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Taking their licks



Stephanie, Katrina, Richard and Nyssa Przybylowicz huddle under an umbrella at Ross's stand last Saturday during a downpour.

Jim Franco

G'land junior dies in tragic accident

By KRISTEN OLBY

Counselors were on hand Monday morning at Guilderland High School to help students cope with the death of classmate Christine Davies over the weekend.

Davies, 17, of Pinewood Drive in Guilderland, was killed Saturday afternoon while practicing jumps with a rented horse at Krumkill Stables in Bethlehem. While attempting a jump, the horse stumbled, causing Davies to fall from her mount, according to the Albany County Sheriff's Department. The horse landed on the teen, causing serious internal injuries. Sheriff James Campbell says the teen was wearing a helmet at the time of the fall, but it would not have prevented the blunt trauma injuries Davies sustained.

Amanda DeSarbo, 23, was instructing Davies when the horse stumbled. The Sheriff's Department has closed its investigation and ruled the death an accident.

Davies was the only child of Anne and Anton Davies and the granddaughter of former state Sen. Howard Nolan. She began riding horses at age 5 and had gone on to become an accomplished rider who even taught lessons at Krumkill Stables

over the last year, according to her grandfather.

"She was a very lovely young lady, very bright and very close to her parents," said Nolan, who added his granddaughter's love of horses inspired her to want to pursue a career as a veterinarian.

Davies was a junior at Guilderland High School who excelled academically and had just begun to explore college options.

The high school began the day with an early morning faculty meeting to inform teachers of Christine's death. Guidance counselors and social workers visited Christine's classes to talk with students and answer questions. Students decorated Christine's locker, writing out their memories and the final messages they hoped to relay to her.



Christine Davies

Principal Jack Whipple said roughly 30 students took advantage of additional counseling centers set up at the school.

"A few felt they really couldn't cope, and we contacted their parents and sent them home," said Whipple.

He described Christine as a cheerful, smiling student who managed to transcend the social cliques.

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BC freshmen are a cut above

Girls sacrifice locks for love

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

With giggles, some tears and hands clenched together, Bethlehem Central High School freshmen Melissa Haggerty and Norah Wilson let go of a little bit of themselves so that a sick child could have a full head of hair. Both girls had grown their hair longer than 10 inches below their shoulders so that they could donate it to "Locks of Love," an organization that provides real and synthetic wigs to children suffering hair loss.

"It's something I've wanted to do for a while," 14-year-old Wilson said. "A friend did it, and I thought it would be a



Norah Wilson and Melissa Haggerty at Jolyn's in Glenmont.

good thing to do."

"I saw it on 'Oprah,' and went to the Web site for information," 15-year-old Melissa added.

Both girls' mothers were on hand — along with a Channel 9 news camera — to

watch the girls part with their hair at Jolyn's on Feura Bush Road in Glenmont.

"We call it the horse's tail," Theresa Haggerty said, running her hands through her daughter's 11-inch blond ponytail one last time.

"We've been counting down the hours all day," said Melissa, who's had long hair since preschool.

"I'm thrilled," Roxanne Wilson said of the girls' decision. "Norah's godmother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and we were going to donate the hair to the American Cancer Society."

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Runyon takes time to share with kids

By KRISTEN OLBY

Before winning the Freihofer's Run for Women for the second-straight year on Saturday, Marla Runyon took time out to share her personal story of triumph with Bethlehem Middle School students. On Friday, Runyon spoke candidly to a crowded auditorium full of students about her career as a long distance runner, overcoming partial blindness, and conquering challenges. The speaking engagement was part of the Freihofer's Run For Women School Athlete Program, designed to bring elite athletes into the classroom.

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Police make DWI arrest

Bethlehem police recently arrested an Albany man for driving while intoxicated (DWI). Vladislav Morozov, 29, of 164 Dana Ave., was stopped by police after they received a call that Morozov was driving erratically on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on May 23 at 8:57 p.m.

Morozov failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI.

David Morris, 34, of 90 Strong St., Schenectady, led police on a chase through Glenmont on May 23 after allegedly stealing more than \$1,000 worth of DVDs from a Town Squire store.

A store employee told police that Morris left the store with DVDs hidden in his jacket.

As police approached Morris, police said he dropped the DVDs and ran south across a parking lot.

He was apprehended in a backyard on Glenmont Road.

Morris was charged with grand larceny, a felony, and resisting arrest, a misdemeanor.

Morris was arraigned in town court by Justice Paul Dwyer and sent to Albany County jail without bail.

Library presents life of Paul Robeson

Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum will present "Paul Robeson in Retrospect" on Thursday, June 5, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

Robeson's social ideology made him a controversial figure in spite of his intellect, commanding presence and gifts as a singer and actor.

Presenter Jack Hotchkiss will trace Robeson's life and career with slides, original recordings and commentary.

The program is co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects.

Call 439-9314 to register for this free program.

Six injured in accident near Price Chopper exit

A Sunday morning accident involving an ambulance sent six people to the hospital. A Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance was traveling eastbound on Route 85 when it was hit by a 1987 Chevrolet driven by 21 year-old Paul Ruiz of Delmar.

Police said Ruiz hit the ambulance as he was leaving Price Chopper Plaza on Cherry Avenue Extension. Ruiz and his passengers, Elizabeth Austin, 19, and Aidan Ruiz, 1, both of Delmar, were taken to the hospital by a

Westerlo Volunteer Ambulance that came upon the accident while returning from an unrelated call. All three were treated and released from the hospital.

The patient in the ambulance, Susan Turner of Rensselaerville, was taken to St. Peter's Hospital where she was listed in critical condition as of Sunday.

Three Rensselaerville Ambulance attendants were taken to the hospital for minor injuries and later released. Bethlehem police continue to investigate. No charges have been filed.

Man sentenced for hit and run

A Selkirk man who struck and killed a tow truck driver while behind the wheel of tractor-trailer will spend the next six months in Albany County jail.

James, Simpson, 34, was sentenced on May 28 by Albany County Judge Stephen W. Herrick after striking a plea-bargain agreement in April. Simpson pleaded guilty to a felony count of leaving the scene of the Feb. 1 fatal accident.

While driving on the Thruway at 3:55 a.m., Simpson hit 25-year-old Wade Eaton of Schenectady who had just finished hooking up a station wagon to his tow truck and was returning to his cab.

Eaton was hit after stepping over the white fog line into Simpson's traffic lane to walk back to the truck. Eaton was blind

in his left eye and may not have seen the oncoming tractor-trailer, according to Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Sober.

Simpson realized he hit someone, yet the rig's Global Positioning System shows he drove four miles before stopping for seven minutes and then continuing on to Messer MG Industries in Selkirk, where he was employed, according to Sober.

Employees at Messer MG Industries noticed the damage to the truck and contacted police.

There was no indication Simpson had used drugs or alcohol at the time of the accident, according to Sober.

In addition to jail time, Simpson was given five years probation.

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Bethlehem Tomorrow to hold public programs

By KRISTEN OLBY

As Bethlehem Tomorrow celebrates its first anniversary this month, the non-partisan citizens group concerned about development in Bethlehem, is beginning to take shape and action.

Later this month, the group will present the first of four public informational programs designed to heighten awareness about commercial and residential growth within the town.

"I think there's a collective feeling that we've got to do something," said Bethlehem Tomorrow member Nancy Heinzen of Elsmere.

The organization's 10 members include a teacher, a graduate student studying geography, a land use planner and a lobbyist among others.

All share a common concern about the impending challenges facing Bethlehem as it grows.

Bethlehem Tomorrow came into existence shortly after Sematech — the consortium of advanced semiconductor manufacturers — announced it would be conducting operations at the University of Albany. As Bethlehem joined the growing number of communities eager to capitalize on the anticipated arrival of similar high-tech companies, concerns soon rose about the town's preparedness for an onset of new residents and businesses.

It all sounded eerily familiar to longtime Austin, Texas, resident Mary Judd, who now lives in Elsmere and is active in Bethlehem Tomorrow. Sematech is headquartered in Austin along with several other technology driven businesses, all of which contributed to the area's growth. Increasing taxes, traffic clogged streets and a strained school system prompted Judd and her family to leave Austin behind six years ago.

"It became unlivable for us as much as we loved it, the change was just profound," said Judd, who lived in the Texas city of roughly 600,000 people for 20 years.

The small-town feel she once loved in Austin quickly disappeared, as it grew larger in

size.

"By the time people got involved, by the time they noticed, it was too late," said Judd of the rapid growth.

The group maintains unplanned growth in Bethlehem could quickly spiral out of control if the community doesn't begin to proactively plan for the future. From 1980 to 2000, Bethlehem's population rose by nearly 30 percent, according to Census figures. The town gained the second-largest number of people of any municipality in the Capital District, with Clifton Park gaining the most. Bethlehem Tomorrow members fear the arrival of more businesses and housing developments will stress an

already strained town infrastructure, school system and drinking water supply while devouring the remaining available land.

"It's obvious that if this kind of growth continues un-

Neil Woodworth

It's obvious that if this kind of growth continues unchecked we are going to see major school tax and property tax increases.

checked we are going to see major school tax and property tax increases," said Bethlehem Tomorrow member Neil Woodworth, who has lived in Delmar for nearly 25 years.

The informational forums will address the trends of growth in the area, land use plans, effects of development on the school system, and open space protection strategies.

The organization would like to bring together a mix of north and south Bethlehem residents, farmers, realtors, developers and other business people to share questions and concerns about development.

Bethlehem Tomorrow members hope to spark community conversations and the creation of a vision for Bethlehem.

One of the organization's main objectives is to explore the costs and benefits of protecting areas of open space for the future.

Members believe the first step in establishing controlled growth must include outlining which areas of town should remain undeveloped.

Members say the preservation of open space contributes to clean air and water, keeps commute times reasonable and costs less than sprawling residential developments.

"We know that protecting open space is a starting point for beginning to figure out, in a constructive way, how you might begin to develop our town, what you want it to look like," said Heinzen.

Bethlehem Tomorrow will sponsor a community conversation in early October to discuss the protection of open space.

For information about Bethlehem Tomorrow programs, send e-mail to bethlehtomorrow@hotmail.com.

Slow going



DOT road construction workers began a reconstruction project on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Monday. Traffic was backed up on Kenwood and Delaware avenues for most of the day.

Donna Bell

BC board reviews planning report

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

On top of a difficult budget year, the Bethlehem Central School District continued looking into a major project to solve crowding in its school buildings at all levels on May 28. The project carries a price tag that ranges from \$75.6 million to \$94.5 million.

"Eighteen straight years of increasing student enrollment and record breaking residential development has brought us to this point," School Superintendent Les Loomis wrote.

"In the past the community has supported bond issues designed to meet Bethlehem Central's needs. The reality is the school district cannot control residential growth; our mission is to educate all children who come to BC," Loomis added.

The entire committee was

present to answer questions from the board about the planning process.

The committee was broad based, with its 22 members representing the community, district faculty, administration, staff members, students and parents. It was assisted in the planning process by representatives of the architectural firm of Collins & Scoville and the Construction Management firm of Sano-Rubin.

"We had a great deal of attention this time from community members who were in attendance at many of the 20 meetings spanning a six month planning period. They had a lot of participation in and impact on the process," said Loomis. "It was a very open process and members of the public were encouraged to join the discussions."

The committee was guided by

certain principles that led to the setting of priorities in its recommendations to the board. The recommendations resulted in the range of projected costs for the project.

Top priority, according to the report, "was to build for the upper end of the enrollment projections to be sure of adequate space in the near future plus meet the need for class room space."

At the conclusion of this process, the board plans to have developed the scope of the project. Following the completion of the environmental impact work, expected to be completed in August, it will adopt a formal resolution for the Capital Project and costs for a bonding referendum in October or November.

The public is encouraged to attend board planning sessions on June 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Spurned party member vows to primary

By KRISTEN OLBY

A primary will likely be held to determine which two Bethlehem town board candidates will receive the Independence Party's backing. Delmar resident Cynthia "Cindy" Hill says she will begin the petition process this week to add her name to the ballot on the Independence Party line.

Hill had sought the party's endorsement but was passed over by the committee when it opted to endorse the Bethlehem Independence Party chairman, Tim Gordon, and town board incumbent Daniel Plummer, a

Democrat.

Hill has been a state committee member of the Independence Party for four years.

"It was rather unusual that they didn't back the Independence Party members," said Hill of the committee's decision.

In order to hold a primary, Hill must circulate a petition and receive signatures from at least 5 percent of the registered Independence Party members. Of the 914 registered Independence Party voters in Bethlehem, Hill will need to obtain signatures from 46. The top two vote getters in the primary will receive the party's endorsement and coveted spot on the ballot.

"In a historical election year that many believe will bring an end to a century and a half era of one-party control in Bethlehem,

an Independence Party endorsement is extremely significant," wrote Tim Gordon in a press release about the party's slate.

Gordon was endorsed by the Bethlehem Democratic Party in April.

Hill will also attempt to run for town board as an independent candidate. To do so, will require her to gather roughly 1,600 petition signatures from registered voters of any party. Going door to door gathering signatures will be a tough task for 46-year-old Hill who is wheelchair bound as a result of multiple sclerosis.

Hill said her husband, LaMar, and a half-dozen volunteers from the Independence Party have offered her assistance in gathering signatures. Petitions are due at the end of the month.

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Tracing that one warm line for the rest of our lives

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Minutes after I first met the man who would become my husband, he burst into song. Not just any song, mind you, but "O Canada," and in French. To anyone else, this would have been reason enough to hit the road, but to me, it sounded like home.

Nineteen years later, we're both a little fuzzy on why that song at that particular moment, and can only agree that I had told him I was from Burlington, Vt., and might have mentioned that "Hockey Night in Canada" had been such a staple in our house that it wasn't until I started school that I learned that our national anthem was not "O Canada," but "The Star Spangled Banner."

To Chris, a native Long Islander, Canada was the lure of the

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unknown right in our backyard. To me, Canada was busloads of women in short shorts and hair dyed bright red, shopping in Burlington's discount stores, and lots of my classmates' grandparents, who spoke both French and English, and offered up such great phrases as "trow your sister down da stairs a kiss."

When Chris and I met in the mid-'80s, "O Canada" and Anne Murray were all I knew about Canadian music. That didn't matter, because while our hip

New York friends headed for hot New York nightspots like the Odeon and Puffy's Bar, Chris and I honored our roots by hanging out at Tommy Makem's Irish Pavilion on East 57th Street. Tommy Makem was a true celebrity to me — the man who had helped the Clancy Brothers achieve fame during "the great folk music scare," and had given my father songs to sing when it was summer or the Canadiens had a night off.

One of the groups we got to know at Tommy Makem's was Schooner Fare, three guys from Maine with a big sound and a dry New England way of looking at the world. In between their songs of coastal New England and Canada, they mentioned a man who became a mainstay in our family's listening repertoire, Stan Rogers.

On a business trip to Maine after we were married, Chris found some Stan Rogers tapes, and listening to them on his clunky yellow Sony Walkman on the flight home, he was so thrilled that he could barely sit still.

We were saddened to know that the big-voiced Canadian singer we'd just discovered had already passed away.

Monday, June 2, marked the 20th anniversary of Stan Rogers' death and has made us think again about what a gift his music left the world — and how much it has meant to our family. Chris has always sang as he moves through his day and after discovering Stan, that was his main repertoire.

"Daddy, sing that song — 'Patterson Creek Muddy Waters' run down," 2-year-old Christopher asked at more than one

bedtime, as the stories I'd read yielded to Daddy's good-night songs with his lads. Christopher's request of "Tiny Fish for Japan" was one of Stan's heartbreakers — a story of Canadian fishermen yielding their catch to a foreign conglomerate.

While we lived in New York, Stan's musical stories brought a life of coastal fishing and farming on the plains to our urban lives. Listening to "The Field Behind The Plow" made us feel that we were running a combine across vast, flat plains, wishing for the rain to make a harvest possible.

In those intense days I spent with toddlers, still carving out my maternal identity, Stan's love songs kept me believing in romance.

The ranch wife's tale of beauty lost — "Why cannot her mirror tell her lies?" — but found again in her husband's eyes — "She'll look up in that weathered face that loves hers line for line" — kept me hopeful that my corporate husband would see beyond the holes in the knees of my jeans and my unmade-up face to the blessings of the life we were building together.

My favorite, though, remains a song that brought me to a halt no matter how many dishes still needed washing or how smelly somebody's diaper might be. It's called "45 Years From Now," and is Stan's love song to his wife — who heard the reassurance we all want, that "I want to see your smiling face 45 years from now."

When my brother-in-law Timmy gave us a video about Stan Rogers, it proved that we just couldn't be weird enough, as we listened to people talk about Stan

and watched him perform with his brother, Garnet. Well before our boys knew about Weird Al or Linkin Park, "One Warm Line" was their favorite music video and joined "Winnie the Pooh" and "Beauty and the Beast" in their regular viewing line-up.

"Let's play Stan and Garnet," one or the other of the boys would say and they'd pick up the little guitars we'd purchased from street vendors, one to play guitar like Stan and one to wield a fiddle like Garnet. When my mother-in-law relayed this story to Garnet Rogers during one of his regular performances at The Eighth Step, he repeated it on stage, adding sardonically, "Those kids need to get a life."

Life is what Stan's songs are all about, and we celebrate life fully during our summer vacations in Ireland, when we are blessed to spend evenings in the pub with people who gladly sing out their favorite tunes.


Denis Buckley asks Chris to sing "Make and Break Harbor" once each summer, a story of a town that holds the forgotten remains of a once-booming fishing economy.

It's a happier song of boating that we all love best, and when Chris' sister, who now lives in Ireland, belts out "The Mary Ellen Carter," every toe in the room gets tapping.

Lanna has even named her own boat The Mary Ellen Carter, and as the packed room sings the chorus of the song about a boat too loved to remain shattered below the seas, we all draw great hope, courage and joy from a song that means a talented man will live on forever.

When you hear the chorus, you'll know some things are never meant to leave the earth fully. "Rise again, rise again. Though your heart it be broken, and life about to end, no matter what you've lost, be it a home, a love, a friend, like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise again."

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Tragic Water issues dominate V'ville village agenda

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"She was always talking about riding to teachers and classmates," recalled Whipple.

At JHA Riding Academy in Slingerlands, many horse enthusiasts were still stunned by the accident. In her 20 years of working with horses, trainer Jesse Zwijacz said this is only the second time she's heard of a horse landing on its rider.

"If you're falling off, they try everything in their power to avoid landing on you," including attempting to catch the rider in mid-air, said Zwijacz. A full-grown horse usually weighs anywhere from 800 to 1,000 pounds.

With extensive riding experience under her belt, Zwijacz admits she's taken her fair share of falls, the harshest of which resulted in a six-hour bout of amnesia.

"I've taken hundreds of spills from horses, and usually you just get up and walk away," said Zwijacz.

A horse would be likely to stumble during a jump if it were arthritic and therefore too old to be jumping, if a fence was raised too high, or if it were simply uncomfortable with jumping, according to Zwijacz.

The trainer says most area horseback riders jump fences about three feet high. "There is a certain level you can push the animals, and then you run the risk of an accident," she said.

By MICHELE FLYNN

Water, water everywhere. The Voorheesville village board couldn't get away from the topic at its May 27 meeting. A new water tank, an overflowing sewer drain, increased water rates and a contaminated well were all discussed.

As for the new water tanks, Lamont Engineering has applied for the necessary permits to begin work on the village water storage improvement project. The board is considering how to fund the improvements, partially dependent on whether the project qualifies for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund through the state Department of Transportation.

The proposed budget of \$1.68 million will cover a 1.5 million gallon tank, a pressure reducing water station, pipe replacement and automation of the system. It is projected that the tank and water main have 40 years of useful life.

Another matter involved too

much water in the wrong places. A partially clogged sewer drain caused two flooded basements along Deerfield Court during a downpour on May 2. The drain has since been cleared of roots and debris. The same problem occurred four years ago to the same two residences, owned by neighbors Rita York and David Russo.

"We are very sorry that this happened for the second time. We will increase maintenance," said Mayor Jack Stevens.

Residents of Sewer District No. 1 in Salem Hills will be paying for their refurbished water treatment plant through an increase in water rates, from \$460 per year to \$540.

"(Trustee) Tom Ruane babysat this project," Stevens said, adding that trustees have been assigned to projects to ensure they came in on budget.

On a final water related matter, the board voted unanimously to provide Bernie Stempel of New Salem Road with the opportunity to obtain a water tap. Stempel provided documentation from his

physician indicating that his well was contaminated.

"Bernie Stempel has come to the board (requesting a tap) numerous times over the years," Stevens said.

"We've told him that he'd be the first one considered if we opened it up to outside users," added Trustee Bill Hotaling.

In other business, Bill Corbett, chairman of the recreation committee, will resign his position as of September, when

Laurie Rothwein, a current recreation committee member, will take over.

"Bill did a great job and worked hard. He's a nice guy," said Hotaling.

In another matter, Dr. Hedy Midgen, who has been unable to find an Altamont location for her office, contacted Stevens regarding relocating to Voorheesville.

The mayor suggested several properties.

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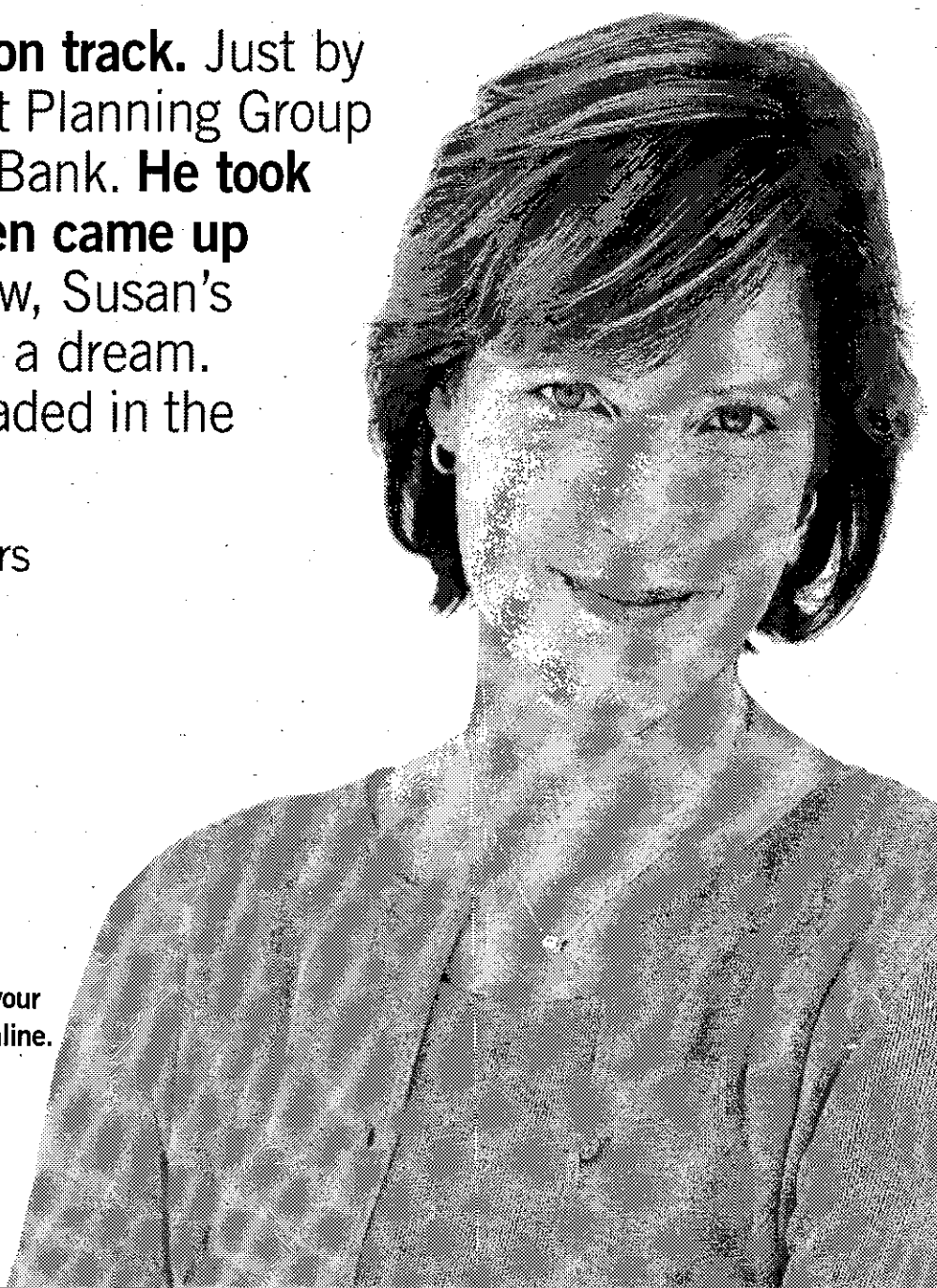
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Matters of Opinion

Welcome aboard

Spotlight Newspapers launches its ninth weekly paper this week, the *Burnt Hills Spotlight*. This along with the town monthly publications, *Capital District Parent Pages* and the *Senior Spotlight* brings the total to 11 publications throughout the Capital District.

We are excited about our latest endeavor that will continue to strive for comprehensive coverage of local news.

As with our other weekly newspapers, *Burnt Hills* will include school district and town news, sports, wedding and engagement announcements, birth announcements, college achievements and obituaries. There is no charge to run bridal and engagements and announcements. Announcements are published in the order in which they are received.

Letters to the editor will be edited and must be signed. Unsigned letters receive no consideration. Letter writers should also include a daytime telephone number for verification.

All the Spotlight weeklies also consider reader submissions for our Point of View columns. Call Executive Editor Susan Graves or Managing Editor Dev Tobin at 439-4949 to discuss prospective Point of View ideas and deadlines.

The deadline for submitting news releases and letters for publication on Thursday is noon on Friday of the preceding week. The deadline for advertising is also at noon on Friday. Information can be mailed, faxed to 439-0609 or e-mailed to spotnews@nycap.rr.com.

Go Funny Cide

The big red gelding, Funny Cide, who will run in the Belmont on Saturday, has captured not only the imagination and hearts of thousands in the region but as likely millions throughout the nation.

Because of his local ties to the region, one owner is from Delmar and another from Saratoga Springs, Spotlight Newspapers will go along for the ride on Saturday to cover the race. But quite frankly, we would live to see him win the last jewel in the triple crown.

We admit we are quite gaga over the horse, who came out of nowhere to stun everyone who's any one in the racing world and beyond.

We expect Gus Williams, the Delmar "fashion plate," will wear his lucky jacket at the Belmont, and we hope the third time's the charm for Gus and especially for Funny Cide, who has already earned elite status in the sport of kings.

Editorials

As journalists, we try to get it right

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The writer is assistant editor for Spotlight Newspapers.

While I was interviewing a public official recently, he informed me that a previous story I had written contained a factual error about a biographical detail. Well, I'd be glad to run a correction, I said.

Don't bother, he replied. I just wanted you to know, but there's no reason to make a fuss.

The Schenectady County editions of the paper later ran the correction.

While I pride myself as a journalist on the care I take, I must admit there are more than a few instances in which I have goofed on some detail or another. And sometimes in the editing process, some bit of information will be omitted from a story or some sequence of events rearranged, that will make the whole confusing, unclear or just plain wrong.

But that public official's reluctance to ask me to get it right in the first place has an eerie resonance for me with the recent Jayson Blair scandal at *The New York Times*. Not, let me assure you, that there is any direct parallel. My own transgressions do not rise to the level of those ascribed to Blair, the reporter who admitted to plagiarizing extensively from rival news accounts and of fabricating meetings and situations for more than two years as a reporter — claiming to be places he wasn't, witnessing things he couldn't possibly have, "interviewing" people he never spoke to.

That's fraud, and there is no excusing Blair's actions. I won't dwell here on many of the potential contributing factors, extensively covered elsewhere, that may have enabled Blair to perpetrate it; the reporters' star system at *The Times*, editorial disconnection and arrogance, mistakes in the paper's affirmative action practices, shoddy oversight.

The aspect of this sordid story that resonates with my own

Point of View

experience lies in this: unlike the famous Janet Cooke scandal at *The Washington Post* in the '80s, where a reporter — who later won a Pulitzer Prize for her work — made up an 8-year-old drug addict about whom she wrote, Blair's subjects are all real people — and some of them read his accounts, which they knew to be untrue.

Yet for almost two years, none of those folks came forward to challenge him publicly. Why not? Did they think no one would pay attention to their complaints? Was the reflected glory of being quoted in a major daily newspaper flattering enough to make them suppress their urge to come forward? Or, more ominous, did they simply have so low an opinion of journalists that they assumed newspapers get the facts wrong as a matter of routine?

Which brings me back to that public official who didn't want to make a fuss. Did he think I, or my editors, wouldn't care? Or did he think it wouldn't matter, that no one reads that stuff anyway — so

through the labyrinth of government and unable to attend all the public meetings we do, rely on our accounts as their principal source of information about events. The accuracy of those accounts is important.

But we depend on those on whom we report to call us on it when we make a mistake. The thought that they might not be profoundly disturbing; what must they think of my profession — or me?

There is a widespread canard that much of journalism is biased at its base: liberal bias; right-wing radio; media elites. I certainly won't pretend to speak for *The New York Times*, Fox News, or ClearChannel, but I know that my own editors and publisher do not try to influence how, or even what, I report.

The publisher of Eagle Newspapers, owner of the Spotlight chain, is a fellow named Stewart Hancock. As I recently told a Rotary group before whom I spoke, in the interests of disclosure, that's Hancock as in Hancock International Airport, named for a member of my employer's family; if you're from the Syracuse area, you know the name and probably recognize

it as prominent in local Republican circles.

But for the record, I know nothing of Stewart Hancock's personal

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an error in print is inconsequential?

I am disturbed by the thought and its implications. And I have heard similar comments from others I have written about often enough to suspect it reflects some widespread view of journalism — a view the Blair fiasco can only serve to reinforce.

Journalists are human beings and make mistakes, particularly in the setting of a public meeting. Writing fast on a spiral notebook perched on one's knee, one eye on the deadline clock, even a veteran reporter can misplace digits, mishear quotes, get only half of it. Reading all that scribble later, it is entirely possible to misattribute from where and whom a specific remark came. A journalist's fast shorthand can betray him later; one of my colleagues recently misquoted "environmental" as "economic" after misinterpreting, I imagine, a scrawl beginning with "e" scratched in his notes.

Journalism, it has been famously remarked, is the first draft of history — and as anyone in publishing knows, first drafts contain unintended errors. Journalists are not alone in this regard. The professional clerks and stenographers who assemble the public record can get it wrong; this is why minutes of are later reviewed by public bodies before being formally adopted as record.

Blair notwithstanding, most journalists are not cavalier about facts. We want to be right — and to be corrected when we're not. We know that many of the public, unable to pursue information

politics, nor he of mine. I see him maybe two or three times a year; he has never even so much as suggested a story to me in the nearly five years I have been employed by Spotlight Newspapers.

Nor does Spotlight Newspapers General Manager John McIntyre ever try to exert influence on the direction, tone or content of my coverage. And I am certain that the vast majority of journalists can say the same about their situations.

In the voting booth and in my own political convictions, I tend to skew liberal, though I belong to no political. But my politics do not creep into my reporting — with one possible exception. If my work reflects any bias, it is toward openness and transparency in public affairs. Of course: journalists rely on information and access to it, so naturally we tend to favor freedom of information, just as truckers tend to favor a generous speed limit.

But journalism depends on trust. Editors aren't omniscient and can't be everywhere, and they rely on reporters as their eyes and ears to be ethical, accurate, careful and thorough. By the same token, reporters rely on public officials not to mislead them, to be available — and to set them straight on the facts when they're wrong.

This, I think, is the scariest aspect of the affair Blair; the idea that a reporter would lie to his superiors, and the public, so routinely, and that those whom he lied about would not make a fuss on behalf of the truth.

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Matters of Opinion

Americans must work to preserve rights

Editor, The Spotlight:

The war in Iraq was blessedly short-lived, and it may now be more permissible to ask questions deemed inappropriate during that period of warfare and death. These questions are concerned with the infringements of our personal freedoms and their potential for weakening our democracy.

As a consequence of Sept. 11, 2001, and the pursuit of the terrorists responsible for that reprehensible act, I fear that the liberties and rights of Americans have been and will continue to diminish. These infringements include, for example, the right of the government to compel libraries to reveal patrons' reading lists and to declare U.S. citizens enemy combatants. Has the hastily passed Patriot Act increased our security or simply diminished our freedoms?

Howard Brock (*Times Union*, April 25, 2003) states that it was a general ineptitude — and not the Constitution — that stood in the way of detecting the events of Sept. 11. What purpose is then served by Attorney General Ashcroft's attempts to increase the powers given in the Patriot Act by planning the USA Patriot Act II? To quote James Madison (speech in the Virginia Convention, June 1788) — 'I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.'

Are we as Americans sufficiently vigilant to protect our Constitutional Rights — whether threatened from abroad or from within?

Another example. Prior to, during and even after the war, an attitude was promulgated that those who failed to support

military action were unpatriotic and traitorous. Is not the right of Americans to debate issues, including such unpleasant ones as these, the foundation of a healthy democracy? Have we promised to liberate the Iraqis from their decades of suppression and fear, only to diminish the rights of the American community?

Theodore Roosevelt stated that to announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public.

I believe that the one characteristic that best defines America, and serves as a beacon for many in the world, is the freedom (liberty) to express one's beliefs in the absence of persecution and undue pressure.

Finally, will this impassioned call for both reason and the necessity of awakening to the possibility that infringements on our liberties are not solely external serve any purpose other than expressing my fears? Will Americans show the same determination to maintain a strong democracy as they have shown in support of the war against terrorism? Only time and the efforts of an alerted citizenry will tell.

Richard F. Seegal
Delmar

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Garden Tour is great gift for all

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem is richly blessed with a quiet treasure that is a gift to all each June, the annual Garden Tour.

This year, the tour will be on Wednesday, June 18.

For any newcomer to our community, it brings an open invitation to summer's inner beauty in our many neighborhoods. To those who have lived here for generations, there is a renewed sense of the aesthetics that give a town its character and quality.

And, for gardeners, joy is shared anew in the gift of a summer's evening, visiting beautifully tended gardens, each one a delight to the senses.

Our community is so fortunate to have this annual event. It is the

opening of private gardens, each one graciously offered for all to enjoy, each one creative and unique, each one a marvel in planning and each a gift of hard work and much skill — and of perseverance thorough the seasons.

Always, each garden on the tour brings a font of experience, readily shared. The gardening expertise in Bethlehem continues a tradition of years — and as impressive, an excellent spirit in sharing those skills.

The tour is a choice time for the beginning gardener to find great encouragement. Each garden presents creative ideas, and owners will offer their best experience. Docents are there to advise, and master gardeners are often the guides.

So it was from the very

beginnings of our own private garden on a warm summer evening 11 years ago when we were inspired. Garden by garden, we learned a great deal, and best of all, garden owners encouraged us without hesitation.

That evening in June led to our first planning. Two weeks later, a garden consultant conferred as we shared an umbrella during a downpour.

We never imagined at that moment that we would be part of the garden tour five years later with a Japanese garden that we were and still are privileged to share and continually expand.

That same evening brought our small measure of gratitude to our dear community.

John and Gail Scott
Delmar

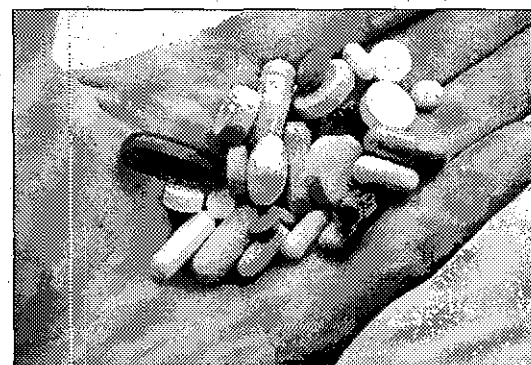
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Matters of Opinion

Student thinks Catalano would be great leader

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am entering my third year of studies at American University in Washington, D.C. While Washington is a great city, Bethlehem is my hometown.

I am writing about one of the nicest people I know. My friend Joe Catalano wants to be our next town supervisor, and I hope you will vote for him.

We should expect that our new supervisor knows the concerns and priorities of the thousands of people who live in Bethlehem. The new supervisor should have

experience managing large organizations and its employees. Additionally, the new town supervisor must understand the complexities of managing a multi-million dollar budget.

With his public sector, private sector and volunteer experience, Joe knows what to do. He is a lifelong resident of Bethlehem and has taken full advantage of all that this town offers its residents. Joe graduated from BCHS, where he appeared in the music department's musicals and was a member of the cross-country team. Joe now volunteers as a

firefighter with the Elsmere Fire Department.

Joe has plenty of public sector and business experience. He managed the finances and 200-plus staff of the Default Student Loan Program for the New York State Higher Education Services Corp., giving him experience with governmental accounting programs.

He then directed the SUNY Student Loan Service Center, where he oversaw accounts for students at SUNY's 64 campuses. Joe then directed the operations of Solomon & Solomon, a large law firm in the region. In this capacity, he managed the operation of the firm, giving him significant private sector experience.

When Bethlehem begins to recruit new businesses, Joe will be able to draw on his private sector experiences, where he recruited new clients. After achieving all that he felt he could in the private sector, Joe then devoted his time to the development of young people, and he

is now the director of faith formation at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

When Joe becomes town supervisor, he will assure that Bethlehem's distinct character is maintained as our business community grows; he will work with school district leaders to maintain the quality of our schools, and he will make sure that young people like me continue to benefit from the activities and groups that helped mold Joe into the person he is today.

Our region is on the verge of great things with the recent announcement of major economic development initiatives. In the coming years, Bethlehem must decide how it wants to involve itself in the future growth of the area. It does not matter what your political persuasion is, because Joe is a principled leader who will always put the best interests of Bethlehem before his own or that of any one group.

Edward O'Keefe
Delmar

High spirits prevailed on parade day

Editor, The Spotlight:

Despite the rain and soggy weather, Bethlehem's Memorial Day parade was once again a huge success.

A significant number of organizations braved the rain and chilly temperatures to march. Those of us in the parade could not help but be impressed by the crowds of supporters of all ages along the parade route. Turnout for the parade was impressive and heartwarming — a reflection of the spirit and good will of the people in our community.

The members of the American Legion who worked long and hard to organize the parade, as well as the crews of the Bethlehem Highway Department who labored diligently to make Veterans Memorial Park especially beautiful for the memorial ceremony, once again made the morning's event moving and meaningful. They all deserve our appreciation and admiration.

Ours is definitely a special town made up of many special people.

Doris Davis
Delmar

Thanks to all for Tour du Parc support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Tour du Parc Cross Country Race Committee would like to thank the businesses who supported the Tour du Parc on May 25 at Town Park.

A total of 104 runners of all ages completed the 5-kilometer cross-country race through the park's hills, woods and fields, and approximately 50 children under 12 participated in the kids' races.

The events helped raise money to support youth athletic programs in Bethlehem.

Our financial sponsors this year were Mike Mashuta's Delmar Health & Fitness, the law firm of Lavelle & Finn, Stewart's Shops, General Electric Co., Farm Family Insurance, Christopher Maestro, D.M.D., and Capital Cities Imported Cars. Thanks to all the Bethlehem businesses, too numerous to list, who supplied raffle prizes. And we gratefully acknowledge the generous food donations from Delmar Marketplace, Café Mangia, Hannaford Supermarkets and Bruegger's Bagels. A special thank you to the Delmar Fire Department's Rescue Squad for providing on-site medical coverage. We appreciate *The Spotlight's* coverage, as well.

On behalf of the Bethlehem Central Cross Country/Track and Field Boosters Club and Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club, I want to express our appreciation for the support of these organizations.

Paul Turner
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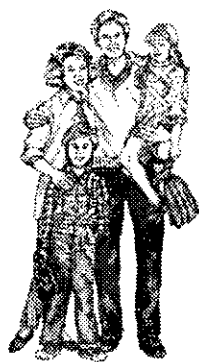
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Opinion

Doane Stuart program is alive and well

Editor, The Spotlight:

Doane Stuart's summer program is beginning its 14th year of operation on our 80 acre campus, where the Kenwood Convent has been for 150 years.

The Doane Stuart School is a coeducational, college preparatory, interfaith school which serves students in nursery school through 12th grade.

Our summer program runs for nine weeks, from June 16 through Aug. 15, for children from 3 years of age through sixth grade, under the direction of Doane Stuart teachers who are experienced camp administrators.

Many of the teachers in our camp come from the ranks of our faculty, and they provide the same thoughtful and nurturing care for campers over the summer that they provide for our students during the school year.

Doane Stuart's summer camp offers a great variety of outdoor activity, from swimming and hiking to sports and outdoor science classes. With 80 acres of nature trails, streams and woods at our door, we are able to provide wonderful—and safe—adventures for our campers all summer long.

We also offer an exciting selection of indoor classes, including French, art, journalism,

art history, math and more, taught by experienced teachers who inspire and guide students as they learn and explore.

Recently, there has been publicity regarding the anticipated closing of the Kenwood Developmental Center, which rents space near our school, that has caused some local residents to confuse Kenwood and The Doane Stuart School.

Doane Stuart and Kenwood Developmental Center are not affiliated in any way.

Doane Stuart's Headmaster Richard D. Enemark said, "We are pleased that our neighbor has been successful in finding a new home. We wish the faculty, staff and students of the day care center the very best as they move to their own campus. At the same time, we want to remind residents of the Capital Region that Doane Stuart — our school and our summer camp — are alive and thriving where we have been for the past 150 years, on 80 beautiful acres just off Route 9W."

Lisa Brown
associate head of school
Doane Stuart School

Town sets record on collection day

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is the town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator.

The town of Bethlehem's ninth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day broke records again.

In the first hour, 212 residents had boxes of hazardous waste removed from their vehicles. By 1 p.m., at program's end, 762 residents had been surveyed and had gallons of paints, pesticides, vehicle fluids, asbestos, gas/oil mixtures, fluorescent tubes and computers removed from their vehicles.

Thirty six participants were from the town of New Scotland, Berne and the village of Voorheesville, who received special permits from their municipalities to participate in the program.

More than 167 55-gallon drums of hazardous waste were disposed of by Care Environmental Corp., the vendor hired for this year's program.

Thirty percent of 188 participants eliminated 32 55-gallon drums of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides, eight more drums than last year. Twenty two percent said that much of the waste had been

inherited from a former occupant of their home.

A majority of participants attended the collection for the very first time.

Paint and solvents are still the No. 1 waste brought to household hazardous waste collection programs.

Approximately 80 percent of the attendees brought latex or oil paint or paint solvents.

Nine 55-gallon drums of screened liquid latex paint went to the Albany landfill to be

recycled in a daily landfill cover mixture.

Waste handled by town employees included: more than 1,000 fluorescent tubes, 50 pounds of household batteries, 2 tons of lead acid batteries, one-quarter ton of bagged asbestos, more than a half ton of corrugated cardboard, 30 large propane tanks, gallons of motor oil and 151 computer monitors and other parts.

Mark the first Saturday in May 2004 as the town's next household hazardous waste program.

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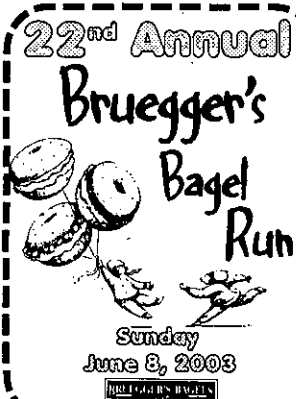
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by Diane Burman, Center Assistant Executive Director
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Championship. The Bagel Run has been designated as the 2003 USATF Adirondack Women's 5k Championship. In support of our local elite women's distance runners, Keeler Motors has generously donated \$1500 to be awarded to the first female 5K finishers. Prize money will be distributed as follows: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200 and 5th \$100. To be eligible, a finisher must be a resident member of the Adirondack Association.

The 5k women and men's race will start and finish at the Albany JCC. Registration commences at 7:30am and the 5k race starts at 8:30am. The youth one-mile fun race commences at 9:30am. For registration information, contact Brian Robinson, Albany JCC Sports and Recreation Director at 438-6651 ext. 113 or BrianR@saajcc.org. Visit our website www.saajcc.org which will have the registration entry form available. Racers can test their mettle at one of the best running challenges in the Capital District and help benefit the Albany JCC.

Sunday June 8th promises something for the whole family at the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center. The Bruegger's Bagel Run has grown to one of the largest USATF sanctioned road races in the Capital District. This family event features a 5K women/men's run and one-mile youth fun run.

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The Ravena Grange will sell baked goods and coffee starting at 9 a.m. Don's Hot Dogs and More will sell hot dogs, sausages and other lunch food from 10:30 a.m. on. Come, rest and refuel as you travel from one yard sale to the next.

There will also be plants, drawings for prizes (including garden services), books and the library's new book bags for sale.

The design echoes the festival theme in a cheerful way. Bags will sell for \$10.

The festival will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. under a tent on the court parking lot behind the library (the Ravena Municipal Building).

Book donations

The library is accepting book donations until June 5. Recent books, hard and soft cover, are the most popular items.

The library needs books that will resell. Bring them in at any time during the library's service hours.

The library will not accept textbooks or encyclopedias, and cannot recycle out-of-date or damaged books.

Summer opportunities

Helping with the Young Writers Workshop is a fun way to spend a few hours each week in the library's newly ventilated space.

The workshops meet on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons beginning July 9. The kids are between 9 and 13 years old, and they love to create stories. Writing coaches and typists are needed. To help out, call Judy Felsten at 756-2053.

Library hours

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RCS high school inducts honor society students

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School recently inducted students into its chapter of the National Honor Society.

The following 10th-graders were inducted: Melissa Ball, Kerry Baxter, Sheena Childs, Jenna Crandell, Meaghan DePaula, Allison Dibble, Elijah Fagan, Tiffany Fredericks, Frank Fuller, Sam Hafensteiner and Andrew Hamilton.

And Melissa Hamilton, Joshua Jones, Judith Henrikson, Charles King, Daisha King, Melonie Langdon, Andrew Louis, Holly

Martin, Ryan McCarthy, Sean McGrath, Joshua Meyer, Aric Mine, Michelle Montini and Katelin Nicholson.

And Alexander Orsi, Cassie Ostrander, Mandi Palmer, Laura Persico, Vanessa Persico, Allison Poetzsch, Sabrina Pry, Melissa Ronan, Lauren Sebert, Timothy Sugrue, Susanna Wagner, William Weber, Sarah Wilsey and Cassandra Wolfe.

Also, 11th-grader Jill Breedlove and 12th-graders Nicole Corsi, Brian Frangella and Joseph Galgana.

Spotlight on Gardening

A new approach to lawn irrigation

Horticultural research constantly sheds light on the way plants grow and respond to different environmental factors. When it comes to lawn irrigation, research indicates that our suggestions on how to irrigate bluegrass lawns may not have been as beneficial as previously thought.

The concept of providing "deep or heavy" waterings to a lawn under drought stress is being questioned. Drought

stress occurs during the summer months from late June through much of August. According to researchers, this practice is not considered to be as beneficial to a bluegrass lawn, as are more frequent, shallower waterings. The trick is to understand what is really meant by "frequent and shallow."

According to Norman W. Hummel Jr., a turfgrass specialist at Cornell University, watering practices followed on a bluegrass lawn

should be changed so you are providing deep, less frequent waterings in the spring (if needed) and changing to more frequent and shallower waterings during periods of summer drought.

The reason for this is simple. During the spring months, turfgrass roots are actively developing in deep (12") soil and are able to use soil moisture from a deeper soil profile. In the summer, roots deteriorate so plants must obtain water from the soil surface. Therefore, shallow watering provides more usable water for the lawn.

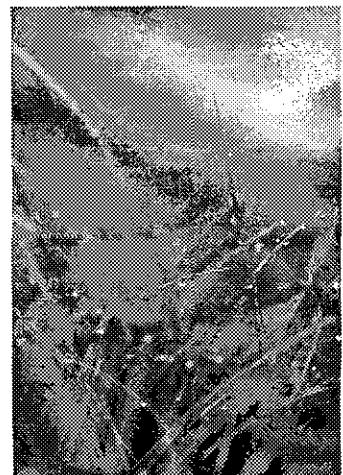
The amount of water needed per application should be in the range of two-tenths of an inch for a sandy loam soil. An adjustment will be needed if the soil is considerably sandier or loamier. This

amount of water should penetrate the top four inches of soil in an ideal situation. Thatch layers, air temperatures, grade angles, etc., are all variables which could affect this and should be considered in determining an approximate output of water.

Checking soil moisture and turfgrass stress and keeping track of natural rainfall accumulations will determine how frequently supplemental irrigation will be needed.

This concept of watering frequently and at shallower depths does not mean that your

lawn needs daily waterings. Don't waste water. Water a lawn only after it has been determined that the need for supplemental irrigation exists. This information was provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.



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High school to present vocal concert

The Voorheesville high school vocal concert is tonight, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at the high school.

The program is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

Five Rivers slates wildflower walk

A wildflower walk will be held on Saturday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

This will be a walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of an early summer meadow.

The program is free, and participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

School board to recognize volunteers

The Voorheesville school board meets Monday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school commons area.

There will be a volunteer recognition reception at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria prior to the meeting.

Kiwanis to hold blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold a blood pressure clinic at SuperValu

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Foods on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville on Tuesday, June 10, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The screening is free and open to the public.

Seniors to be honored

Senior recognition awards will be held Wednesday, June 11, at the Performing Arts Center — the time will be announced.

Town board schedules meeting

The New Scotland town board's next regular meeting is on Wednesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

Garden club to host garden tour

The Helderview Garden Club will host its 4th annual Garden Tour on Thursday, June 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets will be

available at SuperValu Foods from 4 to 7 p.m. the day of the tour. The cost is \$7 per person.

For information, call Kizzy Gainer at 765-2576.

Food co-op orders due June 10

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will accept food orders until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, for the Thursday, June 26, delivery date.

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

Extra Helpings provide a pre-selected menu of groceries at wholesale prices.

You are under no obligation to purchase each month. Payment can be by cash or food stamps. Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

Summer swim program has openings

The Voorheesville summer swim program in the new pool at the high school still has openings

in all sessions June 30 to July 11, July 14 to July 25 and July 28 to Aug. 8.

Forms can be picked up at the library, SuperValu Foods or the district office.

Send registration forms and payment to Voorheesville Summer Swim Program, 432 New Salem Road, P.O. Box 498, Voorheesville 12186.

For information, call Barbara McKenna at 765-3313, ext. 712.

Grange to serve baked ham dinner

A baked ham dinner with strawberry shortcake will be served on Saturday, June 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Grange hall on Route 396 (Bridge Street) in Selkirk.

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

Take outs will be available.

For information on the day of the dinner, call 767-3342.

Friendship Singers to present concert

The Friendship Singers will present their annual spring concert on Friday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar.

There is no admission charge, but donations can be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

This year's spring program features many dance numbers, including "Stepping Out," "Crazy Rhythm" and "Accentuate the Positive."

Another highlight will be a special rendition of "Tiptoe thru the Tulips," with singing, bells and a softshoe dance.

The Friendship Singers are led by Marie Liddle, director; Linda Drew, accompanist; and Muriel Welch, choreographer. Bill Reisswig plays percussion.

Other members of the group are Stephanie Bollam, Pam Bolton-Engelhardt, Pat Dolder, Linda Farrell, Joan Graber, Janice Manning, Kitty Murphy, Jane Perrotti, Kristy Reynolds, Dodie Seagle, Maria Spooner, Betty Thacher, Ann Treadway, Mary Ellen White and Iva Zornow.

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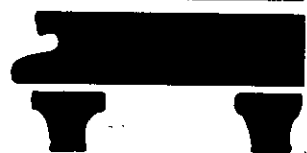
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Sports

Lady Eagles earn return trip to state semifinals

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team is going back to the state semifinals.

The Lady Eagles used an 8-2 run in the second half to pull away for a 13-9 victory over Lakeland-Panas (Section I) in Monday's regional championship game in Nyack.

The game was tied at 4 at halftime before Bethlehem (19-1) surged into the lead in the first eight minutes of the second half.

"We just took advantage of some matchups in the second half and gained some momentum," Bethlehem coach John Battaglini said.

Brianna Bubeck had five goals and two assists to lead the Lady Eagles. Kristin Link contributed four goals, and Katie Wagoner added a hat trick and two assists. Goaltender Emily Szelest stopped 10 shots.

Bethlehem reached the regionals for the fifth straight year by defeating Saratoga 9-7 in last Thursday's Section II finals at Colonie Central High School.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well," Battaglini said. "We missed a bunch of open shots. (Saratoga goaltender) Brianna Cogan played a very good game, but we hit her in the chest a lot."

The game started well for Bethlehem. Mackenzie Riegel scored off a pass from Link less than two minutes into the first half to put the Lady Eagles on the

scoreboard.

Bethlehem then took advantage of a mistake by Cogan 1:11 later. Cogan dropped the ball while attempting a clearing pass away from the goal. Emily Cohen picked up the loose ball and passed it to Katelyn Primomo, who shot it into the empty net to make the score 2-0.

Saratoga turned things around after that. Kaytlin McCormick scored an unassisted goal off a restart from midfield and then assisted on a tally by Leigh Avveduti to tie the game at 2.

Link scored on an 8-meter restart to put Bethlehem ahead again, but goals by Patricia Sutton and Jessica Pennell later in the first half gave the Blue Streaks a 4-3 lead.

Saratoga attempted to run out the rest of the first half with the lead, but a turnover in Bethlehem's end of the field gave the Lady Eagles the momentum shift they needed. The ball was quickly brought upfield, where Link was fouled as she went toward goal. The senior tallied on the resulting 8-meter restart to tie the game at 4, which is how the score remained at halftime.

Wagoner opened the second half with an unassisted goal that put the Lady Eagles ahead 5-4. Sutton tied the game at 5 with an 8-meter restart shot that went

between two Bethlehem defenders' sticks, but Cohen gave the Lady Eagles the lead for good one minute later when she slammed a shot past Cogan while in midair.

"I think we came out a little nervous, but then we knew we had to play with a lot of heart," Cohen said.

Cogan did what she could to keep Saratoga in the game. The senior stopped 18 shots, including two in a row by Bubeck after Cohen's tally.

Bethlehem's offense wasn't going to be silenced forever, though. Primomo picked up a loose ball in front of the Saratoga goal and scored to give the Lady Eagles a 7-5 lead. Emma Strachman then tallied on an 8-meter restart to put Bethlehem ahead by three goals with 10:05 left.

"What I was extremely happy about is that some of our lesser players stepped up," Battaglini said.

JoAnna Culklin breathed brief life into Saratoga with a goal two-and-a-half minutes later, but Bubeck sealed the victory by firing a shot past Cogan off an assist from Link with 6:33 left. McCormick scored on an 8-meter restart with less than six minutes left for Saratoga's final goal. Bethlehem then ran the clock down by passing the ball around in Saratoga's half of the field until the final whistle.

"I think we kept our composure a lot, and we stayed patient on offense the rest of the second half," Link said.

The victory over Saratoga

completed a perfect run for Bethlehem's six seniors. None of them has lost in a Section II championship game.

"I think (this one) was a lot closer than the other ones," Link said. "We were a bit nervous... but we pulled it together."

Bethlehem will face Section V champion Brighton in Friday's state semifinal game at SUNY Cortland. The winner of that game plays in Saturday's finals against either defending champion West Genesee (Section III) or Northport (Section XI).

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John Battaglini

Summer lacrosse league

The Capitalland Lacrosse Club is offering a summer league for boys in grades two through 12 beginning June 17.

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Youth hockey sets annual meeting

Bethlehem Youth Hockey and Bethlehem Hockey Boosters will hold their annual meeting and election of board members on Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m. at the BIG Arena.

Six seats are up for election on the board. Walk-in and write-in nominations will be accepted the night of the election.

The six seats will be voted on by the general membership in attendance that night (one vote allowed per family).

The meeting is also a great opportunity to learn about the hockey organization and how you can help us make it the best in the region.

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Bethlehem relay team edges Shaker for title

By ROB JONAS

Bethlehem will be well represented at this Friday's New York State Public High School Athletic Association Track and Field Championships at Union-Endicott High School near Binghamton.

Five individual athletes and Bethlehem's 1,600-meter boys relay team qualified for this year's meet last week at Section II meets in Averill Park and Johnstown.

To get to the state meet, the 1,600 relay team of **Jamie Putnam**, **Darnell Douglas**, **Doug DeMarco** and **Evan Siegel** had to fend off Shaker and Shenendehowa at the wire in last Friday's qualifier at Johnstown. Siegel barely crossed the finish line ahead of Shaker's anchor runner to give Bethlehem the victory

with a time of 3:23.0. Shen placed third, six-tenths of a second after Bethlehem and Shaker finished.

It was the second time this season that Bethlehem edged Shaker for first place in the 1,600 relay. The first time it happened was at the Eddy Meet two weeks earlier at Union College.

"Once again, the key was getting out front early and holding on from there," Bethlehem coach **Dave Banas** said.

Douglas was involved in another close race at last Friday's state qualifier. The senior was locked in a battle with Christian Brothers Academy's **Felipe Reyes** from start to finish in the 200 dash finals. Reyes finished inches ahead of Douglas to take the Division I (Class A and B) title, but Douglas earned an at-large bid with his time of 22

seconds flat.

"That was a really exciting race," Banas said. "Darnell and Felipe had the same time, but they put Felipe ahead of him. He out-leaned him at the line."

Rafiq Umar was also a double qualifier for Bethlehem. The senior won the triple jump with a distance of 44-feet, 11-inches and finished second to Reyes in the long jump with a distance of 22-7.5.

Umar will be looking for a repeat of his performance at the state indoor track and field meet three months earlier in Syracuse, when he won the public school titles in both events.

"His back has been bothering him a little in the triple jump, so he's felt more comfortable physically in the long jump," Banas said. "But, I wouldn't be

surprised if he popped a 45" in the triple jump.

Three Bethlehem girls will be making the trip to Union-Endicott this weekend.

Emily Coles won the Division I hurdles title, and **Kathleen Hart** grabbed an at-large bid by placing second in the discus at last Friday's state qualifier in Johnstown.

Emily Malinowski won the 2,000 steeplechase last Tuesday in Averill Park.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's **Brittany Drexler** is also heading to the state meet after finishing second to Coles in the 100 hurdles. Coles had a winning time of 15.8 seconds, while Drexler crossed the finish line in a time of 16.1 seconds.

Dave Banas

Once again, the key was getting out front early and holding on from there.

After Friday's state public school meet, the top performers will return to Union-Endicott Saturday for the Federation championships, which includes public and private school teams from New York City.

Jones receives top honor from University at Albany

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduate **Gary Jones** was named the University at Albany's Male Athlete of the Year.

Jones, a junior tailback for UAlbany's football team, led the Great Danes to their first Northeast Conference championship and a victory in the ECAC Division I-AA Classic game. He rushed for 1,509 yards and 23 touchdowns, and he accounted for 1,949 all-purpose yards.

Jones ranked third in the nation among NCAA Division I-AA players in rushing average with 125.8 yards per game, and he ran

for more than 100 yards nine times. He was also fourth nationally in scoring (11.4 points per game) and seventh in all-purpose yardage (162.4 yards per game).

In all, Jones set nine single-season school records and broke two Northeast Conference marks.

Jones received several awards, including being named to *The Sports Network* and *Football Gazette* All-America teams. He was also voted the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Year and was a first-team All-NEC selection.

V'ville duo chooses RPI

Voorheesville's **Frank Catellier** and **Thomas Cocca** will play football for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute next season.

Catellier was an All-Northern Adirondack Conference quarterback for the Blackbirds last fall, while Cocca was a lineman for Voorheesville.

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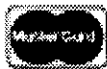


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Indians lose in ninth inning

By ROB JONAS

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk softball team probably could have used the international tie-breaking rule in the ninth inning. Having a runner on second base to start the frame might have helped the Indians' struggling offense.

Instead, last Thursday's Section II, Class B semifinal game against South Glens Falls at Clifton Common ended one-half inning too soon for RCS. **Jackie Wallace** singled and later scored on a grounder by **Beth Belair** to give the Bulldogs a 1-0, nine-inning victory over the Indians.

"That was a well-played game. It's unfortunate that one team has to win or lose," RCS coach **Bruce Stott** said.

Neither team could generate much offense. RCS pitcher **Jessalyn Hotaling** limited South High to three hits over the first eight innings, while **Micah Truax** held the Indians to one hit and struck out 15 to keep the game scoreless through the top of the ninth.

"She had outstanding control," Stott said of Hotaling, "and at the same time, South Glens Falls is a very good hitting team. So, our defense had to make some good plays."

The Bulldogs finally got to Hotaling in the bottom of the ninth. After Wallace singled to lead off the inning, Truax singled to center field to put runners on first and third. Belair then hit a slow roller between first and second to bring Wallace home for the only run of the game.

"It was a two-strike pitch too, so (Belair) did a great job of fighting it off," Stott said. "It was just good fortune that it went to the left or right of one of our fielders."

The loss ended one of the best seasons in the RCS softball program's history. The Indians earned their first share of a Colonial Council title after finishing in a tie for first place with Schalmont.

Getting back to that level next year may be difficult. While RCS loses only four players to graduation, two of the four — Hotaling and **Nicole Leonard** — are pitchers.

"Right now, we have to find out who will take the mound next year," Stott said. "And as you know, pitching is very important in softball."

Lennon doubles twice in Farm Family victory

Ian Lennon doubled twice to lead Farm Family Holdings, Inc. to a 5-0 victory over Roberts Towing and Recovery last Saturday in a Tri-Village Little League Majors division game.

Tim Blumkin and **Joe Marro** combined to pitch the shutout for Farm Family. Blumkin struck out 11 batters. **Alex Sobiecki** had two singles to lead Roberts Towing.

Klersy Building Corporation downed Horticulture Unlimited 7-3 in another Majors division game last Saturday.

Matt Branigan's solo home run started a fourth-inning rally for Klersy Building Corp. **Sean Pauquette** drilled a grand slam, as well.

In the Intermediate division, King's Chapel edged Blue Sky Music Studios 4-3 last Saturday.

Pitcher **Mike Eglow** went the distance and struck out 12, and **Jeff Cooley's** RBI double in the seventh inning won the game for King's Chapel.

Standings Majors division

	W	L	T
Price Greenleaf	6	3	0
Andriano's	6	2	0
Klersy Building	6	3	0
Exit 23 Mobil	6	1	0
Farm Family	4	4	0
CE&S	4	3	0
Roberts Towing	3	5	0
Horticulture Ultd.	3	5	0
S'lands Medicine	2	5	0
Ad.Records	0	9	0

Softball camp at Keenholts Park

The Batters Box softball camp returns to Keenholts Park in Guiderland this summer.

The camp — open to players age 8-15 — will take place June 30 through July 3 and July 7-11. Private hitting and pitching lessons will be held June 26 and 27.

For information, call **Richard Suker** at 765-4214.

Dolphins offer workouts

The Delmar Dolphins are offering a swimming workout program at the Elm Avenue Park pool this summer.

The program is open to experienced swimmers in grades seven and up. Sessions run weekdays from 6:45 to 8:45 a.m. June 30 through Aug. 1.

Registration information may be obtained by contacting **Wilma DeLucco** at 439-61-64.

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Barbara's School	3	4	0
Andriano's Pizzeria	2	6	0
Invisible Fence	2	6	0
Rhodes	1	6	0

12 & Under	W	L	T
Family Danz	6	0	1
Bethlehem DARE	6	1	1
GE Plastics	5	3	0
Beff's	2	1	0
Bennett	3	3	0
TB&C	3	4	0
CG&P	1	3	0
Sano Rubin	1	3	0
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Bellizzi Softball	0	6	0

14 & Under	W	L	T
Ad. Records	6	1	0
Delmar H & F	5	0	0
BPOU	4	2	0
Farm Family	2	5	0
Allen & Taub	1	5	0
Frangella Assoc.	1	6	0

18 & Under	W	L	T
C.D. Orthopedic	6	2	1
VFW	3	4	1
Selkirk CoGen	4	4	0
Marshall & Sterling	3	6	0

Football camp at Colonie Central

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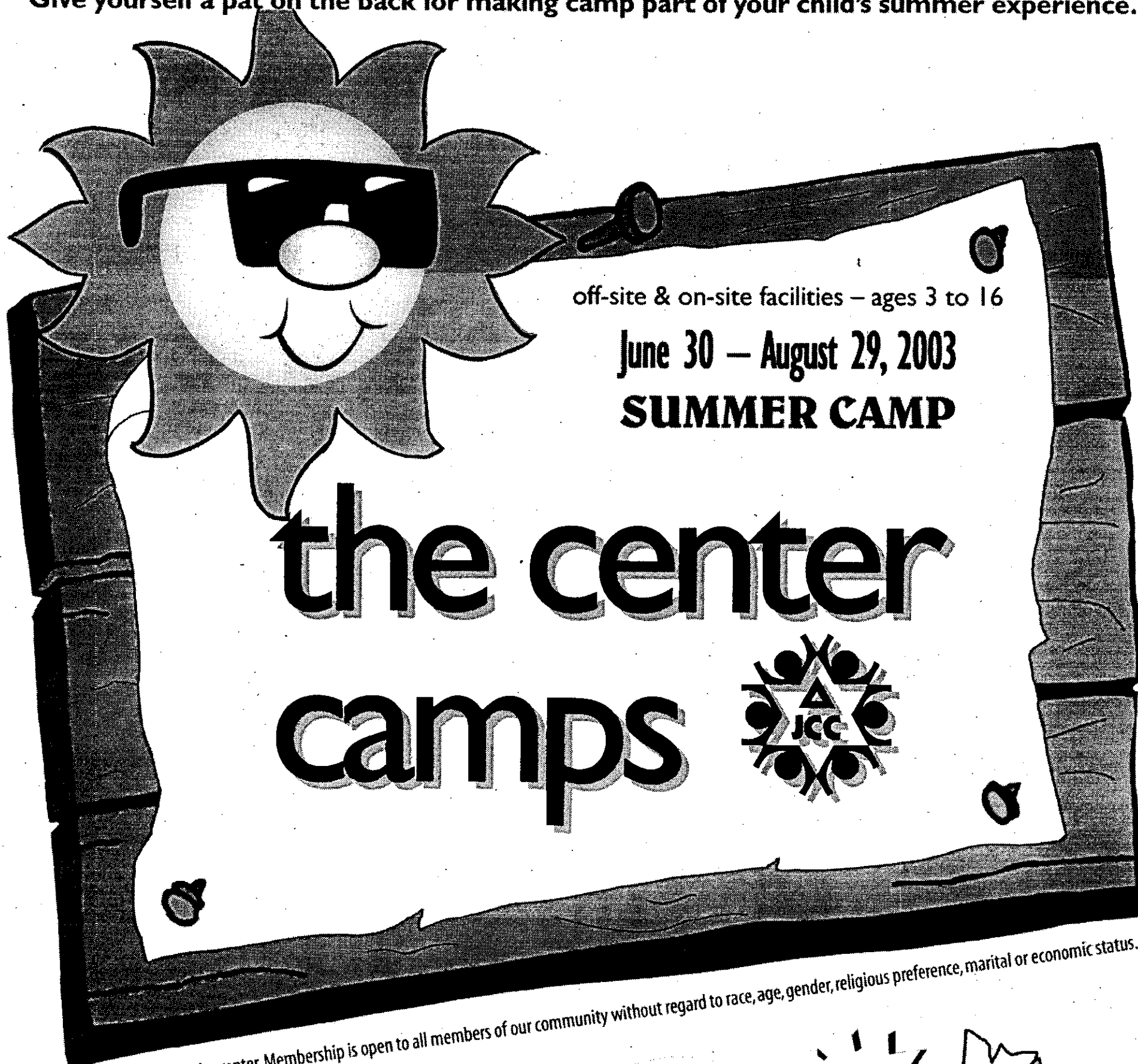
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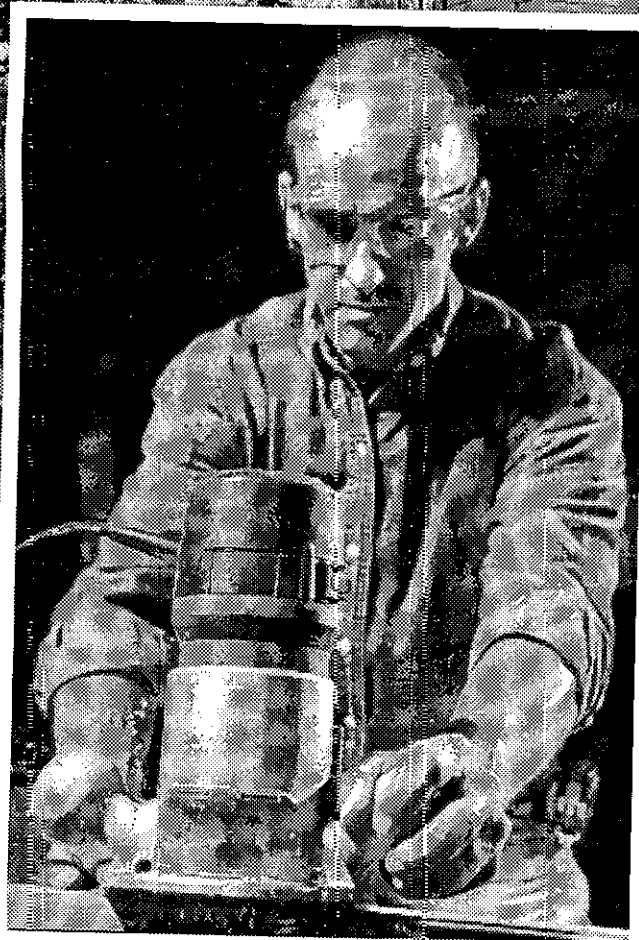




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Making an entrance and improving your home

When buying a new home, homeowners can pick and choose from various home styles. Unfortunately, unless you're building, there will be some compromise on the design of your home.

However, once you're settled in, you can begin updating your home to your personal tastes and style. This is where your own creativity and imagination can come into play. You don't have to hire an interior designer for a complete renovation; instead, roll up your own sleeves

and pursue smaller projects that will yield greater personal satisfaction.

One not-so-obvious place to begin is with your front door. Don't be afraid to be

bold and make a statement. Often, first impressions are made from the minute a guest rings your front bell. When researching new options, consider a door that will stand the test of time, represent quality craftsmanship and reflect your home's architecture combined with your personal style.

Doors come in many different materials, colors and sizes. Take the time to investigate the many varieties.



Don't be afraid to be bold and make a statement when redesigning your front entrance. Often, first impressions are made from the minute a guest rings your front bell.

Look through your home magazines and door manufacturing resources to see what appeals to you.

Adding glass to your door or pairing your door with matching sidelights adds drama to your entrance.

Glass allows natural light into your house and softens your door's exterior. Sidelights are available in many different glass patterns so you can choose or create the design you like best.

For added drama, consider pairing two doors together. Historically, this traditional look exudes both nobility and prosperity.

Once you determine what kind of door best suits your home, finish your new entry area with updated landscaping touches. Add interesting

urns spilling over with brightly colored flowers and greenery.

Other ideas to personalize your entrance and welcome visitors include a new doormat, outdoor candleholders and a seasonal door wreath. Strategic enhancements of your house can dramatically affect the overall appearance.

In addition to a front entry makeover, consider other exterior doors that could use a breath of fresh air. Why not install a pair of French doors to open up an interior view and then exit to an outdoor bistro for morning coffee? Use your imagination and take it one step at a time. Simple, personal changes in your home's decor can truly bring extraordinary pleasures.

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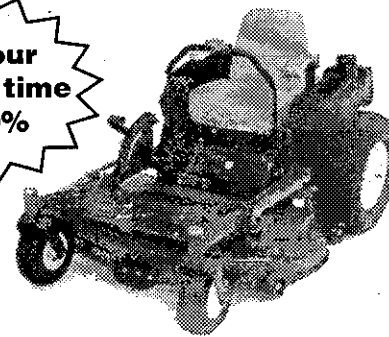
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There's equity in that there home of yours

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

You've always known your home was your castle but with today's low interest rates, the equity you've built up in your castle can let you live a little more like royalty.

"Equity is the available value in your home," said Jessica Petraccione, assistant vice president and manager of First National Bank of Scotia's Clifton Park branch.

That value is determined essentially by subtracting the amount you've paid off your mortgage from the appraised value of your home. First National Bank of Scotia is one of many financial institutions that lets you borrow against that amount with a home equity loan.

"If your house is valued at \$100,000, and you have \$60,000 in just one mortgage, you can use that \$40,000 as security to borrow," Petraccione said.

Banks have specific guidelines about how much they'll lend, and at First National Bank of Scotia, the loan-to-value formula is 89 percent of the home's value.

"Staying with the \$100,000 home with \$60,000 in mortgage, you can have \$89,000 in loans altogether," Petraccione said.

The bank will appraise your home, and loan applicants provide their deed, tax bill and financial statement with their application for a home equity loan. The only cost associated with a home equity loan is New York state mortgage tax, which is based on the amount of the loan.

For the first \$1,000 to \$10,000 in loan, that tax is \$5 per thousand and \$7.50 for every thousand after that. Most home equity loans, Petraccione said, are for 10 or 15 years, with rates starting at 5.5 percent for the first four years, and then increasing for loans beyond that. Beyond a 10-year term, the loan-to-value ratio changes to 75 percent.

The maximum home equity loan from First National Bank of Scotia is \$50,000. The bank has been owned and operated by the Buhrmaster family since 1923 and now has 10 branches throughout the Capital District.

"When we say we're a community bank, we mean it," Petraccione said. "We're on a first-name basis with our customers, and since we're locally owned, our turn-around time is quick."

For information about First National Bank of Scotia's home equity loans, stop in or call any of the branches or call Petraccione at 370-7290.

State Farm Insurance now provides banking services, and Scotia agent Chuck Palmer is excited about the line of credit he can offer customers.

"You can use a home equity line of credit to consolidate debt, pay off a car loan, do some home improvements or as an emergency fund," Palmer said.

A home equity line of credit, Palmer explained, works a little bit like a credit card.

"It's a seven-year loan, but you pay no closing costs and only pay when you use the money," Palmer said. "There's a \$25 annual fee, and we waive the first year's payment."

The best part, right now, is the low interest rate of the credit line, which is pegged to the prime rate. Currently, that rate is about 4.75 percent, and when that changes, the line of credit's interest rate changes, too. After seven years, Palmer said, people can take out another line of credit.

In recent years, New York joined other states that allow insurance companies to provide banking services, and Palmer said that State Farm Bank is now in the top 6 percent of banks nationwide.

"We can do mortgages, refinancings and home equity lines of credit," Palmer said. "Our rates are competitive, we're local and somebody you already know. We'll be here a long time."

State Farm also does a traditional home equity loan with a \$15,000 minimum and \$500,000 maximum. As compared to the home equity line of credit, the rates are a little higher and fixed at 7 percent for a one- to five-year loan, 7.5 percent for a five- to 10-year loan and 8.25 percent beyond that. There's a monthly payment with the loan.

Information is available online

at statefarm.com or you can contact Palmer at his office at 119 Mohawk Ave. in Scotia, where the telephone number is 372-5539.

At the State Employees Federal Credit Union, there are three ways to borrow against the value of your home. SEFCU also offers a home equity loan and a home equity line of credit, as well as a first mortgage home equity loan.

"As a credit union, our goal is to help solve members' problems," said Michael Castellana, SEFCU's chief operating and financial officer. "Our only difficulty these days is managing the volume, but we're doing that."

Castellana said that SEFCU's membership rules have changed so that nearly everyone in the Capital District is eligible for membership. A unique product that SEFCU offers is the first mortgage home equity loan.

"This lets members who have their first mortgage with us to flip the whole thing to a home equity loan at 5.99 percent," Castellana said. "This is available for a 15-year period, and lets mortgage holders looking to refinance avoid closing costs."

SEFCU also offers home equity loans with fixed rates of 5.99 percent for a five-year loan, 6.25 percent for a 10-year loan and 6.5 percent for a 15-year loan. There are no closing costs on a home equity loan, just the New York state mortgage tax.

The home equity line of credit, again, is something a member only pays when they draw on the available money in the line. In the first year of a SEFCU home equity line of credit, members pay 3.74 percent interest, and after that the rate goes to prime only.

"The unique thing is that we'll only change the rate annually," Castellana said. "This means that if the prime changes, and you just set your annual interest rate, you won't see a change until the next year."

SEFCU uses 80 percent and 90 percent loan-to-value formulas.

Castellana is pleased that SEFCU offers a variety of products.

"Our members are getting more effective at managing their finances, and we're using products to accommodate their needs," Castellana said. "The low interest rates speak for themselves."

SEFCU is a credit union with 117,000 members and \$1.1 billion in assets.

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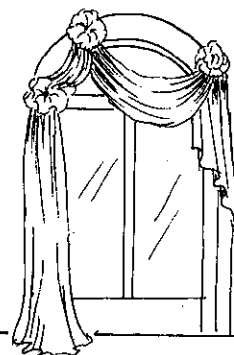
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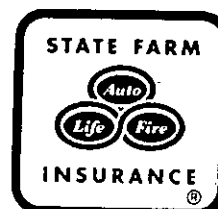


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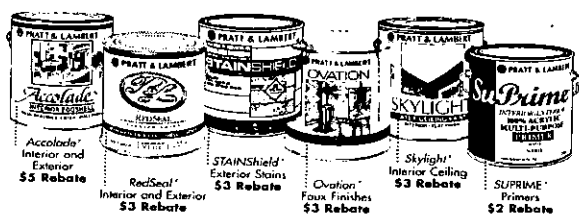
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Professional Designer: Mandatory for kitchen redo

If you're renovating a kitchen, don't skimp on the one thing that will make or break your experience and potentially your kitchen — a professional kitchen designer. Kitchen designers remain the unsung heroes of the design world, but they can save you a pounding headache and a drained bank account if you're undertaking a kitchen renovation.

Kitchen design is highly specialized and complex. An

authorized kitchen designer is imperative, in conjunction with an interior designer, an architect or alone.

Kitchen designers understand how a kitchen works. If you've retained an architect and/or an interior designer, insist on working with a kitchen designer as

I've seen some very expensive kitchens grow even more expensive, because a kitchen designer wasn't part of the remodeling process.

— George Achey

well, particularly if you're planning to use a custom cabinet manufacturer, to

ensure a well-planned, well-executed design. And involve a kitchen design pro early in the

process, whether you're building or remodeling.

George Achey, president of Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry, in Schaffersstown, Pa., said, "I've seen some very expensive kitchens grow even more expensive, because a kitchen designer wasn't part of the remodeling process from the beginning. There's so much to think

about, from design elements to very practical considerations. A kitchen designer's job is to stay on top of all of that and manage the project, so it runs as smoothly as possible."

Kitchen designers think about the little things that can become big if not anticipated — like the placement of outlets, size and shape of appliances and proper storage spaces. They know about kitchen trends, innovations and specific manufacturer details; they keep abreast of the frequent changes, finishes and options offered by the many companies that will be a part of your kitchen.

Think about your kitchen designer as your advocate, adding value by providing knowledge and ideas. Engaging one is not only helpful but inspirational and smart.

A kitchen designer is worth the investment. Achey added, "If a homeowner wants a

Plain & Fancy kitchen, she must work through one of our independent kitchen showrooms. It ensures the best possible satisfaction with our product and the entire renovation."

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Wallpapers that simulate antique textiles, aged wrought iron, tin ceilings and whitewashed walls enchant American home decorators. Interior designer Kathleen Saterbak of

Minnesota attributes the trend partly to increased travel options for young people combined with a desire to achieve a comfort zone as a buffer to uncertain times.

Thirty-something clients have traveled abroad since college. In Europe, they came to love generations-old faded, worn fabrics and furniture in homes, bed and breakfasts, hostels and hotels. Increasingly, they ask designers to incorporate inherited pieces into their home decor.

"I just love some of my grandmother's things," one recently told Saterbak.

A wallpaper collection such as Restoration from Gramercy includes patterns such as Rococo Brocade, which capture the charm of antique textiles to complement vintage pieces and set a warm and welcome mood. Victorian ceiling tile is vividly reminiscent of a period tin roof.

Both Saterbak and New York-based designer John Buscarello, suggest that whether real or faux, the old be mixed with other things.

"We live at a time in which we are comfortable surrounded by disparate design elements. To our eyes,

eclectic pieces look well together. You don't want everything in a room to be aged. That effect tends to be dreary," said Buscarello.

"The color family you select is also important. If you've

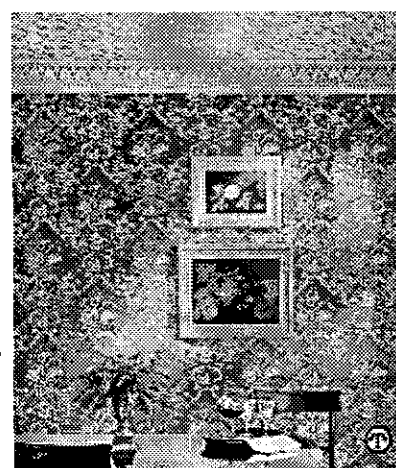
used a warm colored wallpaper—such as red or chocolate—accent it with contrasting bright silk lamps or artwork," he added.

"While a wallpaper pattern can bring a feeling of history, and a soothing sense of permanence, add solid throw-pillows, in a surprise color, to enhance the space," he suggested.

Similarly, Saterbak is finding that many of her clients no longer seek perfectly refinished pieces. Instead, they want the new to look old. Some even learn to paint and distress wood to create distinctive accent side tables and chests.

Similarly with wallpaper. The worn paint effect of the simulated wood on Spindle Border has the typical look of age. Also from the Restoration collection, it stands an impressive 27-inches high.

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Don't get soaked: Shop smart for a new hot tub

By DONNA J. BELL

Are you in the market for a luxury item that will also improve your mood and your health? Perhaps you should be looking for a new hot tub.

"One of the biggest benefits is the hydrotherapy aspects for bad backs, muscle spasms, plus relief from stiffness and aches in the joints," said Barbara Lisosky, manager of Oasis Spa and Pool. "It's almost like going to a physical therapist."

Before you purchase one, Lisosky recommended gathering a few facts about what you are looking for, for example, your budget, the number of seats you'd like to have and capacity.

"You want to also look for the number of jets and horse power," Lisosky said. "But the top determination of value is the heat efficiency of the model. Overall how much is it going to cost you to run every month?"

Lisosky recommended that you also look at how much it will cost you in electricity each month.

"Since most people do use them all-year round, tubs are now energy efficient, even in the dead of winter," Lisosky said. "The Beachcomber tubs run \$10 to \$12 per month in electricity and are very energy efficient."

Then armed with your numbers, go take a look at the showrooms. Some stores, like Oasis Spa & Pool, have models that you can sit in to try out. And yes, the "try out" hot tubs are in a private area so you don't have to parade through the store in your bathing suit.

"It's a big investment," Lisosky said of the \$3,000 to \$10,000 price range of the tubs. "Educate yourself by shopping around to see the different dealers."

Once you've purchased the tub of your dreams, you need to



Taking time to educate yourself about the features and care of hot tubs can make your soaking time a more pleasurable experience.

take good care of it, said Ed Walsh, the owner of Spa Works, based in Selkirk. He's the person that the local dealers and hot tub owners call when they need hot tub repairs, and he

offers a few tips to make sure you keep your tub running it's best.

"It's so important to take care of the chemicals in the hot tubs," Walsh said. "You need to

check them every couple of days and change the water every three months. Uncontrolled Ph levels and alkaline will eat your motor."

Walsh also recommended keeping an ear out for your heating unit, to make sure it hasn't shut down."

"In the summer it isn't a issue but during the winter, with the power outages, the water can freeze," said Walsh.

A frozen hot tub is bad news all around, Walsh said, adding that a major portion of his repair work in the spring is fixing hot tub cracks. If you don't have time to really monitor your tub, you can call on a professional

like Walsh to do the seasonal maintenance work for you.

"A lot of people have me close it down for the winter and in the springtime I do the reverse," Walsh said. "Unless you are really handy you that is the way to go - there are a lot of places the water can hide to crack a pipe."

As a last piece of advice for prospective hot tub buyers, Walsh recommends buyers always ask around for word of mouth recommendations, and to purchase from a reputable dealer in town.

"I've worked on some tubs that are 20 years old," said Walsh. "Better tubs last longer, if it sounds too good to be true, it is."

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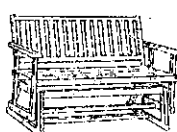
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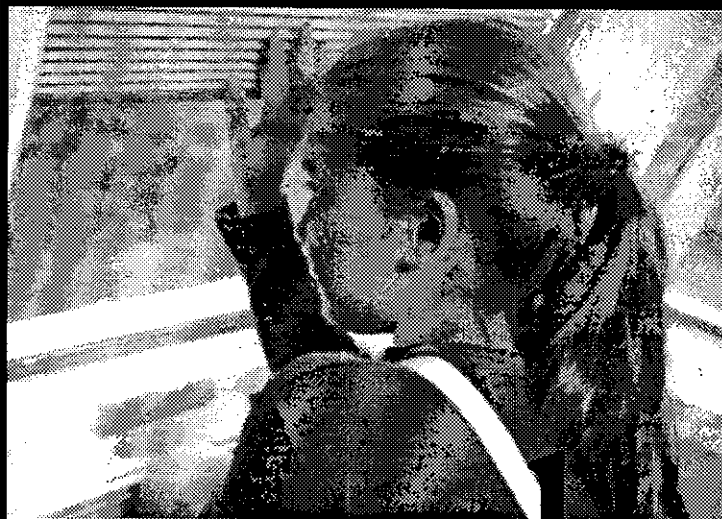
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Home theaters growing in popularity, affordability

Baby boomers can remember a time when a "home entertainment center" meant a small, black-and-white television with fuzzy reception. But now,

they are embracing a much more exciting home entertainment concept, complete with a large screen television and room filling surround sound.

A home theater system lets you enjoy movies at home with the same quality and impact you get at your local movie theater. You can set up a home theater pretty

much anywhere you watch television — your living room or family room, bedroom, den, etc. Some new homes even have rooms specifically designed for multi-media entertainment.

Although it is possible to spend tens of

thousands of dollars on home theater equipment, it's not necessary. You can create a home theater of your own with just a few basic components, most commonly a large-screen television, surround sound A/V receiver, a DVD player and powerful speakers. The wide variety of home theater

components available in every price range allows you to assemble a high quality system for your budget.

Many experts recommend spending the bulk of your budget on the television, since its resolution and size will have the greatest impact on your viewing experience. The authorities at Crutchfield.com, a leading source for online electronics, love the Sony KE-42XBR900 Plasma Wega television. This 42-inch, HDTV-ready flat-panel TV lets you enjoy a big, beautiful screen without over-powering your room like a traditional large television would.

"When we were photographing the Plasma Wega, people from all over the building kept dropping by the studio to watch DVDs come alive on the screen," said Mike Colley, Crutchfield's managing editor for home audio/video. "This television displays images with such clarity and depth that you'd swear you

were looking out a window. It's instantly addictive."

Thanks to Sony's elegant "floating glass" design, the television is striking to look at even when it's turned off. It can be placed on a tabletop stand or even hung on the wall. Either way, the television's

ultra-thin design is a veritable space-saving miracle. Another important part of any home theater system is the right A/V components.

If you love the idea of rich sound, but hate the reality of crowding a stack of A/V components and six speakers into your living room, the four-piece Bose 3-2-1 System might just be the answer you've been looking for. Hook this compact system up to your television and you'll be enjoying three-dimensional sound in a matter of minutes — setup and operation are a breeze.

The 3-2-1 media center combines a DVD/CD player, an AM/FM tuner and an amplifier. It delivers a convincing surround sound experience for music, movies and television using only two speakers and a hideaway bass module. And it has plenty of inputs for hooking up your other A/V gear, like a VCR, CD recorder, etc. An easy-to-use remote lets you control the whole system from the comfort of your couch.

If you believe you can never have too many speakers, but hate the look of them hanging on your wall, Colley recommends Niles Audio's in-ceiling speakers. The CM6HD speaker provides detailed, high-definition sound, while leaving your walls and floors free for your furnishings.

It's a great combination — you get decor-friendly speaker placement but without having to miss out on full-bodied bass and clean, accurate highs. With a few well-chosen components, your own home theater can become a reality. And thanks to Crutchfield's customer support, you don't have to be a technical expert to set up your system.

Using the company's toll-free number, you'll have access to technical help any time you need it for as long as you own your Crutchfield equipment. Technical help is also available online. For information on putting together the home theater of your dreams, visit www.crutchfield.com.



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Revolutionary pool safety net can save lives

By KRISTEN OLBY

Summer is fast approaching and that means backyard swimming pools are quickly opening with children eager to jump in. For pool owners, the threat of an accidental drowning is ever present and for good reason. Drowning is the second leading cause of death among children nationwide, with more than 67 percent of all drownings occurring in backyard pools, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

But a revolutionary pool safety net — which just recently became available in the Capital District — could dramatically reduce those numbers and give pool owners greater peace of mind. The Katchakid pool safety net is specifically designed to stretch over a pool like a large tennis racket, acting as a barrier to protect children from open water.

"It's custom fit to the pool so there's no way you can get underneath," said Dan Pickett of Advanced Pool Safety in Albany.

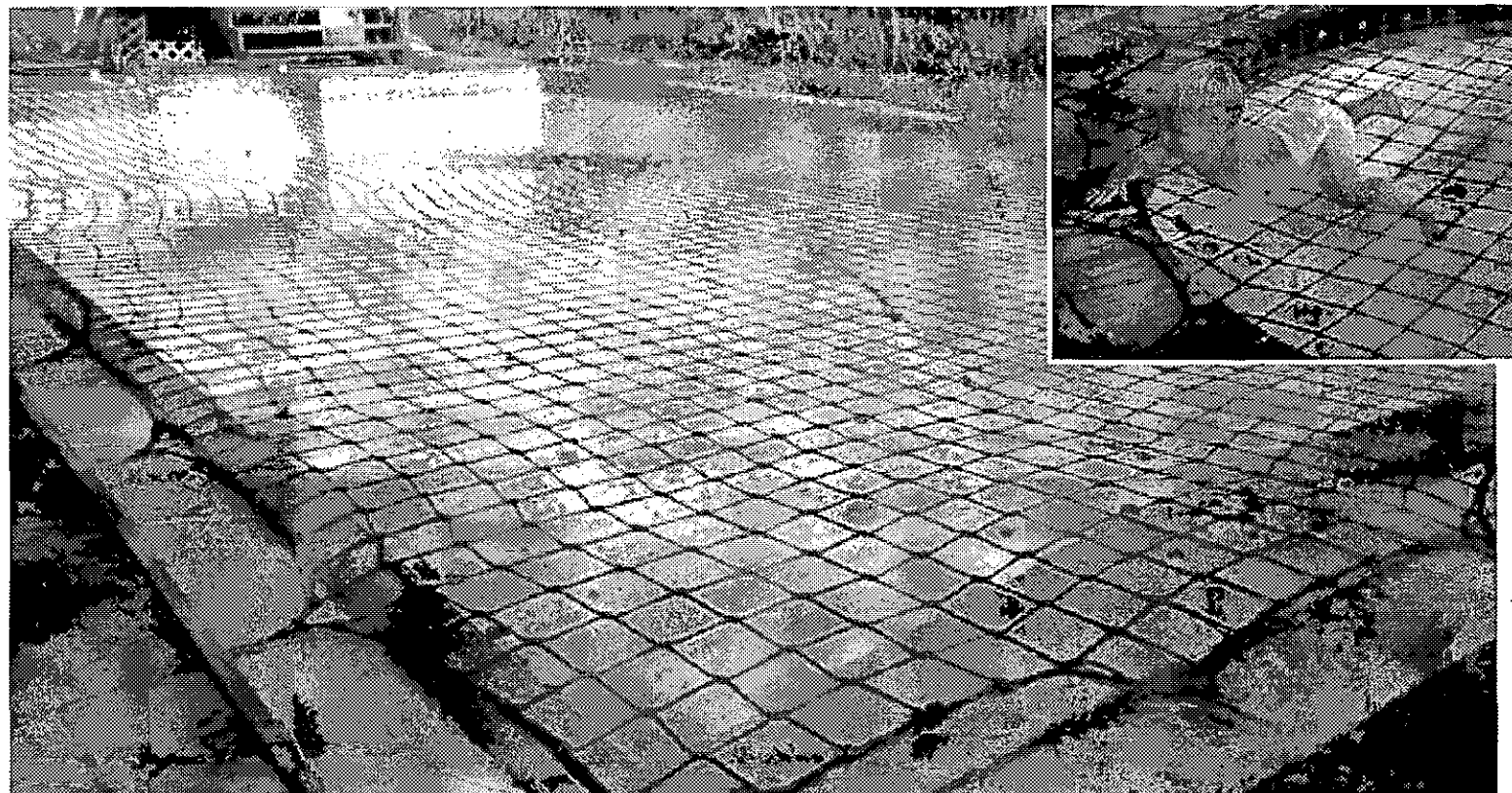
The net was designed 28 years ago after a family pool drowning struck its inventor, Blair Esson. It has since been installed in more than 300,000 pools worldwide on four continents.

The product was introduced in the United States just six years ago and has quickly gained a following in the Southwest. With a 100 percent unblemished safety record — there hasn't been a drowning or near drowning on a Katchakid protected pool since its invention — the product provides a reliable solution to accidental drownings.

Katchakid provides pool owners with greater peace of mind and that's exactly what Ellen Harootunian of Delmar was in search of when she had the net installed over her pool. With a 2-year-old grandson often visiting, Harootunian didn't feel a gate could adequately protect children from getting in the pool.

"There's always the possibility people will leave the gate open," said Harootunian.

Within a few hours, Katchakid was custom fit to her pool and secured by flush mounted fasteners in the pool surround. A ratchet locking



The revolutionary new Katchakid pool safety net acts as a barrier from open water to protect your children from accidental drowning.

system allows her to adjust the tension of the net and then remove the key, restricting access to the pool.

Harootunian calls the investment the wisest decision she's made since buying the home and one that could potentially save her grandson's life.

"He's quick and even though I never let him out of my sight this is a good deterrent and it will stop him from ending up in

the water," she said.

The net can be easily removed from an average size pool in about five minutes and replaced in about eight. Tests have shown Katchakid can support nearly 500 pounds, making it

capable of protecting an adult from falling in.

"It adds to the value of your pool. It's custom to the pool so it can't leave, it becomes part of your property," said Pickett.

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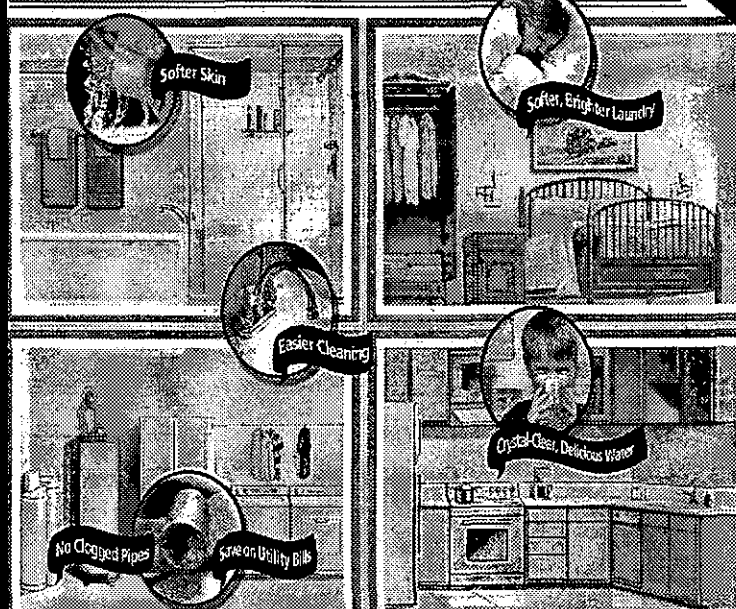
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Accessories make a statement in your bath

Avocado green and burnt orange are two colors you should see in the produce aisle — not in your bathroom. If you take a step back to the 1970s every time you take a step into your bathroom, don't worry. One of the quickest — and most simple — ways to update your bathroom's style is by replacing the accessories.

For less than \$75, an entire set of new accessories can be purchased — including towel bars, paper holders, robe hooks and towel rings. And accessories can be installed in less than two hours — just in time for a spring makeover.

Until recently, chrome or polished brass were the only finish choices in the bath accessory marketplace. Fortunately, the industry has changed dramatically in the last decade, and manufacturers now offer dozens of finish and style options in bath accessories.

"The bath accessory marketplace has really come to life in the last few years," said Mike Bauer, director of marketing for Creative Specialties International (CSI), a leading designer and manufacturer in the bath accessory

marketplace. "Consumers today have more choices than ever before. From unique styles in oil-rubbed bronze to contemporary designs in brushed chrome and even accessories made in dramatic wrought iron finishes, homeowners have a wide



variety of new and innovative design options for the bath."

With all of the new options, Americans still hold true to a traditional finish. According to a survey by CSI and Rooms of America, a consumer research organization, chrome is still the most popular bath accessory finish, but consumers' second choice, brushed nickel, is on the rise. In addition, other finishes, such as oil-rubbed

bronze and wrought iron, are also increasing in popularity with consumers. In fact, non-chrome finishes now represent almost half of bath accessory sales.

Once you have selected the specific finish for your accessories, the next step is determining the style and size you prefer. Should you choose an 18-inch towel bar or a 24-inch towel bar? Towel ring, double towel bar or single towel bar, or all three? Mounted paper holder or a freestanding style? How much is too much? And how do you ensure that your bathroom doesn't look cluttered?

According to CSI, you should begin by determining your style preference. Results from the aforementioned survey found that consumers typically decorate in three primary styles: country, casual/contemporary and traditional. In terms of specific style preferences, 38 percent of the population decorates in a casual style, often referred to as contemporary. Following closely behind, 35 percent of consumers choose a traditional style of decorating. Lastly, 27 percent of Americans decorate in a country theme, which includes secondary themes such as Shaker, country French and Mission.

"Once you have determined your style, you should then take accurate measurements of your bath," explained Bauer. "The size of your bath will help you determine the number and type of accessories you will need. For instance, a master bath with double-bowl sinks will require a number of accessories compared to a small guest bath."

He continued, "Glass shelves, soap dishes and mounted toothbrush and cup holders can create order and keep counters clear. And well-positioned towel bars not only provide storage close at hand, but also offer a design element to hang colorful, coordinating towels."

CSI offers the following tips for placing the most common bathroom accessories:

- **Towel rings** — Most often used in guest baths, towel rings are typically placed alongside the sink. Keep in mind that many of the new towel rings on the market feature stylish designs, making them a beautiful focal point in a small bath. Be sure to hang the towel ring at a comfort level for those typically using the bath, including children or seniors. A good rule of thumb is to leave at least 18 inches below a towel ring so a hand towel can hang freely.

- **Towel bars** — Standard towel bar lengths are 18 and 24 inches. Hang the bar at a comfortable height of 48 inches above the floor, making sure to leave enough space below the bars for towels to hang freely. If the towel bar is hung in a children's bath, hang the bar at a height of 36 inches. In either case, be sure to consider the location of electrical switches and outlets when hanging your towel bars. To add a stylish element to the bath, double towel bars are an ideal accessory. In addition, double towel bars are perfect for a family bath, as a number of towels can be hung on the accessory.

- **Paper holders** — Today's bath accessory collections include a variety of paper

holder options, including traditional wall-mounted, spring-loaded styles; pivoting paper holders and freestanding paper holders. Determining the style for your bath is a matter of taste and price.

"For example, a freestanding paper holder is ideal in a bath where you don't want to drill into tile or

cabinetry," said Bauer.

- **Toothbrush holders/cup holders/soap dish vs. shelves** — To make sure your bath looks organized and clutter-free, use your best judgment in determining the proper number or accessories for your bath. A general rule is two-to-three counter accessories, such as a toothbrush holder, cup holder and soap dish. If your bath is small, or features a pedestal sink, you should choose mounted styles, or perhaps a glass shelf. Shelves can be a handy, space-efficient alternative to cabinets and are also a good place to display decorative items, such as votive candles or potpourri.

Easy as 1-2-3

You've picked the finish, style and number of accessories to match your bathroom décor. Now it's time for installation — which is an easier task than most believe. To ensure an accessory is mounted in the proper location, some manufacturers offer an installation template with each product. The template can be hung and taped to the wall, giving the consumer the exact location of where the accessory should be mounted.

"Thanks to the new templates and mounting hardware, the installation process has been streamlined dramatically," said Bauer. "That's why you can change the look of your bathroom in less than a few hours. It's the perfect project for a springtime rainy afternoon."

Once the template has been hung, the second step is to make sure the template is level and the accessories are in a desirable position. Lastly, position the mounting bracket over the paper template. After it is in position, screw the self-tapping dry wall screws (which are included with the accessories) directly into the dry wall. After the mounting brackets are in place, the accessories can be positioned over the brackets and tightened with a simple set screw.

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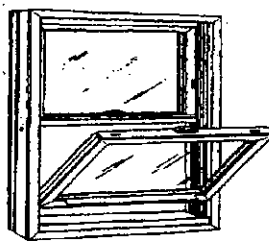
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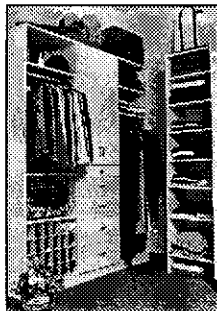
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Window Replacement Tips

- If your windows are more than 20 years old, it's time to give them a good examination. Look for air gaps around the windows, loose caulking and condensation build-up — all signals that it may be time to replace the units.

- Spend some time opening and closing your windows

in different weather. Do they stick when it's humid? Are there any "rough spots" you can't get the window past? These could be indications

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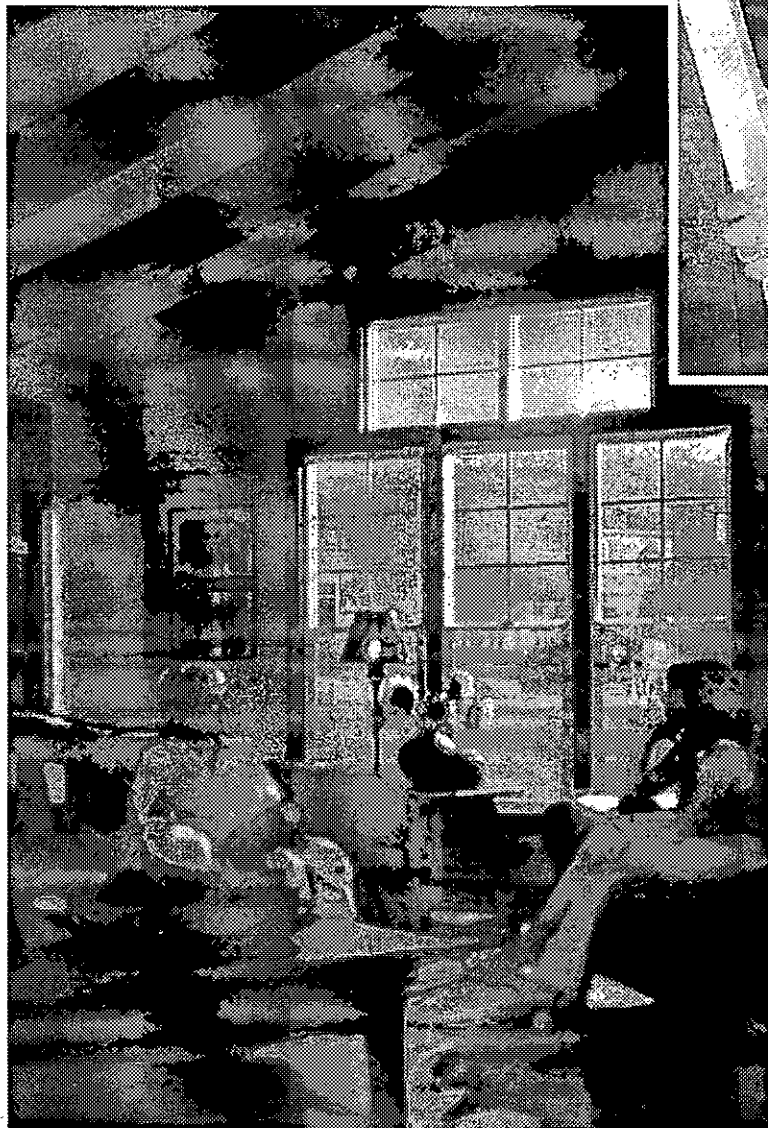
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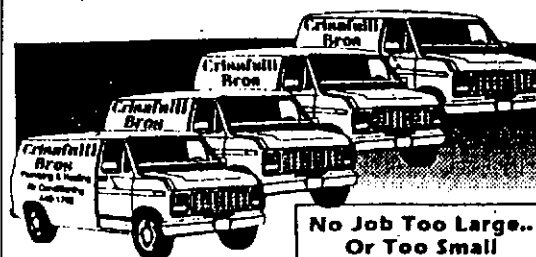
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It used to be that Americans wanted their bathrooms to revive them. Pulsating showers, bathtubs with jets, and even strong, spicy soaps were designed to be invigorating, to wake you up and get you ready for the world. Times have changed. Now we want to relax and be soothed when we're at home; and when it comes to the bathroom, we want to be pampered like we're at an expensive spa. Most of us can't install large steam showers and Japanese soaking tubs, but it is pos-

sible to turn an ordinary-sized bathroom into a luxurious sanctuary.

"Just a few inexpensive items can transform your bathroom," said Todd Imholte, president of Minnesota-based Environmental Graphics, a company that makes decorative products for the home. "All of those trendy bathroom fixtures can add up, and most people don't have room for them," he added.

Follow these easy tips from the design experts to create a personal spa in your bathroom without the high costs of renovation:

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- Change the color of your walls to something soothing like a gentle blue, a pastel green, or even a pale lilac.

- Keep large, thick 100 percent cotton bath towels close at hand. They will maintain their softness if you only use them for certain occasions (like your spa days).

- Get some aromatherapy candles to match your color scheme. Not only will the soft glow make you feel relaxed, the scent will be calming as well.

- Make your own bath oil by combining sunflower oil or

sweet almond oil with a few drops of your favorite essential oil. Store in a decorative glass container.

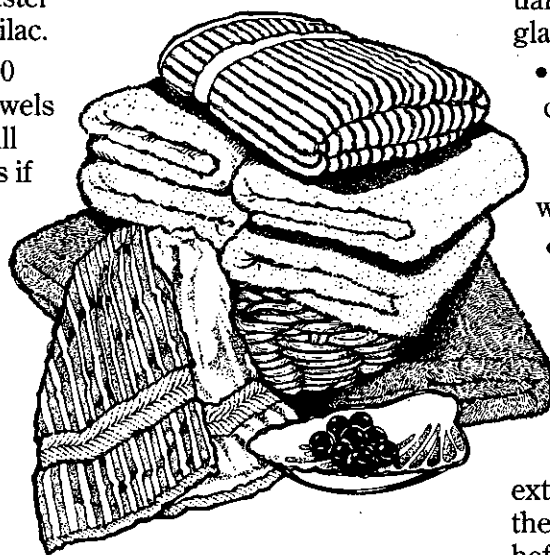
- To soothe achy muscles combine Epson salts with a few drops of essential oil and add to your bath water.

- You can also blend Epson salts with kosher salt and grapeseed oil for a body scrub that exfoliates and seals in moisture.

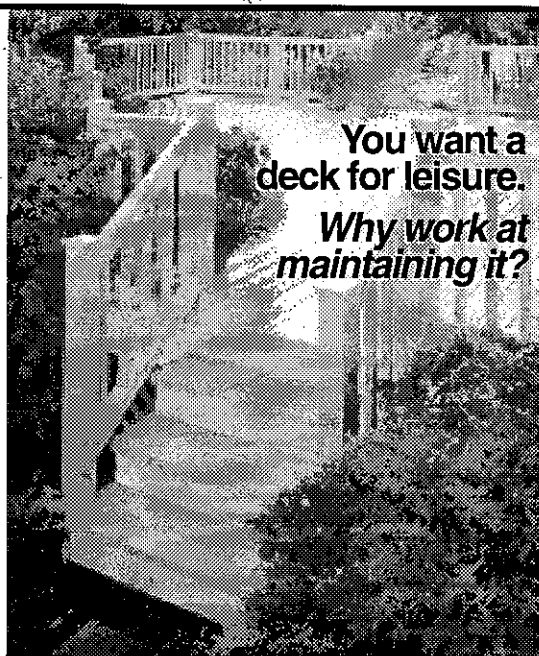
- Fill the bathtub with extra-hot water and let it heat the porcelain for 10 minutes before getting in. This will also allow the salts or oils to diffuse into the water. Make sure you check the temperature with your wrist before you step in.

- Move a portable CD player into the bathroom and gather up some relaxation music: nature sounds or soft classical works well. If you don't have anything, check your local library.

- Make sure you have plenty of soft washcloths, scented soaps and face masks on hand. Many spas offer samples of items that you can take home for use in your personal escape. Just before you get into the bath, make yourself a cup of hot, soothing tea to sip. You'll feel relaxed and rejuvenated, all without making a single appointment.



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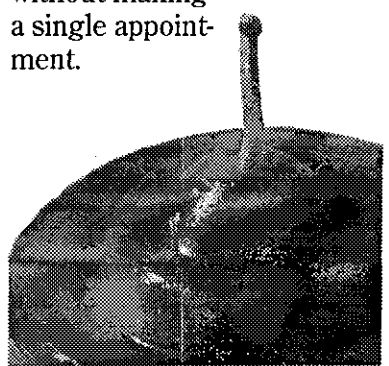
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Imagine a beautiful wood-look floor that can be quickly installed, is durable enough to stand up to everyday life, and can be maintained with just a damp cloth. Today's laminate flooring offers all of this and more, and is fast becoming one of the hottest home improvement projects among do-it-yourselfers.

"For homeowners who want the look of wood without the maintenance headaches, laminate flooring is ideal," said Don Cybalski, U.S. design manager for Pergo, the leading brand of laminate flooring. "It won't wear through, stain or fade, and won't ever need waxing, polishing or refinishing. And the designs are so realistic that many people mistake it for the real thing."

Introduced to the United States in 1994, laminate flooring is made of wood by-products compressed under extreme pressure to form super-hard layers that are sandwiched together and finished with a surface second only to diamonds in hardness. The resulting product offers durability and ease of maintenance far superior to any other flooring option.

• Substance and style

The beauty of laminate flooring doesn't just lie beneath its surface. The variety of designs is virtually limitless with colors and textures that are more realistic than ever. Beyond the popular oak, maple and

pine varieties, laminates are available in exotic wood looks like mahogany, walnut and cherry, as well as classic

tile designs including granite, marble and ivory.

• Quick and easy installation

Ease and speed of installation add to the appeal. Where installation of real wood is typically left to professionals because of the time-consuming process to glue or nail planks, laminates can often be installed over a weekend and put directly on top of any existing floor (except carpet).

Some laminates bond together with glue, while others simply click together, making them

ideal for do-it-yourselfers. "Click" laminate floors feature tongue-and-groove edges that snap-together easily and tightly. Durable and hassle-free, click floors can be used in any room of the home; however, in rooms like kitchens and baths where water is a consideration, many consumers and installers still prefer the added security of glued seams.

Relatively new to the market are "pre-glued" floors that offer the ease of click assembly with the added security and strength of glue. The glue is pre-applied to the joint of each plank and activated with regular tap water. To assemble, simply line up the moistened tongue of one plank with the groove of another and gently tap the

pieces into a locked position. The pre-applied glue delivers quick, easy installation with no messy glue residue and eliminates concerns about the development of unsightly gaps that trap dirt and moisture.

HOME IMPROVEMENT Top-grade laminates, like those

from Pergo, are priced around \$3 to \$4 per square foot (uninstalled), compared with \$4 to \$6 for solid wood. But the real savings is in the installation. Because laminate floors are so easy to install, many consumers can do it themselves, saving both money and time.

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Improving soils for vegetable gardening

Vegetable plants grow best in a fertile, well-drained soil of loamy texture. Sandy loam soils well supplied with organic matter are easily worked and are productive. Unfortunately, most gardens do not contain such soils.

Very coarse, sandy solids dry rapidly and are difficult to keep fertile. Clay soils are difficult to work a usually remain wet until late in the spring. These soils are most often yellow in color and very sticky when wet. They tend to form a hard crust after a heavy rain and become compacted to an extent that the plant's root system is deprived of the essential air required for healthy growth. Clay and sandy soils must be modified before seeding or planting crops.

Basic Considerations in Soil Improvement: To obtain a desirable soil for gardening, it is necessary to deal with the following areas of concern: water drainage; moisture condition at the time of working; erosion, hazard; texture and structure; reaction (acidity or alkalinity) and fertility.

Water Drainage: Satisfactory crops cannot be expected on poorly-drained soil. Four-inch drain tile lines 25 feet apart is suggested where drainage problems exist and

where an outlet is available. The tile should be at least 2 feet deep. The fall in the lines will depend upon the outlet and length of lines, water needs a fall of at least 2 inches per 100 feet of line. The surface should be graded so that excess water will be removed promptly, but orderly, and erosion will not occur. The removal of surface we'll eliminate pockets and low spots. Adding organic matter to clay and clay loam soils will also improve drainage and aeration.

As a temporary measure, water drainage can be achieved by growing crops on raised planting beds ridges. Unfortunately, proper water management in such beds is difficult during periods of drought.

Moisture Condition at the Time of Working: Many gardeners make the mistake

of working soil when is too wet. The soil should not be plowed or spaded in spring until it is sufficiently dry to crumble when worked. Experienced gardeners often use the "hand" test. With a spade turn over a slice of soil about 6 inches deep. Pick up a handful of soil and squeeze it. If soil remains in a tight ball when pressure released, wait several days before spading or plowing. If soil crumbles when pressure is released, it ready for spading or plowing. Soils with much clay are easily damaged when worked too wet.

Fall plowed soils require only leveling in the spring before planting. A light raking is all the seed bed preparation that is usually needed. Fall plowing or spading is advisable only on level soils where erosion over winter is not a problem. Fall working of soil

is also suggested on soils which do not work well after spring plowing.

Texture And Structure

Soil Conditioners: Soil texture and structure can be modified by using soil conditioning materials. Soil conditioners act to improve soil aeration, drainage, moisture holding capacity and filth or workability the soil.

Commonly used soil conditioners include compost, peat moss, sawdust, wood chips, animal manure, are manure crops, and perlite.

Improving Soil In Small And Large Gardens: A common mistake made when at-

tempting to improve garden soil is that of failing to use enough soil conditioning materials. For chiefly clay or sandy soils, large amounts of conditioners must be used to effectively improve texture and structure.

into the top 8-10 inches of soil by tilling or spading. Avoiding Temporary Plant Nitrogen Deficiency: Organic materials such as straw, fresh sawdust, wood chips, and shredded bark require addition of nitrogen fertilizer when they are incorporated into the soil. The nitrogen provides extra nutrition for microbes and decomposing organic matter. It prevents temporary nitrogen deficiency in crop plants.

Apply 2 pounds per 100 square feet of a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-5 or 10-10-10 or similar analysis

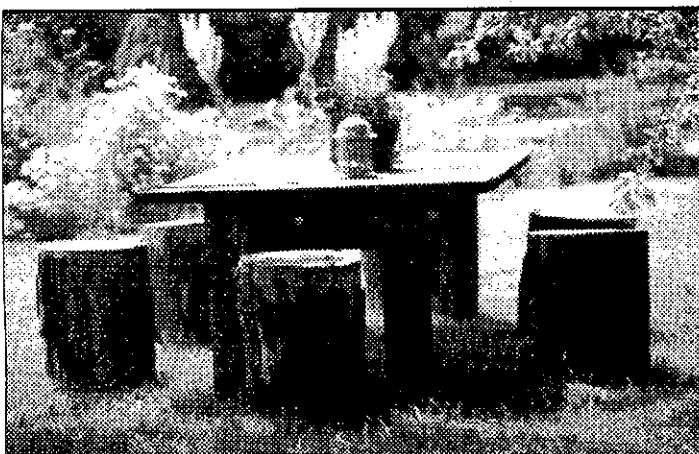
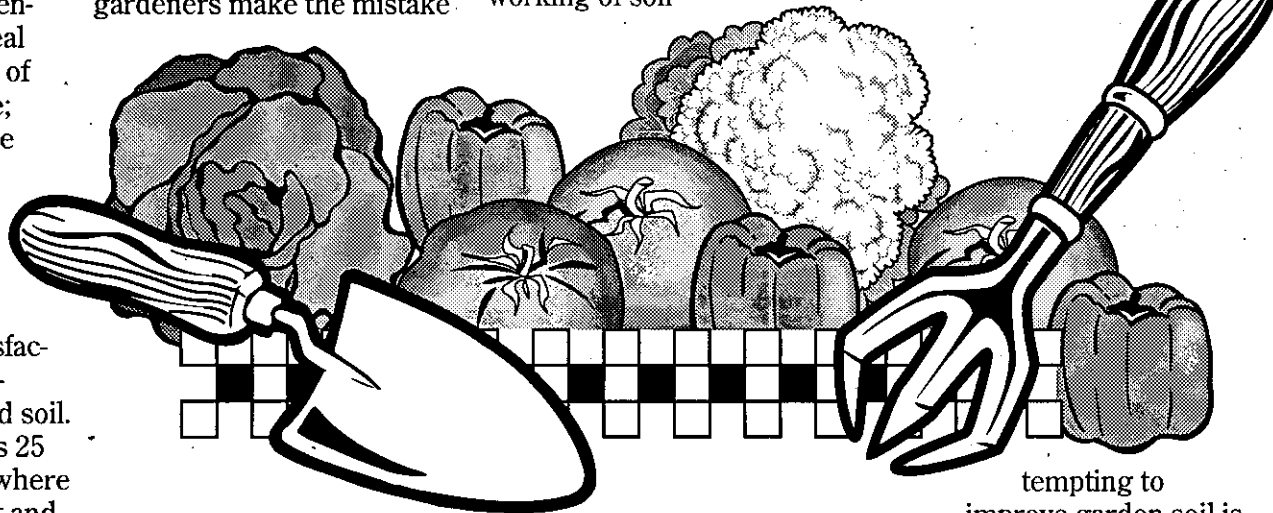
If there is yellowing of the lower foliage and garden plants lack vigor during early summer, apply additional nitrogen fertilizer.

Use Of Cover Crops: All gardens should be protected by a winter crop such as rye or ryegrass. Rye preferable for late (after September 15) cover crop seedings.

Ryegrass is a suitable soil cover crop but should be seeded prior to September 15 for best results. It seeded at a rate of 3 ounces per 100 square feet or 1 1/2 to 2 pounds per 1,000 square feet.

Cover crops prevent soil erosion and add organic matter when turned under in the spring.

However, such crops should be turned over before growth is so tall that they are difficult to handle. Cover crops may be seeded between the rows in August-September, and even if crops are not yet harvested.



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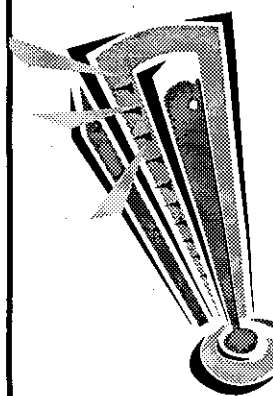


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Volunteer driver Warren Boutelle stands in front of the newest of Bethlehem Senior Projects van.

Town Senior Projects gets new van

Thanks to the generosity of the community with bequests and donations and following a fundraising campaign targeting area physicians, Bethlehem Senior Projects has replaced one of its three wheelchair accessible vehicles.

The new van can accommodate 10 ambulatory and two wheelchair-bound clients. It replaces a 10-year-old vehicle with more than 100,000 miles.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, a community-based nonprofit organization which coordinates with Bethlehem Senior Services, was formed in 1988 to financially supplement and facilitate services and programs benefiting the elderly in Bethlehem.

"We usually are involved in many worthwhile projects at the same time," said Charles Tobin III, president of the corporation.

The corporation works in contract with the town of Bethlehem and addresses needs and requests as they become apparent.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service is one of many coordinated programs, which include funding for the town food pantry, informational displays and programming with monthly health-related screenings, wellness classes and programs, co-sponsored by Bethlehem Public Library, information and referral services and the purchase of equipment to benefit the elderly.

Of the seven transportation vehicles run through the program, three are owned by Bethlehem Senior Projects, and four are owned by the town.

The new vehicle complies with new standards mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act for transporting the elderly.

"Our new vehicle has front-facing, side by side tie-downs, which makes the transport of wheelchair users much more

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The library has lots of juvenile non-fiction for young horse lovers, such as *Behind the Scenes at the Horse Hospital* and *Horse Heroes: True Stories About Amazing Horses*.

Also new is a monthly publication by the Humane Society of the United States called "Kind News." This colorful newsletter offers puzzles, games, jokes and comics and informative articles about animals from hamsters to chameleons. The May issue features a story about Shawn Hairston, a real-life hero of the popular "Animal Planet" program called "Animal Cops." Animal lovers can pick up a free copy each month.

Kids are invited to The Magic Tree House on Friday, June 6, at

1 p.m. for some story-related fun and crafts on an afternoon with no school. This program is for children in kindergarten through third grade and sign-up is requested.

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For details, information and links, visit the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

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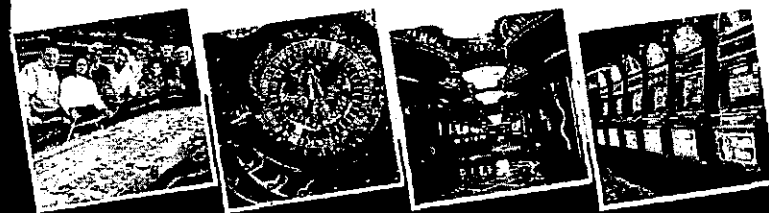
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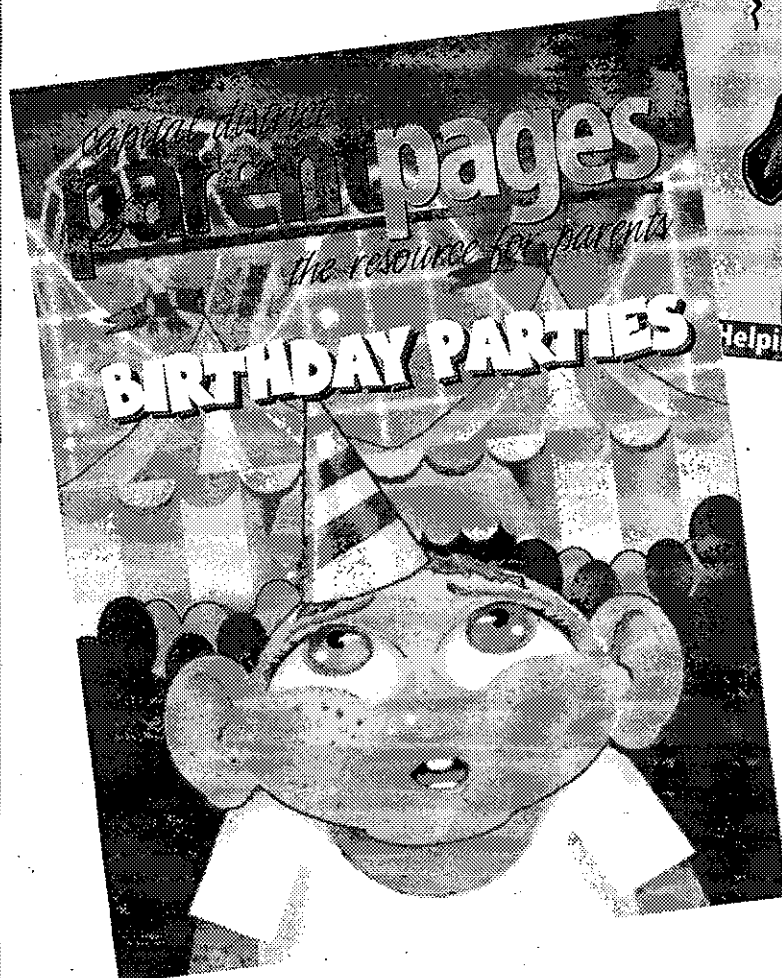
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Former BC teacher elected NEANY president

By DONNA J. BELL

Loudonville resident Robin Rapaport, a former Bethlehem Central High School English teacher, was recently elected to a three-year term as president of the 43,000-member National Education Association of New York State (NEA/NY).

As the state affiliate of the 2.3 million member National Education Association (NEA), the organization represents prekindergarten through grade 12 and adult education teachers, educational support personnel (such as clericals, aides and bus drivers), SUNY community

college faculty staff and retired members.

In his new role, Rapaport's main responsibilities will be to represent the organization with legislators, state Education Department officials and leaders of labor and education organizations. He will begin his three-year term in mid-July, after serving six years as the association's vice president. He succeeds Gregory Nash who had served as president since 1993.

"Robin was a respected union leader and Bethlehem Central High School teacher, and he'll be bringing us the same qualities he brought to the school and the

union," said NEA/NY spokesman Bernie Mulligan. "I think the expectation is that he will do a very fine job for all 43,000 members."

"We have a big challenge ahead of us," Rapaport said of the association. "In tight economic times, school budgets are going to continue to get squeezed."

Rapaport said he will first work to develop an agenda that the new executive team can commit to. After that, they will address the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, better known as the "No Child Left Behind" act.

"We have to recommit our energies to solve problems

caused by the No Child Left Behind Act," Rapaport said. "There are some difficult achievements that have to be met because it imposes some impossible requirements for the schools."

Rapaport said he knew there were serious challenges to face and said he was up to the demands of the position. "I'm a teacher first and foremost. I taught for 32 years, I bring my love of teaching and love of the profession to the job," he said. "I understand the problems and successes that schools experience on a daily basis and understand the importance of the work."

Town IDA creates Web site

By KRISTEN OLBY

In an effort to keep the public apprised of its work, the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has launched a new Web site. IDA board members approved the creation of a Web site earlier this year, and work on the site has been ongoing ever since.

"We determined that an IDA Web site would enable us to keep residents informed about our activities and help us attract new businesses and investment to the town of Bethlehem," said F. Michael Tucker, chairman of the IDA board.

The site currently offers browsers background information on the IDA and its ongoing projects. In addition, the site highlights incentives offered through the IDA to new businesses, as well as a profile of Bethlehem, including demographics.

Plans for the future use of the site include interactive location displays that provide details for specific buildings and project sites, pages with news and relevant topics and log-in capabilities for members.

The IDA contracted the Web site design to SiteWaves Internet Services of Delmar. It is at www.BethlehemIDA.com.

The IDA will hold an informational meeting, open to the public, on Thursday, June 5, at town hall beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will provide the public with an update of recent IDA activities.


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Local talent



Joan Graber, left, Muriel Welch and Stephanie Bollam will dance a soft-shoe as part of the Friendship Singers concert program on Friday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Admission is free, but proceeds from donations will be given to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Independence Party endorses candidates

The Executive Committee of the Albany County Independence Party recently announced its slate of candidates for Bethlehem's town offices and county legislative districts.

Heading the ticket are town supervisor candidate, former Justice Theresa Egan, and town board candidates, incumbent Daniel Plummer and Independence Party town chairman Tim Gordon.

"The Independence Party seeks to work with candidates and other political organizations who embrace our goals of electoral reform and open government," said Gordon. "We feel Terri Egan and Dan Plummer do share Independence Party objectives. Combined with their credentials and respective records, endorsing Terri and Dan is a natural choice. I think voters will agree."

Also endorsed by the Independence Party are recently appointed Town Justice Paul Dwyer Jr., who is running to retain his seat on the bench, town

clerk candidate Stuart Berke, receiver of taxes candidate George Harder and incumbent Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph.

In key county legislative districts in Bethlehem, the Independence Party has endorsed Independence member John Cunningham of Delmar in the 34th District, incumbent Charles Dawson Jr. of Glenmont in the 35th District and Howard Shafer of Selkirk in the 36th District.

"In a historical election year that many believe will bring an end to a century-and-a-half era of one-party control in Bethlehem, an Independence Party endorsement is extremely significant. Because voter enrollment in the major parties has become relatively even in Bethlehem, votes received on the Independence Line C will in all likelihood tip this November's election in favor of candidates who possess a major party line along with the Independence Party line," Gordon said.

Watch out for pedestrians

LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the LLC is AT - VENTURES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 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 21 Grey Ledge Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211. LCD-4029 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

810 CENTRAL AVENUE, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of 810 Central Avenue, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 19, 1997. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to c/o 14 Hemlock Street, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.

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

LCD-4063
(June 4, 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
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

BRIDGE AND BARN, LLC
1. The name of the limited liability

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company is Bridge and Barn, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on May 8, 2003 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: Bridge and Barn, LLC, c/o Rose Watkins, 14 Saybrook Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077.

5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

Dated: May 21, 2003
Cooper Erving & Savage LLP
Attorneys for Bridge and Barn, LLC
39 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(518) 449-3900
LCD-4035
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Maple Development Group, LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/17/02. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Guilford, NY 12084. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-4009 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of AVE. P CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATES LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 05/27/2003. 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, 1811 Avenue P, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-4092 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for lifeguard chairs, diving towers and diving boards for the Town of Bethlehem Department of Parks and Recreation.

LEGAL NOTICE

Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on the 16th day of June, 2003 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
Town Clerk
Dated: May 28, 2003
LD-4090
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for one "Geodetic Reflectorless Total Station" and Supplemental Surveying Equipment.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of June, 2003 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK
TOWN CLERK
Dated: May 29, 2003

LD-4089
(June 4, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: LJ TRANSPORT LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/2/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o Breakell Law Firm P.C., 10 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. LD-4086 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hospitalist Medicine Physicians of Albany County, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/15/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC 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. Purpose: practice the profession of medicine. LD-4080 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Softlight Systems, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 4/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 3/20/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. DE office addr: c/o The Company Corp, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Art. of Org. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-4079 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Rushmore Capital-II, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/9/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/28/03. 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.

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DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-4076 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Rushmore Capital-II, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/9/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/28/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-4075 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nadine Yates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/8/03. 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. Purpose: database management. LD-4074 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Jonathan Bailey Design, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/26/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 12/19/1997. 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. TX address of LLC: 1701 Market St., Suite 400, Dallas, TX 75202. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-4066 (June 4, 2003)

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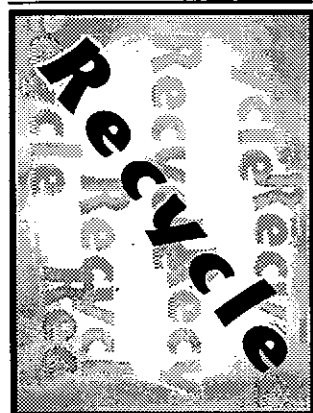
Notice of Qualification of McKesson Information Solutions LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/1/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/18/1974. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The Prentice-Hall Corp. System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Loockerman & Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-4055 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CRP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/12/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 26 Century Hill Drive Suite 101, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-4054 (June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication The Patrol Group LLC was filed with SSNY on 3/26/03. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful business LD-4053 (June 4, 2003)



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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 1203 (c)
The name of the professional service limited liability company is G&F PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was 3/24/03. 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 Ave Ext, Albany, NY 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-4052
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Notice of Formation of 614 Route 9W, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on 10/10/02. NY office location is Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him to c/o 614 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077. The purpose of LLC is restaurant management.
LCD-4051
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Notice of Formation of LIGHTHOUSE TAVERN, a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on May 7, 2003. NY office location is Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him to c/o Michael Tyrrell, 7 Christine Court, Latham, New York 12110. The Purpose of LLC is restaurant and bar business.
LCD-4048
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of KC PROPCO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/2/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/7/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-4042
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of KC OPCO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/2/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/7/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-4041
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Pursuant to Section 206 of The New York Limited Liability Company Law
1. The name of the limited liability company is VRRMM, LLC.

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2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on May 8, 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 New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
VRRMM, LLC
16 West Meadow Drive
Albany, New York 12203
5. The name and street address within New York of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is:
Antonio Millilo, Esq.
Martin, Shudt, Wallace, DiLorenzo and Johnson
279 River Street
Troy, New York 12180
6. The limited liability company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes.
LD-4040
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bonanza Acquisition, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/1/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/6/02. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all activities relating to and involved with passenger transportation and related services.
LD-4039
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Crowe Chizek and Company LLC, a foreign professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/21/03. Office location: Albany County. PLLC formed in Indiana on 3/5/03. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Lexis/Nexis Document Solutions, Inc., 1275 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: practice the profession of public accounting.
LD-4036
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wachovia Corporate & Investment Banking, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/5/03. 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. Principal office of LLC: One Wachovia Center, 301 S. College St., Charlotte, NC 28288. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-4034
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of First Clearing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/30/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/12/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-4033
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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The name of the LLC is SABRE 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-4030
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pitcairn Properties Management Company, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/12/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 2/21/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. PA address of LLC: c/o Pitcairn Properties Inc., 165 Township Line Rd., Suite 1500, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Arts. of Org. Filed with PA Secy. of State, Corp. Div., 302 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-4028
(June 4, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Field Day Fest 2003, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/28/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/24/03. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-4027
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Harris, Baizer & Conway, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/10/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as the agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 5 Clinton Sq., Albany, NY 12207. The latest date upon which the PLLC is to dissolve is 12/31/2080. Purpose: to practice the profession of law.
LCD-4024
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of URNA LEASING, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/24/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/24/02. 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. Principal office of LLC: 5 Greenwich Office Park, Greenwich, CT 06830. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Loockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-4018
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the limited liability company is BJB Enterprises, LLC.
2. The articles of organization of the limited liability company were filed on March 7, 2003 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the limited liability company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State was designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the limited liability company to 23 Bergen Woods Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047.
6. The latest date to dissolve is

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indefinite.
7. The purpose of the limited liability company is to conduct all lawful activity.
LD-4003
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
The name of the LLC is DWM PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 30, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 7 Altamont Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.
LCD-4002
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Nicklaus Design, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/17/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 12/28/00. 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. FL address of LLC: 11780 U.S. Highway 1, suite 400, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, 409 East Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-3095
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA BENEDICTINE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 29, 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 26 Century Hill Drive, Suite 101, Latham, New York 12110-2128.
LCD-3094
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Accurecords, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on April 15, 2003. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Accurecords, LLC, c/o R. Matthew Sweeney, 10 Journey Lane, Glenmont, New York. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
LD-3090
(June 4, 2003)

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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 ACFBGH Services, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on April 29, 2003.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
ACFBGH Services, LLC
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5. The limited liability company

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is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law of the State of New York.
LD-3089
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Halliday Referral Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 4/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 50 Beaver St., 2nd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agt. at such addr. upon whom proc. may be served is Andrew W. Halliday, Esq.
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-3087
(June 4, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Gibby's Realty, LLC., Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 4/22/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 3 Winners Circle, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-3088
(June 4, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name: of LLC: Unitas, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 25, 2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to The Strachan Group, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., Third Floor, Albany, New York 12211. Purpose: to engage in any activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC Law.
LD-3079
(June 4, 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
(June 4, 2003)

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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

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against the LLC is 2267 Western Avenue, Gunderland, New York 12084.
LCD-3068
(June 4, 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
(June 4, 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
(June 4, 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.
LD-3080
(June 4, 2003)

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LCD-4065
(June 4, 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.
LD-3071
(June 4, 2003)

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Obituaries

Ivan Putnam

Ivan Warren Putnam, 72, of New Scotland died Wednesday, May 28, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in East Worcester, he was a graduate of Worcester Central School and Albany Business College.

He was a navy veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Putnam worked for Saratoga Vichy Spring Co., the state Thruway Authority and the state Department of Supply Support before he retired. He then worked part time for Northway Auto Exchange.

He loved sports including softball, horseshoes, hunting, archery, bowling and golf. He was a member of the Voorheesville Horseshoe League and a charter member of the Rakowana Archers.

He was a member of New Scotland Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and trustee for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Anne E. Putnam; a son Daniel L. Putnam of Altamont; three daughters, Dawn E. Scaccia and Deann M. DellaPenta, both of Voorheesville and Danita J. Taccogna of Ontario, Canada; and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial service has been scheduled at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, at New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland.

Arrangements were by the

Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Voorheesville Area Ambulance or the American Cancer Society.

Nancy Kay Gillen

Nancy Kay Gillen, 56, of Ravena and a former Glenmont business owner, died Thursday, May 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Muskegon, Mich., she was a graduate of Nyack Missionary College.

She taught at Icabod Crane Elementary School for five years.

Mrs. Gillen was the former owner of K-G Coin Op in Glenmont for 10 years.

She was an avid reader, quilter and penguin lover.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a volunteer for many local charities.

Survivors include her husband of 31 years, Donald W. Gillen; a daughter, Taryn Gillen; two sisters, Sybil Elmer of Garden City, Mich., and Sandie Brooks of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; and three brothers, Emery Seaman of Richardson, Texas, David Seamon of Lewisville, Texas, and James Seamon of Ocqueoc, Mich.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital, c/o Barbara Jordan, Room 1144, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Mae Marie Bosart

Mae Marie Bosart, 89, of Guilderland and formerly of North Bethlehem, died Wednesday, May 21, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland.

Born in Fredonia, she was a longtime resident of Guilderland and more recently of the Beverwyck in North Bethlehem.

Mrs. Bosart completed nurses training at Buffalo City Hospital. She was a registered nurse in Buffalo for many years and later at New Rochelle Hospital in Westchester County.

She was the widow of Frank M. Bosart.

Survivors include a son, Lance F. Bosart of Guilderland; a brother, Joseph Graziano of Arizona; and a grandson.

Services were from the Demarco-Stone Funeral Home in Guilderland.

Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to the Terrace Elder Fund, 41 Beverwyck Lane, Slingerlands 12159.

Ruth Hubbs

Ruth Trivison Hubbs, 39, formerly of Bethlehem, died May, 16, in Tallahassee, Fla.

She attended Bethlehem

Central High School and was a former communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

She worked in the restaurant business.

Survivors include her parents,

Thomas and Ruth Trivison of Sebring, Fla.; two brothers, Thomas Trivison of Sebring and Timothy Trivison of Albany; and a sister, Michelle Waldenmaier of Glenmont.

Services were in Sebring.

Bethlehem, V'ville to begin larvicide pellet treatments

By KRISTEN OLBY

In an effort to reduce the mosquito population and control the spread of the West Nile virus, the town of Bethlehem and village of Voorheesville will begin applying larvicide treatments to areas of stagnant water.

Larvicide briquets will be placed in municipal and county-owned storm sewer catch basins and some additional areas where water accumulates during the spring months.

Bethlehem Highway Department crews expect to begin applying the treatments in early June. Last year, roughly 600 storm drains were treated while the town was under a drought.

"We would expect to find more this year due to the severe winter with the snow melt and the wet spring," said Gregg Sagendorph, highway superintendent.

Highway crews will not be placing the larvicide on private property, according to Sagendorph.

"The general public will not come into contact with this at all," said Stephen Lukowski, director of Albany County's Division of Environmental Health.

Lukowski said the treatment, which breaks down over the course of 150 days, poses no health risk to humans.

The larvicide, which contains Methoprene, an insect growth regulator, falls under the toxicity category of "caution."

Throughout Albany County, some 20,000 locations will be treated with the larvicide, a routine step in the county's efforts to prevent the West Nile virus from spreading this summer.

"We're putting larvicide out in the springtime to try to avoid having to spray," said Lukowski, who noted that the county successfully avoided spraying insecticide last year as a result of the early treatments.

An additional application of a 30-day residual larvicide may be performed in September, if necessary.

In an effort to control the spread of the virus, all residents are urged to eliminate areas of standing water that can be found in clogged gutters, old tires, swimming pool covers and bird baths.

Mosquitoes can breed in any area of stagnant water that sits for more than four days.

The West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne infection that can cause encephalitis. First found in New York state in the fall of 1999, the virus is transmitted by certain mosquitoes that tend to breed in urban areas.

The mosquitoes feed on infected birds and become the carriers of the virus in the salivary glands.

To assist Albany County in surveillance activities, residents are asked to report the findings of dead birds, especially crows, which are thought to have died within the last 24 hours to the Environmental Division at 447-4620.

Most people who become infected with the West Nile Virus have either no symptoms or only mild ones that arrive five to 15 days after exposure and include: fever, headache and body aches.

Infants, the elderly and persons with impaired immune systems are more susceptible to encephalitis.

RPMs to host thank-you dinner

The RPM (Reformed Presbyterian Methodist) Senior High Youth Group is thanking all who supported their spring mission trip, by hosting a pasta dinner on Sunday June 8, at 5 p.m. at Delmar Presbyterian Church.

A free lasagna supper and desserts will be served.

There will be a video presentation of highlights from the group's trip to the Apache White Mountain Indian Reservation.

For information, call Amanda Baxter at the Delmar Reformed Church at 439-9929, ext. 21.

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

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

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



Andrew Bernardini and Valerie VanDerpoel

VanDerpoel, Bernardini to wed

Valerie VanDerpoel, daughter of Jonathan and Gloria VanDerpoel of Glenmont, and Andrew Nicholas Bernardini, son of Nicholas and Anne Bernardini of Syracuse, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

She is director of marketing for Nutech Solutions in Charlotte.

The future groom is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and Albany Law School.

He is an assistant district attorney in the Charlotte District Attorney's office.

The couple plans an Oct. 11 wedding.

RCS inducts 43 into honor society

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School recently inducted students into its chapter of the National Honor Society.

The following 10th-graders were inducted: Melissa Ball, Kerry Baxter, Sheena Childs, Jenna Crandell, Meaghan DePaula, Allison Dibble, Elijah Fagan, Tiffany Fredericks and Frank Fuller.

Also, Sam Hafensteiner, Andrew Hamilton, Melissa Hamilton, Joshua Jones, Judith Henrikson, Charles King, Daisha King, Melonie Langdon, Andrew Louis, Holly Martin and

Ryan McCarthy.

Also, Sean McGrath, Joshua Meyer, Aric Mine, Michelle Montini, Katelin Nicholson, Alexander Orsi, Cassie Ostrander, Mandi Palmer and Laura Persico.

Also, Vanessa Persico, Allison Poetzsch, Sabrina Pry, Melissa Ronan, Lauren Sebert, Timothy Sugrue, Susanna Wagner, William Weber, Sarah Wilsey and Cassandra Wolfe.

Also, 11th-grader Jill Breedlove and 12th-graders Nicole Corsi, Brian Frangella and Joseph Galgana.

Dean's List

Lehigh University

Ilya Furman of Delmar.

Southern New Hampshire University

Matthew R. Hogan of Glenmont.

The College of Saint Rose

Alan Galgana of Clarksville, Rachel Gajewski, Deborah Lombardi, Lois McDonald, Terrance McNally, Jennifer Morre and Kathryn Walsh, all of Delmar.

Also, Michelle Miesowicz of Feura Bush; Lisa Ricciardelli and Christian Summers, both of Glenmont; and Jeanette Borger, Jared Marsh, Stefanie McLaren, Carla Miles, Robert Rosen and Tera Weddell, all of Selkirk.

Also, Andrea Dambrocio, Maria Googas, Amy Gregory, Christine Hayes, Tiffany James and Andrea Westphal, all of Slingerlands.

Also, No'reen Cavanagh, Susan Feller, Maria Giglio, Amy Lenseith, Alexandra Ostroff, Jeffrey Rivenburg, Kevin Ruane, Kassandra Schultz and Mark Tidd, all of Voorheesville.

Class of '03

University of Rochester

Andrea Shaye of Slingerlands (bachelor's in psychology).

Washington University

Freeman Klopott of Delmar (bachelor's in American culture studies and American history).

Yale University

Adam Fryer of Delmar (bachelor's in political science).

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital

Girl, Lily Nicole Zanello, to Erin and Dominic Zanello of Voorheesville, May 12.

Seaman returns from deployment

Navy Seaman Christopher D. Judd, son of Carol and Ronald D. Judd of Slingerlands, recently returned from a 10-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. Judd joined the Navy in May 2002.



Marcy and Damon DeBiccari

Finkel, DeBiccarri marry

Marcy Jennifer Finkel, daughter of Amy and Stan Solomon of Delmar, and Sanford Finkel of East Greenbush, and Damon A. DeBiccari, son of Shari DeBiccari of Brooklyn, were married Nov. 10.

Rabbi Dan Ornstein performed the ceremony at Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany. A reception followed at The Desmond in Colonie.

The maid of honor was Melanie Finkel, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Jeannine Almon, Lisa Barra, Alexa Barash, Nicole Barash, Romy Diamond, Pamela Eisner, Lindsey Held, Rachel Kobren, Julie Romero, Rachel Romm and Elissa Toubin. The best man was Eric Stein.

Groomsmen were Scott Solomon, brother of the bride, Justin Barash, Kenny Berios, Steve Bocian, Chuck Salzman, Damian Swincicki and Adam Wein.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Binghamton.

She is a conference planner at Meetings in Medicine in New York City and a graduate student at Baruch College.

The groom is a graduate of SUNY Old Westbury.

He is a teacher at Intermediate School 78 in Brooklyn and a graduate student at Mercy College.

After a cruise on the Celebrity Summit, the couple lives in Forest Hills, Queens.

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.

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Community Corner



Patriot Act forum set at town hall

A forum on the USA Patriot Act is set for Sunday, June 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall at 445 Delaware Ave.

Featured speakers include Melanie Trimble, executive director of the Capital District New York Civil Liberties Union; Susan Novotny, owner of The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza; and Barbara Nichols Randall, director of the Guilderland Public Library.

The sponsors include Bethlehem Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace, Bethlehem Pesticide Watch, Women Against War, New York Civil Liberties Union and the League of Women Voters.

For information, call 475-1773.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC In the Air

Free area concerts abound

By DEV TOBIN

It's not officially summer, by the calendar or the thermometer, yet, but the summer free outdoor music season is set to kick off this week.

With many concert tickets now on the wrong side of \$50, the opportunity to see free live music several nights a week remains one of the best things about summer around here.

Albany is the free live music capital of the Capital District, with three series — Live at Five on Broadway, Second Wind at Washington Park and special events at the Empire State Plaza.

Thursday afternoon's Live at Five begins this week with



Rosanne Cash

Motown Night, featuring The Temptations Review with Dennis Edwards, one of the last surviving members of the 1960s group. The opening act is Dona Oxford.

On June 12, the first of two Celtic nights features The Killdares, with Equation and Juggernaut.

June 19 is Parrothead Day, as Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways bring their Jimmy Buffett tribute to the streets of Albany. Opening will be local blues group The Tom Healey Band.

Longtime zydeco star C.J. Chenier returns to the area with his Red Hot Louisiana Band for Mardi Gras Night on June 26. The opening act will be local funksters Jocamo.

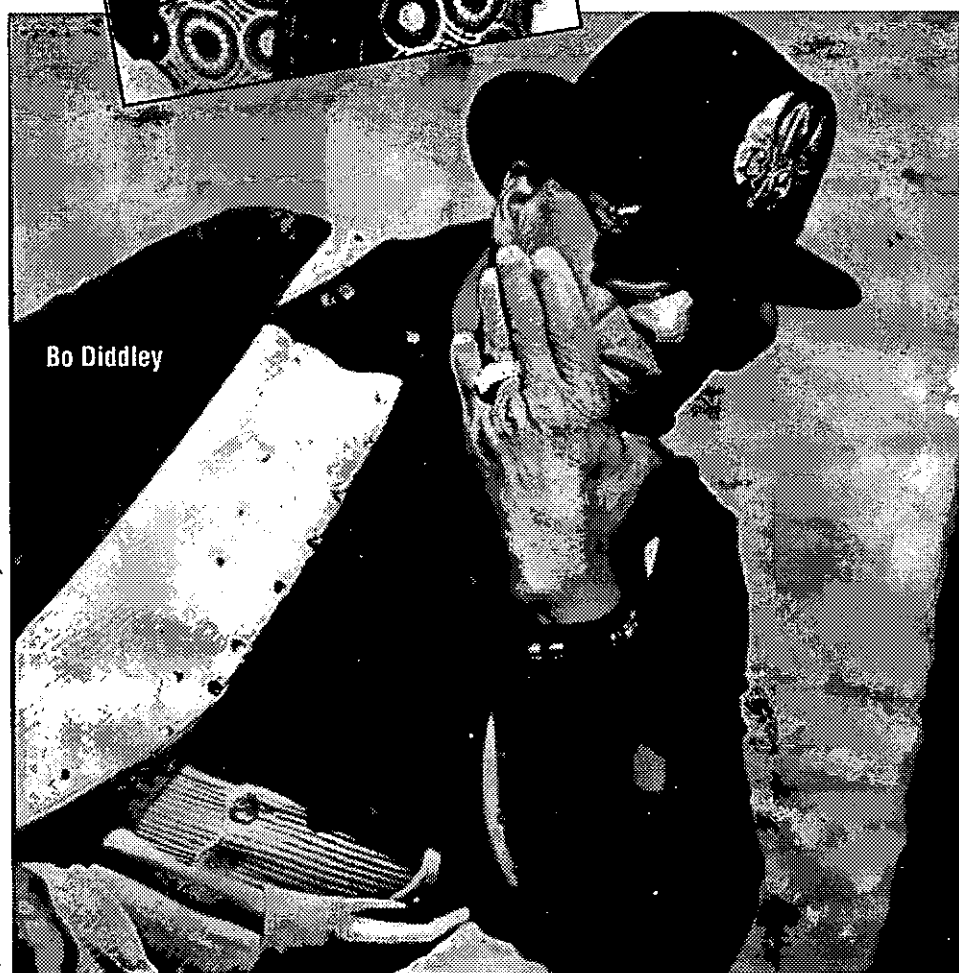
After a week off for the Fourth, The Dave Mason Band will play classic Traffic tunes on July 10. Anthony Gomes will open the show.

On July 17, A Cappella Night features Ball in the House; opening will be The Fonic.

Headlining Soul Night on July 24 is Tower of Power, following the Alan Payette Band.

And the final concert on July 31 will be the second Celtic night, with Canadian fiddler Natalie McMaster. The MacKrells will open.

Most Live at Five concerts will be at Tricentennial Park (Broadway between Pine and Columbia streets), except for



Bo Diddley

Shirley Alston Reeves

the Mardi Gras and a cappella shows, which will be in the new amphitheater in the Corning Preserve.

The opening act begins at 5 p.m., with the headliner usually hitting the stage around 6:15.

There is no seating, so bring a chair or be prepared to stand.

For information, call 434-2032.

The biggest free music acts play at the biggest venue, the Empire State Plaza, where the broad steps from the plaza to the museum over Madison Avenue provide lots of seating.

For the Capital District's largest outdoor event of the year — the Fourth of July fireworks — Felix Cavalieri's Rascals will play their 1960s pop classics, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Fleet Blues Fest on July 12 will feature top blues performers like Bo Diddley, Debby Hastings, Delta Moon, Guy Forsyth and Omar and the Howlers on three stages from noon to 10 p.m.

1970s rockers Foghat will join with blues legend Edgar Winter on July 23, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Pride of New York Food festival on Aug. 13, besides offering lots of tasty homegrown edibles, also offers classic rock, this time from Eric Burdon and the Animals and Woodstock's venerable NRBQ. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the big bands on later, as usual.

Shirley Alston Reeves, a founding member of The Shirelles, will play some of the group's hits like "Soldier Boy" and "Dedicated to the One I Love" on Aug. 20. The Persuasions will be the opening act.

And the biggest act of all, and the most contemporary, Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Rosanne Cash will close out the plaza season on Aug. 27. Hayseed will be the opening act.

For information on plaza events, call 1-877-659-4ESP.



Eric Burdon

The Washington Park series, produced by Second Wind Productions, offers a world tour of music, featuring contemporary acts rather than oldies, on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

This year's schedule includes Steel Pulse, with Alfred St. John's Trinidad and Tobago Steelband, on July 7; Chava Alberstein on July 14; Lunasa, with Kevin MacKrell, on July 21; Salif Keita, with Brian Melick and Vusi Mahlasela, on July 28; The Subdudes on Aug. 4; and The Waifs, with the bluehouse, on Aug. 11.

Second Wind also puts on a concert series in Schenectady's Central Park on Sundays at 4 p.m.

This year's lineup there includes the Ray Barretto Sextet, with Alex Torres & Friends, on July 13; Patty Griffin, with Rosanne Ranieri, on July 20; Oliver Mtukudzi & the Black Spirits on July 27; Otis Taylor on Aug. 3; and Bohola on Aug. 10.

Finally, the Guilderland Performing Arts Center schedule in Tawasentha Park on Route 146 features national and local acts on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., including Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys on June 19, Alex Torres and the Latin Kings on July 10, Sirsy on July 24, Big Trout Radio on July 31, The Persuasions on Aug. 14 and Marcia Ball on Aug. 21.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

THE BLUE ROOM

Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through June 15, \$28 to \$38. Information, 445-7469.

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER

Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, through June 15, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

Music

TEMPTATIONS REVIEW

Tricentennial Park, Broadway, Albany, June 4, 5 p.m., free.

THE MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES

Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, June 6, 8 p.m., \$18. Information, 371-0012.

STEFON HARRIS AND BLACKOUT

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, June 6, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

RAY CHARLES

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, June 6, 7:30

p.m., \$39.50, \$47.50 and \$54.50. Information, 463-4663.

AL JARREAU

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, June 8, 7 p.m., \$46.50 and \$56.50. Information, 463-4663.

GUY CLARK

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, June 8, 7:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 473-1845.

JOAN ARMATRADING

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, June 11, 8 p.m., \$28. Information, 473-1845.

THE KILLDOARES

Tricentennial Park, Broadway, Albany, June 12, 5 p.m., free.

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., paintings and drawings by Ruth Leonard, through Aug. 29. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, Unplugged: Painting in the Age of Technology, through Jan. 4. Information, 242-2222.

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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.

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Classes

DANCE CLASSES

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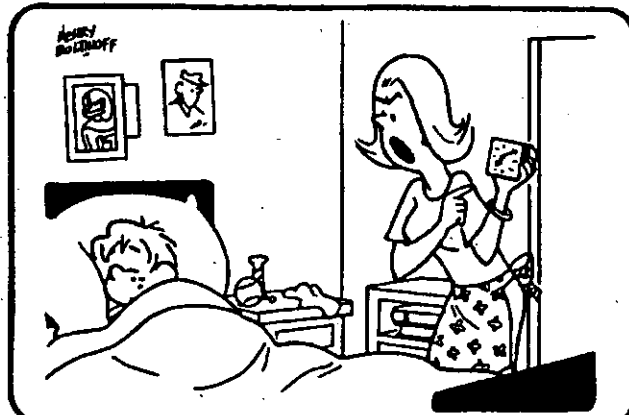
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watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

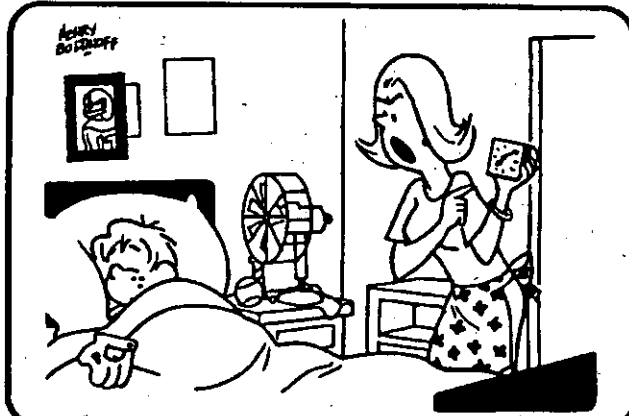
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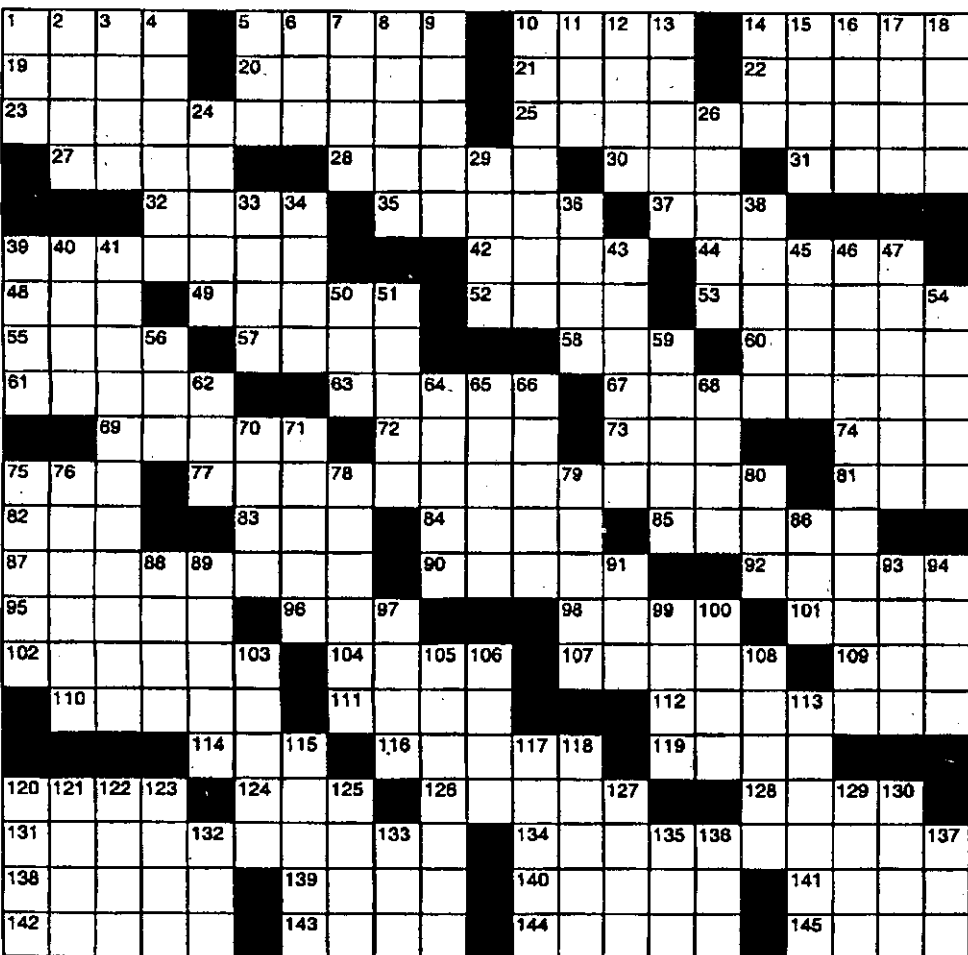


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1 Covenant
5 Come out of one's shell
10 King or queen
14 Tracking tool
19 "— patrias"
20 Moscow's locale
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22 Cover story?
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27 Detergent target
28 Roman fountain
30 British bar
31 Nut part
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35 Civil Rights org.
37 Baseball's Kluszewski
39 "Moby-Dick" narrator
42 Canvas cover
44 Some are deviated
48 — Locka, FL
49 Equine exclamation
52 — gin fizz
53 Sufficient
55 Actress Reid

57 Misplace
58 Vane letters
60 Ring championship
61 Caribbean isle
63 Song-writers' org.
67 Idol's perch
69 Still's partner
72 Mediocre
73 Mohammed — Jinnah
74 Rage
75 Films: abbr.
77 Disorderly
81 Marsh
82 Circle section
83 Damage
84 Ibsen's "Gynt"
85 Flight segment
87 Migration
90 Remove varnish
92 — stop
95 Less available
96 Pie ingredient?
98 Holler
101 Kenton or Getz
102 Hardened
104 "— Indigo" ("31 song)
107 Sign of spring

109 Gaffer's gadget
110 Islamic ruler
111 Singer
112 Guthrie
114 "Uh-uh!"
116 Extra
119 Jim Morrison, for one
120 Lost
124 Tiny
126 Peter of "Casa-blanca"
128 Arizona city
131 Disorganized
134 Weak
138 Spout like Cicero
139 Close noisily
140 Richard's veep
141 Austin or Garr
142 "The — Drop Kid" ('51 film)
143 Use the VCR
144 Rocky Mountain range
145 Pile

DOWN

1 "Fie!"
2 Famous fellow?

3 Fashion's Chanel
4 Platitude
5 Cool
6 Fuss and feathers
7 Savoir-faire
8 Make butter
9 Biblical book
10 Amusing
11 — Dhahi
12 Frolic
13 Premiere
14 Scott's "The — Quartet"
15 Grad
16 — novel
17 Eban of Israel
18 Disturbance
24 Ashcan
26 Too heavy
29 Punches
33 Rod's companion
34 Designer Fiorucci
36 Freightier front
38 Al — (cooking term)
39 It comes before kappa
40 Practice punching
41 Reckless
43 Foreign correspondent?

45 "Petits —"
46 Kind of confection
47 Blazing
50 Youth org.
51 "Siddhartha" author
54 Soprano Traubel
56 Presidential nickname
59 Ridges
62 Ooh's partner
64 Military unit
65 Selling point
66 Hearth hardware
68 Forgo the fudge
70 San —, Italy
71 Consternation
75 Inner circle
76 Journalist Fallaci
78 Shock
79 Author Jong
80 Prison pariah
86 Taxing org.
88 Withered egret
89 Act like an kappa
91 Norm
93 D-Day site
94 "... my banjo on my —"
97 Mount —, FL

99 Schubert song
100 Carson's successor
103 Haggard
105 Connecticut town
106 Extinct bird
108 "The Bristol —" ('61 hit)
113 Christmas decoration
115 Criminal caper
117 Director Lubitsch
118 Dais covering
120 Way off base?
121 Lassie's father
122 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
123 Choir member
125 Poet Wilcox
127 Give off
129 Hook's mate
130 Steinbeck character
132 Craving
133 Drink like a dachshund
135 Street salutation
136 Hither and
137 Puppy protest

The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. Jun. 4

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.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Potluck supper and book discussion, Voorheesville Public Library, 6:30 p.m., Sign up necessary, 765-2791.

Thurs. June 5

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.

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.

Fri. June 6

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

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

MAGIC TREE HOUSE PROGRAM

For grades K-3, Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m., Sign up necessary, 765-2791.

Sat. June 7

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. June 8

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

Mon. June 9

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REMHEARSAL

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

Tues. June 10

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

BINGO

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

KIDS BOOK DISCUSSION

Discussion of Ella Enchanted, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m., Sign up necessary 765-2791.

Wed. June 11

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

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AA MEETING

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

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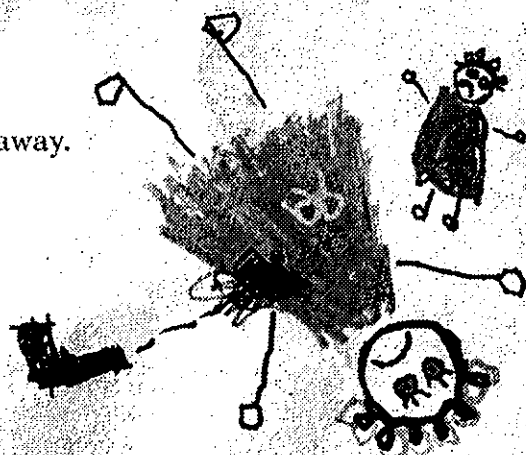
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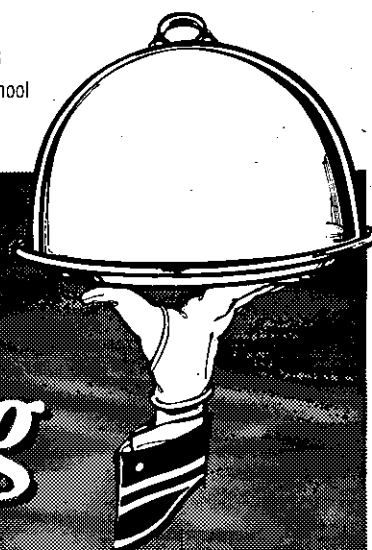
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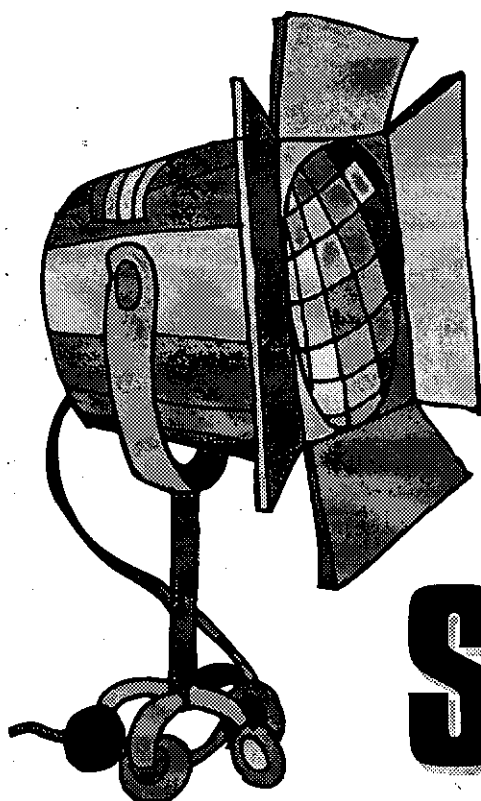
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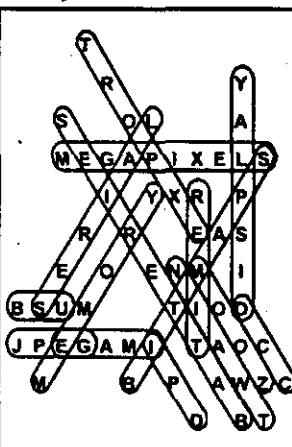
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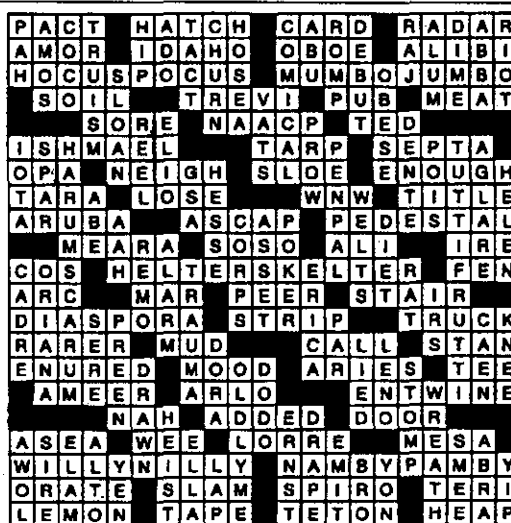
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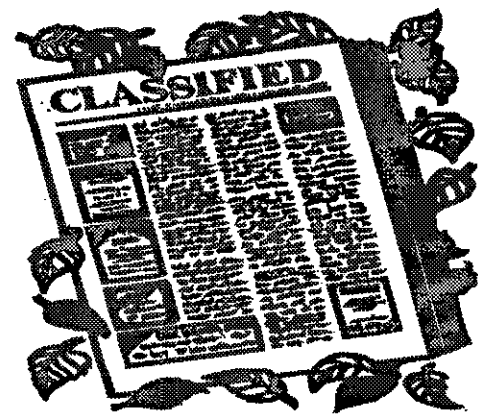
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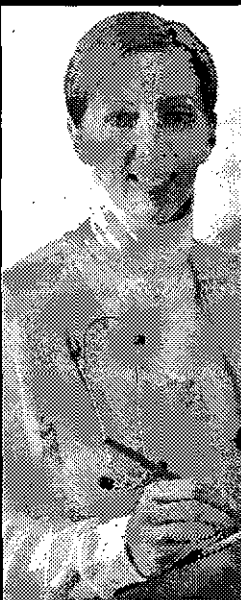
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But when I talked to Locks of Love, they were so thrilled, we decided to go there."

"The donations are a phenomenon," said Susan Stone, executive director of Locks of Love. "We get about 2,000 pony tails per week, unsolicited. One child might do a book report that includes Locks of Love or there's a newspaper article or something appears on the Internet, and people do it. This generation really embraces doing things for

others, especially kids."

Only three people work full-time at Locks of Love, which was founded in 1997. The organization runs largely on volunteers to keep the flow moving so that about 250 kids get new hairpieces of real hair every year. Locks of Love also provides synthetic hairpieces to very young children who are still growing.

The creation of a real-hair wig is a long process.

"The hair is sorted by color and length," Stone said. "It's sent to the manufacturer — Taylor-Made in Millbury, Calif., where the hair is 'heckled' (run through

needles) that pull out the short hair."

One of the reasons that Locks of Love asks for a minimum of 10 inches of hair is that two inches are lost in the manufacturing process.

The child chooses the length and color of hair he or she wants and that, plus a match of his or her skin tone, is sent to Indonesia, where women use rod-like needles to inject the real hair into the skullcap.

"They hand-inject that hair at a 45-degree angle 150,000 times," Stone said. "It takes 10 weeks to complete the life-like wig."

The wig is sent back with long hair, so that the child can style it to his or her choosing.

"Kids can swim in these wigs, and if they go to a slumber party, they can leave them on all night," Stone said. "The wig only comes off when the child takes it off."

Stone said it's advisable for a child to take the wig off every night, so that the scalp can breathe.

"These wigs become the children's prize possession," Stone said. "They usually last two to three years, and we let kids reapply every 18 months. We also will repair the wigs."

Most of the children who request wigs suffer from alopecia areata, an auto-immune condition of unknown origin that causes hair loss. Ninety-eight percent of the applicants receive the wigs free of charge, but for parents who can afford to pay something,

Locks of Love will ask for a donation.

"If you bought one of these wigs, they'd cost between \$6,000 and \$36,000," Stone said.

Haggerty and Wilson looked a little shaky after their ponytails were cut off.

"I've been growing it since sixth grade," Wilson said,

fingering the ponytail that will become someone else's hair.

Touching the ends of her now-short hair, she grinned. "This feels different."

For information about Locks of Love, call 1-888-896-1588, or check out the Web site, www.locksoflove.org.

Runyon

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The champion runner opened the discussion by asking students to think about what goal they would like to accomplish, whether it be earning an "A" on the next big test or going on to college. The 34-year-old runner, who has competed in past Olympic games and won several national titles, is no stranger to setting and surmounting goals. Just six weeks ago, Runyon found herself running in the Boston Marathon, badly dehydrated, and seriously contemplating quitting.

"I got to the point where I told myself I had to finish that race even though I wasn't going to reach the goal I had set for myself, that finishing was still important," said Runyon.

She calls her fifth place finish in the marathon a personal victory despite running six minutes off her goal time.

By sharing her personal struggles with students Runyon seeks to inspire them to overcome insurmountable odds and succeed. She encouraged students to set a goal and make steady progress toward pursuing it.

Runyon's next big challenge will be to earn an Olympic medal at the 2004 games. Her calendar has the date and time of the Olympic races clearly marked,

motivating Runyon to train a little harder each day.

"Everything you do in your life is kind of like running. You make little steps, little steps, and you work for it over time," she said.

But the story of her victories wouldn't be complete without including her battle to overcome near blindness. At the age of 9, Runyon was diagnosed with Stargardt's disease, a macular degeneration, which hinders her sight and keeps her from seeing objects in detail.

"When I look out at all of you I can't see any of your faces," confessed Runyon.

She graduated from high school and college, even earning a master's degree. For a time, Runyan taught both blind and deaf students before pursuing running as a full-time career 10 years ago.

"I believe if I can do it (graduate from school), anybody can do it," said Runyon.

For seventh-grader Kristin Kenney, who runs on the high school track team, Runyon's speech motivated her to continue competing.

"I get really nervous before races. It's only my first year doing it so I didn't know that much about running but now I know more," said Kenney.

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