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BC school board sets 2003-'04 tax rates

By LINDA DeMATTIA

School taxes will increase 3.65 percent for town of Bethlehem residents and 6.6 percent for New Scotland residents this year, after the board set the tax rate at its Aug. 27 meeting. The rate is \$24.55 per thousand for residents of Bethlehem and \$22.30 per thousand for New Scotland town residents.

The rate came down slightly from the projected tax increase when voters approved the budget in June after town assessment rolls were finalized and the equalization rate set by the state Office of Real Property Services, according to Steven O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business.

"We had estimated 3.7 percent (for Bethlehem town residents)," he said. "When the final assessment rolls and equalization rate became available in August and we finalized our budget, it is right where we estimated."

Board member Stuart Lyman praised the work of the business office and asked how Bethlehem Central's tax rate increase compares with other Capital District schools.

"We've succeeded with a pretty good tax rate this year," Lyman said.

O'Shea said the increase was "relatively good" compared to other districts, noting that districts with a strong commercial base fared better than those without.

The rates represent an increase of 86 cents per thousand of property value for Bethlehem residents and \$1.38 per thousand for New Scotland residents. The difference between the two towns was attributed to the equalization rate. The equalization rate is intended to

ensure that all municipalities within a school district pay their fair share of taxes, even when assessment practices differ between towns. Last year, New Scotland residents saw a 15.51 percent decrease in their school tax rate due to the equalization rate.

In a related matter, O'Shea asked the board to approve an amendment to last year's budget that would allow the district to pay outright for two buses that were included in this year's budget as a

lease and also pay off a lease for computer hardware.

"In order to have an expenditure, you must have a

budget line in place," he explained. The district, he said, would save more than \$270,000 by eliminating the lease payments budgeted for the items in the 2003-04 budget.

The amendment was unanimously approved.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, Michael Cusick of Chestwood Drive, told the board he and his wife were upset that their request to have their son attend Hamagrael and not Clarksville Elementary School was denied.

"We don't want our son to subject our son to 'welcome stranger,' bouncing ball with children moved out of their neighborhood," he said, noting they had enrolled their child in St. Gregory's, where he had attended as a kindergartener. "It is not right to send children in the same neighborhood to different schools. We are not very happy. We expected more."

Loomis apologized for the last-minute nature of the change and told Cusick that the move was a "patchwork adjustment" until the new elementary

**We've succeeded with a
pretty good tax rate this year.**

Stuart Lyman

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High steppers



Wendy DesMoines of Slingerlands enjoys dancing in the Scottish Games last Saturday at the Altamont Fairgrounds.
Jim Franco

Patriot Act foes get cool reception

By KRISTEN OLBY

Carrying signs promoting peace and civil rights, roughly 50 members of the Bethlehem Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BBORDC) arrived at the Aug. 27 town board meeting prepared to plead their case.

The grassroots group opposed to the U.S.A. Patriot Act is hopeful Bethlehem will join the ranks of roughly 150 other communities nationwide, including Schenectady and Albany, which have passed

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School's open: Drive with extra care

Police urge motorists to be on the lookout for children

By KRISTEN OLBY

Police are urging motorists to be extra careful on the roads this week as classes resume for children attending Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools. AAA Hudson Valley and Bethlehem police are reminding motorists to slow down and watch out for school-age pedestrians, especially in the early morning and afternoon hours.

"Many youngsters have trouble making accurate judgments about traffic speed and distance, so drivers have to be particularly aware," said Roger Dames, traffic safety coordinator for AAA Hudson Valley.



Bethlehem Police Lt. Thomas Heffernan, Greg Markel, Brianna Markel and Roger Dames of AAA Hudson Valley place a sticker on a police cruiser reminding drivers school's open.

One-fifth of all children 14 years of age and younger who die in motor vehicle crashes are pedestrians, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The majority of these pedestrian fatalities happen in the afternoon hours when school is letting out.

Failing to stop for a school bus when its red lights are activated is a traffic

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Old Songs to present concert at fairgrounds

Old Songs Concerts presents songs of the British Isles with John Roberts and Tony Barrand on Friday, Sept. 5, at 8 p.m. at the Old Songs Dutch Barn at the Altamont Fairgrounds.

Widely acclaimed for their lively and entertaining presentations of English folk songs, John Roberts and Tony Barrand have performed at major festivals, colleges, clubs and coffeehouses throughout the United States, Canada and their native Britain.

They sing the ballads and songs of the sea, of rural pursuits, of social and sociable situations and of industrial toil and strife. Their songs are punctuated with tales, monologues and tunes, giving a more complete appreciation of the wealth, diversity and vitality of the English folk tradition.

The duo's musical partnership was formed at Cornell University in 1968 and their public performances began the following year. Unaccompanied two-part singing has always been

a primary staple of their repertoire, and the stark harmonies of their well-balanced voices brought them quickly to the attention of the folk music community. They also draw upon a variety of instrumentation: Roberts is a leading exponent of both Anglo and English concertina, as well as being a fine banjo and guitar player; Barrand is a skilled percussionist, on drums, bones and spoons.

Roberts and Barrand will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of their partnership with this special career retrospective concert for Old Songs.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under and can be purchased at the door or by calling Old Songs.

For information and to purchase tickets, contact Old Songs at 765-2815 or visit www.oldsongs.org.

This program is made possible, in part, by funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

In the bag



Onesquethau Masonic Lodge member Cliff Thompson, left, his grandson Drew Fuller and Matthew Fuller and Bill Fuller do a little cleanup work on Kenwood Avenue.



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The course is designed to provide persons caring for a family member with Alzheimer's

disease or other forms of dementia with some of the skills necessary to cope with the various stages of the illness.

The program will give caregivers a degree of competence that should prove helpful in dealing with the stress factor that often accompanies his or her role

in dealing with a loved one afflicted with a long-term illness.

The program is sponsored by the Eddy Alzheimer's Services through Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center and is supported by a grant from Albany County.

For information, call Senior Services at 439-4955, ext. 4.



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If you are considering oral piercing (a tongue or lip ring), please think again. Side effects such as pain, swelling, infection, drooling, taste loss, scarring, chipped teeth and tooth loss, are all associated with oral piercing, and are the reason that most dentists are discouraging their patients from participating in this popular fad.

Dentists are learning that oral infections from piercing can lead to infections in other parts of the body. Your mouth harbors high levels of bacteria and with puncture, such as a piercing, the bacteria have an opportunity to enter the blood stream.

Although oral piercing is highly discouraged, realistically people are still drawn to the practice of piercing, and

some even consider it art. If you must pierce, be sure to follow safety measures. Keep your piercing clean. Rinse with an antiseptic mouthwash after every meal and brush the jewelry the same as you would your teeth. After the tongue has healed, take the piercing out every night and brush it. Consider removing the piercing before eating, strenuous activity and sleeping.

Listen to your dentist and the dangers associated with the practice. Watch for swelling in or around the piercing and contact your dentist immediately if such symptoms exist. If you have further questions about oral piercing ask your dentist and they will provide you with answers and literature for further research.

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Maikels faces Conners in Tuesday primary

By DEV TOBIN

Albany County Democrats will vote Tuesday on a race eight years in the making between county Comptroller Michael Conners of Menands and county Legislator Allen Maikels of Guiderland.

Eight years ago, the two interviewed with the county committee for the comptroller nomination, and Conners won the endorsement. Four years ago, Maikels considered a primary challenge but decided instead to run for the Legislature. He will be giving up his seat to make the comptroller's race.

This year, the primary is going to happen Tuesday and, whatever the result, both will be on the ballot in November — Conners has the Conservative line, and Maikels has the Independence and Working Families lines.

Both candidates have Albany Democratic politics in their blood — Conners is the son of the late longtime Assemblyman Dick Conners from North Albany, and Maikels' father Harry is a former city public works commissioner and longtime committeeman in the South End.

The race has been flying below the local media radar for months, as the county political news has been highlighted by successful challenges to the new legislative redistricting map. But the contest has been joined at the front doors of Democratic voters and with hundreds of lawn signs.

Conners said he has a solid record of saving county taxpayers money and would continue to work as "a fiscal watchdog and proven problem-solver in these challenging times."

Conners pointed to his intervention on a borrowing plan for major airport improvements that saved about \$35 million in interest costs.

"I looked at the original deal and found that it was good for the investment banks and bad for the county and the airport," Conners said.

Conners said he was also one of the first public officials to point out the fiscal improprieties at Capital Region OTB under its former leader Davis Etkin.

Conners has made a major issue out of his proposal for the county to bring Medicaid recipients into the county employees health insurance plan.

Conners noted that the county share of Medicaid has risen from \$18 million to \$50 million in the eight years he's been in office, at

the same time that the county property tax levy has stayed essentially the same at about \$42 million.

He estimated that his proposal could save the county \$8 million to \$10 million.

"We can get a federal waiver for a demonstration project" that would include a long-term care insurance program and an outreach program for visiting the medically frail and elderly, Conners said.

While many complain that the county should not be involved at all in funding a federal entitlement program, Conners said: "We have to look at alternatives, not just cost-shifting. The timing is good to talk about remedies."

On a political note, Conners admitted that he probably lost some Democratic support with his endorsement of Republican Gov. George Pataki last year.

"Some people will use my endorsement of Pataki as an excuse to support Allen," he said.

Maikels, a CPA with a practice in Colonie, said the chief auditor and accountant of a \$480 million entity like Albany County should have a professional financial background.

"I can run the office in a professional way, and it's not being run that way now," Maikels said. "The comptroller should be someone who the county executive, the Legislature and the public can trust with their books."

Maikels said that Conners, a former insurance agent, "does not understand the audit role of the office."

Maikels said Conners' audit of the county nursing home following well-publicized problems there was "more like a performance audit, walking around and bothering people. The report was gibberish."

Maikels said he plans, if elected, to bring another CPA into the office as first deputy.

"It's a small office, but somebody should be a CPA in there," he said. "I want to professionalize the office and get the politics out of it."

Conners' plan to reform Medicaid in the county is "too far-fetched" and another example that Conners does not understand the comptroller's role, Maikels said.

The county's health insurers "would not touch" a plan to add tens of thousands of low-income people to the county policy without "an incredible rate increase," Maikels said.

"To spend as much time as he spends on it is not practical," he added.

Maikels said Conners' endorsement of Pataki was a deal to ensure that Conners would not have a Republican challenger this year.

"And surprise, surprise, no GOP opponent," Maikels said.

He added that Pataki "cut education and health care" after being re-elected with Conners' help.

2 town pols seek line in primary

By KRISTEN OLBY

Enrolled Democratic and Independence party members will head to the polls for the Sept. 9 primary to determine which candidates receive the party's lines in the November election.

Two Bethlehem Independence Party members are seeking the party's line in the town board elections. Independence Party Chairman Timothy Gordon has already received the party's backing, along with Democratic town board incumbent Daniel Plummer. Cynthia Hill, a state committee member of the Independence Party for the last four years, is also seeking the party line.

Acting Bethlehem Town Justice Paul Dwyer will square off in the primary with Republican Thomas Marcelle for the Independence Party line in the town justice race. Marcelle is currently a town board member.

Dwyer was appointed to the town justice position by the town board when Theresa Egan resigned from the post to run for town supervisor. He has secured the Democratic Party line on the ballot, while Marcelle will appear on the Republican, Conservative and Working Families lines.

Polls are open from noon to 9 p.m.

Leaping lassies



Samantha DesMoines of Slingerlands competes in the Scottish Games last Saturday.

Jim Franco

Wetlands could snag building plan

By LINDA DeMATTIA

While the proposed \$93 million Bethlehem Central building project took on a bit more shape when concept drawings were posted along the walls of the

It is not migratory bird habitat; a biologist surveyed it for this type of habitat. The types of plants that everyone recognizes (as being wetland plants) were not there when this site was looked at in the winter.

Richard Peckham

meeting room at last week's school board meeting, an unexpected glitch also surfaced.

Part of the land on which the new elementary school will be located on Van Dyke Road has been discovered to be low-level, federally protected wetlands, architect Richard Peckham told the board.

"Water does not drain quickly off this site, so over the years, plants associated with wetland have grown up," he said. "It is not migratory bird habitat; a biologist surveyed it for this type of habitat. The types of plants that everyone recognizes (as being wetland plants) were not there when this site was looked at in the winter. We had to wait for them to come

up to make that determination."

While the presence of the wetlands will have no impact on the plan to construct the new school for 250 students, it may affect the district's ability to expand the building to serve a maximum of 500 students in the future, according to Superintendent Les Loomis.

"It came as a surprise to all of us that there were wetlands there," he said. "It looks like good, buildable land."

Peckham said that the only reason the Army Corps of Engineers may become involved is because the land drains into a tributary of the Phillipin Kill, which is a navigable waterway.

"The whole reason (for the wetlands act of 1977) was to ensure navigable waters," he said. "If (this land) didn't drain into the stream, even if it was wet, it would not be a wetland."

Board member Stuart Lyman questioned whether or not the drainage was natural or a result of a drainage system created by the neighboring farm. He asked Peckham to find out if that distinction would make a difference to how the area is designated and maintained.

"Do you have to let come up whatever grows there?" he questioned. "Do you have to maintain the area?"

Peckham said he would look into it and report back to the

board. Options for mitigating the area will also be developed.

In the public comment period, Norman Morand of Slingerlands had a number of questions related to the building project, especially why there were so many maintenance projects included and how the architects were chosen. Loomis explained the process that was involved in choosing the firm. Board member Lyman told Morand that large maintenance projects were routinely rolled into school bond issues to help offset the cost to local taxpayers.

"One of the reasons there are a lot of maintenance projects is because it is a change to get the state to help foot the bill," he said.

In related business, the board will hold a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as part of its regular meeting on Sept. 3 at 8 p.m. in the district offices. The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) requires all state and local municipalities to consider the environmental impact of proposed construction and expansion projects.

The 30-day public comment period on the DEIS began on Aug. 20, after the board made a positive declaration for the high school/bus garage site and new elementary school. A positive declaration means the projects could have a significant impact on the environment in terms of traffic, storm water, loss of open space, public water and sewer and potential impact on endangered species. Copies of the DEIS are available for review by the public at the district office and Bethlehem Public Library.

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Wrong back-to school outfit can cause tragedy

By DONNA J. BELL

At age 13, some decisions are momentous — like choosing an outfit to wear for the first day of school.

In September 1974, I was entering the eighth grade at Bethel Jr. High in Spanaway, Wash. I was new to the school, but having been an Army brat for my entire life that was nothing new.

My father had just retired from the Air Force after 25 years, and my mother — tired of the diminutive, sterility of base housing — wanted a home. She longed for a scrap of land to sow a garden that she could look at through lace curtains instead of stained, yellowing shades — a plot where she could plant perennials instead of annuals. She wanted stability, friends that you could keep for more than three years and the luxury of ordering address labels.

British by birth, she was born and raised on the same English gentleman's farm that her family had owned for generations. Her

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first overnight stay away from home was the day she married my father. While she tried hard to make every temporary settlement my father was transferred to a home, she now felt she deserved permanence.

Perhaps it was all those years of uncomfortably close quarters with no secrets and no privacy from neighbors that made her seek out a house that was so remote, the nearest grocery store was more than 10 miles away. The first day we moved into our house, just days before the start of school, she had my father hang a carved wooden sign on the porch that read "The Rioux Home, est. 1974."

So, while starting over was a state I was familiar with, I knew that this year would be different.

This year, I wouldn't be walking into a situation I would be leaving in less than three years — I was now going to be a permanent fixture. This time, I needed to be sure that my first impression was one that could carry me through until I graduated from high school.

My philosophy on the transient children of military men is that they adopt one of two personas when entering a new school. Either they learn to hate the entire experience, keep their head down and mouth clamped, soldiering through the days until dad receives his relocation papers or they walk into the classroom, often in the middle of the school year, throw their hands up in the air, grin and announce "I'm here. Let the party begin."

I chose the latter. I tried to be everything for everyone — for my fellow students, I was the fun girl, the one who organized events and clubs; for my teachers, I was the smart girl, with perfect As and a good attitude; and for my parents, I was the child you didn't have to worry about.

As for myself, I was an actress. I knew my part and how to play it, and it was a role I had become very comfortable with. But now I was worried. Would this production "play" in rural Washington, at a school nicknamed "cow-pie high?" Could I keep my character believable for the extended run of the show?

I had always been nervous on opening day, but this time I felt like I was moving from community theater to Broadway. Even in my early-teen years, I

knew that first impressions, especially in the dog-eat-dog world of junior high, were essential. And now there was a problem. The problem was my mother. My mother had always bought me a new outfit for the first day of school. It was a tradition. This year, she had selected a pair of pale gray polyester slacks, a white puffy-sleeved shirt and a long-sleeved light blue sweater with pearlescent buttons.

The horror of the outfit has only intensified with the passing years. The ensemble just screamed, "My mother, who, over the years had lost track of what is fashionable for kids to wear, picked these clothes out and is insisting I wear them."

I didn't say a word when she brought it home and had me try it on. "Oh," she breathed. "It is so cute."

I didn't tell her I had already selected the clothes I was going to wear on the all-important first day — bell-bottom jeans with butterfly appliques that I had painstakingly sewn in a pattern that swirled up one leg, and a gold and tan peasant blouse that sported a high collar edged in Victorian lace and angel sleeves that flowed out from the elbows. My 4-inch platform shoes completed the picture.

I knew that it was not worth the effort to even open my mouth to try to convince my mother that I already knew what I wanted — no, "needed" to wear, and the white shirt with the boarding school Peter Pan collar was not written into the script. It would

have entailed an entire hour of lecturing about how she grew up wearing French couture. Only an ungrateful child would turn her nose up at a mother with fashion in her blood.

Instead I smiled and let her measure, cut and hem the pants. I knew I was about to make the first real act of premeditated sneaky disobedience of my childhood. I don't think my mother or father would have even dreamed that I would, or could, go against their expressed wishes.

On the first day of school, I dressed in my gray and white outfit and tamed my waist-length, thick hair with spray to keep it fashionably flat. My father left for work at 5 a.m., and my mother would often come out to say "goodbye" as I ate breakfast, before she headed back to bed.

Our bucolic home meant I had to leave for the bus at 6:30 a.m. for an hour-long bus ride. After Mom wished me well, I quickly dashed back to my room, stuffed the offending duds into a bag (no backpacks in the '70s) and changed. On my way down the quarter-mile driveway I hid the bag in the woods.

The first schoolmate I met at the bus stop was Oscar. It was his first day at a new school, too. He was a year older and, although we didn't know it then, we would be bus stop buddies and confidants through high school.

"Groovy pants," he said. I sighed with relief. It was a good omen — perhaps the opening night critics would be kind.

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Experts continue study of old bones *Bethlehem Cares seeks walkers for fund-raiser*

By KRISTEN OLBY

A team of archaeologists will spend the next few days sifting through dirt, searching for additional remains at an Indian burial ground recently unearthed in Selkirk.

In mid-August, an excavation company working on Dinmore Road exposed the partial skeletons of two adults and five children, including an infant.

Cross Excavation had been hired by the town to dig a 3-foot trench for a new pipeline. Archaeologists believe the remains are those of Mahican Indians who inhabited the land around 1000 A.D.

A representative of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mahicans, based in Wisconsin, arrived at the site last week to oversee the work of archaeologists. The tribe will determine what should be done with the bones.

"We're doing an investigation of the site to assess the damage to the Indian cemetery," said Edward Kurtain, a Saratoga-based archaeologist leading a team of five others in the investigation.

The team is searching for additional bones and artifacts, which may have been considered

sacred items by the Indians, that will help archaeologist's better date the site. Clay pots created with raised bands in the Mahican's distinct cord-on-cord style have already been discovered.

"We want to make sure a person's bones are together when they're reburied," said Kurtain, who added the Mahicans have not yet determined if the bones should be reburied in the same place or moved to another location where they won't be disturbed.

In some cases, Native Americans may request a burial site, be repatriated or moved to a more discrete resting place, such as a reservation.

"The Mahicans want to consider what the potential is to disturb them" in the future, said Kurtain.

With the burial ground in close proximity to a town water treatment plant, the risk of exposing the bodies again in the future exists. Nine other bodies of Mahican's have been discovered on adjacent land near the most recently identified burial ground.

Archaeologists studied the property, known as the Goes Van Derzee Farm, over the course of four summers in the 1980s. All of the remains previously dis-

covered are still buried on the land. A metal fence now protects the exposed trench and town officials are periodically monitoring the site to ward off potential looters.

"The Indians would consider it a desecration if anybody dug anything up," said Kurtain, who added looting is common and happening every day at Indian burial grounds throughout the country.

"To them (Mahicans), it's a matter of caring for ancestors, and they take that responsibility seriously."

Bethlehem Cares seeks walkers for fund-raiser

Bethlehem Cares, a townwide walk team that will participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes, is looking for individuals and school, church, fraternal, youth and Scout groups to join their team.

All proceeds from the walk, scheduled Sept. 21 at Corporate Woods in Albany, will benefit diabetes research.

The first 175 people who register as members of Bethlehem Cares and turn in at

least \$25 for diabetes research will receive free team T-shirts. Free food and entertainment will be provided for all participants on the day of the walk.

To join the team, call 439-6894 or pre-register using walk brochures found in many Bethlehem area businesses.

If you are unable to participate but would like to make a donation, mail your check, made payable to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, to Bethlehem Cares at 65 Boylston Dr., Delmar 12054.

The Mahicans want to consider what the potential is to disturb them

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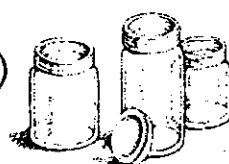
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Matters of Opinion

Back to school

Many parents will breathe a little bit easier this week when kids go back to school. The lazy days of summer are officially over.

For kids, it's the start of another year and a time to buckle down and attend to their responsibilities as students. Teachers and parents can do their best to serve as guides and supporters, but the onus is on the kids to do the work and get as much as they can out of every day's school experience.

School is more than trendy clothing and backpacks and more than an opportunity to socialize with friends. It is laying each individual's foundation for the future.

And the strength of that foundation is closely tied to children's attitudes about school and the work they do there. Like it or not, school is a roadmap for the future and adulthood. Children who shirk their responsibilities now will likely follow suit later on.

The cost and competition to get into college are daunting, and puts an even greater burden on kids to develop a résumé and a pattern of learning early on.

Even very young children benefit from establishing a pattern and routine toward their studies. Children also have a responsibility to their peers, and this means behaving as a good citizen at school and on the way to and from school — be it on foot, on the bus or on the playing fields.

Parents should help with, but not do their children's homework. Parents too should stay abreast of what's going on in school and keep an open line of communication with teachers, especially when something goes wrong.

Nipping a small problem in the bud is much easier than unraveling a serious problem that goes unchecked for months.

Teachers appreciate parents who take an active interest in their children's education and are usually willing to work out problems that occur in school.

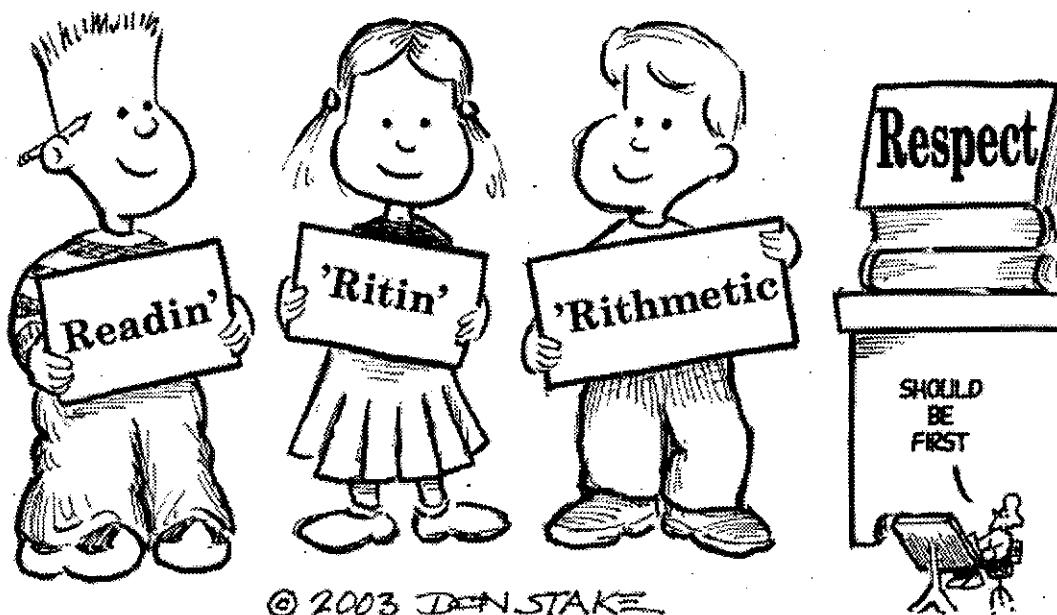
Education is, after all, a cooperative effort, and the pressures on school districts from shrinking state aid and more state mandates tend to make it harder and harder to do more with less.

In essence, all the principal stakeholders in education — students, teachers and parents — must work together to make this year a productive exercise in learning.

We wish all returning students a happy and successful 2003-04 school year.

Editorials

The All-important Fourth "R"



Keep junk food out of our schools

By DONNA J. BELL

The writer is editor of Capital District Parent Pages.

The last week has been spent doing the final chores to get my three children ready the first day of school.

Now that the school supplies are in backpacks and clothes shopping is over for now, I turned my attention to purchasing lunch food. It seems to be a never-ending struggle to pack lunches that are healthy and nutritious and will be eaten.

It has never been more important, with all the publicity about overweight kids in the United States, to make sure that I limit the "junk" to a minimum.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control has reported that an estimated 15 percent of children and adolescents age 6 to 19 are overweight, and that percentage is growing. Today there are nearly twice as many overweight children and almost three times as many overweight adolescents as there were in 1980.

So I pack carrot sticks with fat-free dip, cut up apples and

Point of View

sprinkle them with lemon juice so they look appealing, make homemade banana muffins using applesauce instead of butter, pass over the processed lunch meats in favor of lean turkey slices and substitute mustard for mayo. I'm sure there are many other parents who are doing the same.

Imagine my surprise when I learned, halfway through the year, that at the end of lunch at my children's elementary school they bring out the "snack cart."

"What does the snack cart hold?" I asked. "Doritos, ice cream bars, chips, that kind of thing," my kids said.

"No fruit?" I ask.

"Oh yeah," they said. "A basket of apples."

"Does anyone buy the apples?" I ask.

They laugh. I know in my heart that kids don't get fat eating a snack bag of chips, but it does bother me that they have the opportunity to take a look at the banana a parent packed and toss it in the garbage in favor of an ice cream bar that they can buy for 60 cents.

It seems like this argument has been kicking around in the media for a while — but why aren't there healthy alternatives to high-fat, high-sugar snacks that schools can serve?

I asked my kids what they would eat from a snack cart that they thought was healthy.

Cold low-fat yogurt, sliced pineapple, fruit salad, carrots and dip were some of the answers they gave. We talked a little about lunch and the alternatives that were offered.

"Do they ever serve salad?" I asked, knowing that about once a week our family had a salad meal, which the kids were slowly beginning to like.

"Yes, but it tastes funny and it's limp," was the answer.

I know there is nothing I like better than crisp lettuce, so I'm sure I have passed some of that

pickiness on to them.

"Is there a vegetable you like they serve at lunch?" I asked.

"Yeah, corn, it's all buttery," was the response.

I know that parents like to think that schools have no say in what is served in schools, but that's not always true. Many schools have a la carte items, and kids can choose pizza or tacos instead of the regular school lunch. Nine out of 10 U.S. schools offer a la carte items, which do not have to meet the U.S. government's nutritional recommendations, according to the Department of Agriculture.

So, why serve pizza and tacos? Will kids go hungry rather than eating the more balanced school lunch? It seems the motive is profit for revenue-squeezed school districts. The USDA says average a la carte program sales generated \$913 per year per 1,000 students in the 1998-99 school year.

In July, the University of Minnesota published a study it had done on the eating habits of middle schoolers. Among many disturbing facts, it noted that the more vending machines that are available, the more kids will load up on high-fat snacks and sugary sodas instead of the recommended five fruits and vegetables. Nearly 75 percent of middle schools and 98 percent of high schools have vending machines with unhealthy snacks, the CDC said.

It hasn't changed since I was in high school 25 years ago, when we used to laugh that our "breakfast of champions" was a bag of Doritos and a Coke. I remember one day, Mr. Bannister, the English teacher who was known to do crazy things, cut the cords on the snack machines that were conveniently located in the student lobby.

At the time, I wondered who the heck he thought he was; now I'm wishing my middle school son had a teacher who shared the same conviction. Do school districts and administrators have time to worry about vending machines? Whose job is it?

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Matters of Opinion

Parents, the PTA? The CDC, the USDA? It does seem that everyone is concerned, but no one is in charge.

Some government official somewhere will think that the answer is a brochure that tells kids how to monitor themselves. President Bush has already burdened the educational system with his laborious "No Child Left Behind Act," perhaps he could spend some of the money set aside for that program to see that "No child is left behind in gym class because the junk food he ate from vending machines in his school put 5 extra pounds on him."

I do know that when my kids are hungry and have unlimited choices, nine times out of 10 they will choose the "junk" over the

nutritious food. But when they beg for a snack and I limit their choices by saying, "Yes, if you choose a healthy one," they eagerly reach for an apple or a banana. Can't we make those options available in the schools?

If kids are thirsty, can't they drink bottled water rather than caffeinated sugar, or 100 percent corn-syrup flavored water that passes for "fruit juice," over even the 2 percent high-fat milk flavored with chocolate?

I know there are vending machines that hold fruit, fruit cups or yogurt. Why can't those take the place of chips and candy? Is it too hard to make a profit from those higher cost items? And in the end, is the pittance the school districts make from selling our kids health away really worth it?

Guilderhaven thanks community for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is a quotation concerning the greatness of a nation (and its people) and how that is measured by its treatment of the most vulnerable in its society.

Those who choose to work in the field of animal welfare sincerely believe this.

At the quilt raffle on June 21 and pet food drive July 27 to Aug. 2, both at SuperValu Foods in Voorheesville, Guilderhaven experienced first hand the caring and compassion of this community in the way it supported our fund-raiser.

Our nation is a great one with adequate resources to support all

those in our society in need of special care and attention.

Guilderhaven will continue its work knowing it has the support of this wonderful community.

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Drivers should use roads more traveled

Editor, The Spotlight:

On any given day, the back roads of Upper Font Grove and Font Grove out to Krumkill Road provide vehicles access to more populated areas.

Along these narrow roads, joggers, bicyclists and walkers also exercise and school buses stop, and dozens of cars pull out of hidden driveways.

Deer and turkey families cross in spots unfamiliar to regulars. While many yellow signs alert drivers to the twists and blind curves on these same given days, large vehicles drive left of center, take wide turns and drive at perilous speeds.

Often, my dog and I have chased off deer moments before a SUV has come heedlessly around a sharp corner.

Serious accidents have happened along these roads and seem destined to keep occurring as long as drivers use these routes for quick arrivals instead of for the quieter, older and scenery-dense routes they are.

Diane Stevens
Slingerlands

Thanks to everyone for supporting fair

Editor, The Spotlight:

Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2 would like to thank the community for coming out and supporting us at our 47th annual Firemen's Fair and Flea Market.

Despite one rainy night, we had one of the most successful fairs in our history.

The fair has become a time-honored tradition in our town, and

we enjoy being able to put it on for everyone to enjoy.

We would also like to especially thank those individuals who pitched in and donated their valuable time to help put the fair together this year.

See you all at next year's fair.

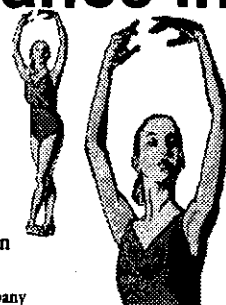
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Matters of Opinion

Poles will still be an eyesore

Editor, The Spotlight:

In a few weeks, the paving at the intersection of Delaware and Kenwood avenues will be completed, and our community will be treated to a refurbished Four Corners complete with a pocket park and a town clock — that is if you can see behind the forest of poles.

Currently on that specific corner in close proximity to each other are three wooden utility

poles, an aluminum traffic light pole and, of course, the newly installed, and quite attractive, period street lamps.

Curious, I called and spoke to representatives of Niagara Mohawk and the state Department of Transportation and asked if the wooden poles were to be replaced or removed.

I was informed that only the one wooden pole supporting the goose-neck street lamp would be

removed. The remaining poles are privately owned and used by other utility companies (Verizon, Time Warner, etc) and will remain where they are, complete with transformers.

I inquired as to why the lines could not be re-routed to a less visible location or behind existing buildings? Alternately I suggested (master designer that I am) that they consolidate their needs on one pole and surround that and the aluminum traffic light pole with a pre-fabricated black fluted facing to better blend with the new period street lamps. I am pretty sure such technology exists.

Bottom line — there are no funds available. I am sure the improvements will be attractive, and in time we will get used to the plethora of posts, poles, transformers and wires.

But wouldn't it have looked better without them?

Richard Harte
Elsmere

Preserving BC tax base is critical for future

Editor, The Spotlight:

With a new school year beginning, I believe it is critical to preserve the tax base that finances the high quality education we enjoy in the Bethlehem Central School District (BCSD).

According to Les Loomis, BC superintendent, throughout much of the 1980s, the district ranked highest of the 12 Suburban Council schools (schools comparable to BCSD in the Capital District) in tax base per student.

In the 1990s, BC fell to fourth, and now is fifth. As a town, we need to address this slippage, which has primarily been a result of substantial residential development and the lack of appropriate commercial development.

According to BCSD Assistant Superintendent Stephen O'Shea, a newly constructed home in the district must be assessed at \$340,000 or more to pay for one new BCSD student.

However, much of the newly-constructed single-family homes are valued in the \$275,000-\$300,000 range, according to the town assessor's office, producing an estimated annual revenue loss to BCSD of about \$1,500 per new home annually.

If we keep building these houses in Bethlehem, BCSD will either have to increase the school tax rate or risk a decline in the high quality of our schools.

So what do we do? In the short term, the school district proposes a \$90 million bond issue to raise funds for enhancements to BCSD

infrastructure, scheduled for a vote Nov. 18. In the long term, one possible solution is to protect open space.

Protected open space has been shown to enhance property values of adjacent and nearby lands.

Privately-owned open space can help reduce the growth in cost of municipal and school district services, because farm and open space lands contribute more in tax revenues than they require in services.

Finally, a high quality environment has been shown to attract high quality industry and businesses to communities.

Another possibility is to actively attract appropriate commercial development, which can effectively broaden the tax base, thereby reducing the burden on individual taxpayers without compromising the town's quality of life.

To learn more, I urge everyone to attend an informational forum, featuring Les Loomis, who will be speaking on the effects of development and growth on the school district, on Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the school district offices, 90 Adams Place.

The event is sponsored by Bethlehem Tomorrow, a non-partisan citizens' group concerned about the challenges related to Bethlehem's growth. For information, please email bethlehemt看morrow@hotmail.com.

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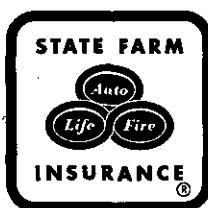


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Matters of Opinion

Divorce creates serious problems

Editor, The Spotlight:

Currently, between two-thirds and three-fourths of all divorces and intimate partner breakups are initiated by the woman.

Feminism was originally and rightfully a movement for equality between men and women. Feminism has accomplished most of its original goals and now seems to be more concerned with gender privilege, entitlement, claimed victimhood status and empowerment than to stability in family life.

Children are primary stakeholders in their parents' marriage and are extremely impacted by divorce. The emotional and economic loss sustained by a family and society during divorce is almost incalculable. Contrary to popular myth, most separations and divorces do not occur as the result of domestic violence/abuse but rather are the result of slow "withering away" of "love and companionship bonds" between a man and a woman.

Parents who abandon marriage without strong reason are doing their children and ultimately themselves a great disservice.

Marriage requires work, personal sacrifice and a dependence forged optimally via a mature, inter-dependent adult partnership. This union cannot flourish along with a personal gender-based philosophy of total independence.

Marriage has survived for thousands of years and is still on average, the most stable and secure place for women, men and for children to be nurtured and raised. The much heralded rise in number of single parent households to the level of a new family model in America has been a failed social experiment, ideology, politics and philosophy of gender feminism inimical to the values of traditional family life.

George Courtney III

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Pop Warner says thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Pop Warner would like to thank Marv and his staff at Del Lanes for hosting the Pop Warner annual Bowlathon on Aug. 23.

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Bethlehem Pop Warner would also like to thank Bruegger's Bagels in Elmsmere, McDonald's in Elmsmere and Dunkin' Donuts on Madison Avenue and Lark Street in Albany for food and refreshments.

Joe Bonacci
BPW president

Photo shop moves to G'mont center

Editor, The Spotlight:

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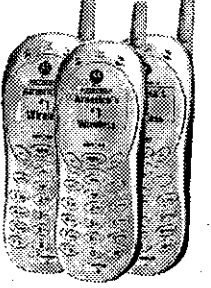
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St. Matthew's Church is sponsoring a St. Peter's Hospital blood drive on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Your donation goes directly to patients at St. Peter's Hospital.

For information, call the parish office at 765-2805.

Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby at the church.

Preschool has openings

The preschool at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville still has openings available for the 2003-04 school year.

Your child must be 4-years-old by Dec. 1. For information, call 765-2951 or 765-2547.

Family concert set at Wallace Park

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hold a family concert featuring live music by ARC on Friday, Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m.

A new Voorheesville band, Turnpike, will play during intermission. There will be hot dogs and beverages available.

For information, call 478-0846.

School board to meet

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the elementary school.

Friends of Library to meet

Friends of the Library will hold

its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library.

All are welcome to attend.

Formation registrations due at St. Matthew's

You may register your child for 2003-04 at the Faith Formation Office at St. Matthew's Church Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

For information, call Suzanne Schultz at 765-2373.

Friends of Library plans New York City trips

Voorheesville Friends of the Library will be sponsoring two different trips to New York City.

The first trip will be on Saturday, Oct. 11, going to the Bronx Zoo or next door to the Botanical Gardens.

The second trip will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, and you may choose your own itinerary.

Participants will be dropped off at Rockefeller Center.

The cost for each trip is \$25 for Friends members and \$30 for nonmembers.

Payment is due at signup at the circulation desk. The price does not include meals or admissions, and space is limited.

For times and information, call 765-2791 or e-mail voorefq@uhs.lib.ny.us.

Library returns to regular hours

Voorheesville Public Library will resume its regular weekend hours after the Labor Day holiday. Weekend hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Fall story time hours will begin on Monday, Sept. 8, and no registration is necessary.

For information on story times, call the library at 765-2791.

Help is available for college applicants

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Voorheesville Public Library



You can also sign up now for either or both fall bus trip sponsored by Friends of the Library.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, we'll be traveling to the Bronx Zoo and/or Botanical Gardens. On Saturday, Dec. 6, you can choose your own itinerary for a day in New York City when the tour bus leaves you at Rockefeller Center. The cost for each trip is \$25 for

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The library is seeking candidates for its board of trustees due to the resignation of Ann Gainer. Anyone over the age of 18 who lives in the Voorheesville Central School District is eligible to apply. Send a letter of interest, including a resume or description of the qualifications to Jim Reilly, president, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville 12186. Applications received before Sept. 12 will receive full consideration.

Sign up for library programs by calling 765-2791 or e-mail voorefq@uhs.lib.ny.us. Visit the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Fall story times begin Sept. 8. Adult book discussion meets Sept. 10.

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Hawk programs slated at park overlook

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On Saturday, Sept. 13, at 1 p.m.

falconer Jim Webber will give a live hawk presentation at the overlook.

The program will also feature bird and raptor carvings and instruction by local woodworkers and a display of photographs and other educational material relating to raptors and migration. Hand-designed and painted hawk migration T-shirts will be available for purchase. Experts will be on hand to spot and identify hawks, and binoculars will be available for loan. In case of inclement weather, activities and presentations will be held on Sept. 14.

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Undercurrents of the Capital District

Grant's final retreat

By KRISTEN O'BY

High atop Mt. McGregor, just a few miles north of Saratoga Springs, a small, remote cottage holds a legacy that has earned it a place in presidential history.

Known simply as Grant Cottage, the house sits in a peculiar position — just feet from a minimum security prison. In the late 1300s, Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility was a luxurious resort where tourists vacationed. Today, inmates and metal fences abound, yet visitors travel up the mountainside to see where a former president and celebrated

war general spent his final days.

In the summer of 1885, President Ulysses S. Grant, was frail, sickly and on the brink of death. At the age of 63, Grant was succumbing to throat cancer and on the advice of his doctors, fled New York City for the clear Adirondack air. That July, a train brought Grant and his family up the mountainside to the quaint cottage, where they would spend the next six weeks. The 18th president of the United States and the general who

tenaciously commanded the Union army during the Civil War sought a peaceful retreat to spend his final days.

Grant's illness was compounded by the fact that he was facing financial disaster after a business deal gone bad. He spent his time at the retreat racing to finish penning his memoirs — the publishing royalties would provide financial security for his impoverished family. The tranquility of the mountain proved to be an ideal writing spot.

"He sat on the porch, and he liked to have his grandchildren running around. He liked to read his morning paper, and he worked on his memoirs while sitting on the corner. That was his very favorite place to be," relays site interpreter Bonnie Ellsworth as she leads a small group of tourists across the veranda on a steamy summer afternoon.

Weeks later, and just three days after

finishing his final page, Grant passed away inside the secluded cottage, with his family surrounding him. More than 100 years later, the home and its furnishings have survived the ravages of time, giving visitors an authentic peak into the Victorian world.

"The room is still set-up just like it was when the Grants were here; everything that you see here is original," explained Ellsworth.

Grant's personal items including his toothbrush, chair, bed and nightclothes remain where the general left them. The living room mantle clock no longer ticks but sits frozen at 8:08 a.m. Grant's eldest son Frederick reportedly stopped the hands moments after his father passed away on July 23. Flower arrangements sent to the cottage for Grant's funeral remain on display in the formal dining room 118 years later.

Visitors can still make the trip to the mountain's scenic eastern overlook, just as Grant did, where the vista provides a breathtaking view of the upper Hudson and lower Champlain valleys. In the distance, the peaks of the Green Mountains, Berkshires and Taconic Hills can be seen, along with the site where the Battles of Saratoga were fought.

A small monument on the grassy overlook marks where Grant's wooden bath cart was last parked, allowing him to view the vista the day before he died.

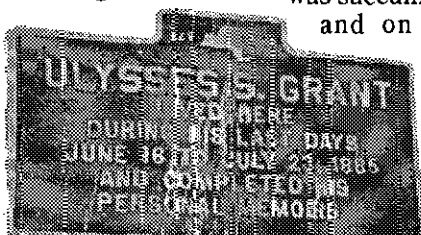
The cottage's original owner, Joseph Drexel, preserved its contents by sealing up the home shortly after Grant's family departed for New York City, where his body was buried. After Drexel's death, The Grand Army of the Republic acquired the home and reopened it as a museum in 1890. The state of New York came to own it years later, but the recession of the 1980s threatened the cottage's future, nearly forcing it to close. The nonprofit group Friends of Grant Cottage was formed to save the home. Today, the organization continues to operate the museum in conjunction with the state.

Early next year, a fund-raising campaign will be launched to renovate a portion of the cottage and open a separate gift shop. A small office used by Grant will

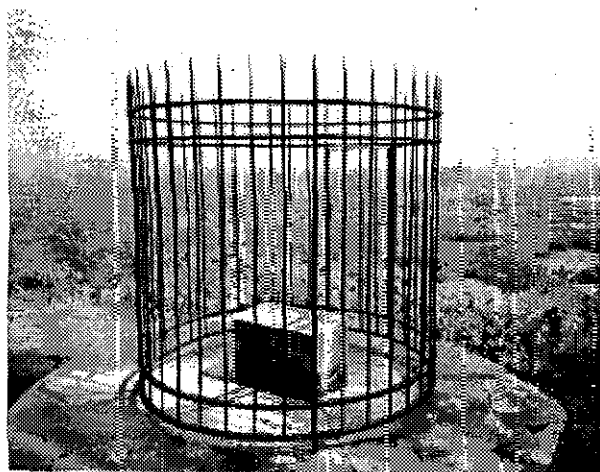
be refurbished with period furnishings, similar to its original state.

"It was an office where the editing was done. Grant's son would go over what he had prepared for the publisher," said cottage Director Beverly Clark.

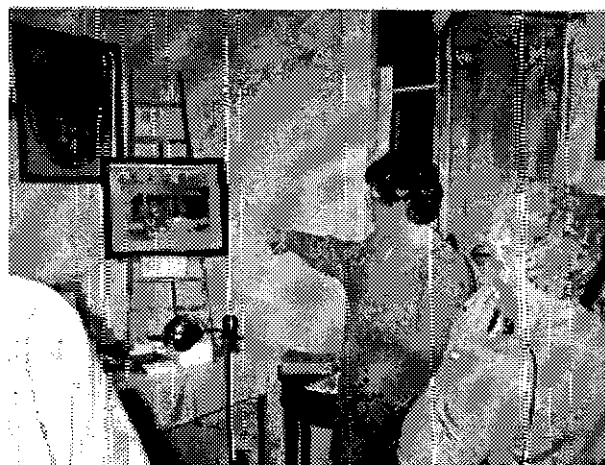
The room is now being utilized as a makeshift gift shop. A four-car garage, just down the road from the cottage, will be renovated into an expanded gift shop with room for displays documenting Grant's



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(Top) A memorial marks where Grant last viewed the eastern overlook the day before he died. (Bottom) The bed where Grant passed away remains in the living room. Photo courtesy of Grant Cottage.



(Top) Site interpreter Bonnie Ellsworth shows visitors a family portrait taken of the Grants on the cottage's veranda.

(Bottom) A leather chair, one of the few items brought to the cottage by the Grants, remains in the "Sick Room". Grant often worked on his memoirs while sitting in the chair.

life. Clark and fellow Grant enthusiasts believe the cottage provides a unique glimpse back in time and it should be preserved for years to come.

"To have something original that we can look at is important. It brings us back to that time and makes us reflect on that period," said Clark. "It makes us think about Grant and the presidency, the Civil War and how people's lives can change so much."

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Sports

Football teams rebuild for upcoming season

By ROB JONAS

Head coach **Ron Smith** is hoping his second year at the helm of the Bethlehem football team goes better than his first year.

After graduating nearly everyone from the 2001 Section II, Class AA championship team, the Eagles fell to last place in the Suburban Council Blue Division last season. Now with an influx of juniors from a 6-3 junior varsity squad, Smith said he is hopeful for a turnaround in 2003.

"I'm really excited about the combination of our junior class with our seniors," Smith said.

Bethlehem has some veterans returning from last year's team, including quarterback **Tim Hannigan** and running back **Ryan Eder**.

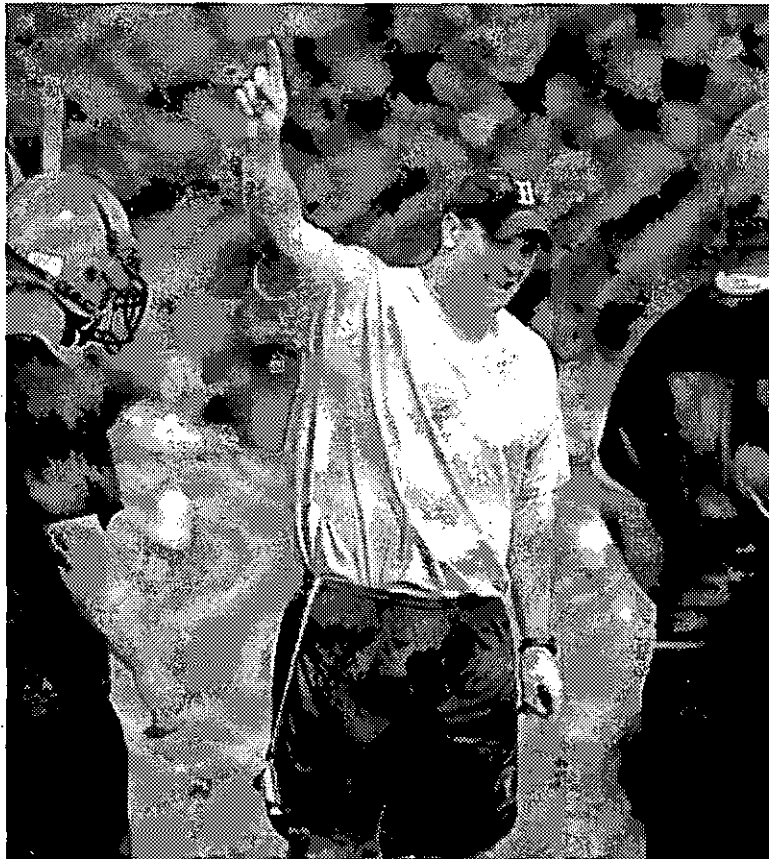
"He came on toward the end of last year and rushed for over 100 yards against Saratoga," Smith said of Eder.

Though Eder will carry the ball often for the Eagles, Smith said that fans should expect his team to go to the air more this season than last season.

"A new offense has been put in this spring that the coaches are excited about," Smith said.

Other returning starters include offensive tackle **Chad Languish**, offensive guard/middle linebacker **Quinn Wilson** and tight end **Will Ryan**.

The schedule tests Bethlehem right away, as the Eagles host defending Sectional champion Shenendehowa Friday night.



Bethlehem defensive coordinator Rich Gray instructs his players during last Friday's varsity practice.

Rob Jonas

"Our schedule is what we are, and we can't worry about who we play," Smith said.

Indians debut new line

At Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, head coach **Gary VanDerzee** is hoping a young offensive line and a sophomore quarterback will gel quickly with the 10 returning players from last year's team.

"They're looking good right now," VanDerzee said of his new starting linemen, which include

Herb Tompkins, Shane Ecklund, Jeff Correll, Josiah Quinn and Miles DeBacco. "It's just a matter of getting them some outside competition and see how they do."

Sophomore **Tim Jordan** takes over the signal calling duties from **C.J. Haslam**, who moves from quarterback to tailback this season.

"(Jordan is) a very physically talented young man — runs well, throws well," VanDerzee said.

Haslam will split running duties with veteran fullback **John Dibble** and newcomer **Ryan Cross.** **Greg Deluca, Larry LaMountain and Eric Vasquez** give the Indians speed at the receiver position.

VanDerzee said he expects his team to battle for the title in the Capital Conference's large school division — a group that includes defending Class B champion Lansingburgh, Hudson and Albany Academy, which returns to Section II after several years of playing in a prep league.

"It's a balanced division," VanDerzee said. "We expect to be in the thick of things."

The Indians open their season Friday night at home against Lansingburgh.

Next generation at Voorheesville

In Voorheesville, the Blackbirds are rebuilding after reaching the playoffs last year.

"We pretty much graduated everybody," head coach **Joe Sapienza** said. "We basically have one returning starter. We have a

decent amount of experience (with 11 returning players)."

Three names will sound familiar to Blackbird fans. **Andy Catellier** takes over as the starting quarterback for his brother **Frank**, who graduated, while **Kris Hauser** (brother of **Tim Hauser**) and **Terry Devine** (brother of **Sean Devine**) share the tailback position. Fullback **Scott Brunt** will give Voorheesville extra punch in the backfield.

"Brunt is a 240-pounder who's agile, so we feel we have the ability to pound the ball and wear people down," Sapienza said. "And with Hauser and Devine, we have two fast kids."

The Blackbirds are also deep at wide receiver with **David Berger, Matt Nagy, Hale Osterhout, Chris Nelson** and **Mike Ashline** all likely to see playing time.

"Probably our biggest strength is our receiver position. We have five or six kids who are quality receivers," Sapienza said.

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Abba steps down as boys hoop coach

By ROB JONAS

Saying that he felt it was just the right time to do it, **Chuck Abba** has decided to step down as the head coach of the Bethlehem varsity boys basketball team.

"Just a gut feeling — just felt it was time," Abba said. "We go through a process with all of the coaches at the end of May or June where we ask if they want to come back, and that's when I decided I wasn't coming back."

Abba — who is staying at the high school as a teacher and athletic director — has recommended junior varsity coach **Jeremy Klugman** to replace him as the varsity boys basketball coach. The school board will vote on the appointment in two weeks.

"He's coached our junior varsity team for the last five years, and he coached the freshman team for one year before that," Abba said of Klugman, who has

also coached basketball at Cossackie-Athens High School. "He brings a lot of good experience to that position."

Abba's coaching career spanned three decades and four schools, including a nine-year stint at Bethlehem and five years at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"This isn't something where I decided all of a sudden" to stop coaching, Abba said. "It was a difficult decision. I've been involved in basketball since sixth grade."

Abba still has a hectic schedule ahead of him at Bethlehem.

"Being the athletic director is a time-consuming job, and I'm going to keep doing that," he said. "I also still teach two periods a day, so I'm going to be busy."

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Area students win national medals

Fourteen students from the towns of Delmar, Colonie and Clifton Park competed for the U.S. Budokai Karate School at the Amateur Athletic Union's National Karate Championships July 2-5 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The students — ranging in age from 9 to 13 — competed in kata (form), kumite (sparring) and long and short weapons events both individually and as part of three-person teams. Two of the four volunteer coaches accompanying the students also competed in the adult division. Together, they finished with three gold medals, eight silver medals and 12 bronze medals.

"I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of kids and parents," lead coach **Shihan Dai Susan Warzek** said. "Their individual dedication and continued growth throughout the season, culminating at the 2003 national championships, demonstrate the true heart of the martial artist. I couldn't be more proud of the accomplishment of the

entire team."

The competitors were as follows:

DeVante Robinson — 9-year-old division, bronze medal in kata, and competed in kumite and long weapon;

Steven Chrzan — 9-year-old division, competed in kata and kumite;

Mikey Yee — 10-year-old division, competed in kata and kumite;

Keaton Flint — 10-year-old division, sixth place in kata, fourth place in long weapon, bronze medal in kumite, silver in team kata and bronze in team kobudo;

Krissy Yee — 11-year-old division, fourth place in kata and bronze medal in kumite;

Lisa Bodah — 11-year-old division, gold medal in kata, silver medal in team kata and bronze medal in kumite;

Nikki Takemori — 11-year-old division, gold medals in long and short weapons, silver medals in kata and kumite, bronze medal in team kobudo and fifth place in team kata;

Kellie Carpenter — 12-year-old division, silver medal in kumite, fifth place in long weapon and team kata and sixth place in kata;

Jordan Lavelle — 12-year-old division, silver medals in kata and team kata, bronze medals in

kumite and team kobudo and fourth place in long weapon;

Michael Amico — 12-year-old division, fifth place in long weapon and team kata, and also competed in kata, kumite and short weapon;

Devlyn Tedesco — 13-year-old division, bronze medal in kata;

Danielle Tremblay — 13-year-old division, competed in kata and kumite;

Andy Laswell — 13-year-old division, bronze medal in kumite and sixth place in kata;

Tyler Murphy — 13-year-old division, sixth place in long weapon, and also competed in kata and kumite;

Kyle Fenton — 19-and-older division, silver medal in open kumite, bronze medal in kilo kumite, eighth place in long weapon and also competed in kata;

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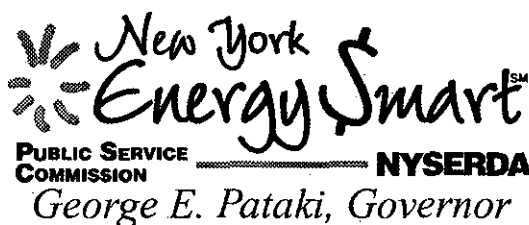
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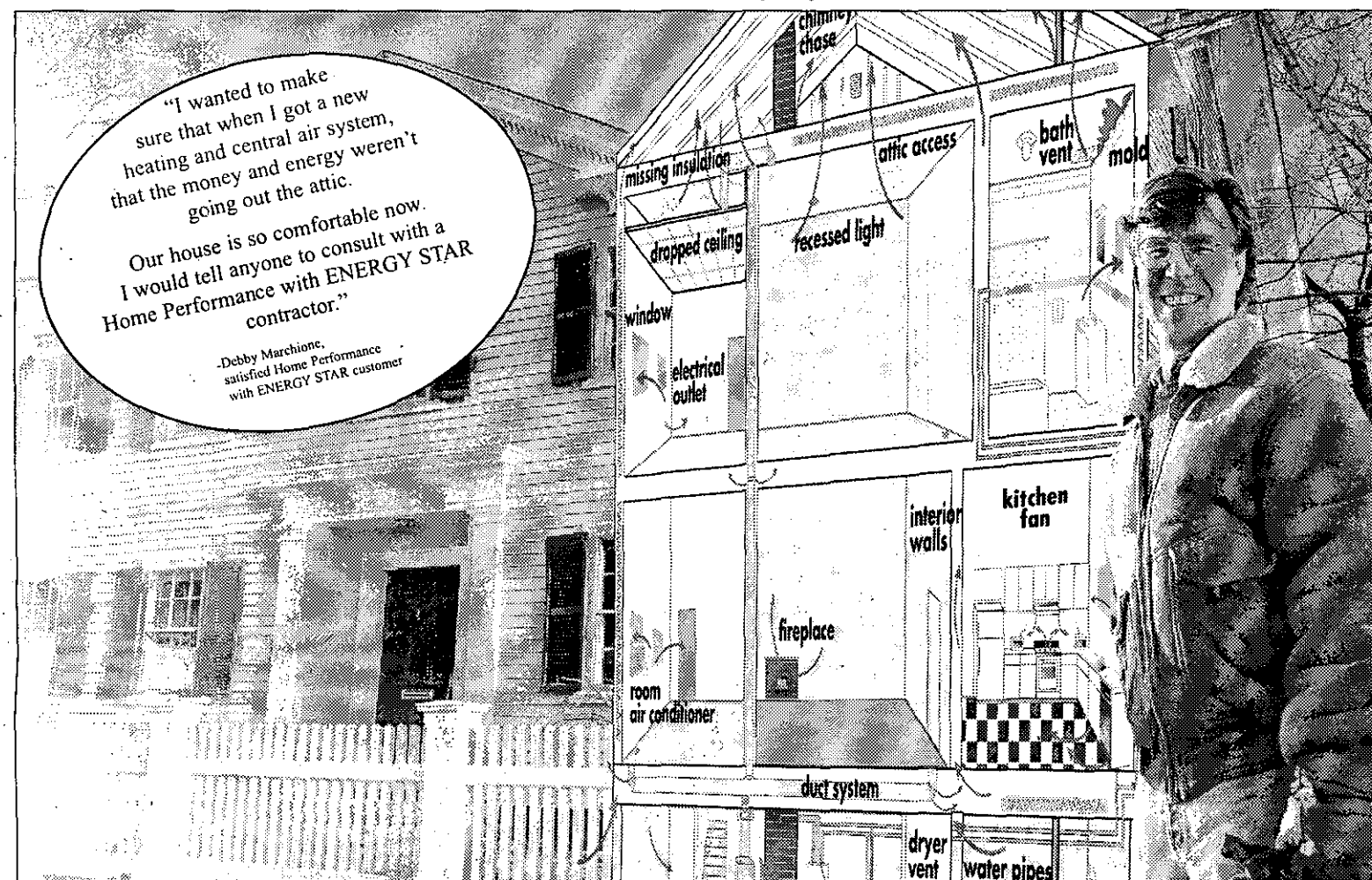
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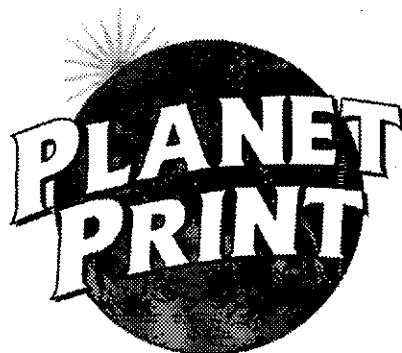
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Difficult mother-in-law makes home really sweet

By LYNN ROTHENBERG

I never felt disappointed that my mother-in-law lived 7,000 miles away. By the time she lived 10,000 miles away, she was no longer my mother-in-law, just my ex-husband's mother.

When we lived in San Francisco, I looked forward to our visits to Sydney, Australia, with a mixture of excitement and dread. Excitement at the thought of seeing good friends in a country I had grown to love, and dread at the thought of spending time with a woman whose attention to her personal grooming and style prevented her from seeing beyond her manicured fingernails.

But I always arrived with the same sense of hope that perhaps this visit Mimi and I would be able to bond, thus I lived up to my well-earned title of Most Gullible in my high school senior class.

As we drove home from the airport in 1984 with our son, David, then 2, her personality filled the car and showered us with the customary egoistic litany.

"I hope you don't expect me to baby-sit," she told us in her Viennese accent as we sat stupefied from the 18-hour flight. "I take sleeping pills, and once I'm asleep I don't hear a thing."

I began to regret buying her the beautiful burnished orange leather address book, which was sitting inside my suitcase. I considered keeping it a secret.

Once in her home, she led us into the kitchen and opened the refrigerator door to shelves that held scant essentials.

"I don't know what you eat, so I didn't buy anything," she said waving her arms in helpless gestures to show she was at a total loss. "You can buy what you like. I don't have any idea of what David likes to eat."

I wanted to say, "We eat food, that's what we eat. What do you think we eat?"

But I silently stood, staring into the barren fridge.

Then, as I recall, David became

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very cranky, probably hungry, and Steve, my then-husband, went grocery shopping on the first day of our three-week visit to Sydney.

Several days later, we located a babysitter, an elderly woman who lived nearby. In the evening, when we were ready to go out, she stood in the living room with David while Mimi was in her bedroom.

"Your mother is in the house?" she asked Steve, confused.

He explained that, yes, his mother would be home, but we still needed a baby-sitter.

It was that evening that I began to feel a sharp tightening under my right shoulder blade.

We visited Steve's brother Herb and his wife Maida for an afternoon, which was an oasis after the hostile environment of Mimi's home, where any time spent in the bathroom was always too much time as she would say through the door, "I need to get in there."

When we arrived at Herb and Maida's, they told us they had this dog, Spot, they had rescued and was a "bit nervous."

"He doesn't bite or anything, does he?" I asked, as I felt a bit nervous myself.

"Oh, noooo!" Maida said. "He doesn't bite, but just ignore him when you go outside."

So, I opened the back door and assiduously averted my eyes from Spot's direction, when he came directly up to me and sank his nervous teeth into my calf.

At the hospital, they gave me a tetanus shot, and I lay on the hospital bed amazed at how painful a dog bite is.

The spasm in my shoulder blade had traveled to my neck, which made it difficult to move

my head.

When we went to a friend's house for dinner, I had a slight limp and an immobile head.

One of the guests was an acupuncturist who assured me he could help me out as he had conveniently brought along his needles. I had heard of acupuncture and how the needles were so fine they could fit in a hair follicle, so I consented.

After dinner, I sat in a chair as he inserted one of the needles into my wrist and I discovered the fable of the fine needle. Another needle in the other wrist and I said, "Why are the needles so big? I thought they were supposed to be really thin. I think I'm going to faint."

"No problem," he told me as he inserted another lance above my lip to prevent a blackout, he said.

When I came to, I was in my seat in the airplane, staring into the face of a Qantas flight attendant with a concerned look on his face. He rapidly pulled out the needles and once again became Michael, the acupuncturist, and I was in the

living room of my friend's home.

Slowly the scene came into focus, and I saw my husband being led out of the room, sick, because apparently I blanched so severely he couldn't take it. Overall, the treatment was not very effective.

The next day, I came down with a cold that became laryngitis. Steve told me he had to fly to Canberra on business and I squeaked, "I'm not staying here with your mother!"

I packed up the diapers, David, my suitcase and spent the next few days at a friend's house.

The first night there, I was awakened many times during the

night as David moved around in his portable bed set up inches from me. Karin, my friend, had wrapped his mattress in a garbage bag in case he leaked during the night.

All night long, I heard, "rustle, rustle, rustle" next to my face. When the bed wasn't rustling, Karin's son woke screaming because, she told me the next day, "He has night terrors."

After three long weeks in Sydney, I walked through our front door in Menlo Park and felt like Dorothy who clicked her heels together three times as she chanted, "There's no place like home."



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Obituaries

Herman Schaller

Herman J. Schaller, 97, of Glenmont died Friday, Aug. 29, at his home.

Born and educated in Albany, he was a home builder for many years.

Mr. Schaller also was a gardener for the city of Albany before he retired.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the North Albany American Legion and a retired member of the Garden Social Club.

He was the husband of the late Eva Gollings Schaller.

Survivors include a brother, Harry Schaller.

Services are scheduled at 9 a.m. today, Sept. 3, at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Gladys Saul

Gladys M. Saul, 86, of Delmar died Friday, Aug. 29, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar.

Born in Kinderhook, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Saul was the widow of Melvin Saul.

Survivors include a daughter, Jacqueline Hook-Isdell of Slingerlands; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Services were private.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Kenneth Conklin

Kenneth B. Conklin, 89, of Delmar died Thursday, Aug. 28, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland.

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

Mr. Conklin worked for the former New York Telephone Co. for 45 years, retiring as a supervisor.

He was the husband of the late Mabel Burns Conklin.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Conkin Murchie of Orchard Park; a son, Richard A. Conklin of Geneva, Ohio; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a dear friend, Marion Winter of Selkirk.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Entombment was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Mabel Coffey

Mabel Fancher Coffey, 86, formerly of Slingerlands, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at Good

Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home in Delmar.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred John Coffey; and a son, Bud Coffey of San Bernardino, Calif.

Services were from Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville, 12211.

Alfred Spaziani

Alfred Spaziani, 85, of Selkirk died Monday, Aug. 25, at his home.

Mr. Spaziani was born in Morolo, Italy.

He enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He was an Army veteran of World War II, fighting with the 881st Air Squadron during the D-Day invasion.

He worked as a carpenter and foreman for the former New York Central, Penn Central and Conrail railroads in Selkirk, retiring in 1980.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.


He was husband of the late Theresa Rossi Spaziani.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Rusik of Selkirk; a brother, Augie Spaziani of Florida; and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena and St. Patrick's Church.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of formation of Adirondack Fence Co., LLC, a NYS Ltd. Liability Co., (LLC): Formation filed with SSNY on 12/12/02. Off. Loc: Albany Co.
SSNY designated as agt of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to:
Vinciguerra & Brown, 10 Utica Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-7045
(September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

ALTERNATIVE DESIGN, LLC
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC").

LEGAL NOTICE

Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 07/25/2003. 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, 18 Elaine Ct, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-6094
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LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITOL PLAZA OFFICE ASSOCIATES, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Certificate of Conversion of CAPITOL PLAZA OFFICE ASSOCI-

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

GRECIAN TERRACE II, LLC
1. The name of the limited liability company is GRECIAN TERRACE II, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on June 17, 2003 and became effective on said date.
3. The principal office of the limited liability company is 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 a copy of process against it is GRECIAN TERRACE II, LLC,

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c/o Burns Management, 1732 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
5. The purpose of the limited liability company may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.
Dated: August 19, 2003
NOLAN & HELLER, LLP
Attorneys for GRECIAN TERRACE II, LLC
39 North Pearl Street
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LD-7047
(September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY

LEGAL NOTICE

COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is CRJ ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on August 22, 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 agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 209 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.
LD-7088
(September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Strategic CI Realty LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/14/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/20/02. 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. Principal office of LLC: 1801 Centrepark Drive East, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-7083 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Applied Parsing, LLC. Articles of Formation filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 18, 2003. Office to be located in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon, him or her against the LLC to

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(September 3, 2003)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Limited Liability Company
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2. Articles of Organization became effective September 16, 2002 with the Secretary of State.
3. The Office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company whom process against may be served. The Post Office address within this State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him/her is Northway Holdings, LLC, 7 Northway Lane, Latham, New York 12110.
5. NORTHWAY HOLDINGS, LLC is formed for any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed.
LD-7075
(September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of BADRI LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 08/21/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-7072 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of formation of ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 08/20/2003. 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, 1675 Richmond Rd., Staten Island, NY 10304. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-7071 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Adminstaff Retirement Services, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/24/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/8/03. SSNY designated as agent of LP 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 LP: 19001 Crescent Springs Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, Lookerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-7070 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JENUINE DESIGN LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/12/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 33 Par Circle, Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-7069 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of 232 East 88th Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/5/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-7067 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of WHITEPINE, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 08/06/2003. 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, 141-16 32 Ave., Flushing NY 11355. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-7064 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Notice of Formation of LIGHTHOUSE TAVERN LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 18, 2002. 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 Michael Tyrell, 6 Christine Drive, Latham, NY 12110. The Purpose of LLC is restaurant and tavern business. LCD-7052 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Notice of Formation of 614 RT. 9W

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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 Andrew Carroll c/o Patroon House, 614 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077. The Purpose of LLC is restaurant management. LCD-7051 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of USWT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/1/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-7048 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given a license, number pending, for beer, liquor and wine has been applied for by TLC Central, LLC DBA Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar to sell wine, liquor and beer under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 291 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077 for on-premises consumption. LD-7046 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 10B HOLDINGS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 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 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-7044 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of PG Hemlock Road, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 8/11/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 33 Fuller Rd., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-7034 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of The Cambridge Group of New York, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/5/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/30/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Suite 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LLC: 9 E. Lookerman St., Suite 1B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-7028(B) (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Remington Lodging & Hospitality, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/22/03. SSNY designated as agent of LP 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 LP: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE

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19808. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-7016 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Mercantile Mortgage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/1/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/25/02. 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. Principle office of LLC: One Home Campus, MAC# X2401-049, Des Moines, IA 50328. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-7024 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of North Albany Terminal Company, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/29/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principle office of LLC: 8235 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 400, St. Louis, MO 63105. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Lookerman Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-7025 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF PERTH PLAZA ASSOCIATES TO PERTH ASSOCIATES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1006 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Conversion of PERTH PLAZA ASSOCIATES, a New York Partnership, to PERTH PLAZA ASSOCIATES, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 27, 2003. The Company is being formed to hold, manage, develop, purchase and sell property located in the State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities or other activities 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 50 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany New York 12207. LD-7023 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF REID HILL PLAZA TO REID HILL PLAZA, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1006 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Conversion of REID HILL PLAZA, a New York Partnership, to REID HILL PLAZA, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 27, 2003. The Company is being formed to hold, manage, develop, purchase and sell property located in the State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities or other activities 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 50 State Street,

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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 50 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany New York 12207. LD-7022 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF NMP ASSOCIATES TO NMP ASSOCIATES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1006 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Conversion of NMP ASSOCIATES, a New York Partnership, to NMP ASSOCIATES, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 27, 2003. The Company is being formed to hold, manage, develop, purchase and sell property located in the State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities or other activities 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 50 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany New York 12207. LD-7021 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF NOTT REALTY COMPANY TO NOTT REALTY COMPANY, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1006 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Conversion of NOTT REALTY COMPANY, a New York Partnership, to NOTT REALTY COMPANY, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 27, 2003. The Company is being formed to hold, manage, develop, purchase and sell property located in the State of New York and to engage in any real estate activities or other activities necessary for 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 50 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany New York 12207. LD-7020 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF MICHAEL & PAUL GORDON TO MICHAEL & PAUL GORDON, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1006 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Conversion of MICHAEL & PAUL GORDON, a New York Partnership, to MICHAEL & PAUL GORDON, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 27, 2003. The Company is being formed to hold, manage, develop, purchase and sell property located in the State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities or other activities 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 50 State Street,

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6th Floor, Albany New York 12207. LD-7019 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF ROTTERDAM ASSOCIATES TO ROTTERDAM ASSOCIATES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1006 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Conversion of ROTTERDAM ASSOCIATES, a New York Partnership, to ROTTERDAM ASSOCIATES, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 27, 2003. The Company is being formed to hold, manage, develop, purchase and sell property located in the State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities or other activities 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 process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany New York 12207. LD-7018 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF GORDON DEVELOPMENT TO GORDON DEVELOPMENT, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1006 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Conversion of GORDON DEVELOPMENT, a New York Partnership, to GORDON DEVELOPMENT, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 27, 2003. The Company is being formed to hold, manage, develop, purchase and sell property located in the State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities or other activities 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 50 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany New York 12207. LD-7017 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Ashford Properties General Partner LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/16/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 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: any lawful activity. LD-7015 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of BF Acquisition Company, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 2/21/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: LexisNexis Document Solutions Inc., 1275 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-7014 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is NEW ENGLAND LASER & COSMETIC SURGERY CENTER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 6, 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 1072 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-7013 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Turbo Parts, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 7/25/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. MN address of LLC: 4200 IDS Center, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Arts. of Org. filed with MN Secy. of State, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-6098 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of MD&A Generator Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 7/17/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. MN address of LLC: 4200 IDS Center, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Arts. of Org. filed with MN Secy. of State, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-6097 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Adirondack Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 4/11/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. MN address of LLC: 4200 IDS Center, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Arts. of Org. filed with MN Secy. of State, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-6096 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Mohawk Labor Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 4/11/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. MN address of LLC: 4200 IDS Center, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Arts. of Org. filed with MN Secy. of State, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-6095 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Growth Capital Partners, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/6/2003. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 11/1/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. TX address of LP: 363 North Sam Houston Pkwy. East, Suite 455, Houston, TX 77060. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: to provide business and financial advisory and consulting services. LD-6087 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of OSTEOMED L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/15/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/3/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP 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 LP: 3885 Arapaho Rd., Addison TX 75001. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-6083 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Argor USA, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: c/o Rosemarie Eminente, 12 Normandy Court, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-6082 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of CPK NYC, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/1/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/4/03. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. 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-6081 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Progressive Logistics Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/17/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 5/27/1999. 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. GA address of LLC: 4 Executive Park East, Suite 400, Atlanta, GA 30329. Arts. of Org. filed with GA Secy. of State, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Room 604, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-6080 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is LODGE STREET, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 25, 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 c/o JRN Development, LLC, 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-6079 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Articles of Organization of Wonovia LLC, a limited liability company, were filed with the New York Secretary of State on June 23, 2003. The principal office of the LLC is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent to the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to 136 Chestnut Street, Albany, NY 12210. The character of the business of the LLC is plastics materials design and development consulting. LD-6078 (September 3, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is THE CROSSING II, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State on July 23, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 116 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-6076 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of VIBROFLOORS WORLD GROUP UNITED, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/7/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 6/19/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. GA address of LLC: 180 Walter Way, Suite 114, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Arts. of Org. filed with GA Secy. of State, 315 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-6074 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ACUMED LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/3/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/22/02. 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: 5885 NW Cornelius Pass Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97124. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-6073 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Courtesy Outdoor Finance, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 7/16/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in GA 10/17/02. SSNY designated as agent of

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LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 325 Five Acre Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004, the principal office address of LLC. Art. of Org. on file: SSGA, 315 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-6070 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of WS Insurance Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/2/2003. Fictitious name in NY State: WS Insurance Agency. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 10/29/1971. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. VA address of LLC: c/o CSC, 11 South 12th St., Richmond, VA 23218. Arts. of Org. filed with VA State Corporation Commission, 1300 East Main St. P.O. Box 1197, Richmond, VA 23218. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-6068 (September 3, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/18/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 107 Grand Street, Altamont, New York 12009. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-6066 (September 3, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of professional limited liability company (PLLC): Name: Timothy R. Esmay, D.D.S., PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/22/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Timothy R. Esmay, D.D.S., PLLC, 877 Western Avenue, Albany New York 12203. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: orthodontic practice and any other lawful purposes. LD-6063 (September 3, 2003)

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RGA OGDENS, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization of RGA Ogdens, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 18, 2003. 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 RGA Ogdens, LLC c/o 157 Adams Street, Delmar, New York 12054. 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

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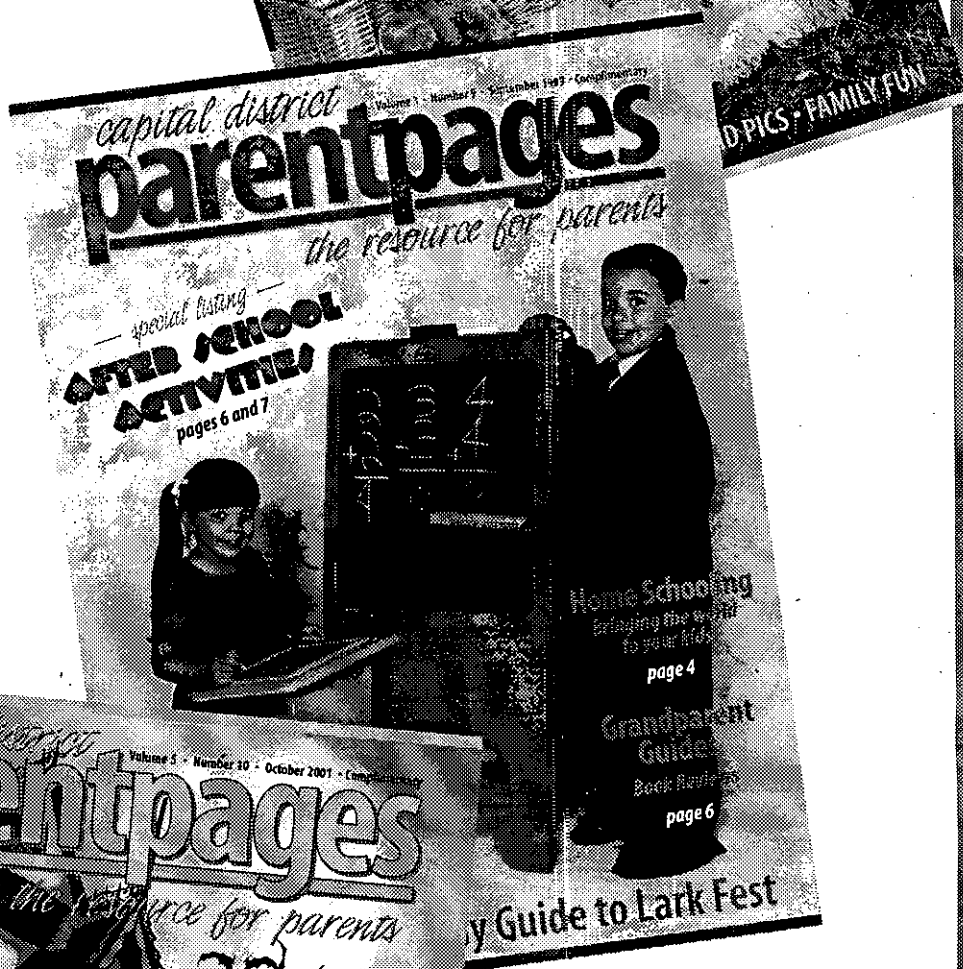
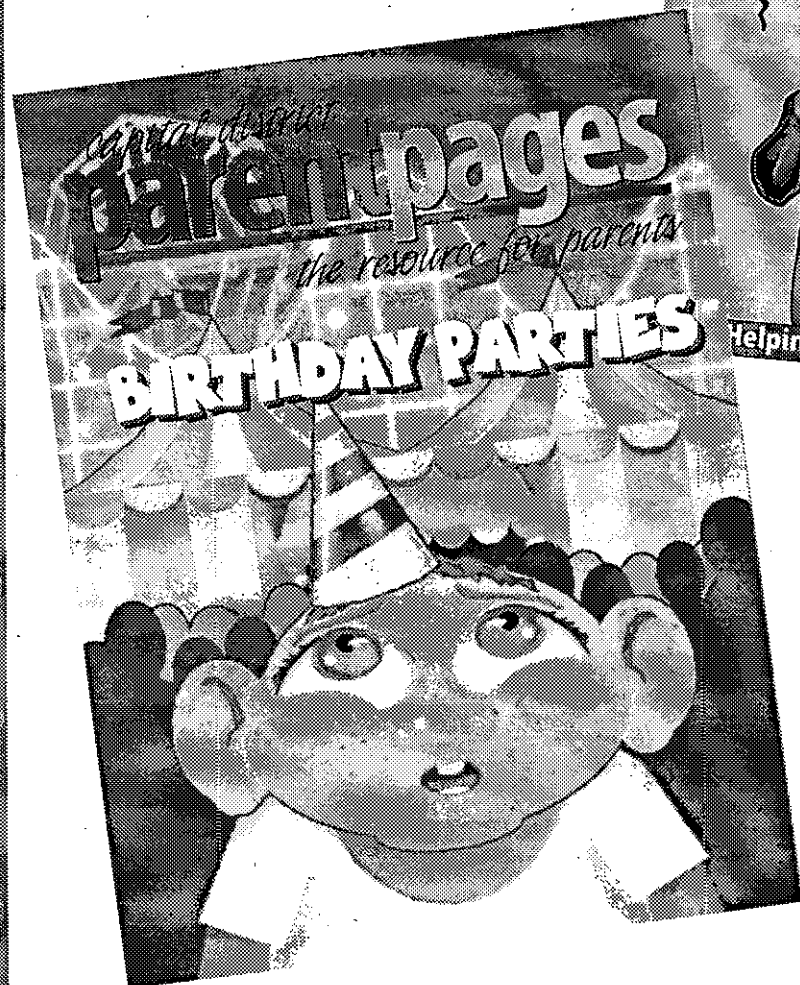
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Get to know your kids' teachers early in school year

By DONNA J. BELL

The first day of school arrives and you send your kids off in the morning with their backpack, lunch and a kiss, entrusting them to your school's professionals for six or more hours before they come tumbling through the door in the afternoon.

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to establish ongoing communication with the people with whom your children will be spending most of the next 10 months — including their teachers, guidance counselors and school administrators.

Opening a dialogue early is one key to maintaining a good relationship, said Raymond Huntington, co-founder of Huntington Learning Center.

"Too often, the first sign of academic jeopardy is an unsatisfactory report card — an unnerving experience that immediately puts students and parents in a crisis mode,"

Huntington said, adding that the situation can be avoided by taking the time open up the lines of communication right away.

Schools in the Capital District offer many opportunities at the beginning of the year for parents to "meet and greet" teachers and staff. Local schools schedule open houses, family picnics, meet the teacher nights and other events. Once a month, Gunderland High School offers a community brown bag lunch from noon to 1 p.m. and a coffee gathering from 5 to 6 p.m. for parents to talk with the principal and his staff.

"Join a parenting group, donate time to chaperone a dance, come to a sporting event," said Dave Ksanznak, principal of Bethlehem Central Middle School, of the ways parents can become involved in the school. "If you have a skill, share it with us."

"Your child's teacher will appreciate your interest," Huntington said. "The extra level of involvement may help you become even more tuned-in to your child's academic and social

development."

Ellen Singleton, director of Bethlehem Children's School, a private kindergarten through sixth-grade school located in Slingerlands, emphasized how important it is for parents become a part of the "overall school community."

"Volunteer to be in the classroom, get involved with the PTA and events in the school," Singleton said. "It's a great time to introduce yourself."

Once parents have seen and greeted their child's teacher, they can begin to share information about their child's learning style, educational history and after-school activities and can also voice any concerns they may have.

"At the beginning of the year, I ask parents to write a letter about their child telling me his or her strengths and weaknesses and goals. The parents' perspective and information is so valuable, I read the letters several times during the year," said Barbara Riegel, a teacher at Clarksville Elementary School in the Bethlehem Central School District.

Even if your child's teacher doesn't specifically request additional information, it never hurts for a parent to be proactive and provide the teacher with insights about their child.

"Share information about your child you feel is important with the teachers or the guidance counselors," said Ksanznak. "You

can tell us about a shy child and what you have observed works best for them. Or tell us about where they excel. Many times a child could be having a hard time in one area but shine in technology or art or music."

If teachers know the skills and interests of a child, they can use that information to help in an area that is lacking. For example, the English teacher who knows the child is skilled in soccer or baseball can direct them to books about athletic or sports that the child will find interesting.

"I often say being a teacher is like being a golf caddy. They can tell you what tools you need and how to navigate the course, but it's the kids who make the swings," said Gunderland High School Principal Ismael Villafane.

"Nobody knows your child like you do," Huntington said. "It's important that you give your child's teacher a 'heads-up' if there are any issues that may affect your child's academic success."

According to Villafane, communicating is a two-way street. He feels strongly that not only should parents seek out teachers, but that teachers should be communicating with parents as often as they can.

"I tell them that they need to communicate good times and bad times," Villafane said. "It's a lot easier for teachers to share negative information if they have been in contact before that time."

Every Friday, Riegel sends home a folder of school information that includes a short note to the parent. The parent is responsible for signing the folder to be returned on Monday and, if they wish, can include a short note of their own back to Riegel.

"It helps give positive feedback and establish a relationship right away," Riegel said. "I look forward

to reading what the parents say."

If you want to stay informed, make it easy on the teacher and be sure he or she knows how to reach you. Send in a note or an e-mail that lists the phone numbers and e-mail address you can be reached at and when is the best time to contact you.

Keep in mind, however, that the teacher has responsibility for many children, and it may take day or two for them to get back to you. Administrators and teachers recommend that if parents need to talk with a teacher in person for more than just a few minutes that they set an appointment time and not drop in unexpectedly.

One concern many parents have is that they may be seen as "interfering" if they contact the school too often. Singleton said that parents should do what they feel is best for their child, but should keep an open mind when coming in to discuss a problem. When a child comes home upset about a situation with a teacher or another child, it's important for the parent to take time to get the whole story.

"You should listen to your child, but what I tell parents is that I'll believe 50 percent of what your child tells me goes on at home, if you'll believe 50 percent of what your child says goes on at school," Riegel said.

Wait for the child to calm down, then gather the facts before calling the teacher or the school. When you meet or talk with the teacher, ask open-ended questions about the child's experience and wait to hear the teacher's perspective. Both of you have the child's best interest at heart.

"We are all working toward the same goal," Singleton said. "We are part of your community, we are tied together and we want to hear from you on regular basis."

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- Arrange a comfortable study area and regular homework time, away from the TV and the computer
- Ask questions about school every day. Look at school papers and make positive comments. Ask what they learned and what they liked or disliked. Consistent interest is essential
- Assist them when they're stuck because frustration can sabotage learning. Encourage your child, but please don't do their homework yourself, even if you think other parents might. Drive them to the library, suggest joining a study group, checking on the Internet or asking a teacher for extra help
- Attend open houses and parent-teacher conferences and science and book fairs. These events help establish an open line of communication. It's hard to be partners without personal contact.

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The rain site will be The Egg at Empire State Plaza.

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The night before the festival will also be jazz-filled, as downtown nightspots like Savannah's, Mad River Bar & Grill, Barnaby's, the Plaza Grill and Jack's Oyster House present local jazz performers.

There will also be a jazz benefit concert with the Leary-Waite Quintet (saxophonist Bill Leary, pianist Adam Waite, singer Seth Fruiterman, bassist Josh Fialkoff and drummer Andrew Artz) at The Egg at Empire State Plaza Friday at 8 p.m.

Proceeds of the seventh annual benefit concert will go to the Center for Cell Biology and Cancer Research at Albany Medical College.

Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students and free for children under 10.

For information, log on to www.jazzbenefit.org.

There will also be a jazz brunch on Sunday at Webster's in the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Samantha Siva



Riverfront festival keeps summer alive

By DEV TOBIN

There's a nip in the air, the kids are back in school, the horses are back at Belmont and the public pools are closed. While summer is not officially over for a couple of weeks, the unofficial end of summer arrived as early as possible on Monday. But don't tell the city of Albany, which continues its busy schedule of outdoor festivals with Saturday's Albany Riverfront Jazz festival.

In the first year of operating an open-air amphitheater at the river's edge, the city has attracted tens of thousands of music fans to all-day and evening concerts.

The second annual Riverfront Jazz Festival, in the amphitheater for the first time, will feature Patti Austin, Peter Cincotti, Jimmy Scott, Samantha Siva and Steve Briody.

Austin, whose 30-year recording career was topped off with her tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, "For Ella," will be the headliner, playing from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Cincotti is one of the hottest new jazz talents. Still a student at Columbia University, singer-pianist Cincotti broke onto the New York City jazz scene as the youngest (at 18 last year) performer to

headline at the famous Oak Room at the Algonquin Hotel. He will play from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Scott is nearly 60 years older than Cincotti and has had a documentary ("Jimmy Scott: If You Only Knew") made about his up-and-down career. But he still can sing, as he will show the festival crowd from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Siva is a contemporary vocalist and keyboardist with an unusual pedigree for jazz, born in England of Sri Lankan parents. She will play with her band from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Guitarist Briody says his influences include blues greats like B.B. King. He



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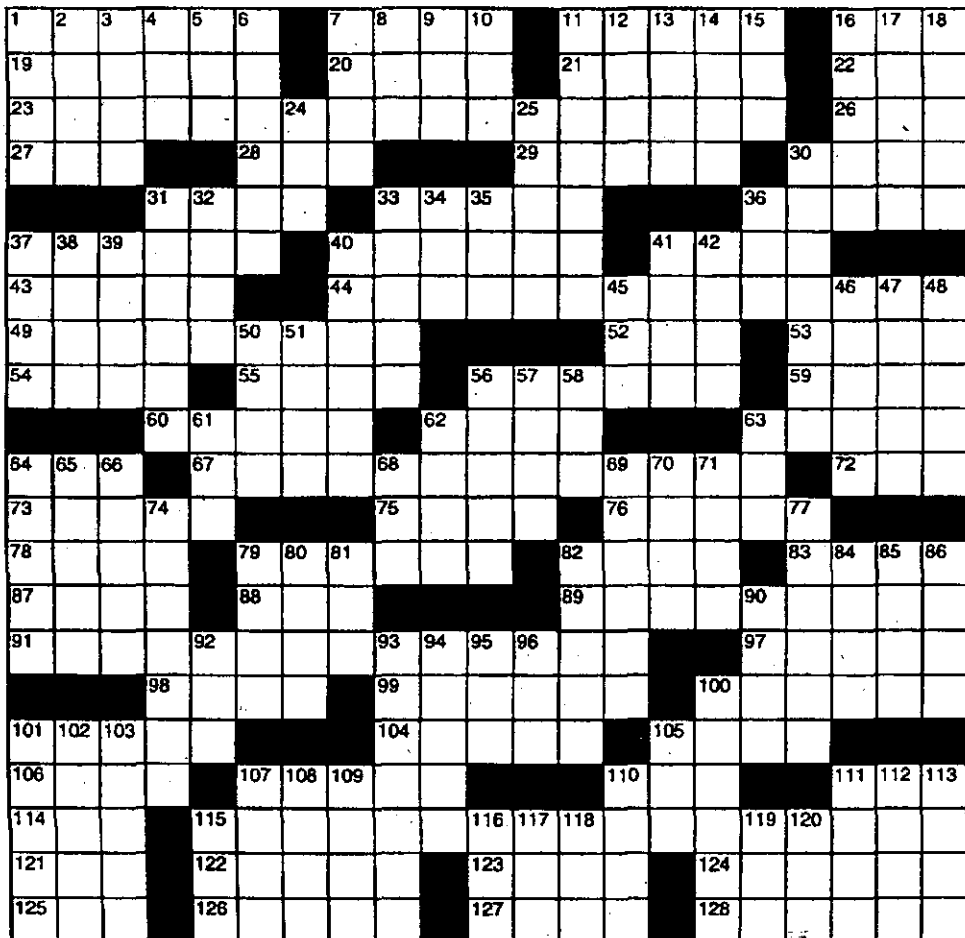


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- 1 Tumult
 - 7 Singer Dottie
 - 11 Ignominy
 - 16 Hydrotherapy site
 - 19 Disquiet
 - 20 "Nabucco" number
 - 21 Bile producer
 - 22 Son of Noah
 - 23 '79 Judy Davis film
 - 26 Literary collection
 - 27 Bit of butter
 - 28 Lummo
 - 29 Forestall
 - 30 Surprise test
 - 31 Funnymen
 - 33 Feta marinade
 - 36 Light weight
 - 37 Telescope view
 - 40 Donahue of "Get a Life"
 - 41 Besch or Andersson
 - 43 Came around
 - 44 '31 Marx Brothers movie
 - 49 Toody and Muldoon
 - 52 Monte Rosa, e.g.
 - 53 Machu Picchu native
 - 54 Vivacity
 - 55 "My Sweet" ('70 smash)
 - 56 With enthusiasm
 - 59 "The Subject Was Roses" star
 - 60 Norwegian composer
 - 62 Bridge term
 - 63 Conductor's concern
 - 64 Mini, to MacTavish
 - 67 Kirk's command
 - 72 Itch
 - 73 Explorer Sebastian
 - 75 Elwes or Grant
 - 76 Dodge
 - 78 Spirited steed
 - 79 Attempt
 - 82 Obstacle
 - 83 Salt serving
 - 87 Mediteranean port
 - 88 Skater Babilonia
 - 89 Sciorra of "Jungle Fever"
 - 91 "Double, double" ("Macbeth" refrain)
 - 97 Heavenly hunter
 - 98 "Dies"
 - 99 Jim Varney character
 - 100 Had a knight job?
 - 101 Clear the slate
 - 104 Dutch export
 - 105 Take-out order?
 - 106 Pull sharply
 - 107 Valhalla VIP
 - 110 Calendar abbr.
 - 111 "Wiedersehen"
 - 114 Goal
 - 115 Peter Graves series
 - 121 Midding mark
 - 122 Comic Sherman
 - 123 Hodgepodge
 - 124 Verdi hero
 - 125 Hamilton bill
 - 126 Effluvia
 - 127 Wording
 - 128 Basket material
 - 6 Tune
 - 7 Street urchin
 - 8 History division
 - 9 Offense
 - 10 Make lace
 - 11 Bondage
 - 12 Take on board
 - 13 Maintain
 - 14 Competition
 - 15 Drop a brick
 - 16 Rocker Cassidy
 - 17 Lose control
 - 18 Stun
 - 24 Housman's "A Shropshire"
 - 25 Lake sight
 - 30 Malaria treatment
 - 31 Leaves work?
 - 32 Small businessman?
 - 33 Fair
 - 34 "Tin Tin"
 - 35 Cephalopod's squirt
 - 36 Kimono closer
 - 37 Rubberneck
 - 38 Way off base?
 - 39 "Damn Yankees" siren
 - 40 Materialize
 - 41 Vatican document
 - 42 Culp/Cosby series
 - 44 Spoiled
 - 46 Foe
 - 47 Word form for "view"
 - 48 Upscale shop
 - 50 "Coming" ('69 song)
 - 51 Berg and Drabowsky
 - 56 Put on guard
 - 57 Be different
 - 58 Rapsallion
 - 61 Furrow
 - 62 Firmament feature
 - 63 Rocker Nugent
 - 64 Barely there
 - 65 "Tosca" tenor
 - 66 Problem solvers?
 - 68 Sgt. or cpl.
 - 69 Cheese-maker's need
 - 70 A Karamazov brother
 - 71 It's a long story
 - 74 Cleopatra's Needle, for one
 - 77 Swimmer Gertrude
 - 79 Empedocles' last stand?
 - 80 Lose luster
 - 81 Robust
 - 82 Taco topping
 - 84 Landed
 - 85 Gin
 - 86 Round of applause
 - 90 Cook in a cauldron
 - 92 Exist
 - 93 Gets back
 - 94 Maine town
 - 95 Burmese statesman
 - 96 You can retire on it
 - 100 More nervous
 - 101 Tape-deck button
 - 102 Actress Adoree
 - 103 "As You Like It" setting
 - 105 Couple
 - 107 Unrestrained
 - 108 '52 Winter Olympics site
 - 109 Tyrant
 - 110 Detect
 - 111 Blind as
 - 112 Radius' sidekick?
 - 113 Sinn
 - 115 Hua's predecessor
 - 116 "I kid you"
 - 117 "du
 - 118 Combine
 - 119 Mexican Mrs.

The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 9/3

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

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

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

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

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

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

BINGO

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

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V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 9/4

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar

Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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Fri. 9/5

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

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

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 9/6

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 9/7

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

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Worship services, 10 a.m., with child care and Sunday school through grade 3, T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with child care and children's program through grade 3. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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Summer hours, worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, no church school for

summer. Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

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

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Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

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

KING'S CHAPEL

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

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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

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AA MEETING

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TESTIMONY MEETING

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

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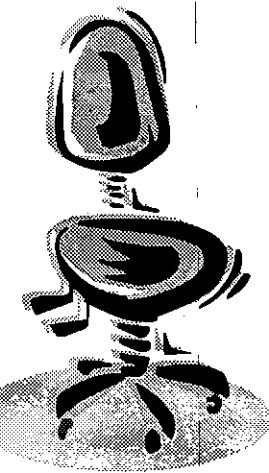
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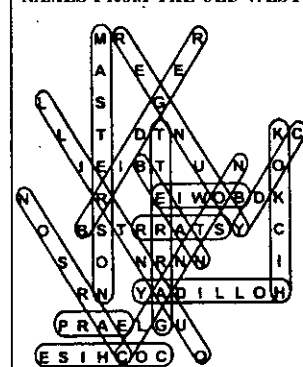
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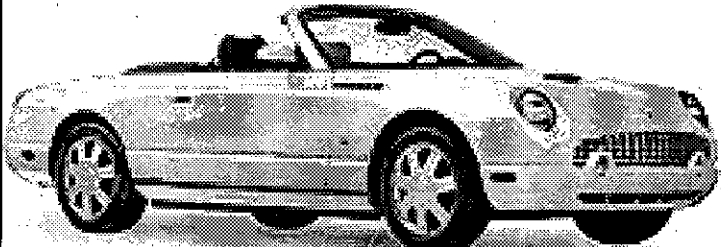
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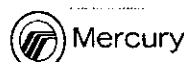
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school could be built.

"I feel badly that this went to the last minute," he said. "It was clear in early July that Hamagrael would be full and there was some room at Clarksville, and we had to move 100 homes from Hamagrael to Clarksville."

Loomis said there would be a dedicated bus run from the Meadowview area to Clarksville to reduce the time children would be on the bus.

Board member James Lytle also expressed his regret at having to place children away from their neighborhood schools.

"The board is as unhappy about making these decisions," he said. "The board feels this is the best we can do under the circumstances. The alternative is almost constant redistricting and students shifting schools a number of times during their elementary careers, and that was unacceptable."

Community orchestra seeks new members for season

Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of David Beck, is accepting new members for our 2003-04 season.

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Monday, Sept. 8.

The orchestra rehearses Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall.

The orchestra is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the sharing and

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The orchestra performs several concerts throughout the year in a number of locations in and around Delmar.

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Open

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As part of the "School's Open - Drive Carefully" campaign, AAA Hudson Valley is asking drivers to slow down near school and residential areas. Drivers are urged to keep their vehicle's headlights on, even during the day, so children can see an approaching car.

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This school year, many children will also become acquainted with a new traffic safety education tool. "Otto the Auto" is a computerized robot that sings, has sirens and talks to children about staying safe when near the street.

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Patriot

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resolutions formally opposing the act. The group's call to action caught the board by surprise — it had not been listed as a scheduled agenda item — resulting in a chilly reception by board members. Nonetheless, BBORDC seized the opportunity to present a drafted resolution to the board and outline why it should be passed.

"The U.S.A. Patriot Act represents a major threat to the rights and liberties guaranteed to all Americans under the Constitution," said Judith Fetterley, chairwoman of the BBORDC.

The act was passed shortly after the 9-11 attacks to give law enforcement greater powers in fighting the war on terrorism. It permits law enforcement agencies to conduct searches without a court order, review reading lists of patrons at public libraries and private bookstores, and broadens the scope of legal surveillance, among other things. Critics of the act believe it compromises civil rights guaranteed to all Americans.

"All of the new powers are scary and wholly unnecessary to ensure our national security," said

Melanie Trimble, a resident of "Slingerlands and executive director of the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

The resolution is a symbolic opposition to the act, but would not be enforceable by law. By passing it, the town board would be affirming a commitment to the protection of civil rights in Bethlehem.

The drafted resolution calls for the town to direct its employees not to comply with investigators, interrogations or arrest procedures judged to be in violation of an individual's civil rights. The resolution denounces the policy of racial profiling and calls for Bethlehem police to resist discriminating against any person solely on the basis of ancestry, race or ethnicity.

Furthermore it calls for the police not to assist other agencies, such as the FBI, that practice racial profiling.

"It is of the utmost importance that local communities express their concerns in order to create a climate and a context within which Congress can revisit this piece of legislation," said Fetterley.

The board informed the group it no longer passes symbolic resolutions and that it would only consider an ordinance, which would be legally enforceable. Only one board member seemed receptive to the idea of exploring the option further. Republican Tom Marcelle will serve as a town board representative to work with BBORDC, noting he's sympathetic to the group's cause.

"I'm particularly sensitive about the government coming in and invading people's privacy," said Marcelle, who is a civil rights lawyer.

While he's willing to examine an ordinance passed by a California community, Marcelle remains skeptical passing a similar town law truly falls within the board's role.

"I'm doubtful in the end that there's something the town board can do that would actually alter federal legislation," said Marcelle.

The best approach by town board members, Marcelle said, may be to write U.S. senators advocating on the group's behalf. But it isn't likely the group will settle for a handful of letters.

"We hope you will consider some legislation that will protect us. We will not go away until you do," said Trimble.

The group will be back before the board, and listed on the agenda, at the Sept. 24 meeting.

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