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Elsmere community salutes principal

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

When Dorothy Whitney leaves Elsmere Elementary School for the last time on June 30, she'll be leaving a lot behind.

Being principal of the nearly 300-student school means she's run some 200 assemblies, attended about that many PTA meetings and school concerts, conducted over 700 teacher observations, met about 190 times with other elementary school principals in the Bethlehem school district and welcomed between 60 and 80 new children to Elsmere each year.

From September to June each year, she's been at the front door of the school to greet students nearly every morning of every day, and back at the same place to see them off when they leave again. When she glides quietly through Elsmere's cafeteria during lunchtime, the children instinctively sit straighter, and the noise level drops precipitously in her wake. "There's a grace about Dorothy," Superintendent Les Loomis said of the district's senior principal. "She has a calm manner and a dignity that lends credibility to everything she does. Anyone who mistakes that quiet for a lack of strength is missing who Dorothy is."

Whitney attributed her calm manner

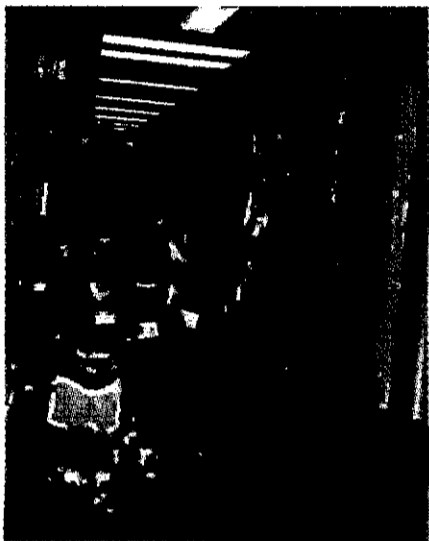
to her mother, the woman who watched Whitney's six young children in the evenings so her daughter could get a college degree and work in the place she was happiest, the classroom.

"I watched how my mother could ease situations, where some of my friends' mothers might have escalated a situation," Whitney said. "I don't like the feeling of being upset, and it helps me to keep myself calm and to be more effective." Elsmere's students are aware of Whitney's calm demeanor. "She's quiet, but she gets stuff done," fifth grader Lincoln Frasca said of Whitney. "She lets us do a lot of activities, but she keeps control."

"She makes the whole school thing happen," second grader Daniel Thien said. Talk to anybody involved with Elsmere, and it becomes clear that Whitney makes things happen in two main ways: by always focusing on the children, and by including everyone in the way the school is run. "Mrs. Whitney is a very genuine and understanding administrator," outgoing PTA President Chris Simeone said. "She's responsive, but not reactive. People don't get their way all the time, but at the core of any parent or teacher conference with her is what's in the best interest of the child."

Robin Reed has taught first and

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Dorothy Whitney and some of the younger children at Elsmere.

Katherine McCarthy

In training



Kyle Krell, 2, gets a lesson on his training wheel-equipped bike from his father, Bill Krell on Delaware Avenue last Sunday.

Jim Franco

Zoning ruling cripples home projects

By KRISTEN OLBY

It isn't likely a single-family home that sits in Bethlehem's southern end can be sold until August at the earliest. Home improvement projects, such as backyard decks and additions, are also halted. In March, a state Supreme Court ruling found single-family homes aren't permitted in the Rural Not Zoned district because they aren't listed as one of 32 permitted uses in the zoning code. The ruling puts the likelihood of banks approving home mortgages in question and has prompted the building department to cease distributing permits for construction projects in the area.

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Rt. 144 site might be cut from EPA list

By KRISTEN OLBY

An industrial site along Route 144 in Bethlehem could be cut from the Environmental Protection Agency's list of dewatering sites as early as August. The federal agency recently released its list of 24 potential dewatering sites — stretching from Fort Edward to Coeymans.

The agency is in search of two, or possibly three, dewatering sites to be used in a six-year, \$500 million dredging project that will remove PCBs from the Hudson River. General Electric's Fort Edward and Hudson Falls manufacturing plants dumped 1.3 million pounds of PCBs into the Hudson over a 30-year period prior to 1977. A 93-acre plot of land that sits near the former Niagara Mohawk facility on River Road in Bethlehem made the short list of dewatering sites — narrowed down from 2,000 — because it met all of

the EPA's criteria.

"The site needed to be at least 10 acres in size, industrial property, a half-mile from the river and near rail lines," said Leo Rosales, a community involvement coordinator with the EPA. The agency has held three public hearings, two of which were in Albany, to update residents on the status of the project. The agency's next step will be to visit the potential dewatering sites this summer, meet with landowners and determine what locations are feasible, according to Rosales. Five landowners have already volunteered to sell or lease their land to the EPA to be used during the project.

The preliminary list of sites has

sparked confusion and concern from residents over the potential for

contamination to the land while work is being conducted. River water, containing PCB contaminated sediment, will be shipped to the transfer facilities by barge where it will then be squeezed of chemicals. The mud-like sediment

Nearly every town along the Hudson has passed a resolution. If we were to abide by the resolution, this project wouldn't happen.

Leo Rosales

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Town police arrest five for DWI

Bethlehem police recently arrested five individuals for driving while intoxicated.

Donald Vanwely, 53, of 535 B Kenwood Ave., Delmar, was stopped while driving on Kenwood Avenue on June 4 at 11:23 p.m. Police said Vanwely failed to keep right and drove across the hazardous markings. Vanwely failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI, according to police. He returns to Town Court on July 1.

Maureen Taylor-Grimes, 49, of Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville, was stopped on June 8 at 8:21 p.m. when police witnessed her driving on Delaware Avenue in an erratic manner. Police said Grimes crossed over the double solid lines three times. Police said Grimes later failed field sobriety tests and charged her with DWI.

Hector Garcia Ortiz Jr., 30, of

Main St., Cairo, was stopped while driving on Route 9W on June 8 at 3:27 a.m., when he failed to dim his headlights as an officer passed by. Police said Ortiz swayed between hazard lines and later failed field sobriety tests. Ortiz was charged with DWI.

Jonathan Parker, 21, of 289 Bushendorf Road, Ravena, was stopped while driving on Bridge Street on June 8 at 2:34 a.m., for passing over a stop sign line and for having an inoperative headlight. Police said Parker

failed field sobriety tests and charged him with DWI and possession of marijuana, which was discovered during a search of the vehicle.

Nancy Gunner, 42, of 439 Wemple Rd., Glenmont was discovered by police on June 6 at 5:10 p.m. standing next to her car, which had been driven into a ditch on Wemple Rd. Police said Gunner admitted to drinking and failed field sobriety tests. She was charged with DWI and failure to keep right.

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IDA & chamber to host forum on development

By KRISTEN OLBY

The public will have a chance to voice its long-term vision for the future of Bethlehem at an upcoming economic development forum. The interactive discussion — to take place June 23 at town hall — will highlight the potential for commercial development within the town, while exploring the challenges and opportunities that accompany growth.

"We saw the benefit from the Capitalize Albany effort involving business and community leaders and residents in helping to shape a vision and implementation plan for the city of Albany and felt the timing was appropriate to undertake a similar effort in Bethlehem," said Michael Tucker, chairman of the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency.

The agency is co-sponsoring the event with the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. The forum marks the first time the IDA has actively sought public comment in implementing a long-term development plan.

Organizers are optimistic the forum will help determine which types of businesses will work best in Bethlehem, what quality of life issues will arise from development and address the strained public school systems as more residents settle in the area.

"We need to work together to develop a community vision that

will help define Bethlehem's role in the Capital Region's future growth and expansion," said Tucker.

Participants will be broken down into several groups and asked to detail community attributes they hope to see maintained or achieved in the years to come. Organizers say public input is crucial when forming a long-term plan for the town.

"In order to establish and achieve a consensus vision for the town, key community stakeholders need to be engaged in the process," said George Leveille of Tech Valley Development Services, which acts as a consultant to the IDA.

Roughly 800 local businesspeople have been invited to attend the forum dubbed "Building a Vision for the Future of Bethlehem." Scheduled speakers include Tucker, Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, Bethlehem Central Superintendent Les Loomis, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Superintendent Robert Drake, Lamar Hill of the Center for Economic Growth and Nancy Heinzen of Bethlehem Tomorrow.

The forum will be held in the town hall auditorium and begin at 7 p.m. For information, visit www.bethlehemida.com. Residents planning to attend are asked to e-mail the IDA at bhannafin@townofbethlehem.org.

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Krumkill weight limit irks a landowner

By MICHELE FLYNN

Not everybody is happy about the newly imposed weight limit on Krumkill Road. "It created a hardship for me, as a trucker," said Tony Genovese at the June 11 New Scotland Town Board meeting.

Genovese, who lives on Font Grove Road, said that while he understood that the weight limit was imposed to reduce dumping on a site along Krumkill, "You put it there because of one resident."

"There was no law that could stop them from what they were doing (dumping), except a weight permit," said town Supervisor Ed Clark.

Councilman Rich Reilly added, "We could think of no other means to deal with the mud slide."

"We were trying to stop dumping by imposing a weight limit. We should have looked into dumping," said Councilman Scott Houghtaling, reminding the town board that he had previously bought up this issue.

Town Building Inspector Paul Cantlin noted that the dumping along Krumkill did not include prohibited materials. Supervisor Clark said, "I did some research. Clean fill can be dumped. We can't stop that."

"We've accommodated people. They just have to keep permits in their trucks," said Clark, noting that the town has delivered some

permits.

In other news, the Residents Planning Advisory Committee was established to ensure that New Scotland is developed with a plan created in accordance with the wishes of the residents.

The group, headed by Slingerlands resident John Egan, will focus on the Northeast section of the town of New Scotland, bordered on the North and east by the Guilderland and Bethlehem town borders, and on the West and the South by the Conrail tracks and the commercial and residential zones along Route 85.

The committee members will be formally appointed in January 2004. They are: Edie Abrams, John Dearnsteyne, Anne-Marie Fernandez, Robert Griffin, Kevin Kroencke, Doug LaGrange, Dan Mackay, Katie O'Rourke, Robert Parmenter, Charles Van Wie Jr. and Chuck Voss. The lone student member, Jenette Axelrod, from Clayton Bouton High School, will not have a vote.

Reilly suggested that a spot be left open. "We have made efforts in the past to encourage business owners to attend. A second vacancy will be filled by a member of the New Scotland Zoning Board of Appeals," he said.

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department has two new members, Ashley Cootware of Clarksville and Joseph Hildenbrand of Feura Bush.

Pop Warner seeking new playing fields

By KRISTEN OLBY

It could be called a field of dreams for Bethlehem Pop Warner. The youth football organization is in search of a grassy field to call its own. Every fall for years, the 200-plus players and cheerleaders held their weekend games at Bethlehem Central High School. In recent years, games have been shifted to a field behind Bethlehem middle school to make room for school athletes.

"We seem to be in conflict with the high school and all the activities they have going on, on their fields," said Joseph Bonacci, Bethlehem Pop Warner president.

But the middle school location is less than ideal, in part, because it lacks a concession stand used to raise funds for the organization.

Bethlehem Pop Warner has begun initial plans to purchase roughly 12 acres of land somewhere in the town to construct its own playing field. The park would also include a practice field, concession stand and a gravel parking area for fans.

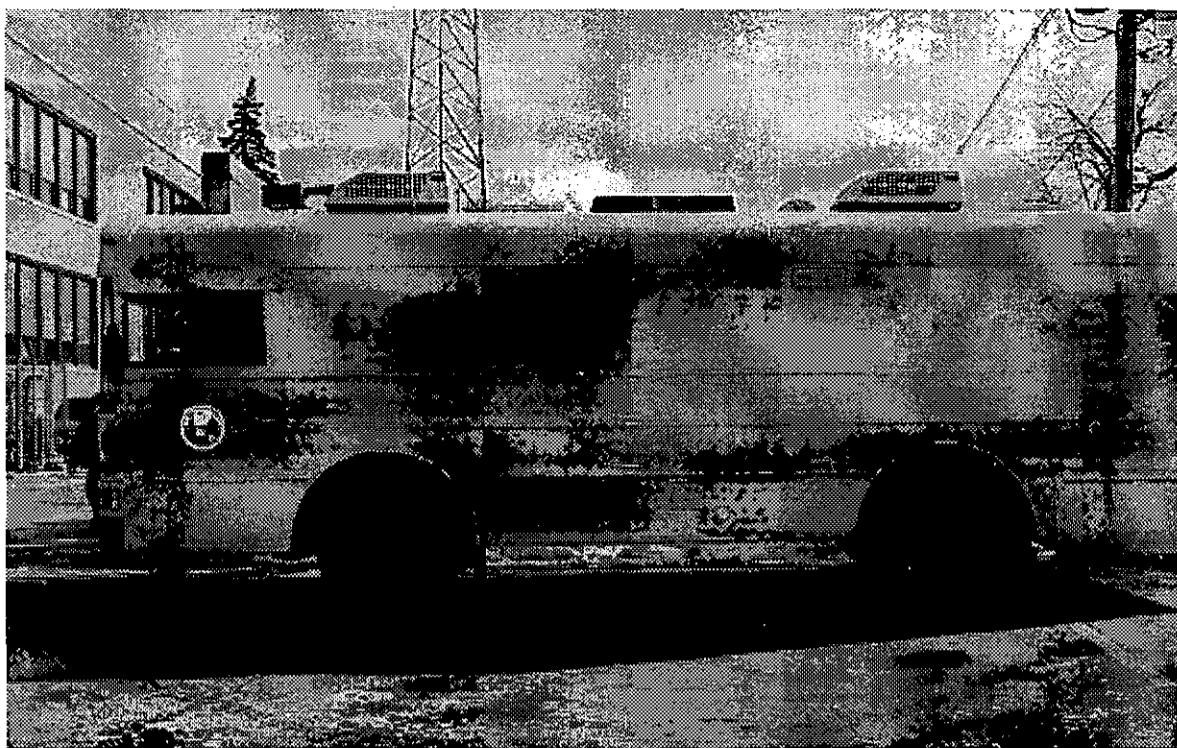
The organization estimates that layout will carry an \$800,000 price tag. With an annual operating budget of about \$60,000, gathered through business sponsorships and community donations, Bethlehem Pop Warner would be unable to foot the bill alone.

"Right now I'm looking at what kind of land is available, and I'm also talking to financial institutions to see what kind of financing options are available," said Bonacci, who adds Bethlehem Pop Warner would likely seek corporate sponsorships to help fund the project.

The organization is also exploring the possibility of applying for grants. For the first time last year, the National Football League donated \$1,000 to the players to buy new football equipment.

"It's certainly a long-range goal," said Bonacci, who would like to secure a piece of property within the year. But he concedes it may take as long as five years to turn this field of dreams into a reality.

Mobile command



Bethlehem police will soon be on the road with their new Field Operations Unit that will allow police to conduct investigations and respond to emergency situations for lengthy periods of time.

Homeowners outraged by mine plan

Neighbors say wells would be in jeopardy

By KRISTEN OLBY

A dozen homeowners who live near a proposed limestone quarry gathered Friday night to learn more about the operation and formulate a plan of action to halt it.

The proposed quarry sits in Bethlehem, but the surrounding homes are just over the town line in New Scotland. Irritated neighbors who learned of the project just three weeks ago say they'll take whatever steps are necessary to keep the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) from granting project approval.

Peter Frueh initially filed an application with DEC to develop a 5.3-acre limestone mine that would sit between Old Quarry and Collabek roads in April 2002. A legal notice pertaining to the project, which appeared in *The Spotlight*, sent neighbors scrambling to learn more. Frueh lives on Old Quarry Road, just down the street from the neighbors he has outraged.

Rock will be extracted from the mine through blasting several times per year, according to Frueh's application. The limestone would be used by Frueh's family-owned construction business. Efforts to reach Frueh were unsuccessful.

Neighbors fear property values will plummet as a result of the mine, and blasts could put private drinking wells in jeopardy.

"We lose our well, we lose our water and there probably would not be a prospect of getting water, which would render our property useless," said Garry Reinhart, who just purchased his home on Collabek Road in August.

Reinhart's cape style home sits 950 feet away from the proposed mine, making it one of the closest to the site. The majority of the homes in the area rely on wells

for drinking water, and homeowners contend a single blast could cause a geological shift, resulting in a dry well or a contaminated drinking supply.

Neighbors also worry a nearby cliff comprised of loose rocks, which stretches roughly 50 feet high, could come crashing down when blasts occur.

"It's a cliff, if anything were to ever shift, this is coming into our

on the environment, according to the completed application.

Frueh owns approximately 55 acres on Old Quarry Road, leading neighbors to question whether the operation will one day grow in size.

"Why would you spend close to a quarter of a million dollars to develop something like this if you're only going to use it in a small family business?"

questioned Billets.

But even if Frueh's project gets the go-ahead from the state, the town of Bethlehem may have the final say. The mining site sits in the town's Rural Not

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Garry Reinhart

house and property," said Reinhart, who lives directly below it.

Anthony Billets purchased his Collabek Road home 13 years ago in search of a tranquil country respite.

"We want to retire to a nice, quiet area, and we don't need blasting or mining going on or rock crushing machines running all day," said Billets, who believes the serenity he sought is now threatened. In all, roughly forty homes surround the proposed mining location.

Frueh has provided DEC with a noise assessment study he paid for.

"The general synopsis of the noise report is that there would not be a significant noise impact," said Michael Higgins of DEC. DEC has determined the mine would not have substantial impact

Zoned district — a zoning code that has come under fire in recent months. In March, state Supreme Court Justice Louis Benza determined only 32 uses listed under the Rural Not Zoned code are permitted.

"Under Judge Benza's decision, the mine would not be a permitted use," said Town Attorney Robert Alessi.

An effort by the board to modify the code and bring a number of previously permitted uses, such as single-family homes and farming operations, back into compliance does not include mining operations.

DEC's public comment period closes as of June 20. Concerned residents, opposed to a mining operation in their backyards, are vowing to give the agency an earful.

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Summertime and the livin' is anything but easy

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The hardest job in the world is to be a parent, and the greatest testament to the love that parents bear their children is that they don't abandon the job when it gets difficult nearly to the point of unbearable.

As the end of June approaches, parents can hear the difficulty level being kicked up a notch, as the control that teachers seem able to exercise with just a glance will fade away as the school year

ends. With just a week of school to go, parents are probably feeling that familiar sense of both anticipation and dread, as we know that we will be both blessed and cursed with our children's presence for the whole summer.

For families with a parent at home all or part of the time, there's a marvelous sense of relief as the routine changes for a while. What a treat to see children arise willingly, refreshed after getting enough sleep and ease into the day, rather than trotting through

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the wake-up-or-you'll-be-late-eat-your-breakfast-brush-your-teeth-let-me-sign-your-reading-calendar-get-your-backpack routine that has been the drill since last September.

The end of each summer day is an equal treat, as families can sit down to dinner together without the specter of homework waiting to lure children into an evening full of frustration at difficult math problems; rage at the amount of homework to be completed; a few tears; and a seemingly unending stream of homework fits that can lead parents to believe that homework is the devil's handwork.

Without the onslaught of sound and fury that homework brings, summer evenings can be almost heartbreakingly pleasant, as cool air creeps through the screens, crickets chirp in the dark and contentment can surround families as they play a board game, or disperse to books, TVs and computers. Few things are as sweet as the games of flashlight tag — perhaps prompted by fireflies — that spontaneously break out in neighborhoods on summer evenings.

Perhaps as summer approaches, there's no need to worry.

Maybe this summer, the hours between rising and retiring won't be rife with the possibility of conflict as children stake out their turf with each other, their parents and battle over what they should do and what they want to do.

When we look at other families, it's easy to believe that there are some who've got it right, with parents who never lose their patience and have children who are amenable and agreeable to all proposed activity. Fortunately for all of us, looks can be deceiving. If you look closely at any mother's lips, you will see tiny lines above them borne of clamping her mouth together to keep from shrieking at her kids in the supermarket, as they spill orange juice all over the kitchen, or as they repeat yet again that everybody else is doing it, why can't they? Sometimes it feels like we're all just biding our time, waiting for the truth that Garrison Keillor relayed in a recent Lake Wobegon tale: "If you haven't made your parents cry by the time you're 14, you're not really trying."

The trick, of course, is knowing your children, and how to make even the difficult moments one of our age's most-beloved phrases, "teachable moments." Some kids prefer their teachable moments in structured situations and head off to various summer camps and activities, happy to ease back just a little on the frenetic pace of the school year that our society prizes.

Not my kids. Once, swimming lessons and Heldeberg Workshop were part of our summer plan, but for the past few years, they've had the kind of summers filled with nothing that adults fondly recall from their own childhood days.

Christopher already has six science fiction books lined up to read; Cormac has been carrying around a red notebook with a black pen for weeks, and in any free moment, he works on the book he's writing, which he plans to publish to J.K. Rowling-like acclaim by this Christmas.

Their basic plan actually sounds pretty great to me, but I know that by the end of the first full week of vacation, a certain amount of restlessness will set in, which inevitably leads to the sort of sibling bickering that makes all parents recall with great fondness the early, childless days of marriage. In my mind's eye, I have a top hat and cane ready begin the summer's entertainment act that will keep my children from battling with each other over who was on the computer first, why the SciFi network is or isn't the only thing to ever run on TV this summer, and whether we should go to the pool or take a bike ride next.

More than once this summer, my kids will get my song-and-dance routine about how lucky they are to have the things they do and a mother willing to take them interesting places. So I'll pack them off to the town pool; give in to their wishes to go to the Great Escape more than once this summer; visit newly-retired Grandma and her boat on Lake Champlain; and urge them on to their bicycles as an alternate means of conveyance around our walkable neighborhood and town. In truth, their low-key schedule mostly suits me, too, even if the most neurotic part of me worries that because they won't learn archery, theater or develop some athletic skills, they'll never get into college anywhere.

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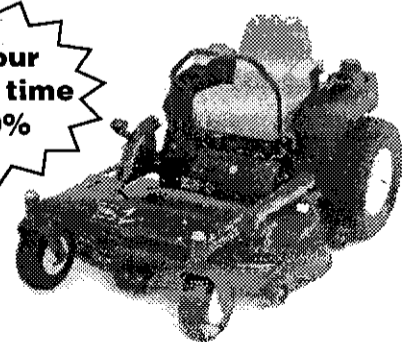
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"Make 'em do something," my own mother will advise, clearly remembering the other family she must have raised while my siblings and I resisted many of her efforts at "making" us do much of anything. Child-rearing brings many teachable moments to parents, too, as our children teach us many different things — a lot of which we really weren't that interested in learning!

As my children take their final full steps into adolescence, it's important that I acknowledge exactly who they are, and guide more than push them into the people they will be. So as summer wears on, I will remind myself that I'm lucky to have as much time with them as I do, and that some of the greatest gifts I can give them are these summers of unstructured time.

When they are grown up, I hope that our summer memories will be mostly the crickets chirping in the evenings.

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V'ville school board to look into voter IDs

By MICHELE FLYNN

Who says one vote doesn't matter? It mattered in Voorheesville on June 3. The vote for the Voorheesville school budget was close, 835 to 826, but it passed. The budget included a 3.82 percent increase to total \$17,268,005.

At the Voorheesville School Board meeting held June 9, resident Bob Dunston voiced his concerns on the voting process, "You didn't check ID. You were doing it all wrong." Members of the school board did not remember checking identification at previous votes.

Newly re-elected board member Tom McKenna said, "The subject interests me, and I'm sure we'll take it up at a further meeting."

Superintendent Dr. Alan McCartney later said, "We don't check ID if the poll people know who they are. These guys have been doing this for 20-something years."

June 19 will be a historic occasion for the middle school;

eighth graders will participate in a "Moving Up" ceremony. Since the middle school now has its own separate wing, it seemed fitting that they have a ceremony to acknowledge their moving to the high school side of the building. It's a dress-up occasion for the students, and a dance will follow.

Cassie Muth won a \$50 savings bond in a contest for best speech, "Everything I Ever Wanted to Know I Learned in Middle School," and will be a featured speaker at the ceremony, as will Student Council President Mary Finn. Alex Zvinovsky wrote a speech that will be included in the graduation program, as well. Also featured in the program will be artwork by Felicia Schaller and Kim Pofit, and a poem by Sarah LaFaze.

High school commencement will be held in the new Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 20 at 7 p.m. There had been concerns about the venue seating everyone who wanted to attend. Since students, teachers, staff and the board of education will be seated onstage, more seats will be

freed for the family and friends of the graduates.

High school Principal Mark Diefendorf said there will be 800 seats available in the Performing Arts Center, "Each student will

receive 8-9 tickets," he said. Closed circuit television will be provided for any overflow.

English teacher Brian Stumbaugh will deliver the commencement address.



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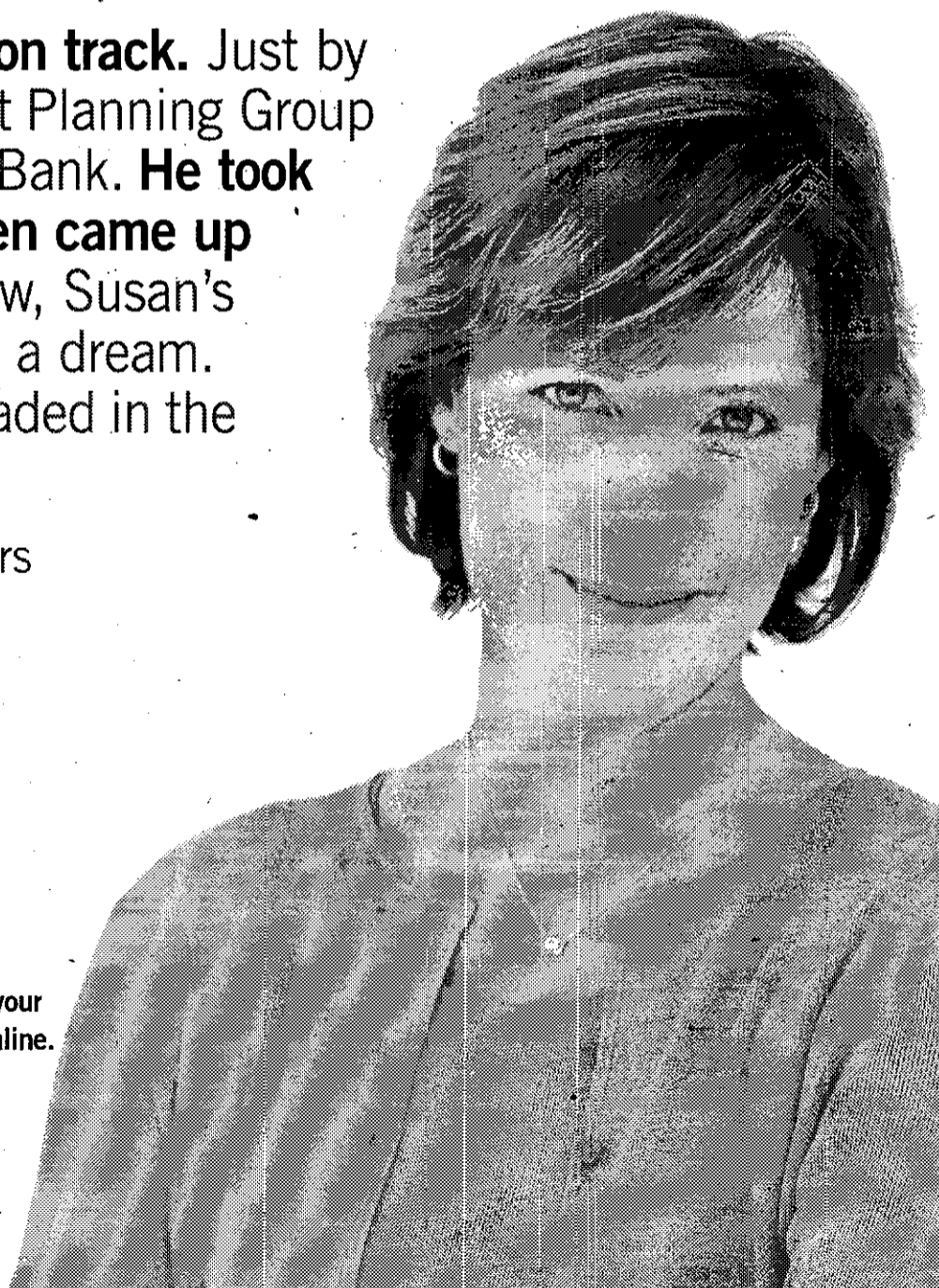
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Matters of Opinion

Drive with care

The school year is rapidly coming to a close, and that means drivers must take extra care on the roadways.

Children will take to the streets on foot and on bicycles, which poses an added risk to drivers. Parents need to review the pedestrian and bicycle "rules of the road" with their children.

Kids should wear helmets and stay off the more heavily trafficked areas, especially in late afternoons when many people are returning from work and eager to get home.

Summer vacation also means more young drivers will be on the road, and they too need to be reminded of the need to take extra care. Booming car radios and cars full of teenagers is, of course, the "in" thing to do as far as the youngsters are concerned, but it can be distracting to other drivers and the teen driver as well.

Talk with your teenagers about driving responsibly and safely.

Thwart scammers

Another summertime hazard that presents a serious problem to suburban neighbors are the scam artists that engage in various schemes to "take the money and run."

Senior citizens in particular are often targets of pitches ranging from home repairs to driveway paving. Some of the bolder scammers even try to gain entrance to residents' homes on the pretext of needing to use the phone or some other lame excuse. Others use intimidation and scare tactics to get money for some home repair that needs to be done immediately.

Caution older relatives to never agree to any repair offer or give any money to anyone going door to door. Reputable contractors do not do business that way.

Never allow a stranger to enter your home for any reason. Countless victims over the years have lost money and valuables that are usually never recovered. Victims also feel a sense of violation that stays with them for years.

Keep an eye out for strange vehicles in the neighborhood, and jot down the license plate number in case police need to be alerted.

Most of the scam artists return to the quiet suburban neighborhoods year after year because they know someone will be taken in by them.

Let's all try to make it harder for scammers to succeed this year.

Editorials

War conjures up religious images

By KARYN LANGGUTH

The writer is lay leader for Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

I am a Christian who tends to take advantage of the seasons of Lent and Advent to contemplate my faith journey and the world in general. This year, much of my contemplations were about the war in Iraq, and I have been struck by how many of the images stand in stark contrast to one another and how disturbing that is to me.

In a strange way, for me these images mirror the story of the crucifixion and of Easter. The first are images of darkness, and the second are of hope. Let me give you some examples.

Recently I was looking through a magazine and came across this picture that I thought had to be a spoof, but it turned out to actually be a toy. It's called a "Forward Command Post" — an occupied civilian home that looks like a dilapidated Barbie dream house, with its balcony destroyed to make space for machine guns and grenade launchers. The writer notes that this is one of a whole new cash crop of action figures that have cropped up in the wake of Sept. 11 and the "war on terror."

Several weeks ago, I got an e-mail telling me how I could "Get the Iraqi 'Most-Wanted' Deck of Playing Cards for only \$5.95 a set!" The e-mail goes on to say that we've "seen these cards on the nightly news. They've been featured in newspapers world-wide."

"Now, you can own the one true collector's item from Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is the same 55-card deck given to Coalition soldiers featuring the Iraq's 52 'Most-Wanted' leaders. Buy them for poker night or to hand out to your friends and family!"

How did this come to be acceptable? To act as if war were

Point of View

a game or a sporting event where we should collect players cards? To my mind, these are the images and ideas that encourage our society to devalue human life and to believe that security can be gained through violence. This tendency, I believe, is the same one that led to the crucifixion — where people in power thought that they could protect their positions through killing. I believe that Easter morning proved them wrong.

But I also have two pictures that were e-mailed to me. One is of a group of soldiers in a prayer huddle — five black men, two white men, and a blond haired

prayer for those in military service that reads in part "Righteous God, you rule the nations. Guard brave men and women in military service."

Give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Keep our children from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though for a season they must be people of war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory."

Looking at these pictures and others like them, I see people who are for this season people of war, but who are also men and women of compassion and of faith who I believe would be as eager for agreement as for victory.

These are the ones who know first-hand that war isn't a game

We've seen men and women tending the injured enemy, giving out water and food, laughing with Iraqi children and grieving when they make a mistake, when they kill an innocent. It has been very strange for me to discover that in their acts of human decency I find reason to believe that one day we will find a way to build a lasting peace. May we all find the courage to follow their example.

woman — guns slung around their backs. You can see the MOP gear hanging on the belt of one of them, and I know that there are Mark-Ones in the pockets of each.

The former protects the soldier during a chemical attack, the latter contains the antidotes for nerve agents. And then you can also see a Bible in the hand of one of the men and the wedding ring on the hand of another — images of death and of life, mixed together.

The other picture is of a soldier, presumably a medic, holding a little girl. His bright blue latex gloves and her pink outfit stand in stark contrast to his battle fatigues. He's looking down at her, she's reaching up to him and behind them both is a tank and the rest of his unit, guns relaxed but still in hand.

I can't help but wonder what he's thinking — did he leave someone back home like her, a daughter or a niece? You can see his medic bags beside him and his bandage scissors in his front shirt pocket. How many times has he used them to remove the clothing from the wounded?

Yet, here he sits with her — a moment of tenderness in a place so far from home in a time so different from normal life.

These two pictures tell a different part of the story. They remind me of the hope born on Easter morning, and when I first saw these images I thought of a

and that the costs are very high, whether one is physically wounded or not. They are the ones who to my mind have the most reason to be responding in violence, yet whenever given the choice they don't appear to.

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Court's loss is town's gain

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the time I retired in June 2001, I was the deputy court clerk for the town of Bethlehem Justice Court.

I had worked in the Town Court for more than 20 years, and during that time, I worked for several town judges.

In 1997, Terri Egan was elected the first woman town justice in our town's history.

Although "on-call" for one half of the month, Terri was regularly in the office following through with paperwork and arranging her schedule for the weeks to come. She was always responsive to any of the clerk's calls and questions, as well as inquiries by attorneys and defendants alike.

During her on-call time, the court would be in session four to five times in the morning, afternoon and evening. The judge also needed to be available 24/7 for arraignments, execution of warrants, issuance of orders of protection and questions from our police officers.

I would often find Terri in the office at 6:30 a.m. when I started my day, and based on the paperwork on my desk, I knew she had been called into work in the middle of the night.

Never once during my tenure with the court did I hear her

complain. In fact, just the opposite.

In spite of being called to work during the night several times a week and dealing with some uncooperative and difficult defendants, Terri always maintained her composure and professionalism. It was not uncommon to hear her telling people how much she loved her job.

Terri's enthusiasm, energy and genuine concern for people are contagious. She has a knack for maintaining control of a situation but allowing all parties — police, attorneys, defendants, administrative staff — to feel an important and respected part of the process.

The Town Court's loss is the town of Bethlehem's gain. I would

feel lucky to have her as our supervisor and have every confidence she will fulfill the duties of town supervisor in the same commendable and dedicated fashion as she fulfilled the duties of town judge.

Barbara Whitney
Delmar

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To each his own, fake is fab to some

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm Tom, the person who's responsible for the fake flowers in the planters at the Four Corners. (This is the first time I've written a letter to the editor. It's fun.)

When I read the letter directed at me (about the fake flowers), I started laughing — just one hour before I had two people stop by to tell me how nice the flowers looked and how much they added to the corner. Actually, there isn't

a week that goes by that someone doesn't compliment the flower boxes.

Isn't it great that we all don't like the same things, and wouldn't it be boring if we did?

I'm sure I'll put real flowers in again since I enjoy them too, but for now I'll enjoy the fabulous fakes.

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Matters of Opinion

Good Sam is grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to the people of the town of Bethlehem to tell them how much we appreciate the support of community. Bethlehem's residents have done many kind and selfless acts that have benefited Good Samaritan and its residents each and every day of the past year.

You have volunteered and brought in pet therapy dogs. You have helped us to develop and present religious services, parties, entertainment and friendly visitors.

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Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center activities director

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PTA says thank you for help with reception

Editor, The Spotlight:

On June 9, the Bethlehem Middle School PTA sponsored a reception for all the eighth-grade students that have made the high honor roll for 10 out of 11 marking periods during their time at the middle school. This is quite an achievement. Congratulations to these students and their families.

The evening's festivities were made possible due to generous

donations from Stewart's, Hannaford in Delaware Plaza, Price Chopper in Slingerlands and Glenmont and Delmar Beverage.

Thank you to all our sponsors. I would also like to thank all the parents and kids on the honor recognition committee.

Cynthia Young

Chairwoman, honor recognition committee

Auxiliary appreciates help

Editor, The Spotlight:

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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.

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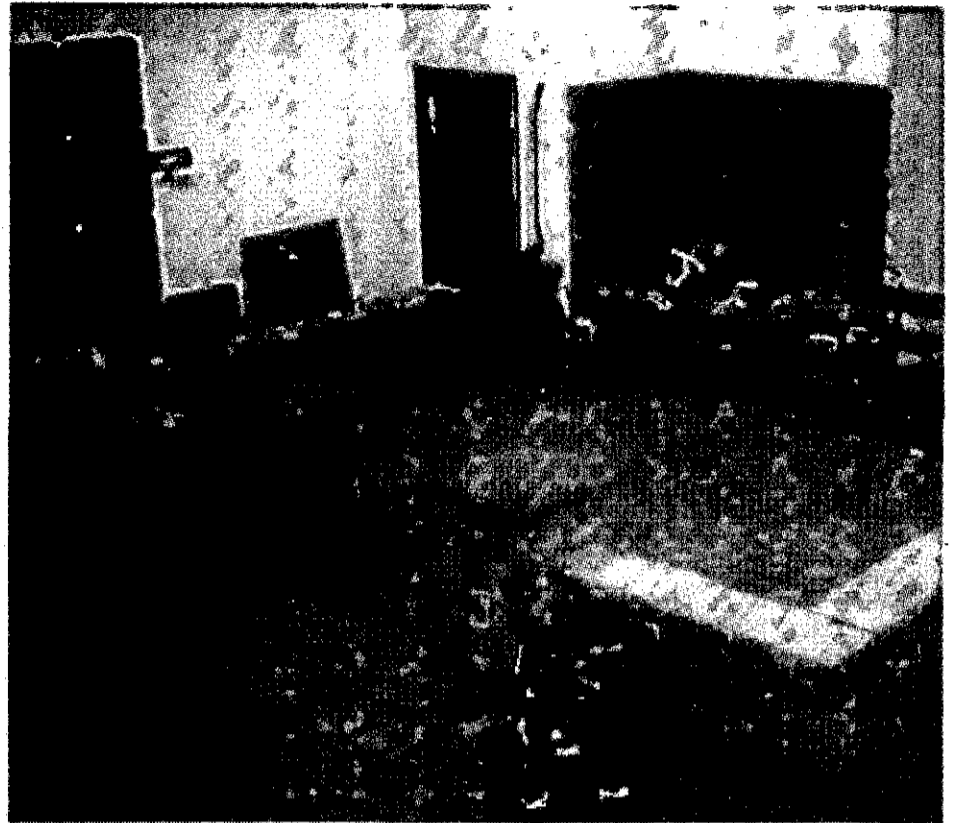
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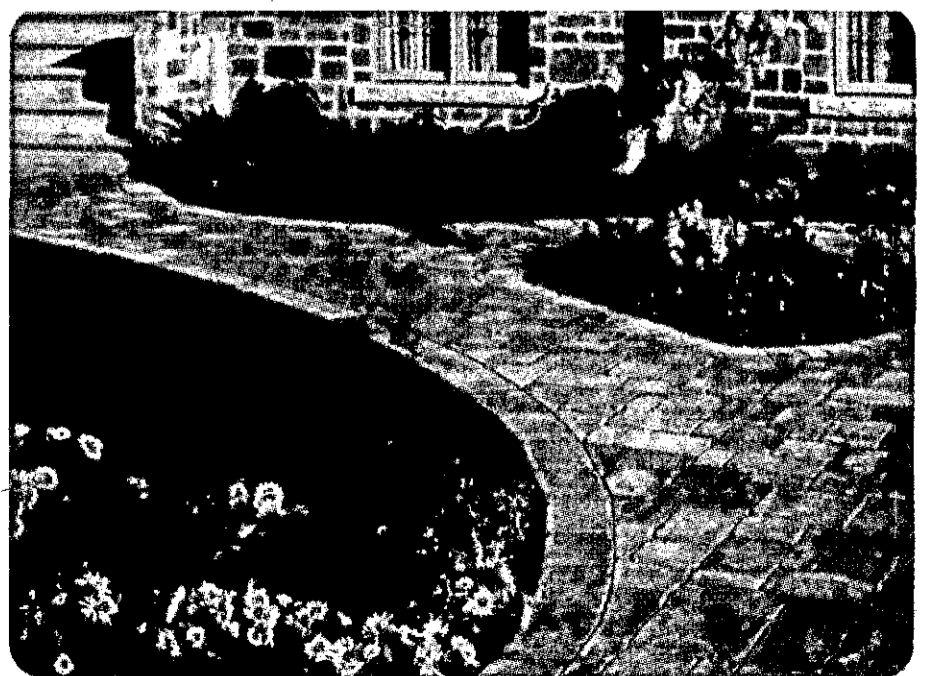
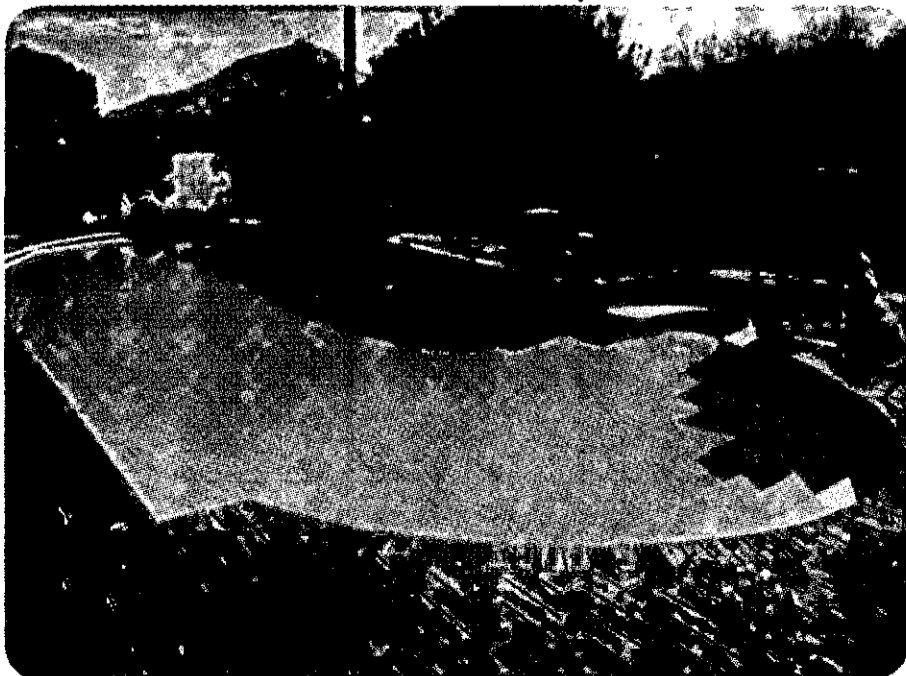
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Tickets are on sale at the library. The drawing will be Aug.

**Voorheesville
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6 at the final twilight concert.

While you are at the library, visit Nimblefingers annual needlework show now displayed in the community room and showcase.

There is a summer project for which the Friends need help. It

means three evenings enjoying music in the beautiful outdoors at Together at Twilight. The work part is stocking up and selling soda and snacks to the happy crowd.

Because it involves setting up and putting away the table, coolers and ice, it would be a perfect job for a couple or whole family and a good service opportunity to benefit the Friends.

To help out, call FOL President Cindy Childs at 765-2911.

Sign-ups for the summer reading club officially begin on June 30. Kids are invited to stop in and register and receive their packet of materials on the theme "Picture This, Imagine That — Read!"

There will fun programs to appeal to all ages, including teens and family evenings. Additional

information will appear in this column next week.

The library is now closed on Sundays and open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. until after Labor Day weekend.

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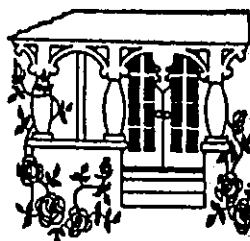
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Kids face challenge to be one in a million

Writers and readers, artists and audiences are linked by the power of the imagination — an idea central to the 2003 New York State summer reading theme, "Picture This, Imagine That—Read!"

This summer, the state education commissioner has raised a challenge for young readers to "Be One in a Million." Participating libraries are offering giveaways and prizes to

programs, book discussions and more.

Dates and times for these and other summer programs for children and adults are listed in the upcoming library newsletter, which will be mailed to all Bethlehem Central School District households next week.

Children's writing workshop

Registration is still open for this series, now in its 12th year. Workshops are held on five consecutive Fridays, beginning July 11. Youngsters in grade three and up will write, illustrate and bind their own books.

Guest speakers will present a different aspect of writing at each session. Adult volunteers are welcome. Register in person at the youth services desk. Call 439-9314 for information.

Call for volunteers

Middle school students help in a number of ways with the library's summer programs. Summer reading program volunteers read to children, do craft activities and assist library pages. Applications are available at the youth services desk and Bethlehem middle school.

Volunteer training sessions are scheduled on Thursday, June 26, at 7 p.m. and Friday, June 27, at 2 p.m. (register for one).

Training in story reading techniques is scheduled for July 8 at 2 p.m. and July 9 at 7 p.m. (register for one). Trainees apply their skill at two preschool story times on Wednesday mornings during the summer.

Call 439-9314 for information and to register for training.

Louise Grieco

V'ville graduation set Friday

Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School class of 2003 will graduate Friday, June 20, in the new Performing Arts Center at the high school.

Only those with tickets will be admitted as there is limited seating.

Fifth-grade graduation

The fifth-grade class at Voorheesville will hold its graduation on Wednesday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the elementary school.

Exercise program set at Wyman Osterhout Center

An osteo prevention education and exercise program called Strong Bones+ is being held at Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

The program is free and open to the public.

For information, call Betsey Hoffman at 765-4257 or Helen Cantlin at 765-2120.

Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustee's next regular meeting is on Tuesday, June 24, at 7 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Village to sponsor youth activities

The village of Voorheesville will offer several clinics for youth during the summer. The clinics are free for village residents and \$5 for town of New Scotland residents.

All activities will be held at the village park unless otherwise noted.

For listing of activities or information, call 765-2692.

Stargazing at nature center

Learn about the stars and planets of the summer skies at Thacher Nature Center on Friday,

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June 20, at 8:30 p.m. Telescopes will be set up near the nature center parking area. Cloudy skies will cancel the program.

For information and to confirm, call 872-0800 before 5 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, June 21. The nature center is on Thompson's Lake.

Summer solstice celebration

Celebrate summer on Saturday, June 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. (the longest day of the year) with activities, nature walks and a wildlife presentation by Kelly Martin, licensed wildlife rehabilitator, at Thacher Nature Center on Thompson's Lake.

For information, call 872-0800.

Summer reading club sign-ups

Voorheesville Public Library is gearing up for the summer

reading club. It will hold sign-ups on Monday, June 30, and Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1 and 2.

On those three days, children will be able to make a bookmark, pick out a free book and get in the mood with crazy characters.

Kids going into grades one through three will meet on Monday at 2 p.m., grades four through six will meet on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and grade six and up will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

For information, call 765-2791.

Summer swim program

The Voorheesville summer swim program in the new pool at the high school has openings in all three sessions — June 30 to July 11, July 14 to 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 Scotland Road, PO Box 498, Voorheesville 12186.

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

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

encourage a million children statewide to sign up for the summer reading program at their libraries.

Registration begins on Monday, June 30, and is ongoing through the summer. Register in person at the youth services desk during library hours. Call 439-9314 for information.

Summer program overview

Summer events at Bethlehem Public Library include a performance of "The Puppet Tree" by Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theater, visits by children's author Jessica Loy and River Rats mascot Rowdy, "Dance and Art in Dialog" (a presentation of the Tang Museum), Evenings on the Green, feature films, craft

Nature center sets programs for kids

Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center is offering a series of summer programs for kids. Each program will run from Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The fee for each program is \$40 per child. For each additional program or family member, the fee is \$30.

Programs include: Backyard Ecology, July 8-11; Beginner Birding, July 15-18; The Naturalist's Tale, Aug. 5-8; Colonial Days, Aug. 12-15.

Program space is limited. For information or to register, call Thacher Park at 872-1237.

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Legislator proposes nature preserve

County Legislator Charles Dawson (D-I/Bethlehem) has announced plans to create the Normanskill Landslide Nature Preserve in Bethlehem. To launch and anchor the open space preservation proposal, Dawson proposes conveying two large tracks of county-owned land along the Bethlehem side of the Normanskill to the Albany County Land Conservancy.

"The county recently acquired these undeveloped parcels through foreclosure," Dawson said. "They total 30 and 12 acres, respectively, with 3,000 linear feet of frontage on the Normanskill. The parcels are virtually book-ends to the landslide site." When tied together with several adjacent private parcels, the total contiguous acreage of open lands on the Bethlehem side could potentially exceed 344 acres. Across the Old Delaware Avenue bridge over the Normanskill, closed to vehicular use, lies another 644 acres of open space.

Because of the steep slope of the parcels and their fragile soils, as evidenced by the powerful events witnessed here just a few

short years ago, the site is not suitable for development. But while traversing the landslide area the other day, the Normanskill again swollen by recent rains, Dawson saw opportunity.

What we see now is not just the remnants of powerful environmental forces and our attempt to re-engineer it and tame it, but an opportunity to preserve and protect a significant amount of open space in our town and to learn from a natural classroom about the power of nature.

Charles Dawson

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The county parcels are still treed and in sharp contrast to the landslide. The same contrast is evident on the Normanskill, where the county frontage is still jagged with rapids while the landslide section is engineered in a sweep.

"I have asked my colleagues in the county Legislature to join me in passing a resolution to authorize the county to enter into legal discussions with the Albany County Land Conservancy

for the purpose of arranging title conveyance to them for their stewardship of the two parcels," Dawson said. "This is a mission the Conservancy is well-suited for and with their expertise, it is expected that access to the abutting parcels can be secured. This is a win-win proposition for everyone."

Electronic recycling event drew in 50 tons of equipment

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is the town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator.

This year, Earth Day in Heritage Park in Colonie was the site of the first-ever electronic recycling event.

The program was sponsored by Channel 13 TV and Waste management & Recycling Products.

Despite rain, 570 vehicles accessed the site from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participating residents were from the towns of Berne, Bethlehem, Colonie, Guilderland, New Scotland, Niskayuna, Princetown, Rotterdam and Scotia. Residents from the cities of Albany, Rensselaer and Troy also participated.

There were also a few participants from Clifton Park, East Greenbush and Voorheesville.

All municipalities signed up

prospective participants with a coupon that was filled out before the program. Fifty-one residents from Bethlehem participated.

Approximately 50 tons of electronics including computers, computer parts, TVs, VCRs and telephones filled four tractor-trailers.

Municipalities accepted the responsibility to pay for computer monitors at \$7.90 each and TVs at \$12.50 each. Other electronics were accepted at no charge. The municipalities' state Department of Environmental Conservation household waste grant will help to defray the cost of that program.

The town of Bethlehem will hold an electronic collection at the town Highway Garage on Friday, Oct. 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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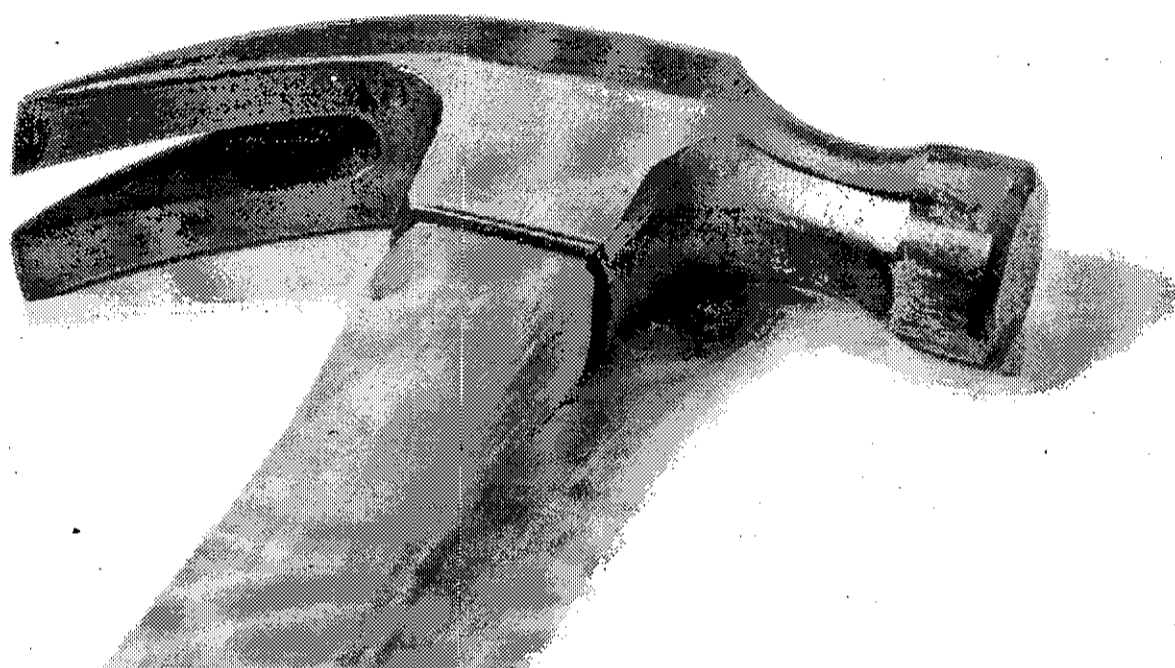
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Sports

Umar, Douglas receive honors

The following are the Suburban Council All-Stars for the 2003 outdoor track and field season:

100-meter dash: **Rafiq Umar** (Bethlehem), **Darnell Douglas** (Bethlehem), Cory Bonanno (Colonie Central) and Chris Catalano (Averill Park).

200 dash: Matt Rogers (Niskayuna), **Darnell Douglas** (Bethlehem) and Vertis Cross (Shaker).

400 dash: Matt Rogers (Niskayuna), Paul John (Niskayuna) and Rob McRae (Shenendehowa).

800 run: Paul John (Niskayuna), Kyle Audi (Colonie) and Joe Belokopitsky (Shaker).

1,600 run: Paul John (Niskayuna), Jacob Gurzler (Shen) and Stephan Wiersbitzky (Shen).

3,200 run: Jacob Gurzler (Shen), Ryan Gaedje (Shen) and Mike Foley (Saratoga).

3,000 steeplechase: Ryan Gaedje (Shen), Justin Pangie (Burnt Hills) and Robby Pierpont (Niskayuna).

Pentathlon: Jamel Mosely (Colonie), Tim Horan (Burnt Hills) and David Parker (Niskayuna).

High jump: **Rafiq Umar** (Bethlehem), Jamel Mosely (Colonie) and Tim Horan (Burnt Hills).

Long jump: **Rafiq Umar** (Bethlehem), Chris Williams (Shen) and Steve Blanch (Bethlehem).

Triple jump: **Rafiq Umar** (Bethlehem), Chris Williams

(Shen) and Shaun Kippins (Shaker).

Pole vault: Rob Smythe (Shen), Jared O'Connor (Shen) and Nick Jones (Shen).

Shot put: Josh Abramson (Shen), Chad Hauser (Shen) and Dale McKenzie (Shaker).

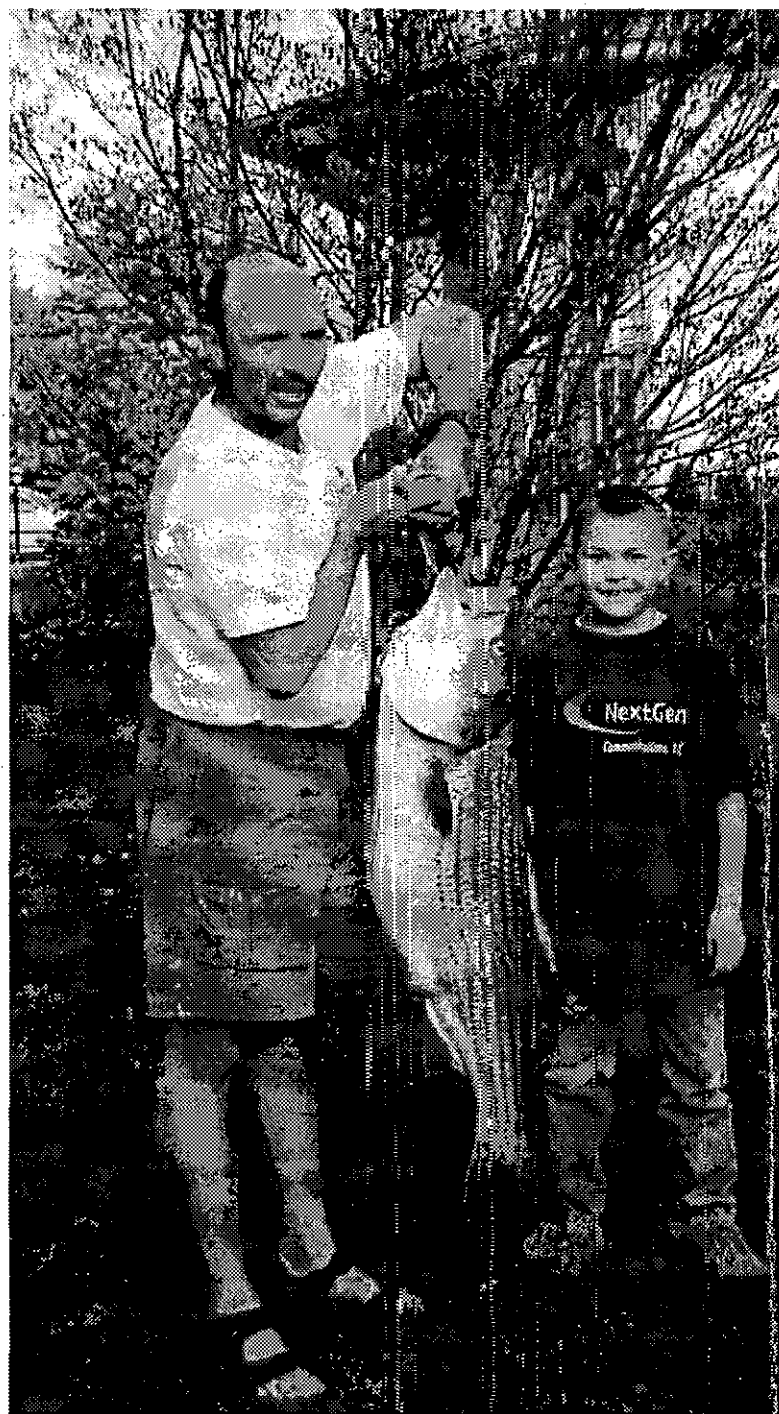
Discus: Joe Wyld (Guilderland), Kyle Evancoe (Averill Park) and Frank Foti (Shen).

400 relay: Bethlehem — **Rafiq Umar, Stephen Strait, Evan Siegel and Darnell Douglas.**

1,600 relay: Bethlehem — **Darnell Douglas, Evan Siegel, Doug DeMarco and Jamie Putnam.**

3,200 relay: Shaker — Joe Belokopitsky, Brian Woods, Chris Breslin and Mike Kippins.

No fish tale



Gary Oliver of Delmar, right, holds up the 33-pound striped bass his 8-year-old nephew, Devin Oliver of Delmar, caught on the Hudson River off Coeymans Landing.

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Andriano's rolls along in T-VLL

Andriano's Pizzeria picked up where it left off after the first half of the Tri-Village Little League season by beating Slingerlands Family Medicine and Horticulture Unlimited in Majors division action last week.

On June 8, Andriano's defeated Slingerlands Family Medicine 9-6. **Cody Kessler** had two doubles, while **Teddy Abriel**, **Thomas Matthews** and **Sean Kennelly** each added two singles for Andriano's. **Evan Reilly** tripled, **Devon Barrett** doubled and **Kevin Cassidy** singled twice for Slingerlands Family Medicine.

On June 10, Andriano's beat Horticulture Unlimited 7-3. **Abriel** pitched three innings and struck out seven, while **Kevin Coffey** contributed three singles and **Noah Pannucci** added a double and a single for Andriano's. **Alex Sutherland** and **Elliot Byer** both hit doubles for Horticulture Unlimited.

In Intermediate division action June 9, First Prize Paintball edged Huck Finn's Warehouse & More 1-0. **Alex Lanchantin** pitched a two-hit shutout for First Prize Paintball with 16 strikeouts, while **Jordan Sperber** tossed a three-hitter with 10 strikeouts for Huck Finn's.

Majors First half standings

	W	L	T
Exit 23 Mobil	7	2	0
Andriano's	6	2	1
Price Greenleaf	6	3	0
Klersy Building	6	3	0
Farm Family	5	4	0
CE&S	4	4	1
Horticulture Unltd.	4	5	0
Roberts Towing	3	6	0
S'lands Medicine	3	6	0
Adk. Records	0	9	0

Second half standings

	W	L	T
Klersy Building	4	0	0
Andriano's	3	0	0
Price Greenleaf	2	0	0



Redlegs pitcher Michael Vita attempts a bunt during last Saturday's Intermediate division game against Huck Finn's Warehouse & More in Tri-Village Little League action at Magee Park.

Rob Jonas

CE&S	2	1	0
S'lands Medicine	2	2	0
Farm Family	1	1	0
Roberts Towing	1	2	0
Adk. Records	1	3	0
Horticulture Unltd.	0	3	0
Exit 23 Mobil	0	4	0

Intermediate standings

	W	L	T
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First Prize	10	2	0
Bellizzi's Camps	8	3	0

Bethlehem Vet	8	3	1
King's Chapel	8	5	0
Redlegs	7	5	0
Huck Finn's	7	5	1
Tri-Village Flash	6	6	0
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JIMCO	3	9	0
Burt Anthony Assoc.	3	10	0
Friedman's Flyers	2	10	0

Gymnastics clinic at BCHS

A gymnastics clinic for students in kindergarten through sixth grade will be held July 7-10 at Bethlehem Central High School in the upper gym.

The clinic stresses the development of the basic fundamentals of gymnastics. Skills will be taught on balance beam, vault, uneven bars and floor exercise, with an emphasis on proper progressions. The clinic will be supervised by BCHS gymnastics coaches, with instructional assistance from members of the Bethlehem varsity gymnastics team.

Sessions run from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$75 per person, and proceeds benefit the varsity gymnastics team.

Entry forms and checks are due by July 3 and should be mailed to BC Gymnastics, c/o Kim Irwin, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054.

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Bethlehem students make beautiful music

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

For a few weekends this spring, Bethlehem students made the area come alive with the sound of music — and took away a number of prestigious commendations for their melodious efforts.

During the New York State School Music Association spring festivals — grouped by solo/ensemble, and major festivals for large bands, orchestras and choruses — more than 1,000 Bethlehem students joined students from around the state to be assessed by trained adjudicators. Students played or sang music graded in difficulty from one to six, with six being the hardest, and many received commendations ranked like Olympic medals.

The high school wind ensemble came away with the highest ranking, gold with distinction, as did the middle school's band seven. Nine other ensembles received gold ratings, and two received silver ratings.

"Bethlehem has a long tradition of participating in NYSSMA events," Music Supervisor Dave Norman said. "The staff really values this event. It's an opportunity for the students to be evaluated by nationally recognized experts in the field. It's another set of ears for our music program."

Norman attributed Bethlehem's outstanding performance to across the board talent.

"We have a very strong staff," he said. "We have very talented and committed students and parents who encourage their kids. The school board has always shown its support for our participation in this event."

Norman described the NYSSMA performances as a worthy goal for the students, who rehearse specific music for the event.

"The students have a natural inclination to do well, and this focuses us as staff and the students on worthy music literature," he said. "The kids respond positively to the challenge of accomplishing a high level of music difficulty."

Middle School Band Director, George Smith was chairman of the solo and ensemble festival that was held at Bethlehem's middle school on April 11 and 12. More than 1,500 kids came from 40 different schools around the state to participate, and 300 of them were from Bethlehem.

"Over 100,000 kids participate in solo/ensemble festivals at 70 sites throughout the state," Smith

said of the NYSSMA schedule. "We like to participate in the first one, before spring activities heat up. It also lets us spend the winter months of February and March preparing for the festival."

Kids who participate in the solo/ensemble festivals tend to be motivated kids who study privately and want a little extra challenge, Smith said.

"They'll often start at the middle school, in trios or quartets, where there's safety in numbers," Smith said. "If the kids are well prepared, it's a positive experience, and nine times out of 10, they'll return the following year."

Students in the solo/ensemble festivals receive written commendations, with suggestions. The higher level solos receive graded ratings, and Bethlehem's students fall in the B to A+ range. Students who play a Level 6 solo can use that as an audition to perform with all-state ensembles.

Bethlehem Central High School had 10 students selected to participate in NYSSMA Conference All-State ensembles in the last year. They were Scott Birdsey, Aaron Levy, Jordan Murray, Julie Norman, Elizabeth Pesnel, David Richardson, David Schwab (selected, but did not attend), Brenda Schmidt, Evan Siegel (selected for one ensemble, an alternate in another), and Allegra Smith.

Smith said that about 4,000 kids are recommended for the all-state performances at the Eastman Theater in Rochester, and about 700 are chosen. He has been involved with NYSSMA's executive council for four years and has held various positions within the organization since 1992.

He has taught in Bethlehem for 26 years. Many Bethlehem faculty members are certified NYSSMA adjudicators, which Smith feels strengthens the district's music program.

"You learn a lot by being an

adjudicator," he said. "We as a faculty stress NYSSMA participation. It's a valuable teaching tool and a fine tradition."

Louise Schwarz has taught band at the high school for 21 years, and directed the wind ensemble, which in May received gold with distinction for the fifth year in a row.

"This places the ensemble in the top five bands in the state," Schwarz said.

The wind ensemble is made up of 60 students from grades nine through 12, who audition for their

spot in the ensemble. This year, the wind ensemble played the Holst "Second Suite in F for Military Band," a movement from "The Lord of the Rings" by

Johan de Meij and a Sousa march. Schwarz was pleased to quote the judges' comments about the Bethlehem wind ensemble.

"William Sweeney of Canandaigua told us that what we have is very unique, and we should treasure it always," Schwarz said. "He said it was a truly exciting experience; that he came expecting excellence from us, and wasn't disappointed. Steve Landgren of Rochester said that we exemplify the very best in music in our state."

Schwarz said the band program has grown tremendously since she started teaching in Bethlehem.

"When I first came, there were maybe 100 kids in two bands," she said. "Now, there are three bands with 240 kids. Still, this year was unique, since all of our bands got gold, or gold with distinction."

Junior Michael Dineen, who plays trombone in the wind ensemble, said that participating in NYSSMA provides a good goal for the ensemble to work for.

"It's a very positive experience," he said.

Senior Evan Siegel, who has played saxophone in the wind ensemble throughout high

school, concurred.

"It's nice to know there's a legacy, and that we're all working towards a common goal," he said. "Every year, when the seniors graduate, the underclassmen worry that the next year won't be as good. But people step up, and it's always great."

Siegel gave Smith and Schwarz credit for keeping the bar high for Bethlehem's music students.

"George Smith sets the tone in middle school, with the proficiency he expects of the students, and his dedication and commitment," Siegel said. "Mrs. Schwarz continues that, by being both supportive and demanding."

For the students, Siegel said, the results are great. "We strive to play as best we can," he said. "That the NYSSMA judges feel the same is an added bonus."

Here are the participants, with rankings where appropriate, in the major festivals this past May.

• At the Niskayuna Choral Festival, May 1 and 2, the BCHS Choraliers, directed by Jason Dashew, performed at Level 6 and received a gold commendation.

• At the Shaker High School Instrumental Festival, May 1 and 2, the BCHS concert band, directed by Patrick Beauregard, played at Level 4 and received gold.

The BCHS concert orchestra, directed by David Beck, performed at Level 4 and received silver.

The BCHS symphonic band,

directed by Dave Norman, performed at Level 5 and received gold.

The BCHS symphonic orchestra, directed by David Beck, performed at Level 6, and received gold.

The BCHS wind ensemble, directed by Louise Schwarz, performed at Level 6 and received gold with distinction.

• At the Colonie Central High School Choral Festival, May 8 and 9, BCMS chorus six, directed by Patrick Pisanello. BCMS chorus seven, directed by Joanne Hihn. BCMS Sound Sensation, directed by Patrick Pisanello. BCMS chorus eight, directed by Joanne Hihn, performed at Level 2 and received gold.

• At the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Instrumental Festival, May 8 and 9, BCMS band six blue, directed by Theodore Biernacki, played at Level 1 and received silver.

BCMS band six green, directed by Theodore Biernacki, played at Level 1 and received gold.

BCMS orchestra six, directed by Jody Van Voris, played at Level 1 and received gold. BCMS band seven, directed by George Smith, played at Level 2, and received gold with distinction.

BCMS band eight, directed by George Smith, played at Level 3 and received gold. BCMS orchestra seven and eight, directed by David Beck, played at Level 3 and received gold.

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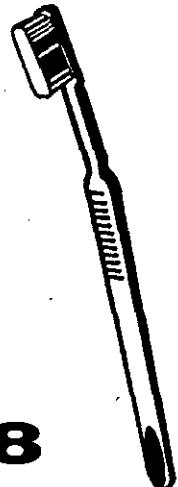
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(From Page 1)

But homeowners aren't the only ones dealing with the aftermath of state Supreme Court Justice Louis Benza's interpretation of the zoning code. His ruling came in response to an appeal filed by residents who sought to block Waste Management's proposed construction of a truck maintenance facility on the rural land. The farms that sit scattered throughout the 2,250 rural acres of land are also illegal according to the court. But an attempt by the town board to amend the code and bring both uses back into compliance hit a major stumbling block Wednesday evening. Farmers and rural landowners spoke out in opposition to the proposed amendment to the law at a public hearing.

"I see this as being restrictive to landowners as to what they can do," said Linda Jasinski, who owns 80 acres of land in Selkirk. The amended zoning code would have made any agricultural use already in existence as of May 14 legal. Any other agriculture uses not already in existence would require the zoning board of appeals to grant a special exception.

"If you have an agricultural use farm operation, under this law you are permitted and authorized to continue, and you're permitted and authorized to expand that use," explained Town Attorney Robert Alessi, as he tried to quell the concerns of about two dozen landowners. Farmers feared they would have to obtain permission from a town agency to plant future crops and expand their operations.

"It was always a piece of farmland because the farmers were here first, so why should

anyone have to ask the government if it's OK to go ahead and use that piece of land," questioned John Mead, president of the Rural Landowners of Bethlehem Association.

Farmers pushed for clarification of the code and a definition of agriculture uses, to eliminate future confusion and various interpretations by town agencies. The group also requested a lawyer representing the farmers review the code.

"When you start moving fast it scares me because you're going to make mistakes," cautioned Jasinski to the town board.

The board soon found itself threatened with a lawsuit by an attorney representing Waste Management if it passed the amended code.

"This law would effectively zone out Waste Management," said John Stockli, who argued his client's proposed facility would not be permitted under the law. Waste Management is currently appealing Benza's decision that determined the company's truck maintenance facility did not fall within the permitted uses allowable on the land.

After fielding public comments for two hours, the board remained at a standstill. Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller requested the board refrain from taking any action on the zoning code that evening.

"I don't want you to leave here

thinking I'm in the business of quick fixes," said Fuller to the irate crowd.

The response from farmers took board member Doris Davis, who proposed the initial amendment of the code, by surprise.

"It was not intended to negatively affect anyone," said Davis, who added she didn't think the amendment would be this complicated.

After discussing the matter behind closed doors for half an hour, the board

voted to redraft the code to appease farmers concerns by a vote of 3-2. The changes would include a definition of agriculture and make all current agricultural uses legal. Rural landowners would not be required to notify the town when utilizing a piece of land for any agricultural use. Fuller and Davis voted against the motion.

A public hearing to discuss the amended version of the zoning law will be held Aug. 13 at town hall, beginning at 7:30. The town board must wait 30 days after posting a proposed law to hold a public hearing on the changes; however, it can vote on the law immediately following the close of the hearing.

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John Mead

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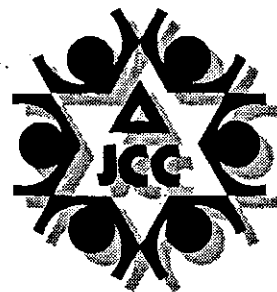
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Police arrest man in explosive case

A suspect has been arrested in connection with the discovery of an explosive device found at a Pine Street home in Delmar last November.

Bethlehem police said Royal Harrison, 45, of Butler Road in Hampton, Washington County, intentionally planted the box of explosives in the home. Harrison was charged with reckless endangerment, a felony, by Bethlehem police on June 9 and has since been indicted by an Albany County grand jury on charges of forgery and grand larceny.

Harrison also faces additional federal charges, according to

police.

The owner of the 4 Pine Street home, where the explosives were discovered, is Harrison's ex-girlfriend. Police describe Harrison as a "con man" whose criminal acts included re-mortgaging the victims Pine Street home in her name and stealing the money, and also taking out bank loans in the victim's name.

The homeowner found the explosive device as she was cleaning out her garage on Nov. 23. The discovery led police to evacuate nearly 100 surrounding homes in a four-square block radius surrounding Pine Street

for nearly four hours.

The state police Bomb Disposal Unit bomb team removed the device, and no injuries were reported.

Police describe Harrison as a suspect from the beginning of their investigation. They said he fled the area but was recently arrested for robbing an armored car in Schenectady County in February.

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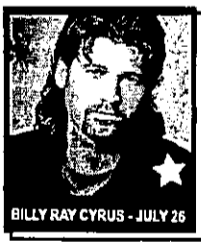
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Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585
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426-9955.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W,
Glenmont, 426-4510.
Normansville Community Church, Mill
Road, Delmar, 439-5710. Slingerlands
Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland
Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave.,
Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist
Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-
9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at
Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar
Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-
3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35
Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436
Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-
7740.

NEW SCOTLAND
WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

Sun. Jun. 22
Mon. Jun. 23
BETHLEHEM
PEACE VIGIL

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. Jun. 24
BETHLEHEM
TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

BINGO

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

NEW SCOTLAND
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7
p.m. Information, 765-3356.

V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7
p.m. (6 p.m. workshop meeting).
Information, 765-2692.

Wed. Jun. 25
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR ROTARY

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

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

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
(WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)**

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

evening prayer meeting and Bible study,
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church,
Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-
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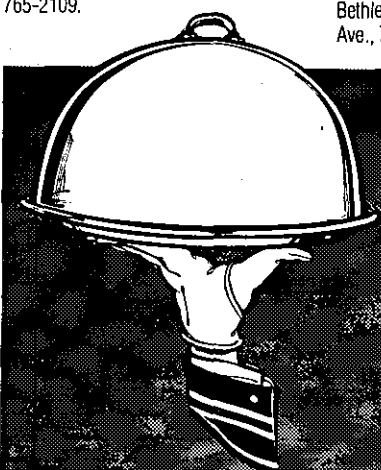
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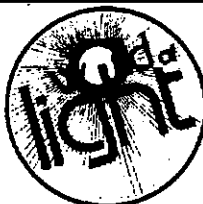
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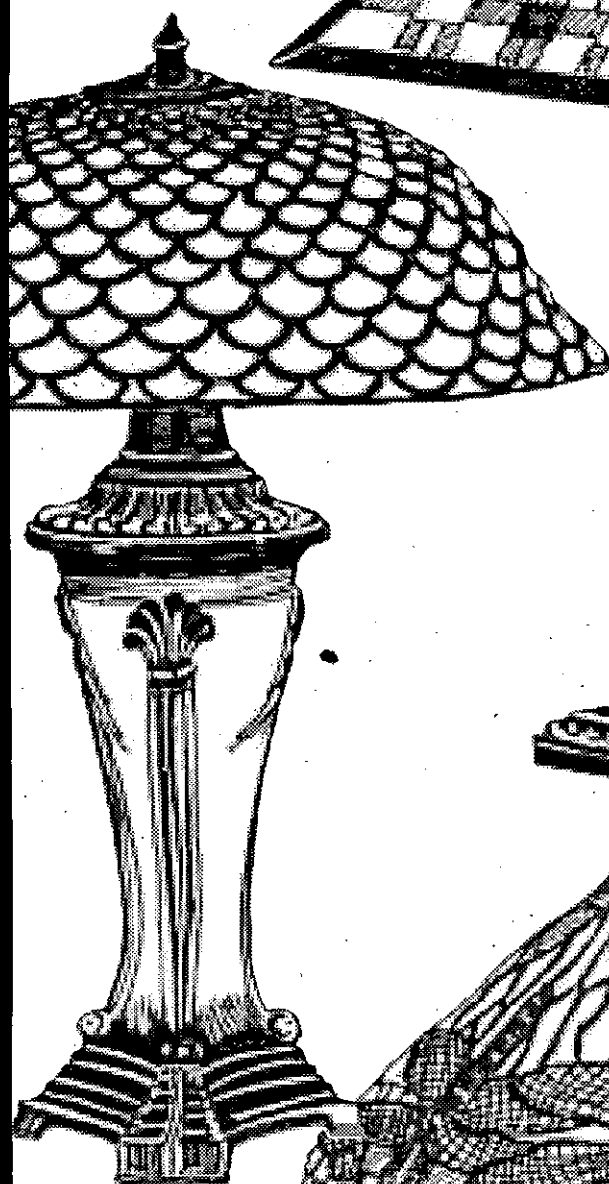
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left behind will be transferred by rail or barge to a yet-to-be-determined off-site location. Once dredging is complete, Rosales says the transfer site will be dismantled, and any minor spills will be cleaned up. The EPA has also vowed to remove any pre-existing contaminants that may have been left behind by previous owners, prior to the agency's arrival.

"We will restore it to its intended industrial or commercial use," said Rosales.

Roughly two years ago, the town board unanimously passed

a resolution opposing any dewatering location within Bethlehem. The resolution alone isn't likely to sway the EPA's decision.

"Nearly every town along the Hudson has passed a resolution. If we were to abide by the resolution, this project wouldn't happen," said Rosales.

What may convince the EPA to look elsewhere is the potential for future development of the property. Victor Gush, proprietor of Castleton-based VLG Real Estate Developers, has filed conceptual plans with the town to construct a marina, office building, hotel and retail shops on

the riverfront property.

"If it screws up me getting approval for what I want to do, then I'm not happy with it either," said Gush, who hopes to gain approval for his project within the next year.

Gush has not offered to lease or sell his property to the EPA.

If it can be proven Gush is actively pursuing the project with the town, Rosales says the site will be taken out of consideration.

"If there are current

development plans in place, that takes it out because we do not want to impede that development of the property," said Rosales.

The odds of the River Road site being selected as a dewatering location are "slim to none" according to Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, who met with EPA officials last week.

The agency says it will narrow its list of 24 sites down to about 10 this August, with the final selections announced in 2004.

Letters policy

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

All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number.

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

Car crashes into porch

A Delmar man who lost consciousness while driving his sport utility vehicle ended up on the front lawn of a Kenwood Avenue home.

Robert Kind, 54, of Delmar was driving westbound on Kenwood Avenue on June 7 when he crossed the center line and hit an oncoming car driven by Charles Quackenbush, 41, of Slingerlands.

Kind's vehicle continued on across several Kenwood lawns before it hit the front porch and wall of 460 Kenwood. The residents of the apartment were home at the time of the crash, but no one inside was injured. The town of Bethlehem Building Department responded to conduct a structural inspection before the SUV could be removed from the porch.

Kind was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for evaluation. Quackenbush was not harmed in the crash. No charges have been filed at this time.

V'ville church plans Bible camp

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville at 68 Maple Ave. will offer a vacation Bible camp from June 29 through July 3 for children from age 4 through 11.

The program, "Lighthouse Kids: Shining God's Light," will use imagery of lighthouses that shine over the waters to guide and warn ships on the seas to teach campers that they can be a lighthouse for others.

Campers will hear Bible and mission stories and take part in crafts, light learning experiments, recreation, songs and time together with teachers and other campers.

Vacation Bible camp will begin on Sunday, June 29, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the church. The kick-off will include a picnic for campers, youth staff, adult staff and their families from 5:15 to 6 p.m. The weekday program will be held June 30 to July 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. There also will be an all-day option.

The cost for a week of half-day vacation Bible camp is \$5 per child. The all-day program will cost an additional \$20, or a total of \$25. Pre-registration is required.

For an application, call the church office at 765-2895.

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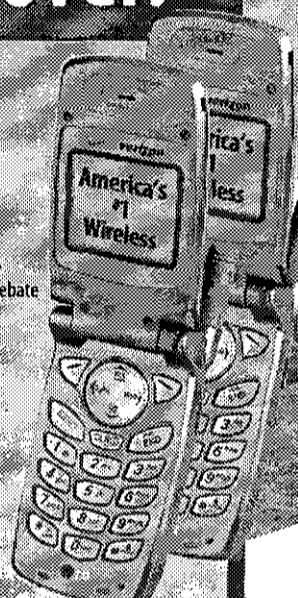
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The name of the LLC is AT - VENTURES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located 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 Lodge Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211. LCD-4029 (June 18, 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

Advanced Pool Safety, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Advanced Pool Safety, LLC SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: FOURTH: 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 this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Advanced Pool Safety, LLC 65 Dove St. Albany, NY 12210-1810 FIFTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company may be served is: SIXTH: The future effective date of the Articles of Organization, which does not exceed 60 days from the date of filing is: 3/4/03 SEVENTH: If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized by Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, an affirmative statement must be made. A statement of such effect is made as follows: Daniel J. Pickett, organizer ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF Advanced Pool Safety, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law Filed by: Daniel J. Pickett 65 Dove St Albany, NY 12210-1810 LD-4096 (June 18, 2003)

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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law for the following: MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS Sealed bids will be received until 2 PM, prevailing time, on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at the office of the Business Administrator at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened.

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Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same office. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening. Board of Education

STEVEN O'SHEA
District Clerk
Date: 6/11/03

LD-5038
(June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

BRIDGE AND BARN, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITAL REGION MORTGAGE CENTER, LLC

Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 05/21/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, 1775 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-5012 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

KELTHO PARTNERS, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is Keltho Partners, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on June 2, 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: Keltho Partners, LLC, c/o James M. Thayer, 8 Carlton Terrace, Loudonville, New York 12211. 5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law. Date: June 5, 2003 Cooper Erving & Savage LLP Attorneys for Keltho Partners, LLC 39 North Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207 (518) 449-3900 LCD-5020 (June 18, 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, Gunderland, NY 12084. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-4009 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION LLC Empire Realty Investors LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on

LEGAL NOTICE

May 20, 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 Empire Realty Investors LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. 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-5036 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for removal of an existing roof mounted air-conditioning unit and the furnishing and installation of One (1) 30-ton roof mounted air-conditioning unit at the Town Hall Office Building, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 15th day of July, 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 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 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.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK
TOWN CLERK
Dated: 6/11/2003

LD-5035
(June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Whitehall Land Development, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 13, 2003. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, 1621 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-5030 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of KinderCare Real Estate, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/2/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/3/03. 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., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-5029 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, # pending, for liquor and wine has been applied for by CornerHill, LLC to sell liquor and wine in a restaurant under the alcoholic beverage control law at 42 Howard Street, City of Albany, County of Albany, New York, for on-premises consumption. Ruth Fein Wallens, Member CornerHill, LLC

LD-5028
(June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Adirondack Cartoons, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/5/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to: Michael G. Bouchard, Esq., 4 Atrium Drive, Albany, NY 12205, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act, activity, business or enterprise. LD-5022 (June 18, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Pro Golf Retail, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/3/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 4/10/03. 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. CT address of LLC: 101 Taine Mountain Rd., Burlington, CT 06013. Arts. of Org. filed with CT Secy. of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-5021 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CM Tel (USA) LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/20/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/13/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail 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: 700 Wilshire Blvd., 7th Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90017. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-5016 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BM America, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/20/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/16/03. 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: 75 Triangle Blvd., Carlstadt, NJ 07072. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-5015 (June 18, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of F.F.T. LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/23/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 4/26/1999. 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. NV address of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Company of Nevada, 6100 Neil Rd., Suite 500, Reno, NV 89511. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-5014 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of APG Consulting, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/20/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/22/03. 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: 6751 Forum Drive, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32821. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-5013 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DELAVE GROUP LLC, Art. of Org. filed

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Secy. of State (SSNY) 5/30/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Margaret Inderhees, 36 Darroch Rd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-5010 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

455 Sand Creek Road, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on May 21, 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 455 Sand Creek Road, LLC, c/o Craig T. Allen, 5 Lexington Street, Clifton Park, New York 12065. 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-5008 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JEAL, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of JEAL, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on May 30, 2003. The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership, leasing, purchasing, selling, development, mortgaging and all other dealings with real estate necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 1900 New Scotland South Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LD-5007 (June 18, 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Breaker Law Firm P.C., 10 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. LD-4086 (June 18, 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 18, 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.

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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 18, 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. 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Rushmore Capital-I, 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 18, 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 18, 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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, Lockerman & Federal St, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-4055 (June 18, 2003)

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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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
The Patroon 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 18, 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 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 18, 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 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 18, 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

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State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-4042 (June 18, 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Section 206
The New York Limited Liability Company Law
1. The name of the limited liability company is VRRMM, LLC.
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 Millillo, 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 18, 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 18, 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 18, 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

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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 18, 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
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 18, 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Field Day Fest 2003, LLC. Authority

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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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Harris, Balzer & 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 18, 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 18, 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 indefinite.
7. The purpose of the limited liability company is to conduct all lawful activity. LD-4003 (June 18, 2003)

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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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Moveo, 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 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 11th day of June 2003, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund the replacement of the Town Hall air conditioning unit, and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the replacement of the air conditioning unit; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$40,000 and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$40,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Davis, was seconded by Mr. Marcelle and duly adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Marcelle
NOES: None.

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ABSENT: None.
DATED: June 11, 2003
LD-5041
(June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK FAMILY COURT
SARATOGA COUNTY
Docket No. A-5398-02
In the Matter of the Adoption of Damien,
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION CHILD.
TO: Michael Yattaw
111 South Third St.
Mechanicville, NY 12118
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition praying for an order approving and allowing the adoption of an adoptive child whose name is Damien who is alleged to be your son, together with an agreement to adopt and consents to the adoption pursuant to the Domestic Relations Law, has been filed with the Family Court of the State of New York, Saratoga County, and a hearing thereon will be held at that Court on the 18th day of July, 2003, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at which time and place all persons having any interest therein will be heard. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear may constitute a denial of your interest in the child which may result, without further notice to you, in the adoption or other disposition of the custody of the child.
Dated: May 29, 2003
Anne Reynolds Copps, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner (s)
Office and P.O. Address
126 State St., 6th Floor
Albany, NY 12207
Telephone No. 518-436-4170
LCD-5026
(June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Winant-Bomack Insurance Agency, LLC
LLC was filed with the SSNY on 5/12/2003. 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: Robert E. Winant, 3318 Route 33, Neptune, NJ 07753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LCD-5024 (June 18, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

WLCW, LLC
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 05/02/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, 1258 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-4065 (June 18, 2003)

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Obituaries

John Brandow

John Edward Brandow of Selkirk died Monday, June 16, at his home.

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

He was a graduate of Albany Academy, Dartmouth College and Albany Law School.

Mr. Brandow was an Army veteran.

He began his law career with O'Connell & Aronowitz in Albany. He then formed the law firm of Jeneroff, Brandow, Mancini & Roth and later formed his own firm.

Survivors include his wife, Wendy Woodward Brandow; two daughters, Katie L. Brandow of New Baltimore and Magi E. Brandow of Selkirk; a son, William J. Brandow of Albany; a sister, Peggy Steen of The Villages, Fla.; and a granddaughter.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. today, June 18, at the Cathedral of All Saints, South Swan Street, Albany.

Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Marguerite Mackewicz

Marguerite Mackewicz, 94, of

the Resurrection Rest Home in Castleton, and formerly of Glenmont, died Thursday, June 12, at the nursing home.

She and her husband were farmers in Glenmont before they retired.

Mrs. Mackewicz was the widow of Zygmund Mackewicz.

Survivors include two nieces, Marion Olson and Cheryl McCarthy; and two nephews, Bryan McCarthy and Kevin McCarthy.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church and the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home, both in Albany.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Edward Ryan

Edward T. Ryan, 95, of Delmar died Monday, June 9.

Mr. Ryan was general manager of Ryan Electric in Albany until his retirement and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers for 60 years.

During World War II, he worked on the Manhattan Project and on the first G.E. jet aircraft engine.

He was Albany County fire coordinator from 1954 until the early 1970s, and was past chief of the Elsmere Fire Co.

Mr. Ryan assisted the Rev. John McLoughlin of Blessed Sacrament Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for more than 30 years.

He was husband of the late

Margaret Meany Ryan.

Survivors include a son, Terrence K. Ryan of Delmar; a daughter, Mary Cahill of Brooklyn; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Nassau.

Contributions may be made to the Auxiliary Albany Co. VFA Scholarship Fund, c/o Carolyn Day, 31 Herber Ave., Delmar 12054.

Bethlehem Tomorrow to hold programs

Bethlehem Tomorrow, the community's new citizens group, has announced several free programs to provide information, answer questions and stimulate interest in future growth and open space protection issues. Scheduled topics and dates are as follows:

- Regional Growth, Decline and Redevelopment in the Capital District with Todd Fabozzi, program manager of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, June 24 at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

- Transitioning the Capital Region to a Technology Driven Community with LaMar Hill, director for business development, CESTM-Albany NanoTech, July 22 at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

Service award



Mike Marlar, left, displays the resolution praising his local and state Kiwanis Club service and accomplishments presented to him by Albany County Legislator Herb Reilly.

Guilderhaven joins Petfinder database

By DONNA J. BELL

Guilderhaven, the nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds to benefit the Guilderland Animal Shelter and the local community, recently joined up with Petfinder.com, a searchable database that showcases homeless pets via the Web.

One of more than 5,000 shelters on the Petfinder Web site, Guilderhaven will have its own home page, and each of the pets held in the Guilderland Animal Shelter can have its own page with a description and a photo. Potential adopters can also search by type of pet, breed, size, age and gender.

Pets that match the search criteria are ranked in proximity to the visitor's zip code.

Betsy and Jared Saul of Tucson, Ariz., created Petfinder.com in 1996. The free Web site has facilitated over a million adoptions in 2002 alone.

"For many people, doing their initial search for a pet online relieves the stress of visiting a shelter," said Betsy Saul.

To keep pets in their new home, Petfinder.com gives two months of free pet insurance for every dog or cat adopted from Petfinder.com in licensed states. Gilderhaven's home page can be viewed at www.petfinder.com/shelters/NY394.html. The site also features an extensive library of pet-related materials, kept current by the American Society

for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a Petfinder.com partner.

"The site is a virtual shelter," said Jared Saul. "It is being able to sit down with your family and visit hundreds of shelters, get to know the pets and not have to drive all around to do it."

In addition to the new Web site, Guilderhaven will hold its fourth annual book and bake sale to benefit the Guilderland Animal Shelter on Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. across from the shelter on French's Mills Road off Route 146 in Guilderland. Books will be five for \$1, and there will be homemade baked goods, homemade dog biscuits, crafts, hot dogs, veggie burgers, hamburger and soda.

Sue Green, Guilderhaven's treasurer, hopes the sale will make "a million dollars" but realistically expects to raise between \$800 to \$900. "We have a very supportive local community," Green said. The group also offers assistance in private home placements; if someone needed to find a new home for their pet, Guilderhaven will help find a owner — so the pet never has to see the inside of the animal shelter.

People who wish to donate books or baked goods may contact Marcia Scott at 861-6850 or Susan Green at 861-6861 to arrange for pick up or delivery. "We are just hoping for a nice day and a nice turnout," Green said.

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Death Notices

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

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.

Dean's List

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Ryan Venter of Delmar.

Colby College

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Connecticut College

Anne Lind of Delmar.

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Hamilton College

Christopher Abbott of Slingerlands and Aubrey Spaulding of Feura Bush.

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Ann Reagan of Feura Bush and Katherine Riedel of Delmar, all president's list.

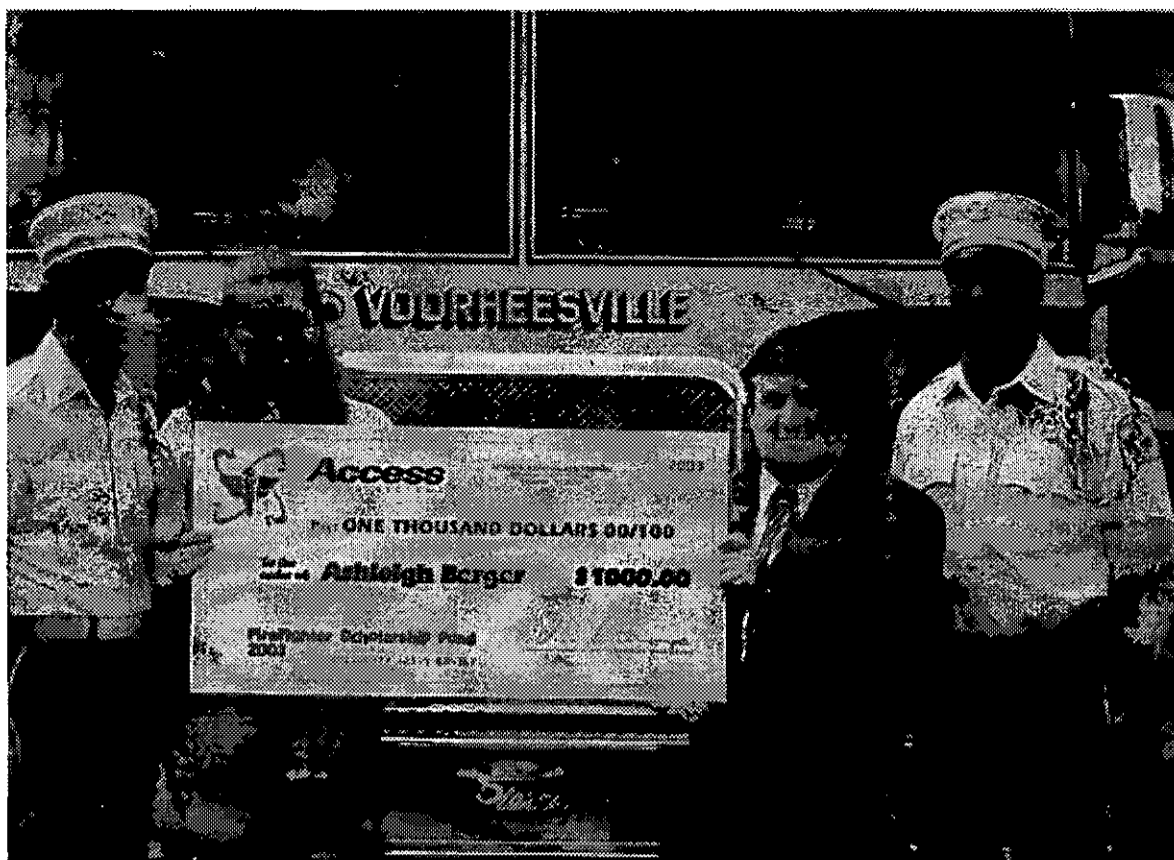
Also, Kimberly Gardner of Feura Bush, Shaun McCarthy of Delmar, Veronica McCollum and Kerry McKendrick, both of Voorheesville; and Valerie Otulo and Jason Wright, both of Selkirk; all dean's list.

Syracuse University

Chloe Morgan of Delmar, Sarah Bartow of Slingerlands and James Case of Voorheesville.

Western New England College

Jessica Laviano, Mariesa Lefko and Lauren Schucker, all of Delmar.



Dick Berger, left, with his daughter, Ashleigh, who is accepting a scholarship check from Dr. Warren Silverman, while Voorheesville Fire Chief John Hensel looks on.

V'ville senior wins service award

Access Health Systems, a provider of occupational and school health services in upstate New York and New Jersey, recently announced this year's recipient of the Fire Fighter Public Service Award for Continuing Education.

This year's \$1,000 scholarship winner, Ashleigh Allyn Berger of Voorheesville, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton High School has demonstrated the highest

standards of community service and volunteerism in a large field of applicants from across the state.

Berger started volunteering at the American Legion Post in Voorheesville at age 14. She has also been involved in service projects assisting senior citizens through school, church and town programs.

She has also been involved in many activities in the Voor-

heesville Volunteer Fire Department.

She follows the community service demonstrated by her family, whose service to the fire district is approaching a combined total of almost 70 years.

Berger has combined community service with strong academic achievement.

She will attend Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., to study neuroscience.

Glenmont man joins Whiteman law firm

Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, the Capital District's largest law firm, announced recently that Robert S. Reynolds of Glenmont has joined the firm as an associate.

Reynolds concentrates his practice in the areas of taxation, estate and trust planning and administration and business planning.

Reynolds will be a senior

associate in both the Estate Planning and Administration Practice and Tax Practice groups.

He previously practiced at the Albany firm DeGraff, Foy, Holt-Harris, Kunz & Devine.

He served as attorney adviser to the Hon. Daniel J. Dinan of the U.S. Tax Court from 1996 to 1999.

Reynolds is a member of the Albany County, New York state and American bar associations. He co-authored a chapter on federal and New York estate taxation in the New York State

Bar Association's publication "Probate and Administration of New York Estates."

He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Albany Law School.

Reynolds received his bachelor's degree in finance from Siena College, his law degree from Albany Law School of Union University and his LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law School.

He is admitted to practice in the U.S. Tax Court.

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital

Girl, Virginia Vivian Frazee, to Christine and Blake Frazee of Delmar, May 20.

Class of '03

Albany Law School

Kathryn Mazzeo of Selkirk (juris doctor, magna cum laude); and William G. Kelly (juris doctor, Capital District Trial Lawyers Association Prize and Karen C. McGovern Senior Trials Prize), Bryan Richmond (juris doctor, cum laude), both of Voorheesville.

Boston College

Gregory DeMarco of Delmar (bachelor's in biology) and Ryan Venter (bachelor's in communication), both of Delmar; John Mauro of Feura Bush (bachelor's in accounting, finance); and Paul Roberts of Glenmont (bachelor's in mathematics, computer science).

Delmar students study abroad

Kristin Kvam and Daniel Traub, both of Delmar, participated in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program for the fall semester.

St. Lawrence, in Canton, operates programs of study in Australia, Austria, Canada, China,

Costa Rica, Denmark, England, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Spain and Trinidad.

In addition, Kvam has been inducted into the Irving Bacheller Society, the English department honorary society.

Slingerlands woman earns honor

Stella Albanese of Slingerlands, a sophomore majoring in sociology at Syracuse University, was recently inducted into the university's chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society.

The honor society recognizes academic excellence in the field

of sociology. To be eligible, students must be in their junior or senior year with a major or minor in sociology, complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work in sociology and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all sociology courses.

Mail weddings, engagements

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Community Corner

Bethlehem Garden Tour

Bethlehem First and the Bethlehem Garden Club will sponsor a garden tour today, June 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., rain or shine.

Five gardens in the Slingerlands/Delmar/Elsmere area and Memorial Park will be featured.

Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold at Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

The tour is a major fund-raiser for the plant a tree program and other community plantings.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

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Train exhibit pulls into Albany Institute

By DEV TOBIN

Albania has been a transportation crossroads since colonial days.

The Hudson and Mohawk rivers, along with primitive roads that followed Native American paths along the rivers and through the hills, were the earliest ways to get around. And today, we are at a literal crossroads for the Interstate highway system.

From the mid-19th to mid-20th centuries, a good part of that transportation story has been of railroads, particularly the New York Central and Albany's own Delaware & Hudson.

The Albany Institute of History & Art takes note of this important part of the Capital District's history with its big summer exhibit, *All Aboard! Models, Memorabilia and Memories of Railroads* from the Albany Institute's Collection.

The exhibit, which formally opens June 26, features a wide array of models, objects, advertising art and documents related to the two major railroads of upstate New York.

A complementary exhibition, *On the Way to the Big Top*, has already opened. This exhibit features a handcrafted wooden circus parade and celebrates the colorful excitement and exotic wonder of when the Big Top arrived in town by train.

The *All Aboard* exhibit is divided into three sections — *Picture It!*, a selection of photographs documenting engines, stations and railroad people; *The Art of Train Travel*, a collection of paintings, posters, calendars and advertisements designed to promote train

travel; and *Engines of Change*, Capital Area railroads and America, a survey of important people and subjects as interpreted through paintings, photographs, ephemera and objects.

The exhibit explains that railroads were more than just an efficient way to move goods and people long distances.

All Aboard! "is not just the story of railroads," said AIHA Curator of History Wesley G.

Balla. "It's about the creation of standard time zones and the relevance of mass transit; about the industrial revolution and westward expansion; about empire building and community building; about company towns and company brands; about the romance of riding the rails and the reliving of a childhood fascination."

A variety of public programs and special events for adult and family audiences will accompany the *All Aboard!* Highlights include: Opening Reception on June 26; Museum

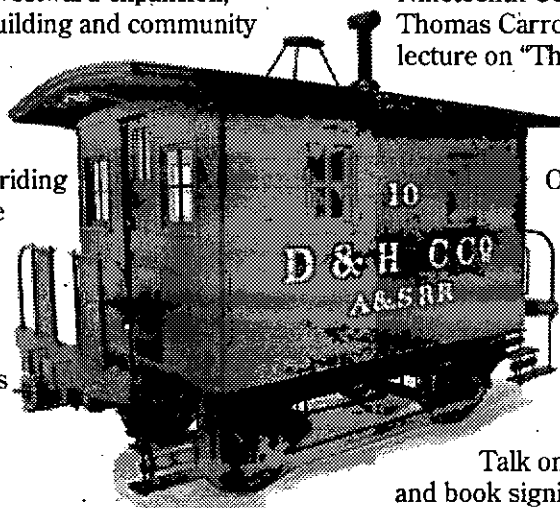
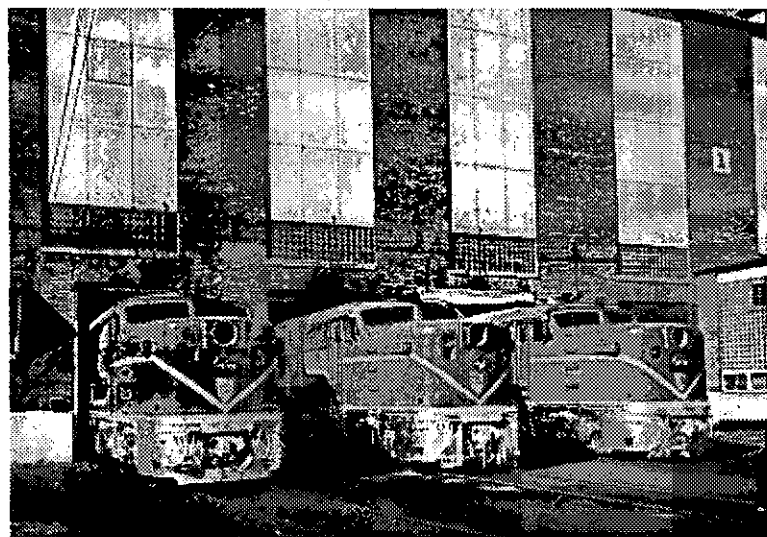
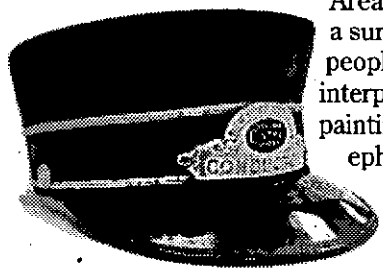
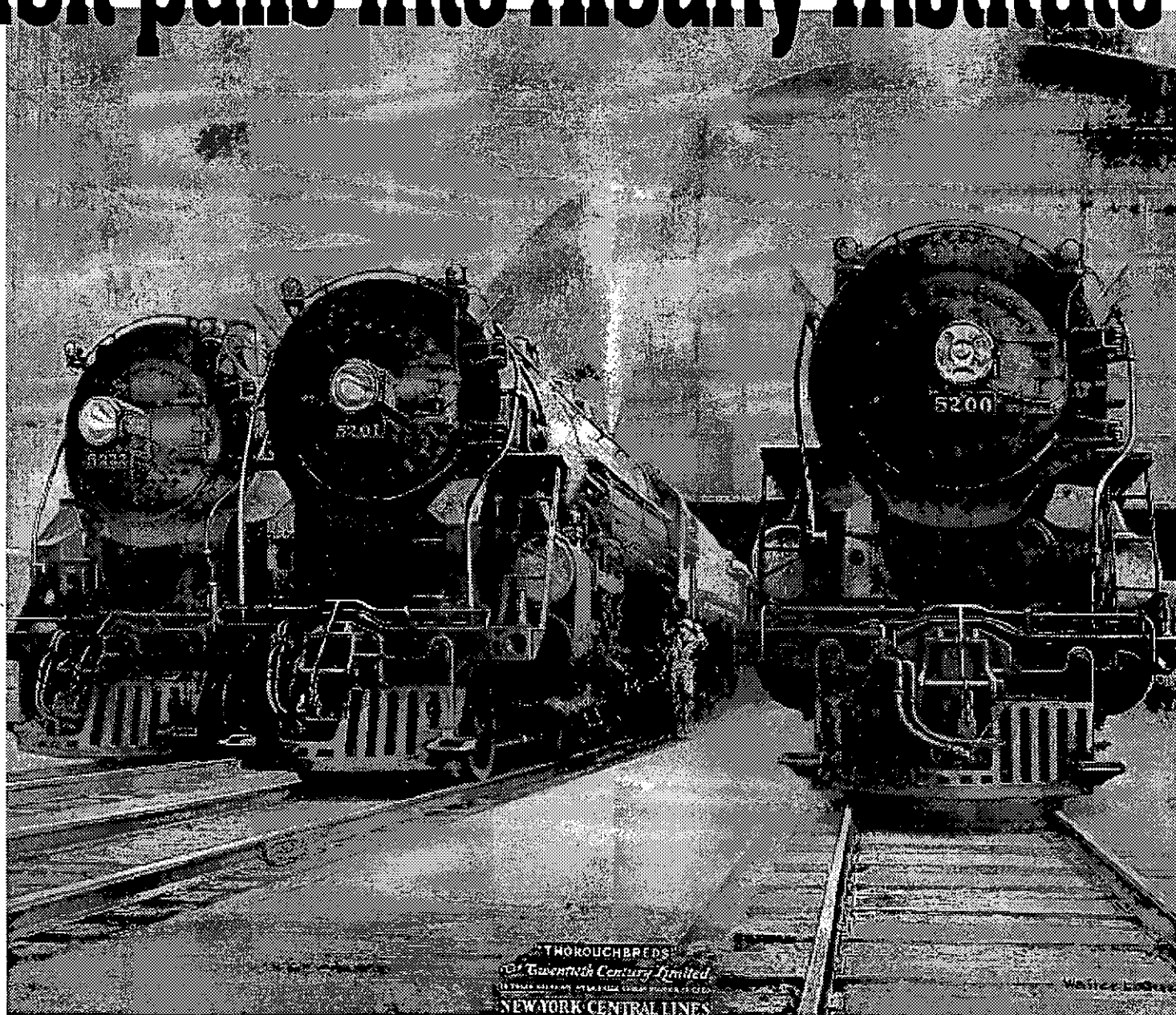
Explorers Day on June 29; lecture and book signing of "The Hudson Mohawk Region: The Silicon Valley of the Nineteenth Century" by P. Thomas Carroll on July 12; a lecture on "The Capital District's Role in Early Railroading and in the

Organization of the New York Central Railroad in 1853" by F. Daniel Larkin, also on July 12; Family Gallery Adventures on July 20; Gallery

Talk on Aug. 10; a lecture and book signing on "Caught on the Track: People and Railroads in mid-19th Century Albany" by David Stowell on Sept. 6; a "memory session" on

"Albany: A New York Central Company Town" by Balla and railroad historian Richard Barrett, also on Sept. 6; Family Event: Grandparents Day on Sept. 7; a lecture and book signing on "The Engine's Moan: Locomotive Steam Whistles" by Edward Fagan on Sept. 13; a lecture and book signing on "Promoting the Water Level Route: New York Central Advertising Images, 1850-1950." with author Michael Zega on Sept. 20; and a Gallery Talk on Sept. 28.

For information, call 463-4478 or log on to www.albanyinstitute.org.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

NATALIE NEEDS A NIGHTIE
The Theater Barn, Route 20, New Lebanon, through June 22, \$17 and \$19. Information, 794-8989.

27 to 29, \$25 Friday, Sunday and Saturday evening, \$45 for all day Saturday. Information, 765-2315.

DIXIE CHICKS
Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, June 27, 8 p.m., \$36 to \$66. Information, 476-1000.

Music

JIMMY STOWE AND THE STOWAWAYS
Tricentennial Park, Broadway, Albany, June 19, 5 p.m., free.

TIM JANIS
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, June 20, 8 p.m., \$25. Information, 473-1845.

C.J. CHENIER AND THE RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND
Tricentennial Park, Broadway, Albany, June 26, 5 p.m., free.

OLD SONGS FESTIVAL
Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, June

LEON REDBONE
Revolution Hall, Troy, June 28, 8 p.m., \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. Information, 273-2337.

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
All Aboard: Models, Memorabilia

and Memories of Railroads; 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.

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

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openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals

Sundays at 7 p.m. at Altamont Village Hall, 115 Main St. Information, 861-8000.

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

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

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

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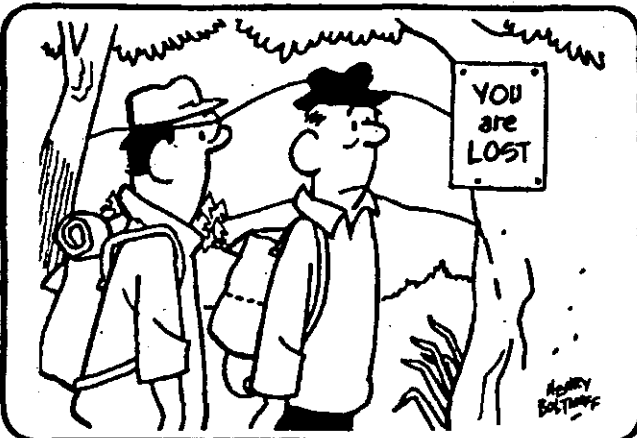
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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The Super CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 "Li'l Abner" cartoonist
 - 5 Mann or Greeley
 - 11 Lloyd Webber musical
 - 15 Owens
 - 18 Fragrance
 - 19 Military helicopter
 - 20 Tigris-Euphrates land
 - 21 Convent cubicle
 - 22 African Revolution-ary War heroine?
 - 24 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
 - 25 Wells' creatures
 - 26 Stun
 - 27 Author Follett
 - 28 Actress Massen
 - 29 Primer pooch
 - 30 Nobelist Wiesell
 - 33 Operetta composer
 - 37 — out (eradicate)
 - 39 African sitcom?
 - 44 Actress Talia
 - 45 Relished a roast
 - 46 King of comedy
 - 47 Grind
 - 49 — cotta
 - 52 "America's Most Wanted" host
 - 55 Jubilant
 - 57 Belfry sound
 - 59 Marry
 - 60 Roller-coaster unit
 - 62 LAX letters
 - 63 Desire
 - 64 Botanist Gray
 - 65 Frighten
 - 67 —-Magnon
 - 69 Roll-call reply
 - 70 Cozy
 - 71 Swiss sight
 - 72 African appetizer?
 - 74 Crewel tool
 - 76 European capital
 - 77 Memo start
 - 79 "Agnus —"
 - 80 Wonderful
 - 81 Conductor
 - 82 Queler
 - 83 Like a raisin
 - 85 Lodge
 - 86 Part of MPH (eradicate)
 - 87 Stalk
 - 88 Infantry action
 - 91 Cosmetician
 - 95 Take the honey and run
 - 97 Walker's "The — Purple"
 - 99 Pat on the buns?
 - 101 Sign a contract
 - 102 Declaim
 - 104 Start of an African anthem?
 - 108 Nasty
 - 109 Puccini's "— Lescaut"
 - 110 Secure the ship
 - 111 Scoundrels
 - 112 Cow's cry
 - 114 LP successors
 - 117 Most minute
 - 121 Potpourri
 - 122 British buggy
 - 124 African movie theme song?
 - 127 Wise — owl
 - 128 Turner or Wood
 - 129 Aromatic plant
 - 130 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
 - 131 Looney Tunes critter
 - 132 In addition
 - 133 Salem's state
 - 134 Manipulates
 - DOWN
 - 1 Deep unconsciousness
 - 2 Smith or Sandler
 - 3 Actress Negri
 - 4 Much valued
 - 5 "Bali —"
 - 6 Select, with "for"
 - 7 Pinion's partner
 - 8 Flu
 - 9 Chinese Olympic skater
 - 10 Chariot follower
 - 11 Security grp.
 - 12 Ann —, MI
 - 13 New Mexico resort
 - 14 Court sport
 - 15 Beach Boys' African hit?
 - 16 Knock for — (astonish)
 - 17 Skirt feature
 - 21 One of the Borgias
 - 23 Soccer superstar
 - 31 Tempest — teapot
 - 32 Parisian pronoun
 - 34 TV's "The — of Night"
 - 35 Card collection
 - 36 Actress Alicia
 - 38 Deed
 - 39 Shrien a slat
 - 40 Actress Hagen
 - 41 Tierra — Fuego
 - 42 Connecticut campus
 - 43 Grabbed
 - 44 Start wool gathering
 - 48 Mail
 - 50 Upshot
 - 51 Proverb
 - 53 It'll give you a weigh
 - 54 Jackrabbit, for one
 - 56 O'Hara homestead
 - 58 Settle a score
 - 61 Go to bed
 - 63 Certain singer
 - 65 Make a pile
 - 66 African actress?
 - 68 Peculiar
 - 70 Pursues
 - 71 — suzette
 - 72 Philosophy
 - 73 Paper quantity
 - 75 Perry's creator
 - 78 Sib's kid
 - 82 Trepidation
 - 84 It may be small
 - 88 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
 - 89 Approximately
 - 90 Abound (with)
 - 92 Archaic contraction
 - 93 Compass pt.
 - 94 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 96 Bastille, e.g.
 - 98 Mauna —
 - 100 Yoko —
 - 103 Curly
 - 105 Shirley
 - 106 Cry of distress
 - 107 "— Lonesome Tonight?" (60 hit)
 - 108 Taco topping
 - 109 Haunted-house sounds
 - 111 Paint layer
 - 113 Spoken
 - 115 Barry or Brubeck
 - 116 Stocking mishap
 - 118 Baseball's
 - 119 Unit of loudness
 - 120 "— briliq. —"
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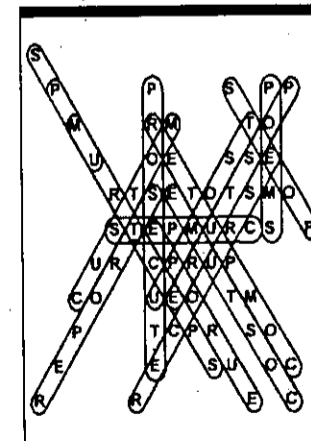
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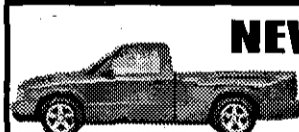
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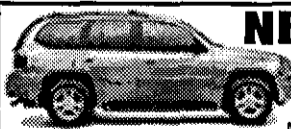


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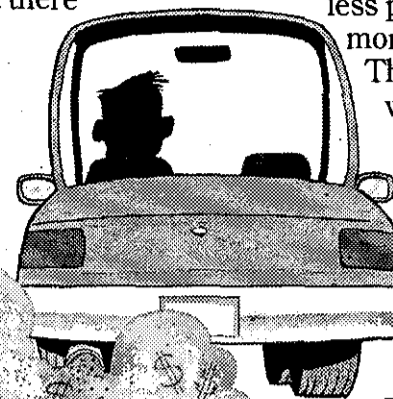
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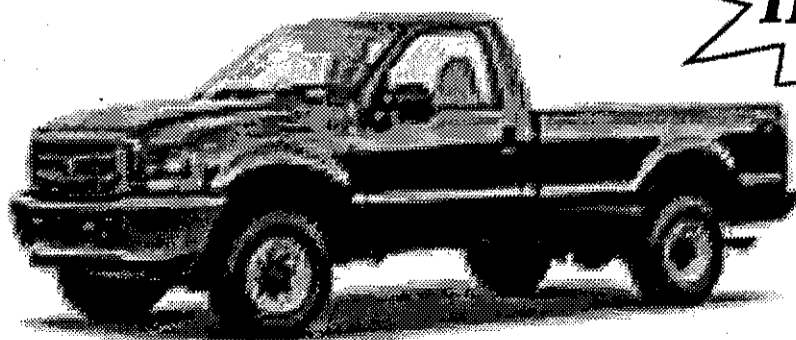


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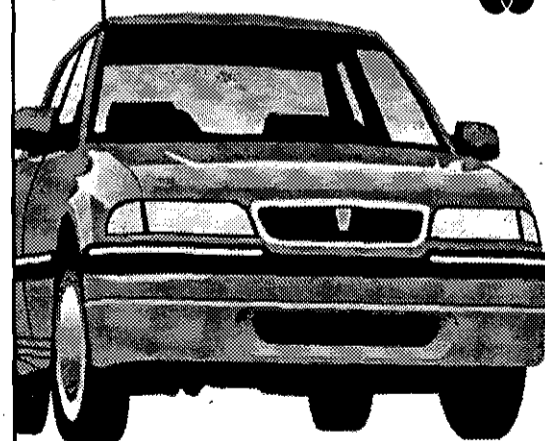


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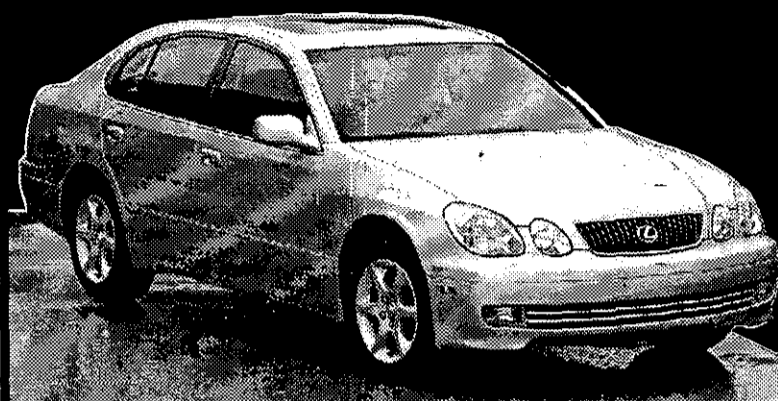
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Principal

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second grade at Elsmere for 13 years, and echoed Simeone's thought.

"I've been through some tough meetings about kids," Reed said, "and Dorothy's bottom line is always what's best for the child." Reed said that Whitney's support of her staff has made Elsmere a unique place to work. "About seven years ago," Reed said, "we got to the idea of combined first and second grades because the district wanted an integrated first- and second-grade class. Reed, along with Carol Smith and Diane Kvam, were excited about the prospect of teaching multi-age

classes, but in the spring before they were to start the combined classes, got a case of cold feet.

"We went in to Dorothy, one, two, three, closed the door and sat down," Reed said. "We wanted to have one more year of preparation before doing the one/twos." Within minutes, Reed said, Whitney asked them how she could make the situation easier for them. "She added up our combined years of teaching," Reed said, "and said she knew we could do it. She immediately asked what she could do to make this work. One of our issues had been scheduling the day so we had time together to plan, and although it was hard to do, she worked it out." Reed said the three teachers left that meeting

comfortable that they could teach the combined classes and still teach combined first and second grades today. "The decision didn't feel forced," Reed said, "and we felt as comfortable leaving as we did bringing the problem to Dorothy. Dorothy isn't a leader by demanding things; she's a true leader by having a belief in everyone having ownership and being part of the process.

"There's a synergy among the staff here," Reed added. "We have birthday parties, breakfasts, and Dorothy always brings snacks and treats to faculty meetings. The main legacy that Dorothy is leaving is that she's been able to grow and develop a peaceful feeling here." "Everyone is included," Head Custodian Judi Douglas said of Elsmere. "The teachers, the staff, the kitchen workers, the lunch aides. Dorothy always used to say that everyone's included because it takes all of us to run a school." "Dorothy supports the teachers individually and has helped to build them as a team," Simeone said.

"Elsmere has a unique character that you feel when you enter the school and spend any time there," Loomis said. "There's a very special kind of respect and sensitivity for the students, the staff and colleagues, the parents and grandparents, and those qualities are an expression of the person Dorothy Whitney is."

Whitney grew up in Watervliet, and married right out of high school. When her first three children were three, two and one, she gave birth to triplets. When the triplets were ready to start kindergarten, the parish priest at Sacred Heart in North Albany asked Whitney if she would come along and be the kindergarten teacher. Whitney agreed, and spent the next nine years raising her family, teaching school and

getting a college degree from Russell Sage.

"My plan had always been to get educated," Whitney said. "When I wasn't in school, I would dream of being in a classroom, and wake up in tears because I wasn't."

In 1974, Whitney came to Bethlehem as a reading specialist. In 1977, she became principal at Clarksville Elementary School, and in 1984, became principal at Elsmere. "I'm really going to miss the kids," Whitney said. "I'll miss the things they say and their cheerfulness. The staff here is unbelievable, too. They're really good people, and we all like one another."

Working with parents, Whitney said she's tried to remember that ultimately, everyone wants the best for the children. "There's a need to respect one another for wanting the best for the children," she said. "I've always tried to resolve conflicts as quickly and comfortably as possible. Thank goodness, there aren't many."

The children at Elsmere have a respect for Dorothy that's genuine, Reed said. "Dorothy's highly visible, coming into our classroom a couple of times a week, and spending time in the cafeteria." Interestingly, the thing that first struck Reed about Whitney is the same thing the kids mentioned when asked what their first impressions of Mrs. Whitney were. In a fifth-grade class, the kids' eyes widened as they recalled first meeting their principal. "She's so tall, and she wears black a lot," Josh Barbuto said. "I thought, 'Is this the Grim Reaper?' Now, I know she's nice. She trusts the people who work here and the kids. She's definitely not the Grim Reaper."

"I remember the first time I came here with my mom," Max

Wagner said. "I was hiding behind her legs, and peeking out from behind them to look at Mr. Whitney. She's really nice, and she lets us have fun."

"I was scared to talk to her at first," second-grader Natalie Gray said. "Now I like her, and I write to her. She shouldn't retire. She should change her mind."

"She's helped us to do stuff better," first-grader Michael Graves said, "like writing."

"Some friends and I thought she was a ghost at first," first-grader Brenna Raffae said. "Now I know she's very nice."

The kids in Peg Buffaline's fifth-grade class had a lot to say about the woman who's led their school all these years.

"She thinks of all of us," Michelle Primomo said. "She makes school a safe place to be. She knows everything that's going on."

"The school and the kids are important to her," Chris Wilsey said. "She's strict, but nice, and she lets the other teachers help and have a say in things."

"She has a good sense of humor," Alex Gill said. "It seems like she really likes to teach, and that she'll miss us," Kylie Caesar said.

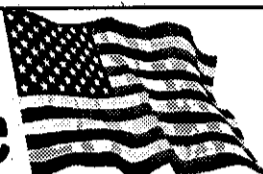
Whitney said she has tried to learn from the staff, the students and the parents during her time at Elsmere. She has confidence that her successor, Kate Kloss, will respect the warm and supportive atmosphere at the school.

This isn't the end of education for Dorothy Whitney, though, for her immediate retirement plans are to find universities teaching classes in Irish literature, so that she can delve into the works of her forebears. Before then, though, Whitney is focusing on finishing out this elementary school year, which has included an astounding number of parties in her honor. Her quiet dignity is carrying her through some emotional moments. "I'm doing my Scarlett O'Hara routine," Whitney said. "I'll cry tomorrow."

At a surprise gathering of parents, teachers and administrators at Elsmere last week, Whitney's calm manner combined with a warm smile as she honed in on what she's loved best about her 19 years at Elsmere.

"You've given me your children to love, and let me feel the love that they have back," Whitney said, pausing just for a moment. "What a life!"

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