Call the box office at 473-1845 for information and reservations.







LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the LLC is 25 MONROE STREET, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 30, 2002.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF 75 WATERVLIET HOLDING COMPANY, LLC

First: The name of the Company is 75 Watervliet Holding Company, LLC. Second: The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on May 24, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Alacrity Services LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/31/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/27/02.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is B.A.V. Airport Park, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on July 3, 2002.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for BARBOB PROPERTIES, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 10, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. (September 4, 2002)

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE TAX NOTICE Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have received the Tax Rolls and Warrant for the collection of School Taxes for the Town of New Scotland properties in and for the Bethlehem Central School District.

LEGAL NOTICE

Blackbirds Prime Property, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 7/8/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent on whom process may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Capital Recovery Service, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/10/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 5/3/02.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. Name of the Limited Liability Company: Chelsea Cottage, LLC. 2. Date of Filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State: July 2, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Crocker Securities, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/12/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 2/19/02.

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(September 4, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Dynegy Connect, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/15/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/27/00.

LEGAL NOTICE

FINEWILL MGMT, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 03/13/2002.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: FUTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/12/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hearts of Palm, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/2/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of filing of articles of organization of a limited liability company ("LLC") named Historic Albany Foundation Holdings, LLC. Articles filed with NY sec. of state ("SOS") on 8/6/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Homeservices Lending, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/29/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/1/1998.

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Notice of Qualification of IQ SPORTS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/17/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/9/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (September 4, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF J. DAVID SALES, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of age and acting as the organizer of J. DAVID SALES, LLC, the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLC"), certifies that:

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Notice of Qualification of NCM FUNDING, LLC were filed with NYS Secretary of State on July 15, 2002. Principal office located in Albany County. NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served.

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Notice of Qualification of NEVAMAR COMPANY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/27/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/26/02.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: MCR ASSOCIATES, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/26/02. The latest date of dissolution is 08/01/2102.

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tions, LLC Notice of formation of Mercer Films and Digital Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) 3/7/02. Office location: Albany County.

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Notice of Qualification of NSL Northeast Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/24/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/18/02.

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Notice of Qualification of Penske Logistics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/2/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/22/01.

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Notice of Qualification of Philips Medical Capital, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/21/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC

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SCHOOL COLLECTOR'S NOTICE Notice is hereby given that I have received the tax list and warrant for the collection of school taxes in the Voorheesville Central School District.

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Notice of Qualification of SF&C Select Benefits Communications Group, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/24/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Maryland (MD) on 9/9/1999.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice of Qualification of TDS Metrocom, LLC. Authority filed

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/1/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/15/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 301 S. Westfield Rd., Madison, WI 53705. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (September 4, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Specialty Index Funds Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 7/22/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: The LLC, Attn: Gabriel Boyar, 48 Huntersfield Rd., Delmar, NY

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
"Top Stevedore LLC" was filed with the SSNY on 7/30/02. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address, which SSNY shall mail, any process against the LLC served upon him: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (September 4, 2002)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
The name of the LLC is Vandenburg Donuts, LLC. The

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Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 7, 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 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. (September 4, 2002)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
NAME: VARGA MARKETING CO., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/15/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon

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Notice of Qualification of Verizon Wireless of the East LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/6/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/31/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LP: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of

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State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (September 4, 2002)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**  
Woodlawn Associates, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on August 6, 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 Woodlawn Associates, LLC, c/o Lawrence E. Becker, Becker & Becker, P.O. Box 575, Albany, New York 12201-0575. 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.

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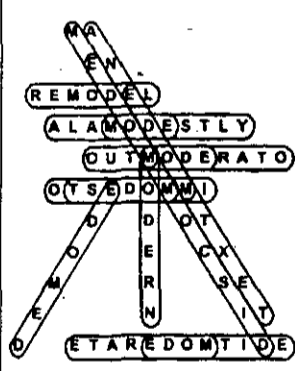
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  - a) every year
  - b) when the fluid feels thick and gritty
  - c) every 24,000 miles
- 2) The most common reason for accel-

erated wear on an automatic transmission is:

- a) long periods of idling in traffic
  - b) low fluid level or contaminated fluid
  - c) extended high speed driving
- 3) Transmission fluid always should be checked
    - a) with the engine running and shift lever in PARK
    - b) with engine turned off and shift lever in drive
    - c) when transmission is cold, such as when the vehicle has been sitting for more than an hour.

4) If a car hesitates or stumbles when accelerating while climbing a hill, the most probable cause is:

- a) the transmission bands are out of adjustment
- b) the torque converter is slipping
- c) a fuel or ignition system malfunction.

5) As a precautionary measure for a vehicle that's used for towing:

- a) have an auxiliary cooler installed
- b) stay in low gear at all times
- c) change fluid more frequently

Answers to

transmission quiz

1) c) is correct. Change transmission fluid and filter every 24,000 miles or as recommended in the owner's manual. More frequent service is required when the vehicle is used for trailer towing or other severe service.

2) b) is correct. Transmission fluid not only is the medium for transmitting power to the wheels, it also lubricates and cools the transmission.

3) a) is correct. Check transmission fluid with the engine idling, shift lever in PARK and the parking brake on.

4) c) is correct. While there's a direct relationship between engine and transmission performance, the symptoms described

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## *Selkirk Cogen Partners, L.P.*

**congratulate and credit each & every Selkirk Cogen employee:**

**S**elkirk Cogen commends each member of its workforce and is proud to share this news with our community. We welcome this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to a safe environment.

**S**ince 1997, Selkirk Cogen has been recognized as part of the "STAR" operation by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration. This OSHA designation recognizes the safety performance of exemplary facilities; and is OSHA's highest status.

**S**uccess in safety requires regular training, diligent attention to safety procedures, and a faithful commitment to one another on an every action, every minute, and every day basis.

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Selkirk Cogen is a 345-megawatt combined cycle cogeneration facility located in Selkirk. It provides enough electricity to meet the needs of about 345,000 homes with electricity sales to Niagara Mohawk Power, Consolidated Edison, and other energy providers as well as steam to GE Plastics. Selkirk Cogen meets and exceeds all Federal New Source Standards for the environment and provides financial benefits to its community through taxes as well as other community involvement. Selkirk Cogen is committed to the environment and education of our community.