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Austin Fox enjoys hunting for Easter eggs last Saturday at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

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ZBA to appeal ruling on WM facility site

By KRISTEN OLBY

The battle over Waste Management's proposed truck maintenance facility in Selkirk that has continued for more than a year will now head to the state's second highest court.

At an April 16 Bethlehem zoning board of appeals meeting packed with opponents to the project, the board announced it would appeal a recent state Supreme Court decision that found the truck facility did not belong on a plot of land alongside the Hudson River in the Rural Not Zoned district. The board reached its unanimous decision to appeal to the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court after deliberating in executive session for about an hour.

"We disagree with the court, it's as simple as that," said board Chairman Michael Hodom.

In October, the board backed town Building Inspector Kevin Shea's determination that the truck maintenance facility was allowed in the

Rural Not Zoned district because the area is essentially "unzoned" — even though there are 32 permitted uses for the district.

Shortly after, River Road residents Richard Orsi and Laurel Dickerson in cooperation with the neighborhood group opposed to Waste Management — Bethlehem Residents Environmentally Against Trash Hauling (BREATH) —

filed an Article 78 petition appealing the board's decision.

In March, state Supreme Court Justice Louis Benza agreed with the plaintiffs, finding the board's

interpretation of the code to be "irrational," effectively annulling its decision.

"My feeling is that Judge Benza looked at it, he made an interpretation of the code. He doesn't work with it all the time, we do. We disagree with what the judge has said and I believe we have to appeal it," said board member Marjory O'Brien.

Board members stood by their interpretation of the code, citing many hours spent reviewing the Rural Not Zoned building code and Shea's determination. The board also pointed out that its decision to appeal in no way supports Waste Management or its plan.

"We believe now that he (Shea) correctly interpreted the code and that's

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**We disagree with the court,
it's as simple as that.**

Michael Hodom

DOT set to begin Delaware Ave. facelift

Some traffic delays expected

By KRISTEN OLBY

A million dollar facelift is coming to Bethlehem's Delaware Avenue, with crews scheduled to begin work on the busy thoroughfare next month. The state Department of Transportation (DOT) project, which focuses primarily on roadway maintenance, is expected to cost about \$1.1 million dollars.

Delaware Avenue will be re-paved from Borthwick Avenue to Burhans Place and improvements to curbs and sidewalks will be made near Kenwood Avenue. The Four Corners intersection — where Delaware meets Kenwood — may see the biggest turnaround with a refreshing new look once work is complete.

"Pedestrian crosswalks will be striped, trees and other vegetation will be planted and decorative street lighting will be installed, creating a village square environment," said DOT project manager Mary Ricard.

The town has invested \$150,000 toward the Four Corner intersection improvements because the work is not normally within the scope of a roadway

maintenance project, according to Ricard.

A Victorian-era clock is slated to be installed at the intersection this fall by the Four Corners Group — an organization of area business people — once the work is complete.

Crews from Callanan Industries will hit the roads around mid-May, according to DOT. During the week, there will be periods of alternating one-way traffic on Delaware from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accommodate construction crews.

"We're hoping to limit delays by not impeding traffic during morning and evening commuter times but there will be delays while work is under way," said Ricard.

Temporary lane closures will also take place on Kenwood Avenue during off-peak hours as work progresses. While the Four Corners merchants welcome the new look, some fear traffic delays will encourage motorists to avoid the area, and their businesses.

"When you have a slight delay it's going to inconvenience people and they're going to stay away from it," said Marlene Brookins, owner of A Little Country Store on Kenwood.

Brookins hopes the unique shopping experience at the intersection and the variety of goods will keep customers returning even during construction.

Just down the road, the railroad overpass on Delaware near Hudson Avenue will also be renovated to accommodate large trucks passing through. Pavement will be lowered

roughly a foot, creating the 14-foot clearance legally required at an overpass, according to Ricard. Delaware Avenue will be closed off to traffic for an entire weekend sometime in July or August to repave the roadway.

Mary Ricard

"The road will be closed at this location beginning on a Friday evening and reopen by Monday morning rush hour," said Ricard.

During the closure, signs will direct motorists to use the Route 32 Delmar Bypass.

Throughout the project, DOT says variable message signs will be used to keep motorists informed of upcoming delays and detours.

The roadway maintenance project is scheduled to be complete by Nov. 1.

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RCS hopefuls line up for board seats

By KRISTEN OLBY

A last minute addition to the roster of candidates means an election will be held to determine who occupies three vacant Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board seats. If a fourth candidate had not come forward the race would have been uncontested.

On June 30, Sarah Hafensteiner, Russell Sykes and Howard Shafer's terms will expire. Shafer is hoping to remain on the board for a second term, while Diane Louis, Rodger Coryell and Clifford Nooney are all seeking seats.

The school board is responsible for establishing, monitoring and assessing district policies. In addition, the board develops the school district's budget and takes action on personnel and education

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Police arrest 4 for DWI Four Corners sees some changes

Bethlehem Police recently arrested four individuals for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Matthew Dunn, 28, of Pine Street, Delmar, was stopped on New Scotland Road for speeding on April 11 at 8:47 p.m. Police said Dunn failed field sobriety tests and charged him with DWI.

Kristine Martino, 25, of Braintree Street, Colonie, was stopped on River Road in Glenmont for speeding on April 13 at 4:18 a.m. Police said Martino failed field sobriety tests and charged her with DWI.

Richard Allen Majors II, 27, of Maple Avenue, Albany, was stopped for speeding on New Scotland Road on April 18 at 4:20 a.m. Police say Majors failed field sobriety tests and a blood alcohol test and found two bottles of open wine in the vehicle. He was

charged with felony DWI and released on \$250 bail. Majors is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on May 6.

Wayne Burt, 46, of Montrose Drive, Delmar, was stopped on Kenwood Avenue on April 12 at 9:14 p.m. when police noticed all three brake lights were constantly on. Police say Burt failed field sobriety tests and charged him with DWI.

Frank Markus, 39, of 489 Orchard St., Delmar, was arrested on April 1 for attempting to withdraw money from his father's bank account. Markus was charged with grand larceny and forgery, both felonies, and arraigned in Town Court. Markus was sent to Albany County jail without bail and is scheduled to return to Town Court April 14.

Delmar man indicted

A Delmar man has been indicted by an Albany County Grand Jury for breaking into a Delmar home in January. Foluke Griffin, 21, of Delmar was indicted on April 11 on a felony charge of burglary and possession of stolen property.

Griffin allegedly attempted to break into a Park Place home on Jan. 24.

"The homeowner came home and found him breaking the glass in the back window," said Assistant District Attorney David Rossi. When the homeowner

asked Griffin what he was doing, police say he ran off. Griffin was later arrested by an Albany Police K9 unit near Oakwood Road. Nothing was taken from the home.

The stolen property charge stems from items found in Griffin's backpack at the time of his arrest.

At the time of his arrest, Griffin was on felony probation as a result of a forgery charge in June 2002. He remains in the Albany County jail. If convicted, Griffin faces a sentence of up to 15 years.

By KRISTEN OLBY

A new business is about to open its doors at Delmar's Four Corners, offering customers a vast array of distinctive home furnishings. Objects of Affection will fill the storefront once used by Judy's Tiny Shop on Kenwood Avenue — Judy's moved into a larger building on the same block in March.

"It's going to be a combination of new, gently used or vintage style home accessories and decorative items," said owner Betsy Kapner of Niskayuna.

The smorgasbord of goods will also include a linen clothing line for women, lamps, mirrors and a specialty food and tea line. The "favorable finds" have been personally discovered by Kapner during her travels to various flea markets throughout the country and through vendors.

"I'm a collector. I'm just the kind of person when I'm out and about and I see something that's really neat, I buy it and put it away somewhere," said Kapner. With an ever-changing selection, Kapner believes customers will enjoy a unique shopping experience each time they visit.

Kapner's father, who lives in Delmar, helped her select the Four Corners store after passing up a Wolf Road location.

"Delmar is so up and coming in everything that it's definitely the place I want to be," said Kapner who believes the area could one

day have a downtown Saratoga feel. Objects of Affection will be open Wednesday through Saturday and by appointment. The store is scheduled to open on or around May 1.

moving into a new location. The Little Country Store moved from 410 Kenwood Ave. across the street into what was once the Village Frame Shop.

Owner Marlene Brookins says she needed more space to expand the country store which features a wide range of American-made products.

"I really didn't have much wall space," Brookins said of her

I'm a collector. I'm just the kind of person when I'm out and about and I see something that's really neat, I buy it and put it away somewhere.

Betsy Kapner

Cappuccinos and espressos are now being served at A Perfect Blend coffee shop located at the Four Corners. After months of renovations to the Delaware Avenue building, owner Roberta Bastow opened the coffee house April 7. The cafe features a wide variety of coffee blends, specialty drinks and pastries. Customers can relax and enjoy the ambiance on a couch surrounding a cozy fireplace or at a bar overlooking passersby on busy Delaware Avenue.

A longtime Delmar business has re-opened for business after

former location.

The new layout includes about 50 more square feet, a first floor with several walls and an upstairs loft.

Heavy Kenwood Avenue traffic also made it difficult for customers to cross the street to visit the store, according to Brookins. The new location has a municipal parking lot next to it, giving customers easier access.

The Little Country Store has been in business for 15 years in Delmar. Brookins is planning a grand opening celebration in her new location at the end of April.

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Yanni's caters to river lovers

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

If you're looking for a waterside escape but don't want to go all the way to Cape Cod; Newport, R.I., or the Caribbean; head south on the Hudson River until you get to Coeymans Landing Marina.

If the weather's good, the deck might be open at Yanni's Too, the restaurant that Marc Yanni has had for four years.

The steak and seafood restaurant has two large outside decks that can accommodate up to 150 people, and an open, inside room that can hold 95 diners. Open from March to New Year's Day, Yanni's Too doesn't feel like a huge catering hall, but like a cozy, family-oriented restaurant you'd head to with the kids after a day at the beach.

With pine walls and ceilings, buoys hanging from the ceiling and license plates from all over the country on the pillars, it's easy to relax over a plate of the calamari is one of Yanni's Too's signature dishes.

"This building was a mushroom plant, then an ice house," Yanni said. "When Carl Allen bought the marina, there was a little place for ice cream, burgers and fries."

That little area — where you can still choose from 16 flavors of ice cream — was the beginning of Yanni's Too, originally the companion restaurant to Yanni's on the main street in Coeymans. The first restaurant closed last year, and as the marina and Coeymans Landing grew to include a playground and a gazebo, Yanni focused on his waterfront eatery.

"We added the bar and the two decks," Yanni said. "We've just renovated the bathrooms to be handicapped-accessible."

"We get a lot of boaters tying up at the docks out front, and this is a good place for boat launching," Yanni said. "As it warms up more, we'll get a lot more people fishing the river."

Cooking is all the 40-year-old Yanni has ever done.

"My mother worked in the school cafeterias," the Albany native, who has a sister who had a restaurant in North Carolina, said. "I started cooking in high school."

After attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, Yanni worked in North Carolina, Texas and California. He also did an externship in Baton Rouge, La.

"All the travel influenced my cooking, and we like to travel as much as we can," Yanni said.



Marc and Laurie Yanni

Yanni's wife Laurie works with him in the restaurant, and their daughters, 13-year-old Sarah and 10-year-old Shelby, help out.

Yanni's Too hosts private parties, which included 20 weddings last year.

"We also do on- and off-premises catering," Yanni said.

There's live entertainment Friday through Saturday evenings, starting at 8 p.m., and after Memorial Day, from Thursday to Saturday evenings.

"We get good music, like The Out of Control Rhythm and Blues Band, Ernie Williams and Vivid," Yanni said.

Disc jockey Billy Hardy also works at Yanni's and Conway

Entertainment provides karaoke.

"It's great to get out of the house, have a nice dinner on the water, and have a little entertainment," Yanni said.

Yanni's Too also has special events, like the upcoming Mother's Day buffet and a wine tasting on May 4.

"We have Hawaiian night, Mardi Gras, and we had a special night on opening day for the New York Yankees," Yanni said.

With special monthly calendars and a raw bar in season, Yanni's is a great place to catch some sun, a river view, and some great food.

For information, call Yanni's at 756-7033.

Day care center needs funding to stay afloat

The Kenwood Child Development Center may be forced to close its doors if the non-profit organization can't secure funding to renovate a new building. The day care center, located off Route 9W in Albany, provides non-denominational childcare to children ages 6 weeks through Pre-K, with approximately 30 percent of the children coming from low-income families.

The center has leased space from the Convent of the Sacred Heart for the last 35 years. The property also serves as a retirement and nursing home for nuns. Due to the increased demands of the retiring religious population, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart have asked the center to relocate by June, according to Betty Bellino, executive director of the center.

The center has leased space at St. John's School in Rensselaer

but needs to secure \$75,000 to renovate the building.

"The school is large enough to accommodate our program but requires modifications to bring it in compliance with state day care regulations," Bellino said.

Regulations require sprinklers in any facility that serves children under 3 years of age, sinks in classrooms with toddlers, fire doors, emergency lights and kitchen renovations.

If the school is unable to raise the funds, it will be forced to close, according to Bellino.

A relocation fund has been established at Hudson River Savings Bank for donations. A "Save Our Day Care Rally" will be held Thursday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Route 9W entrance to the school to help garner support for the relocation fund and show the need for the school to remain in the community.

Groups with opposing views march peacefully

By KRISTEN OLBY

With signs propped high and American flags waving in the air, two groups with opposite opinions of the war in Iraq lined both sides of Kenwood Avenue Monday night, creating a mix of high-strung emotions.

On one side, nearly 20 advocates for peace — many of whom are members of Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace — held their weekly vigil calling for an end to the U.S. military action in Iraq. Just 100 feet away, a rally with a much different message was gaining momentum. About 40 residents from a variety of towns and villages gathered for the second "Pro-America Rally" calling for support of U.S. troops fighting overseas.

"They just have a difference of opinion as to how it could have been handled," said Karen Anderson of the anti-war demonstrators nearby. While Anderson, of Greenville, supports the U.S.-led war, she does feel citizens can oppose the war and still be patriotic.

"The thing that bothers me are the people that say they're

ashamed they came from the same state as President Bush, they're ashamed to be an American. If you're ashamed go find another place to live, someplace you can be proud of," Anderson said.

Waving his American flag, you would probably expect to find Louis Spelich of Delmar, who twice served in the Naval Reserve, supporting the war. Instead, he stood among signs that read "Peace is Patriotic" and "Bring The Troops Home Now."

"We have no business going in, and we are serving as tyrants," Spelich said. Hesitant to say he supports the troops while dismissing their mission, Spelich settles for a compromise.

"I think they have their job to do and we as citizens have our job to do. If someone does not say anything to try to hold back the actions of the government then we are in very sad straits," Spelich said.

As the Pro-America Rally participants marched to the Veterans Memorial Park, each side shouted its carefully crafted slogans. Until the war is over, the two groups agree to continue peacefully disagreeing.

Planning board OKs Willow Drive homes

By KRISTEN OLBY

Despite neighbors' concerns, a developer's plan to extend Willow Drive in Delmar and build four additional homes on a cul-de-sac was granted the next step toward approval by the town Planning Board on April 15. The board asked the town planning staff to draft documents for final action.

A.T. Zautner & Sons of Glenmont will build the homes on just over two-and-a-half acres of Willow Drive, divided into four lots.

At a recent public hearing, nearly two dozen neighbors expressed reservations about drainage, the number of proposed homes, and the loss of trees as a result of the project in what is now a heavily wooded area populated

by wildlife.

The developers proposed lot sizes exceeded the minimum square footage required to build on the residentially zoned property, so the planning board could do little to stop the project from proceeding. One aspect of the project that could be controlled by the board was the number of trees cut down during construction. Neighbors feared existing trees that provide a natural barrier between Willow Drive and Huron Road would be cut, allowing headlights to shine through. The developer agreed to preserve as many trees as possible and plant approximately 12 additional trees on a portion of the lot.

Work on the houses should begin this summer with approximately two homes built this year.

G'mont man releases CD

A Glenmont musician who specializes in music for children has released his second CD entitled "Andy's Funky ABCs."

Andy Morse, who's known to many children as "Andy the Music Man," has been performing for kids for nearly 10 years. Morse's music strives to make learning fun while improving gross motor skills through musical interaction. His songs help children learn ABCs, numbers, names and places.

Morse describes his latest work as, "A musical smorgasbord of fun and educational songs for children of all ages."

Accompanied by a full band, Morse has utilized the talents of his musically inclined family by having many of them sing background vocals on the CD.

Morse got his start performing for kids while working at Albany Medical Center's day care facility in the early 1990s. In an effort to entertain the children, he brought his guitar to class and started singing.

"I remember playing for a 2-year-old class, and I performed about five songs and they just sat there like little sponges," said Morse. Word of his talent soon spread and Morse found himself playing at several child care centers in the Capital District. Eventually, he traveled to California and Boston to perform his music program for children.

In 1999, he released his first CD entitled "Andy's Fun and Silly Songs for Kids." Morse's music can be found at Borders on Wolf Road in Albany and also on his Web site, www.andysongs.com

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Building our family's folklore — word by word

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Cormac was full of outrage. "Uncle Tom is eating another meringue, and I've only had one!" he cried, with the full measure of indignation only a second child can muster.

He didn't realize, though, that he was dealing with the master, and before I could reproach my son for his greediness, Tommy's eyes glazed slightly and his jaw hung slack, revealing crumbs of the offending meringue.

"Wha?" he said, as if from another planet — the planet of "I was the youngest of five and you, younger of a mere two, will never know how many obfuscating

tricks I am able to perpetuate."

"Wow," I, the oldest of those five, said to the brother who had suddenly made time disappear, "talk about reflexes that never leave. What part of your subconscious did you dig that up from?"

"Learned stupidity," the 33-year-old who'd just channeled his 8-year-old self answered. "It's key."

In a lightning flash, "Wha?" had erased a good 25 years, and a new word had fallen into the family lexicon. That moment became a story we will tell in years to come; a trigger for a few other stories; and a word we used throughout the Easter weekend,

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as we asked each other to pass food and more food to each other.

With four generations gathered for the holiday that signifies new life, we all had tales of our own to tell.

Grandma, turning 87 this week, recalled her father building a porch on her house so that her mother didn't have to park her rocking chair on the front lawn to watch the neighborhood activity. We all listened closely to Grandma's perceptions of the modern world — practically none of them good. It was interesting to hear her say that she thinks hope has gone out of the world.

"Things felt so much more promising for my children and yours," she said to my mother and aunt.

Times seem troubled now, but when my mother was 5, her father went to fight World War II from a Navy troopship. I was a very young child during Vietnam, then the Cold War and the threat of nuclear annihilation, and a teenager in the Watergate years. Yet, things felt hopeful, and while I made a mental note to ask my children if they feel optimistic about life and their futures, I did hedge my bets and tell my grandmother that I think they feel good about their lives.

We talked about war, as Aunt Katie told us how watching the POWs return from Iraq to heroes'

welcomes had triggered a little resentment in her about the way her husband, my father's brother, hadn't had that when he had returned from Vietnam.

He'd been career military, and she talked too about being stationed in Germany and the days of being confined to quarters while the Berlin Wall had gone up.

"We were supposed to have a footlocker ready to go at all times," the woman who had three small children with her in a foreign country said. "I don't think any of us had them fully stocked."

Her footlocker made me think of the three bottles of water I stuck in the basement right after 9/11. Does it go against human nature to prepare for the worst?

We told happy stories, too, like of my father dragging us all to a nearby bog to find the world's biggest blueberries, and how we all got hot, tired, a little lost and tore the polyester clothes that we wore in the 1970s.

My father and Katie's husband, Uncle Louie, talked forever about digging up some of those bushes and planting them in the wet patch in Uncle Louie's yard.

My cousin Trooper — a year older than me and looking so much like the two men we spoke of that when I'm not ready to see a cousin I think I'm seeing ghosts — accurately assessed the situation.

"What they meant was that Timmy and I would have planted the bushes," he said, drawing his brother who lives in Phoenix to our Easter table and making us laugh.

After dinner, we moved to my mother's big front porch, to relax

in the Adirondack chairs Tom and I had brought up from the cellar. The spring sun felt so great, none of us wanted to be anywhere else.

Chris and I have wished that our own sons were more interested in our families' stories of the past, but they play second fiddle to Game Boys, CD-Walkmen and books.

While this might make my grandmother despair that nobody cares about the past, I take heart in their insistence on tradition as they define it.

"It seems like not too long ago, we were in Burlington, making those Ukrainian Easter eggs," Cormac sighed.

With a quick phone call to my mother, she dug out the kit we'd purchased at a downtown art shop a few years ago, and we were setting up mugs of dye and melting beeswax to create our own fancy eggs.

"And we have to go to Cabot," Christopher said. So on Saturday, we headed for the rural northeastern reaches of Vermont, ready to sample all 27 kinds of cheese the co-op was willing to offer us after their movie and a brief tour of the cheese-making plant.

From there, it seemed to only make sense to continue on to the Ben & Jerry's factory and see if we could consume more than our fair share of Vermont's dairy products. This is no small feat in the state where, until 1964, there were more cows than people. We finished the day before Easter at a Burlington landmark, Bove's Italian restaurant.

Christopher and Cormac immediately chose to sit in a booth with their cool Uncle Tom and Aunt Vicki, which made Tom grin.

"This is the kids' table," he said, as Chris and I, my mother and grandmother settled into the booth across from them.

They may not stick around when the storytelling starts, but my two boys are living their lives to the fullest. One day, one will look at the other with his own version of "Wha?" — and I only hope I will be there to laugh with them.

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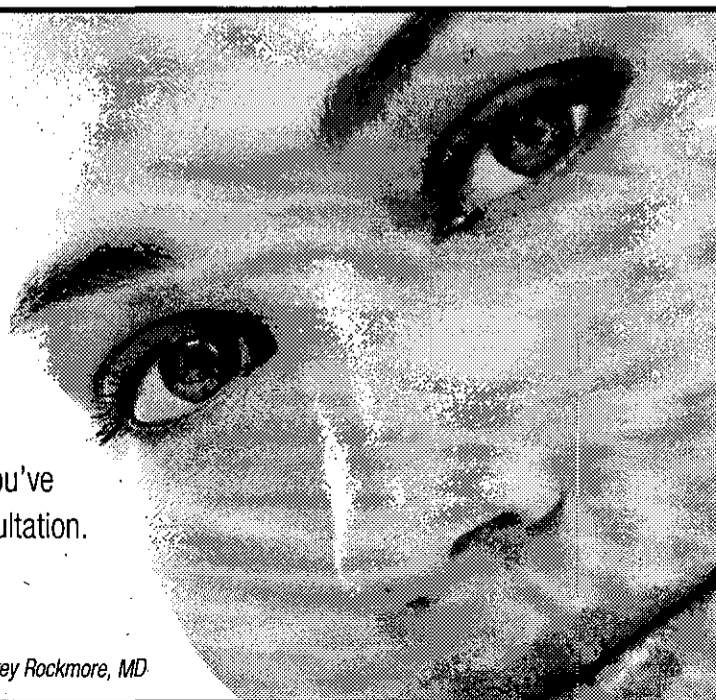
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In stitches



Delmar residents and Embroiderers' Guild of America members Paula Read, left, Jan Robinson and Nancy Sprissler look over the handiwork of Robinson's bell pull. The guild will present a show at the Pruyn House on 207 Old Niskayuna Road in Loudonville from Thursday, May 1, to Sunday, May 4. More than 200 needlework items will be on display. Admission is free.

Storyteller to present spring program

Storyteller Joni Goldberg will present "Waiting for Spring" at Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

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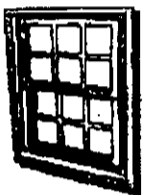
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Matters of Opinion

Foul flack

This summer's tourism season is on track to be one of the weakest in years, due to terrorism, high gasoline prices and the still-staggering economy.

According to the Travel Industry Association: "In the short-term, leisure travel will continue to be depressed as U.S. travelers are more reluctant to commit. They are postponing trip planning and waiting until the last minute to book their trips."

In a macro sense, that's bad news for the world's largest industry that is one of the major under-pinnings of the New York state economy. New York ranks third as a tourist destination, behind California and Florida, and the state tourism industry accounts for about \$40 billion annually in direct traveler spending.

In a micro sense, it means that everyone in the tourism business will have to work harder than ever to get a piece of a smaller pie. Those who hope to thrive, or even survive, in this tougher market certainly don't need to go out and alienate a third to a half of the American public.

Which, of course, brings us to Dale Petroskey, president of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, one of the few genuinely national-level tourist attractions in upstate New York.

A former press secretary for Republican politicians, Petroskey cancelled an event set for next weekend commemorating the 15th anniversary of the popular baseball movie "Bull Durham."

Petroskey sent a letter disinviting movie co-stars (and Mets fans) Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon, who have been outspoken opponents of the war in Iraq. Petroskey leaked his letter to the press, so we all got to read his Rovian reasoning that "public criticism of President Bush ... helps undermine the U.S. position, which ultimately could put our troops in even more danger."

After the foreseeable free speech firestorm, Petroskey backtracked somewhat, issuing a sort-of apology but not offering to reschedule the event.

Aside from losing what would have been a busier-than-normal April weekend, the Hall of Fame has lost something far more valuable — its status as an all-American institution that's far removed from our nastier-than-ever public discourse.

Cooperstown itself harkens back to a more civil time by billing itself as "America's Home Town." Besides the Hall of Fame, other top-flight attractions there include the Farmers' Museum, the Fenimore Art Museum, Glimmerglass Opera and Hyde Hall.

All of which will suffer this summer because of a hack flack.

Editorials

Let's not go from bad to worse

By ROB JONAS

The writer is sports editor for Spotlight Newspapers.

Here's another sign that the professional sports climate in the Capital District is as stormy as last winter.

According to a local television report, Walter Robb is considering changing the name of his American Hockey League team, the Albany River Rats.

No, he doesn't want to get rid of the River Rats moniker. He is thinking about removing the word Albany and replacing it with Tech Valley.

The Tech Valley River Rats? That doesn't sound right.

Not that name changes haven't happened before among our professional teams. Not more than a decade ago, the financially strapped Albany Patroons franchise changed its name when the basketball team received a cash infusion from a group of local automobile dealers.

The result: please welcome your Capital Region Pontiacs.

This didn't just cause confusion among local sports fans ("Are we going to a basketball game or an auto show?"). This created an all-out boycott. When they were the Patroons, they drew about 3,000 fans to the former Knickerbocker Arena on most nights.

As the Pontiacs, they wound up finishing the season playing home games at Siena College and the Glens Falls Civic Center because they couldn't even get 1,000 people to watch them. Then, they made another name change, which went along with their address change as they moved to Hartford.

Granted, what Robb is considering isn't as drastic as what the Patroons/Pontiacs did. He isn't turning the Rats into a front for a corporation. Rather, he wants to identify the team with the region, instead of just the city of Albany.

Point of View

That's another thing that happens around here on a regular basis. Besides the Pontiacs, we've had the Capital District Islanders (AHL), the Tri-City ValleyCats (New York-Penn League baseball) and the New York Capital District Alleycats — a soccer team that probably had the longest name in the history of the United States Interregional Soccer League.

But, there is a difference between those team names and what Robb is considering. With the others, the teams used widely known and accepted references to the Albany area. With Tech Valley, Robb is identifying the River Rats with a catchphrase being promoted by the several local chambers of commerce to attract high-tech industries to the region.

Nobody who lives in and around Albany identifies themselves as being from Tech Valley. They say they're from the Capital District or Albany in general, or from whatever city or town they live in.

So, why would Robb consider changing the team's name to the Tech Valley River Rats? Perhaps he wants to help promote the "Tech Valley" name to the rest of the United States by having it appear in the daily AHL standings reports in newspapers across the country.

Perhaps the former General Electric executive wants to create a high-tech image for a team that has not made the playoffs in three consecutive years — a tough thing to do, considering that 20 out of 28 AHL teams play in the postseason.

Or, perhaps he is doing it because it will be easier to move the team to that dream arena in Schenectady, which appears no closer to being built than a new home for the Montreal Expos in downtown Albany.

Whatever Robb's reasoning is for contemplating the name change, one thing is clear — changing the identity isn't going to help the team improve their attendance, which was 27th in the league this year.

Remember what happened to the Patroons when they became the Pontiacs. It might not reach that level of rebellion, but new fans aren't going to be attracted to River Rats games because "Tech Valley" sounds catchier than Albany.

If Robb wants more fans to come out to his team's games, I have some suggestions that don't involve altering the jerseys.

Rethink your targeted audience. For too long, the River Rats have tried to get families to go to their games. The problem is, too many families in the Capital District don't feel like shelling out money to go watch hockey games more than once a year, if at all.

The type of people who are more willing to part with their cash for a good night out on the

town are young professionals who are either single or newlywed. There is already a large amount of those types of people living in the area, and that number should grow when high-tech companies like International Sematech and Tokyo Electron Ltd. open their doors at the University at Albany campus.

Why not try to convince these people that coming to a River Rats game can be a good way to spend a Friday or Saturday night — or even start a good Friday or Saturday night?

However, if you're going to do that, there is something else you must do:

Come up with a better advertising campaign. Whoever has been writing the commercial jingles for the Rats the past several years must have flunked out of music school because no one remembers them. If people do remember them, it's because the music was so bad that it hurts their ears to think about them.

Then there are the unimaginative TV ads. Showing the few highlights the Rats have had in recent seasons over and over again with a voice-over describing the "hard-hitting" action isn't exactly eye-catching.

Here's a thought. Bring one of the most popular minor league mascot/logos to animated life. If you get to work right now on it, you could have one commercial in the can that will get people talking in time for the season opener in October.

Create better promotions. Once you get the fans through the turnstiles, give them more than just a hockey game. Hand out free stuff — trading cards, posters, bobblehead dolls, even hockey pucks. That is, until the fans start chucking them at the players because they gave up another goal.

You could also have theme nights. When Christmas comes around, bring in Santa Claus. Have a special promotional night for Albany's First Night on New Year's Eve. Have a singles night on Valentine's Day for those sports fans who haven't found that special someone.

Let Abe Lincoln and George Washington take the opening face-off on Presidents Day. Just do something to make the prospect of watching minor league hockey in person more entertaining.

Naturally, some of these suggestions involve spending money. The way I see it, though, if you're going to spend \$1 million to be the New Jersey Devils' affiliate, you might as well spend some more money to try to pack the arena.

One of the biggest crowds of the past season (announced at more than 8,000) came to the final home game, which Albany lost to Binghamton 4-2.

If that many people were willing to come to a meaningless game, there has to be some kind of market for the River Rats, no matter if they're representing Albany, the Capital District or even Tech Valley.

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Matters of Opinion

Cooperation & teamwork helped NiMo get job done

Editor, The Spotlight:

The early April ice storm and resulting power outages were an enormous inconvenience for many Upstate New Yorkers. Storm damage left close to 260,000 Niagara Mohawk customers across the state without power, including close to 90,000 in the Capital District and portions of Montgomery and Schoharie counties.

Thanks to cooperation and teamwork, the company was able to quickly mobilize forces to begin the clean up and repairs. On behalf of the company, I want to thank everyone who provided us with assistance.

We offer our sincere gratitude to the many police, fire, public works and municipal officials and workers who did so much for their constituents and communities. From guarding downed wires to directing traffic, to opening shelters, to identifying trouble spots, our job was made just that much easier through their efforts.

We also offer our deep

appreciation to our customers for their patience, understanding and good nature through this hardship. Our crews reported that customers offered thanks, coffee, directions and a "thumbs up" when power was restored. No one likes to be without electricity for even a little while, yet the spirit of cooperation and understanding demonstrated from community to community was remarkable.

Last, but certainly not least, we express our thanks to the crews from our National Grid sister utilities in New England, to the utilities and contractors from across the Northeast and Canada and to our own Niagara Mohawk crews who worked tirelessly in tough weather conditions to remove storm debris and restore power.

The storm clean up was an enormous undertaking. We are very fortunate that our communities, our employees and our network of friends were up to the task.

William F. Edwards
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Critic takes issue with fluoride advocate

Editor, The Spotlight:

Although I do not plan to engage in a continuing newspaper exchange with the proponents of forced water fluoridation, a response to David Strogatz's letter to the editor of April 2 is in order.

Once again, a proponent of forced fluoridation makes a statement that is provably contrary to fact. Contrary to what David Strogatz and others of that inexplicably misguided persuasion tell the public, there is not "the preponderance of evidence" to support water fluoridation. This is one of many fallacious arguments that fluoridation proponents use to try to bamboozle the public.

The first is that there not only is considerable agreement among researchers as to the effective-

ness and safety of drinking fluoridated water, there is enough evidence to show that it can be dangerous (and at the very least, ineffective and another cost to bear) to give a person considerable pause. Anyone who wishes to know what the scientific findings on the subject really are can go to the Internet under "Fluoridation." What is there might astound those who have doubts. They will have doubts no longer.

No matter how you look at the issue, morally, ethically or scientifically, medicating a public water supply is an unconscionable intrusion on the right of individuals to make an informed and important health and safety decision for themselves.

Charles Gridley
Delmar

Kudos to Davis for commitment to service

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a longtime member of Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, I would like to express my appreciation to Doris Davis for her efforts to make Bethlehem a safe, walkable community.

Doris was one of the original members of the group. She stayed with us as many other community members moved in and out of group participation.

I witnessed her wholehearted participation throughout the years. I was impressed with her hard work — only missing a meeting when she had another town commitment, always taking our issues back to the town board and always completing the tasks she volunteered for.

As a member of our community who did not have much experience with town officials prior to my experience with Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, I would like to credit Doris for setting a standard for commitment to the community which I had not expected to find.

Best wishes to Doris and her family for a retirement well-earned and sincere appreciation for her efforts on behalf of BCPS.

Francis Stevens
Delmar

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Matters of Opinion

Student will continue to exercise rights

Editor, The Spotlight:

Some of the opinions about freedom and defending our homeland that have been stated in recent articles and letters in local and national media have been nagging at me like a bad case of SARS.

At least one writer mentioned how shady characters called terrorists resent our freedom. Now, I know that they don't like us, but I was pretty sure it had something to do with our strong

control over most of the world's wealth and resources. This is expected though. I mean with a country as big as ours, somebody's going to hate us.

Just recently, I read that by not supporting the president, you are, in fact, giving aid and comfort to our enemies (shady terrorist folks).

In school, I have learned about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I know our founding fathers intended for us to be able

to question how our government operates by voicing our opinion to the public without the fear of jail or death. It seems strange that our soldiers are fighting for our freedoms, yet we are being told not to exercise these freedoms or we are helping the enemy.

It is nice to know these freedoms exist, but what good are they if we are not allowed to use them. If our friends and relatives continue to die and become injured to protect these freedoms,

I sure would like to use them to protest some of my government's decisions.

If the terrorists are going to hate someone, it's got to be the people protesting the president, right? After all, they are using the freedoms that the terrorists despise so much. Since some say danger is right around the corner and we are all at risk, I would imagine that Osama and Saddam at any second will be flying down from the sky in their biplane crop dusters loaded with 2243 megatons of WMD-CZA-FB-dirty bomb-anthrax to spray the protestors that are enjoying their freedom as citizens of the U.S.

Take off the gas masks — that last sentence was, in fact, a joke.

Life seems just too short to listen to all this stuff about terrorists lurking in the shadows, ready to pounce.

As I leave the relative safety of Bethlehem next fall, I won't be looking over my shoulder for terrorists. But I will continue to do my duty as a citizen by making sure the elected officials know what I think, after all, they are representing you and me.

Benjamin Franklin once said "Those of you who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Kevin Holmes
Delmar

Host families needed for exchange students

Host families are needed for 30 American Field Service (AFS) foreign exchange students who will be coming to the Capital District for the 2003-04 school year.

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Families who apply early this spring will have the best opportunity to view applications from students with special interests that match theirs, such as athletics or music.

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Navy officer reports for duty

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Bryan R. Myers, grandson of Fred Crounse of Feura Bush, recently reported for duty at the Office of Naval Intelligence, Fleet Air in Keflavik, Iceland.

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Appeal

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the basis of our appeal pure and simple," said board member Gilbert Brookins.

What was supposed to be a public discussion restricted to board members, soon erupted into a free-for-all with members of the audience shouting at the board. One audience member accused the board of being afraid of Waste Management and unable to stand up to the multi-million dollar company.

"The town, once again, has not supported the people that live in the neighborhood," said Richard Zaranko of Selkirk after the meeting.

"We're disappointed that they did not support Judge Benza's decision, we're clearly disappointed that they did not support many of the community members," said BREATH spokesman Dominic Carota.

BREATH had hoped the zoning board would refrain from appealing and capitalize on the opportunity to have the district rezoned by the town board, including the roughly 148 acres along Route 144 that Waste Management hopes to acquire.

Among those who oppose an appeal is Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller who believes the battle

over Waste Management has lasted too long. "As a town board we still have to deal with the zoning and that's the direction that the town should go in, not wasting taxpayers dollars to appeal this," said Fuller. The town board must have a majority vote to approve expenditures of the zoning board including any legal fees associated with this appeal, according to Fuller. The matter will likely be addressed at the April 23 town board meeting.

Waste Management filed its notice of appeal with the Appellate Division in early April.

"Given the wide ranging impacts of the Supreme Court decision we can understand why the zoning board of appeals would find it's important to appeal," said John Stockli, attorney for Waste Management.

Still, some residents question why taxpayer dollars could potentially be spent by the board to appeal the Supreme Court decision when Waste Management is already in on the fight.

"I think each party has different reasons for its appeal," said Patrick Seely who serves as counsel to the zoning board.

The zoning board plans to file its notice of appeal with the court in the next week.

UHA contracts Delmar accountant

University Heights Association Inc. (UHA) has contracted with certified public accountant June F. McQuide of Delmar to provide interim management for the consortium.

McQuide, who began work recently with the consortium of four institutions of higher education, succeeds Joseph Coffey, UHA's first executive director. A permanent structure for UHA management is under discussion and will be finalized when the property transfer is complete; McQuide will serve in an interim capacity during that period.

Founded in 1995, UHA is a collaborative effort between Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Law School, Albany Medical College and The Sage Colleges for medical and academic development in the city's University Heights section.

"We are very pleased to have June McQuide join the UHA team," said Jeanne H. Neff, chair of the UHA board of directors and president of The Sage Colleges. "She brings not only strong financial expertise but also excellent management skills and an appetite for challenge."

With many major projects already completed or in progress, UHA's focus has turned to a second phase of development. Plans call for the transfer of the UHA property to the Renaissance Corp. of America and the retirement of land acquisition debt to the Silverman Foundation, headed by philanthropist Morris "Marty" Silverman. RCA and UHA will continue to work as partners in the development of the University Heights neighborhood.

McQuide is a graduate of

Westminster College. She also earned a master's degree in accounting from the University at Albany.

After working in accounting and financial management, first with KPMG and later in nonprofit and for-profit settings, she established her own firm in 1990. That business merged in 2001 with T.M. Byxbee Co.

Since the merger, McQuide has provided project and consulting services for Byxbee and other companies, including recent work as team leader in Germany and Switzerland for the forensic audit of Tyco International Ltd.

With UHA, McQuide will oversee the association's day-to-day operations, with a focus on financial and human resource management. UHA provides its member institutions and other

nonprofit medical and academic neighbors with shared grounds maintenance, safety and security, and technology services.

McQuide has lived in the Capital District for more than 30 years.

She is a member of the Rotary Club of Albany and serves as treasurer of the Albany Rotary Foundation Inc. She is also a member of Gov. George Pataki's Capital Region Advisory Council on Women's Issues.

Dolphins holding individual tryouts

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club is offering individual tryout sessions for its spring/summer travel teams.

To set an appointment, contact Dolphins coach Doug Gross at 664-0801.

BCHS graduate joins Army

David A. Woods has joined the Army under the delayed entry program.

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The library currently provides about 35 research databases. Some come to us through the Upper Hudson Library System, and some we purchase outright as part of our reference collection. Costs range from about \$5,000 for the Gale Literature Resource Center (a compendium of many databases) to the various

components of Grolier Online, each of which costs about \$200. The library purchases about \$2,700 worth of EBSCO databases, which contain full-text periodicals from all walks of life.

One of our newest purchases is New York Times Historical, a digital archive of the complete New York Times backfile from 1851-1999. Patrons can browse through issues page by page, view articles in their original context, and display and print a full-page image of any page of any issue. The library purchased this database for patrons at a cost of \$3,000.

Selection and range

Librarians choose databases carefully, according to specific collection development guidelines. They are selected for a wide age range; the youth services area has several specialized databases designed with kids in mind. Many of our databases are appropriate research tools for young adults and college students.

How to find our databases

Our databases are accessible from our Web site, www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Click on Reference and Research, Find Articles, or on the Homework link on the Children's

and Teens pages. To be accessed remotely, some databases require a library card number.

Most of our databases are also available to our patrons from home. Because of licensing stipulations, three — Hoover Online (a business resource), the Times Union archive, and New York Times Historical — are available only in the library. But patrons can print out articles at the library or e-mail them to their homes.

Don't miss this valuable resource, and don't hesitate to ask or telephone a librarian for assistance.

BCHS class of '73 schedules reunion

Bethlehem Central High School class of 1973 is planning its 30th reunion for Saturday, Aug. 16, at John Boyd Thacher State Park.

To be placed on an e-mail list, e-mail Keith Austin at kaustin@nycap.rr.com or cloverave.aol.com.

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QUILT Inc. will present a quilt show, "A Celebration of Life," Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School on Route 9W.

There will be a free lecture on April 26 at 1 p.m. with Linda Miller entitled "A Survey of 19th Century Quilting."

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Celebrate Earth Day at Thacher center

An Earth Day celebration will be held at Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The program will be presented by local members of the Hudson Valley Student Conservation Association.

Activities will be family-friendly and include musical entertainment, guided hikes, kids crafts, live animals, storytelling, environmental displays and demonstrations.

The day of celebration honoring planet Earth will take place rain or shine. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The program is free and appropriate for all ages. For information, call 872-0800.

Five Rivers slates nature walks

A spring evening walk will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Arrive between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. to find out what peepers and other frogs sound like. At 7:30 p.m., join the center naturalists on an evening outdoor walk in search of spring peepers.

The program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors and bring a flashlight if possible. No pets are allowed.

In celebration of John James Audubon's birthday, Five Rivers will offer a bird walk Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

The program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors and bring binoculars and field guides, if available.

For information, call Five Rivers at 476-0291.

Electronics Recycling Day scheduled for residents

An Electronics Recycling Day for town residents is set for Saturday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, 891 Watervliet-Shaker Road (near Albany International Airport).

Residents must sign up to participate. To sign up, call Pat Geurtze at 475-0385 or stop by town hall.

High schoolers plan walk for MDA

Voorheesville high school

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student government presents "The Great Walk" on Saturday, May 3, at noon.

The walk will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. outside village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Each walker needs a minimum of \$10 in pledges to participate.

Town offers babysitting class

The town of New Scotland is sponsoring a Red Cross Babysitting Class on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

The fee is \$35. Checks should be made out to the town of New Scotland.

Participants must be at least 10 years old.

On that day, students should bring a lunch, drink and snack, a pen or pencil and pad of paper. Also, wear comfortable clothing as some of the work will be done on the floor.

Preregistration is required by May 1.

For information, call Pat Miller at 765-4552.

PTA to host staff appreciation day

Annual staff appreciation luncheons will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at the elementary and high schools. The luncheons honor teachers and support staff.

Hot and cold food items, as well as volunteers, are needed at both schools from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For information or to help out, call Linda Pasquali at 765-4990 for the middle school and high school, or Peggy McKenna at 765-3452 for the elementary school by April 28.

A library success story: Voorheesville Public Library serves a population of 7,500 people in the Voorheesville Central School District.

Between January and December 2002, residents borrowed 116,151 items from the "small town" library, the highest total ever. This means that the library averaged more than 15 items checked out to each and every person in the district.

The past two years have seen a dramatic upswing in the use of library facilities as well. The

Voorheesville Public Library



library hosted more than 300 library programs such as story times, book discussions, writers groups and concerts. These programs alone were attended by 8,914 people.

Community room use by neighborhood organizations has increased by 25 percent. There were more than 150 meetings by Scout troops, athletic boosters, student study groups and homeschoolers, steering committees and others who took advantage of the convenience of this free facility.

The public access computers are always busy. The Web site links to a wealth of valuable databases. Students conduct research online and through e-mail with the reference department, which fielded more than 9000 questions in 2002. The staff strives to keep abreast of the demand for computer access and online technology.

Many people don't know that, in addition to books and magazines, you can borrow CDs, videos and DVDs from the library's extensive collection. The library is proud of its accomplishments and record of service with a friendly and professional attitude. The library is a busy and vital resource for the community, and a bargain as well. Spring and summer are action-packed seasons.

If you haven't been at the

library recently, stop in for a visit and pick up a copy of the monthly calendar. You may find that there is something for everyone.

For program details, library

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Sports

Eagles involved in three close baseball games

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem baseball team is gaining experience in how to deal with close games quickly.

Each of the Eagles' first three Suburban Council games have been decided by one run. Fortunately for Bethlehem, two of those games have been victories — a 2-1 win against Mohonasen last Wednesday and a 6-5 win against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Saturday.

"It's a great experience to be able to be in close games, win or lose, because it puts you in tight situations," Bethlehem coach **John DeMeo** said. "It's tough to be in those situations day after day. We'd like a little cushion, but what are you going to do?"

The Eagles (2-1) have had a couple of cushions to work with. In last Saturday's victory, Bethlehem jumped out to a 4-0 lead and entered the top of the seventh inning with a 5-3 advantage before Burnt Hills scored twice in the frame to tie the game.

"They had a couple of unearned runs that helped them get back in the game," DeMeo said.

Dan Filetti had the game-

winning hit for Bethlehem in the bottom of the seventh inning with a two-out single to drive in **Matt Young**. **Marcus Kaplan** contributed two hits and two RBI for the Eagles.

Bethlehem had another big lead in last Thursday's game at Niskayuna, but the Silver Warriors scored five times in the bottom of the fifth inning and held on for a 5-4 victory.

The Eagles touched Niskayuna starter **Matt Simone** for two runs in the first inning and two more in the fourth, but Simone settled down to pick up the complete-game victory. Simone allowed six hits and struck out 12.

"He got his control, and we couldn't get the bat on the ball," DeMeo said.

Cameron Brown had a first-inning double to drive in **Chris Morrill** for the game's first run and added a single, and **Evan Marsh** added two hits for Bethlehem. **Pete Chalfin's** RBI double highlighted Niskayuna's fifth-inning rally.

Last Wednesday's opener with Mohonasen proved to be a pitcher's duel, with the two teams combining for only eight hits. Filetti had the biggest hit with a



Bethlehem's Matt Young delivers to the plate during last Thursday's Suburban Council game at Niskayuna.

Rob Jonas

two-run double in the bottom of the third inning that gave Bethlehem a 2-1 lead, which it never relinquished.

Connor McMahon tossed a three-hitter and struck out 12 for the Eagles, who had to wait more than two weeks due to the weather to play their first Suburban Council Gold Division game.

Bethlehem played its first game against a Suburban Council Blue Division team Tuesday when it traveled to Clifton Park to face Shenendehowa.

BC grad shines for RPI

Bethlehem Central High School graduate **Pat Hughes** had a big week for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute baseball team.

Hughes had 16 hits in 28 at bats for the Red Hawks in their last eight games, seven of which were wins. Seven of his hits were for extra bases — four doubles and three home runs — to give him a 1.036 slugging percentage for the week. He also had eight RBI and scored 18 runs for RPI.

For the season, Hughes is batting .414 with 11 doubles, one triple and five home runs. He has started 21 games in the outfield and has pitched three times, earning a 1-1 record with a 7.36 earned run average.

Voorheesville graduate **Collin Adalian** has also seen some playing time for the Red Hawks. The sophomore infielder has a .333 batting average in 13 games with six RBI and five runs scored.

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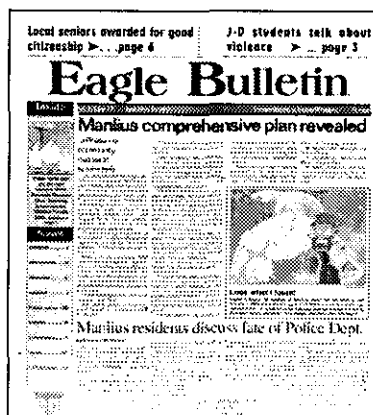
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Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in the 5K race, as well as the top three runners in each age group. Awards will also be handed out to the top three boys and girls runners in each age group of the one-mile run. All participants in the children's events will receive a bib number and finisher's ribbons.

The entry fee for the 5K race

is \$10 to pre-register and \$15 to register the day of the race. Entry fees for runners age 65 and older are \$5 to pre-register and \$8 on the day of the race. All children's events are free.

The event is sponsored by the Bethlehem Central High School Cross Country/Track and Field Boosters Club and the Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club. Proceeds from the event will support youth cross country and track and field programs.

Entry forms can be picked up at Bethlehem Public Library, town hall and the Parks and Recreation office, or online at www.townofbethlehem.com/tourduparc.

Bethlehem wins Albright meet

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys track and field team wasn't at full strength when it traveled to Albany Academy last Saturday for the Albright Invitational, but it didn't matter.

Six Eagles won individual events to lead Bethlehem to the team title with 157 points, well ahead of runner-up LaSalle (85 points).

"We had a lot of guys away, so we looked at a bunch of younger guys and they did quite well," Bethlehem coach Dave Banas said.

The Eagles had one of their big guns at the Albright Invitational, field specialist Rafiq Umar. The senior won the long and triple jumps with respective distances of 20-feet, .75-inches and 43-feet, 3-inches, and he placed third in the high jump with a height of 5-10 to earn the Most Outstanding Field Athlete award for the second consecutive year.

"With him, we were just giving him a little work. We didn't run him in any track events," Banas said.

Two veteran runners, Doug DeMarco and Pat Shaffer, also left Albany Academy with first-place awards. DeMarco won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:02.6, six seconds ahead of teammate Connor Murphy, and Shaffer claimed the 3,200 title with a time of 10:06.5. Alex Tiberio was third in the 3,200 in a time of 10:16.3.

The rest of the individual titles went to Bethlehem's next wave of runners, led by Brian Nicholson. With sprint specialist Darnell Douglas unavailable for the meet, Nicholson took up the slack by winning the 200 in a time of 24.1 seconds and placing fourth in the 100 in a time of 11.8 seconds.

"I had a pretty good feeling he'd make the (200) finals, and I was hoping for a top-four finish," Banas said. "But he came around the turn, and he just kept going. I was pleasantly surprised."

Evan Siegel and Jamie Putnam also came up big for Bethlehem. Siegel won the 400 in a



Bethlehem's Ashley Dwyer, right, keeps pace with two other runners during the 6,000-meter relay at last Saturday's Big 8 Invitational at Averill Park High School. Rob Jonas

time of 51.9 seconds, and Putnam claimed the 110 hurdles title in a time of 16.2 seconds. Putnam also placed third in the 400 hurdles in a time of 1:00.3.

The 3,200 relay team of Murphy, Tiberio, Chris Jerome and Derek Putnam rounded out the list of Albright Invitational winners for Bethlehem. The quartet defeated LaSalle by more than three seconds with a winning time of 8:46.

"I just threw a bunch of younger guys in that, too, and they wound up winning. That was a surprise," Banas said.

The victory at the Albright Invitational capped an opening week for the Eagles that also included Suburban Council dual

meet wins against Saratoga and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. Those performances has fueled Banas' optimism for the rest of the season.

"I think we're right on schedule to have a really good season," he said. "We've already had two good dual meets, and the guys are doing well."

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's boys team also competed at the Albright Invitational. The Indians placed fourth with 41 points.

Hart leads BC girls

Kathleen Hart had a strong day in the field events for Bethlehem's girls track team at last Saturday's Big 8 Invitational at Averill Park High School.

Hart won the shot put (33-4) and the discus (104-05), and she placed second in the high jump (4-10) for the Lady Eagles in the non-scoring meet.

Bethlehem's Emily Malinowski and Carly Magin earned top-three finishes in the 2,000 steeplechase. Malinowski won the event in a time of 7:13.66, while Magin placed third in a time of 7:53.38.

Johanna Marvin contributed a second-place finish in the long jump with a distance of 15-6.

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The Capitalland Lacrosse Club is offering summer camps for boys in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The camps include instruction and games for all levels of experience. A co-ed non-contact level is available for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

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Golf league to begin

The Women's Golf League at the Sycamore Club in Ravena will begin the 2003 season on Thursday, May 1.

Participants meet every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the club and payment is made on a weekly basis.

There are A and B flights, and handicaps are based on the first three weeks of play or from the previous year's records. Threesomes or foursomes are arranged each week.

Rosemary Lazano and Teresa Pape are organizers of the league. To join, call Pape at 756-6848.

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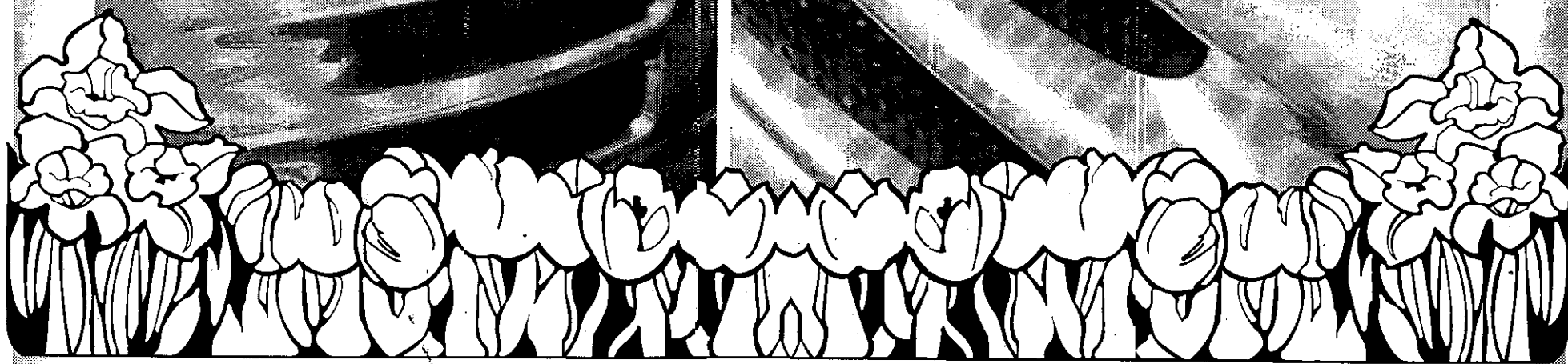
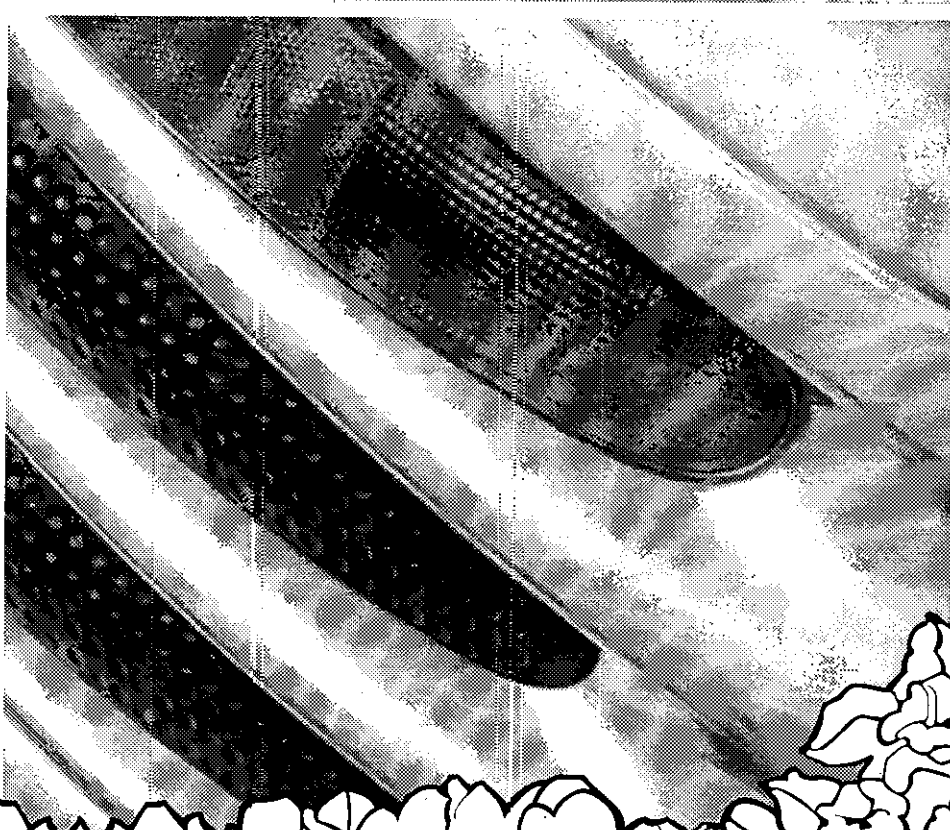
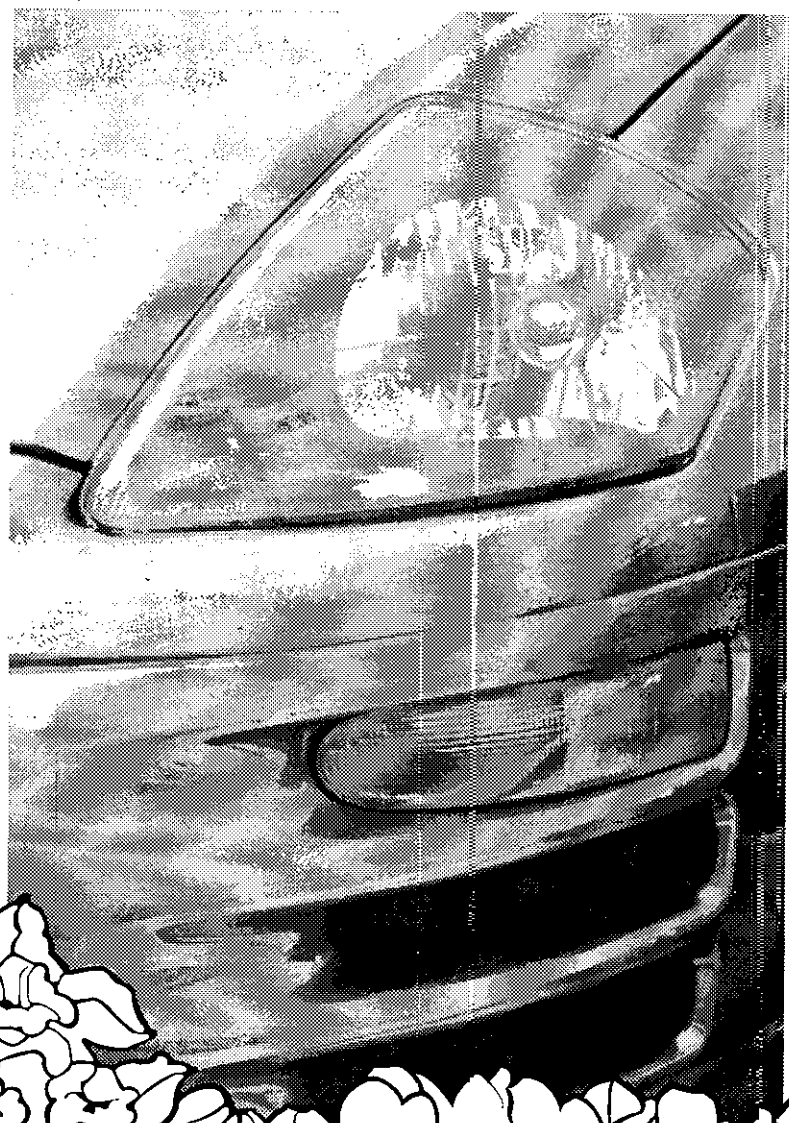
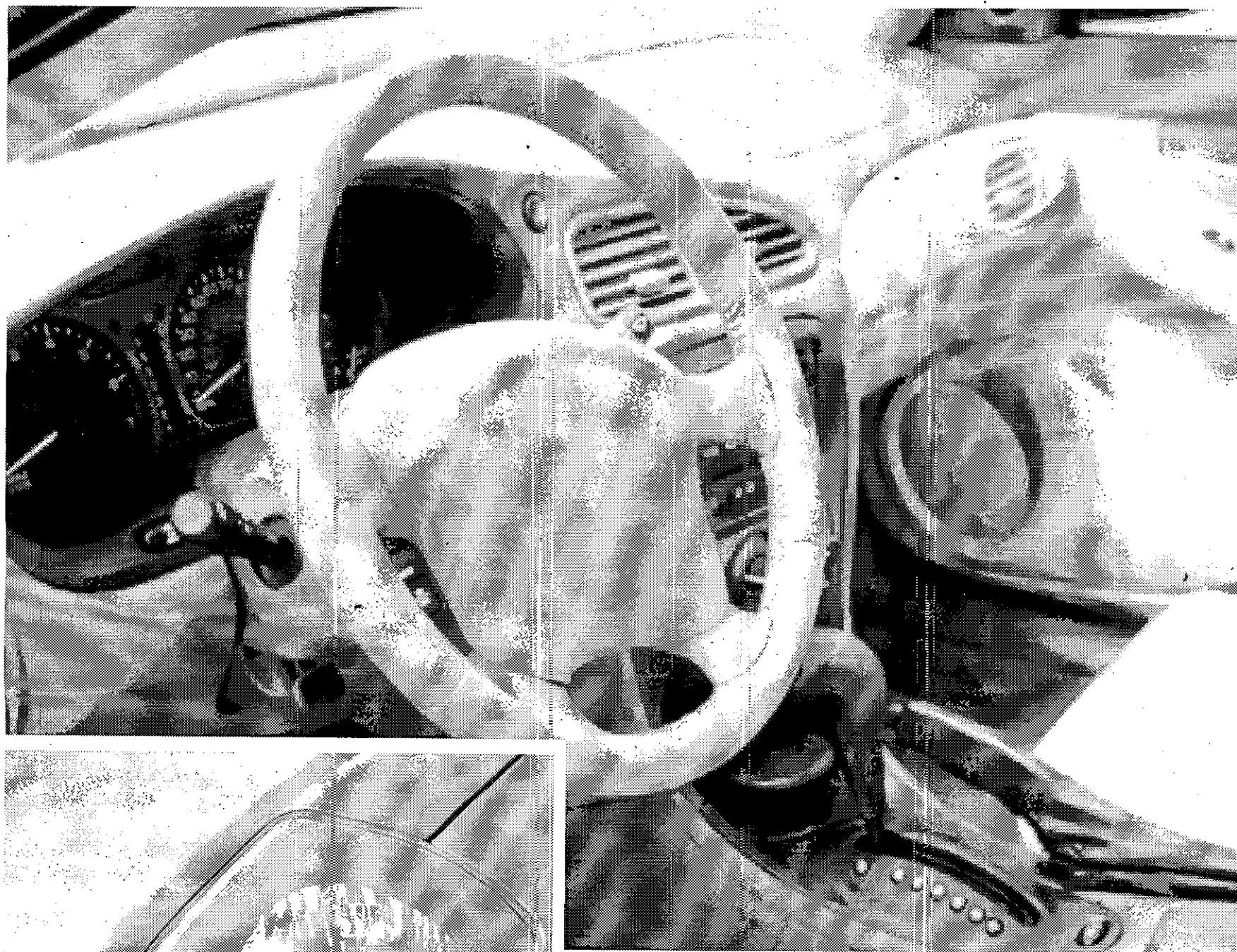
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Change your driving habits to conserve gas

By ROB JONAS

There used to be a time when spending \$1.35 per gallon for gasoline was thought of as being high. Today, most drivers would welcome that price with open arms and open wallets or pocketbooks.

With most area gas stations still hovering around the \$1.70 mark for a gallon of regular unleaded as of the beginning of April,

drivers are feeling the pinch. But there are ways to avoid making multiple stops at the pump per week, as long as you are willing to make a few sacrifices along the way.

"Obviously, the best way to improve your fuel efficiency is to improve your own

driving habits," said Harry Gochee of Gochee's Garage in Delmar. "Drive more conservatively, as far as power goes. Keeping up with scheduled maintenance and keeping the tire pressure up are other ways."

Gochee also recommends trying to consolidate errands into one round trip to

conserve gas, rather than making multiple trips from home.

"The best way to save energy is by reducing the amount you drive," he said.

"Someone who drives a 10 miles per gallon (mpg) car 5,000 miles a year uses less energy than someone who drives a 20 mpg car 25,000 miles a year. Eliminating unnecessary driving is a great way to save energy."

Auto manufacturers have been doing their part to improve fuel economy as well, Gochee said.

"Any of the new cars now — I'm talking about any

cars 2000 and newer — the car manufacturers have done an amazing job increasing the horsepower of an engine and increasing fuel economy at the same time," he said.

Even some new sport utility vehicles — much maligned for their lack of fuel economy — have

seen at least a little improvement in gas mileage in the last several years.

"Despite everyone's views about them as gas guzzlers, (auto manufacturers have) been able to do the

same thing with them" as far as improving mileage and horsepower at the same time, Gochee said, "and without sacrificing size, either."

Despite all that the auto makers do at their

light. That's the best way to improve fuel efficiency."

"Underinflated tires waste fuel," agrees Rich White of the Car Care Council. "You can improve your gas mileage by about 3 percent just by

maintaining proper tire pressure, a factor that's high on the failure rate in our National Car Care Month check lanes.

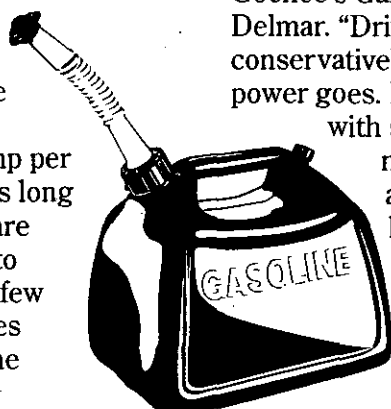
"Chalk up another 10 percent for a clogged air filter plus a conservative 4 percent for engine malfunctions such as worn spark

plugs and faulty fuel and emission control systems. Correcting these conditions can improve mileage by as much as 40 percent."

Among other fuel wasters are dirty oil, a malfunctioning automatic transmission and a cooling system thermostat that keeps the engine running cold. Engines are designed to operate within a specific temperature range for optimum efficiency.

A final consideration: according to the federal Department of Energy, if 145 million passenger vehicles idle for five minutes a day, which is not unusual considering the numerous drive-in facilities throughout our nation, approximately four million gallons of gasoline are consumed. That's gas being wasted, going nowhere. Idling is sometimes necessary in traffic jams, but while waiting at drive-in windows, or to pick up a passenger it's more economical to cut the engine if the wait is longer than 30 seconds. Starting up your car again actually uses less gasoline.

"Breaking old habits doesn't come easily," concludes White. "Being car care aware, on the other hand, is a habit that should be easy to form. The incentives are there in dollars and cents."



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Families plan to hit the road this summer

By KRISTEN OLBY

With gas prices expected to slide this summer and a conclusion to the war in Iraq inching closer, travelers are expected to return to the open road for vacations. The American Automobile Association (AAA) anticipates car travel will be up by 4 percent over last year's holiday travel periods.

"Less than one month ago, gasoline prices reached record levels affecting the extent that people traveled daily," said Robert Seroka, president of the Hudson Valley AAA.

Increased production by the OPEC community, a fall in crude oil prices and the non-disruption of oil field production in Iraq have allowed prices to drop by about 10 percent. Prices are expected to keep sliding to about a \$1.56 a gallon by summer,

according to the Energy Department.

It's welcome news for the travel industry that's seen a 20 percent dip in revenue, according to AAA. The loss can be partially attributed to the heightened state of alert in the United States that's prompted some travelers to stay home rather than risk personal safety.

"The pent-up demand, the need to regain the freedoms of travel and the unbelievable travel bargains have resulted in a movement back to past travel trends," explained Seroka.

The Mau family of Schaghticoke will be



\$2 a gallon, we might think twice about packing up and driving 12 hours," said Lance Crossett.

The projected decline means their long-awaited trip will likely be in the vacation state.

year's holiday, just over 4 million arrived at their destination by car.

While it's too soon to predict how many will pack up and go on four wheels this year, Seroka

expects a sizable increase.

"People are going nuts already in their requests for driving information via the Web site, our office and the

telephone center."

While drivers are sure to save some cash this summer, the only complaint left is the one about all that traffic.



heading to Wildwood, N.J., for a stay this July.

"We're traveling with two young kids so it would be too expensive to fly," said Denise Mau.

Cheaper gasoline is an added bonus for the Mau's, who will be able to splurge while on vacation.

"I'm either going to spend it on rides at the boardwalk or spend it on gas in the tank in my car, I'd rather spend it on the boardwalk," laughed Mau.

With two small children in tow, the Crossett family of Catskill is debating between a trip by car to Acadia, Maine, or a camping excursion in the Adirondacks. The price per gallon could certainly come into play when deciding.

"If gas prices went to

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Loan institutions offer hope for credit woes

By TANYA LEET

Recently lost a job? Suffered from a serious illness? Behind on student loan payments? The above problems are common in today's economic climate. Unfortunately they can all cause bad credit. But wait before renewing the registration on that K car, because there are loan institutions that

help. Many credit unions, banks or car dealerships offer "special financing" for those less desirable clients, referred to in the industry as "sub prime" candidates.



John Pallone, business manager for Salisbury Chevrolet, said the dealership looks at each customer's credit history individually

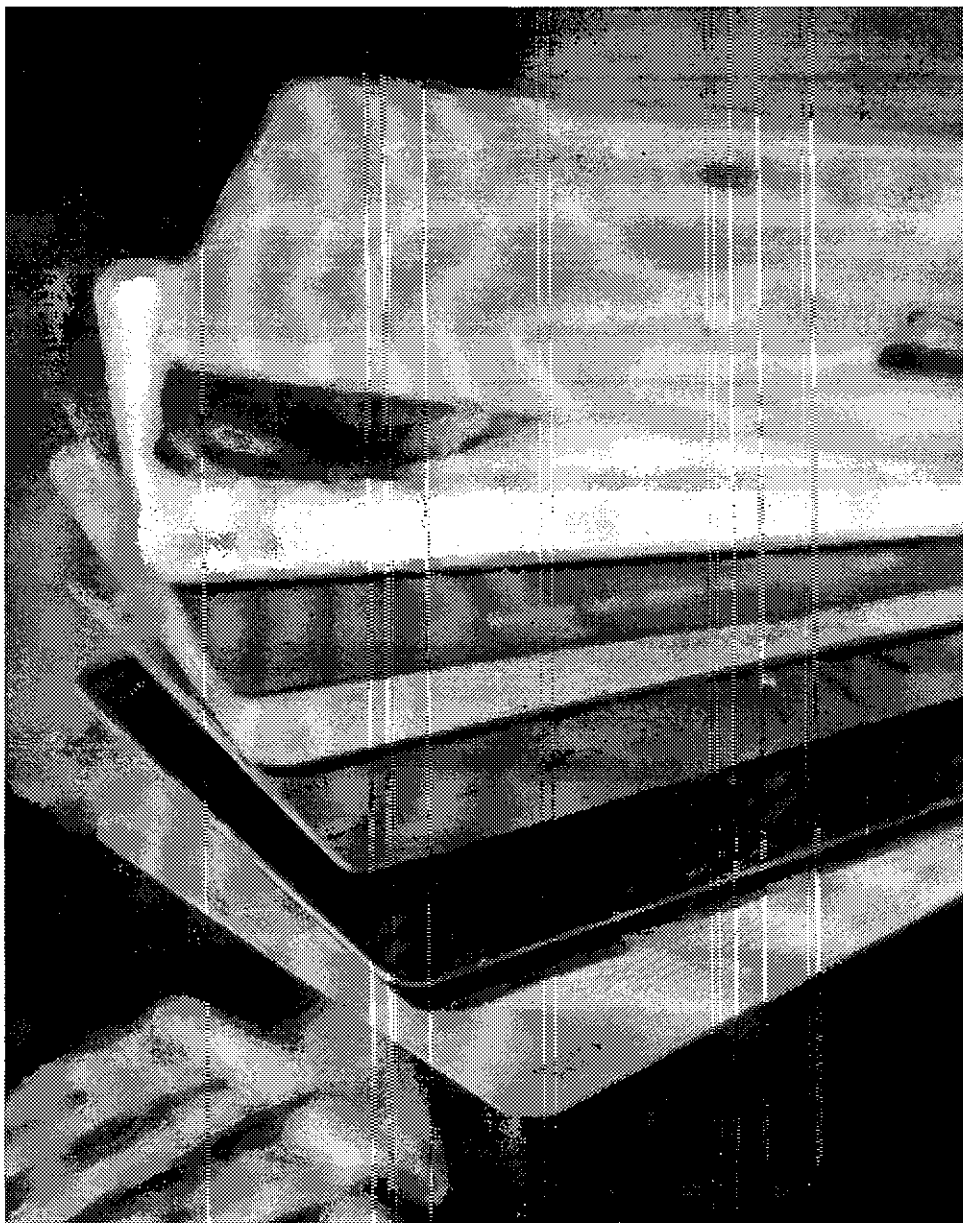
and helps them rebuild and reestablish their credit. Sometimes they find errors that they then fix.

"We do business with all the area banks and credit unions, so we have many

resources," Pallone said.

Salisbury sets aside time for counseling and tailors a plan with a proper lender so in one to two years, the client is promoted to the non-risk pool.

Pallone also stressed that customers should be wary of agencies that claim to help those with bad credit. According to Pallone, smaller car lots or non-franchised dealers simply stick a customer with high interest rates so they end up paying more. People with almost perfect credit can receive financing as low as 0 percent but interest rates go as high as 24.9 percent for people with poor credit.



"We give people another chance," added Pallone.

Michael Castellana, chief operating and financial officer at SEFCU, said his credit union has a special credit-builder

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The key word is most. When circumstances call for it, repowering your vehicle with a rebuilt engine is often the most economical and reliable alternative to extend the life of your vehicle for many years. Many cars and trucks today still look good, and other components on your vehicle have many miles left in them even after years of service.

Engine repowering can save you or the next owner of your vehicle thousands of dollars, while ensuring reliable performance equivalent to or even better than the original engine.

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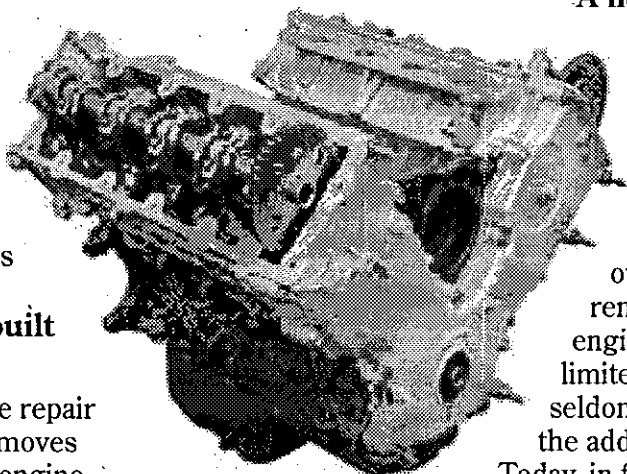
The service repair technician removes your current engine and takes it to a local qualified automotive machine shop or custom engine rebuilder. Here the engine is fully disassembled and cleaned. The engine block and cylinder heads are then inspected and

necessary machine work completed. This machine work includes boring the cylinders and other machining to the block, crankshaft and cylinder heads. The engine is then re-assembled using new internal engine parts including pistons, rings, bearings, oil pump, camshaft, gaskets and



other necessary items.

Many shops perform this service with a full engine parts kit specifically designed for your engine that includes all the necessary components. A custom built engine is as good, if not better than the vehicle's original engine. Custom rebuilt engines typically come with an extended engine warranty equivalent or better than a new engine warranty.



A remanufactured engine

An exchange remanufactured engine is also another option. In this case your vehicle is fitted with a production line remanufactured engine identical to or better than the original one. It

has been completely disassembled; the cylinder head, block, camshaft and crankshaft are inspected, remachined and/or renewed.

Quality control in manufacturing is critical among quality suppliers of remanufactured engines. The warranty is also often equivalent to or better than that provided on a new engine. Installing an exchange rebuilt

engine can also save time in getting the vehicle back on the road.

Install a used engine

The down side of this is the risk factor. A salvage yard often takes limited responsibility for the engine. Warranty, if any, can be very limited. Further, because replacing an engine is labor intensive, you're probably dollars ahead to investigate a rebuilt engine.

A new engine

A new engine is the option for the owner who can afford it. The benefits over a quality remanufactured engine are limited, however, seldom justifying the additional cost.

Today, in fact, many vehicle makers use rebuilt engines when performing warranty as well as non-warranty engine replacement work at their dealerships.

Signs of engine problems

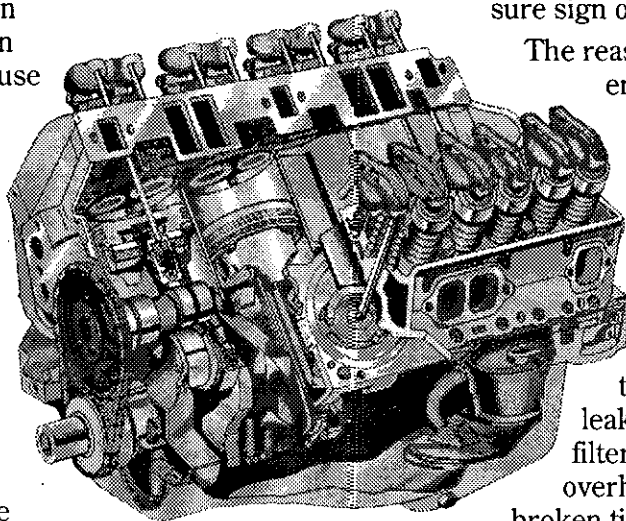
• Excessive oil consumption

Excessive oil consumption usually is because of worn piston rings or valve guides. Your technician's test and inspection procedure can isolate the cause if it's something else. A faulty PCV valve, for example, can cause oil burning and can be replaced for a few dollars. A black, sooty deposit on the inside of the tail pipe usually indicates oil burning.

• Unusual noises

Unusual noises, such as a rhythmic thumping at certain engine speeds, indicate major engine wear. Ticking valves or rattling

bearings are also bad omens. Power loss, due to leaking piston rings or valves, also may be accompanied



by decreasing gas mileage.

In addition, some more common signs of major engine problems are: antifreeze in the oil or oil in the cooling system, either of which can mean a cracked

cylinder head or block or, hopefully, nothing more serious than a leaking gasket. Oil fouled spark plugs are a sure sign of oil burning.

The reasons for engine

repowering vary widely. It could be as simple as abrasive grit entering the system

through a leak in the air filter; dirty oil, overheating, a

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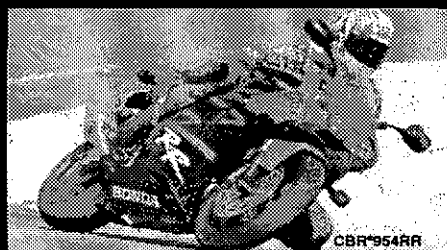
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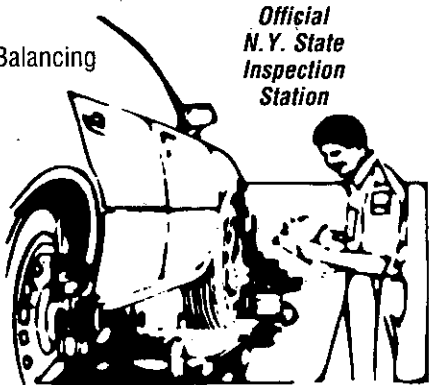
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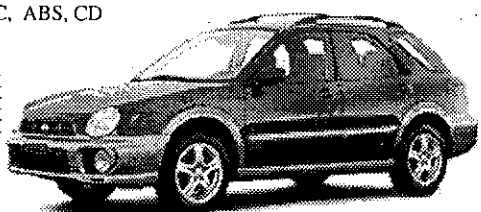
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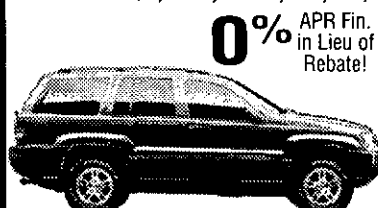
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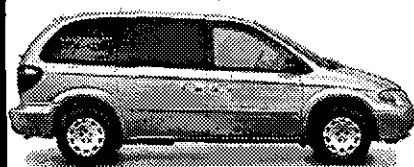
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Tire care can save money down the road

Looking for a way to occupy the kids on a vacation trip? Assign them the project of comparing odometer readings with highway mileage markers. A tenth of a mile or two difference in a 10 mile stretch is not unusual. Oversized tires will cause your odometer to read low, as well as your speedometer. Caution: the tire size excuse may not hold water with the Trooper who says you're going faster than your speedometer indicates. New tires, with full

tread, make more revolutions per mile than do bald tires. What happens to all that rubber that's worn off millions of tires? It's accumulated in an invisible pile alongside



our nation's highways. Some of this rubber was scrubbed off because the wheels are out of alignment. Remember how you can wear out a pencil eraser with the back and forth motion on

paper? Imagine a car, driven out 12,000 miles a year, going down the road with wheels misaligned by just 0.17 inches. The driver must constantly tug at the wheel to keep the car going straight. In effect, the tires are being dragged sideways for the equivalent of 68 miles over the course of a year. This condition, along with underinflation, increases rolling resistance. End result, tires are wasted away and fuel economy drops as

your gas goes out the exhaust.

It's costly neglect. The solution: keep tires properly inflated and wheels aligned and balanced. As with so many services, wheel alignment has become a computerized business. Sophisticated equipment calculates the vehicle's measurements and compares this information with the original



equipment specifications from the vehicle manufacturer. The technician then makes necessary adjustments and, if necessary, replaces worn components. Some front wheel drive cars have adjustable rear wheels, which also may need alignment.

How do you know if your tires are wearing too quickly or un-

evenly? Steering irregularities, such as pulling in one direction or wandering, indicate either one tire underinflated or wheels misaligned. Your alignment or tire expert can recognize and diagnose abnormal tread wear patterns, says the Council. Determining and correcting the cause of abnormal wear can save a lot of money and go a long way toward improving the handling of the vehicle.

And it cuts down on the amount of rubber you'll leave on the road.

Don't fall flat over a deflated tire

A flat tire shouldn't be reason for panic. "In schools where drivers' education isn't available," observes one educator, "tire changing ought to be included in home economics."

Motorists who are unprepared to deal with a flat tire are faced not only with added expense and inconvenience, they also are more vulnerable to foul weather and roadside crime.

Among the obstacles is a spare tire that's buried under layers of trunk junk. Not only is it hard to reach, it may have gone flat during its long period of hibernation. In another scenario, the jack and/or jack handle might be missing. If everything is where it should be and ready to use, will the driver know how to do so?

Here are a few suggestions to help the victim of a flat tire to get back on the road quickly and safely. First and foremost, familiarize yourself with the procedure before the real situation arises. Jacking up the vehicle and removing the wheel does require some preparation, so a "dry run" in the driveway or other safe place is a good idea. Determine whether or not the vehicle is equipped with anti-theft lug nuts and, if so, where the lug nut key

is located. Some cars have locking wheel covers.

Jacking procedures vary from vehicle to vehicle, so do your owner's manual homework before beginning. It may warn if the spare is a miniaturized space-saver, to drive it slowly, as recommended

on the sidewall. The sooner you can get a real wheel and good tire back on your vehicle, the better.

Since most flats are caused by damage to the tire, usually a puncture, anything less than quality repairs can affect the integrity of the tire. The best way to repair a tire is to have it removed from the rim, the inside inspected and corrective measures taken. The quick plug, done

from the outside, no longer is recommended by the tire industry.

According to experts, the repair could fail, inviting a blowout. One emergency solution is a pressurized can that seals the puncture and inflates the tire until you can get to a service dealer. Another is a pump that plugs into the cigarette

lighter receptacle to inflate a low, but not flat, tire. Much better, when available, is the air hose at the service station.

The best idea is to check inflation of all tires, including the spare, regularly. For maximum tire life, have them rotated and balanced according to the manufacturer's recommendations.



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Get your car in shape for the summertime

Now that winter is over, thoughts of fitting into your swimsuit and spring cleaning come to mind. Why not also tack onto that list the sprucing up of your car at a professional car wash?

With all the snow, road salt and freezing rain from the last few months, winter has produced some harmful effects onto your car's finish and interior.

And now there are the warm weather hazards to contend with.

Warmer climate hazards

Just as winter road salt eats away at your car's finish, in warmer climates, acid rain, falling leaves, dead bugs and other airborne debris also erode the appearance of your car.

"Acid rain damage is

caused when high concentrations of emissions from fossil-fuel burning engines or plants react with your car's paint to form sulfuric and nitric acids," said Mark Thorsby, executive director of the International Carwash Association (ICA).

"The result of this



process is the penetration and etching of clearcoat finishes, of which the protective qualities will then eventually corrode, exposing the paint to many harmful elements. A car with bad acid rain damage could be significantly devalued at trade-in or resale time."

ICA is a nonprofit trade organization representing more than

3,000 car wash owners who operate 12,000 individual car washes around the world.

The best prevention is to keep your car clean by frequenting a professional car wash at least once or twice a month, especially immediately following a rainfall. Even the lightest rain shower could cause irreparable

acid rain damage to your vehicle's finish if not

quickly professionally cleaned.

At the car wash have them apply a polymer-based or similar protective high-gloss wax to further protect the car's finish from such hazards as decaying bugs, bird dropping, tar oil and tree-sap.

Get rid of that mud

During spring and summer, a lot of rain can be expected — and mud inevitably follows. An overabundance of mud can cause major damage not only to your car's finish, but also the interior.

Motorists tend to overlook the insides of their car, and they must keep in mind that if dirt and mud builds up on their carpet, upholstery or elsewhere, it will grind in and eventually may cause permanent damage. Regular cleaning and

vacuuming inside will remove dirt, mud and dust before it affects the overall appearance of your car.

Maintain and retain your car's value and appearance

With all the new hazards facing your car from the warmer weather, there are also many other reasons to regularly professionally clean your vehicle.

According to the ICA, regular professional washing and waxing will help maintain your car's appearance as well as retain the value of your car.

"Most car owners understand the value of changing motor oil regularly to protect the engine," said Thorsby, "but if they forget and instead choose to replace the engine, the car could still be as good as new. However, a car with oxidized paint and a rusted-out body can never be economically restored. The best prevention is regular washing and waxing at a professional car wash."

With more than 22,000 professional car washes around the world offering a wide range of services to protect a car's finish from deteriorating and the body from rust, it's easy to keep your vehicle in great shape.

Some simple steps to maintain your car include:

- Visit an exterior-only tunnel wash to automatically provide applied protective waxes, undercarriage

treatment and self-serve vacuums.

- Consider a detail job or custom polishing while at the wash for more extensive protection. Applying a premium polish and buffing it can restore the shine of your car.

- With regard to detailing, everything from vacuuming under rugs in the trunk to swabbing air conditioner vents can make a car look new in a matter of hours.

A quick fix

If you are running short on time, but need your car professionally cleaned, try a self-service car wash. They provide a variety of effective, self-cleaning services to pick and choose.

For best results, follow the step-by-step instructions posted in the self-serve bay that call for starting with a pre-soak to loosen road grime. Next comes the high pressure soap wash. For gentle scrubbing, use the foaming brush next, followed by the fresh water rinse. Also remember to take advantage of the application of special tire and wheel cleaners. For maximum protection and shine, the wax application is a must.

Finally, many self-serve washes offer a spot-free rinse. All the solutions are specially formulated to clean, protect and shine tough road dirt.

The environmental benefits

Not only does regular professional car washing help you retain the value of your vehicle, it is also more

environmentally beneficial than driveway washing.

According to Thorsby, "Professional car washes are gentler to auto finishes than the hose-and-bucket method, and the cleaning solutions we use are specially formulated for clearcoat and other new car finishes. Most car owners are surprised to learn that the sponges they use when washing their cars in the driveway hold sand and scratch the car's surface, while the cleaning material we use literally slips out of your fingers when wet."

Thorsby further explained, "And, as an added benefit to the environment, professional car washes use biodegradable cleaning solutions, far less water than at-home washes, and we dispose of the waste water according to strict federal and state environmental regulations. On the other hand, waste water run-off from driveway washing flows directly into storm sewers, which take it to lakes and streams, where it can harm fish and wildlife."

In addition, environmental authorities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are now strongly discouraging the practice of driveway washing. Particular attention is being focused on charity car washes held in parking lots and school yards where waste water isn't disposed of properly and can damage the environment.

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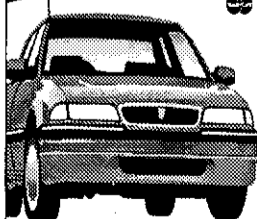
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ALBANY ACADEMY 9, VOORHEESVILLE 3
 Voorheesville highlights: Greg Delaney 2 singles.
SCHALMONT 3, RCS 0
 Ravena highlights: Charlie Olinger singles.

BOYS TENNIS

Bethlehem 9, Colonie 0

SOFTBALL

SCHALMONT 2, RCS 0
 Ravena highlights: Ashley Byerwalters double.

Tuesday, April 15

BOYS LACROSSE

COLONIE 9, BETHLEHEM 3
 Scoring: Bethlehem — Nate Pannucci 1-1, Andrew Kelleher 1-Pat Riegel 1-0.
 Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 16.

BOYS TENNIS

Bethlehem 8, Averill Park 1

BOYS TRACK

Bethlehem 108, Burnt Hills 73
 Cohoes 105, Voorheesville 27
 Lansingburgh 118.5,
 Voorheesville 14.5
 Voorheesville 75.5, Waterford 1.5

GIRLS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 7, SARATOGA 5
 Scoring: Bethlehem — Kristin Link 3-2, Brianna Bubeck 2-2, Katie Wagoner 1-1, Kelly Hughes 0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Emily Szelest 5.

SOFTBALL

RCS 9, VOORHEESVILLE 2
 Highlights: Ravena — Ashley Byerwalters 3 singles, 3 RBI. Voorheesville — Cyrilla Suker 2 singles, 2 RBI.

Wed., April 16

BASEBALL

BETHLEHEM 2, MOHONASEN 1
 Bethlehem highlights: Dan Felitte 2-run double; Conor McMahon pitcher three-hitter.

RCS 9, MECHANICVILLE 1
 Ravena highlights: Tim Segroe double, 2 RBI; Charlie Olinger double, single, RBI.

VOORHEESVILLE 7, COBLESKILL 2

Voorheesville highlights: Matt Nagy double.

BOYS TENNIS

Bethlehem 6, Burnt Hills 3

BOYS TRACK

RCS 110, Schalmont 31
 RCS 113, Cobleskill 27
 RCS 114, Albany Academy 26

GIRLS TRACK

Bethlehem 92, Burnt Hills 83

SOFTBALL

RCS 23, WATERVLIET 3
 Ravena highlights: Indians scored 13 runs in first inning; Ashley Byerwalters double, 3 singles, RBI.

VOORHEESVILLE 3, COHOES 2

Voorheesville highlights: Cyrilla Suker pitched three-hitter with 13

strikeouts and had triple, single and 2 RBI.

Thursday, April 17

BASEBALL

NISKAYUNA 5, BETHLEHEM 4
 Bethlehem highlights: Cameron Brown double, single, RBI; Evan Marsh 2 singles.

LANSINGBURGH 10, VOORHEESVILLE 4

Voorheesville highlights: Blackbirds had six hits in the game.

BOYS TRACK

Bethlehem 97, Saratoga 82

GIRLS LACROSSE

BETHLEHEM 12, GUILDERLAND 5
 Scoring: Bethlehem — Kristin Link 5-0, Katie Wagoner 4-2, Brianna Bubeck 2-0, Kelly Hughes 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Emily Szelest 5.

SOFTBALL

NISKAYUNA 3, BETHLEHEM 2

Bethlehem highlights: Shannon Flood 2 singles.

VOORHEESVILLE 3, LANSINGBURGH 2

Voorheesville highlights: Cyrilla Suker struck out 15 batters and had 2 singles and an RBI; Jess Bollentin 2 singles, scored winning run.

Friday, April 18

BOYS LACROSSE

GUILDERLAND 11, BETHLEHEM 2

Scoring: Bethlehem — Nate Pannucci 1-1, Andrew Kelleher 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 8.

Saturday, April 19

BASEBALL

BETHLEHEM 6, BURNT HILLS 5

Bethlehem highlights: Dan Filetti game-winning RBI single in bottom of seventh inning.

LANSINGBURGH 10, RCS 1

Highlights: Lansingburgh's Zach Bashford pitched one-hitter against Ravena.

BOYS TRACK

ALBRIGHT INVITATIONAL

AT ALBANY ACADEMY

Team scores: Bethlehem 157, LaSalle 85, Chatham 78, RCS 41, Albany Academy 35, Albany 32, Cohoes 29, Lansingburgh 26, CBA 21, Glens Falls 20.

Bethlehem individual winners: Brian Nicholson (200-meter dash), Evan Siegel (400), Doug DeMarco (800), Pat Shaffer (3,200), Jamie Putnam (110 hurdles), Rafiq Umar (long jump, triple jump).

GIRLS TRACK

BIG 8 INVITATIONAL

AT AVERILL PARK

Top three finishers: Bethlehem — Emily Malinowski (first place, 2,000-meter steeplechase), Kathleen Hart (first, shot put; first, discus; second, high jump), Johanna Marvin (second, long jump).

Runners club schedules master's championship

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will hold its annual Bill Robinson Memorial Master's Championship Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. in Guilderland.

The 10-kilometer race begins and ends at Guilderland High School and follows a road course close to the school. Awards will be presented to the first three male and female finishers in each group.

The event memorializes Bill Robinson, an HMRC member who was paralyzed when struck by an automobile while running in 1990.

Runners age 40 and older can register the day of the race starting at 9 a.m. at the high school. The entry fee is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non members. A T-shirt will be given to the first 75 runners to register.

The Bill Robinson Memorial Championship is a HMRC Grand Prix race, with points counting toward the club championship. It also serves as the Adirondack chapter of the United States Association of Track and Field masters championship.

For information, call Jim Tierney at 869-5597.

Girls basketball camp

The Bethlehem Girls Basketball Camp takes place the week of June 30 through July 4.

The camp is open to girls entering grades three through 12 in the fall. Sessions will be held at Bethlehem Central Middle School (grades three through five) and Bethlehem Central High School (grades six through 12) and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The camp will be run by Bethlehem varsity assistant coach John Hooper, with high school coaches and women's collegiate players acting as instructors. There will be individual skill development, as well as games.

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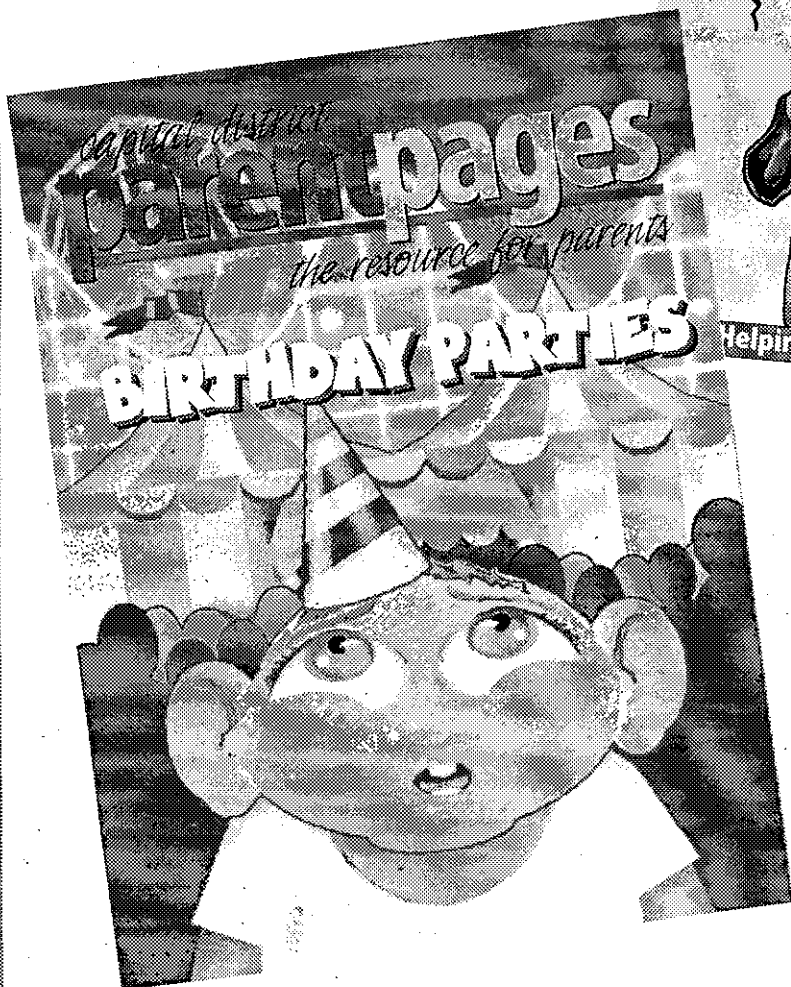
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Library seeks volunteers for summer programs

The Bethlehem Public Library is searching for middle school students who are interested in volunteering for summer service.

Applications will be available beginning May 1 in the youth services area of the library and at the Bethlehem middle school. Training workshops will be held Thursday, June 26 from 7-9 p.m. and again on Friday, June 27, from 2-4 p.m.

Volunteers must complete one of the workshops and commit to at least six hours of service between July 7 and August 14.

Volunteers aid youth services

staff while the summer reading program is in session.

Middle schoolers interested in reading to preschoolers should sign up for one of two story reader training sessions scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at 2 p.m. and on Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

Volunteer readers must be available to perform at two Wednesday morning storytimes between July 16 and August 20.

For more information or to register for a workshop, call the Bethlehem Public Library at 439-9314.

Loomis to speak at chamber event

The Superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District will update the community on the state of the school system Wednesday, April 30.

Dr. Les Loomis will discuss the latest school programs, district developments and answer questions from the public at a Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

Tickets are \$9 per person. The breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m. and will be held at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar.

Reservations can be made by calling 439-0512 or email info@bethlehemchamber.com.

Science celebration at R-C-S

Pieter B. Coeymans and A.W. Becker elementary schools will host a second science celebration Tuesday, April 29.

Students in pre-kindergarten through grade five are invited to choose a topic or question related to a scientific investigation that is of interest to them.

Students may work on their own, with a sibling or friend, or in a group of up to three students. Sample topics can be found on a number of Web sites, whose links can be found at www.rcscsd.org. Books are also available in the school libraries for students to use.

In addition, volunteer parents are available before and after school on certain days to help students choose a topic and get started.

While participation is voluntary, science coordinator Karen Miller said she hopes all students will take part.

Entry forms for the science celebration are available at the schools and on the district's Web site.

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

The name of the LLC is 49 RAILROAD AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 5, 2003. 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 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-2990 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

This Board of Education of the hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR SALE. Bids will be received until 2 PM on May 13, 2003 at Bethlehem Central School District, Operations and Maintenance, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Details of items to be sold on an "as is" basis are available at the same office or by calling 439-2123. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Board of Education
STEVEN O'SHEA
District Clerk
Date: 4/14/03
(April 14, 2003)

LD-3027

(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

90 CHESTNUT ST. LLC

Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 03/28/2003. 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 such process served to: the LLC, 344 Broadway, Menands, New York 12204. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. LCD-2995 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

BELKNAP DEVELOPMENT LLC

Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 03/28/2003. 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 such process served to: the LLC, 175 Adams Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. LCD-2996 (April 23, 2003)

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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

This Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR SALE. Bids will be received until 2 PM on May 13, 2003 at Bethlehem Central School District, Operations and Maintenance, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Details of items to be sold on an "as is" basis are available at the same office or by calling 439-2123. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Board of Education
STEVEN O'SHEA
District Clerk
Date: 4/14/03
(April 14, 2003)

LD-3027

(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF GREENVILLE PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT. 1. The name of the limited partnership is "GREENVILLE PARTNERS OF ALBANY, 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, Latham, New York 12110. 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 March 17, 2103. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 17th day of March, 2003, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof. SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO., L.L.C.
BY: KENNETH B. SEGEL, Member
LCD-3002
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF MILLERSBURG PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT. 1. The name of the limited partnership is "MILLERSBURG PARTNERS OF ALBANY, 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

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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, Latham, New York 12110. 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 March 17, 2103. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 17th day of March, 2003, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof. SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO., L.L.C.
BY: KENNETH B. SEGEL, Member
LCD-2992
(April 23, 2003)

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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF MILFORD PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT. 1. The name of the limited partnership is "MILFORD PARTNERS OF ALBANY, 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, Latham, New York 12110. 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 March 17, 2103. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 17th day of March, 2003, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof. SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO., L.L.C.
BY: KENNETH B. SEGEL, Member
LCD-2972
(April 23, 2003)

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MM FAMILY SANDCREEK, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower

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Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2994

(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

MM TOWERS, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2997 (April 23, 2003)

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NM TOWERS, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2993 (April 23, 2003)

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Notice of formation of V & W REALTY, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 04/14/2003. Off. Loc: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 509 O'Gorman Ave., Staten Island, NY 10308. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-3055 (April 23, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of HKL Development LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/8/2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Term: until 4/8/2053. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-3023 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of High Peaks Venture Partners, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/18/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail 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: 160 Water

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St., Williamstown, MA 01267. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purpose. LD-3015

(April 23, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of High Peaks Ventures, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/18/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 160 Water St., Williamstown, MA 01267. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-3014 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of 120 MORELAND STREET REALTY LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 03/24/2003. Off. Loc: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 120 Moreland St., Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: All lawful purposes. LD-3012 (April 23, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Kingsview Realty, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LCD-3005 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pyramid Laser LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 3/26/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 28 White Tail Circle, Wyantskill, NY 12198. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-3001 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC): Name: Biosthetic Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/05/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated

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as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Bioshtetic Holdings, LLC 877 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: real estate holding company and any other lawful purpose. LD-3000

(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Neelytown Road Investors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/26/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/11/03. 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: c/o UBS Realty Investors LLC, 242 Trumbull St., Hartford, CT 06103. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-2982 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Harris, Blazer & Conway, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/10/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as the agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 5 Clinton Sq., Albany, NY 12207. The latest date upon which the PLLC is to dissolve is 12/31/2080. Purpose: to practice the profession of law. LCD-2974 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is SABLE TECHNICAL SERVICES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 27, 2003. 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 2642 Marco Avenue, Odessa, Texas 79762. LCD-2971 (April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Articles of Organization for AGS GROUP, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on March 12, 2003. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC, 241 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-2968 (April 23, 2003)

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School of the District. The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 7th day of May, 2003 at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2003 to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Lynne Lenhardt and James Lytle and petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2003, to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Paula Read and Garry Pollow, and candidate for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a partial term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2003, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Melissa Palmer, must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., EDT April 21, 2003.

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

1. Upon the appropriate of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefore;

2. For the election of two (2) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years; all commencing July 1, 2003, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Lynne Lenhardt and James Lytle;

3. Upon the appropriation of \$999,519 to purchase or lease purchase fourteen (14) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefore;

4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefore;

5. Upon the appropriation of \$1,495,285 to fund the deferred maintenance project of said Bethlehem Public Library, to be financed with a five-year bond, and authorizing the levy of taxes therefore;

6. For the election of two (2) trustees to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2003, to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the term of Paula Read and Garry Pollow; and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a partial term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2003, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Melissa Palmer.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 20, 2003, except Saturdays and Sun-

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days, and such list will also be available at the polling place on May 20, 2003.

Steven O'Shea
School District Clerk
Dated: March 12, 2003

LD-2963
(April 23, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

A Certificate of Conversion of Viceroy Investment Properties to Viceroy Investment Properties, LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 18, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 8 Breeman Street, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the acquisition, improvement, finance, construction, management, leasing, operation, and sale of residential and/or commercial real estate and for any lawful act or activity in furtherance thereof, in connection therewith, or incidental thereto, for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York.

LCD-2957
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is JMB Capital, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on March 19, 2003.

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

JMB Capital, LLC
121 State Street
Albany, New York 12207

5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.

LD-2939
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MessagePro of Houston, L.P.

Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 9/13/00. SSNY designated as agent of LP 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. TX address of LP: 9700 Bissonnet, Suite 1500, Houston, TX 77036. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: all lawful activities.

LD-2938
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Centrix Financial LLC.

Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/10/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Colorado (CO) on 6/30/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CO address of LLC: 6782 South Potomac St., Englewood, CO 80112. Arts. of Org. filed with CO Secy. of State, 1560 Broadway, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202.

Purpose: any lawful activity
LD-2927
(April 23, 2003)

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

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The name of LLC is THE COLO-NIAL INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC. The articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 19, 2003. 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 7 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-2925

(April 23, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Cornerstone Apartment Venture I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/07/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/9/03. 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: One Financial Plaza, Suite 1700, Hartford, CT 06103. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-2923
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is DCM ENTERPRISES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 13, 2003.

3. The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. 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 421 Second Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2917
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is CHANGE TAC, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on December 12, 2002.

3. The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. 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 4 Arbor Court, Albany, New York 12211.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2916
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on August 13, 2001.

3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. 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 2622 Seventh Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be

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organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2915
(April 23, 2003)

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is ROI PROPERTIES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on August 13, 2001.

3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. 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 2622 Seventh Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2914
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

RKO Systems, LLC was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/13/03. 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, 37 Meadow Lane, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

(January 13, 2003)
LCD-3053
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

The limited liability company of MPC Property Management, LLC was formed on March 11, 2003 by Matthew P. Ceballos. The address of the company is 161 Consaul Road, Albany, New York 12205 in the County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company on whom process can be served.

LD-3034
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Area of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2003-2004.

And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Board of Education for a 5-year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Thomas J. McKenna.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

3. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 20, 2003, the following proposition will be submitted:

PROPOSITION
Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase buses and vans at a maximum estimated cost \$246,500 and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting,

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except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Schoolhouses
Voorheesville Elementary School
Hours
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Clayton A. Bouton High School
Hours
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk Board of Education
Voorheesville Central School
District
P.O. Box 498
Voorheesville, New York 12186

Dated: April 2, 2003

Dorothea Pfeleider
District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT at said public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York held on May 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Area of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district, the Public Library budget for the year 2003-2004 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law. And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5-year term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the term of Ellen Bidell.

2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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Voorheesville Central School
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Dated: April 2, 2003

Gail Sacco
Clerk

LD-2955
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the professional service limited liability company is LEONARD F. VALLETTA ENTER-

LEGAL NOTICE

PRISES, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was February 13, 2003. 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. 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. 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.

LD-2985
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: BOULEVARD APARTMENTS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/03/03. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2049. 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, c/o Stanley Rosenberg, 112 High Street, Hoosick Falls, New York 12090. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-3004
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of West End Pharmacy, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 2/26/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 68 Ontario Street, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-2889
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Capitol Construction Services, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 220 North Smith, Suite 202, Palatine, IL 60069. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, Lookerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-3013
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Business Incubation Support Services International, LLC.

Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/07/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 1/29/03. 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. NJ address of LLC: 350 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park, NJ 07662. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Dept. of Treasury, Division of Revenue, 225 West State St., Fl. Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-2905
(April 23, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is NXIUM PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 23, 2003. 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 455 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-2944

(April 23, 2003)

Special recycling day slated May 3

By SHARON FISHER

The town of Bethlehem's Residential Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Recycling Day is set for Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the town Highway Garage on 74 Elm Ave. East in Selkirk.

Residents should have received the spring cleanup brochure that contains instruction, direction and a list of acceptable wastes for the recycling day.

To participate in the day, bring your driver's license or a tax bill.

Don't forget to bring old mercury thermometers to the

hazardous waste program and if you would like a non-mercury replacement, check the box on the questionnaire. The replacement thermometer will be mailed to you.

Don't forget fluorescent bulbs that contain mercury and light ballasts that contain PCBs.

Leftover liquid paint, especially oil paint and stains can be dropped off for proper disposal. If the can is empty or the paint is solidly dried, throw those cans in the trash by removing the lid, and put the lid and can separately into the trash.

Old computers, monitors,

printers, and computer components can also be brought to the waste collection day.

If you have a TV, VCR telephones or other electronics you would like to recycle, call before April 26. The town will not accept these items on May 3. Instead there will be a special electronic collection sponsored by WNYT and Waste Management & Recycling Products of Schenectady at Heritage Park in Colonie on Saturday, April 26.

Call me to obtain a coupon for this special Earth Day project.

Local students win recognition in college poetry contest

Rachel Kavanaugh of Voorheesville, a sophomore at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, received honorable mention in the poetry contest for high school students sponsored by the University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences.

Entries in the poetry contest were judged by Carl Dennis, artist in residence in the University at Buffalo Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences and the winner of the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his eighth book of poetry, "Practical Gods."

The poetry contest was open to students all across the nation, as well as Canada, and drew more than 1,300 entries. In all, 30 students were selected to be honored.

The contest was limited to current high school students, and each student was limited to one entry of an original poem in English of 25 lines or fewer.

Twenty-three honorable mentions were awarded. The winning works were printed in a special program and all winners received an autographed copy of Practical Gods.

BCHS graduate completes course

Army Reserve Pvt. Justin R. Harbinger has graduated from the heavy-wheeled vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Heidi Harbinger of Delmar and a 1999 Bethlehem Central High School graduate.

Delmar man named to post

Alan G. Robertson of Delmar was appointed to a three-year term on the Council of Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

The council process certifies that college and university programs on the master's and doctoral degree levels have met the highest training standards.

Robertson is retired from the state Education Department where he served as chief of the Bureau of Occupational Education Research and director of the Division of Education Evaluation.

He is research design and statistics editor of "The Journal for the Professional Counselor."

Woman joins real estate office

Pamela Swanigan, a former teacher, has become a licensed Realtor and joined the sales staff of Weichert, Realtors, Northeast Group, working from the company's Delmar office.

Before entering the education field, Swanigan had earned a master's degree in public administration and worked in New York State government.

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Obituaries

Robert Dugan

Robert H. Dugan, 85, of North Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, April 13, at Hope Hospice.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Dugan was a field engineer for Timken Roller Bearing Co. for 29 years.

He was a member of the William McKinley Mason Lodge for more than 50 years.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

He enjoyed train collecting and bowling.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Magiton Dugan; a son, Robert M. Dugan of Flemington, N.J.; a daughter, Nancy Dugan Wolff of Glenmont; a brother, Ralph Dugan of Arizona; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Hospice House, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, Cape Coral, Fla. 33909 or Kenwood Child Development Center, 799 S. Pearl St., Albany 12202.

Clinton Pitcher

Clinton L. Pitcher, 95, of Delmar died Tuesday, April 15.

He was a World War II veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart.

Mr. Pitcher was a truck driver for the National Molasses Co.

He was husband of the late Mable Shave Pitcher.

Survivors include six

daughters, Alice Lansing of Albany, Judy Thomas of Chatham, Susan Clark of Greenville, and Jean Van Valkenburgh, Paulette Moak and Karen Dean, all of Ravena; a brother, Clifton Pitcher of Feura Bush; a sister Mildred Hart of Albany; 19 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Services were private. Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush 12067.

Thomas Klopp

Thomas A. Klopp, 72, of Clarksville died Monday, April 14, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in New York City, he moved from Arizona to Clarksville two years ago.

Mr. Klopp was a design drafter. He retired in 1993 from Computer Science Corp. in California.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Berger Klopp; two daughters, Rebecca Klopp and Gretchen Armes, both of Pennsylvania; two sons, Jeffrey Klopp of California and Eric Klopp of Washington; a sister, Joy Qualey of Washington; and six grandchildren.

Services were from First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in

Voorheesville.

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

B. Gale Laut

B. Gale Laut, 83, of Voorheesville died Sunday, April 13, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was a graduate of Albany High School and Mildred Elley Business School.

Mrs. Laut was a member of the Women's Association of the Albany Institute of History & Art, Vanguard, the Albany Country Club and Bethany Reformed Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Theodore Gorn and Robert A. Laut.

Survivors include a brother, William H. Geary of Voorheesville; and three nephews, James Geary of Center Brunswick, Richard Geary of Greenfield Center and Daniel Geary of Downingtown, Pa.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home and Bethany Reformed Church.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Quentin Turner

Quentin M. Turner of Clarksville died Sunday, April 13.

Survivors include his wife,

Minnie Gregory Turner; two sons, Gregory Turner of Delmar and Jeffrey Turner; a sister, Arlene Hurley; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were at Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Clarksville Community Church Memorial Fund, Clarksville 12041.

Black Beauty



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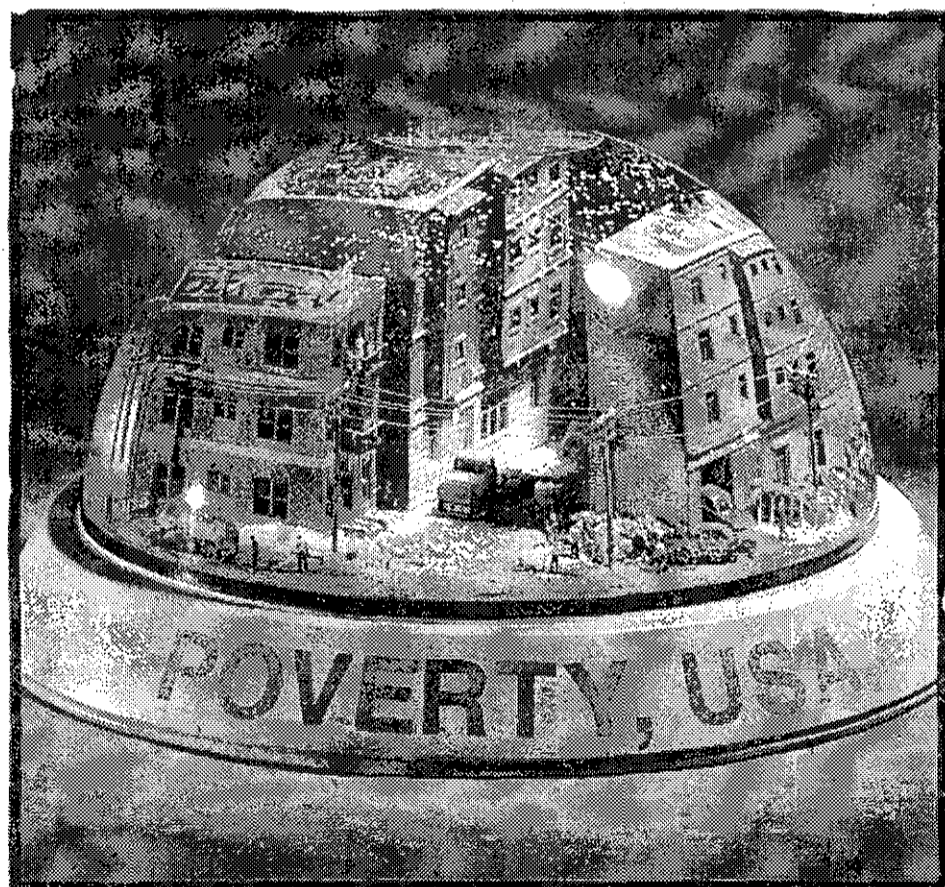
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Death Notices

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.

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JoAnne Strug and Marc Kanuk

Strug, Kanuk engaged

JoAnne Marie Strug, daughter of Joseph John and Donna Marie Strug Jr. of Langhorne, Pa., and Marc Damien Kanuk, son of David and Margaret Kanuk of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Muhlenberg College.

She is a mid-Atlantic sales executive for Lilly Pulitzer in King

of Prussia, Pa.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Franklin and Marshall College.

He is a leasing representative for Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust in Philadelphia.

The couple plans an October wedding.



James McCuen and Linda Callnan

Callnan, McCuen to marry

Linda Dawn Callnan, daughter of Bill and Sandy Callnan of Middlesex, Vt., and James Congdon McCuen, son of Douglas and Susan McCuen of New Baltimore, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo.

She teaches literature at Fair

Haven Union High School in Fair Haven, Vt.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College.

He is a case manager at Forty-seven Main Street, an adult treatment center in Castleton, Vt.

The couple plans a July 19 wedding.

Dean's List

American University

Edward O'Keefe of Delmar and Sean Conway of Voorheesville.

Local students earn awards

Students from the Albany campus of the Capital Region Career & Technical School (formerly known as Vo-Tec) recently earned top honors at the Area III Regional Skills USA/Vocational Industrial Clubs of America competition at ITT Technical Institute in Colonie.

Heather Brady of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School received first place in floral design.

Malissa Carr of R-C-S earned second place in floral design.

Aja Amaro of Bethlehem Central High School received fifth place in the floral design/job skill demonstration category.

James Igo of Voorheesville high earned second place in the electrical trades, residential wiring category.

Tony Palermo of R-C-S high received third place in welding.

Amy Getz of Voorheesville high earned fourth place in practical nursing.

David Bingham, also of Voorheesville, received fifth place in the computer network technician category.

Delmar woman student teaching

Janice Kreinick Gallagher of Delmar has been student teaching as part of the Brown Education Department's master of arts in teaching program.

The program is designed to prepare students for a career in secondary and elementary school education.

It allows its participants to gain expertise both in educational theory and in their field of choice through a comprehensive course of study.

The program requires a summer practicum and 180 hours of teaching experience in addition to the ordinary course load.

Gallagher is a graduate student pursuing a degree in social studies and is currently working with John Healy at Feinstein High School in Providence, R.I.



Ryan McKinney and Cherylene Simonetti

Simonetti, McKinney to wed

Cherylene Simonetti, daughter of Joseph Simonetti of Jupiter, Fla., and Denise Simonetti of Teaneck, N.J., and Ryan Timothy McKinney, son of Charles and Barbara-Ann McKinney of Naples, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Rutgers University.

She is a program manager for Microsoft in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albright College. He also has an MBA in health systems management from Union College.

He is a manager in the health care consulting practice of PriceWaterhouseCoopers in New York City.

The couple plans an Oct. 10 wedding.

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Library to presents seasonal stories

Storyteller Joni Goldberg will present "Waiting for Spring" at Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

The program is appropriate for school-age children and their families.

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The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will host several events sure to delight Capital District Classical music fans enthusiasts.

Noteworthy compositions

Classical music abounds this weekend

By DEV TOBIN

Classical music moves into the spotlight this weekend, as the area's two symphony orchestras perform concerts featuring major symphonic works.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will be playing Mahler's Symphony No. 4, along with Creston's Symphony No. 4, on Friday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

Inspired by "Des Knaben Wunderhorn," a German folk poem depicting a child's image of heaven, Symphony No. 4 is one of the most upbeat compositions written by Mahler, according to ASO Music Director/Conductor David Alan Miller.

The poem describes a lavish banquet where wine flows freely and 11,000 virgins dance to music provided by St. Cecilia. In an attempt to convey the childlike naiveté and heavenly lightness of the poem, Mahler includes bells,

flutes and pianissimo strings in the composition, Miller noted. The soprano solo, to be performed by Jayne West, adds the final heavenly touch to what many consider to be Mahler's best work.

Tickets are \$17, \$26 and \$39. For information, call 273-0038.

And the orchestra's support group, Vanguard, will also open its Designer Showhouse next week.

This annual mansion decoration event is Vanguard's primary fund-raiser. This year, the showhouse is the March-Stedman House at 402 Loudon Road in Loudonville.

More than 20 teams of designers will be showcasing their talents, each team decorating a different space.

The showhouse will open on April 29 and run through May 18. Hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

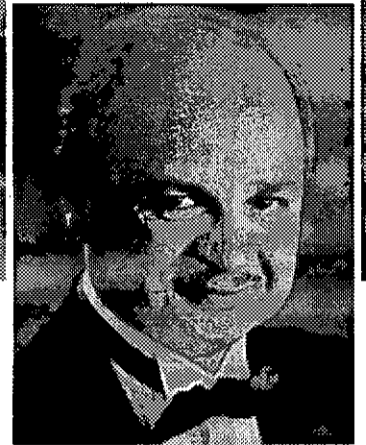
Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance and \$10 for groups of eight or more. Advance tickets may be purchased through April 26 at The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza, Destiny Threads in Delmar, The Arts Center of the Capital Region in Troy, The Country Trunk in East Greenbush and Persnickety's at Hoffman's Playland in Latham.

For information, call 724-0357.

The Schenectady Symphony Orchestra will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, known as the "Choral Symphony," on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at Proctor's Theatre.

The orchestra, conducted by Charles Schneider, will be accompanied by soprano April-Joy Guittierez, mezzo-soprano Dianna Heldman, tenor Gerald Grahame and bass Keith Kibler, along with the University at Albany Chorale, the SUNY Oneonta Chorus and the Greater Utica Choral Society.

Schneider explained that the symphony, with its use of Schiller's poem



Gerald Grahame

"Ode to Joy," is a stirring tribute to the brotherhood of man that remains as relevant

today as 180 years ago.

Tickets are \$22, \$12 for high school and college students. Under the symphony's Family Plan, up to three tickets for children under 13 are free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

For information, call 372-2500.

There are also two major chamber music concerts this weekend.

The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will host the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center on Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m. as the final event of the Troy Chromatic Concerts season.

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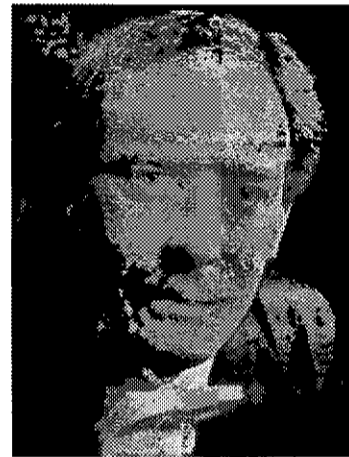
group, which is resident in Alice Tully Hall and tours widely, will play Rossini's String Sonata, Glinka's Sextet for Strings and Piano, Mendelssohn's Sextet for Strings and Piano in D Major, Opus 110.

Tickets are \$28 and \$32. For information, call 273-0038.

And the Capital District's own L'Ensemble will perform its Bows Across the Water program on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at The Egg at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

The program will include Respighi's Sonata in B Minor for Violin and Piano, Loeffler's Quatres Poems, Opus 5, and Schumann's The Piano Quartet.

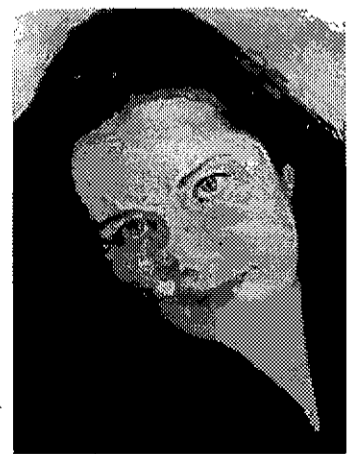
Tickets are \$20. For information, call 475-9001.



Keith Kibler



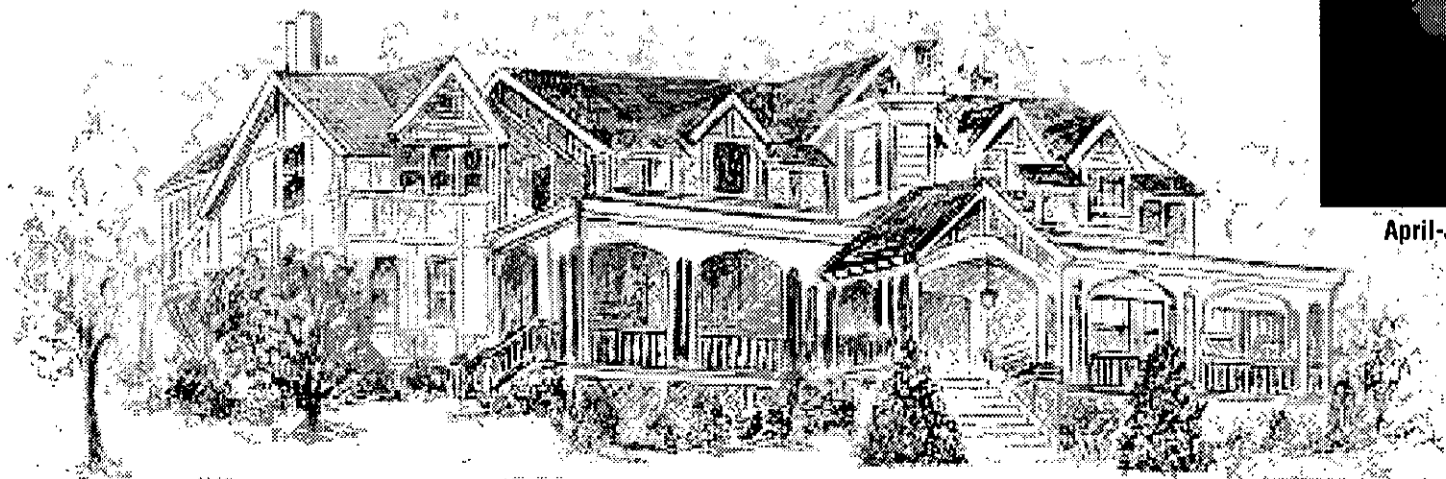
Dianna Heldman



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Jayne West



The March-Stedman House at 402 Loudon Road in Loudonville is this year's Vanguard house. The annual mansion decoration event will feature the design talents of more than 20 teams of designers.

The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 4/23

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHEHEM 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.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 4/24

BETHEHEM

BETHEHEM 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.

BETHEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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

POETS GROUP

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets, writer support group, 7 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library.

NEW SCOTLAND

THE CLOTHING CLOSET

A service supported by area Reformed churches to provide clothing to those in need; volunteers welcome. Clarksville Reformed Church, Route 443, Clarksville, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Information, 768-2916 or 439-5400.

Fri. 4/25

BETHEHEM

VISUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Strategies to cope with visual impairment, led by Dr. Edwin Pesnel. Refreshments. Room 101, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 1-2 p.m. Sponsored by

Bethlehem Senior Services. Information, 439-4955, ext. 4.

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. 4/26

BETHEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 4/27

BETHEHEM

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

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. 4/28

BETHEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5-6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

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 COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

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. 4/29

BETHEHEM

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

BINGO

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

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.

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CREATIVE ARTS GROUP

Learn the art of Swedish Embroidery, Delmar Progress Club, 9:30 a.m., Call 439-3916 for information.

NEW SCOTLAND

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Discussion of 'The Crusader', 7 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library, Register by calling 765-2791.
FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

PRAYER MEETING

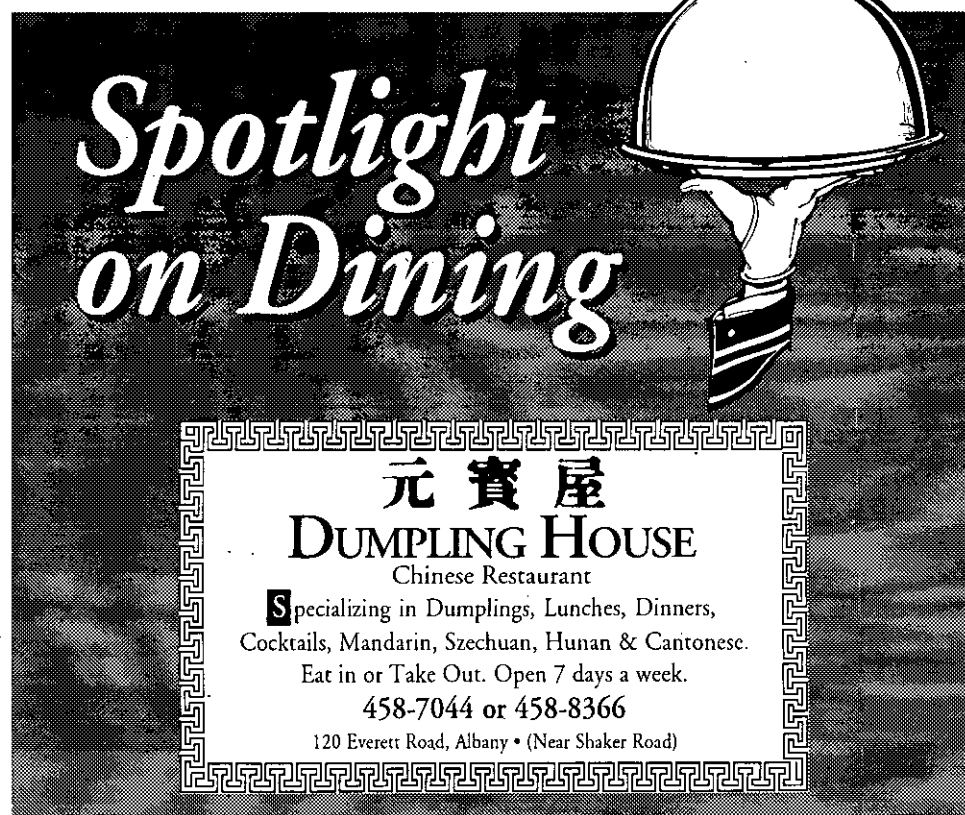
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But what happens when the kids grow out of the backseat and into the driver's seat? Who's looking after their vehicles?

Automotive preventive maintenance and repair knowledge is like algebra, says the Car Care Council. We're not born knowing it, it has to be learned.

Teach your young drivers

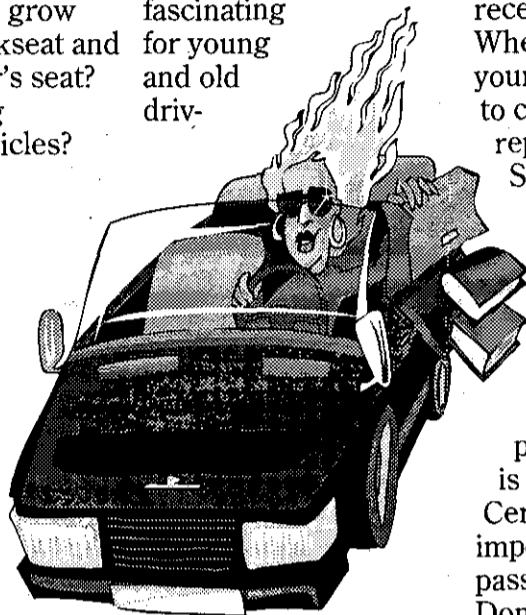
the basics about their cars before they get the keys. If you don't know much about automotive maintenance/repair, do yourself a favor and learn it along with your kids.

Here are a few tips:

- Explain that all cars, new and old, need regular attention.
- Make sure your teenager knows and follows the maintenance schedule for his/her car. In addition to making a car safe to drive, preventive maintenance can save thousands of dollars during a lifetime of driving.
- Don't overlook the

owner's manual. This is full of information about the car that your young driver may never know unless he/she is familiar with this automotive bible.

- Make it fun. There are myriad sites on the Internet that are fascinating for young and old drivers.



ers, alike. Some have Q & A sections. Let your teen send his/her tough questions to the professionals.

- It's probably been a while since they went on a field trip. Take them with you to the repair facility, the tire store, the body shop and wherever you have automotive work performed. Get them accustomed to the automotive world—its people, places, jargon and prices.

- There are hundreds of books available on this subject. Many are written specifically for non-technical audiences; some are even

humorous. Buy a few and make them required reading for the licensing process.

- Make a plan. What happens if the car breaks down, he/she has a wreck, or the car gets stolen? What if no adults are home to receive the panic call? Whether you want your teenager to call your family repair facility or Aunt Sadie, give them some instruction and put important phone numbers in the glove compartment.

For many parents, driving age is the final frontier. Certainly it is an important rite of passage for teenagers. Don't let your child pass into this stage of his/her life without being prepared. Take the time and the necessary materials to make your young driver feel competent and secure in the works of automobiles.

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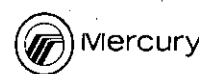


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issues.

The public is scheduled to cast its vote on May 20.

With one child already attending R-C-S and another about to start, Rodger Coryell Jr. of Ravena feels now is the time to get involved in policy-making decisions for the district. Coryell's son Trey is a second-grader at A.W. Becker and his daughter Ann will soon be starting kindergarten. It was the district's dilemma over whether to provide full-day kindergarten classes that prompted Coryell to attend several school board meetings and ultimately run for a seat.

"I felt very strongly that the full-day kindergarten was necessary, at this point, to move forward towards excellence in education," said Coryell.

After discussing the decision to seek a board seat at great length with his wife, Barbara, Coryell said the answer soon

became obvious.

"We decided, what's more important to us than our children's education," said Coryell. "If this is what we can do to ensure the best education possible for our kids, then that is what I need to do."

While gathering signatures for his nomination petition, Coryell said he often heard concerns from parents about violence and drug use among students in the district. It's a pressing issue Coryell feels R-C-S schools must address in order to ensure all students are safe.

Coryell moved to the area 14 years ago after graduating from the University of Maine at Orono with a bachelor's degree in forestry. He works as a mapping technician for the state Office of Cyber Security and Critical Information. His wife Barbara is a teacher in the Cairo-Durham school district.

A second newcomer has thrown his hat into the school board ring. Clifford Nooney, a

1987 R-C-S graduate is making his first run for a seat on the school board. The lifelong resident of Feura Bush now has two children of his own attending A.W. Becker in Selkirk, Matthew in second grade and Rachel in kindergarten.

"My biggest reason for running is our kids and trying to make the school better for future generations," said Nooney.

Nooney describes himself as an active volunteer at A.W. Becker assisting in the community gardens project and his children's classes. Should he be elected, Nooney says he doesn't have a prepared agenda but he would like to see greater communication between the district's two elementary schools. He believes some of the middle school's difficulties — such as fighting among students — could be avoided if children knew their classmates better.

"We have two separate elementary schools and the middle school is where everything comes together. I can see how that can be part of the problem," said Nooney.

Nooney currently teaches part-time at Hudson Valley Community College, where he graduated with a degree in electrical construction in 1989. He currently oversees all electrical operations at Owens Corning in Selkirk.

Diane Louis of New Baltimore is hoping to return to the board after stepping down from a six-year stint in the 1990s. Louis first arrived on the board in 1994 to fill a vacancy; she then ran and won a seat in 1997.

"I'd like to make it a board that

listens better to the public and parents in particular," said Louis.

Louis currently serves as president of the PTSO at R-C-S Middle School where her daughter Sarah is a seventh-grader. She is also assisting in the creation of a PTSA at the high school where her son Matthew is a 10th-grader. The two groups are working in cooperation to create a sports equipment exchange program for students, a first for the school district. Louis is also active in the creation of a Parent/Teacher Resource Program that would make literature on parenting, alcohol abuse, drug use and depression available to parents and students at R-C-S Community Library.

As the parent of a high schooler, Louis would like the board to re-evaluate its recent decision to alter the after-school bus schedule. If students want to stay beyond 10th period — which ends at 2:35 p.m. — but not until 4 p.m. when the last bus runs, they must have their own transportation home.

"I felt that was a burden on parents because if you wanted your child to stay, you'd have to pick them up," said Louis.

For 10 years, Louis worked as a research scientist at the Research Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse in Buffalo. She has a bachelor's degree from the University at Buffalo.

Howard Shafer is finishing out his first three-year term on the board, after unsuccessfully seeking a seat back in 1999. With a degree in economics and a strong financial background, Shafer believes he can bring a unique perspective to the board.

He has worked as an analyst for the state Department of Health since 1973. In June 2002, Shafer filed an appeal with the state Education Department regarding the wording of a bus leasing proposal that was presented to voters by the school board. At the time, Shafer was a member of the board.

"I felt the ballot didn't give a fair representation of the issues and I challenged the school board on the proposition," said Shafer.

The proposition asked voters to approve the leasing of four buses at actual cost, according to Shafer. He felt the ballot should have included the terms of the lease or the total cost associated with leasing.

"I'm a firm believer that we should purchase rather than lease. Leasing is much more expensive," said Shafer.

The case is still pending with the state Education Department.

While serving on the board, Shafer has been an avid proponent of both full-time kindergarten and universal pre-kindergarten programs which he believes help improve tests scores and increase the chances children will go on to college.

Shafer and his wife live in Selkirk and have two children, Michael and Jessyca, who are graduates of Albany High School, where Shafer was active in the PTA. He is currently president of the New York State Public Employees Federation union.

Town to flush water mains

The town of Bethlehem will be flushing water mains during the month of April.

Area 2 (Delmar and Elsmere) will be flushed through April 28, and area 3 (Glenmont and Selkirk) from April 24 to May 7.

Some discoloration of water may occur during the flushing program. It could result in staining of laundry. Run the water until it clears up before doing laundry.

Adamsville Ancients seek new members

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