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Funny Cide means business in Delmar

By ROB JONAS

In the days leading up to the Kentucky Derby, there was little talk in the national media about a 3-year-old chestnut gelding named Funny Cide.

Now, the rest of the world knows what Gus Williams, the other owners of Sackatoga Stables and all of Bethlehem already knows about Funny Cide. He is one seriously good horse.

Funny Cide charged through the home stretch, took the lead with one-eighth of a mile left and fended off heavy favorite Empire Maker to win the Kentucky Derby last Saturday in Louisville.

"You could see him sitting right there, and (jockey) Jose (Santos) was holding him tight," Williams said. "When Empire Maker started going, you could see Jose get up and he started going. When he pulled away, I just knew he was going to win."

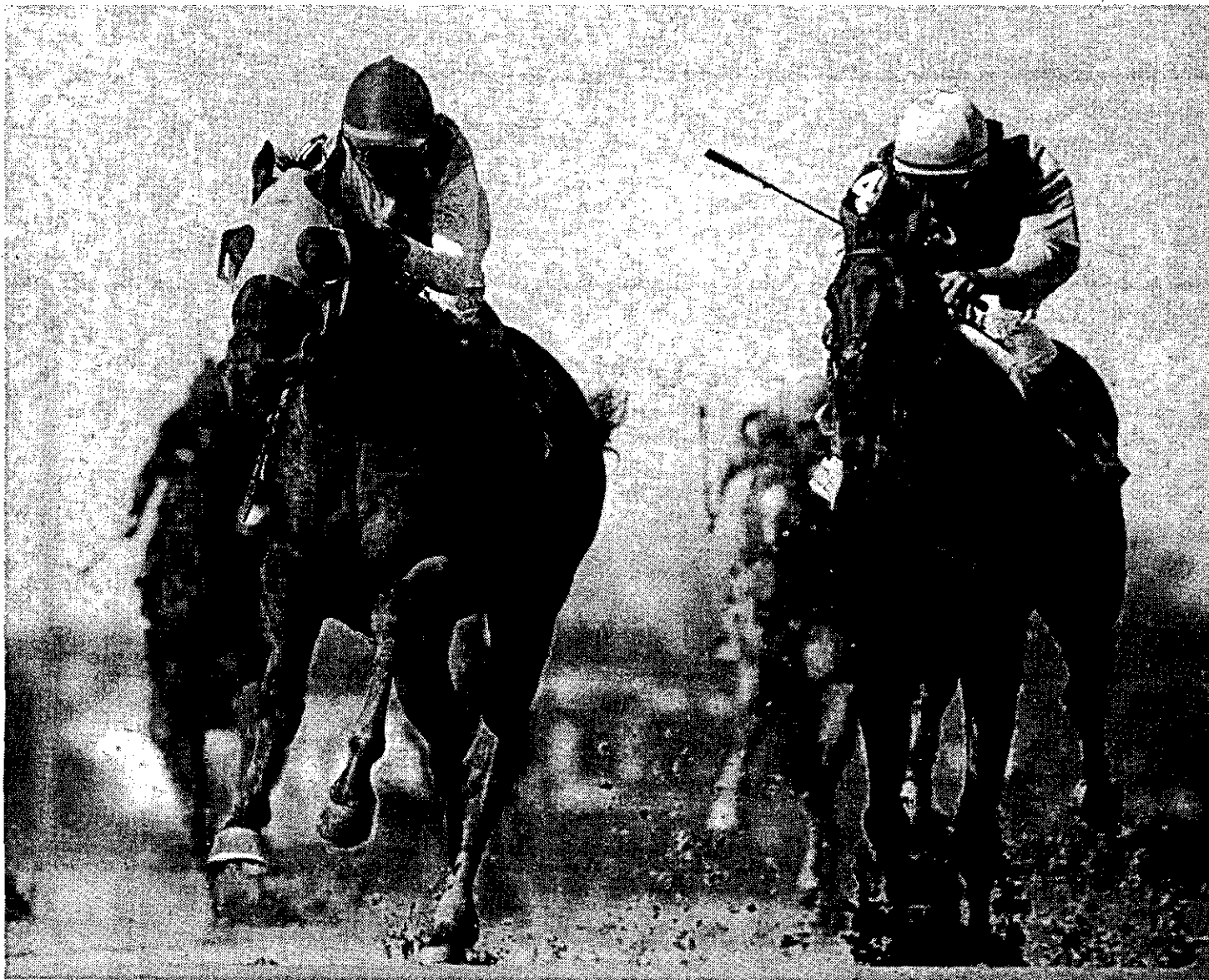
The victory touched off wild celebrations in the owner's box where Williams and two other local Sackatoga Stables shareholders — Lew Titterton and Jack Knowlton — were sitting, several locations in Saratoga Springs and especially in Bethlehem, where Williams is one of the town's most well-known residents.

"I was sitting at home and screaming until I lost my voice," said Rick Ragone, one of Williams' friends from the local FW post.

The Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post — a place where Williams is not only a member, but also a place is construction company built — was turned into the Bethlehem chapter of the Funny Cide Fan Club.

"We had about 30 people down here, and out of 30 people, I think 29 had money on Funny Cide," Blanchard Post commander Dave Duff said. "And when he took the lead, the whole place shook."

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Empire Maker got lucky in the Wood, but Funny Cide took home the roses in the Derby last Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Gus Williams

BREATH breathes life into zoning wishes

By KRISTEN OLBY

After hours of research and several late-night meetings, a group of Selkirk property owners have determined how they would like to see their land, that sits nestled between the Hudson River and Route 9W, zoned. Now all they have to do is convince a consultant and town board it's the best fit for the community.

On a rain-soaked Thursday evening, a group of 10 South Bethlehem landowners gathered at the Selkirk firehouse to unveil their findings. All are members of the neighborhood group Bethlehem Residents Environmentally Against Trash Hauling (BREATH), and all own homes that sit in the often-ambiguous zoning code known as Rural Not Zoned. The neighborhood organization was initially formed to fight Waste Management's proposed truck maintenance facility along Route 144; now they've taken on the added task of clarifying zoning issues in the area.

"It's better for us to give our feedback, what we want rather than having it imposed by the town on us," said Richard Zaranko of Selkirk.

The Rural Not Zoned code has created confusion and launched a legal battle between BREATH, Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals and Waste Management over how the code should be interpreted. While it's not certain what the outcome of the latest court appeal — filed by Waste

Management to overturn a state Supreme Court decision banning the facility — will be, there is one certainty. Both the town board and dozens of southern Bethlehem residents seem to be in agreement that the area must be re-zoned.

BREATH's self-assigned committee to examine the Rural Not Zoned district along Route 144 has determined a

zoning codes selected by the group are among the most restrictive types of zoning the town has on the books.

"These codes are more clearly defined than Rural Not Zoned. We feel it more accurately represents the area as it is today," said Marcus Poirier of Selkirk.

The southern end of Bethlehem has dozens of single-family homes, yet they aren't listed as permitted uses for the land under the Rural Not Zoned code. By changing the code to AAA residential and CCC commercial, homes and some businesses would be allowed but heavy industrial use of the land

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combination of residential and commercial codes would work best.

Under BREATH's proposal, the majority of land on both sides of Route 144 stretching from Lyons Road to the town of Coeymans would be zoned for residential use with the exception of one parcel: land on the western side of Route 144, stretching from the Thruway south to Route 396. The plot of land, where a garage already sits, would be zoned for commercial use. The types of residential and commercial

would be prohibited.

In a letter sent to roughly 60 landowners who would be directly affected by the change, BREATH urged residents to attend the meeting and air their concerns. The group received only

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FEMA funds to aid storm cleanup

By KRISTEN OLBY

The federal government is doling out money to municipalities hit hard by this year's winter storms. The towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland and the village of Voorheesville will receive a portion of \$2.85 million being divided among 19 counties by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Local governments could apply for federal assistance to help recoup costs associated with snow removal after the Christmas Day

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Town police make animal cruelty, DWI arrests

Michael Rafferty, 36, of 32 Esplande St., Selkirk, was recently arrested for allegedly beating his dog Buster in April. Witnesses reported to Bethlehem police Rafferty punched his labrador retriever several times in the head and ribs on April 22. Police had charged Rafferty with failure to provide food and drink for the animal and

for allowing the dog to run loose. After additional interviews were conducted police also charged Rafferty with animal cruelty and torturing/injuring an animal, a misdemeanor.

Nicolas Valdez, 24, of 1206 Vermont View Drive, Watervliet, was stopped for speeding on May 3 at 2:47 a.m. while driving on

Delaware Avenue.

Police said Valdez failed to stop for police when they attempted to pull him over at Lincoln Avenue. Valdez later stopped at Rural Place, where police say they discovered a large bag of marijuana in the vehicle. Valdez later failed a chemical test, according to police, and was charged with DWI, failure to

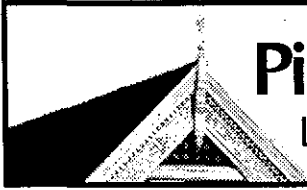
comply and possession of marijuana.

Renee Rauche, 27, of Dayton, Ohio, was stopped on May 4 at 1:55 a.m. when police say they witnessed her cross the white fog line and center yellow line while driving on Route 144. Police say Rauche failed field sobriety tests and refused a chemical test. Rauche was charged with DWI.

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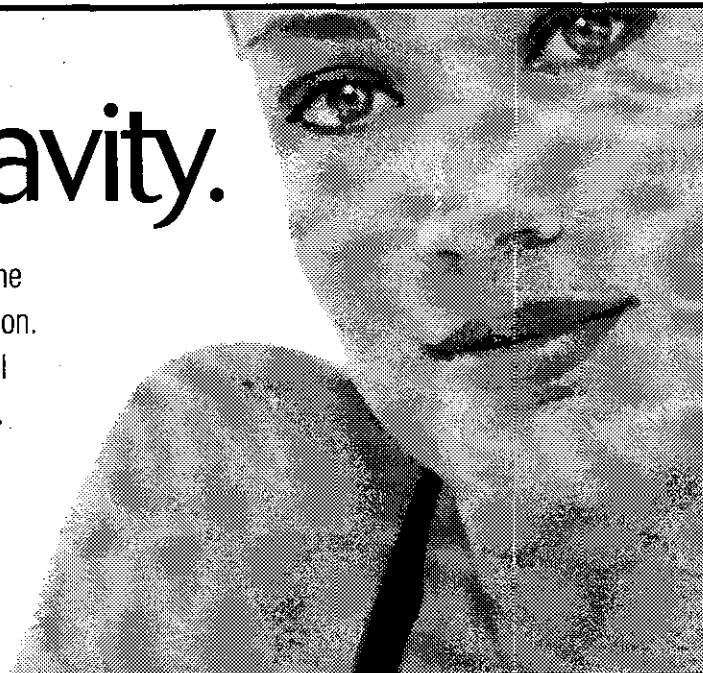
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Group forms to fight 2001 Patriot Act

By KRISTEN OLBY

A newly formed Bethlehem group opposed to the passage of the USA Patriot Act will hold an educational forum in June to rally support for its cause. The nine-member Bethlehem Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BBRDC) believes the act, which was designed to help law enforcement fight terrorism, compromises the freedoms and rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

The acronym stands for Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism. Signed by President George W. Bush in October 2001, the law gives new powers to both domestic law enforcement and international intelligence agencies.

"This is an overreaction," said Delmar resident Nancy Scholes of the post-9/11 legislation.

Scholes and other members of BBRDC say the law has eliminated the checks and

slope when you begin to take that away," said Melanie Trimble of the Capital District New York Civil Liberties Union.

With the additional powers granted under the law, government agencies are permitted to search homes with no one present and to delay notification indefinitely. In addition, the law eliminates the need for the FBI to show "probable cause" before conducting secret searches or surveillance to obtain evidence of a crime.

"They just need to have suspicion," explained Trimble.

Opponents of the law believe this provision violates the Fourth Amendment right to be secure from "search and seizures."

The FBI is also authorized under the law to compel libraries to reveal the reading lists of book borrowers without informing them. Library personnel are permitted from disclosing they've been ordered to produce such documents.

"Our government is doing everything possible to try to restrict our basic democratic freedoms here at home," said Scholes of the provision.

The educational forum is designed to raise awareness about the act and how it will affect the lives of U.S. citizens.

"We want to educate our community members and put our local legislators on notice that we're concerned about the threats to our civil liberties," said Scholes.

Speakers lined up for the engagement include Susan Novotny of the Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Barbara Nichols Randall of the Guilderland Public Library and Melanie Trimble of the Capital District NYCLU.

The Bethlehem group is considering pushing for a resolution to be passed at the town level, declaring the community a "Civil Liberties Safe Zone."

More than 150 cities, towns and counties in 35 states have either passed or are considering passing similar resolutions, according to the Bill of Rights Defense Committee based in Massachusetts. The Albany Common Council will vote on a similar resolution this month.

"It's not enforceable, it's a formality but I think it's important for people in the town of Bethlehem to realize they can have a voice," said Trimble.

Current co-sponsors of the forum include Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, New York Civil Liberties Union and the League of Women Voters.

The forum will be held June 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall. For information, call 475-1773.

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Melanie Trimble

balances that previously gave courts the opportunity to ensure law enforcement powers are not abused.

Stunned by the new-found authority granted to government agencies, several members of the anti-war group Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace branched out a month ago to formally oppose the act.

"We decided to channel our energy to restoring democracy here at home," said Scholes of the organization's birth.

The law creates a new crime referred to as domestic terrorism that's defined as any criminal act dangerous to human life that "appears to be intended ... to influence the policy of government by intimidation or coercion." Members of BBRDC believe the definition could apply to acts of civil disobedience and restrict their right to free speech.

"The government is now infringing on freedoms that we've fought for throughout our entire existence. It's a very slippery

Feestelijk fun



Tess Klugman and Mike Klugman dance to Hair of the Dog tunes at Feestelijk last Saturday.

Jim Franco

Rescuers team up for retrievers

By KRISTEN OLBY

An overabundance of golden retrievers in Tennessee and a shortage of the breed available for adoption in the Capital District has prompted two animal rescue groups thousands of miles apart to join forces.

Peppertree Rescue, located in Albany with several volunteers based in Bethlehem, recently teamed up with Memphis Area Golden Retriever Rescue to save the lives of hundreds of golden retrievers.

"We have a lot of people on our waiting list. We probably have over 200 people waiting for golden retrievers or golden retriever mixes," said Karen Harmon of Bethlehem, who volunteers for Peppertree.

The demand for golden retrievers doesn't surprise Harmon, who says the breed has become known as an ideal family dog.

"They have beautiful temperaments, they're very attractive. Golden dogs are more popular than black dogs in general," said Harmon.

With scores of dog enthusiasts longing for retrievers, Peppertree approached the Memphis Rescue in search of adoptable dogs. The inquiry was pleasant news to Phil Simmons who coordinates adoptions for the Memphis Rescue and often has at least 15 golden retrievers waiting for a second chance at life.

"All of these people have waiting lists for goldens and we have goldens," said Simmons, who believes the collaboration is a perfect fit.

The Memphis rescue accepts goldens from the immediate area and neighboring states of Mississippi and Arkansas. Despite the organization's ongoing effort to place dogs,

there remains a constant overabundance of retrievers.

"Too many puppy mills, no spay or neuter laws and a lot of rural area; people just let their dogs run loose," said Simmons of the overpopulation.

Last year, the Memphis Animal Shelter euthanized roughly 8,000 dogs, according to a shelter official, but Simmons was able to rescue 46 golden retrievers from the facility.

In October, Simmons teamed up with a Vermont rescue group to place golden retrievers in the Green Mountain State. The collaboration became a success, with seven dogs finding new homes.

Since linking with Peppertree a month ago, Simmons has received 10 applications for goldens from New York and is actively working to place two dogs.

When a match is made, the Canine Underground Railroad, or a "CUR" run for short, kicks off. A network of volunteers will donate their time, driving a dog one leg of the trip — usually about 100 miles — using their own vehicle and gas.

"It's all volunteers, people love

the animals and a lot of times it means they're saving a particular dog's life by doing it," said Harmon.

It may take up to 16 volunteers to complete the 1,200-mile trip from Tennessee to New York. Volunteers usually sign up for a portion of the drive through e-mail.

Coordinating the transport and finding enough volunteers to complete the trip is the most daunting part of placing a dog out of state, according to Simmons.

"If we can solve that problem, then that will be the key to really placing a lot of dogs," said Simmons, who's even considered asking long-distance truck drivers to assist in transports.

With two upstate New York adoptions under way, Peppertree is optimistic the golden retriever effort will link loving homes with needy dogs.

"If we can even out the supply and demand it will save a lot of dogs from being put down," said Harmon.

To learn about the golden retriever rescue effort offered through Peppertree, call 435-7425 or log on to the group's Web site at www.peppertree.org.

Board to appoint justice

A vacant Bethlehem town justice position created when Theresa Egan stepped down from her post to make a run for supervisor will soon be filled.

The town board will appoint an interim justice to fill the post until an election is held in November. As of Friday, Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller had received four resumes from individuals seeking the justice position.

The board expects to interview candidates this week and appoint a justice at its next meeting on May 14.

One candidate has already stepped forward to add his name to the ballot in November. Paul F.

Dwyer will run on the Democratic ticket after gaining his party's endorsement last week. Dwyer, of Slingerlands, is an attorney who has practiced law for 27 years.

Dwyer is a solo practitioner in Albany, focusing on civil and criminal trial work, and serves as one of two deputy town prosecutors in Bethlehem.

He spent 17 years prosecuting cases as an assistant district attorney in the Albany County DA's office. For the last 16 years he has also taught business law at Siena College.

The 53-year-old is the father of three and lives in Slingerlands with his wife Patricia.

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Life changes offer new challenges, opportunities

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

In one more week, the new leaves on the trees will be bigger and a rich, deep color. Now, they are tentatively green and their shapes are like infants' feet — they are leaves, but they're so small that they still look like little miracles inspiring wonder. The new leaves are so fine and delicate that at the tops of the trees, they look like lacy webs sketched against the warming blue sky.

As the earth hums back to life, many things are coming to an end. On the Monday after the April school vacation, I prodded my children out of bed with the promise that they are on the downhill slide to the end of the school year, a thought that has already sent parents diving for information about summer programs.

Like the warm temperatures and sunshine that spring gives and takes away, summer is still a little distance away and there will be plenty of spelling words, math packets, projects and General Mills box tops to collect before

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the year is over.

Here and there, though, conclusions are starting to be drawn. Last week, 10-year-old Cormac and his Cub Scout den left a part of themselves behind as they crossed the blue and yellow bridge that led them to what the Play Station generation would cheerfully describe as the next level, Boy Scouts. Chris and I have known these boys since they were 6 and worked with two other adults as their leaders for the past four years. We have watched them rake leaves; corralled them on nature trails to get them to identify leaves and bark; watched them race their balsa-wood cars for fun and hot dogs; watched them sketch houses, flags and cars; and listened to them chat with each

other about the finer details of Pokémon, Mario and Luigi and Yu-gee-oh cards.

While we are looking forward to having every other Saturday morning free, we will miss these boys who have given us such a great perspective on the generation for which we feel responsible. Wherever they go, the boys who were ever in the den will do well, for they are a funny, friendly, open-hearted group, each with his own talents to offer the world. We were lucky to have been able to spend this time with them.

Cormac was sad about the ending of Cub Scouts, even though there's been more than one Saturday morning in the last few years when the warmth of his bed or the glow of cartoons held more appeal than finding his scarf and cap to join his friends. Now that Cub Scouts is finished, it turns out it was one of his favorite things to do, and he's a little sad ahead of time for the coming end to his elementary school days. Perhaps the parenting gods will bless us, and he will want to savor the end of his school year so much that he will leap joyfully from his bed each day, eat a healthy breakfast, dress and brush his teeth cheerfully and do his homework immediately upon returning home.

Motherhood — it's all about the optimism. My own mother retires from her 44-year-career as a nurse this month, a change she seems more than eager to welcome. She has combined this career with raising five children,

handling crises and adversity at home and at work, and still humming as she prepares dinner in the kitchen. She is young and healthy, and I hope she enjoys the time when nobody is clamoring for her attention.

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few weeks about this monumental change, one he knows makes us sad and terrified even as we rejoice for him.

He is noncommittal as the best of teenage boys are when I ask him how he thinks life will be different now. In spite of the indecipherable noise he makes deep in his throat when asked a question, I notice that his eyes are shining at the prospect of turning 13. Our deepest wish that our children grow up happy, healthy

and able to articulate and achieve their hearts' desire is tempered only by wistfulness, as we realize that each year takes them another step away from us.

The hairy-legged 13-year-old boy who towers over me seems like a different person than the 4-month-old baby whose tiny fist once clutched my shoulder while his head bobbed above it to look at the world. I was his whole world once upon a time — his food source, his ticket to the outside world and the one who picked him up and hugged him when he fell.

I am still the one who feeds him and drops him off at friends' houses, but I'm also the one who won't let him go to friends' houses unless a parent is home, who pushes him to do just a little better at school and who winces when he and his friends crank up Linkin Park or Alien Ant Farm and threaten the house's structural integrity with the jumping that ensues.

I often wish I could go back and visit those younger years that were so exhausting. I love that my children can fix their own snack and can go outside without my having to escort them, but I miss the days when their little footed-pajama bodies fit perfectly in my lap and their weight grew heavier as they drifted off to sleep. Change, I tried to tell Cormac, comes, and we have to hold the happy times in our hearts and trust that we will be more joy in the years to come.

My children are at great turning points in their lives, and while I am a little sad at the years gone forever, I am excited for all the possibilities waiting for them. To Christopher's teenage dismay, I recited Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" a while ago.

"Not the dude standing in the woods, pondering which way to go," he groaned.

It's yet another big mommy challenge, to not entirely believe his cynicism and to ignore it so that my beliefs and thoughts can hopefully have some influence on him as he takes this big step on the road of his own life. He is lucky to be 13 — whichever road he chooses, he is young enough that it will still make all the difference to him.

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Delmar woman writes about the great outdoors

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

As spring settles in to the Capital District, it inspires us with thoughts of warm weather activities. If you've always thought that your family might enjoy camping, but you weren't sure how to get them started, Delmar resident Jessica Loy has just the book for you.

Follow the Trail, A Young Person's Guide to the Great Outdoors, contains an attractive mix of practical, easy-to-follow tips about equipment and safety, photos of things to see and do outside; and suggestions and games for families to enjoy outdoors.

The book is written for kids age 7 to 12, but parents will also enjoy its matter-of-fact presentation of topics that include preparing "bear bags" to keep food safe and instructions for building a campfire.

To write *Follow the Trail*, Loy combined her family's love of the great outdoors with her professional skill as a painter. She is an associate professor of graphic design at The College of Saint Rose.

"I actually took a sabbatical a while ago to write a book about our family's annual trip to Maine," Loy said. "I included a lot of the places we always stop, the flea markets we visit and facts about the seashore."

When Loy sent the book to publishers, Henry Holt called her, saying that while they liked the style of her book, they had recently done a seashore book. Together, Loy and her editor came up with the idea for *Follow the Trail*.

Loy worked for two years on the book, spending a lot of time planning and designing it.

"I did it in an unusual way," Loy said. "Because I'm a designer, I designed it first then wrote the text last. I went on a lot of expeditions, finding the imagery to photograph and going into the

studio to do a lot of the silhouette work."

Loy had a little help from her two daughters, 12-year-old Emma and 9-year-old Lydia Loy-Santelli. They, along with their friends, Europa Baker, Zachary Herman and Bobby O'Connor, appear throughout the book, offering suggestions for things like map-making and leaf rubbings. Many of the photographs of the children were taken at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Several of the Loy-Santelli girls' illustrations also appear in the book.

"Emma and Lydia were my greatest critics," Loy said. "If I wasn't sure about something, I could ask them what they thought. They had good advice and suggested a lot of interesting things."

"I learned a lot doing this book," Loy said.

On one hike, for instance, she encountered a dagger moth, which she was eventually able to identify at the State Museum.

Loy grew up hiking and camping with her parents — who were also painters. As a child, she went to summer camp at Echo Camp for Girls on Raquette Lake.

Although the camp is now defunct, Loy loved the five-day canoe trips and hikes the campers often took.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Tyler School of Art, she lived for 10 years in New York City, where she was a graphic



Jessica Loy

designer for employers including as ABC-TV, HBO and Rupert Murdoch's enterprises

Loy met her husband, Tom Santelli, a photographer who heads the photography department at The College of Saint Rose, in New York. Both attended graduate school at Rochester Institute of Technology and took a long trip to the Adirondack West before eventually settling in Delmar.

When Emma and Lydia were born, they joined their parents on hiking trips in backpacks. Today, all four try to hike one or two Adirondack high peaks each summer and spend some time camping.

Loy hopes that this will be the first of many children's books that

she will write.

She also hopes that *Follow the Trail* will help other families enjoy the outdoors. Loy has set up a number of programs inspired by the book, which she will present throughout the summer and can do for school and community groups.

She will present different programs at Voorheesville Public Library July 7, 9 and 21, and at Bethlehem Public Library on July 17.

Loy will be signing copies of *Follow the Trail* at The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza on May 18 from 2 to 4 p.m., and at the Open Door bookstore in Schenectady on May 31 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

For information about *Follow the Trail*, programs and signings, check out the book's Web site, Followthetrail.tripod.com.

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Matters of Opinion

Funny things happen

By all accounts, Gus Williams is just your average Joe — a guy who is comfortable hanging with his friends at the VFW Post or at the local American Legion.

But the Delmar resident isn't average anymore, thanks to last Saturday's victory by Funny Cide at the Kentucky Derby — a horse he co-owns with a group of friends that founded Sackatoga Stables several years ago. Now, he's possibly the most famous resident in the town's history.

Winning the Kentucky Derby isn't like winning any other thoroughbred race. It's like a golfer winning the Masters or an Olympian winning a gold medal. It's like being part of a Stanley Cup-winning hockey team or hoisting the Vince Lombardi Trophy after winning the Super Bowl. It is the biggest prize horse racing has to offer, and it's only the first race of the Triple Crown.

Funny Cide had to buck every trend to pull it off, too. A 12-1 longshot, he was the first gelding to win the Derby since 1929 and the first-ever New York-bred horse to receive the bed of roses that is so famously awarded to the champion.

Likewise, Williams and Sackatoga Stables overcame some long odds. A small-time operation (they have only two other horses), they went up against horses representing some of the largest horse racing syndicates in the United States. Steven Spielberg had a stake in one of the other 15 horses in the field. A Saudi Arabian prince was a part-owner of another entry.

These are people who spend millions of dollars on what they hope will be a Derby champion. Williams and his friends spent \$75,000 on Funny Cide. The return on their investment last Saturday was more than \$800,000 — the winner's share of the Derby's \$1 million purse.

There are still two races left in the Triple Crown — the Preakness in Baltimore and the Belmont in New York City. Should Funny Cide win those, he would become the first Triple Crown winner in 24 years.

Those may be long odds, but as Gus Williams' horse has already proven, long odds don't bother Funny Cide.

Be nice to mom

On Mother's Day this Sunday, most kids will try to do something special for mom, who rarely if ever gets time off or time for herself to use as she pleases.

By and large, there is precious little time for pampering moms, who most often do the lion's share of nurturing her brood through childhood.

Sometimes it's hard to remember that most moms carry a 24/7 load, with no time off for good behavior.

Hold that thought on Mother's Day this Sunday.

Editorials

Parenting is one heck of a ride

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The author is a freelance writer who lives in Delmar.

The trick to learning how to ride a two-wheeler is to keep pedaling and to remember that you can always put your feet down. If you don't want to tip over, you need to keep pedaling, keep moving forward and stay focused on your goal.

You must also realize that you might fall off the bike and skin a knee or knock out a tooth, but that

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you'll need to get right back on and begin again.

My parents don't remember who taught me how to ride without training wheels. What I remember is that someone was supposed to be holding the seat and running alongside the bike as I pedaled my way around the court in front of our house.

One day as I rounded the circle, I was quite shocked to see that the person who seconds earlier had insisted, "Don't worry. I'm holding on" was in fact, standing on the opposite side of the court across the grassy area.

This is where my memory fades, because I can't recall whether I was pleasantly surprised to be flying solo or whether I promptly fell off the bike. I do know that I eventually mastered the concept of balance and rode my bike with confidence (and could sometimes even let go of the handle bars).

Many years later, I began applying the concepts of successful bike riding to the joy ride of motherhood. Motherhood doesn't exactly come with training wheels, but I've had the support of individuals who, figuratively, have been holding onto my seat. With their help, I maintain the balance in my life.

When I was a brand-new mother, I particularly appreciated people who refrained from saying, "You must be so happy," at a time



Rachel Sutor, on bike, gets some help from her mom, Robin Sutor, and friends Abby Purdy, Caroline Purdy and Claire Purdy.

when I was an exhausted, overwhelmed slave to a 7-pound creature.

As a new parent, I actively sought the guidance of experienced mothers, hanging on their every word as if they had all the answers. Eventually I realized that we're all more or less just muddling our way through parenthood, through trial and error. And before long, I became the "experienced mother" dispensing advice to unsuspecting newcomers.

I continue to swap stories of parental woes with friends, neighbors and co-workers. It is a relief to hear other parents asking the same questions about their children: Why do they move slower when we say hurry? Why do they explode in frustration when a tiny bit of their lunch falls on the ground? Why can't they sit when they eat — you know, actually sit on their bottom centered on their chair and facing the table, instead of perched on the chair in a crouching position or half sitting, ready to jump and run off?

I am especially grateful to my friend Claire, who I grew up with, and to my friend Donna, who I met in Lamaze class. We share discipline tips, methods for easing the pain of ear infections and suggestions for kid-friendly vacation spots. We also meet for dinner out, gab about diets, talk about books we've read and exchange ideas for home decorating.

Donna's family and mine take vacations together. And Claire and I always go out to celebrate our birthdays, which fall just one day apart.

Bear with me as I overworked the bicycle analogy, but these women, along with my mother, sister and sisters-in-law, have been my elbow pads, my knee pads and my helmet.

We encourage each other to keep pedaling, even when we are tired, to keep things in perspective when we are overwhelmed and to count our blessings.

Several months ago, 6-year-old Rachel said, "Are you a woman or a mommy?" When I told her I was both a woman and a mommy, she was initially dubious.

So I asked her whether she

was a girl or a daughter, and she admitted, with a giggle, that she was a girl and a daughter.

"Not only that, I told her, 'but you are much more. You are a soccer player, a dancer, and artist, a granddaughter, a niece, to name a few.'"

I went on to point out that I am also a writer, an improvisational comedian, a contract manager, a wife, a daughter, a sister and an aunt. I told her that her daddy was a man, a brother, a computer analyst and a bowler. "And a woodworker," Rachel added, delighted to have caught on.

My friends and I have caught on that the way to become a more competent, confident mother is to remember our multiple talents and accept the fact that we can't control everything and learn from our past mistakes. We need to set goals and make time for ourselves.

Recently, my husband and I began teaching our daughter to ride a two-wheeler. Jeff's the one who hangs on to the seat, or at least maintains the impression of literal support. My role is to shout the words of encouragement. My hope is that the importance of balance and self-confidence will remain with her on and off the shiny purple 18-inch Huffy, that she'll give and seek the support of others, and that if she starts to lose her balance, she'll find a way to put her feet down and begin again.

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Matters of Opinion

Protestors do have grasp of big picture

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to the Point of View written by Joseph Cardamone, entitled "Protestors fail to grasp big picture" in the April 9 edition.

In my opinion, Mr. Cardamone fails to grasp the big picture. He makes many naïve statements, such as when he questions the innocence of the civilians in Iraq, and other statements I will address. There are so many facts that most Americans aren't aware of, because you have to dig to find the real truth, as the rest of the world sees it. Just as one example, we don't hear about the civilian devastation we are causing in Iraq right now.

Most of the media do not tell you the whole story, and some of the individual reporters who do have been fired from their positions.

Mr. Cardamone states that anti-war protestors are acting in selfishness and that we don't offer an alternative solution to war. This is ludicrous. I wonder if he has bothered asking any of us what our solution would be. I would suggest talking to people rather than killing them.

I suggest going with the advice of the rest of the world, or at least those countries who have the guts to stand up to our government. They wanted to allow the inspections to continue. Our war against the people of Iraq will put us in more danger of attack because it builds hatred against our country. Our government wants to be able to bully the rest of the world around to serve its interests. And as author Howard Zinn said at a talk recently, this war goes against what we as Americans stand for, or used to stand for. It is patriotic to stand up to our government when our government is wrong. We the people have the right to make that choice. Recently, our rights of free speech have been curtailed all over the country, with peaceful, legal protestors being cornered, beaten, shot with rubber bullets, and arrested. What has happened to our democracy?

Mr. Cardamone also states that the anti-war protestors are terrorizing our own country, by standing peacefully on the sidewalk with a sign.

Am I missing something? I have to say that when the pro-war rally appeared at Four Corners, I found the individuals involved to be aggressive, macho, and ready

to pick a fight. This is terrorizing behavior and it's the same attitude that gets us into wars. My assumption about them is that they feel it's all right to go out there and kill people to gain our own peace of mind. Where is the sense in this?

I get more upset every day with the insanity of it all and the helplessness that I feel. I have to wonder if Mr. Cardamone has ever spent time in another country. So many in this country

haven't, and therefore have this vague idea that other people in the world just don't matter quite as much as we do because they're not real to us; and also that they are all one big bad guy out there in the Middle East. Right now our government is the terrorist, killing so many innocent people because we hate their leader.

This attack on Iraq has nothing to do with 9/11. Bush used the 9/11 attack as a false tactic to do what he has wanted to do in Iraq

since his father failed to finish the job.

Finally, I want to say that we each have the right to our own opinion and to express it in a way that doesn't harm others. However, it is not OK to make ignorant assumptions about others and what they think or stand for.

Peggy Lombardo
Slingerlands

Where's the Buddha?

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Matters of Opinion

Freedom of speech is freedom for everyone

Editor, The Spotlight:

Mark Lewis, who felt great despair for attacks on free speech in his letter April 30, should be comforted and encouraged, based solely on his own experience.

Despite Mr. Lewis' concerns, he has demonstrated more than once the right Americans have to freedom of speech. Not only did he express his opinion in *The Spotlight*, Mr. Lewis also expressed his opinion in a letter to the *Times Union* on April 24, and according to a comment in

his letter, in a speech defending dissent.

While Mr. Lewis says he is concerned about attacks on free speech, his letters convey intolerance for anyone who, exercising their freedom of speech, happens to disagree with his beliefs. The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights says Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech. It does not say the the speech has to be acceptable to Mr. Lewis.

Leonard Carusone Sr.
Delmar

GOP should endorse Egan

Editor, The Spotlight:

Not being much for partisan politics, I was delighted nonetheless to read that Judge Terri Egan has declared her candidacy for town supervisor.

The *Spotlight* article indicated a Republican Party candidate has

yet to be named. Given Judge Egan's qualifications, I think it would be great if the GOP would endorse her as well.

Why pass up such a fine opportunity?

Jon Bartow
Slingerlands

Resident says thanks for fine service

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to compliment the Sewer Department on its efficiency, pleasant manner and willingness to accommodate a convenient time for grinder pump annual maintenance.

Ken and Eric were prompt as usual, friendly and polite as well as trained in grinder pump service.

I would also like to mention Bruce, Tom, Jason, Joe and Gaylord who have serviced my grinder pump in the past.

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Town needs to adopt growth plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

I enthusiastically support Dan Button's request for a comprehensive growth plan for the town of Bethlehem.

I am not a longstanding resident of Delmar. I moved here after my husband died. I was excited about living in a quiet little place with little or no traffic, plenty of green space, bird songs and the joys of country living. Much to my amazement, I found traffic almost as bad and sometimes worse than in Albany.

When I first came here, I would see deer come out of a yard on Elm Avenue and cross in front of me almost every day on my way to do errands. That doesn't happen any more. There is so much traffic on Elm Avenue that the deer don't stand a chance. If I had a home on Elm Avenue, I would be crying bitter tears over the total wreckage of my environment.

I hope there are some Delmar residents who feel strongly about the issue of a plan for the present and future growth of our town and will let their voices be heard to halt the development that is really threatening the character of this lovely place.

Charlotte Alston
Delmar

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Local teen supports youth leader for post

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was very excited to read that Joe Catalano is being considered as a Republican candidate for the town supervisor position. Joe would be one person in government who not only understands youths but goes out of his way to support us. He is someone who truly relates to us and respects our decisions.

I met Joe through the St. Thomas Youth Group two years ago. Since then, I have realized how dedicated, to and how knowledgeable he is about this community.

Joe volunteers at the Elsmere Fire Dept. where he serves as vice president. He is frequently at various school events as a chaperone, parent and friend. Joe gets to know everyone in the community, and I feel just meeting him and feeling the energy that he radiates would be a spark that Bethlehem could use.

Joe really knows how to get the youth of this community involved. He constantly has us immersed in service projects and other activities in town. I realized how dedicated Joe was when he drove two of my friends and me home from a school dance that he chaperoned after our ride fell through.

Knowing that Joe was in this town and working for a wonderful cause would make me want to come back to the community after college. As I head off to Colgate in August, I can't help but think of my future, and I know that Joe would make this town an amazing place to come back to.

Joe has a special power to motivate and energize everyone he comes in contact with, and I hope that his position will expose his positive qualities to everyone in the town.

Kate Metevia
Delmar

Catalano has right stuff to fill supervisor slot

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was thrilled to read that Joe Catalano might be running for town supervisor of Bethlehem.

I grew up in Delmar, and like Joe, I never left the area. I was fortunate to be able to start my own business and now have many offices throughout the state. I've known Joe for a long time, and he has a keen business sense.

I witnessed this firsthand when he worked for the New York State Higher Education Services Corp. and again for Solomon and

Solomon, P.C. He has a clear understanding of budgets and how to run a very efficient operation. He's a great businessman.

I know that Joe can grow the town in a way that will keep our local businesses healthy and attract new businesses that fit our town. I'm sure that Joe will fight for our local businesses, but never change the character of our wonderful town.

Leonard Kalmer
Slingerlands

Good Sam deserves kudos for excellent patient care

Editor, The Spotlight:

After a lengthy hospitalization, my husband Richard was transferred to Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar for rehab.

With all the negative publicity about patient care and unfair labor practices in local nursing homes, I must express my appreciation to the staff at Good Samaritan for their excellent care and the

compassion extended to our family.

I would highly recommend this facility to anyone requiring short-term or long-term care. Delmar can be proud to house this establishment.

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Give mom greatest gift – the gift of time

By DONNA J. BELL

Every year my husband asks, "What do you want for Mother's Day? And every year I answer, "More time."

It seems these days that "time" is in very short supply. From July 7, 1992, the date I gave birth to my first-born, time has been my most precious commodity. One day I woke up and the 24 hours I used to be able to schedule at my will were gone. Now "my time" equaled five to six hours of dead-to-the-world sleep a night – depending on the number of times I had to crawl out of bed in the dark to breast feed, soothe or change a diaper. Before 7/7/92, I used to get pedicures; after 7/7/92, I switched from sassy sandals to sneakers. Before baby I spent fun business lunches at some of D.C.'s trendiest restaurants – after baby, I spent lunchtime sitting in a toilet stall pumping breast milk while gnawing on a leftover bagel grabbed from a street stand on the way in to work.

I only survived that period because of one thought that ran like a mantra through my mind, "It will get easier, it will get easier." All of my friends who were experienced parents just nodded and smiled. I thank them to this day for not telling me what I now know – it never gets easier, it just gets different.

For as soon as your children are past toddlerhood and are able to eat on their own, use the potty by themselves and hop in and out of the car, they need you even more. Now the "entertain me – watch me" stage begins. Moms and dads are now enlisted to play "kitty cats," to read the same story

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over and over and over (I know of many parents who will run screaming out of the room when a copy of 'Are you My Mother?' appears), and to listen to endless variations of hysterical (from a 4-year-old perspective) knock-knock jokes that often center about bodily functions.

"Knock, knock. Whose there? Daddy. Daddy who? Daddy poop pants." Which used to be my clue to fall (literally) on the floor laughing. Why fall on the floor? I made the mistake once of thinking my son would find it funny, which he did, so for months on end all I heard after a joke was "On the floor mommy, on the floor." It was hard to explain that mommy could not fall to floor and roll around in the grocery store because mommy might be carted out in a tight white jacket with funny sleeves.

Once your children enter school, you have all the time in the world, right? Nice try. Now the school wants a piece of you, too. You now have to squeeze in hours to be "room mom," to help organize craft fairs and to sell candy bars and wrapping paper to anyone who breathes. Last year my husband gained 5 pounds because I didn't have time to sell the "recommended" number of candies, and he ended up eating 12 of the 15 gourmet chocolate truffle bars my son brought home. This year, I swear that my mom stopped returning my phone calls halfway through fundraising season.

The first year I was called on

to make dessert for the kindergarten Valentine's Day party, I made (from scratch) cherry and vanilla cupcakes with a buttercream frosting. Each treat was topped with a vibrant red, hand-formed heart, with the child's name written in gold dusted frosting. Last year, I raced from the grocery store to the school with a plastic container of pasty wedding-cake-white cupcakes, and as I sat in the parking lot I hurriedly stuffed red heart-shaped jelly candies on top.

When you get past kindergarten, you now have to think about after school lessons: the dance classes, the soccer practices, piano lesson, Brownies, Boy Scouts and religion class. In all the parenting books I read, not once did they mention that a good portion of your day would now be spend just driving and waiting. Driving to the event or lesson and sitting, and sitting and sitting

some more waiting for your child.

Another thing the baby books never mention is that even though you graduated from school, you get to do it all over again. Oh yes, we now broach the most dreaded time-stealer – homework. Sure your child needs to be independent. Sure your child needs to do the work on their own with just "helpful guidance" from mom or dad. Sure that is all a bunch of baloney and if you don't have children yet you better go take a refresher course on math and English at your local community college first.

The other day my son came home with a math problem that I first thought was a joke. "Your company is hired to complete work on bridge in 77 days. You hire 7 men to do the job, but on day 40 you discover that you have only completed 25 percent of the work. If each man works at the same rate, how many more men

will you need to hire to complete the bridge on time?"

My son and I went over a few figures and a few more. It became a challenge – I was smart, I could do it. No dang fifth grade math problem was going to get the better of me. My son said, "Mom, perhaps we could try..." I cut him off. "Hold on, let me think a second," I said tensely. Twenty minutes later, as I poured over calculations and scratched out equations, I looked up to realize that I sat alone at the kitchen table, and my son was watching cartoons in the living room. (By the way, I got the right answer.)

Ah yes, all I'm asking for is a few more hours added onto my day. Think of all the luxurious things I could do with my time: shower, eat sitting down, or maybe recline on the couch with a book that I might even open up and read. Oh well, I can dream, can't I?

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Middle school to present 'Wizard of Oz' at center

Voorheesville middle school will present "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, at 2 p.m. in the new performing arts center at the high school.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

Class of 1983 schedules reunion
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will hold its 20th reunion July 25 and 26.

The celebration includes a happy hour at Smith's Tavern in

Voorheesville and a barbecue at Western Turnpike Golf Course on Route 20 on Saturday.

Classmates are asked to send addresses (regular and e-mail) to Linda Anderson Stewart at stewarts1988@aol.com or call her at 478-7268 for information.

Garden Club to meet

The Helderview Garden Club will hold its next regular meeting

at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Village to sponsor concert of Friendship Singers

The village of Voorheesville will sponsor a concert featuring "The Friendship Singers" in the gazebo at Hotaling Evergreen Park (home of the Centennial Clock) on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

In case of rain the concert will be held at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville — across from the park.

The Friendship Singers are 18 women from Bethlehem and Albany, who sing and dance together. Their repertoire is from Broadway to Bach, from Cohan to the classics and beyond.

Voorheesville PTA plans book fair

The Voorheesville PTA will hold a 30 percent off Scholastic Book Fair in the elementary school's large gym on Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will also be a bake sale in the hallway outside the gym on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For information, call 765-9305 or e-mail MDZJ1@aol.com.

Church to dish up pork dinner

New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85 will serve a roast pork dinner on Saturday, May 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Kids under age 5 eat for free.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Five Rivers to host Hall of Fame Day

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will host a reception on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. to honor conservation professionals who have been stationed at the center in years past.

For information, call 475-0291.

Girl Scouts plan bake sale

Voorheesville Girl Scouts will hold their annual bake sale at SuperValu Foods on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

School board to meet

The next regular school board meeting will be on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the high school commons area.

Kiwanis to sponsor blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, May 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. at SuperValu Foods in Voorheesville.

New Scotland offers babysitting class

The town of New Scotland is sponsoring an American 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, participants should bring lunch, a drink, a snack, a pen and a pad of paper.

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Youth to host supper as trip fund-raiser

The youth group of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere is hosting a pasta supper on Friday, May 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the supper will support a mission trip to Honduras. Jami Rodman, Matt Mahony and Scott Heighton,

accompanied by John Arber of St. Stephen's and other members of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, will leave for Honduras on July 5.

The youth will be helping to build a bilingual Christian school in Honduras.

For information, call 439-1356.

Garden Club to conduct annual plant sale May 10

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will host the annual spring plant sale on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Delmar Dental Building, 344 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

There will be a wide selection

of annuals, perennials, vegetable plants, herbs and spices, potted plants, groundcovers, house plants, fresh-picked rhubarb and many unusual and uncommon plants to satisfy all your garden desires.

The proceeds from the sale are used to fund the many outreach activities of the club.

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

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Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-0609.

Local artist's work on display at library

The works of Elizabeth Mooney will be featured at Bethlehem Public Library throughout the month.

Mooney has been an amateur oil painter for more than 50 years.

She recently moved to the Capital District from Rockland County to be closer to her family.

Canadian author to speak *Time to consider updating bottle bill* at Friends reception

Mark your calendars for a special library event on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30pm. Canadian author and culture critic Douglas Glover will give a talk called "AOL Meets Gutenberg: Media Concentration, the Internet and Book Publishing."

The latest work in Glover's prolific output is a collection of

Glover's talk will be the main event at the annual meeting and reception of Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. The public is welcome. The talk follows a brief business meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Friends on the Green plan special picnic

Looking ahead, the public is also invited to "Friends on the Green," a "bring your own picnic" gathering sponsored by the Friends on the library grounds on June 5 beginning at 6 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be held at town hall. Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers will provide a lively Cajun accompaniment for this family event.

Who are the Friends?

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are volunteers committed to advocacy, financial support and cultural enrichment for the library. Friends have helped support a winter concert series at the library, furnished a children's reading nook, provided wheelchair-accessible computer tables and seed money for our collection of rental books.

Friends sponsor annual bus trips to New York City and raise funds through the sale of book bags (available at the circulation desk) and refreshments at library events.

Membership levels range from \$10 to \$250. Membership applications are available on literature racks in the library.

For information about the Friends or about the events described above, call Linda Miller-Lowry at 475-0737.

Louise Grieco

More than 63 billion containers, equal to 4.6 million tons, or approximately 70 percent of beverage containers bearing a 5 cent deposit have been redeemed under the New York Bottle Bill.

Litter has been reduced by 75 percent in the state, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Although the current bottle bill only covers carbonated soft drinks, beer and wine coolers, this has meant conservation of natural resources, cleaner parks and roadsides and less need for waste disposal.

An expanded bottle bill would include deposits on non-carbonated beverages, such as bottled water, teas, sport and juice drinks. These beverages barely

existed when the original bottle bill was enacted. Now they account for more than 22 percent of the beverage market.

Many non-returnable containers are consumed while on the road and therefore escape the normal recycling system. They are ending up as roadside litter or being thrown into the trash.

One question that arises in terms of making these beverages part of the bottle bill is whether this will increase the price of bottled ware and juice — no more than when packaging was

downsized or a product is placed in a new package and the price increases.

If you feel that the state Bottle Bill should be expanded, contact your local state elected officials to urge them to support an expansion to include non-carbonated beverage containers for a cleaner environment and more recycling.

The writer is recycling coordinator for the town of Bethlehem.



short stories called *Bad News of the Heart* (2003).

His fiction has appeared in numerous anthologies. His prodigious nonfiction production includes critical and autobiographical essays, interviews, culture criticism and more.

He has edited *Best Canadian Stories* since 1994.

His short story collections *Sixteen Categories of Desire* and *A Guide to Animal Behaviour* were recent finalists for two prestigious Canadian literary prizes.

From 1994-96, he produced and hosted "The Book Show" on WAMC-FM. In that capacity he has interviewed such illustrious authors as Joyce Carol Oates, Harold Bloom, Doris Grumbach, Tim O'Brien, David Mamet and many more.

A Canadian native, he is currently on the faculty of the MFA in Writing Program at Vermont College, where he is also fiction co-editor for the journal *Hunger Mountain Review*.

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The library has received some great book donations this year, including a good selection of recent hard cover fiction and biographies. Don't miss this! The sale begins at 5 p.m. on Friday with a preview night for Friends of the Library members only. If you are not already a member, you can join at the door. If you are

Voorheesville Public Library



a member now, bring your library card with it's yellow bookworm sticker for admittance.

The library community room will be closed for sale preparations beginning May 10. Volunteers are needed for a number of jobs, including baking for the Saturday bake sale. If you

can help, please call the library at 765-2791 to sign up or call Friends President Cindy Childs at 765-2911.

Look for the attractive lap quilt on display behind the circulation desk. It was created and hand sewn by the Nimblefingers group, and a drawing will be held for it as a fund raiser for the library Friends. Buy your tickets now.

Nimblefingers ladies will meet for a restaurant lunch on Tuesday, May 13. For information, contact Julie Stump at 765-2791.

The final adult book discussion of the season on Wednesday, June 4, starts with a potluck supper.

Bring a dish to share at 6:30 p.m. and join in the discussion of *Chocolat*, a novel by Joanne Harris.

Kids, book discussion in June will be of *Ella Enchanted*, the story of a girl named Ella and an impudent fairy named Lucinda. This book by Gail Carson Levine

is a variation on the Cinderella theme and should be of interest to both girls and boys.

Copies of discussion books are available when you sign up at the reference desk. After June, both groups will be on break until the fall.

Author Anthony Bernini will appear at the library on Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m. to read from his new poetry publication "Distant Kinships."

A reminder for gardeners that the library is accepting donations of perennial plants, particularly bergenia, nepeta, purple asters, allium sphaerocephalon, echinops, astilbe, monarda, beebalm and peonies. Plants can be dropped off at the library on Sunday afternoon, May 18.

For program details, library information and links to valuable, fun and educational sites, visit the Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Delmar orchestra to present concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Peter Cannistraci, will perform a program of classics pops and show tunes at the spring concert on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

There is no admission charge.

The Delmar Community Orchestra is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the sharing and enjoyment of music through ensemble playing. Instrumentalists age 12 and older of all levels of ability are invited to join. No auditions required. The orchestra performs several concerts throughout the year in a number of locations in and around Delmar. Visit the orchestra Web site at www.W.timesunion.com/communities/dco for information.

Fire co. sponsors scholarship program

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will once again be sponsoring its Community Service Scholarship for a Voorheesville High School senior.

This is a \$300 award to be awarded to a graduating senior that will be continuing their education in an accredited college or vocational program and has given their time and effort volunteering in their community for nonprofit organizations.

Applications can be obtained from the high school guidance office.

The deadline for these applications to be returned to the fire department is May 23. This award will be presented through the Dollars for Scholars program.

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Nature center slates events

Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center has scheduled upcoming events.

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Enjoy a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by a bird walk at 8 and a wildflower walk at 11. A limited number of binoculars are available for loan. To register, call

872-0800.

- Saturday, May 17, is date for the Spring Fest at Thacher Park.

This annual spring celebration includes live animals, displays, crafts, music and guided walks.

Learn about native wildlife with Beth Bidwell, search for salamanders and learn about fossils on guided walks, design and decorate a spring T-shirt and enjoy the music of the Knox Traditional Strings.

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Chiropractor returns to area

A former Delmar chiropractor will be returning to the area to open an office in the Glenmont Plaza this summer.

Jeff Riker plans to open Glenmont Chiropractic Office in the Route 9W plaza space formally occupied by a pet store. Riker will close the Ravena chiropractic office he opened with his brother, chiropractor John Riker, roughly a year-and-a-half ago.

"I miss taking care of folks in the town of Bethlehem," said Riker, whose wife Kim is a Delmar native.

Riker worked at Lee Masterson's Delaware Avenue chiropractic practice for five years before opening the Ravena office.

Riker is a 1994 graduate of the Cleveland Chiropractic College, which is based in Los Angeles.

Academy student wins award

Emmalie Dropkin of Delmar, a senior, at Albany Academy for Girls was named a winner at the Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair and Science Congress at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on March 22.

The competition, the regional level of the Intel International

Science and Engineering Fair, attracted top science students from throughout the area.

Dropkin took fifth place and the American Society for Microbiology Research Award with her project, "The Regulation of the Candida albicans Gene."

Dropkin will now represent the region at the New York State Science Congress in June.

Hill to sponsor free concert May 13

The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning is sponsoring a free concert featuring pianist Lincoln Mayorga on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

Works of Leonard Bernstein, Johannes Brahms, Louis Moreau Gootschalk, Frederryck Chopin, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and George Gershwin will be featured.

NS church to serve roast pork dinner

New Scotland Presbyterian Church will serve a roast pork dinner on Saturday, May 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children over age 5. The church is handicap accessible.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at Clarksville Mini Mall and Stewart's

Harlequin Players gear up for driving performance

The Harlequin Players will perform the comedy "Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road" on Friday and Saturday, May 9, 10, 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. and Sundays, May 11 and 18, at 2 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

Tickets are \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance. Matinee tickets are \$8.

"Marcus is Walking" was written to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the automobile. It is comprised of 11 vignettes each set in a car, with a wide range of

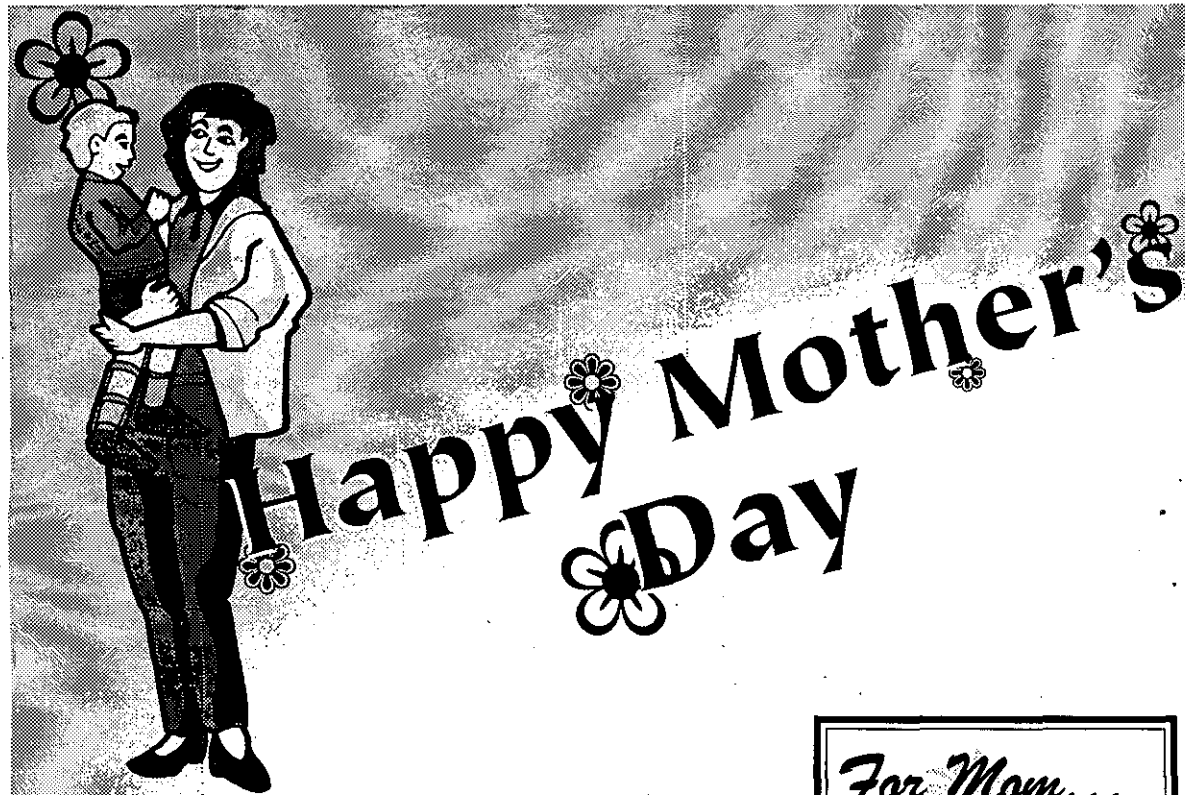
characters and situations.

The cast includes: Ron Bratspis, Diane Doring, Andy Dorr, Miriam Miller, Michele, Michele Marchese, Paul Nooney and Mark Musto.

This production completes the sixth season for the Harlequin Players, a nonprofit community theater group based in the Capital District. In addition to two full-scale productions a year, Harlequin performs children's shows for local libraries and cultural events.

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Christopher Fiore, Morgan Fluster, Bridget Ford and Lisa Frangella.

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Grade nine merit roll

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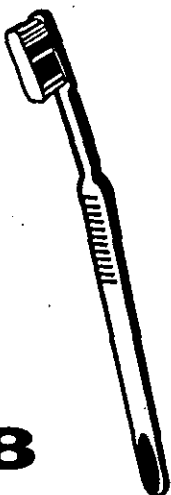
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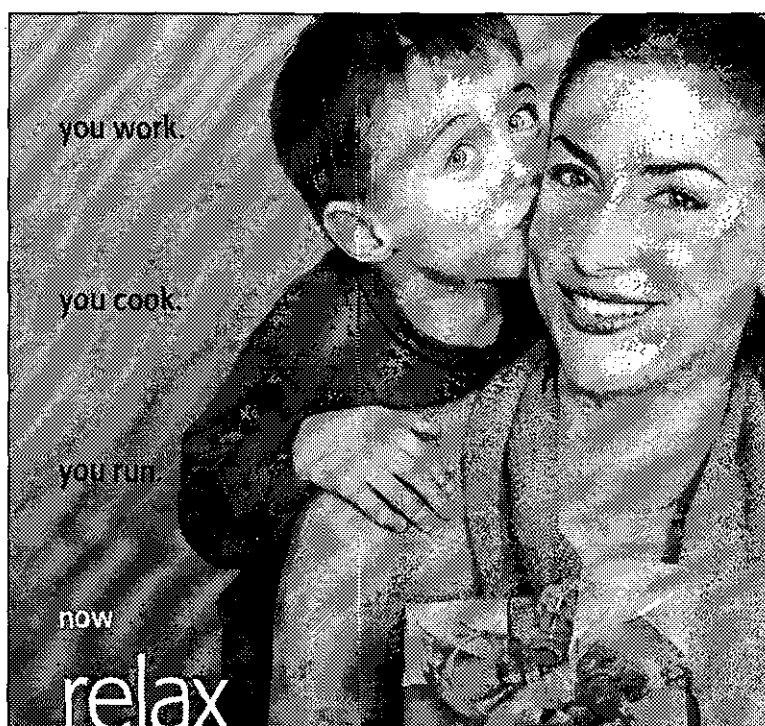
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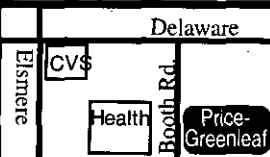
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Sports

Tri-Village Little League opens golden season

By ROB JONAS

Fifty years ago, Tri-Village Little League consisted of four teams and one field on a parcel of land off Kenwood Avenue.

Today, the league and the

complex now known as Magee Park have grown considerably. There are 65 teams spread over five divisions, and approximately 800 players between the ages of 6 and 12 are participating this year.

Last Saturday, the league

kicked off its golden anniversary season with a ceremony at the first field built at Magee Park, which now houses the Major Division teams. The ceremony included speeches from Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Albany County Executive Michael Breslin.

"It's another milestone in a fantastic organization that has been the most continuous competitive athletics in the town of Bethlehem," said Breslin, a former Tri-Village manager. "The kids learn so much from it. They learn they have to try, and if they fail, they have to get back up and try again."

Also present at the ceremony was the family of Art Fleahman, the first president and one of the founders of the league in 1953, and Jay Jakovic, the grandson of Harold Magee, who donated the land for the park.

"It was funny. I was speaking with my mother the other night, and she said it couldn't be 50 years," Jakovic said.

Like the league, Magee Park has grown by leaps and bounds. There are now five baseball fields, a concession stand and batting cages — but teams still have to play some games behind town hall and at Line Drive fields at the town park.

"The town has grown, so they're looking for space like everyone else," Fuller said.

The ceremony wrapped up with a special presentation honoring last year's Tri-Village Little League 12-year-old all-star team, which reached the state championship game before losing to Harlem 6-2 in seven innings. A sign commemorating the team's achievements was unveiled on the side of the concession stand.



Betty Fleahman addresses the crowd at last Saturday's opening ceremonies for Tri-Village Little League. Fleahman's late husband Art helped found the league and was the first president (1953-57). Standing next to Betty are her sons, Bruce (left) and Mark Fleahman. This is the 50th anniversary season for both Tri-Village Little League and Magee Park.

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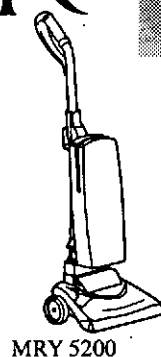
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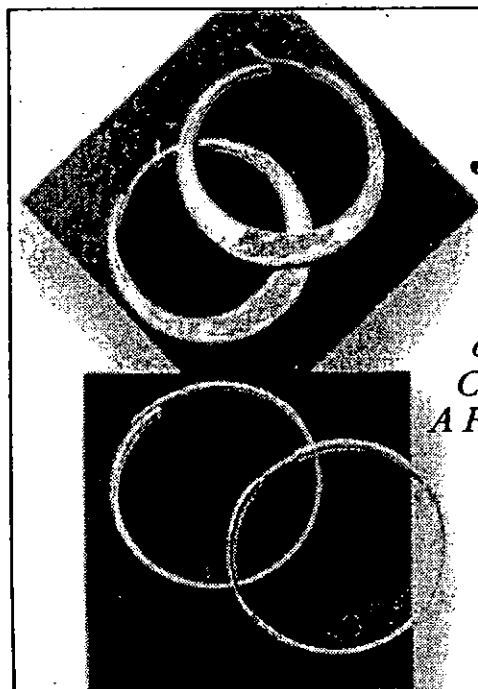
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By DAMIAN PAGANO

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causes pressure to build on the optic nerve, which can lead to loss of vision.

"Ten percent of the people who have it are legally blind," Kerback said. He estimated that glaucoma occurs in 1 to 2 percent of the adult population.

Glaucoma is always treatable, but the further along it is, the harder it is to treat. If detected early, glaucoma can be treated with medicine. If detected late, surgery could be necessary, both doctors said.

Adult onset diabetes commonly occurs in people between the ages of 40 and 50.

It can be brought on by poor diet and a lack of exercise, Kamath said. Diabetes can damage blood vessels, thus affecting major organs, including the eyes.

Kamath said the key to avoiding adult onset diabetes is prevention. A proper diet and regular exercise do a lot of

good, he said. He also recommends annual checkups.

"A lot of people are really lax about it," he said. "And

they might find out they have a disease when it's really, really late."

If diabetes is effecting the eye, symptoms might include "floaters" and wavy vision.

Kerback and Kamath both recommended that people of age for both glaucoma and adult onset diabetes get regular checkups.

"The goal is to catch either disease early," Kamath said. Eye doctors can perform the exams. Most optometrists also test for glaucoma.

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"We do encourage people to save as much money as they can, but we don't believe there's a certain figure they need to obtain or a deadline for making retirement happen," added Olson. The key is to plan for the sort of retirement you envision and set about making your plan happen. "Retirees are approaching their futures with more creativity than ever, and as more boomers retire, their solutions are only going to get better," Olson said. "It won't be long before we quit using phrases like 'early retirement' because they will no longer be relevant."

She suggests the following ways retirees can enrich both their lives and their financial circumstances throughout retirement, no matter what their age.

- Plan ahead: Think early and often about retirement and what it could mean for you. If you plan to relocate, for example, find out which states impose an income tax on residents and

which do not. Then decide if that will affect your dream for a destination. Do your dreams of world travel correspond with your bank balance? Either way, there's still time to manage those expectations. The more



you plan now, the better your future can be.

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certain thresholds.

- Let investments keep working: Don't assume that your investments will stop working just because you do. If you plan ahead, you can draw on other money first and leave income tax-deferred accounts alone until you're required to start withdrawing funds, usually about age 70 and a half. Under current law there are options, such as the Roth IRA, that don't have withdrawal deadlines.

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- Pay debts: Enter the retirement phase of your life with as little debt as possible. Pay off any credit card or other consumer debts you may have while you're planning for retirement instead of while you're living in retirement.

- Pay attention: Be sure to factor in things you can't control — taxes and inflation — when considering your retirement aspirations. They can be overcome, by the way, but you need to be aware that your dollar may not be worth the entire buck after taxes and inflation take hold of it.

- Be prepared: Before you retire, find out what you need to know about your employer-sponsored retirement plan,

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Hospice care brings quality to final time

By LINDA DeMATTIA

The frail elderly woman held a lifelong belief about love, Community Hospice social worker Lizabeth Smith said.

"She thought the only way people would love her was if she did things for them or bought them things," Smith said in a warm voice.

But during her last days, and in the care of hospice workers and volunteers, her ideas about love changed. "She said it had been such a powerful experience for

her, telling us I can do nothing for you and you love me," Smith recalled. "Hospice is here so you don't have to be abandoned in your old age. There will be people who will love you and care for you."

The experience was one of many that lead Smith to believe that her hospice

work is important and fulfilling. "It is a very powerful relationship, working with someone who is dying

or grieving. You get back as much as you give," she said. "We all grow to honor the

mystery that is life and death."

Contrary to what many people believe, hospice is not a place, but a coordination of services offered by a team of professionals and volunteers, according to Don Stake, director of public relations for Community Hospice. "We take hospice care to wherever people are," he said. "If they are in a home, we bring it there; if they are in a nursing home or hospital, we bring it there. It is important to understand that our concern is the quality of life through to the end, so people have dignity and the energy to do what they want to do."

Stake said that often family members turn to hospice care when the dying person has very little time left. "When a patient enters our program with only a few days left to live, we can help but cannot provide many services, we are in crisis mode," he said. "The best thing a family can do is raise the program long before you need it. Families need to feel free to raise the subject of hospice care with a physician before then need it so they can consider this option in a timely fashion."

The patient, or any concerned family member or friend, can make the call to request hospice care. Given enough

time, hospice workers and volunteers help patients not only deal with their terminal illness, but also put their lives in order. "It is a very important time of life and people underestimate the power," Smith said. "It is a time where you can reflect on your life, tell people that you love them, forgive people or ask for forgiveness if you need to be forgiven."

Stake said hospice not only serves the dying patients' needs, but also the needs of the entire family.

"After the death of the person, there is bereavement counseling and support available for 13 months, free of charge," he said. Community Hospice also offers

cover hospice services.

"One of the requirements for Medicare is that a doctor had to certify a prognosis of six months or less," Stake said, adding that hospice also has nurses who can help a family determine if it is time for hospice care.

Stake emphasized that hospice care is a team approach, with the patient's personal physician a part of the team along with hospice nurses, certified social workers, chaplains, if desired, health aides, and volunteers.

They can also provide "complementary therapies" such as art and music therapy, massage, nutrition, exercise, and Reiki, a Japanese form of healing touch.

While hospice does not provide 24-hour nursing care, there is someone on call 24 hours a day. "Dying and grieving is a hard process and we are there to care," Smith said. "We bring comfort to patients and their families. We are experts and have

experience with all kinds of symptoms that people may be dealing with. We know what to do when someone is in pain or can't get comfortable. Comfort is our primary goal."

Community Hospice has a number of locations throughout the Capital District. For information, call 1-800-678-0711 or log on to www.communityhospice.org.

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Lizabeth Smith

classes in caregiving and helping those with Alzheimer's. "It's part of what community in our name means," Stake said.

Community Hospice serves more than 3,000 people annually of all ages and all terminal illnesses. The majority of those receiving hospice care are senior citizens, Stake said. Medicare and most other insurances fully

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Couple celebrates 50 years

By DONNA J. BELL

So how does Leona "Lee" Morin answer when asked how a couple makes it to 50 years of marriage?

"The first thing that pops out of my head is you hang in there and the years pass by," Morin laughed, adding, "Really, you just have to accept your partner for who they are."

And with 50 years of accepting and three children under their belts, the Morins have reached a point where acceptance is second nature.

"I don't know what I would do without him," Morin said of her husband, Bill. "A marriage is stages, first there is romance, then kids, and then you reach a point each of you know exactly what the other will do and say, and it feels so secure." Morin said she feels sorry for young couples that divorce because they never get to experience that comfort and security, for her, the best part of the marriage.

The Morins is a marriage that, in hindsight, seems fated. Bill and Lee first met in junior high.

"Oh, I didn't like him," Morin remembered. "He used to yell 'Hi Red,' in the hall and whistle at me."

"My girlfriend said 'He's so cute, would you go out with him?' and I said 'I'd never go out with that wolf.' I've never seen that girl since junior high and I wish I could meet up with her and say 'Guess what? I married that wolf.'"

Time passed and one day when she was 18 she was walking home from work when she happened to pass Bill in front of the Palace Theatre. By then Bill was in the Marine Corps and looking "very cute in

his uniform," Morin said. They set up a date for 7:30 on Saturday. Lee, who had heard from her sister-in-law that Bill had a reputation for standing girls up waited 15 minutes and then took off to go dancing with her friends. Her husband swears to this day that he did come to pick her up only to find an empty house.

Another few years went by until they met up again. This time it was at a bowling alley after he had just gotten back from the Korean War. They

"Did you ever find that redhead girl named Lee?"

That was the beginning of a half-century relationship. Morin said much of the strength of their relationship is that they "didn't live in each other's pockets."

"We did things together, but we each had our own hobbies," Morin said. "I was never once of these wives that needed him with me all the time. In the winter he'd go hunting for two weeks and I'd never complain. The kids and I were just fine."

Last June, the Morin's children, Diane, David and Daniel and their extended family threw a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party for them. The Morins were already dressed to the nines because they had just come from renewing their vows at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and the family said they were taking them out afterward for a celebration drink. When the Morins walked into the room they were overwhelmed with more than 80 friends and family members who were there to celebrate with them. While Lee says that Bill isn't a man who shows a lot of emotion or a man of many

words "before we were married he wrote me a letter that professed his love by saying 'the kid's in love and he knows it.'"

She said Bill has always been her "rock" and has always been there for her. Lee, who is a poet, has written numerous poems for her husband on their many anniversaries and wrote a special one for their 50th.



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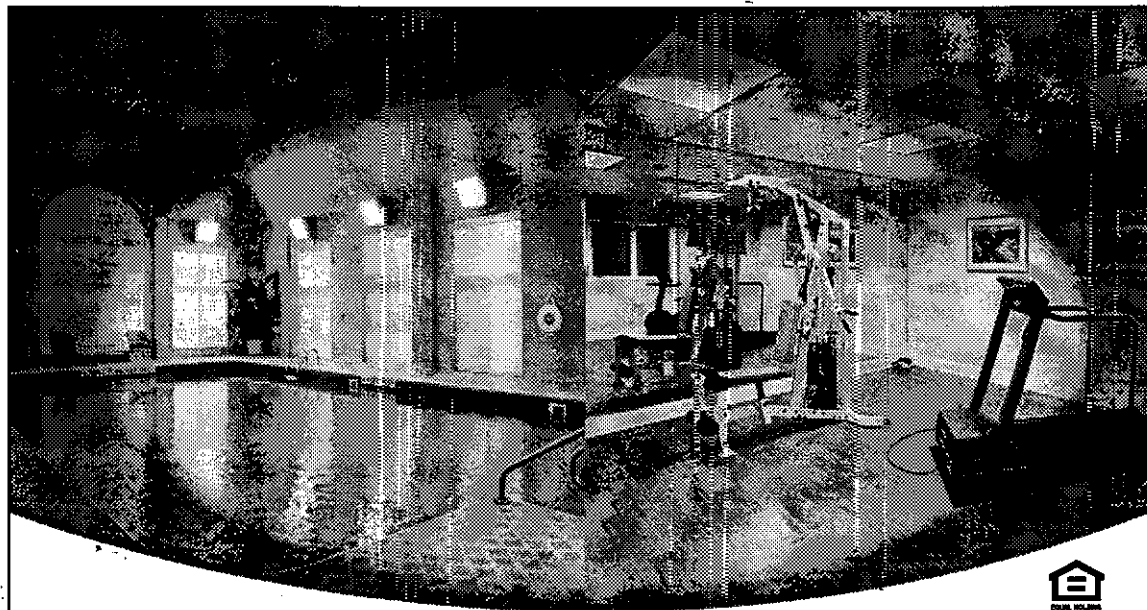
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The reality is that women, whose need for calcium is far greater than their male counterparts, often have not been told how crucial calcium is during every stage of their lives.

Calcium is a mineral that, even before birth, plays a significant role in almost all our body

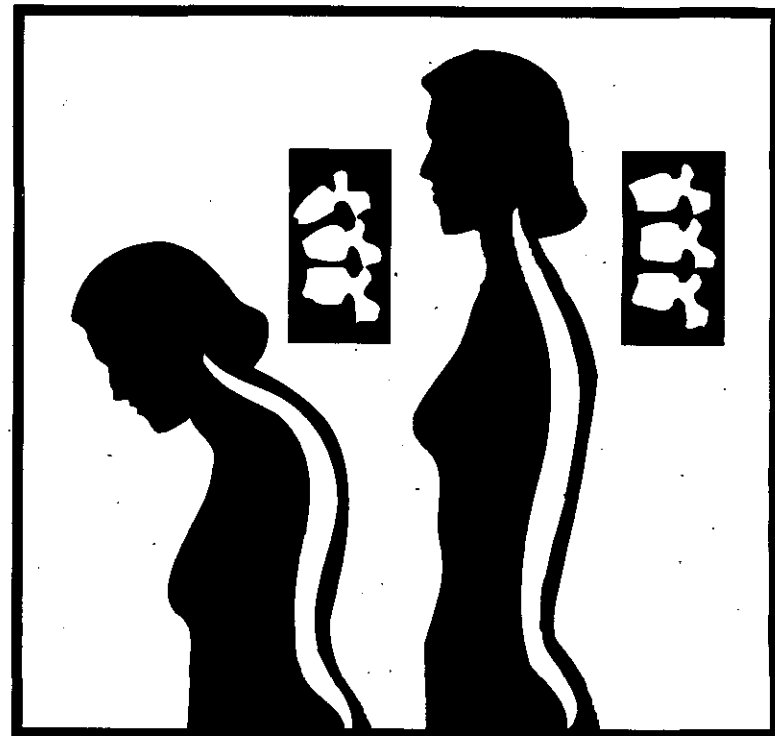
functions, including the development and health of our teeth and bones, and ultimately in protecting the body against

debilitating bone loss as we age.

The National Institute of Health recommends that, in addition to a healthy diet, adult women have a daily supplemental calcium intake of 1,000 to 1,200 mg before menopause and 1,300 to 1,500 mg after menopause. Although it would be ideal if these recommended amounts could be obtained through the nutrients in the foods we eat, the fact is that most women lead a fast-paced, pressure-packed life that makes this difficult. Women today are choosing multi-vitamin and mineral supplements more than ever before to ensure they get adequate calcium.

According to a statement issued by the National Institutes of Health in December 2001, a "calcium crisis" is affecting American youth. "Only 13.5 percent of girls and 36.3 percent of boys ages 12 to 19 in the United States get the RDA of calcium from their diets." This places them at serious risk for osteoporosis, other bone diseases and stunted growth.

Further, research has recently shown that a woman's mid-life bones are much stronger if she had adequate calcium intake during her teen years. Because nearly 90 percent of adult bone mass is



established by the end of this age range, the nation's youth do indeed stand in the midst of a calcium crisis. There is no doubt that teens need optimum calcium intakes just like adults, and with their busy lives today, a strong calcium-containing multi-vitamin provides easy, fast nutritional protection.

As a woman ages, her need for calcium continues to be in the forefront of her health concerns. Women generally start to experience an increase in the rate of bone loss at around age 30.

Experts now agree that to protect against this trend, whatever else she is doing, a woman must pay close attention to her diet, especially her calcium intake, and at least three times a week perform regular weight-bearing and resistance exercises, such as swimming and weight lifting, both of which improve calcium absorption and bone mass.

After menopause, when the body produces less estrogen than it did during the reproductive years, women lose between 2 to 5 percent of bone mass per year for about five years, after which the bone loss continues but at a somewhat slower rate that is still more rapid than during the premenopausal years. When the loss of bone density becomes serious, bones become brittle, fragile and are more likely to break during even a minor fall.

According to Dr. Robert Heaney, who has been involved in publishing more than 500 calcium studies since 1962, "the calcium requirement for skeletal maintenance is said to rise with age."

Heaney added that "supplemented intakes of 1,300 to 1,700 mg per day have been shown to arrest age-related bone loss and to reduce fracture risk in people 65 and older."

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Three cheers for heart healthy oils

You may have noticed an ever-expanding choice of oils at your local grocery store over the past few years. While once your options were limited to corn, canola, safflower and maybe olive oil, now your choices include walnut, almond, grapeseed and other types of oil as well. You may have even splurged on a bottle of fragrant truffle oil.

Each of these oils has its place in the kitchen and serves a specific function. Understanding which oil is suited for which use will help you to make the best choices for you and your family. Also, understanding the difference between the so-called "good" and "bad" fats will allow you to cook and eat more healthfully.

"For years, Americans were told to consume as little fat as possible. Now, experts recognize that while too much fat is bad for you, some fat is a necessary part of our diet; fats are a source of essential nutrition and flavor," said Neil Blomquist a manufacturer of organic vegetable oils and healthy condiments. The trick is to consume the right kind of fat in the appropriate amount. When it comes to calories, all oils are the same. They each contain 9 calories per gram — this includes oils labeled "light," a term which refers only to the oil's taste, not its nutritional makeup. But some oils are better for you than others. Fats and oils are either saturated or unsaturated; unsaturated fats can be either monounsaturated or polyunsaturated.

"No oil is completely made of one fat; they all are a combination of the three fats in different percentages, based on the nut, seed or fruit from which the oil is derived," explained Blomquist.

Saturated fats, which come mainly from animal sources, increase cholesterol levels. Tropical oils such as coconut and palm are two non-animal examples of saturated fat. Hydrogenated oils such as

margarine and vegetable shortening are saturated fats that have been chemically transformed from their normal liquid state into solids. During the hydrogenation procedure, extra hydrogen atoms are pumped into unsaturated fat. This creates trans fatty acids, the most unhealthy type of fat found to be the number one cause of heart disease. Monounsaturated fats are



known to help reduce the levels of LDL (bad) cholesterol without lowering the good HDL cholesterol. The most widely used oils that are high in monounsaturates are olive oil, canola oil and peanut oil. Polyunsaturated fats, made up of omega-3 and omega-6 essential fatty acids are also considered relatively healthy and include corn, soybean, safflower and grapeseed oil. Oils high in omega-3 rich polyunsaturate fat such as walnut oil, flaxseed oil and canola oil are a good addition to the diet since our body require omega-3s for good health but cannot manufacture them.

New studies show incorporating omega-3s into your diet reduce the risk of stroke, heart attack and heart disease.

"The way the oil is extracted also plays a role in how healthy it is," said Blomquist.

Oil is extracted using one of two methods — mechanical or chemical. Chemical extraction, often called solvent extraction, is the most common and cost efficient method employs high heat and a series of chemical processes, primarily exposure to

hexane gas, to remove and refine the oil.

In mechanical extraction, called cold pressed or expeller pressed, oil is squeezed from the source, usually with hydraulic presses. This minimal exposure to heat preserves the natural flavor of the oil but limits the yield, making mechanically extracted oils more expensive than chemically extracted oils.

Just as each oil has a unique nutritional makeup, they also have distinct flavor components and smoke points, making some oils more appropriate for certain uses than others. Heating oil past its smoke point can cause it to have an off flavor, lose its nutritional value and

turn the once healthy oil into a trans fat laden heart disease machine.

Oils that can take high temperatures make good all-purpose cooking oils. Choose from canola, sunflower and

peanut for high-heat uses such as searing and frying. Medium-high heat oils are good for baking, sautéing and stir-frying; try grapeseed, safflower or

flower oil. For sauces, lower-heat baking and pressure cooking, medium-high heat oils are best. Good choices are

olive oil, corn oil, pumpkinseed oil and walnut oil.

"There are some oils that should never be heated," Blomquist points out.

These oils, found on the supermarket shelves in the nutritional supplement category in the refrigerator, can also be used as condiments. Use them in dips and dressings, or add to

a dish after it has been removed from heat.

For example, add walnut oil, with its nutty flavor, to your salad; or add sesame oil to your stir-fry after its done cooking to add extra flavor. Other oils to use unheated are flax, evening primrose, borage, black currant, hemp and wheat germ oils. This is also a good way to incorporate essential fatty acids into your diet.

To extend the shelf life and preserve the nutritional value of culinary oils, store them in the refrigerator once they've been opened. Oils rich in omega-3 essential fatty acids such as flax, walnut, pumpkin and other nutritional oils should be protected from heat and light whether or not they have been opened. For other types of oil, a dark, cool pantry is a good storage option.



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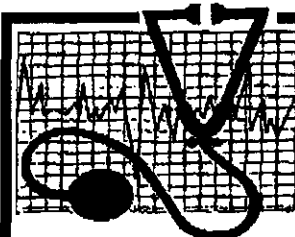
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The evidence is clear: a healthier and fitter lifestyle — not to mention a younger attitude — can delay, prevent or even reverse much of the physical decline normally associated with aging. Yet, many retirees do no meaningful exercise, and half of American retirees are completely sedentary, according to the latest research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"A common misperception is that by the time someone is 60 or 65, it's too late to start exercising, that the damage is done and can't be reversed," said Denise Spiewak, director of Kelly Home Care Services. "It

has been proved that exercise for seniors can produce a variety of benefits."

Benefits of exercise

Older inactive adults lose ground in four areas that are important for staying healthy and independent: endurance, strength, balance and flexibility. Fortunately, exercise programs can maintain or restore these areas.



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• **Strength** — Exercise can do more than just increase strength. It gives the elderly the ability to do things on their own. Even

very small increases in muscle mass can make a big difference in ability, especially for frail people.

• **Balance** — Exercise is designed to help prevent a common problem in older adults: falls. Falling is a major cause of broken hips and other injuries that often lead to disability and loss of independence.

• **Flexibility** — Exercise helps keep the body limber by stretching muscles and the tissues that hold the body's structures in place. Physical therapists and other health professionals recommend certain stretching exercises to help patients recover from injuries and to prevent injuries from happening in the first place.

The goal is to improve from wherever you are right now.

Denise Spiewak

active adults to perform like someone much younger. Based on her experience, Spiewak advised that it's never too late to incorporate fitness into a senior's daily regimen. First, she said seniors should talk with their primary care physician before starting any exercise program.

"They need to find out what form of exercise is beneficial, safe and consistent with their lifestyle. Unless they have major medical problems that prevent

them from exercising, chances are their doctor will encourage them," she said.

Keeping it going

Seniors who decide to begin exercising need to start at a level they can manage and build upon. More importantly, commitment and enthusiasm need to last a lifetime. The benefits of exercise and physical activity come from making them a permanent habit.

How much one exercises depends on their unique situation. For some, muscle-building exercise might mean pushing more than 100 pounds of weight at the local gym to keep their legs in shape for hiking or jogging.

"For others," said Spiewak, "it might mean lifting 1-pound weights to strengthen their arm muscles enough to use a washcloth. That might make the difference in being able to maintain their own care needs instead of being dependent on someone else. The goal is to improve from wherever you are right now."

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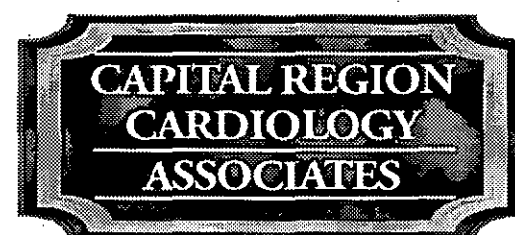
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Glenmont resident Molly Quirk won the vault at the Level 8 New York State Gymnastics Championships April 13 on Long Island. The sixth-grade student at Bethlehem Central Middle School finished third in the all-around standings, which earned her a spot on the state team going to regionals. Quirk competes for World Class Gymnastics.

Douglas, Umar lead BC at meet

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys track and field team rode the individual efforts of **Darnell Douglas** and **Rafiq Umar** to place third at last Saturday's Colonie Relays.

Douglas won the 100-meter dash, and Umar anchored Bethlehem's first-place relay teams in the long, high and triple jumps to help the Eagles finish with 60 team points, 10 points behind runner-up Shaker. Shenendoah won the team title with 140 points.

"We wanted to give (the team) a little bit of a rest," Bethlehem coach **Dave Banas** said. "We didn't even run every event, and we still did good."

Douglas showcased his finishing kick in winning the 100 dash. Trailing for most of the race, Douglas surged into the lead in the final 20 meters to take the title in a time of 10.8 seconds.

"I was a little nervous, but coach told me to go out there and win it," Douglas said.

It was the first opportunity Douglas had to race against Christian Brothers Academy's **Felipe Reyes** — one of the top area runners in the 100. Reyes finished a step behind Douglas in a time of 10.9 seconds.

"I was scared of Felipe," Douglas said. "I could feel him coming at the end, so I had to put in another gear."

Umar, **Steve Blanch** and **Steve Strait** took first place in



Bethlehem's Darnell Douglas, right, and Christian Brothers Academy's Felipe Reyes bolt from the starting blocks in the 100-meter dash finals at last Saturday's Colonie Relays. *Rob Jonas*

both the long jump and high jump relays. The trio had a combined distance of 59-feet, 8-inches in the long jump and a combined height of 18-4 in the high jump.

Umar and Blanch also teamed up with **Jamie Putnam** to win the triple jump relay with a distance

of 123-6.75. It's the second consecutive year that Bethlehem took the high, long and triple jump titles at the Colonie Relays.

"That's a pretty good accomplishment, considering the type of competition that goes there," Banas said.

Registration set for lacrosse clinics

Registration sessions for this year's Bethlehem Girls Youth Lacrosse Clinics take place Thursday, May 8, Friday, May 9, and Monday, May 12, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the lower gym foyer at Bethlehem Central High School.

The clinics will be held Friday evenings at the high school beginning May 16 at 6 p.m. Sessions will emphasize skills and team play.

Bethlehem varsity girls lacrosse coach **John Battaglino**, current college players and former Bethlehem players will conduct the clinics.

Teams will be formed at the clinics, and each team will compete at three local tournaments.

A girls lacrosse stick and a mouthpiece are required to participate. The registration fee is \$75 per player.

For information, contact **Gerry Ladoucer** at 439-7224.

RCS schedules sports physicals

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk is offering sports physicals for the 2003-04 school year.

Physicals for high school students will be held Wednesday, May 21, Thursday, May 22, and Wednesday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Physicals for middle school students will take place Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29, from 8 a.m. to noon.

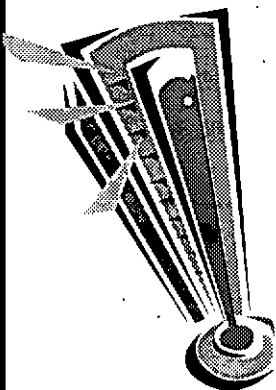
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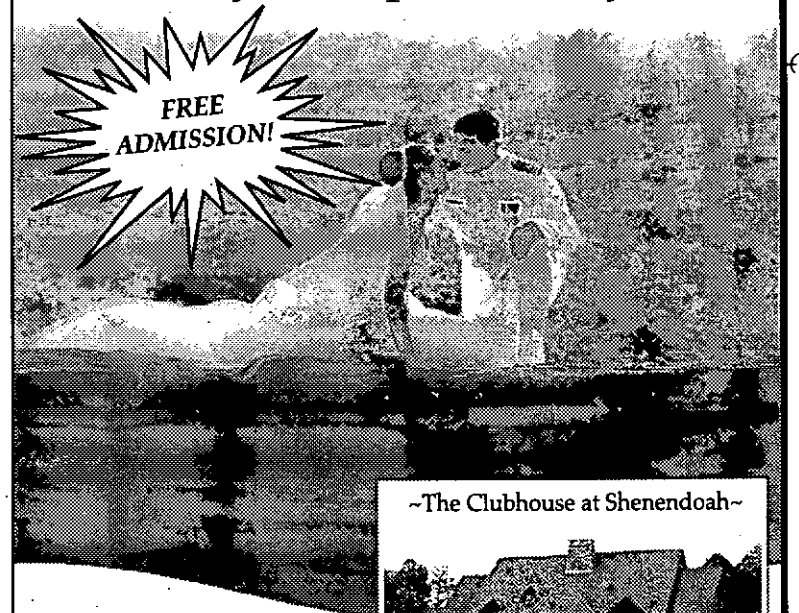
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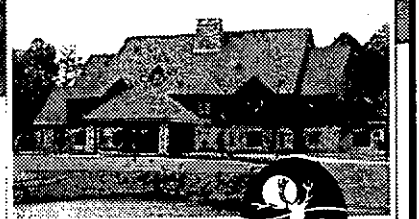
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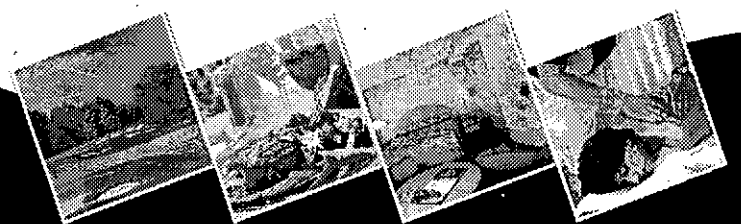
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Lady Eagles ground Saratoga Blue Streaks

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team is one step closer to another Suburban Council title.

The Lady Eagles used a balanced attack to defeat Saratoga 14-7 last Thursday and open a two-game lead on the Blue Streaks in the league standings.

"It was a real physical game, but I thought our kids played poised and took advantage of the opportunities they had," Bethlehem coach John Battaglini said.

The Lady Eagles (7-0) were led by the trio of **Katie Wagoner**, **Kristin Link** and **Brianna Bubeck**. Wagoner had five goals and five assists, and Link — the team's leading scorer — tallied four times and dished out three assists. Bubeck contributed a hat trick, while **Mackenzie Riegel** and **Katelyn Primomo** each added a goal.

Goaltender **Emily Szelest** stopped five shots for Bethlehem, which edged Saratoga 7-5 earlier in the season.

"I think they're becoming the team I thought they would become at the start of the season," Battaglini said. "They're not there quite yet, but they're getting closer."

Bethlehem began the week with a 19-2 victory over Averill Park last Tuesday. In that contest, eight Lady Eagles registered at least one goal.

"That's the secret," Battaglini said. "Each game, I'm looking for seven or eight kids to score."

Wagoner paced Bethlehem with a five-goal effort. Link chipped in four goals, Primomo had a hat trick and **Katie Rowan** and **Kelly Hughes** each tallied twice. Riegel, **Emma Strachman** and **Natalie Singer** also scored goals, and Bubeck added three assists.

The Lady Eagles returned to action Tuesday with a non-league game against defending Section II, Division II champion Scotia-Glenville. Bethlehem hosts Shenendehowa Thursday for Senior Night before playing Colonie Central Friday.

Eagles fall to LaSalle

The Bethlehem boys lacrosse team could not overcome a fourth-quarter goal by LaSalle in a 4-3 non-league loss last Saturday in Troy.

Andrew Kelleher had two goals, and **Pat Riegel** added a goal and two assists for the Eagles (1-7). **Sean O'Connell** scored twice for the Cadets.

High School Sports Results April 28 to May 4

Monday, April 28

Baseball

VOORHEESVILLE 13, WATERVLIET 9

Voorheesville highlights: Frank Catellier home run, 2 singles.

Boys Lacrosse

SHEN 21, BETHLEHEM 2

Scoring: Bethlehem — Nick Panucci 1-0, Pat Riegel 1-0, Andrew Kelleher 0-1.

Softball

SCHALMONT 12, VOORHEESVILLE 2

Voorheesville highlights: Amanda DeZalia 2 hits, 2 RBI.

Tuesday, April 29

Baseball

VOORHEESVILLE 7, RCS 5

Highlights: Voorheesville — Greg Delaney 2 singles, Ravena — Ryan Cross double.

Boys Lacrosse

BETHLEHEM 12, CBA 8

Scoring: Bethlehem — Andrew Kelleher 3-2, Nate Panucci 3-2, Pat Riegel 3-1, Nate Rauch 2-2, Dan Mulhall 1-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 5.

Girls Lacrosse

BETHLEHEM 19, AVERILL PARK 2

Scoring: Bethlehem — Katie Wagoner 5-1, Kristin Link 4-1,

Katelyn Primomo 3-0, Katie Rowan 2-1, Kelly Hughes 2-0, Mackenzie Riegel 1-0, Natalie Singer 1-0, Emma Strachman 1-0, Brianna Bubeck 0-3, Emily Cohen 0-1, Tricia Primomo 0-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — Emily Szelest 3.

Softball

VOORHEESVILLE 7, HOLY NAMES 2

Voorheesville highlights: Cyrilla Suker pitched two-hitter with 17 strikeouts; Alex Fish double, 2 singles.

Wed., April 30

Baseball

BETHLEHEM 3, BURNT HILLS 1

Bethlehem highlights: Andrew Stanton 2 hits, RBI.

RCS 7, LANSINGBURGH 4

Ravena highlights: Zach Smith 2 singles, 3 RBI.

Game 1

SCHALMONT 1, VOORHEESVILLE 0

Game 2

SCHALMONT 8, VOORHEESVILLE 6

Voorheesville highlights: Pat Shelby double, single in game 2.

Boys Lacrosse

SHEN 14, BETHLEHEM 1

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

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 7.

Boys Tennis

Bethlehem 5, Saratoga 4
Albany Academy 4, Ravena 0

Softball

RCS 3, VOORHEESVILLE 0
Ravena highlights: Jessalyn Hotaling pitched two-hitter with 13 strikeouts; Laura Persico 2 doubles.

Thursday, May 1

Boys Tennis

Catskill 6, Ravena 1

Girls Lacrosse

BETHLEHEM 14, SARATOGA 7

Scoring: Bethlehem — Katie Wagoner 5-5, Kristin Link 4-3, Brianna Bubeck 3-1, Mackenzie Riegel 1-1, Katelyn Primomo 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Emily Szelest 5.

Softball

VOORHEESVILLE 5, COBLESKILL 0

Voorheesville highlights: Cyrilla Suker pitched two-hitter with 11 strikeouts; Amanda DeZalia 2 singles.

Saturday, May 3

Boys Lacrosse

LASALLE 4, BETHLEHEM 3

Scoring: Bethlehem — Andrew Kelleher 2-0, Pat Riegel 1-2, Nate Panucci 0-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — John Thibdeau 8.

Boys Track

Colonie Relays

Team scores: Shenendehowa 140, Shaker 70, Bethlehem 60, Colonie 47, Schenectady 44, Guilderland 25, Saratoga 24, Averill Park 23, Burnt Hills 20, CBA 12, Niskayuna 8, Chatham 8, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 8, Watervliet 4. Individual winners: Bethlehem — Darnell Douglas (100-meter dash).

Girls Track

Colonie Relays

Team scores: Colonie 123, Shaker 103, Shenendehowa 80, Burnt Hills 80, Guilderland 36, Averill Park 25, Holy Names 17, Albany 16, Argyle 14, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 14, Niskayuna 11, Catholic Central 2.

Softball

Game 1

MECHANICVILLE 5, RCS 0

Game 2

RCS 4, MECHANICVILLE 3

Ravena highlights: Holly Martin 2-run double, RBI single in second game of doubleheader.

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CLIP AND SAVE

Computer consultant addresses international conference

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

When Jeff Bianchine talks about Samba, he doesn't mean the dance. He's talking about a part of the computer world that, like the dance, not too many people are aware of, but that everyone would enjoy.

In April, Bianchine was a featured speaker at the Samba XP conference in Gottingen, Germany.

"The Samba suite is the program that runs UNIX and UNIX-derived operating systems," Bianchine said. "The fastest-growing UNIX-derived system is Linux. These are open-source operating systems, which means that the human programming is readily available to users."

Essentially, Bianchine explained, open-source operating systems allow you to tailor your software to your specific needs on your own.

This is an historic time to be part of information technology.

Jeff Bianchine

"If there's a way you want Linux to run, for instance, you can open it, change it and personalize it," Bianchine said. "This is unprecedented."

Bianchine first came to the open-source community as a way of efficiently using old hardware with new software.

"I found that open-source software runs best with the hardware I have," Bianchine said. "The hardware is older, which in the computer world is a relative term. New Windows programs often orphan perfectly good hardware."

The open-source community is a little bit like Grateful Dead fans, working together to offer free software, and critiquing each other's practices.

"Everyone in the open-source community has the same set of goals," Bianchine said. "They want to provide excellence and efficiently-running systems free of use. Money in the OS movement isn't made from the software, but through the skills of those who deploy the software. Most people in the OS community have day jobs."

Bianchine uses Samba as his link to OS software both in his job as systems administrator at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's school of architecture and at home.

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"Right now, Samba fits," he said. "We're using UNIX servers, but support Microsoft Windows and desktop activity. The unprecedented power of Samba is that people don't know they're using UNIX."

At the Samba XP conference, Bianchine's topic, "Avoiding Critical Errors Migrating to Samba," addressed the human side of managing technological change.

"You're dealing with the perceptions of users and managers as you roll out open-source to the back end of computer operations," Bianchine said. "My presentation was timely because it was a discussion of the front work you need to do to deploy Samba to the back end of services."

As a result of his presentation to the nearly 200 conference attendees, Bianchine has become part of Samba Team.

Being at the forefront of the computer world isn't anything new for the man who was a self-described "computerphobe" before his college days. Now 43, Bianchine took a class called "Computer Concepts and Elementary Programming" while a psychology major at Syracuse University. In his senior year of college, he got his first computer — a K-Pro.



Bianchine

"Over Christmas break, I familiarized myself with word processing, spread sheets and database work," Bianchine said.

His knowledge of the burgeoning computer world landed him a job in records management at Syracuse University. Using an IBM PS-Xt at work and a clone at home, he quickly developed some programming skills and soon had people asking him what he was doing, and how.

"I realized that I had become a computer consultant," Bianchine said.

He and his wife, Jeanne, formed a computer consulting company that they ran for 10 years.

Bianchine has also been a trainer and systems administrator at Sage Colleges and the systems administrator for Citizens Communications.

He earned a master's degree from Syracuse and in 1996, he moved with his family to Delmar. The Bianchines have three children.

One of the things that Bianchine likes about being part of the open-source community is that it reminds him of the early days of computer technology.

"The '80s were the frontier time of technology," he said. "It was a very exciting time to be a young computer professional. There was so much of a dynamic flow, and with one idea and some salesmanship, you could branch into other areas."

Now, he said, open source is the hot topic.

"Microsoft works in an economy with a lot of money," Bianchine said. "Today, busi-

nesses and organizations would like to hold on to hardware longer, and they're open to nontraditional ways of doing that. This is a critical time for open-source software and a renegade way of doing business could become mainstream. Managers are focused on the bottom line and running Samba is very cost-efficient."

Bianchine is hoping to speak and publish more about Samba and will continue to advocate for open source options.

"We're committed to helping people overcome their anxiety about the options that are out there," Bianchine said. "The roots

of OS are that software doesn't have to have its own expense, and it harkens back to the days of everyone putting their best work out there for peer review."

"This is an historic time to be part of information technology," he said. "It has the same juice as the 1980s, when you never knew what the next device would be. It's an honor to be part of Samba team and to meet some of the legends in the computer field."

For information about Samba, or the open-source computer community, you can contact Bianchine at 496-0957 or check out his Web site at www.jefferybianchine.com.

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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 (May 7, 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 (May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Bear Bay Consulting LLC
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company (LLC), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY*) on 02/26/2003. The Office location is the County of Albany. 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: C/O The LLC, 41 State St., #106, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act. LCD-3073 (May 7, 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 (May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF GREENVILLE PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P.
UNDER SECTION 121-301 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
(May 7, 2003)

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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF MILLERSBURG PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P.
UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF 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 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.
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LCD-2992
(May 7, 2003)

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UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

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LCD-2972
(May 7, 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 Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2994 (May 7, 2003)

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.

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BY: KENNETH B. SEGEL, Member

LCD-3002
(May 7, 2003)

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

New York State Department of Environment Conservation
Notice of Complete Application
Date: April 30, 2003
Applicant: PETER K FRUEH INC
117 OLD OLD QUARRY RD
FEURA BUSH, NY 12067

FACILITY: FRUEH MINE SITE OLD QUARRY ROAD- NEAR COLLABECK ROAD BETHLEHEM, NY
Application ID: 4-0122-00200/00001
Permits(s) Applied for: 1- Article 23 Title 27 Mined Land Reclamation
Project is located: in BETHLEHEM in ALBANY COUNTY

Project Description:
The applicant is proposing to operate a 5.3 acre Life of Mine quarry (4.6 acres of mine site and 0.7 acres of haul road) for the purpose of quarrying limestone for use in the applicant's existing family construction business. Rock will be extracted via blasting which is proposed to occur several times per year. The site is located approximately 1,500 feet west of Old Quarry Road (CR102), 1,000 feet east of Collaback Road and 3,400 feet south of the intersection of Collaback Road and Old Quarry Road (south of Feura Bush) in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination
Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed. SEQR Lead Agency None Designated
State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination
A cultural resources survey has been completed. Based on information provided in the survey report, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has determined that the proposed activity will have no impact on registered or eligible archeological sites or historic structures. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Availability For Public Comment
Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 06/06/03
Contact Person
MICHAEL T HIGGINS
NYSDEC
1150 NORTH WESTCOTT RD
SCHENECTADY, NY 12306-2014
(518) 357-2069
LD-3097
(May 7, 2003)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, June 3, 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 provided 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 21st 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 Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2003, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of 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 Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., EDT, May 5, 2003.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon the following:
1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
2. For the election of 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 fourteen (14) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
5. 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 therefor;
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 prior to the annual election on June 3, 2003, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be available at the polling place on June 3, 2003.

Steven O'Shea
School District Clerk
Dated: May 1, 2003
LD-4001
(May 7, 2003)

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(May 7, 2003)

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All bids are made and received upon the following conditions:
1. The minimum bid will be Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred (\$15,500.00) dollars.
2. All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly labeled Tahoe Bid.
3. All bids shall include the name, address and telephone number of the bidder.
4. The vehicle shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder provided the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject all bids.

5. The sale by the Selkirk Fire District of said vehicle is subject to a Permissive Referendum adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District on April 21, 2003.

Frank With, Secretary
SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT
LD-3092
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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3. All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope labeled Custom Pumper Bid.
4. All bids shall be made subject to specifications available upon request. The specifications include the furnishing of a Bid Bond and Performance bond.
5. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder provided the Board of Commis-

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LD-3091
(May 7, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Articles of Organization of Pizza Amore, LLC (the "LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 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, 1839 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to acquire, own, operate, and manage a pizzeria and/or restaurant, 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-3074
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is WINDSOR MILLS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 16, 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 2267 Western Avenue, Guilderland, New York 12084.

LCD-3068
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Moveco, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 2/5/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in NJ 7/26/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 7 Hamilton Rd., Ste. 2L, Morristown, NJ 07960, the principal office address of LLC. Art. of Org. on file: NJ Div. of Revenue, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-3063
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 148 Central Avenue, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 1/17/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o Becker & Becker, P.O. Box 575, Albany, NY 12201-0575. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-3062
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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
(May 7, 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

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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 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
(May 7, 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
(May 7, 2003)

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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
(May 7, 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
(May 7, 2003)

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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
(May 7, 2003)

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

LD-3000
(May 7, 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

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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
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Harris, Blazer & Conway, PPLC. 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
(May 7, 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
(May 7, 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
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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
(May 7, 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

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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.

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(May 7, 2003)

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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
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

RAYMOND REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Notice of formation of RAYMOND REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 4/14/03. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Patricia J. Raymond, 7 East Ridge Road, Loudonville, New York 12211.

The purpose of the LLC are Own, acquire, manage, lease, develop, operate, buy, sell, exchange, finance, refinance, and otherwise deal with real estate, personal property, and any type of business.

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(May 7, 2003)

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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
(May 7, 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 ENTERPRISES, 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
(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CAMPUS REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/18/03. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2103. 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 Kahn Management, 235 West 103rd Street, New York, New York 10025. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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(May 7, 2003)

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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
(May 7, 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
(May 7, 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

(May 7, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

REVISED 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 20 AT 7:00 PM 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 JUNE 3, 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 JUNE 3, 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 of \$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

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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, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Schoolhouses Voorheesville Elementary School Clayton A. Bouton High School Hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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 be 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: May 7, 2003 Dorothea Pfeleiderer 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 20, 2003 AT 7:00 PM 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 JUNE 3, 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: Schoolhouses Voorheesville Elementary School Clayton A. Bouton High School Hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Badgley

Elizabeth "Betsy" Parr Badgley, 84, of Voorheesville died Friday, May 2, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

Mrs. Badgley worked for the state Department of Motor Vehicles for 23 years and retired from the state Department of Health.

She was a former Girls Scout troop leader and a member of the Guilderland AARP.

She was the widow of Jerry G. Badgley.

Survivors include two daughters, Marion Badgley Parmeter of Voorheesville and Judy Badgley Okesson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Old Stone Fort Cemetery in Schoharie.

Contributions may be made to the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, 259 Lark St., Albany 12210-1185 or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 421 New Karner Road Colonie, 12205.

Wallace Safarik

Wallace J. Safarik, 77, of Delmar died Saturday, May 3, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Astoria, Queens, he was an Army veteran of World

War II, serving with the 35th Infantry Division in the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Safarik was a customer service engineer for IBM for 33 years before he retired.

He was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185 in Bethlehem and the Hudson Valley No. 49 Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

He was husband of the late Dorothy A. Safarik.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn M. Safarik of Scotia and W. John Safarik of Delmar; and a step-daughter, Michelle Fowler of Ballston Spa.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. today, May 7, at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 3 Winners Circle, Colonie 12205.

Marjorie Guntner

Marjorie Rock Guntner, 88, of Delmar died Tuesday, April 29.

Mrs. Guntner was a real estate broker for O'Connor & Sullivan Real Estate and Reiner Real Estate.

She was the widow of John Guntner.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Guntner of Albany and Christian Guntner of Manitou

Springs, Colo.; two brothers, Donald Rock of Bradenton, Fla., and Gerald Rock of Warwick, R.I.; a sister, Elizabeth Rock of Bradenton; and five grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Gerald Kanter

Gerald S. Kanter, of Delmar and Boynton Beach, Fla., died Monday, April 28.

He was professor emeritus of physiology and associate dean emeritus of Albany Medical College.

A native of New York City, he received a bachelor's degree from Long Island University. He received a doctorate in physiology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

He enlisted in the Army after two years of college and served as a combat infantryman with the 5th Army in Italy the 7th Army in France and Germany.

His career at Albany Medical College spanned 39 years. He became a full professor in 1963.

A prolific researcher and dedicated teacher, he wrote 30 peer reviewed papers. Much of his research was financed by grants from the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine and the Army Medical Research and

Development.

In 1968, Dr. Kanter began his administrative career and Albany Medical College. He was in charge of the bio-medical program with RPI and the medical education program at Union College, which he had established.

He was a member of the American Physiological Society, the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine and Sigma Psi. He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and served on the National Advisory Council at the National Institutes of Health.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Kanter; two daughters, Eileen L. Polatt of Hudson, Ohio, and Joyce K. Greene of Westport, Conn.; and four granddaughters.

Services were from Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany.

Burial was in Congregation Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville.

Arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to AMC Parkinson's Research Fund, c/o Dr. Stewart Factor, 215 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany 12205 or the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

Jennie Frazier

Jennie E. Frazier, 93, died Saturday, April 26, at Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Delmar.

She was the widow of Miles S. Frazier.

She is survived by a sister, Ruth E. King of Delmar.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Hazel Grenier

Hazel M. Grenier, 83, of Delmar, died Monday, April 28, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

She was born and educated in North Dakota and lived in Delmar for 53 years.

Mrs. Grenier was a secretary for the state Department of Education and Thruway Authority.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

She was the widow of Ovide Grenier.

Survivors include a daughter, Claudette Cornell of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a son, Paul Grenier of Latham; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Contributions may be made to the St. Thomas Memorial Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Robert Dugan

Services for Robert Dugan of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.

Mr. Dugan died Sunday, April 13, at Hope Hospice.

Born in Ohio, he was a field engineer for Timken Roller Bearer Co. for 29 years.

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

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

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.

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.

Church to sponsor Red Cross blood drive

Delmar Reformed Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church on 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar (at the Four Corners). Your gift of blood is a gift of life.

Your donation will help to guarantee that blood will always be there when it's needed.

Whether it's premature infant who needs an immediate transfusion, a grandmother undergoing hip replacement surgery or a teenager diagnosed with leukemia, your gift saves lives.

Appointments can be made by calling the church office at 439-9929.

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

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



Daniel Post and Moira Shortell

Shortell, Post engaged

Moria J. Shortell, daughter of Matthew and Karen Shortell of Delmar, and Daniel L. Post III, son of Daniel and Debra Post of Brimfield, Mass., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Russell Sage College.

She is a registered nurse in the

cardiovascular/pulmonary intensive care unit at Albany Medical Center and a graduate student at Albany Medical College.

The future groom is a graduate of Paul Smiths College.

He is a project manager for Crescent Environmental Services in Clifton Park.

The couple plans a May 31 wedding.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

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

Dean's List

Northeastern University

Kristin Poole of Slingerlands, Anna Noble of Delmar and Emily Waniewski of Glenmont.

Savannah College of Art & Design

Kane Matthew Snyder of Slingerlands.

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital

Girl, Rhea Ajay Patel, to Sapna and Ajay Patel of Voorheesville, April 14.

Delmar man named VP of computer firm

William Fibiger of Delmar has been named executive vice president of Sage Computer Associates in Albany.

In his position with the computer networking and support firm, Fibiger will restructure accounting and service management systems, handle financial control and reporting responsibilities and oversee client system installations and upgrades.

Previously, Fibiger was president of Security Insurance Agency, overseeing a \$9.3 million revenue operation with 12 employees. He has also worked at Pfizer and United Technologies.

Fibiger is currently vice chairman of the board for the Arts Center of the Capital Region.

He has been chairman of the board of trustees for WMHT, president of the board of directors for Equinox, president the Rotary Club of Albany as well as an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts and United Way.

After graduating from Syracuse University with an degree in economics and American literature, Fibiger went on to earn a master's degree in quantitative analysis and control from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and a master's degree in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Sage Computer Associates specializes in computer networking and computer support/consulting services.

Founded in 1983, the company currently employs 10.



Tracy Manning and Justin Behan

Manning, Behan to wed

Tracy Carol Manning, daughter of Charles and Barbara Manning of Delmar, and Justin Lake Behan, son of Kenneth and Carol Behan of Unadilla Forks, Otsego County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Buffalo.

She also has a master's degree from Antioch College.

She is an educator at the Farm School in Athol, Mass.

The future groom is a graduate of S. Bonaventure University.

He is an organic farming intern at Maffie's Farm in Athol.

The couple plans an Aug. 16 wedding.

Delmar student elected to post

Shawn J. Mayo-Pike of Delmar has been elected treasurer of the class of 2006 at St. Lawrence University.

Mayo-Pike is a graduate of Albany Academy and has participated in men's lacrosse at St. Lawrence.

Wedding Directory for Bridal Services



FLORISTS

Floral Garden Specializing in Weddings 339 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 478-7232. www.thefloralgarden.com
Catering to all budgets

JEWELRY

Harold Finkle, "Your Jeweler" 1585 Central Ave., Colonie. 456-6800. Diamonds - Handcrafted Wedding Rings & Attendant's Gifts.

INVITATIONS

Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123
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PHOTOGRAPHY

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Community

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Friendship Singers to present concert

The village of Voorheesville will sponsor a free concert by the Friendship Singers on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the gazebo at Hotaling Evergreen Park on the corner of Route 85A and Voorheesville Avenue, across from First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

The Friendship Singers are 18 women from the Bethlehem and Albany areas who sing and dance together. Their repertoire is from Broadway to Bach, from Cohan to the classics and beyond.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Tulip time is here

Albany festival begins outdoor season

By DEV TOBIN

After a real winter like the one past, the heralds of spring are many and welcome — the first crocus, green grass, birds singing, leaves on trees again and a certain flower with a Dutch heritage.

Although officially six weeks into spring, the Albany Tulip Festival this weekend rings in the season with the first major outdoor event of the year in the Capital District, the most varied in its mostly free offerings and more than 200,000 colorful tulips.

This year's winter was actually good for the namesake flowers, according to Susan Cleary of the city Department of Special Events.

"Tulips like a cold winter, and the April ice storm left them 'housed in glass showcases,' according to City Gardener Judy Stacey," Cleary said.

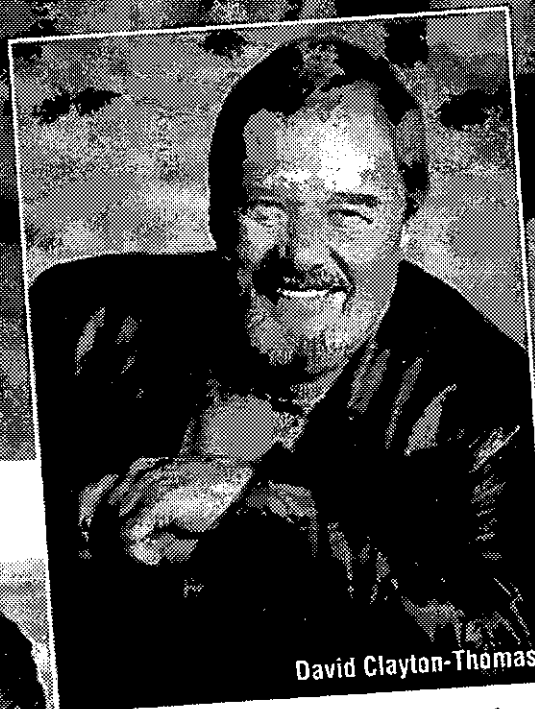
The event begins on Friday downtown with a carillon concert at 11:30 a.m. and the traditional Dutch

street scrubbing of State Street at noon. But most of the action takes place in Washington Park.

This year's festival will be bigger than ever, including three days of free music and more juried crafters, Cleary noted.

Washington Park will be chock-full of things to do Saturday and Sunday, including a Kid Zone with children's activities and entertainment, a dance stage and gardening how-to tips from local experts.

"The Kid Zone is expanded this year, with continuous entertainment throughout both days, a hands-on craft tent, fun games from Radio Disney and the Weather Wall from Capital News 9,



David Clayton-Thomas

where kids can tape a short weathercast," Cleary said.

And there will be plenty of opportunities for last-minute Mother's Day shopping, as Saturday's Pinksterfest features more than 100 fine craft vendors.

"We've added about 20 crafters, due to popular demand," Cleary said. "They're all juried, so they have high-quality handmade crafts."

The Tulip Festival also kicks off Albany's season of outdoor free concerts with three days of free music — Friday night's Tulips and Shamrocks concert, with Ashley MacIsaac, Enter the Haggis and Victor Gagnon; Saturday's horn-heavy lineup of David Clayton-Thomas and Blood, Sweat and Tears, The Big Smoothies and The Figgs; and Sunday's jazzy Maynard Ferguson and Big Bop Nouveau, Steve Tyrell and the Brenna Bavis/Cary DeNigris Group.

The coronation of this year's Tulip Queen will be at noon on Saturday. The Tulip Queen finalists this year are Christina Collins of

Watervliet, Kaylin Nicole Gross of Green Island and Erika Heiner, E. Maura Mack and Melissa Sgambelluri, all of Albany.

Regarding the major drawback for suburban people who head into the city for practically anything — parking — Cleary advised patience.

"There's plenty of street parking, but be prepared to walk a little," she said, adding that using Madison or Western Avenue CDTA buses is another option.

The festival is still in need of volunteers on Sunday, to help out as road marshals, in the Kid Zone and in other capacities, for three to four hours. For information on volunteering, call 434-5411.

For information on the festival, call 434-5412 or log on to www.albanyevents.org.



Steve Tyrell

This year's Tulip Festival will include an expanded Kid Zone.



Main music schedule

Friday, May 9

5 to 5:30 p.m. — Victor Gagnon
5:45 to 6:30 — Enter the Haggis
7 to 8 — Ashley MacIsaac

Saturday, May 10

1 to 2 p.m. — The Figgs
2:30 to 3:45 — The Big Smoothies
4:15 to 5:30 — David Clayton-Thomas and Blood, Sweat and Tears

Sunday, May 11

12:30 to 1:45 p.m. — The Brenna Bavis/Cary DeNigris Group
2:15 to 3:45 — Steve Tyrell
4:15 to 5:30 — Maynard Ferguson and Big Bop Nouveau



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

THE BLUE ROOM
Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through June 8, \$28 to \$38. Information, 445-7469.

CITY OF ANGELS
Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., weekends through May 11, \$18, \$9 for children under 13. Information, 280-8076.

CRIMINAL HEARTS
Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., weekends through May 18, \$12. Information, 462-1297.

THE FANTASTICKS
Schenectady Civic Players, 12 S. Church St., weekends through May 18, \$12. Information, 382-2081.

Music

STEVE LAWRENCE AND EYDIE GORME
Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, May 7, 7:30 p.m., \$37.50 and \$52.50. Information, 465-4663.

GAELIC STORM
Revolution Hall, River Street, Troy, May 7, \$15. Information, 273-2337.

MOTHER'S DAY SOUL JAM
Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, May 9, 8 p.m., \$29.50 and \$34.50. Information, 465-4663.

BRETONS & CO.
Old Sings concert, Old Songs Dutch Barn, Altamont Fairgrounds, May 9, 8 p.m., \$15, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

CAPITOL HILL CHORAL SOCIETY
singing works by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Bernstein, Faure, Brahms and Mozart, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge streets, Albany, May 10, 8 p.m., \$12, \$10 for seniors and students. Information, 875-9081.

VITAL INFORMATION
The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, May 10, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$20. Information, 381-1111.

NANCY SINATRA
Revolution Hall, River Street, Troy, May 14, \$22. Information, 273-2337.

MENDELSSOHN CLUB
Music From Stage and Screen concert, Proctor's Theatre, State Street.

Schenectady, May 16, 8 p.m., \$16. Information, 346-6204.

KIM SIMMONDS AND SAVOY BROWN
The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, May 16, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$20. Information, 381-1111.

LITTLE FEAT
Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, May 16, 8 p.m., \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door. Information, 371-0012.

ANDY IRVINE
Old Sings concert, Old Songs Dutch Barn, Altamont Fairgrounds, May 17, 8 p.m., \$15, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
playing works by Brahms, Prokofiev and Koehne, with pianist Joyce Yang, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, May 17, 8 p.m., \$17, \$29 and \$36. Information, 465-4663.

THE SILVERTONES
Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, May 18, 2 p.m., \$16, \$18 and \$20. Information, 381-1111.

Dance

RIVERDANCE
Irish stepdancing spectacular, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through May 11, \$39, \$42 and \$49. Information, 346-6204.

MARK MORRIS DANCE COMPANY
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 17, 8 p.m., \$28, \$24 for seniors, \$14 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM
Strangely Familiar: Approaches to Scale in the Collection of the Museum of Modern Art, through June 29, plus permanent collections on New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART
Richard Callner retrospective, through June 1; plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM
Spirit of Schenectady and Collection

Highlights, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES
161 Washington Ave., photographs by Joan Barrett, through May 23. Information, 462-4775.

YATES GALLERY
at Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, photographs of Ecuador by Dale Raisig, through May 21, Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 783-2517.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY
961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Spring into Bloom," through June 30, Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 786-6557.

Call for Artists

ARTISTS WANTED
exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
openings in the string, horn and

percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

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

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

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

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR
rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for

orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325

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

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

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

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

CRAFTERS WANTED
for 2003 New Scotland Plum Fest on Sept. 20. Information, 439-5488.

Classes

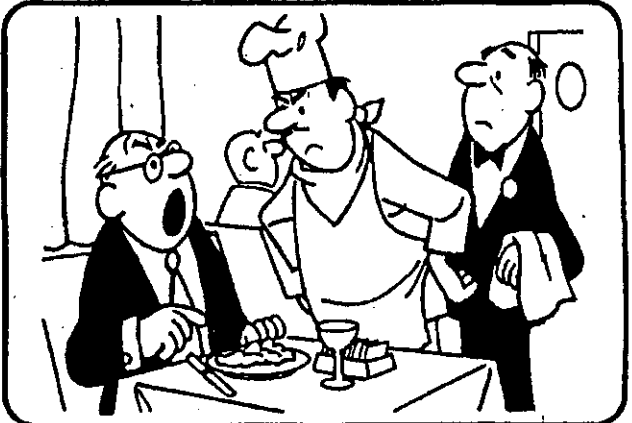
DANCE CLASSES
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

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

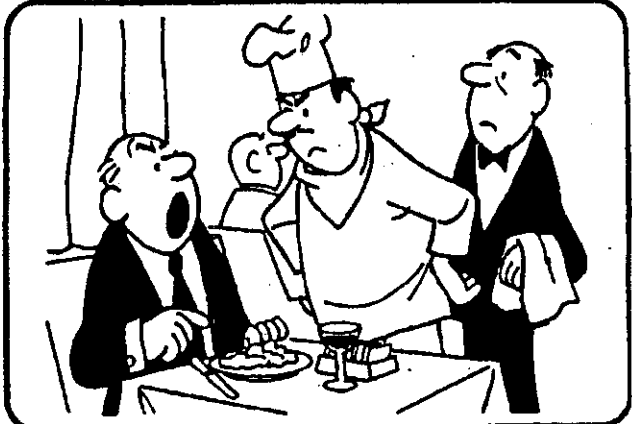


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

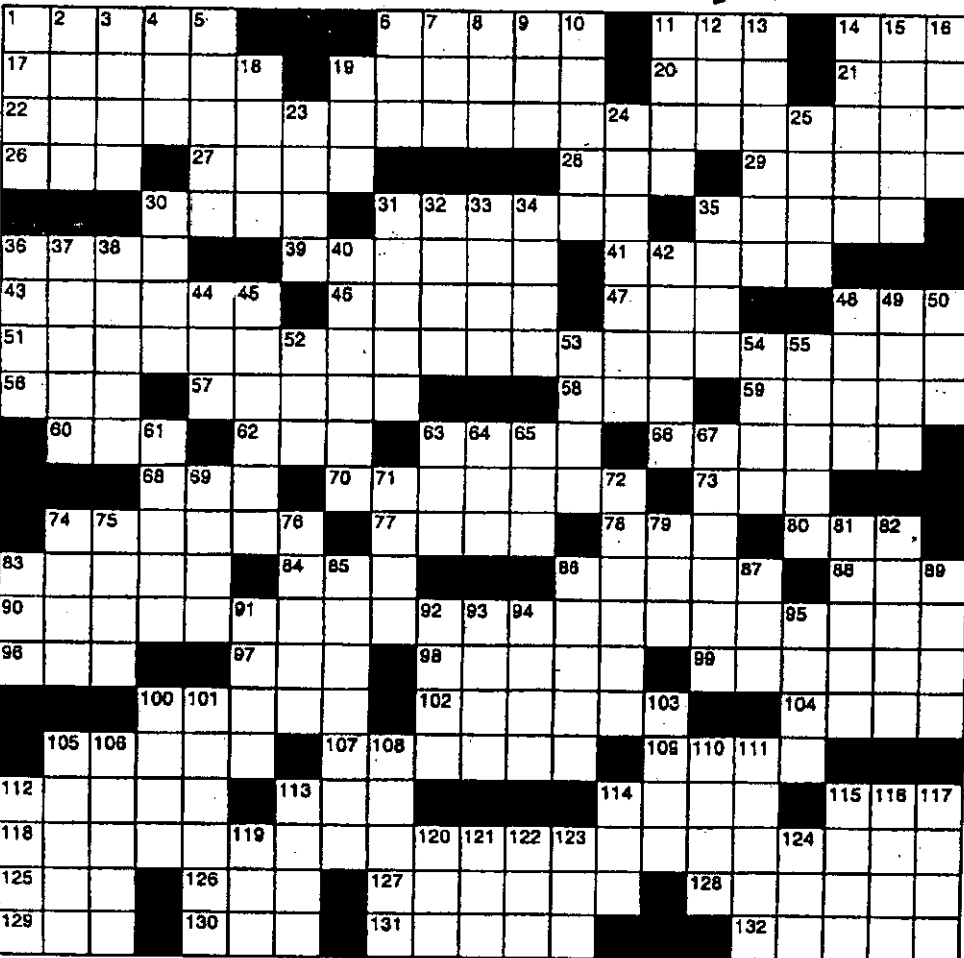


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Waiter's button is missing. 2. Wine glass is missing. 3. Chef's apron is shorter. 4. Tie is black. 5. Door is full. 6. Man's glasses are gone. 7. Russell of "Gladiator" is missing. 8. Chef's apron is shorter. 9. Tie is black. 10. Door is full. 11. Man's glasses are gone. 12. Russell of "Gladiator" is missing.

The Super CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 "Outta here!"
 - 6 Acted kittenish
 - 11 Cul-de- —
 - 14 Select, with "for"
 - 17 Porthos' pal
 - 19 She knew how to get a head
 - 20 Blunder
 - 21 Kind of cross
 - 22 Start of a remark by Florida Scott-Maxwell
 - 26 Loser's locale
 - 27 Prepare to fly
 - 28 Maria — Trapp
 - 29 Inflict
 - 30 Day of "Judging Amy"
 - 31 '81 Albert Finney film
 - 35 Decorate
 - 36 Tennis legend
 - 38 Uproar
 - 41 Knight fight
 - 43 Stalls
 - 46 Courtyards
 - 47 Baseball's "Master Melvin"
 - 48 "The Raven" monogram
 - 51 Part 2 of remark
 - 56 Dundee denial
 - 57 Networks
 - 58 Formerly known as — as a beet
 - 60 Drink like a dachshund
 - 62 Menu phrase
 - 63 California resort
 - 66 Let
 - 68 Seance sound
 - 70 Relaxes
 - 73 Chanteuse Lemp
 - 74 Woodworking tool
 - 77 "Eugene Onegin" character
 - 78 Candidate's backer
 - 80 AAA offering
 - 83 Take by force
 - 84 Prone
 - 86 Bridal path?
 - 88 — Locka, FL
 - 90 Part 3 of remark
 - 96 Be in debt
 - 97 Seville shout
 - 98 — France
 - 99 Did without dessert
 - 100 Put on
 - 102 Coercion
 - 104 Famed loch
 - 105 Daphnie' darling
 - 107 Allure
 - 109 "Against All —" ('84 film)
 - 112 Sign of spring
 - 113 "So there!"
 - 114 Nastase of tennis
 - 115 "Pshaw!"
 - 118 End of remark
 - 125 Wonderment
 - 126 — tal
 - 127 "Walker, Texas Ranger" star
 - 128 Big name in fashion
 - 129 — judicata
 - 130 Matterhorn, e.g.
 - 131 Put down
 - 132 First American saint
 - 10 Probe
 - 11 John and Yoko's son
 - 12 Peacoat part
 - 13 Packs
 - 14 Different
 - 15 Hymn of praise
 - 16 Ottoman
 - 18 Hockey's Mikita
 - 19 — Lanka
 - 23 Part of CEO
 - 24 "Carmen" character
 - 25 Horse's gait
 - 30 TV host
 - 31 Pianist Andre
 - 32 King of Israel
 - 33 Meat cut
 - 34 Wittenberg wife
 - 35 Car
 - 36 Related
 - 37 Rope material
 - 38 Biblical book
 - 40 Martin of "The Majestic"
 - 42 Aquatic mammal
 - 44 Beer barrel
 - 45 Nick one's knee
 - 48 Raison d'— through
 - 50 Third degree?
 - 52 "Lorenzo's —" ('92 film)
 - 53 Oklahoma city
 - 54 Poverty
 - 55 Fall flower
 - 61 Periscope part
 - 63 He gives a hoot
 - 64 Lively dance
 - 65 Santa —, CA
 - 67 He knew all the angles
 - 69 — Spumante
 - 71 A bit of Bach
 - 72 Curry components
 - 74 Sailors
 - 75 Present
 - 76 Mete out the mine-stone
 - 79 Timber tree
 - 81 Bakery buy
 - 82 Dual-use items?
 - 83 "Says —?"
 - 85 Vows
 - 86 TV's "The Black —"
 - 87 Ivy Leaguer
 - 89 "No ifs, —, or buts"
 - 91 Make too much of
 - 92 "O patria
 - 93 Melancholy
 - 94 Architect Saarinen
 - 95 Bears' lairs
 - 100 Heady quaffs
 - 101 Mrs. Richard Wagner
 - 103 Go it alone
 - 105 Russell of "Gladiator"
 - 106 Takes on board
 - 108 Hotelier Helmsley
 - 110 Pons or Ponselle
 - 111 Exploits
 - 112 Out of range
 - 113 Cut a cuticle
 - 114 April initials
 - 115 Fedora fabric
 - 116 Facts, for short
 - 117 School founded in 1440
 - 119 Guy's counterpart
 - 120 Watch pocket
 - 121 Author Levin
 - 122 "— Brown" ('97 film)
 - 123 Quiche or pizza
 - 124 Shemp sib

The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 5/7
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR ROTARY

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

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

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

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND
V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 5/8
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

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

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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.

POETS GROUP

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

Fri. 5/9
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND
PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Teddy Bears Picnic story time, 10:15 a.m., Voorheesville Public Library, 765-2791, No sign-up necessary.

Sat. 5/10
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

BOOKSALE PREPARATIONS

Booksale set-up begins at Voorheesville Public Library, 10 a.m., Volunteers needed, Call 765-2791 or 765-2911.

Sun. 5/11
BETHLEHEM
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee

and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., coffee/fellowship following worship. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices. Bible class for developmentally disabled, second and fourth Sundays of each month. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED

Worship services, 9 & 11 a.m., with child care, Sunday school for all ages T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with child care and children's program through grade 6, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

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

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

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

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

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

FAMILY OF GOD COMM. CHURCH

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

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

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

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

KING'S CHAPEL

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

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

UNIONVILLE REFORMED

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

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

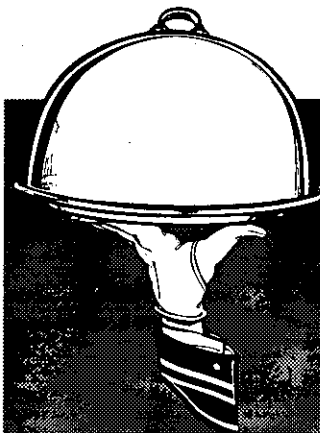
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

JERUSALEM REFORMED

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

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

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DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

AA MEETING

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

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

Tues. 5/13
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TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

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

BINGO

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

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

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

Wed. 5/14
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Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

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

TOWN BOARD

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

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

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

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firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3651.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM BILL OF RIGHTS DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEETING

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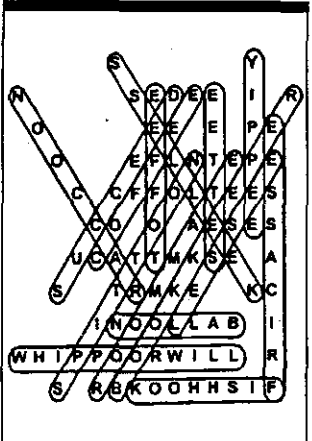
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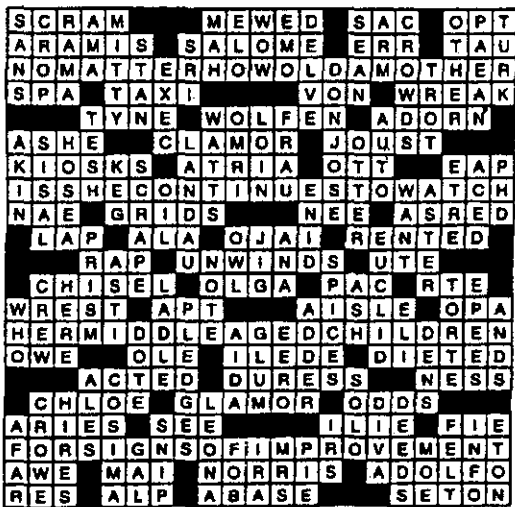
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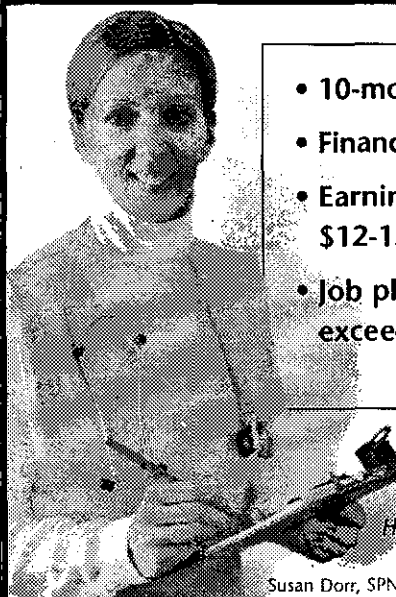
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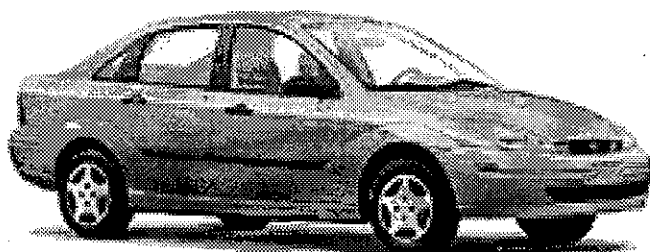


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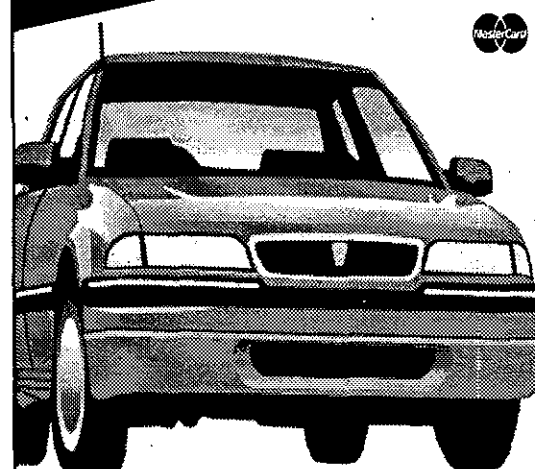


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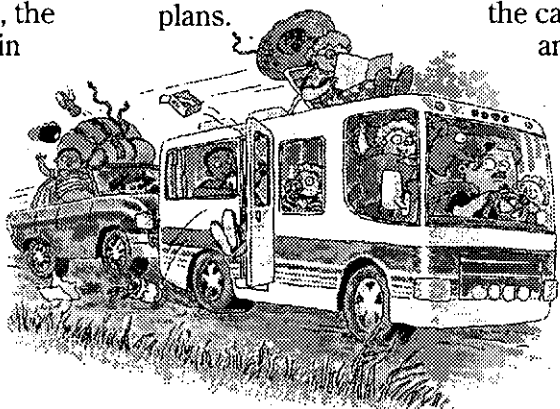
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ahead of schedule. Car trouble, usually due to neglected preventive maintenance, brings an abrupt end to vacation plans.

wheels, A.C./heater/defroster, instruments/gauges, windshield wipers, horns/lights/mirrors, seat belts and the car's body, inside and out.

Not only can a pre-trip inspection help reduce chances of costly and possibly dangerous road trouble, it also provides an opportunity to have repairs made at home, with one's own technician who knows the vehicle. Especially important, it provides peace of mind. While no inspection can guarantee a car's performance, it's comforting to know proper precautions were taken.

The situation usually means more than just a repair bill, says the Car Care Council. It can involve towing charges, lodging and possibly a rental car. Add to that the cost of extra phone calls, meals and general inconvenience, and the ordeal becomes expensive. This scenario usually can be avoided with a pre-vacation inspection performed by a qualified automotive technician.

This "physical" for your automobile should address the following systems:

- * Cooling
- * Braking
- * Emission control
- * Steering/suspension
- * Fuel
- * Electrical and ignition

In addition, the tech should evaluate engine performance, tires/

WIPERS - In the most recent National Car Care Month vehicle check lanes, 21% of the participants had wipers that smeared, streaked or chattered across their windshields. Although climates vary, wipers generally need replacing every six months. An easy reminder is to change wiper blades in the spring and fall when you change your clock. Be sure the windshield washers are working properly, too, and keep the reservoir filled with solvent.

LIGHTING - Another important pre-trip check should be exterior and interior lighting. Vehicle check lanes revealed an over-all failure rate of over 25% in the lighting category. The Car Care Council reminds motorists to check their lights monthly. Other suggestions from the Council include turning on headlights both day and night. This helps define your car's position on the road, and its distance from other drivers. Remember, your lights are the only way you have to communicate with other drivers. When the lighting is defective, the other motorists may never see the message that you intend to stop or turn. Either way, the end result could be disastrous.

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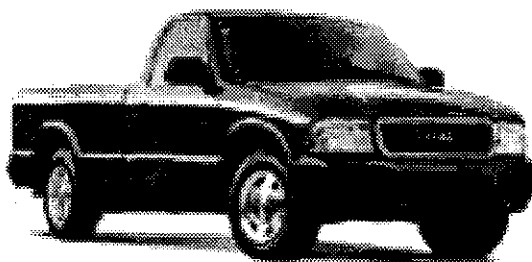
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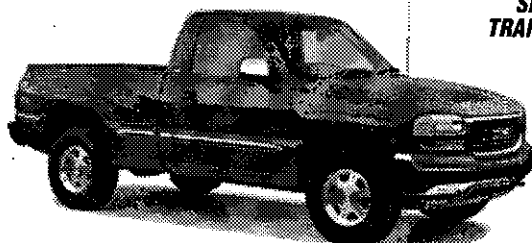
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Funny Cide

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So many people in town placed bets on Funny Cide that Duff said the local Off Track Betting parlor ran out of money to pay out all the winning tickets.

"It was the best day for me, money wise," Duff said. "I made \$5,400, and I was one of the smaller ones. One of the guys won \$14,000 betting the Futures out in (Las) Vegas."

Not many people outside of Bethlehem or the Capital District gave Funny Cide a chance before last Saturday. He won three in-state races as a 2-year-old, but his best finish as a 3-year-old was second place to Empire Maker in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct two weeks before the Derby. He also had history working against him — no gelding had won the

Derby since 1929, and no New York-bred horse had ever won the Run for the Roses.

But Williams had confidence in Funny Cide — so much so that he made a bet with a passerby before the race.

"There was this guy with a little bowler hat on. I congratulated him on the fact that with all these women wearing these great big hats, he was wearing this nice little bowler hat," Williams said. "I asked him who he was for, and he said he was for Offlee Wild (which finished 12th out of 16 horses). He wanted to bet me \$100 on the race, and I told him he could throw the hat in (instead). So after the race, I was downstairs, and he comes by and gives me the hat."

The bowler wasn't the only prize Williams picked up. He and his partners received a first-place check for more than \$800,000 and got to hold one of the most famous and sought-after trophies in the thoroughbred racing world.

Williams, though, let the others do most of the talking to the media after the race.

"The other guys went around and did those things. I had my little deal," Williams said, without going into further detail.

Williams did join the others for their private post-race party back at the hotel. "We were staying at the Galt House," he said. "We went back and took over a room and just partied."

Much like his friends back in Bethlehem were doing.

"It just seems like we have somebody in town that we can touch that did something like this," Ragone said. "It's like having someone local win an Olympic gold medal or hit a grand slam to win the World Series, and it couldn't happen to a better guy."

Funny Cide's amazing journey isn't over yet. Next up will be the Preakness at Pimlico outside Baltimore in less than two weeks — the second jewel in thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown. However, Williams has his sights set on another race he would dearly like to win — the Travers in August at Saratoga.

"We've never won at Saratoga, and to me, the Travers would be just as fascinating (as the Kentucky Derby)," he said.

FEMA

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and Jan. 3 storms.

"Any equipment that was utilized to open up the roads, sidewalks or to remove snow was covered, the labor was covered just for the overtime hours," said Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagen-dorph.

In Bethlehem, cleanup costs associated with the two storms carried a price tag of roughly \$188,000 spent over a four-day period, according to the FEMA application. With 172 miles of town highway and about 35 miles of sidewalk to clear, the 64-member department zapped a large portion of its overtime budget.

"In the first three months of this year we utilized over 50 percent of the overtime money for the highway department and this money will help to reimburse some of those costs," said Sagen-dorph.

Bethlehem will receive just over \$145,000 while New Scotland will take in about \$35,000 and Voorheesville will pick up roughly \$11,000. The federal assistance does not include expenses incurred during the Presidents Day storm in February or the early-April ice storm, municipalities must apply separately for that aid. The final two storms of the season racked up an additional \$66,000 in cleanup costs for Bethlehem, bringing the grand tally to nearly a \$250,000 spent removing snow after four storms.

While winter was certainly daunting for the highway department, spring hasn't been a walk in the park.

"We had the ice storms, a lot of downed tree branches under the snow for the winter. The spring has been horrendous trying to get everything picked up and restoring people's lawns," said Sagen-dorph.

BREATH

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a small number of responses by mail, leaving many to concur the proposed change is a good fit.

"I take the light turnout to mean there's a general concurrence," said an optimistic Ben Chi of Selkirk.

BREATH will present its findings to the town board within the next week. Members have only tackled re-zoning the Route 144 corridor, a small portion of the 21 percent of the town's land that falls under the Rural Not Zoned code, according to Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky.

For the last five years, the town has budgeted \$30,000 toward the expenses associated with hiring a consultant, according to town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, yet the board hasn't signed on a firm. With a zoning battle under way in court, the town board is beginning its search for a consultant to examine zoning issues throughout town and review a land use plan created in 1997.

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