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David Harvey gets a lesson in driving a fire truck from Delmar firefighter Ken Drew at the fire department open house last Saturday.

Jim Franco

Fire officials attempt to raise awareness

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Area fire companies observed the start of Fire Prevention Week last Friday and Saturday with open houses and special events — and for the third year, the Selkirk Fire Company has scheduled a full week of events to help raise public awareness of the volunteer company's role in the community.

A recruitment promotion event at the Glenmont Car Wash last Friday was followed by an open house for the fire district's neighbors Monday evening at its Fire Company No. 2 station house in Glenmont, offering tours and information about volunteer opportunities. Throughout the week, members of the company will carry the message of in-home and at-work fire safety to schools and businesses,

including presentations set for the CSX offices near the Selkirk Rail Yard and Glenmont's Farm Family Insurance Company. The weeklong observances wrap up this Saturday with a Community Day at the Glenmont station from noon to

4 p.m., with demonstrations, refreshments, family activities and a raffle.

"This is our third year of getting behind an effort for Fire Prevention Week, with a whole plethora of events,"

Paul Watson

said Paul Watson, an assistant chief and the district safety officer, who is coordinating the week's activities with Doug Van Appledoorn, a member and former president of Company No. 2. "Public awareness is important, but recruitment is definitely a priority." The Selkirk district, served by three separate station houses, extends all the way from the Port of Albany in the northeast corner of Glenmont to the Coeymans town line and encompasses Bethlehem's industrial district on the outskirts of Feura Bush; a lengthy riverfront that requires a marine fire unit; the hamlets of Selkirk and South Bethlehem; and the Route 9W corridor.

With the expanding demands for service within the district, "Each of the three stations is allowed an active roster of 50 members, but we're only about half

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Callanan objects to town truck limits

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The ongoing debate before the Bethlehem town board over truck traffic restrictions through a Delmar residential neighborhood may have been rendered moot two weeks ago by a petition filed with the state Department of Transportation by Callanan Industries.

According to Regional Traffic Engineer William E. Logan of DOT's Region One office, attorneys at the firm of Couch White LLC, representing Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem, hand-delivered to his office a letter on Sept. 25 — the very day on which the town board was due to consider draft legislation to bar non-local truck traffic along Cherry and Elm avenues between Kenwood Avenue and the Delmar

bypass. The letter requested formal designation of Route 52, as well as Cherry Avenue Extension and Route 85 from its intersection with the extension to I-90 at the Bethlehem town line, as an access highway for "special dimension vehicles" — essentially, trucks and truck-tractor combinations exceeding 65 feet in length.

Such a designation would prevent local officials from enacting laws that would bar such vehicles — including the 75-foot car carrier trailers that prompted neighbors along Elm and Cherry to seek the proposed truck ban in the first place when they petitioned the town board last June.

According to Logan, receipt of the Callanan letter triggered a 90-day period in which, under Federal Highway Administration regulations, DOT must identify a "quantifiable safety hazard" in

the specified stretch of road, such as inadequate highway geometry, lanes less than 10 feet in width or a significant history of "off-tracking" (drifting outside marked bounds of a road) or accidents by large trucks — or DOT must automatically grant the request.

Logan notified George Nealon, Albany County commissioner of public works, of the Callanan petition in an Oct. 1 letter, copied to Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller, in which he set a deadline of Oct. 31 for county and local officials to review the request and respond.

"In 90 days, it takes effect unless we find a significant reason to stop

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Board tables truck issue for more info

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The debate on what to do about truck traffic on Cherry and Elm avenues in Delmar hit a pothole at the Bethlehem Town board meeting on Sept. 25.

As previously directed in a Aug. 28 board resolution, town attorney Robert Alessi presented two alternative drafts of local laws restricting truck traffic on Cherry and Elm avenues.

"The town clearly has the authority to regulate (truck traffic), provided they do so on a reasoned basis," he told the

board.

But after more than an hour and a half of discussion before a packed town hall auditorium crowd — including many residents of the Elm and Cherry neighborhood who had petitioned the town board for the restrictions last June — the board shelved the proposals until they could obtain further analysis of a truck ban's potential impact.

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afterward. "But we just didn't have enough votes to approve anything. Frankly, I don't know that we had any votes."

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Sheila Fuller

Her request for proposals asks the consultants to define specific classes of trucks,

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Clark holds line on zero budget hike

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

While many local municipalities introduce proposals for two-digit tax rate hikes for the coming year to cover budget gaps brought on by a shaky economy, New Scotland Supervisor Ed Clark hopes to hold the line at zero.

Clark distributed copies of his proposed budget for 2003 to town council members last week and will formally present his \$3.1 million plan — not including special district outlays and bonded capital spending — at the council's meeting tonight, Oct. 9.

"Our objective is to maintain the quality and level of services without raising taxes," Clark said. "That's not easy to do in this economy. My intention is to keep the rates exactly where they were last year."

In order to achieve that goal,

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Police arrest 2 for DWI

Two individuals were arrested within hours of one another on Sunday, Sept. 29, each charged by Bethlehem police with driving while intoxicated (DWI). And a Feura Bush man, arrested in August for DWI, will now face an additional felony charge stemming from the same incident.

The first arrest came shortly before 1 a.m. in North Bethlehem, where Officer Scott Galough was engaged in a radar patrol on Blessing Road. He stopped a southbound vehicle near Eastmount Road and charged Kenneth Ray King, 31, of 60 Mansions Blvd., Delmar, for speeding. After administering field sobriety tests, he also charged King with DWI.

Shortly after 3:30 a.m., Officer Craig Sleurs, on patrol along Route 85 in Slingerlands, observed a vehicle turning left, allegedly without signalling, onto Cherry Avenue Extension. He stopped Srikanth Arani Reddy, 26, of Walnut Creek, Calif., near McCormack Road. After field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening, he charged Reddy with DWI and cited him for failure

to signal.

Both men are due in Town Court on Oct. 15.

Meanwhile, in town court on Oct. 1, prosecutors from the Albany County District attorney's office charged Kenneth Michael Frodyma, 38, of 1398 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, with a felony count of reckless endangerment in a hit-and-run accident on Aug. 15 on the Delmar bypass.

Frodyma was arrested at the time for DWI and leaving the scene of an accident after a Glenmont motorist was rear-ended on the bypass by a vehicle that then drove off. A license check of the vehicle led police to Frodyma, who was arrested at his home.

The victim of the hit-and-run, and two children in her vehicle, were treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital for a variety of head and neck injuries. The felony charge entered against Frodyma last week stemmed from the seriousness of those injuries.

Frodyma is scheduled for arraignment on Nov. 6.

Pumpkin carving slated at park office

Newcomers & Friends of Bethlehem will host a pumpkin carving tonight, Oct. 9, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Parks & Recreation office at Elm Avenue Park.

Participants should bring their own carving tools and \$2.50 to cover the cost of a pumpkin. For information or to reserve a spot at the carving, call Andrea Robinson at 432-7772.

Tomboys to hold Sunday tryouts

The Bethlehem Tomboys Girls Softball League will be holding tryouts for its 2003 Travel and Tournament Team on Sunday, Oct. 27, at Line Drive. For information, call 439-9240.

Health screening set

The town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department will host a blood pressure screening on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at town hall. Displays on soy foods and information on diabetes prevention and breast self-examination will also be available.

QUILT to meet

QUILT will meet on Friday, Oct. 11, at First Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The meeting will start at 9:15 a.m., and will feature a lecture on "Stash Management." There is a \$3 fee. For information, call 456-0552.

Four local businesses report burglaries

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police are investigating four recent overnight burglaries of local businesses, including three in Delmar and a fourth at a sign shop in Glenmont.

Three of the burglaries took place over the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29, two of them in a small cluster of retail stores behind Delaware Plaza.

Sometime after the close of business on Friday, Sept. 27, Geno's Auto Service and Mancuso's Luncheonette both suffered break-ins.

An employee arriving at Geno's at about 4 p.m. Saturday found a bathroom window broken and bars on the window forced, and the office of the service shop in disarray. Desk drawers had been rifled through, but there was no immediate report of anything missing; no cash had been left on the premises.

There were no signs of forced entry to Mancuso's, but an employee arriving at the diner on Sunday afternoon found a cash drawer rifled through and a small amount of cash taken. Quantities of cash elsewhere on the premises were undisturbed.

Police are investigating the possibility that the two break-ins were related, although no firm connection has yet been established beyond their proximity, according to police spokesman

Sgt. Thomas Heffernan.

Also occurring over the same weekend was a break-in at Elk Sign Express at 430 Route 9W in Glenmont. At about 6 p.m. Sunday, an employee discovered a rear door forced, a back room of the shop rifled through, and a cash register forced open and left on the floor. About \$50 cash was reported missing.

While the stolen cash from the three weekend break-ins totalled less than \$100, thieves fared better several days earlier at Bob's Service Center, a Mobil station at 317 Delaware Ave. An overnight break-in was discovered by an employee at about 5:30 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 25.

A glass pane in the garage door had been smashed to gain entry, and approximately 400 packs of cigarettes, valued at about \$2,000, were taken, along with various candy items and a small quantity of cash.

Extension to host program on farmers

The Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold "Hungry Farmers: A National Security Issue for All" on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at the William Rice Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

To register or for information, call 765-3500.

Church classes scheduled

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar holds Bible classes on Sundays for children and adults.

This year, the church will offer a class for adults with developmental disabilities from 9:15 to 10 a.m. The class will begin on Oct. 13 and continue on the second and fourth Sundays of

each month.

Participants must be able to enjoy a class that lasts approximately 45 minutes to an hour, take care of personal matters and have no disruptive behaviors. No transportation is available.

To register, call the church at 439-4328.

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BC board to screen 12 applicants for seat

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

One steps aside, and 12 offer to pitch in. Those are the numbers of prospective candidates who would like to serve on the Bethlehem board of education, the board learned at its meeting last week.

Faced with an unexpected vacancy for the remainder of this school year when Robert Wing resigned last month, the board decided to fill the seat by appointment. Applicants were invited to apply for the seat by forwarding résumés to board president Warren Stoker.

Twelve residents responded, and the board will conduct interviews of the applicants today and Thursday before making a selection.

The board is also reaching out to the community for four residents to join an Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee. The committee will number 20 members, comprised of administrators, teachers, students and parents, as well as four community members. The committee, working with Albany architectural firm Collins & Scoville as consultants, will examine a number of district issues.

These issues include "enrollment projections, maintenance needs, school capacity determinations, space options, potential projects for each facility including core facilities, site work and athletic fields, technology component, overall priorities and final options for the board," according to a

draft memo that will be presented to the committee by Superintendent Les Loomis.

Loomis added that the committee will be expected to have "developed options for board consideration to be included in a potential bond issue to be scheduled for a community vote in October or November, 2003."

Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Life Long Learning was honored by the board for reaching its 10th anniversary of service. Stoker presented a commemorative plaque and congratulations to the institute's founders, Helen and Fred Adler.

District representatives to Project Lead the Way offered thanks for a contribution to the district by a local corporate partner, Selkirk Co-Gen Partners. CoGen's Community Liaison, Lorraine Smith, presented a check for \$9,500 to the district for use in its program.

Commenting on a letter to the editor regarding faculty conduct from Patricia Kane, published in the Oct. 2 issue of *The Spotlight*, Loomis objected to what he called "the most irresponsible charges I have seen in print in the 15 years I have been in the Bethlehem District."

He referred to the faculty as dedicated, professional and hard working, and pointed out that remedies certainly exist to deal with credible charges. Roberta Rice, president of the Bethlehem Teachers Association also expressed "dismay" at seeing unspecified charges in print.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16.

Deputies charge sailor with rape of 15-year-old

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A man with ties in New Scotland, reportedly AWOL from the Navy, was arrested by Albany County Sheriff's deputies on Saturday, Oct. 5, on a felony charge of statutory rape.

Anthony P. Marino, 22, of 4065 Messina Drive, San Diego, Calif., was arrested at the home of his mother on Indian Fields Road near Feura Bush, after alleged sexual intercourse there over several days with a 15-year-old female runaway from Albany's St. Anne's Institute.

Marino was arraigned before New Scotland Town Justice Kenneth Connolly on the rape charge, as well as an outstanding

warrant for harassment from Voorheesville Village Court, dating from January. Connolly ordered him held at Albany County jail without bail, pending a preliminary hearing. Marino entered a guilty plea at his arraignment.

"The district attorney wants to take a look at it," said Deputy Chief Craig Apple of the County Sheriff's Department on Monday. "It's not a forcible charge. I think they want to make a determination before setting a hearing."

The victim, reported missing a week earlier from St. Anne's, "had been hanging around Crossgates Mall and she ended up meeting this gentleman and going to his home," Apple said.

After four days and multiple incidents of intercourse, he said, the victim apparently disclosed her age to Marino, who then drove her to the Feura Bush Stewart's store, phoned 911 and reported her as a missing runaway, leaving her at the store. The 15-year-old subsequently disclosed her liaison with Marino to responding officers, who questioned and arrested Marino at the Indian Fields address.

Pumpkin art



Christina and Eliza Molinsek of Delmar paint pumpkins at the annual Apple Festival at the Altamont Fairgrounds last Sunday.

Jim Franco

Village Stage to drum up support

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Seeking to open its 18th season, Delmar's homegrown community theater group, Village Stage, will host an event next week that the group's president describes as a last ditch effort to reverse a decline of its membership.

Village Stage will conduct an "Autumn Soiree" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Nathaniel A. Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 West Poplar Drive.

"We're looking for people to come and learn more about Village Stage," said Carolyn Szymanski last week. "I think Village Stage needs to be more of a community theater, with a lot of people involved in a number of areas. We can't just be a board of a few people and try to get it done anymore."

Launched in 1985 and performing one or two shows a season since, Village Stage has weathered difficulties before. It has long lacked a permanent home, conducting rehearsals wherever it can and performances at Bethlehem town hall, Bethlehem Central High School and Middle School and at the Academy of the Holy Names. Competition from other organizations for rehearsal and

performance time in those spaces has grown, as has competition from the expanding number of community theater groups in the region for core membership to build sets, fill out choruses and take tickets.

Five years ago, Village Stage skipped its spring and fall 1998 productions to regroup and take stock. The hiatus ended with "Carnival" in the spring of 1999 and two shows were mounted in each of the following two seasons.

But a production of "Godspell" originally slated for last fall was rescheduled as it faced difficulties retaining cast, production crew and even a musical director — finally making it onstage last January.

"The director brought in a lot of people, but not many of our regular members were involved," Szymanski said. "We just didn't have enough people in the membership to get involved. My dad saw it and said, 'that was a really good show. But was it Village Stage?'"

After "Godspell," no spring production was planned — and then-president Holly Wilkie subsequently stepped down, burned out, Szymanski said, from both producing and performing in the show.

"We decided we needed a 12-

month plan, to do nothing but plan a musical in another year and try to see if we can rebuild our membership," Szymanski said.

With the musical "The Boyfriend" tentatively set for next spring under the direction of longtime member Dick Feldman, no firm performance location has yet been secured; the school drama group at Holy Names, the group's recent musical home, is planning a spring production of, ironically, "The Boyfriend."

"We've approached Doane Stuart School (on Route 9W in Glenmont) about using their stage, and we're continuing to look for other places," said Szymanski. And Village Stage's board hopes next week's event brings fresh members.

The Autumn Soiree will include skits and musical presentations by some of the group's veterans, including Tom Wathews and Becky Marvin — and over refreshments, a presentation on what is needed to keep the group going.

"The party is hopefully going to be a chance to give people some idea of what the different roles are and how they can participate," Szymanski said. "We're hoping for a good turnout. But if four people show up, well, I guess we're done."

Police respond to three accidents

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Three recent accidents in Bethlehem sent three town residents to local hospitals.

Shortly before 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, Alex P. Doelsnitz, 43, of 6 Delmar Place, on a bicycle northbound on the shoulder of Elsmere Avenue, was struck by a vehicle driven by Ashe K. Griffin, 52, of 356 Kenwood Ave., as she made a turn into the driveway of CVS.

Griffin told police she did not see the bicyclist as she made the turn, and she was not charged in the incident. Doelsnitz was driven to Albany Medical Center where he was treated for a fractured arm and released.

A Delmar motorist was involved in another Delaware Avenue accident on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Karen M. Gates, 31, of 298 Delaware Avenue, emerging from the parking lot of her apartment building shortly before 7:30 a.m., struck an eastbound vehicle driven by Arlie M. Hedges, 24, of 650 Salisbury Road, Delmar.

Gates was transported to Albany Memorial Hospital by

Delmar Ambulance, where she was treated for a possible neck injury and released. Neither driver was ticketed.

An accident involving a vehicle driven by Elsmere fire Chief Edward J. Costigan of 49 Sudbury Road, Glenmont, took place shortly before 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26.

En route to an emergency call, Costigan, with appropriate sirens and lights operating, struck a vehicle driven by Alice E. Smith, 86, of 30 Greenleaf Drive, Delmar, as it emerged onto Feura Bush Road from Ames Plaza.

Smith, hospitalized with a hip injury, was later ticketed for failure to yield.

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Working 24/7 just the tip of the parenting iceberg

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It's supposed to get easier when they go back to school. Sure, there's two solid hours of work before the workday even begins: checking that everyone has clean clothes, making lunches, waking them up for school, waking them up again, giving them breakfast and handling that last minute crisis of missing homework or the clothing article that was perfect yesterday but is now all wrong.

Then, hopefully, a few minutes of mind-numbing silence in the car on the way to work, or a big sigh of relief as the bus pulls away

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and the dog and the sink full of dishes vie for attention. Somehow, though, the respite isn't complete, and that's the real lesson of parenthood. Even when our children aren't physically with us, they're mentally never far away as we fret, analyze, hope, pray, dream and think about them.

Undistracted by their presence and not needing to get

more juice, find the Scotch tape or reiterate that group sleepovers are the devil's own work, part or all of our minds linger on them before their return brings crashing reality back home. There are the big things, of course: will they successfully negotiate the difficult terrain the teen years are about to present? Will they get into the colleges of their choice? Will we be able to afford those colleges?

For a parent, it's far easier to cover ground already trodden, try to figure out what went right and what could go better in that amorphous future that looms before parents and children.

Is it OK that a 12-year-old

doesn't want a parent in the same room with him when the computer's on? Hopefully, it's enough that he observes the "door open in the computer room" rule, and surely it's a good sign that he never throws himself to hide the monitor when I do wander in, ostensibly looking for a pencil or a sheet of paper. As the kids grow bigger and the house feels like it's shrinking, it's good to remind myself that its rare to find the boys actually out of earshot.

Which leads to my worry about their room. I'm clearly not teaching them any lessons of responsibility or basic hygiene by allowing them to keep their own

place of repose a pigsty. In their room, they are out of earshot, but the Hurricane Lili look makes it a place they rarely seek out. Part of my mental musings will be weighing the battle that will ensue should I insist on cleanliness there. They insist that it's their room, and they like it messy, so all our needs are served.

Another current worry is how to deal with a 10-year-old's striving for independence, which seems this fall to mostly manifest itself in less-than-charming mother/son screaming matches.

"It's my time and my homework," he insists on Monday nights when I suggest he spread out the week's assigned packet of spelling words. I pose the questions experts have promised will lead him to reach the right conclusions on his own, but a wise saying lurks in the back of my mind.

"Don't ask questions you don't want answered," an experienced teacher said once. I want the answer to be, "yes, of course, mother dear, I see the value in doing a little bit of work every night," but in truth, 10 more minutes of Courage the Cowardly Dog beats three times each of 20 words hands down.

In addition to worrying about the past and the future, there are also hopes and dreams for all they can become. Nothing is too good or too impossible for them, in a parent's mind. For our elder son, whose collection of mythology books is alphabetized and maintained in perfect condition (and not in his room!), we imagine a professor's chair at Harvard.

For our smiley son who loves everything related to food, we imagine a show more successful than Emeril's.

Depending on the day, hour or minute, we will tell you that we are either blessed or cursed with children who know their own minds far too well. That's why so much of the mental meandering stays in our heads — our children are clearly their own people.

When we put aside all our worries, we sometimes enjoy the gift of perfect time together. On a recent autumn day, the four of us found ourselves hiking a small mountain. The kids hate to hike and spent more than a few minutes letting us know that. As we went up, though, perhaps the increased beating of their hearts or the extra working of leg muscles happier stretched out in front of the TV calmed them.

From there, we talked about Maine having once been part of Massachusetts and the Missouri Compromise that let it enter the union as its own state. Then the discussion was about the moral and economic impoverishment that comes from slavery, and before we knew it, we were up that hill and down again, with admiration for our own abilities and the view spread before us.

We sat afterward on a grassy knoll, looking out at Lake George, deep blue in the air just hinting of October. The hillsides were still mostly green, offering occasional glimpses of the red and orange this month will bring, and we drank water and made salami sandwiches. The autumn day wrapped its warmth and beauty around us, stole away our worries and left us to enjoy the best gift we'll ever get: our children.

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New book outlines ins and outs of state government

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

We get so used to saying we live in the Capital District that we often don't stop to think what, exactly, that means.

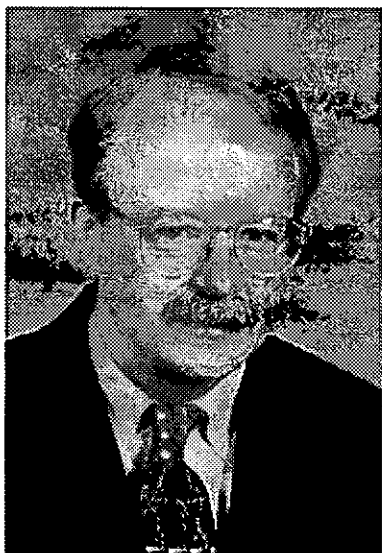
Sure, we know the Capital building is undergoing a big renovation. If someone in our own household doesn't work for the state, certainly some of our friends or neighbors do. Still if we had to give specifics about the workings of state government, we might find ourselves with more questions than answers.

Now, there's one source we can go to if we have a question or just want to know more about the workings inside those buildings that make up the Albany skyline. The Rockefeller Institute of Government recently published a 474-page book titled *New York State Government: What It Does, How It Works*. The book is divided into 16 chapters, with concise sections that address specific areas of government.

They range from the state Constitution to the elected leaders and bodies of government to the domains of the government like education, transportation and the environment.

The role of the public is also addressed in a book that Delmar resident Robert B. Ward worked on for nearly three years.

"I've decided that the way to learn about something is to write a book about it," the 46-year-old director of research at the Public Policy Institute of New York State, Inc. said.



Robert Ward

Originally, Ward said, he and Richard Nathan, director of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, discussed updating a 1988 publication that was an insider's guide to the state government.

"We thought it made sense to do a new book that was more of an outsider's guide," Ward said. "This is a citizen's guide and will also be a good tool for college, high school and middle school students." In working to provide an overview of state government, Ward said there were a few things he learned himself.

"We have an activist government with a huge impact on education, the environment and the economy," he said. In relation to its population, New York collects and spends a great deal of money, something Ward sees as a reflection of choices made by

the government over the past decades. "Medicaid spending is smaller in other states," he said. "Starting with (Gov. Nelson) Rockefeller, we've spent a lot on that."

New York's governors, Ward discovered, hold a great deal of power. Using indices created by political scientists, New York's governors are No. 3 in power in the United States. In particular, Ward said the Empire State's governor has great control over the budget and political appointments. He added that the control does not negate the importance of members of the state Legislature. Nor does he believe that the governor, majority leader of the Senate and speaker of the Assembly hold all the power. "I think 'three men in a room' is overstated," Ward said. "Joe Bruno was elected by his colleagues, and it's not a job you have for life. Individual members do matter, and even in the case of minority members, they advance ideas."

Still, Ward advocates for more accountability from the state, devoting a section to it in chapter 15, "The People's Government."

"We started measuring how well our government works with the school report cards," Ward said. "The Health Department issues cardiac care report cards on hospitals, and we need to find more ways to benchmark the government. There should be more measurement of key services the state provides. The ultimate goal should be to make

this state government more efficient and to serve people better."

The main thing he learned, Ward said, is that individuals can and do make a difference every day. "In a democracy," Ward said, "you get what you pay for, and the currency is your attention. A vote should be the minimum attention you pay to government." Who is elected matters a great deal, Ward said, pointing to the Lew Lehr-

"The single most powerful thing you can do," Ward said, "is to write a letter to the editor. A legislator assumes that if there's one letter, there are 50 people who feel that way."

Ward grew up in Albany's Pine Hills neighborhood, and although his grandfather was a committeeman during Mayor Erastus Corning's tenure, he said his was not a political family — although politics felt like the order of the day. "Between growing up with Corning and Rockefeller running the world, it always seemed like politics were important," Ward said.

Ward graduated from Syracuse University, where he majored in newspaper journalism and political science.

Before joining the Public Policy Institute 12 years ago, he worked in the Legislature for three years, writing and researching for Arthur Kremer, the Democratic Assemblyman from Nassau County who was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Before that, Ward was a reporter for *The Knickerbocker News* for seven years. Ward's wife, Deborah, works for New York State United Teachers.

The Wards have two children: Kate, a sophomore at Harvard, and Dave, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School.

We thought it made sense to do a new book that was more of an outsider's guide. This is a citizens guide and will also be a good tool for college, high school and middle school students.

Robert Ward

man/Mario Cuomo race for governor in 1982. "Lehrman proposed even greater tax cuts than George Pataki," Ward said. "This would have been a very different state if he'd been elected." Ward advised people interested in making a difference to learn the issue that matters to them. "If you're the expert, people will listen to you," he said. "Then figure out what opportunities are out there, and use them to the fullest."

Compromise, Ward said, can also play a role in achieving a goal. Ward encouraged people to phone or write their legislators, or go public with their opinions.

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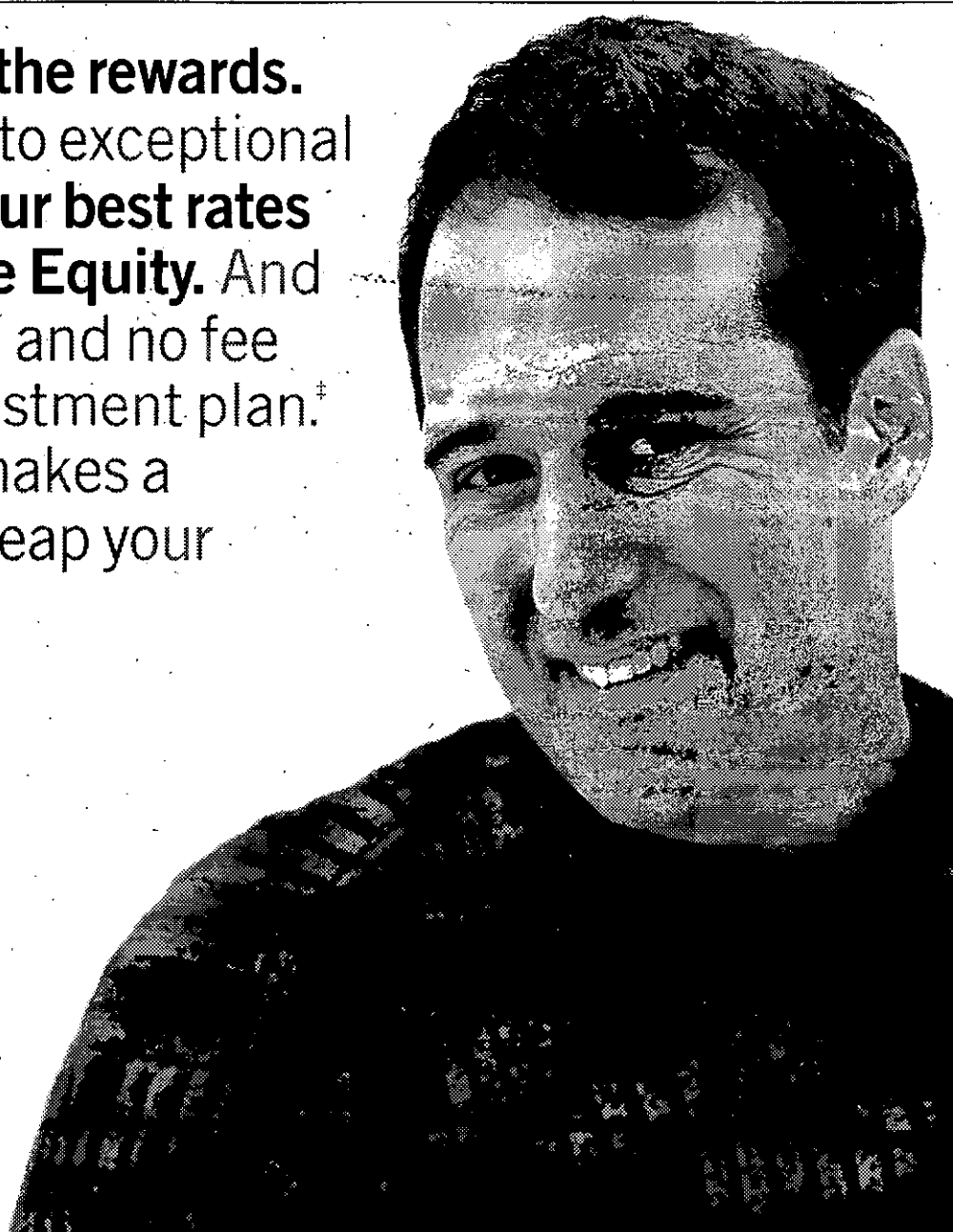
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Matters of Opinion

Think fire prevention

This week, local firefighters are conducting open houses and recruitment drives as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Firefighters recommend replacing smoke detectors when the time changes to Eastern Standard Time at the end of the month. That's especially good advice for this time of year when furnaces kick in for keeps, adding another potential home fire danger.

Another safety measure is to make sure your furnace is in good working order before the really cold weather sets in.

Make sure your heating system is cleaned and up to snuff to avoid a potential disaster later on.

Firefighters also recommend that families plan an escape route in the event of a house fire. A run-through of using the route is important, especially for children so they know exactly where to go should a fire break out.

Keep your family safe and heed our firefighters' advice. They know first-hand just how important it is to practice prevention.

Support Village Stage

Organizations like the Village Stage, a local theater group, all too often are run like one-woman or one-man shows, which takes its toll over time.

Village Stage is now in a crunch for lack of support from the community and may be forced to disband as a result.

That would be a shame, but understandable. Mounting a production is a hard-enough task in and of itself, but add the lack of a permanent "home," and the problems get more and more complex.

Village Stage has done some remarkable work over the years, beginning with a musical review that involved dozens of performers and tech crew. It has also had lean times and reorganized several years ago to try to get back on track.

We hope that the Village Stage's current attempt to revitalize itself will succeed. It's a group that has provided many, many hours of top-notch entertainment for our local community. It is also a wonderful opportunity to showcase local talent.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, Village Stage will host a meeting at the Blanchard Post in Delmar at 7 p.m. If you'd like to find out more about this group, show up and offer to lend a hand.

Editorials

Comptroller hopeful offers new vision

By JOHN J. FASO

The writer is the Republican, Independence and Conservative Party candidate for state comptroller. A resident of Kinderhook, he has been a member of the state Assembly since 1987.

I am deeply honored to have served as a state assemblyman since 1987 and have worked hard to make a positive impact on New York state policies.

State fiscal reform is a hallmark of my public service record, and I have consistently led efforts to enact real budget reform. During my 16 years as an assemblyman, the positions I held, first as ranking minority member of the budgetary Ways and Means Committee and ultimately as Republican leader of the Assembly, gave me a wealth of knowledge about New York state's fiscal process.

As the head of Gov. George Pataki's budget transition team in 1994, I helped write the fiscal plan that laid the groundwork for closing the \$5 billion state deficit left behind by former Gov. Mario Cuomo's administration. The plan led to the enactment of \$100 billion in family and business tax cuts. I understand the complexities of our state's troubled fiscal picture and feel well-qualified to continue my public service as the next state comptroller.

The state comptroller plays a critical role in overseeing the fiscal stability of the state and in administering and protecting the assets of the state Retirement Systems. This year's election for state comptroller is about holding the office to a higher standard of integrity, performance, and experience than in the past.

As state comptroller, I plan to continue serving as the taxpayers' watchdog, fighting for fiscal restraint, lower taxes and debt and budget reform. I believe that the next state comptroller should assume a more proactive role than his predecessor has played in improving the state's archaic, overly partisan and secretive fiscal process. I plan to reform the state comptroller's office to make it more

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accountable, efficient and effective than ever before and to use the office to promote economic development and greater investment in New York state businesses.

I will use my influence as sole trustee of the \$105 billion New York State Common Retirement Fund to hold corporations to the highest standard of integrity, accountability and transparency in the way they govern their affairs.

I am pleased to share an overview of my comprehensive plan to reform the state's budget, capital planning and debt procedures, and to achieve the highest ethical standards of corporate governance.

My plan calls for an overhaul

My plan to encourage ethical corporate governance recognizes the critical role that the state comptroller plays in safeguarding and increasing the value of the New York State Common Retirement Fund on behalf of state and local retirees, taxpayers and investors.

of the annual state budget process, capital financing and debt reform. The financial reform package incorporates the "On Time, Every Time" plan for timely budgets that my Republican colleagues and I developed when I was Assembly minority leader. It would curb debt and reduce reliance on borrowing, create a new Debt Management Board, and establish a capital planning process to restore public confidence and improve accountability.

Our state taxpayers are struggling under the yoke of a \$39 billion state debt, the fourth highest of any state. State-supported debt is anticipated to increase to almost \$42 billion within the next four years.

The proposals in my plan would attack the state's debt by creating a constitutional prohibition against "backdoor borrowing," an ill-conceived tactic that skirts conventional borrowing procedures, one that I have been fighting to end for years.

I also propose to put a cap on debt service, to create a debt review process, and to enact a long-term strategy for debt reduction. These reforms will

encourage fiscal discipline and establish borrowing limitations based on an impartial determination of how much borrowing the state can afford.

Key budgetary reform proposals include: ending the infamous "three men in a room" practice by opening up the budget process to the public and press; prohibiting the Legislature from considering non-budget bills after April 1 until a state budget is adopted; requiring the state comptroller to establish a Binding Revenue Estimate if no agreement on revenue estimates is reached by the statutory deadline; and enacting a "sunshine requirement" for a layman's summary of the budget bill to be available to the public for at least 48 hours prior to passage.

My plan to encourage ethical corporate governance recognizes the critical role that the state comptroller plays in safeguarding and increasing the value of the New York State Common Retirement Fund on behalf of state and local retirees, taxpayers and investors. New York state and its localities have nearly 300,000 retirees in the state and local retirement systems, and

thousands more will retire in the future. The Common Retirement Fund belongs to them. It will be my duty to protect this investment.

The plan provides for the study and adoption of 38 recommendations to protect New York public retirees, restore investor confidence and revive the state economy in the long term. It incorporates new federal reforms such as a 48-hour reporting rule on stock transactions involving corporate executives and directors, greater independence for the overseers of accounting standards, and a ban on many types of consulting services performed by accounting firms.

In the early 1990s, I successfully fought the attempts of my opponent and others to raid the State Pension Fund. As state comptroller and sole trustee of the \$105 billion Common Retirement Fund, I will continue to protect the fund on behalf of all stakeholders by using my influence to lead the fight for fiscal reform, to initiate change, and to achieve the highest ethical standards of corporate governance. It will be my duty to insist on greater accountability.

Spotlight Newspapers has invited Democratic comptroller candidate Alan G. @Hevesi to respond.

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Matters of Opinion

BC criticism unfairly depicts educators

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have to respond to the completely outrageous letter from Pat Kane in last week's *Spotlight*.

Her attitude toward school policies is a perfect example why it is so difficult for schools to maintain discipline and establish order in our schools. That, and her totally reckless accusation that "some of the male teachers still grope the female students," just have to be addressed.

A very reasonable dress code has been established for BCHS and having supportive parents is the key to success of a policy like this, or any other for that matter. What kind of example is it for a parent to take the school to task over something as sensible as a dress code? Apparently, the policy was established to bring a level of decency to the students' attire. They aren't being asked to wear a burka! If my high school student was sent home for a dress code violation, you can be sure she wouldn't have to do so twice or

three times in one day.

Regarding the alleged groping, Ms. Kane has impugned the integrity of all male teachers at BCHS by her reckless and entirely irresponsible accusation about the groping of female students. Unless she has some specific information about an incident and can back it up with evidence, she is out of line to make a statement like that.

It's unfortunate that some parents cannot see the big picture when it comes to standards and holding people accountable for their behavior. Life hands all of us rules and regulations we simply have to learn to deal with.

Our children have to understand that lesson in order to cope with the inevitable challenges of adult life. Ms. Kane is doing her daughter a disservice by taking this position against the school.

Ben Bagby
Glenmont

Superintendent chides writer for accusations

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week's *Spotlight* contained a letter to the editor from Pat Kane about the Bethlehem Central School District's student dress code in which she stated, "Some of the male teachers still grope the female students independent of what they wear."

Bethlehem Central teacher and staff members work hard to educate the community's children and to promote respect throughout our schools, efforts that have established their

deservedly positive reputations.

Ms. Kane has no right to denigrate the quality of their work or their character. If she has accusations to make, she should bring them to a principal or to me. We will address any concerns through a fair legal process, rather than through irresponsible and groundless statements in the media.

Leslie G. Loomis
Bethlehem Central
superintendent of schools

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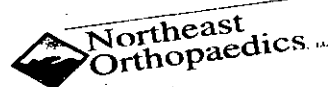
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Senior citizen rues Selkirk's 'fringe' status

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am an 80-year old senior who has lived for 40-plus years on the "unzoned" side of River Road (Route 144) in Selkirk.

I've had many years to watch and take part in various concerns and developments in the town. Since the death of my husband 15 years ago, I have tried to stay involved.

My husband chose and loved this area, and he would hate many of the current trends. Many of our friends and acquaintances couldn't understand our choice of Selkirk over Delmar. Selkirk was "the fringe" then — and I fear it still is in many ways.

I had high hopes when, with my neighbors, I attended LUMAC meetings at town hall to help with plans for the future development of the town. We formed a neighborhood group, so we could give our views on zoning and retaining the greenery and rural character of the area.

I do not remember anyone being against zoning. There was much discussion that the lot sizes should be at least an acre or even

two, so that it wouldn't become rows of "little white boxes" on tiny lots with miniscule areas of green. But as you know, nothing came of the effort, and a long study for the future faded into oblivion.

I had hopes again when we went to "full property evaluation" it would show Selkirk as a very "different" but essential part of the community. I again, hoped that changing to 911 would pull the town into some kind of perspective as to the diversity of its makeup, and that it would be a "united town" where discussions and rulings are for all of us.

If Waste Management locates in Selkirk, there will be another eyesore overlooking the Hudson River. We all had hoped the open space could be retained and used and enjoyed by all.

The traffic generated by this project added to the already heavy commuter and truck usage will make it impossible to use River Road (Route 144) to get anywhere — even out of our own driveways.

Harriet Warner
Selkirk

Town pool area needs work

Editor, The Spotlight:

The summer has ended and it is a good time to examine the town's largest recreation facility — Elm Avenue Park.

Public spaces should be designed to meet public needs at peak usage times. The town park, for the 18 years I've lived here, has stayed the same in the pool area.

It is time for the town to invest so that the public can enjoy the pool on the days that it is needed

most.

There is a need for a new lap pool, and there is ample space for it. There is also a need for more shade for both the younger people with babies and those of us not so young who need to be out of the sun.

I made this suggestion two years ago without effect. I hope others who agree will join in.

Jim Kelly
Delmar

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GOP chair: Voters need to hear from all hopefuls

Editor, The Spotlight:

I heartily agree with your Oct. 2 editorial "Voters deserve debate" concerning the upcoming November election.

Debates give voters a chance to hear directly from candidates about where they stand on important local issues. So, how come the "objective" League of Women Voters has done nothing to schedule debates in any but the Pat Casale-Tracey Brooks Assembly race?

As the editorial stated, both Casale and Brooks have already agreed to debate but are still working out the details of when, where and how. But the league hasn't scheduled any debates in the other races taking place in our area and, judging from their

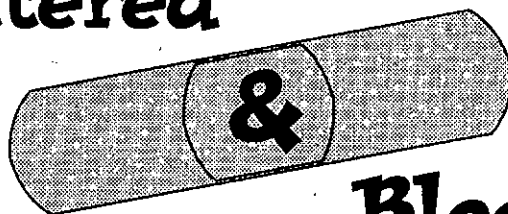
comments to the press, don't plan to.

Bethlehem voters and those throughout Albany County want to hear what Congressman Michael McNulty and challenger Charles Rosenstein, state Sen. Neil Breslin and challenger Peter Belenchia, as well as Assemblyman John McEneny and challengers Kerry Murphy and Joshua Lieberman have to say too.

Why is the league ignoring these other races. Could it be that there is more at work here than an objective attempt to educate voters about their choices this November?

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Bethlehem Cares organizer says thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

For the fourth year in a row, the Bethlehem Cares team that participated in the recent Walk to Cure Diabetes was one of the top money-raising community teams

to take part in the event.

Our townwide team, which walked in the event sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Sept. 29 in Corporate Woods, raised more

than \$25,000 — almost 25 percent more than last year. And donations are still coming in.

Approximately 175 people from our community made up the Bethlehem-Cares team and were

part of a walkathon that raised more than \$500,000 for research to find a cure for diabetes and its complications. We kids who have diabetes who live in Bethlehem and who formed Bethlehem Cares are very thankful for the continued support of our community as we make strides toward a cure each year.

We would like to extend special thanks to everyone who came to the walk and to members of the business community for their wonderful support. We would like to extend a special thank-you to our presenting sponsor DeGraff, Foy, Holt-Harris, Kunz & Devine LLP.

If you were not able to join us on the day of the walk but would like to help find a cure for diabetes and its complications, it's not too late. Just mail your donation, made payable to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, to us at 65 Boylston Drive, Delmar 12054.

Our team motto is "It takes the whole village to cure diabetes."

Bethlehem and its Bethlehem Cares walking team proved — this year more than ever — that our whole village does care about helping other people who are in need. Thanks for caring, Bethlehem.

Tim Carey
Delmar

OSHA director clarifies rating

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to add my congratulations to a recent full page salute to the employees of Selkirk Cogen. For any organization to achieve 10 years of accident-free commercial operation deserves praise from the community and from my agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

OSHA is currently celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The "STAR" level recognizes high performing organizations who, like Selkirk Cogen, have proven that a highly effective safety and health program in any organization reaps benefits far beyond mere cost savings.

The salute, however, states that "Since 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." The statement infers that Selkirk Cogen has been officially approved into the VPP "STAR" level of recognition; their inference is totally inaccurate. The approved VPP "STAR" site is that of GE Plastics in Selkirk. The management of Selkirk Cogen Partners have been asked to enter into the formal application process for VPP "STAR" recognition by myself and others, but to no avail.

My agency is always looking to add to the number of VPP "STAR" sites and would be happy to entertain a formal application for VPP status by Selkirk Cogen Partners.

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Many thanks,
Pati Barclay, Delmar, New York

Dear Patti:

There's a lot that can be done with tomatoes, other than canning, that will enable you to enjoy them many months after harvesting.

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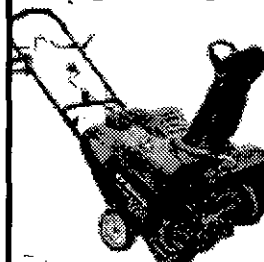
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Matters of Opinion

Raising PILOTs puts burden on taxpayers

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the Sept. 11 *Spotlight*, I read that another request to extend the 10-year PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) to 15 years is being made by Klersy Builders for its proposed senior housing project on Delaware Avenue.

I don't blame any business for trying to minimize its costs. The only problem with these PILOT requests is that rest of the town has to make up the money for years.

Our school taxes just went up almost 7 percent, double the inflation rate. New York state has an estimated \$8 billion budget shortfall, the largest in state history, which means more cutbacks, especially to well-to-do districts like Bethlehem.

This town's property owners simply cannot afford to extend the already generous 10-year PILOT to 15 years. It will certainly become the new standard and our school taxes are much too high now, going even higher with each housing development that gets approved bringing in more kids into our already overcrowded schools. I don't object to this senior housing development, only the new standard requested for its PILOT.

Unless extraordinary conditions exist, like Pacific Gas & Electric's purchase of the Niagara Mohawk plant, the 10-year standard for PILOT requests must remain. The factory south of the GE plant on Route 32 requested and got a 15-year PILOT last year from Bethlehem affecting Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school taxes significantly.

We will be feeling the effects of the 25-year PILOT for Pacific Gas & Electric soon as their payments drop significantly.

The BIG Arena is now in financial trouble. What about its PILOT? That money is lost to the town if the arena goes bankrupt. With school and property taxes, the next owner must pay any back taxes. Can taxpayers afford to assume the risks of these businesses with more and longer PILOTs?

If businesses want these prime locations, school taxes are part of the cost of doing business. A 10-year PILOT is a something these businesses should be thankful for.

James Murray
Selkirk

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Maureen D. Bernstein and
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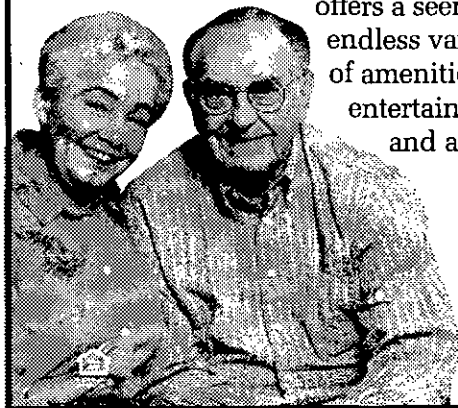
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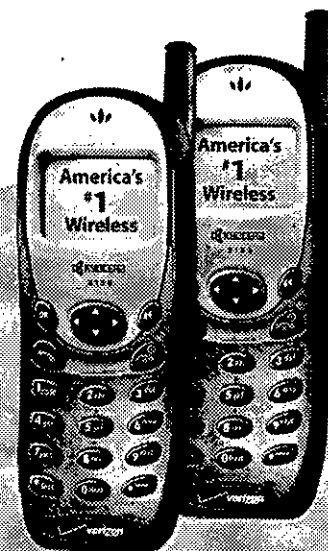
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Thacher Nature Center announces programs

A series of four educational programs on historical and natural history will be presented at the Thacher Park Nature Center. The fee is \$2 per person for each program.

Assemblyman and historian John McEneny will present a lecture on "Walls in the Woods, signs of Helderberg History" on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. It is a lecture on the local signs of the history of the Helderbergs.

Historian and Mohican descendent Emerson Martin will present a program on "The Mohicans of the Hudson Valley."

He will also speak on the Algonquian culture — specifically the social, language, material, artistic and religious aspects of the culture — on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thom Engel, local geological educator and spelunker will present an evening slide show on "Caves and Caving" Thursday, Nov. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Local historian Tim Albright will present an evening of slides, photos and local lore as he relates the experiences of early travelers to the Indian Ladder region on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m.

All programs will be held at Thacher Nature Center. Call 872-1237 or 872-0800 for information.

Extra Helpings offers October special

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will accept food orders until noon on Thursday, Oct. 10, for the Thursday, Oct. 24, delivery.

For the month of October, the Extra Helpings special is five pounds of country style pork spare ribs for \$10, along with many other groceries. Anyone in the area is welcome to participate, and payment can be made by cash or food stamps.

NEWS NOTES

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

Book Fair slated at elementary school

Voorheesville elementary school will hold a book fair on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 24 and 25, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the book fair. If you can help, call Cyndy Clark at 765-9305.

Legion to host chicken barbecue

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will hold its annual chicken barbecue on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The menu will include a half chicken, tossed salad, baked potato, corn on the cob, dinner roll and dessert.

The cost is \$8 per person. Reservations are required.

Schools' out for Columbus Day

Schools in the district will not be in session on Monday, Oct. 14, in observance of Columbus Day.

Spaghetti dinner

The Youth Group at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere will host a spaghetti dinner to benefit a new ministry of the Capital City Rescue Mission, the New Faith Family Center for Women and Children.

The dinner will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17. Take-outs will be available.

Call 439-3265 for information.

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Senior citizens, who received mentor training as they prepare for their assignments in Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools, recently honored a longtime community partner and supporter, Selkirk Cogen. Shown in photo, first row from left are Lorraine Smith, Cogen community liaison and Helky Frangella. Second row, Everett Caldwell, Mildred Grotte, Joan Palmer, Alice Wagner and Ruth Babcock. Third row, Josephine DeMarco, Marlon Fross, Louise Jameson, Marilyn Cummings, James Altamari and Judy Glassanos.

Erie Canal program slated at meeting

John King, director of operations of the New York State Canal Corp., will present an "Update of the Erie Canal" at the Bethlehem Historical Association meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Cedar Hill Schoolhouse on 1003 River Road in Selkirk.

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Book discussion on deck tonight

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For next month you can read about Katie Carr, the good person in *How to Be Good* by Nick Hornby.

Katie Carr recycles. She cares about Third World debt and homelessness.

She's a good doctor, a good mom, a good wife — oops, maybe

not, considering she is having an affair. Her marriage is stale and she wants a divorce from her husband, the self-styled "angriest man in Holloway." She is tired of his cynicism, selfishness and sarcasm. But now David's changed. He's become a good person, too good. Inspired by his guru, he has become kind, soft-spoken and earnest. He's even gotten a homeless kid set up in the spare room. *How to Be Good* is a hilarious take on goodness gone berserk. Books will be available for November after the October meeting.

Teens are invited to celebrate

Teen Read Week Oct. 13 to 19. Our popular new graphic novels will be featured for students in grades six through 12.

Fill out an entry blank of mix-match games and short questions to become eligible for special prizes. Entries are available at the library or the school library. Winners will be announced at school and notified by phone. Get graphic at your library.

It's not too late to sign up for a kids book discussion on Oct. 22 about the engaging Newbery Prize winner *Because of Winn-Dixie*, the story of a girl and her love for a stray dog. Students in grades four through six and their parents are invited.

Buy your tickets now for the Nimblefingers quilt to be raffled off on Oct. 31. Tickets are available for \$1 at the library.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on Oct. 10.

There will be no story time on Oct. 14. The library will be open.

For additional program information, visit the library Web site: www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Barbara Vink

Local firm recycles some polystyrene

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is recycling coordinator for the town of Bethlehem.

Did you know that Styrofoam is really the brand name of house insulation? Plastic marked No. 6 is officially designated as polystyrene. When air is injected, polystyrene becomes expanded polystyrene foam.

It is not recycled at most recycling facilities because it is not economically feasible. In the mid-1990s, there were several companies in the U.S. that could recycle all types of polystyrene. Today, most of those are no longer in business.

There are solutions for some of this waste. Do you have large pieces of polystyrene foam that secures electronics and appliances in their packages? Are the pieces free of cardboard, glue and tape? Are they white? If so, these large plastic foam pieces can be taken to Shelter Enterprises in Cohoes. The company uses the polystyrene

foam to manufacture Styrofoam. Place these blocks in plastic bags, and do not leave them on the dock on windy days.

Shelter Enterprises is located at the end of I-787 and to the right on Route 32. The name of the company is on the building, and the dock is on the right side of the building.

Polystyrene peanuts and bubble wrap can be donated to mail order companies such as Mail Boxes Etc. These companies use peanuts and bubble wrap to send packages.

There is no recycling solution for No. 6 meat trays, take out foam boxes or clear deli and baked goods plastics. One solution is to avoid polystyrene whenever possible.

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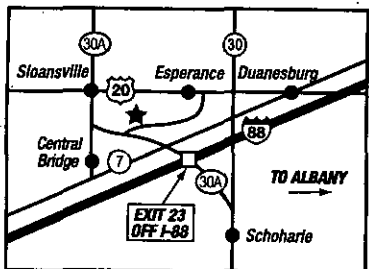
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On Nov. 1 Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge* will be discussed.

The remainder of the series includes:

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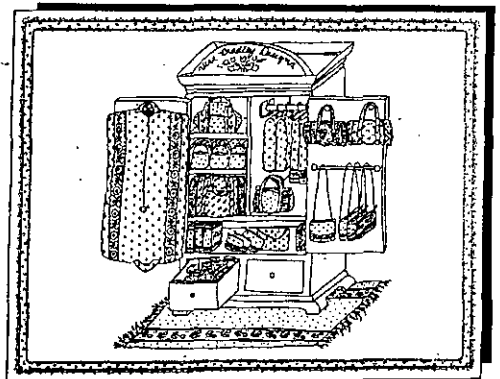
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Galleries come alive with art, collections

Paintings by Lisa Vines occupy the northwest hallway this month.

Vines, who is interested in depicting human relationships, describes her work as primarily figural. She is particularly



intrigued by the gaze of a figure in the painting out toward the viewer, as if trying to communicate.

She has been working lately on a series of paintings depicting Barbie and G.I. Joe, which she finds "fascinating as manifestations of our society's values." Vines describes her painting style as "lean." She says, "I paint first with a lot of turpentine in black and white, and then add glazes of color."

She also produces drawings, in pencil and pen-and-ink. Vines is a member of the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts, and has participated in several

regional juried shows.

Galen Ritchie has been collecting stamps since 1945. His exhibit, "The First United States Postage Stamps," displays proofs, usages, reprints and reproductions of these stamps issued from 1847-1997. Ritchie says he values stamps, autographs and coins because they shed light on the cultural context of history.

Judy Tocker's doll house miniatures are also on display.

Tocker has been collecting miniatures since 1975. She finds them at specialty shows and shops, and also makes some items herself.

She chooses on the basis of size, craftsmanship and an item's overall relationship to the rest of her collection. She describes her hobby as educational and challenging and notes that it can be fun at any age. The Bethlehem Festival Fund describes its activities on our bulletin board this month.

David Saintcross displays his Lego constructions in the youth services area.

Louise Grieco

Winterhoffs honored for service

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pastor Warren Winterhoff and his wife Linda were honored recently for 25 years of ministry at the church.

The sermon was given by four pastors who formerly completed a year of training as vicars at the church during their third year of seminary, pastors Clint Lutz, Brian Lesemann, James Krach and Mark Mueller.

The choir premiered an anthem in Pastor Winterhoff's honor written by composer Ralph Schultz with lyrics by Dorothy Schultz, who are members of the church.

Music was also provided by student and adult instrumentalists and the handbell choir.

A luncheon followed the service with remembrances by members who were present at Pastor Winterhoff's installation or who he baptized, confirmed, married or comforted in time of special need.

Participants also included former assistant Pastor David Nuss and former vicar Paul Wagner.

Messages were also sent by two former children of the congregation, Michael Cartwright in is pastor of Church For All Nations in Manhattan and



Pastor Warren Winterhoff

Brian Davies who is a Bethlehem Central graduate who is studying for the ministry.

During Pastor Winterhoff's tenure, Bethlehem Lutheran Church has doubled its membership and greatly expanded its ministry, Christian education, music and facilities. Winterhoff has performed 416 baptisms, 282 confirmations, 183 weddings and 138 funerals — no records were kept on the number of rounds of golf he has played with his parishioners.

Book discussion slated at library

Bethlehem Public Library's book discussion group "Nonfictionados" will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. to discuss *River Town: two years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler.

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Students under age 18 will need to bring a parent to sign the library card registration.

For information, call the library at 756-2053.

The library is located on 15 Mountain Road in Ravena.

Toddler Time sign-up

The library is adding a second children's story time to its fall schedule. Beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 16, we are adding a 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time for children 18 months through 2 years old. It will feature action rhymes, stories and other activities for children and

caregivers to learn together.

Pre-register for Toddler Time by calling the Library at 756-2053.

Toddler Time is scheduled through Wednesday, Nov. 20. If it is successful this fall, we will continue the program.

The Thursday morning Preschool Story Time continues to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursdays. This program includes stories and crafts for children 3 to 5 years old. Pre-registration is not required for Thursdays.

Two Holy names grads receive awards

Two Delmar graduates of The Academy of the Holy Names received the USS Albany Good Citizenship Award.

Allison Hor-gan and Kate Semenoff received the award for contributing the most toward the development of good citizenship by displaying moral integrity, strong religious example and leadership in promoting these characteristics.

Progress club slates antique clothing event

Delmar Progress Club members will get a preview of Halloween of sorts on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. in a program entitled "Antique Clothing -- What Time Period."



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The slide show will be presented by Robin Campbell, associate curator at Peebles Island.

Club members are invited to wear or bring clothing items that belonged to ancestors. Photographs from the past can also be displayed.

The program will be held in the board room at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The club will hold its annual

fund-raiser to benefit the scholarship fund on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Delaware Avenue.

There will be door prizes and fund for all. The cost is \$5 at the door.

Any member who does not attend but would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, can write a check to the Progress Club and designate the scholarship fund as the recipient.

The award benefits a local graduating high school student.

Reservations for the card party are required. For information or to make a reservation, call Peggy Zimmerman at 439-9440 or Jean Corcoran at 439-3582.

Six BCHS students named merit finalists

Six Bethlehem Central High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

This years semifinalists are: Kathryn Himmelfarb, Zachary Levine, Antonio Lombardo, Caitlin O'Brien Carelli, Kaitlyn Peterson and Evan Siegel.

They are among 16,000 students chosen from more than 1.3 million who entered by taking the 2001 PSATs as juniors. About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to become finalists, based on several criteria including an application, academic performance, recommendations and SAT scores.

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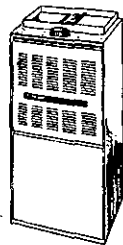
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Specialty shop to open at Four Corners this month

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

A little bit of the English countryside is coming to Delmar's Four Corners, and when Chelsea Cottage opens on Oct. 15, you can take some of that home with you.

Debra Paquet's two-part shop, right next door to Keystone Builders on Kenwood Avenue, has been recently renovated, and its polished wood floors catch the light that comes in through the new front window, as do the treasures in the 540 square-foot store. There are tea towels, canisters, wicker candle holders, picture frames, floral paper weights, toile tissue boxes, sachets, glass trays with doilies — all sorts of things to brighten your home.

Tucked into one antique cupboard are body creams and in the back, shelves full of linens.

"I'm trying to mix vintage with new," Paquet, who has lived in Delmar for 20 years, said. "These are home accessories in the English country cottage style."

It wasn't hard for Paquet to choose the style of goods she wanted in her shop. "I love this," she said. "This is what my home is, and it's a comfortable, cozy feel. I was given the advice to purchase what I love, and my passion would show through."

While she's sticking to her passion for one part of Chelsea Cottage, the second part will be to her customers' tastes. A large table with two high-backed stools is set up for the interior design



Debra Paquet feels right at home in Chelsea Cottage. Katherine McCarthy

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Many patients ask whether they should have their wisdom teeth extracted if they do not hurt. It is important to recognize that each case is different and factors such

as the positioning of the patients teeth and size of their mouth, will all be taken into consideration.

The best time to remove wisdom teeth is during your teenage years. The roots at this age are not fully formed and therefore the procedure is much easier and causes the mouth and gums fewer traumas.

Remember if you have your wisdom teeth, brush and floss them carefully. They may not be necessary for chewing, but they can act as food traps, which cause food particles and plaque to harbor around the teeth and cause cavities and contribute to gum disease.

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portion of her business, where Paquet will work to suit her customers' tastes. Books line shelves around the work space, and Paquet has already established accounts with fabric companies and has a workroom with people to do sewing and installations. A lifelong "room rearranger," Paquet took her love of decorating to Sage College, and graduated in May with an associate's degree in interior design.

Widowed four years ago, and with a 13-year-old daughter, Kate, she was looking to stay close to home in her new endeavor. While chatting with a local merchant, she mentioned that she'd always wanted to have a shop of her own. When she found out that a "For Rent" sign had just gone up in front of what is now Chelsea Cottage, she literally ran to look

at the space.

"There were no walls, just sheet rock," Paquet said. "But I felt the space would work, and the big parking lot that's coming in out back will be great." Paquet went to the landlord immediately, and a few months later, her dream is about to come true. Paquet said she thinks her store will be a good addition to the Four Corners area. "People have been knocking on my door to see when I'm going to open," she said. "I've tried to get things that are different, and that don't duplicate what other merchants have." Finding things has been something Paquet has enjoyed. "I have things coming from all over the country and Canada," she said. "I spent three days at the gift show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. That was really fun."

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Sports

Blackbirds hang tough against Hoosick Falls

By ROB JONAS

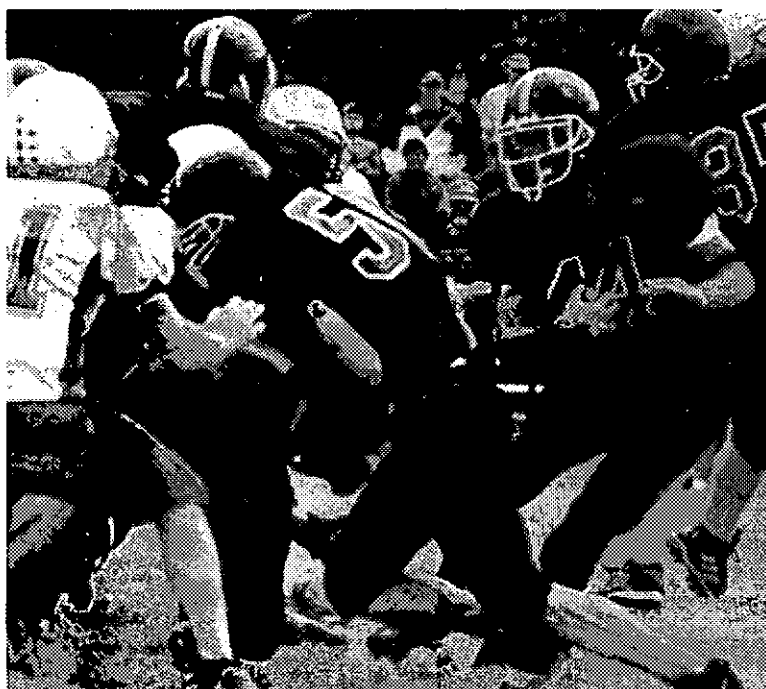
The Voorheesville football team got what it was looking for last Saturday against Hoosick Falls — a win.

Brendon Schlappi rushed for 253 yards and three touchdowns, and the Blackbirds defense stopped the Panthers on a critical

fourth-down play with less than a minute left to hang on for a 19-18 Northern Adirondack League victory at Buckley Memorial Field.

The victory moved the Blackbirds (3-2) into third place in the league by a half-game over Hoosick Falls (2-2).

"That was a real good one for



Voorheesville running back Brendon Schlappi (44) looks for a hole during last Saturday's 19-18 victory over Hoosick Falls at Buckley Memorial Field.

Rob Jonas

Hoosick Falls had good defensive linemen and very quick linebackers. So, we had to hit the hole quickly."

Hoosick Falls came back with a touchdown late in the second quarter and another scoring drive early in the third quarter to take an 18-12 lead before Schlappi capped a Voorheesville series with a 1-yard touchdown plunge. Brian Carey added the extra point to give the Blackbirds what proved to be their margin of victory.

"He actually did some work with our girls soccer coach, Joe Santos, on his kicking technique," Sapienza said of Carey. "He's a very consistent kicker. If a game came down to a field goal, we would be very confident (in him)."

Hoosick Falls had one last chance to steal the victory late in the fourth quarter. The Panthers drove inside Voorheesville's 30-yard line, but the Blackbirds held their ground to force Hoosick Falls into a turnover.

"If they converted that fourth down play, they would have been in field goal range," Sapienza said. "They had a 32-yard field goal (in the second quarter), and they were probably within five yards of that when we stopped them."

Voorheesville gets this weekend off before closing the regular season Oct. 19 against defending Section II, Class C champion Cambridge at Buckley Memorial Field. It will be the Blackbirds' homecoming game, and they will use the opportunity to rededicate the field to former coach Thomas Buckley.

"It's a big day for us all around," Sapienza said. "It's a big day for the school and the community."

Shen rolls past Bethlehem

The Bethlehem football team continued to struggle against Suburban Council Blue Division opponents.

Unbeaten Shenendehowa racked up 343 yards of offense on the ground on its way to a 33-0 victory over the Eagles last Friday in Clifton Park.

"I've been coaching in this league for eight years, and this is the most balanced Shen team I've ever seen," Bethlehem coach Ron Smith said.

Bethlehem (0-3 division, 1-4 overall) had problems getting past midfield most of the game, despite using multiple offensive formations to try to confuse Shen's defense.

"With Tim Hannigin at quarterback, we have to do the little things differently," Smith said. "He's kind of like a Doug Flutie type. We have to move him around a little bit in order for him to be effective."

The Eagles will go after their first divisional win of the season Friday when they host Columbia.

"I look at it as a long-term growing process," Smith said. "People say you don't want to be in the Blue Division, but to me, I'd rather build my program playing Saratoga and Shen."

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us. We definitely needed that one," Voorheesville coach Joe Sapienza said.

Schlappi fueled the Blackbirds in the first half with touchdown runs of 65 and 79 yards to help

Voorheesville build a 12-3 lead.

"What we worked on during the week offensively was hitting the hole more quickly," Sapienza said. "We moved Brendon closer to the line because we felt

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Wedding Guide

Your first trip as a married couple

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

After all the planning, the smiling and the dancing, the honeymoon is just what you need to remember why you wanted to marry your beloved in the first place. Before you can take your honeymoon, though, you need to decide where to go.

AAA Hudson Valley, at 618 Delaware Avenue in Albany, has a number of resources to help you choose a trip. Perhaps best of all is a bridal registry, where guests and family can make a contribution towards the honeymoon. "We've offered the registry for about six months," Brian Cassidy, manager of travel and publications for AAA, said. "It's been very successful, and couples who take advantage of it are very happy." If a couple knows where they want to go on their honeymoon, AAA's travel agents can book the trip for them.

If they're unsure of their destination, the travel agents can offer them plenty of information. "If they want to go to a resort, we can let them know about the different types of rooms available," Cassidy said. "If they want to go to Hawaii, we can offer them an itinerary of some of the best things to do." You don't have to be a member of AAA to book a

trip with them, but Cassidy said that the member benefits often make the \$43 annual membership fee well worth it. "On a cruise, for instance," Cassidy said, "you might be able to pay for an inside room, and be upgraded to an outside room. At Disney, you might be eligible for Disney Dollars. There are also a number of places

AAA's travel services and bridal registry, call 426-1000, or check out the Web site, www.aaahv.com.

The lady on the lake

One close-to-home honeymoon destination for Capital District residents is the

within a short driving distance." There's a choice of accommodations at the Sagamore, in the lodges or the historic hotel, a graceful white structure on Lake George. "There are 100 rooms and suites in the hotel," Hayes said, "and the lodges are separate buildings around the island." There are 120 rooms, and 120 suites in the lodges. The suites have a kitchen area and a deck. Honeymooners looking to linger over fine meals have many options at the Sagamore. "Our

fine dining restaurant is the Trillium," Hayes said. "It's a Four Diamond restaurant that has won Wine Spectator awards. You can choose from a tasting menu, or a changing menu of fine foods. We also have a 500-bottle wine list. For a special romantic dinner, that's the place to go." There's also more casual dining at the Club Grill at the Sagamore's golf course, from May to November, with spectacular views of the golf course and Lake George.

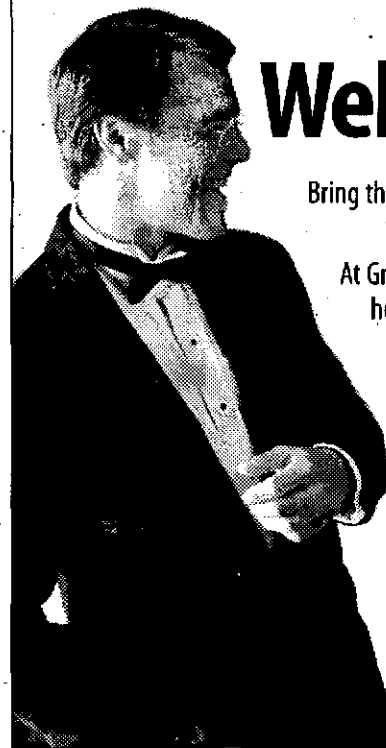
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Cherie and Michael Powers

nationwide that offer discounts to AAA members, like Universal Studios in Florida." AAA works with U.S. Airways, and can help couples get their guests to the wedding itself. "If a number of people are coming from one destination," Cassidy said, "we can put together a plan for them. We can also help with hotel accommodations and car rentals." Cassidy said AAA does a number of honeymoon packages each year. "We offer the world," he said, "Europe, Australia, a cruise. We can also help plan closer-to-home trips." For more information about

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Wedding invitations leave lasting impression

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The first impression people have of your wedding will come from your wedding invitation, and with literally thousands of options available, the invitation can do more than just relay information about the ceremony itself. "People used to go strictly by the rule books," Laurie Mendleson of The Paper Mill in Delmar's Delaware Plaza said. "As weddings have changed, so have the invitations." The Paper Mill, like Academic Options in Scotia, keeps books full of invitations that various companies put out. Is your

wedding a dream come true? Maybe the invitation with the castle and the knight in shining armor is for you. Do you want to celebrate your heritage at your wedding? Try the invitation with the Irish claddagh symbolizing loyalty, friendship and love, sent in an envelope with an emerald lining. Subtle flowers can edge your invitation, or you can choose purple ink to announce your day. If you're

getting married around Christmas, an invitation with a holly border might be a nice touch. "You can even put your

picture on the invitation," Mendleson said. "There's quite a wide range," Barbara Beaulieu of Academic Options said.

"People's tastes vary so much. Some people like traditional invitations with raised printing; some people like to add color.

There might be matching or different colored print on the envelopes. We also have some invitations with decorative metal ornaments."

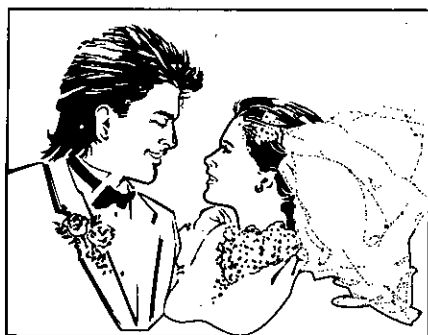
A new addition to the wedding invitation line are "seal and send" invitations, where the invitation and response card fold into one piece for mailing, that doesn't even require an envelope. Guests can tear off and return the response card. As tastes differ, so do the prices. Most invitations come in bunches of 25. "For the budget line," Beaulieu said, "we can get 25 for \$40. We also have very expensive invitations, where 25 cost \$160," Mendleson said she

likes working with couples in choosing their invitations, and that she and the books can offer guidelines on how to word things. Mendleson also stocks wedding planners, and etiquette guide books. "Sometimes couples aren't sure how to word things if parents are divorced, or if one is deceased," Mendleson said. "If a couple is paying for the wedding themselves, I still advise them to talk to their families about the wording on the invitation." The books, Mendleson said, can guide couples through the verses and type styles. Mendleson said she tries to help, but not influence, decisions. "If a couple asks me for my opinion, I try to not decide for them," she said. The Paper Mill and Academic Options also carry wedding accessories, from napkins to matches to pillows to toasting glasses.

The Paper Mill is a Hallmark store, and people can use their Hallmark Gold Crown card, where purchases accumulate towards store credits. "We suggest ordering your invitations three to four months ahead of time," Beaulieu said. "That gives the couple time to get them ready and out to their guests." Both women said ordered invitations usually arrive within a week or two. To

perfectly finish off your invitation, you could have it addressed in calligraphy. Morton Achirom runs "Calligraphy With the Write Touch" in Schenectady, and has a machine that he uses to address an invitation's outside envelope, and the inside envelope of the invitation itself. "I have a machine that's a computer with a lettering bed," Achirom said. "There's a robotic arm, and I have 50 different ink colors, so I can match the invitation itself." He also has ten lettering styles for customers to choose. Many of his customers, Achirom said, come from the invitation companies themselves. "The charge depends upon the style," he said. "Usually it's \$1.70 per set, which is the inside and outside envelope. There's also a one-time set-up charge, usually about \$20 for 100 envelopes." Achirom said he also checks the zip codes of each invitation. "When people do their own invitations," he said, "they often make mistakes." Achirom also does calligraphy for poems, dedications, seating charts, and certificates.

The Paper Mill is located in Delaware Plaza in Delmar, and can be reached at 439-8123. Academic Concepts, which also is a resume company, is at 214 Second Street in Scotia. Their phone number is 377-1080, and their Web site is www.academicconcepts.cceasy.com. Calligraphy With the Write Touch is at 1219 Garner Ave. in Schenectady, and the phone number is 374-0002.



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Plan ahead when catering your wedding

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

"Many popular caterers are already being booked as far out as 2004" according to Leesa Perizzo of the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, NY. "The bride should first focus on coordinating dates between the caterer, the church and the location of the reception site, and getting the same date for all three is not always so simple," continued Perizzo.

Having done that the bride can then start the actual planning of the day. Marc Yanni, of Yanni's Too Restaurant, located on the Hudson River in Coeymans, NY agrees, "people should start early because our

catering service is usually booked at least a year out."

As you would expect a budget depends on many factors. "Prime time for Glen Sanders can go as high as \$101 per person while the Winter White Special for a February wedding can be priced at \$51.00 per person. These prices include taxes and gratuities. Yanni estimates a budget of \$85 to \$90 as a good range for a quality dinner.

"Custom catering is big now" said Yanni. Many brides want preparations that are off the standard menus to be different or to accommodate dietetic preferences." Both Yanni, A&S and Glen Sanders can accommodate receptions at

their facilities or off premises. Yanni recently catered an off premises dinner for 650 people. Glen Sanders can accommodate a reception dinner in their ball room for 275 people and 400 at the Hall of Springs, Saratoga, NY.

"We could cater in a field with the equipment we have, though no one would want to do that," said Perizzo. Since a field would be a little bizarre a great location is more desirable. Perizzo said they are the prime caterer for the famous Hall of Springs, in Saratoga, NY. But where ever the reception is held "food is the main event," said Yanni. "You can go to a great place but if the food is lousy, people will remember,"

continued Yanni. So in selecting a caterer start early and select by reputation for quality and service.

The experts agree, start early, and focus on coordinating the time and date of the

reception site, church and caterer first. And when selecting the caterer remember Yanni's admonition, "food is king," and go for the reputation when selecting your caterer.

Formal wear for weddings

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

"When you pick out formal wear for your wedding be sure to bring your bride," warns Tony Choppa of Choppa and Sons Formal Wear located at 1020 Central Avenue. "She knows what she wants. You only have to wear your choice on your wedding day," says Choppa, "but she's got to look at it all day long, and it better be right."

Choppa feels a good budget gauge should range from \$75 to \$125 to rent an outfit. Choppa suggests making your selections at least four months ahead to give the members of the wedding party, especially those from out of town, time to get in and get measured.

Outfits should be picked up three to five days ahead of time to leave time for adjustments if something does not fit correctly.

Dan Parsons of Robert Daniels Formal Wear in Delaware Plaza cautions "if the wedding is scheduled for the Spring, the wedding party may want to complete the formal wear arrangements as much as six months ahead of time since some styles rent out early. His budget ranges are identical to Choppa's but warns "shoes and vests are \$15.00 extra." Parsons also mentioned "vests have become very popular and cummerbunds are almost non-existent."

Parsons feels parties should "pick up outfits at least five days ahead of time and check the fit so there is time to make adjustments. His store is open seven days a week and out of town members of a Friday or Saturday wedding party can drop off returns on Sundays before leaving town.

People planning weddings should check with the experts well in advance to gauge what kind of competition for services they can expect on the proposed wedding day. For example John Wagner, of Waldorf Tuxedo on Lancaster Street in Albany says with the terrible heat of this past

summer he "would expect Fall weddings to be the busy time in 2003."

Wagner sees "a big resurgence of pastel colors in vests recently." He also cautions mall formal wear stores are considerably more expensive than free standing stores. His rentals average \$90 for a

complete outfit and rentals should be completed at least five to six weeks ahead of time to ensure a good selection."

So for a positive start to your wedding planning the experts all agree, start early to get a good selection of formal wear and be sure to include the bride in the process.

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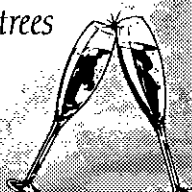
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Honeymoon

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Mr. Brown's Pub offers a casual Adirondack environment, and the Veranda is a great place for sushi, tapas, cocktails or afternoon tea. In the summer, the Sagamore hosts lakeside lobster bakes on weekend evenings, and the hotel's cruising boat, The Morgan, offers lunch and dinner cruises on the lake through October 14. All of the Sagamore's restaurants are open to the public. And you can always exercise the honeymooner's option of ordering in room service. If you and your beloved are athletically-inclined, the Sagamore has a number of sports options. Chic's Marine arranges boat rentals, so you could have the hotel pack you a picnic lunch and you could cruise to a private island. There's also parasailing, water-skiing, scuba diving, and

kayaking, lessons and all, through the Lake George Kayaking Company.

The hotel's 18-hole golf course is a Donald Ross course, a little off the island, but accessible by the hotel's shuttle. There are five outdoor and one indoor tennis courts, racquetball, and bicycles available free for half a day. There's hiking at Tongue Mountain, antiquing, or a visit to the outlets at Lake George or the Great Escape. The Adirondack Museum is about an hour and a half from the Sagamore. "You can also just relax and swim by the lake," Hayes said, "at our white, sandy beach. Lake George is spring-fed, very clean and pristine." In the winter, downhill skiers can jump on the Sagamore's shuttle to Gore Mountain, and weather permitting, there's ice-skating, snowshoeing, cross-country

skiing and sledding at the hotel. After all that activity, you might want to schedule a session at The Sagamore Spa, which offers everything from massage to reiki to nutritional and custom programs. There's also an indoor pool and fitness center at the hotel. Rates at the hotel start at \$139 in low season, but could go to \$659 per night. "Our reservations agents are very helpful at putting together a program," Hayes said. "They can make dinner reservations, or arrange tee-times for couples." You can call the Sagamore at 1-800-358-3585, or check out the Web site at www.thesagamore.com.

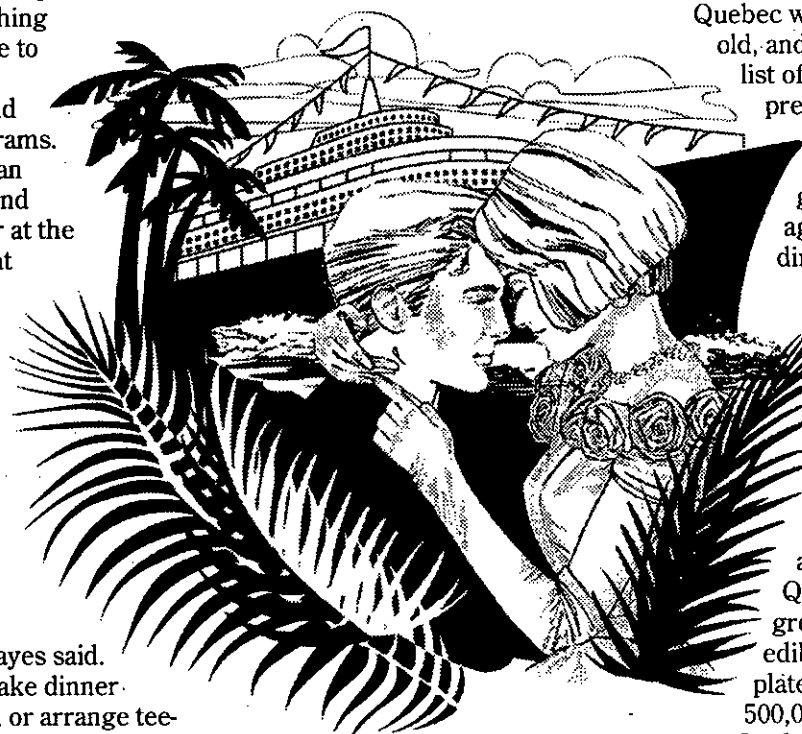
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"There's a lot of agro-tourism outside of Quebec City," Nordby said, "orchards, pheasants, and edible flowers. I always know I'm in Quebec if there are ground cherries and edible flowers on the plate." With about 500,000 residents, Quebec is a city with a country flavor.

If you visit Quebec in the summer, you could take a two-hour boat ride to the St. Lawrence estuary and go on a whale watch. If a mountain resort is what you want, you could head 90 minutes north of Montreal, to upscale Mont Tremblant. Mont Tremblant is part of a national park in the Laurentians, mountains similar in size to the Berkshires. In the summer and fall, there's canoeing and waterskiing on the lake, and mountain biking on the hills where ski lifts continue to run. In the winter, there's always downhill skiing, and if the weather permits, some cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. "Mont Tremblant has developed fast, but in a restricted way, in the last 10 years," Nordby said. With brightly-colored houses, hotels and condos, it's exactly how Americans picture French Alpine ski villages. Bonjour Quebec is the province's travel agency, and its call center representatives can offer advice, book trips, or just send you a brochure. You can reach them at 1-877-Bonjour, or check out the Web site, www.bonjourquebec.com.



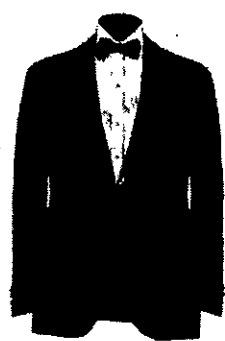
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and 25,000 hotel rooms, it has the feel of a big, North American city. Wander into its old parts, though, and this clean city has a very Old World feel. "The language is different in Montreal, but there's so much English spoken that there's a real duality here," Bard Nordby, media relations manager for Tourism Quebec said. Two-and-a-half hours northeast of Montreal, that duality fades in the Old World feel of Quebec City, with its majestic Chateau Frontenac towering over its city. "A lot of English is spoken in Quebec," Nordby said, "but the city has a 98 percent French Catholic population. It's

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Bethlehem boys win Grout Run; girls take second

By ROB JONAS

How strong is the cross country competition in the Capital District? Consider what happened to Bethlehem's boys and girls cross country teams at last Saturday's Grout Run in Schenectady's Central Park.

The boys team placed five runners in the top 10 to beat out Colonie Central for the Division III title.

"They did great," Bethlehem boys coach **David Banas** said. "They thought the race they got put in was good, so they went for the win and got it."

The girls team did even better, taking the top three spots in Division III, but the Lady Eagles still lost to Shaker by 10 points for the overall championship.

"We've been in four invitations this year," Bethlehem girls coach **Jack Rightmyer** said. "We finished second behind Saratoga at Johnstown, we finished third at Guilderland behind Argyle and Colonie, we went to Proctor (in Utica) and finished second to Colonie again and we finished second to Shaker here. It's been very frustrating."

Emily Malinowski, **Katie Parafinczuk** and **Taylor Jackson** took the top three spots in the individual standings, but Shaker placed its top five runners right behind the Bethlehem trio. They were followed by three runners from third-place Bayport-Blue Point of Long Island.

"There were over 80 finishers, and you'd think it was a dual meet," Rightmyer said.

Malinowski claimed the individual title with a winning time of 16:06.40. Parafinczuk followed in second place with a time of 16:42.63, while Jackson finished third in a time of 16:45.31. **Ashley Dwyer** (12th place, 17:14.44) and **Roxanne Wegman** (22nd, 17:41.94) rounded out Bethlehem's top five.

Meanwhile, the Bethlehem boys had better luck in packing its runners together. **Doug DeMarco** led the Eagles with a second-place finish in a time of

Russell receives school honor

Bethlehem Central High School graduate **Kevin Russell** was named SUNY Cortland's Male Athlete of the Week after scoring three goals for the men's soccer team in games against Potsdam and Plattsburgh.

Russell netted the game-tying and game-winning goals for the Red Dragons in a 2-1 victory over previously unbeaten Potsdam Sept. 27.

He then tallied less than two minutes into Cortland's game against nationally-ranked Plattsburgh Sept. 28 before the Cardinals came back to beat the Red Dragons 4-1.

Jones leads UAlbany football

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduate **Gary Jones** gained 180 all-purpose yards for the University at Albany football team in a 35-14 victory over Wagner last Saturday.

Jones is among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards.



Bethlehem's Emily Malinowski crosses the finish line first at last Saturday's Grout Run in Schenectady's Central Park. *Jim Franco*

14:31.32. He was followed by **Evan Savage** in fourth place (14:38.08), **Scott Sajdak** in fifth place (14:42.52), **Mike Dineen** in sixth place (14:43.76) and **Pat Shaffer** in eighth place (14:50).

"He likes that course," Banas said of DeMarco, who led most of the race before Colonie's **Kyle Audi** passed him for the victory. "It's a speed course, and he's a speed runner."

The victory at the Grout Run vaulted Bethlehem's boys team into the state Class A rankings for the first time this season at No. 16.

"The boys will be happy. They

were getting upset" that they weren't being ranked, Banas said.

The Bethlehem girls are also ranked in the state. The Lady Eagles are ninth among Class A schools — one of eight Section II teams in the top 20.

Both Bethlehem teams will be in action Saturday at the Manhattan Invitational in Bronx's VanCortland Park.

"We've got a pretty good race draw," Banas said. "There will be some good teams, but the top team (Commack) is ranked No. 4 in the state. So, we're hoping for a top three finish."

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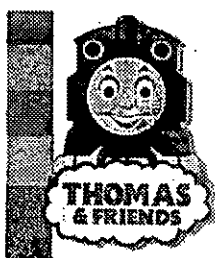
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WED., OCT. 2

BOYS SOCCER

BETHLEHEM 2, SHEN 1

Scoring: Bethlehem — Matt Narode 1-0, Brendan Tougher 1-0. Shen — David Papa 1-0.

FIELD HOCKEY

BETHLEHEM 3, GUILDERLAND 1

Scoring: Bethlehem — Sarah Horn 1-1, Megan Herzog 1-0, Amanda LeRoy 1-0, Jenny Marro 0-1. Guiderland — Katie Kuzman 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Sarah Lackner 8. Guiderland — Lauren Graves 11.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Guilderville 112, Emma Willard 68

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Voorheesville defeated Watervliet 21-25, 25-16, 25-16.

GOLF

Voorheesville 184, Waterford 207

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

GIRLS SOCCER

BETHLEHEM 3, NISKAYUNA 0

Scoring: Bethlehem — Emily Petraglia 2-0, Vanessa Patry 1-0, Katie Fage 0-1, Kate Metevia 0-1, Sammy Weyant 0-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — Brianna Bubeck 5. Niskayuna — Brittany Fearnside 15.

RCS 5, COBLESKILL 2

Scoring: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Lorin Weidman 2-0, Brianna Drexler 1-0, Jaclyn Levie 1-0, Allison Poetzsch 1-0.

VOORHEESVILLE 2, LANSINGBURGH 1

Scoring: Voorheesville — Katie Inglis 1-0, Michelle Nadratowski 1-0.

Lansingburgh — Nicole Clark 1-0.

GIRLS TENNIS

Albany Academy 6, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 1

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saratoga defeated Bethlehem 25-22, 25-22, 25-12.

GOLF

Bethlehem 247, Mohonasen 267, Colonie Central 274

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Team scores: Albany Academy 299, Cobleskill 330, Schalmont 333, Voorheesville 357, Mechanicville 360, Cohoes 373, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 37, Waterford 401.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

BOYS SOCCER

ALBANY ACADEMY 1, VOORHEESVILLE 0

Scoring: Academy — David Edwards 1-0.

Saves: Voorheesville — Matt Wilson 10.

FIELD HOCKEY

BETHLEHEM 2, NISKAYUNA 1

Scoring: Bethlehem — Sara Horn 1-1, Liz Buckley 1-0. Niskayuna — Ashley Mayo 1-0, Traci Baldwin 0-1.

FOOTBALL

SHEN 33, BETHLEHEM 0

FIRST QUARTER

Shen — Lee Bates 5-yard run (Shane Koppens kick).

Shen — Victor Barger 7-yard run (kick failed).

SECOND QUARTER

Shen — Bates 3-yard run (Koppens kick).

Tyler Zeronda 22-yard run (Koppens kick).

THIRD QUARTER

Shen — Bates 4-yard run (kick failed).

COBLESKILL 14, RCS 6 (OT)

THIRD QUARTER

Ravena — Steve Correll 58-yard run (kick failed).

FOURTH QUARTER

Cobleskill — Justin Kepple 29-yard run (kick failed).

OVERTIME

Cobleskill — Kepple 3-yard run (Kepple conversion run).

GIRLS SWIMMING

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 103, Guilderville 67

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Voorheesville defeated Cohoes 25-6, 25-10, 25-8.

GOLF

SUBURBAN COUNCIL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team scores: Guiderland 314, Saratoga 323, Bethlehem 325, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 329, Niskayuna 332, Shenendehowa 333, Columbia 338, Colonie Central 339, Shaker 339, Averill Park 354, Mohonasen 355.

Top 10 finishers: Tim Vacek (Guiderland) 74, Mike Lanci (Saratoga) 75, Zach White (Columbia) 76, Matt Panneton (Niskayuna) 76, Brandon Stephenson (Saratoga) 76, Tyler Spencer (Bethlehem) 77, Lee Brozyna (Burnt Hills) 78, Dan Venezia (Guiderland) 79, Tom Cooper (Burnt Hills) 80, Brendan Ennis (Bethlehem) 80, Anthony Abbruzzese (Guiderland) 80.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

GROUT RUN

DIVISION III

Team scores: Bethlehem 25, Colonie Central 63, Fox Lane 75, John Jay Cross River 97, Peru 129, Schenectady 173, Bay Shore 203, Albany Academy 226, Schalmont 246, Glens Falls 250, LaSalle 281, Hendrick Hudson 320, Bishop Maginn 332

Top Bethlehem finishers: Doug DeMarco (second place, 14:31.32), Evan Savage (fourth, 14:38.08), Scott Sajdak (fifth, 14:42.52), Mike Dineen (sixth, 14:43.76), Pat Shaffer (eighth, 14:50).

BOYS SOCCER

MECHANICVILLE 7, VOORHEESVILLE 0

Scoring: Mechanicville — Kyle Adams 2-1, Steve Leggett 2-0, Ken Day 1-1, Armand Gerstenberger 1-0, Ralph Peluso 1-0, Jeremy Brown 0-3, Sean McCullen 0-2.

Saves: Voorheesville — Matt Watson 3, Eric Jones 2.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem defeated Scotia-Glenville 25-22, 25-17, 25-19.

FOOTBALL

VOORHEESVILLE 19, HOOSICK FALLS 18

FIRST QUARTER

Voorheesville — Brendon Schlappi 65-yard run (kick failed).

SECOND QUARTER

Hoosick Falls — Wally Sheffer 32-yard field goal.

Voorheesville — Schlappi 79-yard run (conversion run failed).

Hoosick Falls — Steve Zakrewski 6-yard run (Sheffer kick).

THIRD QUARTER

Hoosick Falls — Chad Wysocki touchdown run (Zakrewski conversion run).

Voorheesville — Schlappi 1-yard run (Brian Carey kick).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

GROUT RUN

DIVISION III

Team scores: Shaker 30, Bethlehem 40, Bayport-Blue Point 66, Averill Park 121, Gloversville 160, Lansingburgh 176, Ursuline 203, Bishop Maginn 226, Yorktown 241, Peru 242, Highland 331.

Top Bethlehem finishers: Emily Malinowski (first place, 16:06.40), Katie Parafinczuk (second, 16:42.63), Taylor Jackson (third, 16:45.31), Ashley Dwyer (12th, 17:14.44), Roxanne Wegman (22nd, 17:41.94).

SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION


Team scores: Sauquoit Valley 64, Tri-Valley 77, Chatham 78, Fonda-Fultonville 111, Cohoes 136, Voorheesville 140, Hoosick Valley 158, Berne-Knox-Westerville 162, Schoharie 187.

Top Voorheesville finishers: Kate Alpert (13th place, 18:19.64), Brenna Ransbury (30th, 19:27.47), Sarah Berte (34th, 19:35.52), Jen Lysenko (37th, 19:47.05), Jenny Emrich (40th, 19:57.34).

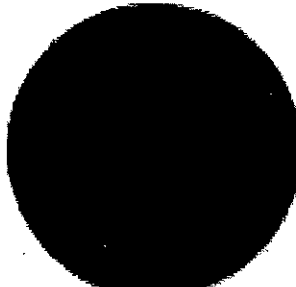
GIRLS SOCCER

BETHLEHEM 5, BURNT HILLS 0

Scoring: Bethlehem — Samantha Weyant 3-0, Vanessa Patry 1-1, Ashley Spath 1-0, Colleen Bardelli 0-1, Kristen Byrnes 0-1, Karyn Cioppa 0-1.



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Fire

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full," said Watson — about 40 at Glenmont, and 30-35 at Station No. 1 in Selkirk, he estimated. At Station No. 3 in South Bethlehem, he said, "where they have only 8 to 10 men where they could have 50, recruitment and retention is a serious issue." Complicating recruitment efforts is the increasing training demands for new members.

"Firefighting's been changing in the last 20 years," Watson said.

"If you're looking at homes and buildings built around here 20 years ago, you're seeing less of the traditional stick construction than you used to. Synthetics, plastics — fire burns hotter, our equipment is bigger, we get there quicker and faster, our turnout gear is more sophisticated."

And with the industrial boom in the fire district in recent decades, "You're not training just to put out housefires anymore," he said. "Thirty years ago, somebody getting into the fire company just joined," said Van Appeldoorn. "Nowadays, you have to take a lot of courses to qualify." From hazmat to river-launch training to confined space drills, "It's a time situation," he said. "You've got two-income families, kids. It takes time to be a good fireman."

And with the potential complications to public safety in the wake of 9/11, he said, "Two years ago, I never would have guessed we'd be carrying garbage bags on our trucks just in case we have an anthrax call."

Still, added Watson, most fire calls — the company fields about 300 a year — remain of a more routine variety.

"The preponderance of our calls in this district are still going to be rescue calls and auto accidents," he said. A recent spate of bad publicity, in the wake of disciplinary problems and the arrest of two members for misconduct at the Glenmont fire station, has not seriously hurt company morale or retention, Watson said. "Absolutely not," he said. "Every organization has its bumps and bruises, its adversity. I suppose we're enduring some of that. But when we get summoned to a fire at 3 in the morning, and you see 30, 35 guys turn out for a car fire, I don't think it's damaged anything."

Thirty years ago, somebody getting into the fire company just joined. Nowadays, you have to take a lot of courses to qualify.

Doug Van Appeldoorn

Community outreach is nothing new for volunteer fire companies.

"I turn 30 next week," said Van Appeldoorn, "and we've hosted Halloween and Christmas parties in Glenmont since I can remember." But efforts at public education have become a full-time priority. Selkirk firefighters regularly offer in-school programs at Glenmont Elementary and Mount Moriah School, and take their message to residence complexes like Van Allen Farms.

And every event is a potential for recruitment. A birthday party was thrown last year for Sparky The Fire Dog, the familiar mascot, "and we actually picked up one or two new members last year at what was essentially a birthday party," said Van Appeldoorn.

The focus on a full plate of activities for Fire Prevention Week, he said, began with a casual discussion with Watson at the Glenmont station house.

"We started talking about building some training programs and taking them to the public. Our eyes just started popping out of heads as we traded ideas," he said.

They are hoping Community Day brings more awareness of the fire company's activities and needs. "People should be interested in their fire company," said Van Appeldoorn. "They can come and get all the information they can swallow, and we'll be glad to sign them up if they want to join."

Callanan

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it," said Logan. "We've done a preliminary search of accident records, and there's no truck accident history showing up (for Route 52), but it's a county highway and they may have some information we don't."

He said, however, that he was unaware of any such conditions that would rule out the designation.

So is Nealon. County officials are also reviewing accident histories and physical conditions of the road, he said Monday, but barring any unexpected discoveries, "We're going to respond to say we don't know of any existing physical constraints. We're compiling all that information together, but what (DOT) chooses to do with it after that, you'll have to ask (them)."

In a report compiled for the town board in August, deputy police chief Lou Corsi reported no significant accident history for large trucks in the Elm-Cherry corridor either.

Fuller said she was also unaware of any impediments to the designation. But she has placed discussion of the situation on tonight's Oct. 9 town board agenda — and asked town attorney Robert Alessi to determine if any legal avenue may be open to the town to block the designation while the board considers the proposed truck ban.

The chances of that, said Logan, are very slim.

"I have no flexibility in it. I can grant the request, deny it if there's any evidence of a safety concern, or I can do nothing and it takes care of itself in 90 days."

What's more, he wrote in his

letter to Nealon, "We are prohibited from considering such factors as congestion, public dislike for large trucks or accident history involving vehicles using the highway other than large trucks."

Logan said Callanan, a supplier of stone, gravel and other building materials for contractors, cited in its letter its need for access to the Elm-Cherry-Route 85 corridor for deliveries to clients in the North Bethlehem, Gunderland, West Albany and Colonie areas. Callanan officials appearing before the town board on Sept. 25 made the same case in registering opposition to the proposed truck through-traffic ban on Elm and Cherry.

Designation of the road as an access highway, Logan said, would apply "not just to Callanan, but anybody else" driving special

dimension vehicles — including the car carriers.

Proponents of the truck-traffic ban were caught by surprise when they learned of the Callanan petition, coming even before the town board set a public hearing on any possible restrictions.

"My neighbors are very disgusted with the whole thing," said Elm Avenue resident Brenda Askew, a leader of the June petition drive. "Their heads are just shaking. We think this is just a big runaround. They feel those trucks shouldn't be rolling through a residential neighborhood, regardless of Callanan's request. We weren't going after the local truckers at all."

At least one of her neighbors, she said, is contemplating hiring an attorney to explore their options in attempting to block the access designation.

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Obituaries

George Ertel

George L. Ertel, 78, of Slingerlands died Thursday, Oct. 3, while vacationing in Arizona.

Born in Albany, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Ertel was a longtime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5989.

He retired from painters Local No. 201. He also worked for his family's business, Fitzgerald's Grill & Restaurant in Albany, for many years.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed wood-working and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa R. Ertel; four daughters, Kathleen Zelker of Malta, Donna DeMarco of Rotterdam, Margaret Jackson of Winchester, Va., and Georgianna Oddy of Voorheesville; two sisters, Evelyn Dugan and Helen Nickel; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Catherine of Siena Church in Albany.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

Marjorie Pregent

Marjorie C. Pregent, 73, of Delmar died Saturday, Oct. 5, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Rensselaer, she retired from New York Telephone Co. after 37 years of service.

She later worked for the Bethlehem Highway Department.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and the Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary. She was a communicant of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Albany.

She enjoyed knitting Christmas stockings for her family and friends.

Survivors include a sister, Helen M. Pregent of Delmar; a nephew, John T. Pregent Jr. of Delmar; a niece, Michelle Wright of Cary, N.C.; a grandniece, Lindsey Elizabeth Wright of Cary; and a grandnephew, John Michael Wright of Cary.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Catherine of Siena Church, 40 Hopewell St., Albany 12208.

Doris Swift

Doris Swift, 70, of Selkirk died Saturday, Oct. 5, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she lived in Selkirk for 45 years.

Survivors include her husband, George Swift; a daughter, Suzanne Celella of Ravena; two sons, George G. Swift of Selkirk and David Swift of East Greenbush; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. today, Oct. 9, from the Babcock Funeral Home on 19 Pulver Ave., Ravena. A calling hour will precede the service at 10 a.m.

Contributions may be made to

Ephesian House, PO Box 368, Ravena 12143.

Edward Cummings

Edward L. Cummings, 77, of Glenmont and Naples, Fla., died Thursday, Oct. 3, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

He was a graduate of Vincentian Institute and Siena College.

Mr. Cummings was an engineer for more than 35 years for the former New York Telephone Co. He had also worked for the state Office of General Services.

He was a member of Pinehaven Country Club in Guilderland.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia Cummings; two daughters, Patricia Rossman of Chappaqua and Carol Quinn of Delmar; a son, Edward L. Cummings Jr. of Albany; a brother, William Cummings of Naples; a sister, Mitzi Cummings of Naples; and five grandchildren.

Services were from Holy Cross Church in Albany.

Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Watervliet.

Arrangements were by the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Siena College Development Office, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville 12211.

Katherine Slingerland

Katherine G. "Ma" Slingerland of Clarksville died Thursday, Oct. 3, at her home.

Born in Stuyvesant Falls, she lived in Albany before moving to Clarksville in 1968.

She was the widow of Howard Slingerland and Ken Hoffman.

Survivors include five sons, Kenneth Hoffman, Robert Hoffman, Brian Slingerland, Howard Slingerland Jr. and Jeffrey Slingerland; four daughters, Paula Cole, Bobbi Lynn Hoover, Jean Paquin and Noreen Berenger; 33 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Greenbush Cemetery in East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to Onesequethaw Rescue Squad, Clarksville 12041.

Donald Hatt

Donald G. Hatt, 85, of Glenmont died Thursday, Oct. 10, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Albany Academy, Williams College and Albany Law School.

He was an Army veteran and served in the Army Reserve and the National Guard.

He was a member of the state and Albany County Bar Associations.

Mr. Hatt was a faculty member at Albany Law School from 1963 to 1971.

He was past president of the Albany Academy Alumni Association, Albany Rotary Club, Albany Executives Association, the Albany Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association, the Northeastern New York Speech Center, Albany Family and Children Services and the Council of Community Services.

Mr. Hatt was also a former vice president of the Board of Citizens Planning Committee for Greater Albany. He was an honorary director of the Red Cross Northeast Chapter and former director of the University Club.

He was a member and former vestryman and warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Worthington Hatt; four sons, Gregory Hatt, Randolph Hatt, Josiah Hatt and Schuyler Hatt; a daughter, Elizabeth Kielty; and six grandchildren.

Services were from St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Contributions may be made to Rotary 7190 Gift of Life, c/o Thomas Haley, 2 Colonial Court, Queensbury 12804.

Joseph Dieffenbacher

Joseph D. Dieffenbacher, 70, of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, Sept. 24.

He was a graduate of Utica College and Syracuse University.

Mr. Dieffenbacher worked in management services for Conrail in Selkirk before he retired after 34 years with the company.

He was a former member of Normanside Country Club and a past president of the Bethlehem Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Dieffenbacher; and a daughter, Anne Dieffenbacher of Boca Raton, Fla.

Services and burial were in Fort Myers.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in

Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 21475, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33742 or the American Lung Association, 1436 Royal Palm Square Blvd., Fort Myers, Fla. 33919.

Jonathan Wrede

Jonathan William Wrede, infant son of Sheila and Peter Wrede of Delmar, died Monday, Sept. 30, at his home.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include two brothers, Andrew Wrede and Thomas Wrede; his maternal grandparents, Alicia and David Klingaman of Troy; his paternal grandparents, Martha and Harold Wrede of Oldwick, N.J.; and his paternal great-grandparents, Alice Liffers of Brighton, Mich., and Erika and Fritz Wrede of Flemington, N.J.

A memorial service was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany 12210.

Doris Kann

Doris Kamm of Delmar died Thursday, Oct. 3, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Amsterdam, she graduated from the former Mildred Elley secretarial school.

Mrs. Kamm worked in various brokerage houses for more than 20 years. She was also a secretary at Hasslebarth Mattress Co. in Albany.

An avid golfer, she belonged to Normanside Country Club, Wolfert's Roost Country Club and Colonial Acres Golf Course.

She enjoyed dancing and was fond of pets. For the past 20 years, she spent the winters in Lake Worth, Fla.

She was the widow of J.C. Hasslebarth.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Kamm.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Senior Projects Transportation Fund, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054 or Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Men's Garden Club plans dinner meeting

The Men's Garden Club of Albany, celebrating more than 60 years of active service to the community, will have its first dinner meeting of the season on Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Quality Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be from Eddie's Aquarium. The talk will focus on ponds and water gardens — how to build and maintain them, how to select the appropriate aquatic plants and how to nurture the correct species of fish.

To attend or make a reservation, call Henry Fox at 438-7550.

Araxie Bedrosian

Araxie Flora Bedrosian, daughter of the late Aram and Flora Bedrosian, was born on Aug. 24, 1921, in Albany.

After graduation from high school, she earned a bachelor's degree in business at Russell Sage College in Troy.

Among her various employments, the one which she most enjoyed was that of secretary of First Presbyterian Church in Albany.

Her parents moved to Fresno, Calif., in 1954 and about 10 years later, she joined them there.

She was very active in Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church and was a member of its Dorcas Guild until the time of her death.

Bible study for her was not merely an intellectual pursuit; it was her guide for living.

After working for a regional insurance company, she again ended up working as a church secretary. After retiring to take care of her aging parents, she worked part-time for the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America. Every year after the demise of her parents in 1982, she looked forward to her November visits to the Northeast. She delighted in spending time with her old friends in the Capital District and in the side trips that her brother and sister-in-law took her to in the mountains and the New England coast, as well as the Hudson River valley. The highlight of these visits was always the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner with her family in the Albany area.

She died after an illness of approximately six months in Fresno on Sept. 19. She is interred alongside her parents' grave.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. Levon Bedrosian, and his wife Mary; two nephews, Gary and Richard; grandnephews Gregory, Geoffrey and Gary Edward Bedrosian; and several cousins. Her nephew Gary's wife, Dr. Emogene H. Bedrosian, was organist and gave a touching eulogy at the funeral service.

"Roxie" was profoundly loved by her family and many close friends on both coasts and is greatly missed by all.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, 3673 N. First St., Fresno, Calif. 93726-6870.

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.



Henry and Marie Finger in 1952 and today

Delmar couple celebrates 50 years of marriage

Marie and Henry G. Finger of Delmar will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple was married on Oct. 18, 1952, in Albany.

They have three daughters, Sharon and Nancy Finger of Delmar and Linda Anker, wife of David Anker of Niskayuna. The couple also has two grandsons,

Eric and Dan Anker.

He began his career as a baker at the Delmar Bakery in 1955. He remained there until the bakery closed in 1970, then continued working as a baker at University at Albany up to his retirement in 1996.

She worked as a banker for Albanc. She also retired in 1996.

Two Academy students earn merits

Albany Academy for Girls Upper School students Emmalie Dropkin of Delmar and Rebecca Toseland of Selkirk were named National Merit semifinalists. Both students are seniors.

The 16,000 semi-finalists are academically talented students who represent less than 1 percent of American high school seniors. Semifinalists now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some of the 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$30 million, that will be offered next spring.

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Jennifer Burrell and Zachary Stillerman

Burrell, Stillerman to marry

Jennifer Mary Burrell, daughter of Elizabeth and Chet Burrell formerly of Slingerlands, and Zachary Bryant Stillerman, son of Candace and Dr. Roy Stillerman of Longmeadow, Mass., are engaged. The ceremony will be held in Boston, on March 15, 2003.

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Bethlehem Central High School and Middlebury College. She is currently in her third year of study at Harvard Law School.

The future groom is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and Middlebury College.

He will complete the masters of business administration program at Harvard Business School in May.

Judd deployed to Western Pacific aboard USS Abraham Lincoln

Navy Seaman Christopher D. Judd, son of Carol and Ronald D. Judd of 6 Mohawk Trails, Slingerlands, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf. He is assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, home-ported in Everett, Wash.

Judd is one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group and the USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group.

During the first half of the deployment, Judd's ship made a port visit in Hong Kong. The crew had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the culture and cuisine.

Volunteers aboard Judd's ship made repairs to the Salvation Army headquarters in the Kowloon Quarter of Hong Kong.

They also helped package and ship boxes for a nonprofit organization and cleaned shelters for the mentally impaired.

Carriers like the USS Abraham Lincoln are deployed around the world to maintain American presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis.

They serve as a high visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Judd joined the Navy in May 2002.

BCHS grads earn scholarships

BCHS graduates Jennifer Englestein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin S. Englestein of Delmar, and Aaron Kaplan, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Kaplan, both earned the Rush Rhees Scholarship at the University of Rochester.

The \$5,000 scholarship is given to talented students who score at least 1350 on the SAT or a composite of 31 or better on the ACT tests. Both students are entering freshman.

The scholarship is renewable each year.

Dean's List

Lafayette College
Blair Banagan or Delmar.



Daniel and Barbara Formica

Formica, Pittman wed

Daniel Formica Sr., and Barbara J. Pittman were married on April 20. The ceremony took place at the Chapel of Flowers in Las Vegas.

On Aug. 3, the couple celebrated with post wedding reception at The Pavilion at Herberts Birch Hill in Schodack.

The groom is the owner and operator of the Delmar and Ravena McDonalds.

The bride is a trainer for the Department of Motor Vehicles in Albany.

The couple now resides on the fairways of Halfmoon Golf Course.

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital

Boy, Nicholas James Zigrosser, to Trisha and Richard Zigrosser of Glenmont, Sept. 16.

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. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

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

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Community

JCC Hosts Kinder Fair

On Sunday, Oct. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., the Albany Jewish Community Center, located at 340 Whitehall Road in Albany, will host its third annual Kinder Fair. The day will include performances by children's entertainers, lectures on children's nutrition, \$5 haircuts, fingerprinting kits and more.

Admission is free. There will be a barbecue lunch from noon to 2 p.m.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Institute premieres Shakespearean murder mystery

By DEV TOBIN

Four hundred years after his heyday at the Globe Theatre, William Shakespeare continues to fascinate — his plays are an essential part of the English literature canon and regularly turn up on Broadway or the big screen; his life inspires popular movies like "Shakespeare in Love;" even his very authorship of the plays and sonnets has scholars playing literary detective.

The New York State Theatre Institute, like most theater companies, shares the fascination, kicking off its 2002-03 season with a world premiere of "The Killings Tale" by W.A. Frankonis.

Set in 1606 in London on the eve of the premiere of "Macbeth" and with the Bard himself as a principal character, the play is a murder mystery that brings Elizabethan England to life, according to associate producer Olga Delorey.

"It's a wonderful play, with the Shakespeare character acting as a detective to solve a series of mysterious murders and also being treated as a suspect," Delorey said.

"The Killings Tale" is also a great way for high-school-age students to learn about Shakespeare's life and turbulent times, which are reflected in plays they will all have to read, she added.

Frankonis, who wrote the book for the institute's popular musical "A Tale of Cinderella," is not



Neil Dancer (Mary Jane Hansen) offers another tankard to the wordsmith William Shakespeare (John Romeo) as he makes a play for her heart.

jumping on the "Shakespeare in Love" bandwagon. Frankonis had written a first draft of "The Killings Tale" in 1988, well before the success of the award-winning movie.

The institute had produced "The Killings Tale" in a summer workshop in 1999 and "We always wanted to do a full production," said Delorey, adding that the institute is "committed to developing new works."

Director Ed. Lange noted that the play is a "well-balanced mystery, weaving just the right fabric of real clues and misdirection."

Institute regular John Romeo plays Shakespeare; also appearing are fellow institute actors David Bunce, Joel Aroeste and John McGuire, along with guests actors Mary Jane Hansen, Carole Edie Smith, Michael Steese, Ron Komora, Kathryn Lange, Gordon Kupperstein and Robert Dalton, plus interns Sean Mack, Brendan McDermott and Alain David Ackerman.

"The Killings Tale" will be on the Schacht Fine Arts Center stage at Russell Sage College in Troy through Oct. 26. Weekday performances are at 10 a.m., plus 8 p.m. performances on Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26 and 2 p.m. matinees on Oct. 13 and 20.

Tickets are \$19, \$16 for seniors or students, \$8 for children under 13. For information, call the box office at 274-3256.

Jewish Community Center sponsors third Kinderfair

Children's health is the focus of the third annual Kinderfair on Saturday, Oct. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center at 340 Whitehall Road.

The fair promotes health and safety for children in a fun, interactive environment. The fair will feature local physicians and other health care professionals who will answer questions and offer free

information about children's health topics like healthy eating, injury prevention and immunizations. Parents and children are encouraged to bring their questions and concerns to these health care professionals, who are all volunteering their time at the fair.

Many health and fitness activities will be offered to provide children with hands-on experiences

with health and prevention issues.

New features this year include an identification safety video, offered by the Albany Masonic District, which will help in the event that a child goes missing or is kidnapped.

The fair will also offer children's haircuts for \$5, with half the proceeds

going to Locks of Love, which provides wigs for children who have lost their hair due to the side effects of cancer treatment or other illness.

The center will also offer the Red Cross babysitting course, for children 11 years and older, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

And the center's pool will host a demonstration by its Scuba Rangers, part of a program for Scuba divers between the ages of 8 and 12, from 1 to 2 p.m.

The fair is free and open to the public.

For information, call 438-6651.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

TWO PIANOS, FOUR HANDS

musical comedy, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Nov. 10, \$28 to \$38. Information, 445-7469.

THE KILLINGS TALE

new murder mystery at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through Oct. 26, \$19, \$16 for seniors and student, \$10 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

THE MOUSETRAP

Agatha Christie thriller, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Oct. 18 to Nov. 24, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA!

apartheid drama by Athol Fugard, Siena College, Foy Theatre, Route 9, Loudonville, Oct. 10 to 12, \$10, \$5 for seniors and students. Information, 783-4242.

Music

DAVE BRUBECK QUARTET

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Oct. 11, 8 p.m., \$26 and \$30. Information, 273-0038.

JOSHUA REDMAN'S ELASTIC BAND

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 11, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

JERRY DOUGLAS BAND

with the Sam Bush Band, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

DAVID LINDLEY AND WALLY INGRAM

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Oct. 12, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$25. Information, 381-1111.

SOLAS

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., \$22 and \$24. Information, 273-0038.

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN AND BETTY BUCKLEY ON BROADWAY

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., \$45, \$49 and \$55. Information, 381-1111.

FRANCO SPOTO

Italian singer, North Pointe Cultural Arts Center, Route 9, Kinderhook, Oct. 13, 2 p.m., \$20, \$18 for seniors. Information, 758-9234.

IAN ANDERSON

solo and unplugged Tull, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$29. Information, 273-0038.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response, New York September 11 by Magnum Photographers, through Oct. 14, Great American Circus, through Jan. 5, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

"Matters of Taste: Food and Drink in 17th-century Dutch Art and Life," through Dec. 8, Delft Tiles, through Jan. 12, "Albany Underfoot," through Jan. 12, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Bob Blood retrospective, through Oct. 15; plus Spirit of Schenectady and Collection Highlights, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

161 Washington Ave., 25th anniversary exhibit, featuring eight local artists, through Oct. 18. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, "Show Off," artwork and ephemera from 57 upstate museums and historic sites, through Feb. 16, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Information, 242-2241.

YATES GALLERY

of Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, "Down at the Farm," works by Russell DeYoung, through Oct. 31. Information, 786-6557.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Fall Back Into Color," through Oct. 31, Wednesday to Sunday, reception on Sept. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. Information, 786-6557.

Call for Artists

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Altamont Village Hall, 115 Main St. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-2360.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

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

ANNIE SCHAFER ORCHESTRA

openings in the string section, rehearsals Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to noon, Nott Terrace and Eastern Avenue, Schenectady. Information, 372-5146.

MALE SINGERS NEEDED

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

Classes

DANCE CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES

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

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

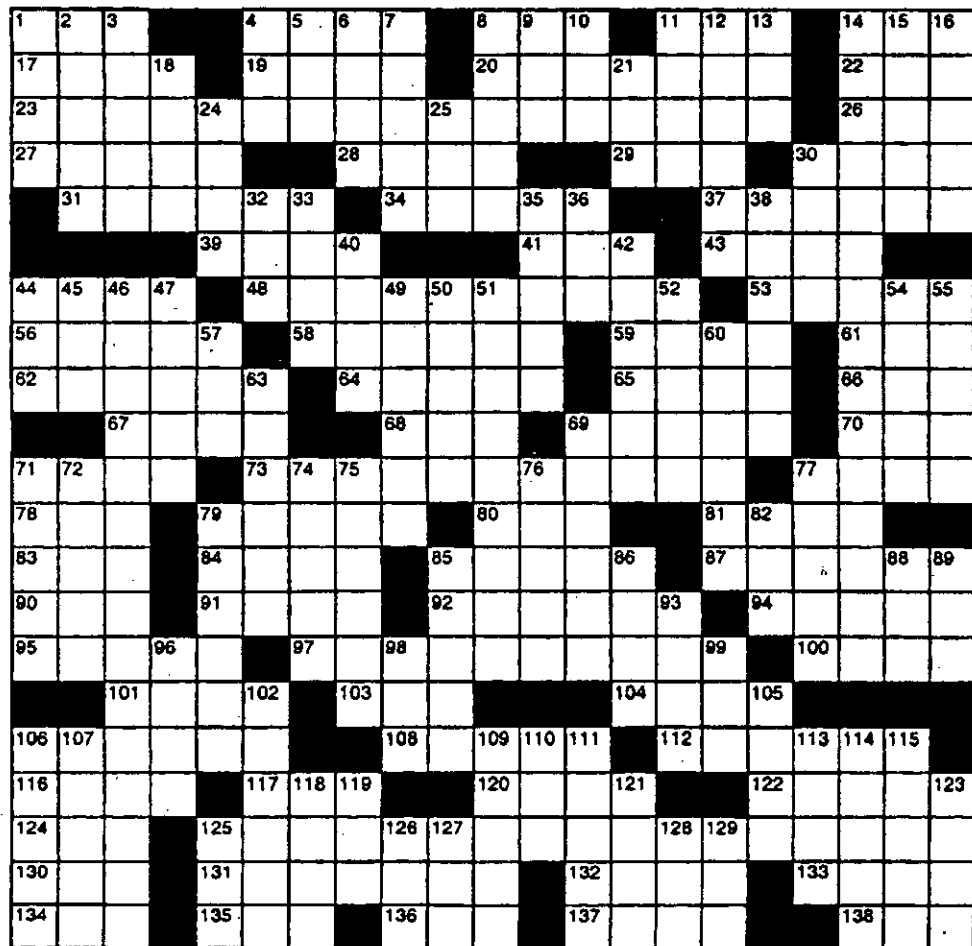


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man's hair is white. 2. Sticks are checked. 3. Tree shadow is gone. 4. Golf ball is missing. 5. Golf club is black. 6. Tree limb is missing.

The Super CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Korean car
- 4 Colt
- 8 No. cruncher
- 11 Pecs' partners
- 14 Monk's title
- 17 TV's "Living"
- 19 Therefore
- 20 What's left
- 22 Actor Ayres
- 23 Meryl Streep film
- 26 Indeed
- 27 Driving hazard
- 28 Lamented
- 29 UN figure
- 30 Exploit
- 31 Holy —
- 34 Peel's partner
- 37 Danish port
- 39 "Lisa"
- 41 See 118
- 43 Sawcracker
- 44 Kedrova of "Curtain"
- 48 Jane Fonda film
- 53 Zenith's opposite
- 56 What i.e. stands for
- 58 Napa business
- 59 Actor McGregor
- 61 Smellery stuff
- 62 Seat cover?

- 64 Construction material
- 65 Stubbs or Strauss
- 66 Certain cyst
- 67 Reject
- 68 Humorist
- 69 Mamer or Lapham
- 70 Vane letters
- 71 Acquire
- 73 Joe Don Baker film
- 77 Prepare prunes
- 78 Stocking mishap
- 79 Contradict
- 80 Anaconda, for one
- 81 Conductor
- 83 — foo yung
- 84 Cain's nephew
- 85 Diva Nellie
- 87 Like some escapes
- 90 Sushi candidate
- 91 Be bombastic
- 92 Threat words
- 94 Augusta's state
- 95 Texas talk
- 97 Bing Crosby film
- 100 "Norwegian" (65 song)
- 101 Jib, e.g.

- 103 "Unforgettable" name
- 104 Bogosian or Stoltz
- 106 Geological feature
- 108 Sherpa site
- 112 Meager
- 116 Explorer
- 117 "Platoon" extras
- 120 Neighbor of Can.
- 122 Falsetto
- 124 "deal"
- 125 Sean Penn film
- 130 Mrs. Morgenstern
- 131 Repeat
- 132 Banish bacteria
- 133 "The Rape of the Lock" poet
- 134 — Peres, MO
- 135 Dirty
- 136 Pea holder
- 137 Enjoy
- 138 Dispenser contents

- 5 Part of NATO
- 6 Gelatin substitute
- 7 Yoga position
- 8 Uncouth
- 9 Tighten the tent
- 10 Gray matter?
- 11 Singing Ant
- 12 Diner employee
- 13 Where the gulls are
- 14 Fred Astaire film
- 15 Staggers
- 16 Vigilant
- 18 Served well
- 21 — nutshell
- 24 Article
- 25 Permit
- 30 Word form for "great"
- 32 Mythical bird
- 33 Chilly powder?
- 35 Alcohol base
- 36 "— volente"
- 38 He's a menace
- 40 Author Martin
- 42 Aviatrix
- 44 Cover
- 45 Palindromic dictator

- 46 Nicolas Cage film
- 47 Colorado resort
- 49 Entry point
- 50 "— say more?"
- 51 Baseball's "Hammerin' Hank"
- 52 Tom of "State Fair"
- 54 Worth or Dunne
- 55 Extend a subscription
- 57 — offensive
- 60 Arthurian island
- 63 Mrs. Ivanhoe
- 69 In a reliable manner
- 71 Midas' sin
- 72 Boring thing
- 74 "— Comes Mary"
- 75 Heavyweight Sonny
- 76 Yiddish automaton
- 77 "— Dogs" (71 film)
- 79 "Cabaret" setting
- 82 Scottish cap
- 85 — Carlo
- 86 "— forgive those..."
- 88 Yoko —
- 89 Tie the knot

- 93 Head set?
- 96 Keen
- 98 Bannen or Ballantine
- 99 Puppy bark
- 102 Smoothly, to Schubert
- 105 Spielunker's spot
- 106 Beyond zealous
- 107 Stomach
- 109 Manhandled
- 110 Campbell of UB40
- 111 Gate feature
- 113 Interstate exit
- 114 Cutter kin
- 115 Rush to the judge
- 118 With 41 Across, summer quencher
- 119 Officer's appellation
- 121 Andrew of "Melrose Place"
- 123 Don Juan's mom
- 125 Fix a fight
- 126 Velvet feature
- 127 Former Pontiac model
- 128 — la-la
- 129 "Tell — About It" ('83 song)

The Spotlight CALENDAR

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

Wed. 10/9

BETHLEHEM

PUMPKIN CARVING

Bring your own tools and \$2.50 to cover cost of pumpkin; sponsored by Newcomers & Friends of Bethlehem. Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 7-9:30 p.m. Information, 432-7772.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

'NONFICTIONADOS'

Book discussion group focusing on nonfiction works; discussion of "River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze" by Peter Hessler. Copies available at reference desk. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DISCUSSION SERIES

"A Moral Response to Terrorism": Weekly discussion group Wednesdays through Oct. 16, sponsored by Bethlehem Ministerial Association. This week: "Is Islam The Enemy?" \$7 charge for study guide materials. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30-8:45 p.m. Information, 439-9252.

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 10/10

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

Travel Group program on Lake Tahoe and Yellowstone Park; Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

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

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

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

AA MEETINGS

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

Fri. 10/11

BETHLEHEM

Q.U.I.L.T.

Quilters United In Learning Together,

meeting and lecture on "Slash Management." \$3 fee. 9:15 a.m. Information, 439-0552.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 10/12

BETHLEHEM

BCHS CLASS OF '72 REUNION

BIG Arena, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Tickets \$45 per person; contact pucksavc@hotmail.com for information.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 10/13

BETHLEHEM

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday school class for developmentally disabled children and adults; second and fourth Sundays of each month, 9:15-10 a.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. Handicapped accessible. Information, 439-4328.

CAPITAL-HUDSON IRIS SOCIETY

Meeting and talk by Lloyd Brace, owner of Rosearie in Waldoboro, Maine on rose care and varieties suitable for the region. Open to all. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m.; coffee and cake served at 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-3758.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing

Road, North Bethlehem.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

Mon. 10/14

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 10/15

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Accompanied by information on soy foods and supplements, diabetes prevention, breast self-examination; sponsored by Senior Services Dept. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-4955.

THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&M Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

VOORHEESVILLE PTA

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

Wed. 10/16

BETHLEHEM

'ONLINE WORKSHOP'

Discussing how to get information from business and financial databases; limited enrollment, one session only. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

DISCUSSION SERIES

"A Moral Response to Terrorism": Discussion group sponsored by Bethlehem Ministerial Association. This week: "A Better Way To Fight Terrorism." \$7 charge for study guide materials. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30-8:45 p.m. Information, 439-9252.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND

AGRICULTURE DISCUSSION

"Hungry Farmers: A National Security Issue For All," sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension. William Rice Extension Center, Miller Road, Voorheesville, noon-3 p.m. Registration, 765-3500.

V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 10/17

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

BETHLEHEM CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Open House at school, 12 Fisher Boulevard, Slingerlands, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 478-0224.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

Fri. 10/18

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sat. 10/19

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 10/20

CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Beginning of series on topic, "Unplug The Christmas Machine," Free and open to public; Child care provided. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW
SECTION 206 (C)

The name of the limited liability company is 1100 Madison Avenue Realty LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was September 20, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is The Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly & Gable, P.C., c/o Carl J. Kempf III, Esq., 255 Washington Avenue Extension Albany, New York 12205. The business purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC law. (October 9, 2002)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
TO ANY NY LLC PURSUANT
TO NY LLC LAW SECTION
1203 (C)

The name of the professional service limited liability company is 1254 New Loudon Road, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was May 13, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: 1254 New Loudon Road, LLC, c/o Edmond J. Duncan Jr., 1254 New Loudon Road, Cohoes, New York 12047. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Action Bounce, LLC

Pursuant to Section 203 of Limited Liability Law

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The name of the Limited Liability Company is ACTION BOUNCE, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 9, 2002. The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 126 Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The purposes of the business of the Company is The business of children's entertainment as well as any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under applicable law. SIXTH: The Company is to be managed by its members. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

"ASCON LLC" was filed with the SSNY on 9/24/02. 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. (October 9, 2002)

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. THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: B.A.V. Airport Park LLC, 4 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110.

LEGAL NOTICE

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052, unless said period is further extended by amendment of this Agreement or sooner terminated in accordance with this agreement. SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BACKROADS TRANSPORTATION, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with then Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/27/02. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1255 Tenth Avenue Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (October 9, 2002)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED ISSUANCE
OF BONDS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a (2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 14th day of November, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. local time, at the Town Hall Auditorium located at 445 Delaware Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem, New York in connection with the following matters: 467 Delaware Avenue LLC (the "Company") has requested that the Agency consider financing the cost of a project (the "Project") consisting of (A) (1) the acquisition of land located at 467 Delaware Avenue, Town of Bethlehem in Albany County, New York (the "Land") (2) the construction thereon of an assisted living facility of approximately 67, 867 square feet (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery and equipment related thereto (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the financing of all or a portion of the costs of all the foregoing by the issuance of revenue bonds of the Agency in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$ 11, 100,000 (the "Bonds"); (C) the granting of certain other "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854 (14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, sales tax and mortgage recording taxes (collectively with the Bonds, the "Financial Assistance"); and (D) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency. The operator of the Project Facility will be Delmar Place, Inc. The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, (B) to finance the Project by issuing bonds from time to time revenue bonds of the Agency (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$11,100,000 if the issuance of the Bonds is approved, (A) the Project Facility will be subject to a financing agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make payments equal to debt service on the Bonds issued by the Agency and make certain other payments, and (B) the Bonds of the Agency will be special obligations of the Agency payable solely out of the proceeds of the Agreement and certain other assets of the Agency associated with the Project pledged to the repayment of the Bonds. THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW YORK AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON. A copy of the application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. The Agency will at said time and

LEGAL NOTICE

place provide all interested persons reasonable opportunity both orally and in writing to present their views with respect to the Project.

Dated: October 3, 2002

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY
By: s/s Michael Tucker
Chairman
(October 9, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is BonJay LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 23, 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 1465 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. (October 9, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Charles, LLC (the "LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 23, 2002 effective upon the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to The LLC, 8 Breeman Street, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to acquire, develop, manage, finance, own and sell real estate and for any lawful act or activity in furtherance thereof, in connection therewith or incidentally thereto, for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. (October 9, 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. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CA address of LLC: 2999 Oak Road, Suite 230, Walnut Creek, CA 94597. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, Business Filings, 1500 11th St., 3rd Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: Broker dealer firm. (October 9, 2002)

NOTICE OF
FORMATION OF LLC

EGL Holdings, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on September 17, 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 EGL Holdings, LLC, P.O. Box 459, Albany, NY 12201. 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. (October 9, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is EQUIZAC, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on September 13, 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 652 Sand Creek Road, Albany, New York 12205. (October 9, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Flying J Transportation LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/15/1972. 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: 1104 Country Hills Drive, Ogden, UT 84403. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (October 9, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Garner Street Associates, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 5, 2002, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, P.O. Box 285, Cohoes, New York 12047. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Jechevic & Associates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/10/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 710 Riverside Drive, Suite 1C, NY, NY 10031, Attn: Arelis Medina. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LITTLE NICKY'S Doghouse, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/20/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC Post Office Box 66019, Albany, New York 12206. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF ALBANY
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In the Matter of the Application of MARISA MARIE RODRIGUEZ, An Infant by JOSEPH PATRICK MADELONE, Her Parent, to Assume Another Name
Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Supreme Court, Albany County New York on the 28th day of August 2002 being index number 5303-02, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at the Albany County Clerk's Office, Albany County Courthouse, Eagle Street, Albany, New York 12207, grants me the right to have my infant daughter, MARISA MARIE RODRIGUEZ, assume the name of MARISA MARIE MADELONE. Our present address is 28 Churchill Square, Schenectady, New York 12309.; date of birth July 22, 1997; place of birth: City of Albany, County of Albany, State of New York. Her present name is Marisa Marie Rodriguez. (October 9, 2002)

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. office location: Albany

LEGAL NOTICE

County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Mark Reith, 56 Laura Avenue, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (October 9, 2002)

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 formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/11/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1111 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne, PA. 19087. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy of State 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19801. Purpose: any lawful activity. (October 9, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
(LLC)

The name of the LLC is Premier Hospitality, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 17, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any and all lawful act or activity permitted under the laws of the State of New York. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is the designated 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 is 215 West 34th Street, New York, New York 10001. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

1. Name of the Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter LLC) is RASH Properties, LLC.
2. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State is August 13, 2002.
3. The office is located in Albany County.
4. Secretary of State is designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process it may be served.
5. Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: RASH Properties, LLC 71 Oliver Street, Cohoes, New York 12047. The LLC shall not have a registered agent.
6. The company has no specific date of dissolution. The LLC is formed for any lawful business purpose and shall have all the powers set forth in Section 202(a)-202(q) of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Rho Trading Securities, LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/23/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/3/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: J. Brent McCauley, Ungaretti & Harris, 3500 First National Plaza, Chicago, IL 60602. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St. Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SECY. of State, Div. of Corps, 401 Federal St. Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Securities trading. (October 9, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New

LEGAL NOTICE

York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Richard Weiss, 60 Hancock Drive, Glenmont, New York for Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50, Article XVIII, Rear Yards, Section 128-79, Single Family Dwellings, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for an existing 3 season room at premises 60 Hancock Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077

Michael C. Hodorn
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(October 9, 2002)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP OF ROUTE 22
AMENIA PARTNERS, LP

(UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT)
1. The name of the limited partnership is "Route 22 Amenia Partners, L.P."
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 596 New Loudon Road, Albany, New York 12211.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is: Shopping Center Development Co., L.L.C.
596 New Loudon Road
Latham, New York 12110
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is August 31, 2102.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 30th day of August, 2002 and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
ROUTE 22 AMENIA PARTNERS L.P.

By: Shopping Center
Development Co., L.L.C.
General Partner
By: Kenneth B. Segel, Member.
(October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Sovereign Agency LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/16/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 5/25/1975. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LLC: 1433 Hooper Ave, Toms River, NJ 08753. Arts. of Org filed with NJ Dept. of Treasury, Div of Revenue, Business Services Bureau, 225 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. (October 9, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Trillium USA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/01/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 300 N. Marienfeld, # 1100 Midland, TX 79702. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: designing, constructing, fabricating, selling, installing, owning and operating compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facilities for vehicles. (October 9, 2002)

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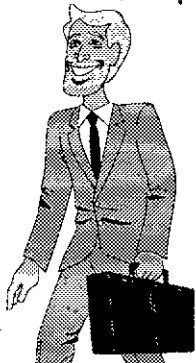
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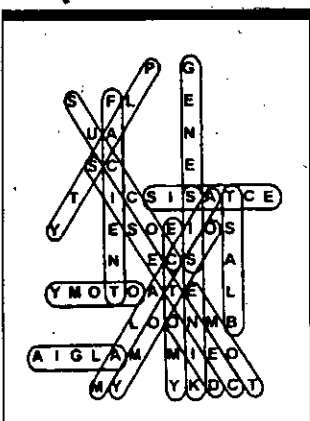
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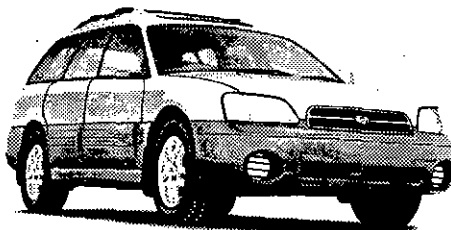
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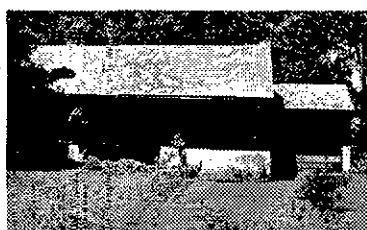
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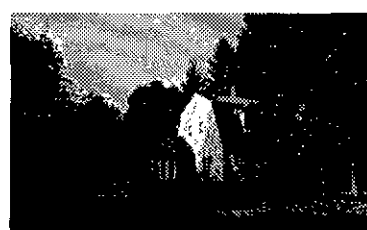
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Truck

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analyze weight and length restrictions, and project potential alternate routes trucks might travel if barred from Elm and Cherry.

The decision to table the issue for now drew expressions of disappointment from many of those present, several of whom contacted Fuller afterward to take the board to task.

"I was disappointed not because you failed to pass restrictions," wrote one, Lauren Jacobson, "but because you seemed to have done so little background research as to leave the impression you have no interest in the matter whatsoever."

"The neighbors I spoke to afterwards thought it looked like we were being lied to, that nothing is being done," said Brenda Askew, organizer of the petition drive that launched the truck-restriction debate. "It appears like no research was done in all of that time (since June). It seems like it was a waste of time. We had more faith in the

local government that something was being done."

The two drafts presented by Alessi to the board two weeks ago both established a no-through-truck-traffic ban, set graduated fines for violations and provided exceptions for local deliveries. Where they differed was in defining precisely the categories of truck traffic that the law would target — a key point of contention.

"Town attorneys may be very good at certain things, but they're not very good at being traffic engineers," Alessi said.

The board members fared little better, disagreeing on whether trucks should be defined by weight, length or specific classifications of type — or some combination.

"When the residents of Cherry and Elm avenues first came in here, it was clear they were going after a very specific type of vehicle, the car carriers," said board member Dan Plummer. But others called for a broader ban.

"My reaction is to really limit

this by length," said Tom Marcelle. "I think that hits most of the residents' concerns." George Lenhardt concurred, but also suggested a permit system administered by the town highway superintendent to grant exemptions to some classes, like agricultural delivery vehicles.

Fuller feared the impact of any ban on local businesses.

"We want to encourage development, we want to increase the tax base," she said. "Yet here we are, about to take an action that would restrict economic development. I am not ready, nor do I think we are prepared, to begin setting a public hearing, because we do not know the impact of this proposal."

Board member Doris Davis expressed similar concerns about the proposed ban's impact on other neighborhoods.

"There is nothing in either of the drafts which indicates what alternative routes any truck would take if they are in fact banned," she said, calling for a more specific impact analysis. "Taking this problem and simply moving it around," Fuller agreed, would end up "pitting neighbor against neighbor, business against business."

Fuller noted that she had contacted Swift Transportation, the largest trucker operating on town roads, and the New York State Motor Truck Association, but neither was represented at the meeting.

"It's beyond contempt for them not to be here tonight, when they know we're going to take action that will affect their business," said Marcelle.

Zero

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projected spending was held to a 4 percent increase overall, with conservative revenue estimates and few additional capital expenditures in departmental budgets.

"It's a very frugal commitment to spending," Clark said. "Overall, the budget constrains spending so we can continue the level and quality of services where they were last year. There is no reduction in services, but no significant growth, either."

Public workshops on the plan are set for Oct. 15 through 17 at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on New Scotland Road in New Salem, with a public hearing set for Nov. 6 at town hall and final adoption of the budget slated for the board's Nov. 13 meeting.

Most of the spending increases outlined in the main budget are personnel related, Clark said, including a 3 percent across-the-board salary increase.

In addition, as with all municipalities, benefit costs are up for health insurance, workers' compensation and mandatory contributions to the state retirement system — which, Clark said, have increased six-fold in the town budget for next year.

Clark proposes upping the eligibility standard for retirement benefits from 10 years of town service to 15.

"That reward should be for a career commitment, not for the last 10 years of your working life. The town can't afford it," he said.

Most departmental budgets will see few, if any, increases. Many equipment purchases requested by department heads have been "pecked away," he said.

"Better computers people would like to have, and better furniture people would like to have. I don't argue with their requests, but what can be deferred has been deferred." Also deferred: a portion of the town highway garage renovation program, and proposed repairs to two bridges on Miller and Rock City roads.

His estimate of the town's share of county sales tax revenues was as conservative as possible, he said.

The budget plan slashes estimated revenues in half, to just over \$318,000, though it projects a modest increase in the highway department's share. To balance the budget, Clark proposes drawing down the town's unrestricted reserves.

"Our reserves are well above the (state) comptroller's recommended levels even now," he said; the comptroller's office recommends a minimum reserve of 10 percent. "I think it's time to use some of those reserves to keep the tax rates stable."

Clark is braced for possible challenges by the council and department heads during the workshop process. He declined to speculate on specific items that might prove controversial.

"Everything is subject to review by the board, and I'm sure there'll be some movement within the budget," he said.

As for the bottom line, "They may not want to make the same tradeoffs," Clark said. "They may think the reserves have to be preserved, or that my estimates of tax revenues are too low. Maybe they think we can afford to spend a little more without raising taxes. Or maybe they're even willing to raise taxes."

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