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# The Spotlight

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## Bethlehem on EPA 'dump' short list

By KRISTEN OLBY

A strip of industrial land along Route 144 in Bethlehem remains in the running to serve as a dewatering site along the shores of the Hudson, despite the town's repeated objections. The site would be used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to construct a temporary facility used to transfer and remove water from dredged PCB contaminated sediment.

The EPA released its trimmed list of 7 potential sites last week from 24 originally selected. The remaining sites stretch from Fort Edward as far south as Bethlehem. The list will be reduced to two or three dewatering locations by early next year. The \$500 million dredging project is expected to last six years. General Electric's Fort Edward and Hudson Falls manufacturing plants dumped 1.3 million pounds of PCBs into the river over a 30-year period prior to 1977.

The 93-acre plot sits near the former Niagara Mohawk facility and is owned by Castleton based developer Victor Gush.

Other potential dewatering locations were removed from the initial list because they lacked river, road or rail access or had development projects already slated.

"OG Real Estate had just the opposite. It had rail service, had access to the river and it did have adequate space available for construction of a facility and also rail spurs," said Leo Rosales, community involvement coordinator for the EPA. The sludge left behind will be transported by rail cars for off-site disposal.

The federal agency hopes to retain a southern location in case a number of potential dewatering sites to the north are eliminated.

Gush has presented plans to the town

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## BC cautions parents about pertussis case

By KRISTEN OLBY

Parents of Bethlehem Central Middle School children are urged to be on the lookout for symptoms of pertussis, or whooping cough, after a private school student was diagnosed with the disease.

A student at Hebrew Academy in Albany was diagnosed with the highly contagious disease last week. The

student rides a Bethlehem school bus, along with other Bethlehem Middle School students.

"Transportation compiled a list of all students who may have been on the bus," said Jessica Scheckton, media relations representative for the district.

Letters were sent home Sept. 19 to roughly 120 Bethlehem parents whose children could have come into contact with the infected student.

Pertussis is a contagious disease involving the respiratory tract caused by

□ PERTUSSIS/page 16

## Board OKs zoning change

BY KRISTEN OLBY

With relatively little debate, the Bethlehem town board has rendered commercial, industrial and retail businesses in the southern portion of town legal, once again.

The Rural Not Zoned code — which encompasses roughly 21 percent of the town's land — has generated a fair share of confusion since a state Supreme Court justice interpreted the zoning code this spring. The decision was the result of an appeal filed by Selkirk residents who sought to halt Waste Management's proposed truck maintenance facility on River Road.

State Supreme Court Justice Louis Benza found only the 32 permitted uses listed under the

□ ZONING/page 17

## BC board ditches BCHS turning lane

By LINDA DeMATTIA

Questioning the need for and balking at the cost of a proposed turning lane on Delaware

Avenue at the high school, Bethlehem Central board of education members removed the project from the \$93 million construction project that will go before voters on Nov. 18.

The idea of a turning lane was presented to the board earlier this month after traffic problems were studied by Creighton Manning Engineering of Albany and Clarke Engineering & Surveying of New Lebanon as part of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. Acknowledging that

the traffic problems caused legitimate concerns, architect Richard Peckham of Collins & Scoville told the board he could not recommend making it a part of the construction project.

"We are concerned with the volume of traffic at the high school," he said. "But we obviously would like to see the state pay for it; it is a state road. We don't

believe it is appropriate for the bond issue. It is not state aidable."

The idea of withdrawing the road improvement from the bond issue was received enthusiastically by Superintendent Leslie Loomis and board members, who were never happy about it to begin with.

"We will work with the traffic engineers

and other state agencies to see if a turning lane is required," Loomis said. "If it is determined that a turning lane is required, somebody is going to have to build it during the time the other construction is going on, and some entity is going to have to pay for it and we believe that is the state."

Board members who didn't like the proposal the first time they heard it liked it even less after considering it for a few weeks and unanimously voted to remove the turning lane from the bond issue.

Loomis also reminded attendees at the meeting that the traffic problems were

□ TURNING/page 17



Gloria Lent of Delmar and her rat terrier, Mia, enjoy the annual Fireplug Walk in Schenectady's Central Park last Saturday.

Jim Franco

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## Police arrest one for DWI

Bethlehem police made one arrest for driving while intoxicated (DWI) last week.

Gwen Hood, 23, of 488 Kenwood Ave., Delmar was stopped by police for driving

erratically on Sept. 18 at 12:52 a.m.

Police said Hood failed field sobriety tests and charged her with DWI.

## Open house set

The Ravena Coeymans Historical Society is presenting an open house of the Blaisdell Family Collection on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at village hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.



BCHS sophomore Denise Feirstein shows off the sign she designed.

## Student wins sign contest

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Six children, an oversized pencil and the school motto greet new visitors to Hamagrael Elementary School, on the sign that BCBS sophomore Denise Feirstein designed last spring.

Feirstein won the PTA's \$500 prize for the best design for a new sign and had the honor of painting the sign herself this summer. While thinking about new playground equipment and a new sign last spring, the PTA decided to sponsor a design contest for high school students.

"We wanted to give back to the students of Bethlehem," PTA secretary Mary Beth Flagler said. "The only criteria were that the words Hamagrael Elementary School needed to be on the sign, and the submission had to be on a 14-inch by 22-inch poster board."

From the submissions, the PTA board and Hamagrael principal Cynthia D'Angelo, choose Feirstein's. "Denise drew

a diverse group of children," Flagler said. "She chose subdued colors, which are nice since the school is in a residential neighborhood. I was impressed that a ninth grader came up with that idea."

Feirstein heard about the contest at school. "Fliers were handed out in art class," Feirstein said. "It sounded like a good opportunity. I brainstormed, and tried out a lot of different ideas."

Feirstein also turned to her 11-year-old sister, Audrey, for advice. "She had a lot of good ideas," Feirstein said.

Asked how important art is to her, Feirstein only paused for a minute. "I give up my lunch period to take it," she said. As for the prize money, Feirstein is putting the \$500 toward a car.

More important than the prize money, though, is the legacy Feirstein has left at the school, where students will read their motto in her hand-painted design. "Growing minds, Smiling Faces, Hamagrael — the best of places."

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# BC looks into procedure for teacher dismissals

BY KRISTEN OLBY

As the Bethlehem Central School District contemplates a high school teacher's future in the classroom following his arrest for indecent exposure, the district is also working to quell parents' concerns.

Keith Gunner, a 46-year-old chemistry teacher with the district, was arrested earlier this month after walking to his mailbox nude, according to police. Gunner admitted to police he had been drinking earlier in the day and may have been "under-clothed" at the time, according to a police report.

The district immediately

The board of education could bring formal charges against Gunner, an option it is apparently weighing seriously.

"If you are going out in public and doing what he did, I think you have to have some concerns about what he'd be like in front of a classroom of students," said Robin Storey, president of the board of education.

A mutually selected hearing officer would be assigned to hear the case. The officer could determine Gunner should be terminated, or a less severe penalty could be imposed. Gunner could also be cleared of the charges.

The process is time-consuming and costly. Loomis anticipates it could stretch on for two or more years with legal fees of about \$200,000. The district would absorb all of the expenses.

Robin Storey

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placed Gunner on a special assignment developing science curriculum and reporting to an office off school grounds. Last week, the district decided Gunner would remain on the special assignment for the rest of the year while continuing to collect his \$65,200 salary.

Superintendent Les Loomis acknowledged he's fielded calls from parents and community members concerned about Gunner's employment status.

"There's only one way in which the district can immediately remove a teacher, through the district providing a teacher with a special assignment," said Loomis.

The district is exploring its options regarding Gunner's employment. Until a decision is reached, Gunner will continue to be paid, unless he chooses to resign, said Loomis.

## Judge rules to keep candidate on ballot

By KRISTEN OLBY

Delmar resident Cindy Hill will appear on the November ballot as an Independent town board candidate after a state Supreme Court justice ruled in her

favor Monday.

Matthew Clyne, the town of Bethlehem Democratic Party chairman, filed a lawsuit challenging the Albany County Board of Election decision that found Hill's independent nominating petition was valid.

Clyne argued Hill witnessed her own petition signatures, violating the election law.

State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi ruled Clyne failed to file his lawsuit challenging the election commissioners' decision in a timely manner.

Under the state Election Law, the deadline for filing a suit was Sept. 2.

Clyne filed his lawsuit Sept. 8.

## Irish up



Fans react to the Young Dubliners at the annual Irish Festival at the Allamont Fairgrounds last Saturday.

Jim Franco

## Union plans to sue center developer

By KRISTEN OLBY

A local union has announced plans to sue the Albany developer constructing Bethlehem Town Center in Glenmont for a host of environmental violations.

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2 claims Nigro Cos.' handling of stormwater on the Route 9W site violates the federal Clean Water Act. The union filed its intent to sue in U.S. District Court earlier this month.

The plaza will be home to a Wal-Mart Super Center, a Lowe's, restaurants and a bank.

The union alleges improper handling of stormwater has risked mudslides falling into wetlands and allowed unfiltered water to be pumped into a storm drain. Nigro Cos. has also failed to submit a storm water pollution prevention plan as required by the Department of Environmental Conservation, according

to the union.

"Local 2 is concerned about the fact that this large development will result in the discharge of large volumes of untreated water, containing industrial runoff, to wetlands and ultimately to the Normanskill Creek and the Hudson River," said Peter Henner, the attorney representing the union.

The union attributes the violations to improper practices by the contractor, Bast Hatfield, which has been criticized by the union for using non-union labor. The union alleges Nigro Cos. has failed to oversee and monitor the activities of Bast Hatfield as it constructs Wal-Mart.

"Failure to maintain such standards ultimately will give construction projects a bad name and have negative consequences for the entire industry," said Al Catalano, president of Local 2.

Nigro Cos. maintains it had all

of the proper permits in place and a storm water prevention plan on file with the DEC prior to starting construction. But new regulations enacted in January have required revisions be made to the storm water plan, according to Vice President Steve Powers.

"We are in the process of redesigning the site to retrofit it with the regulations," he said.

Powers expects the revised plan to be finalized within a week. He believes the union's real bone of contention lies with Bast Hatfield's use of non-union workers.

"It's plain as day that this is really between Bast Hatfield and the union and other unions in the area; it really has nothing to do with us," he said.

The union plans to commence the lawsuit within the next 60 days. Bethlehem Town Center is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

## Police expect to charge suspects

By KRISTEN OLBY

Bethlehem police expect to file felony robbery charges against identical twins from Albany late Tuesday afternoon in connection with a recent bank robbery.

Police believe the brothers are responsible for the attempted armed robbery of a Glenmont Key Bank branch on Sept. 18.

Norman Davis, 21, of Lark St. and his brother, Neil Davis, were charged by Albany police on Saturday for a string of unsolved robberies. Bethlehem police were able to link the two to the Glenmont heist, in part, through evidence discovered during a search of their Lark Street home.

The suspects gained access to the bank by cutting a hole in the roof of the building. Police say one brother waited inside the bank for employees to arrive, while another was stationed

outside in a getaway car. As a bank employee entered a back room, a masked suspect threatened the employee with two guns and demanded the vault be opened, according to police.

The plan was foiled when the employee was unable to open the vault. The suspects got away without the cash, and no one was harmed.

Bethlehem police later found evidence left behind outside of the bank.

"We recovered a black bag containing two guns, a bandanna and three sets of handcuffs that would have been used to handcuff the employees," said Lt. Thomas Heffernan of Bethlehem police.

The Davises will be charged with attempted robbery, burglary and criminal use of a firearm, all felonies.

"We have reason to believe that others are involved," said Heffernan, who expects additional arrests will be made.

## Youth Court plans reception

Bethlehem Youth Court is concluding its month-long celebration of National Youth Court Month with a reception at town hall on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m.

Bethlehem Youth Court will join other courts nationwide in recognizing the valuable contributions the courts and their volunteers make to communities and young people.

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller

will formally dedicate a proclamation in support of National Youth Court Month and inductees into the court's Volunteer Hall of Honor will also be recognized.

Bethlehem Youth Court provides a forum for "at-risk" youth to accept responsibility for their delinquent behavior and offers an opportunity to have their case heard by a jury of their peers.

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# Music emphatically marks generation gap

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It seeped gradually into my consciousness, as Julie brushed dye onto the pieces of foil that change my hair from graying slightly to tinted blonde.

"What radio station is this?" I asked.

"I think it's The River," she said. "Why? Do you like it?"

"Yeah, but it's kind of scary," I said, "I've recognized all the songs."

The salon where I get my hair cut is painted in vivid primary colors, and sells the kind of styling product you might find on Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," with names that better suit weaponry, knives and exotic fruit.

Julie's hair is a different color

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and style every five weeks, but she is wise beyond what works for her, letting my occasional yearning for something different play itself out only slightly before I return begging for a variation of the haircut I've had since senior year of high school. So every four to five weeks, I settle in for a slight hair and cultural update, getting the periodic exposure that will help me recognize one or two of next year's Grammy award-winning songs.

"It just sounded good," Julie

said of her most recent music choice, confessing to hearing herself recently tell her 11-year-old daughter that her music was just loud noise with no discernible tune or words. Oh, sigh. Even hip hairdressers say that, forgetting that music that now qualifies as oldies once aggravated our parents, too. I bit my tongue to keep from comment a few years ago, when six fifth-grade boys gathered on my porch to jump up and down to Alien Ant Farm. I kept my mouth shut, letting Chris morph into old fogey parent when he asked, "Alien Ant Farm? What kind of name is that for a group?"

"I know," I sympathized. "Nobody uses good names like 'Haircut 100' anymore." Neither the jumping nor the volume really bother me. In fact, I'm forming a theory that the incipient hearing loss that strikes people in their early 40s lets the music business keep going, leaving parents to smile and nod and grimace just slightly at youthful exuberance. I did once catch a Michael Jackson cover ("cover" — doesn't that make it sound like I know what I'm saying?) of an Alien Ant Farm song, and I liked it better when I heard just a constant beat instead of a paean to crime.

I lost track of the jumping, and the loud beat didn't bother me as I mused about whether Michael Jackson still wears a white glove, and how I could have ever thought that Tipper Gore's record labeling was inappropriate censure. So I'll covertly scan CD covers, and take some comfort from the fact that in a few years, these boys will be listening to their generation's equivalent of Chicago's "Color My World" with the girls they now think are bossy and whiny. Hmmm — maybe it'll even be the album (OK, I know, CD) we used to joke would be out by the time we were parents — Chicago CVII.

Well, I decided that if my way-cool hairdresser (oh, wait, stylist)

could listen to "oldies," so could I. It was a relief, since I do most of my radio listening in the car, and trying to key into contemporary culture by listening to today's music was giving me such a headache that my driving habits were putting the entire Capital District at huge personal risk. Listening to classical music was always nice for the first half-hour, but a lack of appropriate musical appreciation combined with warm sun coming in the car made me dozy, like a cat in a sunny window.

This is lovely on a Sunday afternoon at home, but bad on a Tuesday morning when you can't drift sleepily across lanes of the Northway. There are, of course, the ever interesting and important topics discussed on public radio, but a steady listening diet of how corporate America brings filth, disease, impoverishment, enslavement and oppression to people who simply want to play their pan flutes while tattooing their bodies in the manner of their tribe's ancient spirits in their ever-disappearing part of the rainforest, made me so depressed that I often wanted to drive off the road into the creek.

Good thing I've found a new radio station full of recognizable tunes — that creek's probably full of pesticides, poisoned landfill and junk that's not even a little bit biodegradable. Listening to that radio station is sort of freeing. "Did you get a haircut?" somebody asked after my revelation at the hair salon. "Yup," I said honestly, "had the natural blonde put back in, too."

I make Julie promise to tell me when it's time to let the gray do its thing, but we both understand that it's one thing to let your musical taste show your age, and another thing altogether to let your hair sing out your age. That old music is bringing up artifacts

of its era, too, as I've hauled my children's "boom box" (although when they first came out, they were twice as big as my boys' Alien Ant Farm player and didn't have CD drives) into the cellar to clear out the debris that we've put there since we moved in seven years ago.

It's as if "Here She Comes Again," "Brown-Eyed Girl," and "Born in the USA" possess summoning powers. There's the macramé plant hanger and a couple of my old business suits — with shoulder pads that make it look like I was also considering a career as an NFL linebacker. Even better, though, was something that answered a lot of questions for my technologically savvy adolescent sons.

"What are they?" Christopher asked, eyeing the small gray box warily. Cormac coaxed it open.

"Go ahead," I said, "take one out." Their eyes widened. "Wow," Cormac said, bending the brown square back and forth. "I never imagined they looked like this."

"So that's why they're called floppy disks," Christopher said, turning it over in his hands. "But it's huge. And I'll bet..." I couldn't bear to hear it. "No, of course it didn't hold as much information as the small, hard ones," I said, checking the box and searching my memory to see if I could equate the five-and-a-quarter inch diskette's formatted 360 KB to anything in their world. KB, KB, KB — gone from my memory — like dust in the wind.

Hey, that was a pretty great song, too. Dust in the wind, all we are is dust in the wind....

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## TOWN SUPERVISOR



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- Develop a quality water management plan for future generations
- Forge better relationships with State and County agencies to develop a solution to our growing traffic problems

## Dan Plummer

### TOWN BOARD



- First elected to Bethlehem Town Board in 1999; Board member of the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency.
- Partner in Griffin, Plummer & Associates, a governmental relations firm
- President of the Board of Directors - Caregivers Respite Program of Catholic Charities.
- Graduate of Bethlehem Central High School 1974; Siena College 1978.
- Resides in Delmar with wife, Lisa, and children Caitlyn, Mary, David and Matt.

## Tim Gordon

### TOWN BOARD



- President of Albany Media Group, an advertising and public relations firm in Slingerlands
- Town Chairman of Bethlehem Independence Party
- Certified First Responder and firefighter with the North Bethlehem Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service; member of Henry Hudson Town Park Task Force
- Member of the ARISE Regionalism Planning Group
- Graduate of Shaker High School 1978; SUNY Brockport 1982;
- Resides in North Bethlehem with wife, Christine, and children Jeremy, Kristin, Sean and Reed

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- President, St. Thomas Pastoral Council;
- Hospitality Committee Chair for Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner;
- Participated in Youth Group travel programs to construct homes for the impoverished;
- Graduate of Albany Academy 1971; attended Cornell University and Siena College
- Bethlehem resident for 43 years.
- Uncle to 18 nieces and nephews in the Agneta, Hall, Harder and Kennedy families

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- Manager with New York State for over 34 years in personnel administration, employee relations and staff development
- Member of B'nai Shalom and NYS Organization of Management Confidential Employees
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# Matters of Opinion

## Can we talk?

Bethlehem Tomorrow is a diverse, newly-formed group of residents with a common goal to address growth in the town. And Bethlehem Tomorrow is a breath of fresh air.

Anyone who isn't homebound can see the sweeping changes in the lie of the land as bulldozers down trees and grind them up into huge mound of wood chips. A dramatic example of this can be seen at the end of Elsmere Avenue near Feura Bush Road, where yet another new development is beginning to take shape. And this is only the tip of the iceberg since more than 1,500 homes in developments are approved but not yet under construction.

The effects of this housing boom are already being felt, particularly by the school district, struggling to cope with overcrowding and expansion. It is also felt on the roadways that weren't designed to handle the traffic that has increased all throughout the town.

The effect on the environment is another disturbing factor in the dilemma the town is facing. We hope that Bethlehem Tomorrow's community dialogues will eventually produce a plan to save some parts of this beautiful town so that our parks are not the only vestige of greenspace left to enjoy.

But we don't think the picture need be that gloomy. There are groups — Albany Land Conservancy and the Sierra Club, among others — who have made strides in preserving land. And according to some land planners, preservation can become a real asset to municipalities, both esthetically and financially.

So far, Bethlehem Tomorrow has garnered a tremendous response from the community who seems to want responsible development and land conservancy so that we don't become an upstate version of Levittown that sprung up after World War II when service men came home and the baby boom began.

You can become a part of the town's future by taking part in some of the dialogues planned by Bethlehem Tomorrow.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, the group will host a "Community Conversation" from 6 to 9 p.m. at town hall on Delaware Avenue.

This would be a good opportunity for town office candidates to get a grasp on some of the real concerns of many residents.

We urge everyone to participate to ensure the character of the town doesn't erode because of lack of planning now.

## Editorials

## You know you're getting old, when ...

By ROB JONAS

The writer is the sports editor for Spotlight Newspapers.

I'm beginning to worry that I am getting old.

It's not the premature-lythinning hair or the temporary memory lapses that are making me nervous. Rather, it's the fact that I can't listen to contemporary music radio stations anymore without cringing at the sound of yet another rap-rock wannabe or an over-emotive singer trying hard to make a love song sound like the fate of the world hangs in the balance with the next word.

In short, I am feeling left behind by the music industry.

It's been a gradual process. Back in my pre-teens, I admit I listened to the top 40 tunes of the day — the same songs that are now featured in car commercials and VH1 "Where are they now" segments. Songs like "Come on Eileen" and "Jack and Diane" often prompted sing-alongs, even if no one else appreciated my singing along to them.

In high school, I edged toward what was called "hair metal" by listening to songs by Def Leppard and Bon Jovi. But, I also liked artists like Billy Joel, Bruce Hornsby (when he was with the Range) and the Bangles (cute women playing guitars — need I say more?).

When I reached college, though, I discovered that I had been listening to what the establishment wanted me to hear. This is what I learned from my new friends, who had just started working at the college radio station. So through listening to my friends' shows, I started hearing bands such as REM, the Pixies, Jane's Addiction, Red Hot Chili Peppers and other alternative bands of the late 1980s. And I found myself liking this bold new sound. It made me feel like I was sticking it to the music world overlords who were trying to pollute rock music by giving us "artists" such as New

## Point of View

Kids on the Block and Milli Vanilli.

Just as I graduated from college in the winter of 1991, alternative rock artists started popping up on commercial radio stations, and suddenly, I felt vindicated. "The music world has finally swung our way!" I thought, as I could now listen to Nirvana and Smashing Pumpkins on the same stations that played rap and pop.

There was a downside to that success, though. Suddenly, the bands I thought were cool were now considered mainstream. That became a direct conflict with my anti-establishment thought process.

If a band gets a song played on top 40 radio, how can it be a good band? So, the groups that I developed an appreciation for in college were now undesirable to me because instead of liking the aggressive guitars and angry lyrics, I became agitated with the relentlessness of the music and what I was starting to believe was actual whining by the singers.

OK, I needed a temporary break from that scene. So, I started going back to some of the artists I liked when I was younger. That meant tuning in to adult contemporary stations — you know, the ones that say they play the greatest hits from the 70s, 80s, 90s and today (to paraphrase a local station's slogan).

The problem there was that too often, I heard the same songs I tried to avoid back when they first came out, and the newer songs were not a whole lot better.

I defy someone to tell me the difference between Styx's "Come Sail Away" and Nickelback's "How You Remind Me." As far as I'm concerned, it's that same soft-loud-soft-loud-soft, mid-tempo rock pattern that annoys me to no end (and yes, I know Billy Joel and John Mellencamp did the same thing back in the day, but they did it right).

So now, I find myself turning the radio off almost as soon as the alarm goes off in the morning because I'm waking up in the middle of the umpteenth playing of "Superman" by Five for Fighting (who should get a game misconduct for using a hockey term for a band name).

And when I'm driving, I flip between four music stations hoping against hope that I will find something I can listen to. When the process becomes too frustrating, I switch over to the AM side so I can listen to some football expert dissecting what's wrong with the New York Jets for the millionth time (for the record, it's because they lost too many free agents to Washington).

Now, I realize that most people tend to go through the same thing as they get older. But what is truly scary to me is that I'm actually beginning to believe public radio

is the next step in my music-listening evolution.

I used to hate listening to public radio because all I ever heard was classical music and opera, both of which put me to sleep faster than a dose of Nyquil. However, I am becoming intrigued by this one program my dad was telling me about. It's a show where the host takes examples of several composers ranging from classical to contemporary and plays them to show their similarities. Through this show, my dad actually said that he thinks Radiohead is pretty good.

Please note: My dad is 76 years old and prefers Beethoven to the Rolling Stones. The fact that he actually liked something Thom Yorke wrote is amazing to me, even if it was presented in orchestral form.

Despite this revelation from my dad, I am hardly ready to jump from rock and roll to classical. There is still some great rock music being produced if you know where to look for it, and commercial radio stations aren't the place to look for it.

One of my favorite programs these days is "Sunday Morning Coming Down" on RPI's campus station — two hours of music that's not quite rock, not completely country, not entirely folk but totally cool. It's one of the few ways to get a Johnny Cash fix (classic man-in-black stuff, too — not his version of Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt"), and the DJ actually knows who Blue Rodeo is (for the record, it's a Canadian country-rock-blues band).

These are artists that most commercial radio station programmers shy away from because their music cannot be defined by the narrow parameters used today.

Other times, it comes down to word-of-mouth references that get me hooked on a band.

A co-worker of mine told me about a band out of Austin called Asylum Street Spankers that perform old blues standards and new compositions without electricity. I caught their show at Valentine's and got instantly hooked. Now, I have one of their CDs, and I'll keep an eye on the concert listings for their next area show.

Do I expect to hear Asylum Street Spankers, Blue Rodeo or any other genre-bending bands that I like played on commercial radio anytime soon? Not a chance because that would mean an overthrow of the music industry's powers-that-be, and I'm too old to start a revolution.

So, should I chuck the radio out of my car? Should I sell my alarm clock to a college student who needs it to get to an 8 a.m. class? Nah. I'll just tolerate the blandness when I have to and wear out my favorite CDs to get my daily dose of good music.

Public radio will have to wait for my undivided attention for at least another day.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Home construction must be controlled

Editor, The Spotlight:

According to published reports, the \$93 million Bethlehem Central school bond issue, scheduled for a vote on Nov. 18, is far above the previous highest bond issue in the district of around \$15 million.

In fact, it is far higher than any other school bond issue of all other Capital District suburbs. It will increase the current 3.6 percent tax increase to a 5 to 7 percent increase for each of the next three to five years.

According to Superintendent Les Loomis in a recent newspaper article, the enormous bond issue and tax increases can be traced to one thing: New home construction. The real estate taxes paid for these homes don't come close to paying for the education of the children who move into them.

What should be done? The maximum should be done by elected and appointed town officials to welcome commercial and yes, manufacturing jobs within the school district. These officials must ignore the very

vocal protests that will inevitably come from the "not in my backyard" crowd. (No matter what their arguments of the moment, it's always about "not in my backyard.") This will bring in taxes without additional school expense.

What else? Town officials must limit new home construction to the maximum legal extent possible. Whether this involves new restrictive zoning enactments, new and tougher requirements on home builders or other steps, the board should not be afraid to do what it must to keep this situation from soaring more out of control than it already is.

And one more thing — the town should carefully weigh tax breaks for commercial enterprises to be absolutely sure the town is getting more than it is giving back in taxes. And under no circumstances should it ever grant any tax breaks to any builders of residential units, as some well-known builders in the area have recently asked for.

Stanley Zalen  
Delmar

## Longtime resident likes Austin for town board

Editor, the Spotlight:

As a longtime resident of the town of Bethlehem, I would like to endorse the candidacy of Dave Austin for town board.

My family enjoyed many happy days at the town park, which was directed for many years by Mr. Austin. His professionalism and competency has benefited Bethlehem in many ways, and I am voting for him to lead us as a

town board member.

Mr. Austin is in touch with the needs of Bethlehem residents. I value his advice, and I trust his judgment.

A successful town board is the result of team effort, and Mr. Austin's skills and past record qualify him to be part of this team.

Audrey Leczinsky  
Delmar

## New school should be where the kids are

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to express concern over the Bethlehem school expansion proposal.

If we have the need for a new 500-student elementary school, eventually that increase will be felt at the high school. Using the land on Van Dyke Road for the elementary school will preclude the district from using it for future expansion of the high school.

Van Dyke Road is far from where much of the new development in town has occurred in the last few years. I think most

parents want their children to attend elementary school as close to home as possible and want their children to attend the same school as their neighbors' children.

Doesn't it make more sense to build a new elementary school where the children are?

It all comes down to planning. If in the future a developer approaches the town and wants to build another super-sized development, the town should require (as many places in the U.S. have been doing for decades)

that the developer pay impact fees to offset the cost of new schools and other town services. The developer will still make a bundle of money, and the town will be better prepared to accommodate the needs of the children those houses bring to our community.

It is not too late to build the new school in a location that makes sense and to start planning for the future by establishing a method of offsetting the costs of our growing community.

Anne Johnson  
Delmar

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# Matters of Opinion

## BC should consider building high school

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, some neighbors and I were discussing the upcoming \$90 million school bond issue. Some interesting proposals came out of our discussion.

We agreed with the need for a bond issue to fund school construction. But we had questions about the proposal being presented to the public for a vote this fall. Why are we getting only one new school for \$90 million? Why are we continuing to add classrooms to outdated structures? Wouldn't it be better to start fresh? Couldn't we build several new schools for this amount of money?

New construction is superior in terms of insulation, safety, heating, lighting and technology. It is also cheaper to build entirely new than to patch up old ones.

Has the school committee considered building a new high school to replace our overcrowded one? Could we have a new high school across the street from the existing high school and turn the existing high school into a middle school? This would consolidate the middle school and the high school onto one location and would save costs on transportation and athletics.

According to what I was told by an Industrial Development Authority member, new units of residential housing are being proposed in Bethlehem in the coming years. This could add 21,000 people to the town population. Eventually we will have to build a new high school. Why not now?

Terry Rooney  
Delmar

## Thank you for supporting V'ville team

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Voorheesville Cross Country Team would like to thank the community for its support at the car wash held on Sunday. Despite the construction all over town, more than 100 cars stopped to get clean and the donations were abundant.

A special thanks to Elaine & Jaret Nichols of SuperValu for use of the parking lot and to Will Smith and the Voorheesville DPW for setting us up with water and hoses.

Watch for the team of young runners around town.

Linda Pasquali and the  
Voorheesville Cross Country Team

## Wetlands were known to be on BC owned land

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm sorry to hear of the potential dilemma that the Bethlehem school board faces with regard to federally protected wetlands on the Van Dyke Road property, as indicated in an article in the Sept. 10 issue of *The Spotlight*.

In 1994 the LUMAC Advisory Committee published a series of "Inventory and Master Plan Maps" in an unsuccessful attempt to update the town of Bethlehem's zoning. Based on this mapping, the LUMAC committee was recommending more restrictive zoning for a parcel of land that I owned at that time. The reason given for the proposed change was "the potential for federally regulated wetlands on the property."

Because of the impacts the proposed changes had on me and my family, I carefully reviewed the documents to ensure that the stated logic for proposed zoning changes was uniformly applied across town (which they were not, and I wrote to *The Spotlight* about it).

I quickly learned that soils that have water within 18 inches of the surface for more than two weeks

during the growing season can support wetland species of plants, which is one of the indicators of a federally protected wetland.

I also found out that the US Department of Agriculture stopped its farmland improvement projects, which drained marginal wetlands for agricultural use. These projects often resulted in drainage ditches running through marginal wetlands (which sound like the "drainage areas" Stuart Lyman referred to in the article).

These LUMAC maps indicate that the water table on the Van Dyke Road Property, that the school district now owns, was generally less than 1.5 feet from the surface (Map #17). It was shortly after the LUMAC Committee published these resources that I read in *The Spotlight* that the school district was considering purchasing the Van Dyke property.

I contacted the school district superintendent and suggested that the district should consider the impacts of wetlands on the property prior to the purchase. These wetlands should not have been "recently discovered."

Bryan Braun, PE  
Slingerlands

## Thanks to Lions for great picnic

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Thursday, Aug. 20, the Bethlehem Lions Club held their annual Cliff Van Dyke Memorial Picnic for senior citizens of the town of Bethlehem.

More than 150 senior citizens from all parts of the town enjoyed a delicious lunch of hamburgers,

hot dogs, salads and watermelon.

We extend our special thanks to the Lions Club who worked so hard to make this an enjoyable outing and to the many Bethlehem senior volunteers.

Joyce Becker  
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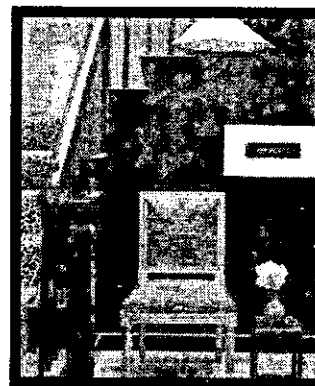
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Let us stand together and fight this assault on our town. *We have begun a petition drive opposing the EPA's proposal.* David Austin, David Young and I are proud to be the first to sign the petition, but we need your help.

Volunteers will be circulating petitions throughout town. Please take a moment to sign the petition and show your support for preserving the quality of life we have worked so hard to create in Bethlehem.

Let's send the message loud and clear:

***Bethlehem is not the EPA's dumping ground!***

**Joe Catalano**

*Candidate, Town Supervisor*

**David Austin**

*Candidate, Town Board*

**David Young**

*Candidate, Town Board*



# Matters of Opinion

## Developers should pay share to maintain schools

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the not too distant past, I would judge the passage of seasons by the growth of corn in fields or changes in the color of leaves of trees that bordered many of the roads in Bethlehem.

Now the passage of time is measured by how many fields and woods are cleared for the construction of new homes for the burgeoning population of the town I call home.

Such growth is inevitable.

However, the construction of new homes entails additional expenses for those who already reside here — i.e. the necessity for construction of a new school and renovation of existing schools, requiring additional school taxes of approximately \$93

million. One question that remains unanswered is who should pay these additional monies. At present, developers are required to pay only a portion of the costs of the infrastructure needed to support the increased population due to the new homes they build — primarily roads and sewer systems.

A most important and expensive component of the infrastructure that is not currently shared by builders is the cost of maintaining the excellent school system that attracts new families and increases the value of the homes the developers build and sell in Bethlehem.

Should not the developers who profit from the new homes they build share in the costs of maintaining the schools? A surcharge, based on the market value of each new home, would aid in spreading the costs of maintaining the infrastructures needed to maintain the quality of the schools and the financial well being of both current and new residents of Bethlehem.

Richard Seegal  
Delmar

## Lack of concern was appalling

Editor, The Spotlight:

Having lived most of my life in Delmar, I have fond memories of going to Kleinke's farm stand both as a child and an adult.

Now that I am a parent, I was looking forward to taking my daughter to Kleinke's as well — especially their "petting zoo" which is new since I was a child.

Unfortunately, our experience there was such that I will no longer patronize Kleinke's.

After feeding the goats and donkey corn husks we had been given, we were getting ready to leave the farm. Standing back from the fence about six inches, my 17-month-old daughter raised her hand to wave goodbye to the animals, and the donkey stuck his mouth through one of the openings in the wire fence and bit her hand.

I understand the donkey is an animal, as the Kleinke's staff informed me repeatedly when I told them about the incident. However, not only had my daughter not put her hand through the fence into the animals' pen as the staff first accused, she was, in fact, standing where I thought was a good (and safe) distance back from the fence when the donkey reached through the opening in the fence.

Fortunately, she is not badly hurt. However, I found the lack of concern by the staff appalling, to say the least. The fence should not have openings large enough for the animals to reach through with their mouths.

My daughter was not the only small child I saw at Kleinke's that day, and I am sure that many parents take their children there to see the animals as well as to shop. Parents beware! Should your child get bitten as mine did, be prepared to hear "too bad" and an accusation that your child was doing something wrong. Do not expect an apology.

Nancy Stern  
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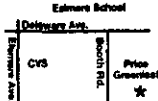
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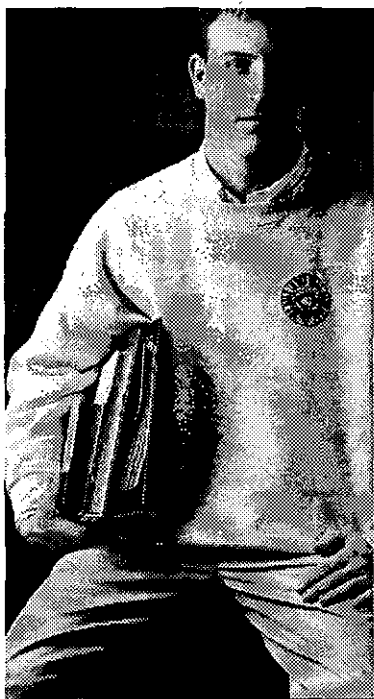
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# Matters of Opinion

## Get involved with Bethlehem's future

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem is growing! According to town records, as of December 2002, 1,552 new dwelling units have been approved for development, but not yet built. An additional 1,616 units have been proposed and are under review by the town.

Traffic on Elm and Cherry avenues is expected to increase by 42 to 60 percent, while traffic on Feura Bush is projected to jump 55 to 98 percent.

Our schools are now filled to capacity. And the Capital District, newly dubbed "Tech Valley," is poised to boom economically, leading to possible additional residential growth in Bethlehem.

Our town is clearly at a crossroads. The time has come for involved residents — people from all sectors of the town — to talk with each other, all of us together, to begin the process of addressing our future. Growth can be managed.

New York is a Home Rule state, which gives us, at the municipal level, the legal authority to decide how much, what kind and where growth should occur. We need to consider the needs and interests of the entire town and prepare ourselves for hard choices. The time to do this is now.

To this end, about a year ago a small, diverse group of Bethlehem citizens came together. Calling ourselves Bethlehem Tomorrow, we sought to assist town leaders by informing residents of the town and stimulating dialogue about the many dimensions of growth, while introducing new strategies for addressing its impacts.

Bethlehem Tomorrow organized four informational programs, and we compiled a booklet about our town that describes the LUMAC process, a past effort to address growth. The booklet also includes interviews with town employees and local experts familiar with key aspects of Bethlehem's future.

The culmination of this hard work will be a "Community Conversation" on Thursday, Oct. 2, at town hall, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Oct. 2 Community Conversation will provide an excellent opportunity to "slow down" for one evening, find out what others have been doing in the community and identify those features of our town that we value.

Modeled after Guilderland Study Circles, small groups will discuss: 1. What concerns about the future bring you to this meeting? 2. What should we preserve and protect in the town of Bethlehem and 3. What changes would you support?

The groups are intentionally structured so that different points of view are represented.

Trained facilitators will help guide the discussion, and a record of these group conversations will be compiled and presented to town leaders. This consensus-derived snapshot of concerns and suggestions will hopefully serve as a guide for the town as we collectively address the challenges and opportunities facing Bethlehem.

To ensure the success of the Community Conversation, we need a diversity of interests represented within each group.

Quite simply, Bethlehem needs you. Call 439-9620 or e-mail [bethlehtomorrow@hotmail.com](mailto:bethlehtomorrow@hotmail.com) to register for the Community Conversation and receive your informational booklet.

Nancy Heinzen

Bethlehem Tomorrow

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## Candidate chides GOP for 'flop'

Editor, The Spotlight:

In a recent letter to *The Spotlight*, William Kelleher said that because of scientific complexities, the failed Clapper Road water supply should not be an issue in the town election.

Over the years, many of us in town have agreed with Mr. Kelleher's assertion that construction of the Clapper Road plant was prone to failure.

Where I differ from Bill is that I believe voters should not issue a free pass to a town government that under Republican leadership has wasted more than \$13 million on this boondoggle.

What is more unforgivable is the town under the same Republican stewardship entered into an

agreement to build the plant with a company that carried on \$1 million of liability coverage. Now taxpayers are stuck.

This year's town board and supervisor candidates from the Democratic, Republican and Independence parties are practically falling over one another touting essentially the same plan to enter into long-term arrangements with neighboring municipalities to provide a reliable and safe water supply.

My only regret as a taxpayer is the Republicans didn't see it that way \$13 million ago.

Tim Gordon

Independence and

Democratic candidate for town board

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**Rich Reilly**

- \* Voorheesville School Graduate.
- \* Holy Cross College
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## Matters of Opinion

### Town board should back opposition to Patriot Act

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem town board at its meeting tonight, Sept. 24, will have the opportunity to take a stand in support of the Bill of Rights comprising the Constitution's first 10 amendments.

The civil liberties and individual freedoms enshrined in amendments 1 through 10, beginning with freedom of speech and association under the First Amendment, have been subjected to unjustified restrictions by the federal government since the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Without demonstrating any need to do so, the government has assumed broad additional powers under the AUSA Patriot Act and related measures. This act, 342 pages long, was rushed through the Congress without debate only 45 days after 9/11, and this precipitous action had been widely criticized.

The Patriot Act creates the new crime of "domestic terrorism" that could be applied to political activism or civil disobedience. The act gives the FBI and CIA new powers to wiretap, spy, enter, intercept, search and seize, detain, incarcerate and prosecute with little recourse to the courts.

Agents can require bookstores and libraries to disclose the books

being read by named individuals without informing the parties concerned. The latter has led the American Library Association and many local library boards to adopt resolutions opposing objectionable provisions of the Patriot act. The Bethlehem Public Library board has taken action in this regard.

Thus far, approximately 170 critical resolutions have been adopted by states, cities and local government, including Schenectady and Albany.

The Bethlehem town board has been asked to adopt a resolution expressing its conviction that the threat to civil liberties by provisions of the Patriot Act is incompatible with the principles of Constitutional government in our democratic republic.

The action of the federal government is normally not germane to the business of local government, but this time of our lives is not in any sense normal.

Some restriction of liberty is to be expected to increase security, but not the Patriot Act's assault on the Constitution. That's why it is imperative that all of us, individually as sovereign citizens and collectively on local government bodies, urge the Congress the repeal or amendment of the Patriot Act.

Let's hope the Bethlehem town board has the wisdom and courage to speak out by means of a resolution supporting civil liberties and individual freedoms.

William Larson  
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**Tom**

### Fire official supports company colleague

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the president of Elsmere Fire Co., I have had a first-hand opportunity to work with Joe Catalano, who is vice president of our company.

Joe has an exceptional ability to grasp hold of a situation, offer a fresh perspective, motivate others to action and bring projects to fruition.

In addition, as a member of our Finance Committee, he brings a great deal of financial experience and knowledge to our organization. I know he will do the same for our town and be a superb town supervisor.

It is with pleasure that I give him my endorsement as a superb choice for Bethlehem.

Dale Hassett  
Elsmere Fire Co.  
president

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

## Church to dish up roast pork dinner

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold a community pork roast dinner on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church social hall on Maple Avenue.

All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Emmanuel Faith Community in Albany.

The cost for the dinner is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors \$5.50 for ages 5-12 and free for children age 5 and under. Reservations are requested and can be purchased by calling 377-5766.

### Fire department to host Harvest Dance

The Voorheesville Fire Department will hold its 43rd annual Harvest Dance on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The price includes beer, wine, soda and hors d'oeuvres. The dance is open to the public but you must be 21 or older to attend. For information, call 765-7905.

### Extension sponsors blood drive

Cornell Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Martin Road.

For information or to make an appointment, call Gail Kohler at 765-3579.

### Legion to serve chicken barbecue

American Legion Post 1493 in Voorheesville will fire up a chicken barbecue Sunday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. The menu includes chicken, baked potato, corn, salad and dessert. The cost is \$8 per person. For information, call 765-4712.

### Extension offers home-buyers workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer a first-time home-buyers

## NEWS NOTES

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workshop on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

For information, call 765-2452. This program is free of charge.

### Thacher Nature Center plans sketching program

Thacher Nature Center will offer a nature sketching program on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Thacher Park overlook. Bring sketchpads, pencils and or paints.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be held inside at Thacher Nature Center.

For information and to register call 872-1237.

### Geology walk set at Thacher Park

Meet with Thom Engel at Thacher Nature Center for a two-hour walk on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 9:30 a.m. and learn about the features of karst topography.

See how limestone bedrock has characteristics that can result in some interesting landscapes.

For information, call 872-0800.

### Preschool set to open program for 3-year-olds

Voorheesville United Methodist Nursery School will be opening a program for 3-year-olds starting Monday, Oct. 6, that will meet Monday and Friday mornings. Children must be 3 by Dec. 1 to attend.

There are openings available for the program for 4-year-olds, also beginning in October.

For information, call 765-2547 or 765-2951.

## Book discussions on deck for kids

Book discussions are a popular slice of library life, and there are two for kids in October.

For fourth- through sixth-graders: Get out the tissues as we meet the poor Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Klaus and Sunny in *The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket (Book 1 in "A Series of Unfortunate Events"). These kids don't just have a bad beginning, everything about their lives gets really bad when they must live with the evil Count Olaf. The books are sad, funny and playful.

Copies are available via interlibrary loan. Sign-up is necessary for the Tuesday, Oct. 14, meeting.

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enjoy book discussions too, and kids in grades two and three should love *The Case of the Haunted Scarecrow* by James Preller. ("A Jigsaw Jones Mystery"). This is the perfect time of year for a mystery with a scarecrow, maybe a pumpkin or two and some activities that go with fall.

Register for this program and pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk. Parents are welcome to attend. Note: this is a Friday night program and the library will be open for book discussion only on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.

Adult book discussion meets on Oct. 8 to talk about *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason.

The first meeting of the Lifelines prose writers group will be Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

No sign-up is necessary. Participants should bring a short piece of their own work to share.

The cats have arrived early. Cats, Cats, Cats, originally scheduled for display in October is now in the showcase. See some of the collectibles amassed by feline fanciers Barbara Vink and Mary Jane Martterer.

Sign up for library programs by calling 765-2791 or e-mail voorefq@uhls.lib.ny.us. Visit the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

Barbara Vink

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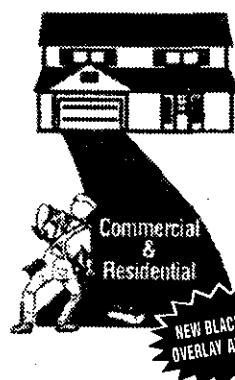
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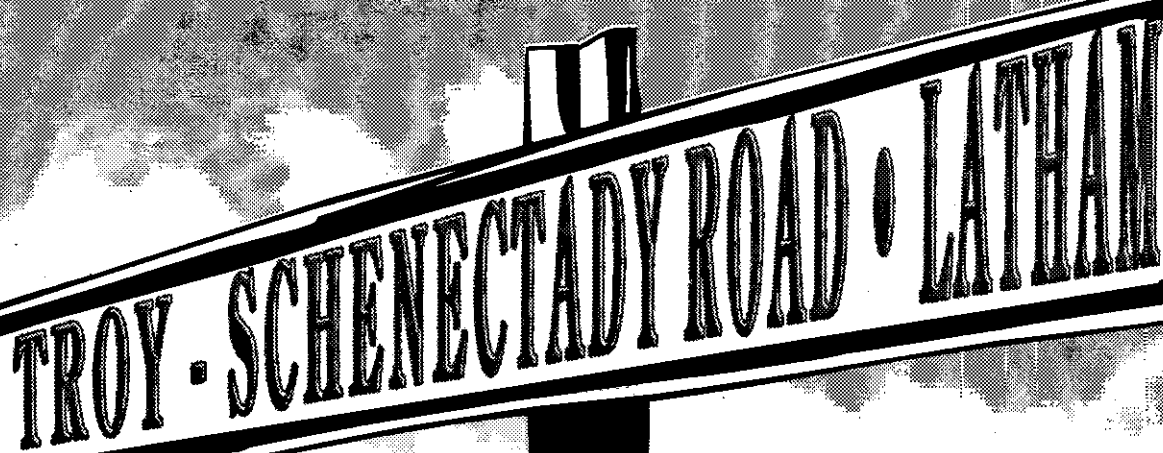
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## Churches to present course

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The course continues on Oct. 8, 15 and 22 and culminate with a healing service on Oct. 29. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

Feel free to attend whatever evenings you can.

The course will be at St. Stephen's at 16 Elsmere Ave. in Elsmere.

The course will cover the history of healing prayer and its importance for today, four kinds

of healing prayer, blocks to healing and prayer ministry.

The Rev. Eileen Winter will teach the course and the Rev. Darius Mojallali will lead the worship and music. Winter has worked in the field of healing prayer for the past four years.

In her last pastorate in Colorado, she chaired a coalition from a variety of mainline churches and helped establish healing services in Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches.

For information, call Winter at 439-9929 or Mojallali at 439-3265.

## Eagle announces changes

Eagle Media Partners LP, the parent of Eagle Newspapers in Syracuse and Spotlight Newspapers of the Capital District, announced today that its chairman, H. Douglas Barclay of Pulaski, has retired in anticipation of his appointment as the ambassador to El Salvador.

Succeeding Barclay as chairman will be Edward Green of Cazenovia, who currently serves as Eagle's secretary/treasurer. David H. Northrup of DeWitt will remain Eagle's vice chairman.

"On behalf of Eagle's employees and readers, we thank Doug for his dedication and commitment as Eagle's chairman," Green said.

Along with Barclay's retirement, Eagle also announced the retirement of Stewart Hancock of Fayetteville as the company's chief executive officer. Hancock will continue as publisher until March 1.

Assuming responsibility for day-to-day management of Eagle and Spotlight operations will be Richard Keene of DeWitt, currently the company's executive vice president and chief operating officer, and John McIntyre of Malta, Eagle vice president.

Keene, who has 18 years of newspaper experience — 13 with Eagle Newspapers — will assume the title of president and chief executive officer of Eagle Media.

McIntyre rejoined the company six years ago as general

manager of Spotlight Newspapers and has 13 years of newspaper experience. He assumes the title of vice president and chief operating officer.

"Rich and John are top-notch journalists who have demonstrated an absolute commitment to the highest standards of community journalism," Hancock said. "With Doug's retirement, this was the logical time for me to step back from day-to-day operations. I am very excited about Eagle's future and the potential for continued growth of our award-winning weekly

newspapers and specialty publications."

Eagle Newspapers is one of the state's largest weekly newspaper and specialty publishing organizations, with 30-plus titles and a combined readership of more than 250,000. The company has 110 full- and part-time employees.

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## EPA

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to build a multi-million dollar commercial hub, known as Beacon Harbor, on the land. The complex would include a marina, luxury hotel, museum, theatre, office space, and retail shops.

The EPA has eliminated four sites with formal development plans in place, or projects already under way, yet Gush's property remains on the list.

"He's told us he has some development plans, he's also told us he's interested in cooperating with us and offering up his land," said Rosales. The EPA would lease or purchase the land

from Gush.

"What they told me is, I really don't have a choice in cooperating," said Gush, of his conversations with EPA officials.

Gush claims the federal agency has assured him, if Beacon Harbor is closer toward receiving town approval by next August, the site will be removed from the list. Beacon Harbor is currently undergoing an environmental review study. "But until that time, we're on," said Gush.

The town board unanimously passed a resolution in 2001 opposing any dewatering location

within Bethlehem. The EPA has said the resolution carries little weight because most communities along the shores of the Hudson have passed similar legislation. Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller will speak at a public hearing Sept. 24 at Russell Sage College to reiterate the town's position.

"I will speak about the need for a tax base in the town, not the need for the property to be used as a dewatering spot," said Fuller.

Town residents opposed to the dewatering site are also expected to present petitions to the EPA this week.

## Pertussis

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bacteria. It is primarily spread by direct contact with discharges through the nose and throat of infected individuals, according to the state Health Department. Initial symptoms resemble those of a common cold, including sneezing, runny nose, low-grade fever and a mild cough.

Within two weeks, symptoms become more severe with episodes of rapid coughs followed by a crowing or high-pitched whoop.

"Building principals and nursing staffs at all school have been alerted to be on the lookout

for symptoms and to refer all possible cases to family physicians," wrote Superintendent Les Loomis in a letter to parents.

New York State requires all students who attend public school to be immunized against pertussis unless exempt for religious or medical reasons.

An immunized child may still contract whooping cough as immunity can wane over time, according to the district.

## Pesticide program for farmers slated

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District and the county Water Quality Coordinating Committee, in cooperation with state Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany County Farm Bureau, and state Soil and Water Conservation Committee, are directing a Clean Sweep Program for the environmentally safe removal of canceled, unwanted or unusable agricultural or commercial pesticides.

Eligible participants for this program are active or inactive agricultural and horticultural operations, golf courses, municipal facilities, schools, colleges or universities within Albany County.

This program is not for homeowners who have pesticides for disposal. Other programs, such as household hazardous waste collections, provide pesticide disposal for homeowners.

The DEC recognizes that farmers and other holders of old pesticides have not had many legal opportunities to safely dispose of these agricultural pesticides. This program provides that opportunity.

Depending upon funding availability, there will be no charge and no limit to the quantity of obsolete pesticides that can be returned by eligible participants.

The Clean Sweep Program is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15. Participation is through advance enrollment only.

For information or to receive a registration packet, contact Thomas Lacko at 765-7923.

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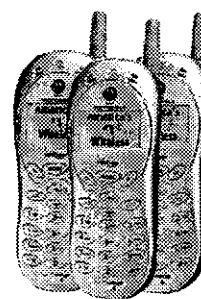
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## Zoning

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code should be allowed on the land, yet many types of businesses not listed were already in existence.

"These uses are in effect illegal, and it affects the ability of businesses to get financing," said Town Attorney Robert Alessi.

The board sought to rectify the situation at its Sept. 17 meeting by passing an amendment to the code, allowing all businesses in existence as of Aug. 7 to be considered permitted uses.

"I think what you're trying to do here is fix a problem," said Richard Orsi of Selkirk, who filed the initial lawsuit. "There are many businesses in the area that don't fall under the 32 uses that have been here for years and years that are necessary to the community, they are important businesses."

But the legislation drew a host of questions from residents concerned about what types of businesses would be permitted in the area and whether existing businesses could expand.

"I believe that in its current state, the proposed change would leave the law open to misinterpretation as it has been in the past, before Judge Benza's decision," said Gary Reinhart, who requested the board refrain from taking any action until the amendment could be further evaluated.

The concerns stem from a Feura Bush excavation company's pending application with the state to open a limestone mine. Neighboring homeowners opposed to the project believe a mining operation is not a permitted use.

"This law will have a significant impact on whether or not that mine is allowed to be permitted

by DEC (Department of Conservation)," said attorney Marc Gerstman, representing an alliance of concerned homeowners.

Ultimately, the board opted to move ahead with voting on the legislation.

"This town board cannot be in the business of having local laws relating to one business, we're here for all the businesses, it all needs to be treated equally," said Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

With a unanimous vote, excluding board member Doris Davis who was absent, the board passed the amendment.

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## Turning

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not just a result of student parking, but also due to the number of cars driven by faculty, staff and visitors and those attending school events.

In referring to a recent letter to the editor in *The Spotlight*, Loomis also clarified how the cost of the student parking lot is handled.

"District taxpayers are not paying for student parking," he said, "The \$120 per student parking fee goes to the expense of creating and maintaining the student parking lot as well as the attendant."

In a related issue, board members discussed the impact of the project on district taxpayers. School districts fund large construction projects by issuing bonds, not unlike a homeowner taking out a mortgage to purchase a home. For this project, the debt will be paid back over 15 or 30 years at an interest rate of 4.5 percent. The actual length of the bonds is determined by state Education Department rules.

If voters approve the project on Nov. 18, the tax rate is expected to increase an estimated 1.86 percent each year for five years beginning in 2005, or a total of 9.3 percent by 2010. Debt payments will level off until 2022 and then decline until the debt for this project is retired in 2035.

The impact of the project on the average homeowner is estimated to be 45.3 cents per

\$1,000 of assessed property value each year for five years or a total of \$2,265 per \$1,000 of assessed value by the end of five years. For a house assessed at \$100,000, the total increase for the project would be \$45.30 per year for five years or \$226.50 by the end of five years. This does not include reductions homeowners may receive through the STAR or Enhanced STAR programs.

The increase in taxes associated with the building project would be in addition to increases in taxes due to annual operating budget increases, which over the last 10 years have averaged 5 percent in Bethlehem.

Of the total estimated \$93 million cost for the project, the state will reimburse the district 52.9 percent, making the local share of the project \$43.8 million.

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# Sports

## Indians cage Tigers in second half for victory

By ROB JONAS

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football team did not flinch after Rob Babstock torched the defense for a 71-yard touchdown run on Cohoes' second play from scrimmage.

Instead, the defense clamped down on Babstock, and quarterback Tim Jordan connected with Eric Vasquez on two touchdown passes to lead the Indians to a 17-7 victory over the Tigers last Saturday in a Capital Conference game at Ravena.

"This is a great win," RCS coach Gary VanDerzee said. "I said this was an ugly win, but we'll take it."

The defense got the Indians (3-0) on the scoreboard shortly after Babstock's long touchdown run. With Cohoes pinned deep in its own territory, quarterback Elias Mukhtar went into his own end zone to pass the ball, but RCS defensive end Tim Sugrue sacked him for a safety to make the score 7-2.

The safety set up RCS well in terms of field position the rest of

the first half. The Indians drove inside Cohoes' 15-yard line twice in the second quarter, only to be denied touchdowns by a tenacious Tigers defense.

A bad snap on a punt changed RCS' fortunes at the end of the second quarter. The ball squirted past Mukhtar and rolled to a stop

big defensively, and he made a couple of plays offensively."

Babstock led all rushers with 116 yards, but the senior tailback was limited to 45 yards after his initial touchdown run.

"The defense was awesome, and that 71-yard touchdown run falls on me and coach (Bruce) Stott," VanDerzee said. "We tried to do something different (defensively), and it didn't work."

The Indians have a short week to prepare for their next game, a Thursday night meeting with Albany Academy at Ravena.

"As long as we come out of it healthy, that's what's important," VanDerzee said.

### Eagles fall in overtime

The Bethlehem football team came close to earning its first Suburban Council win of the season, only to fall 20-14 to Colonie in overtime last Saturday.

The Eagles (0-3) took a 14-6 lead in the fourth quarter on running back Geoff Wilcox's 9-yard run, but the Garnet Raiders tied it with less than a minute left on a 7-yard scoring pass from Tom O'Brien to Chris Romani and Mike Roberts' two-point

conversion. Colonie then won the game on a 20-yard touchdown pass from O'Brien to Bill Rivers.

Wilcox carried the ball 15 times for 95 yards, and Ryan Eder gained 52 yards on 10 carries for Bethlehem. Roberts gained 129 yards on 28 attempts for Colonie (1-2).

### Big second half propels Blackbirds

Voorheesville notched its first Northern Adirondack League victory of the season last Saturday with a 27-14 win against Greenwich at Buckley Memorial Field.

Taylor Osterhout opened the second half with an 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, but it was Kris Hauser's 3-yard scoring run late in the third quarter that gave the Blackbirds the lead for good. Hauser later added a 52-yard touchdown run to seal the victory.

### Soccer club seeks travel team players

The New Scotland Soccer Club is holding registration sessions for its 2004 spring travel teams Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Players are needed for teams in the under 8 to under 19.5 age groups.

A copy of the player's birth certificate, health insurance information and a photograph that can be mounted on an identification card are needed, along with the registration fee.

For information, contact Bob Reed at 765-2518 or Tom Jones at 765-4622.

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at the Tigers' 9-yard line with 12 seconds left. Two plays later, Jordan threw a lateral to Vasquez, who eluded two Cohoes defenders and dove into the end zone to put the Indians ahead 8-7.

"We had dominated the first half, and all of a sudden we were going to come out of it down 7-2," VanDerzee said. "So, you can't tell how huge a play that was (by Vasquez)."

The outcome was still in doubt in the fourth quarter when Jordan and Vasquez connected again, this time on a 22-yard touchdown pass that put RCS ahead 14-7. C.J. Haslam added a 25-yard field goal with 6:02 left to extend the lead to 10 points.

"Eric's a playmaker," VanDerzee said of Vasquez. "He came up

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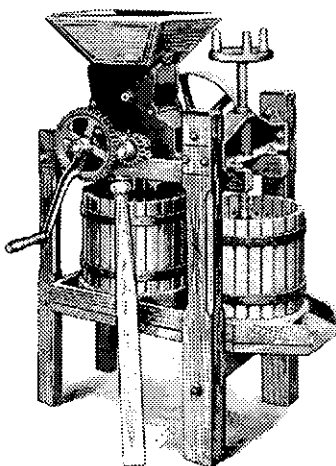
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# Bethlehem girls run past field at Guilderland Invy

By ROB JONAS

It was the kind of performance the Bethlehem girls cross country team could only dream about until last Saturday.

Five runners placed in the top 10 to help the Lady Eagles run away with the Sandy Morley Championship division title at the Guilderland Invitational at Tawasentha Park.

"We won it two years ago, but our times this year were so much better than two years ago," Bethlehem girls coach Jack Rightmyer said. "And the success we had at all levels — our freshmen and our junior varsity teams both won — was great."

Emily Malinowski led the Bethlehem pack with a second-place finish in a time of 16:43. Only Niskayuna's Caitlin McTague, who was a top-10 finisher at last year's Foot Locker national high school championship race, beat Malinowski to the finish line.

"She's just an amazing runner," Malinowski said of McTague. "Going into it, I knew I wasn't going to compete with her."

The rest of the Lady Eagles weren't far behind Malinowski. Roxanne Wegman was fourth, eighth-grader Kristen Kenny placed sixth, Ashley Dwyer finished seventh and Debra Wray took 10th place to give Bethlehem 29 team points, well ahead of runner-up Niskayuna.

"Our top five were 47 seconds



Bethlehem's Emily Malinowski rounds the final corner on her way to a second-place finish at last Saturday's Guilderland Invitational at Tawasentha Park.

Rob Jonas

(apart)," Rightmyer said. "If you can do that, you're going to have a strong team."

The Bethlehem boys team didn't fare as well as the girls team, but the Eagles managed to finish second in the Bill Drake Championship division with 99 points, four points ahead of Colonie and six points ahead of Guilderland.

"We did better than I thought we did (after the race)," boys coach Dave Banas said. "Having two guys up at No. 2 and No. 10 helped. We did real good."

Pat and Matt Shaffer paced the Eagles. Pat took second place with a time of 14:23, while Matt finished 10th with a time of 14:36.

"I felt like I went out really fast. I was very uncomfortable," said

Pat, the elder of the two Shaffers. "I got in the top 10 pretty much immediately, and I just tried to stay there."

"That's really great for him," Banas said. "He's been really working hard."

Alex Tiberio finished 26th, Mike Dineen placed 29th and Adam Hill took 33rd place for Bethlehem, which finished behind only Thousand Islands High School of Brockville, Ont., in the team standings.

The performances by Bethlehem's varsity teams, coupled with the results from the JV and freshman divisions, helped the school claim the all-around title at the Guilderland Invitational. The reward is a free bid to next year's event at Tawasentha Park.

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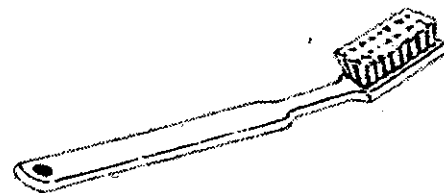
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## Wednesday, Sept. 17

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Shen 2, Bethlehem 1

Scoring: Bethlehem — Kristen White 1-0, Vanessa Patry 0-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — Nicole Volpi 5, Leslie Rimer 1.

#### RCS 4, Watervliet 0

Scoring: Ravena — Lauren Howley 1-0, Katelyn Matousik 1-0, Jeannine Rider 1-0, Lauren Scott 1-0, Brittany Edelson 0-1, Patricia Norton 0-1, Allison Poetzsch 0-1.

Saves: RCS - Elisha VanKempan 6.

#### Voorheesville 6, Cohoes 1

Scoring: Voorheesville — Robin



Voorheesville's Meghan Inglis (2) brings the ball upfield during last Wednesday's Colonial Council game against Cohoes at Clayton A. Bouton High School. The Blackbirds allowed the first goal to the Tigers before pulling away for a 6-1 victory.

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### FIELD HOCKEY

#### Guiderland 4, Bethlehem 3 (3OT)

Scoring: Bethlehem — Emily Szelest 1-1, Emma Strachman 1-0, Heather Smith 1-0.

Saves: Bethlehem — Sarah Lackner 6.

### GOLF

Cobleskill 148, Ravena 194  
Albany Academy 146, Voorheesville 168

## Thursday, Sept. 18

### BOYS SOCCER

#### Bethlehem 2, Burnt Hills 0

Scoring: Bethlehem — Elon Backer

1-0, Kevin Murphy 1-0, Cody Germain 0-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — Zack Sherman 5.

#### Lansingburgh 3, Voorheesville 1

Scoring: Voorheesville — Greg Klopfer 1-0.

Saves: Voorheesville — Tom Cavanaugh 7.

### GIRLS TENNIS

Voorheesville 7, Watervliet 0  
Cobleskill 6, Ravena 1

### GOLF

Bethlehem 244, Shen 252  
Voorheesville 165, Schalmont 176  
Cohoes 169, Ravena 183

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Guiderland 3, Bethlehem 0

## Friday, Sept. 19

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Voorheesville 2,

#### Lansingburgh 0

Scoring: Voorheesville — Sarina Fiero 1-0, Meghan Inglis 1-0, Hayley George 0-1.

Saves: Voorheesville — Eva Levingrub 23.

### GIRLS TENNIS

Bethlehem 7, Niskayuna 2

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem 3, Shen 1

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Voorheesville 3, Cohoes 1  
Averill Park 3, Ravena 0

## Saturday, Sept. 20

### FOOTBALL

#### Colonie 20, Bethlehem 14 (OT)

#### First quarter

Colonie — Chris Romani 35-yard pass from Tom O'Brien (kick failed).

#### Fourth quarter

BC — Mike Oliver 18-yard pass from Brian Trombley (kick good).  
BC — Geoff Wilcox 9-yard run (kick good).

Colonie — Romani 7-yard pass from O'Brien (Mike Robert conversion run).



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"The change in temperature serves as a signal to start focusing more on the indoors to get ready for winter," Pheasant says one of the best, and easiest places to start, is in the room where you spend a majority of your time: the bedroom. "You don't have to start moving

furniture all over the place to change the look of the room," says Pheasant. "Changing your bedding and curtains is often all it takes to make a dramatic difference."

Pheasant says the same colors you see on the trees outside — orange, gold, red, brown and olive green — have great appeal indoors. "They really set the mood of the season, especially when combined with paisley and velvet textures."

The bedroom isn't the only place where bold color and texture changes will have a quick and noticeable impact. You can also set the mood of the season by putting some dried

leaves or branches on the coffee table, and colorful pillows and a slip cover on your sofa. A seasonal bowl of apples on the dining room table, along with slip covers on the chairs, will also make a big impact.

So where do you start if you want to bring the fall "look" into your own home? "Start with materials. The kinds of fabric or color you choose can really change the attitude of the room," says Pheasant. "Velvet and damask are formal patterns that are more appropriate for fall and winter. Linen, paisley and leather are more modern and better suited for spring and summer."

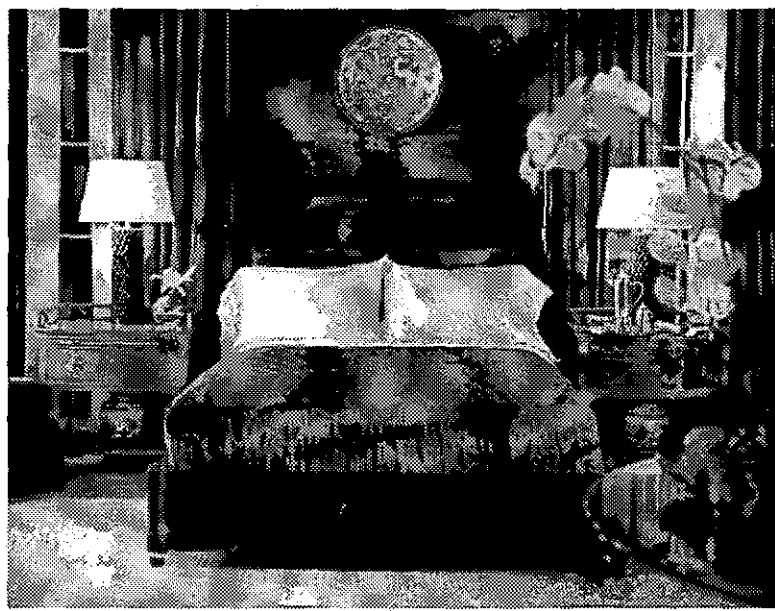
Pheasant recommends you take his ideas to an interior designer for help implementing them. "Mistakes are expensive. Professional designers have resources available that most people do not. Hiring someone

can make your life so much easier," says Pheasant. If you ultimately decide to take Pheasant's advice, pieces from his collection of furniture and accessories are sold at over 200 independent dealers throughout the country. Log onto [www.bakerfurniture.com](http://www.bakerfurniture.com) for access to a retail store directory.

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## Do-it-yourselfers offer tips

Do-It-Yourself (DIY) home improvement is all the rage right now. Americans are gaining confidence and saving money by doing home improvement projects themselves. They're reading DIY magazines and tuning in to the many popular DIY home

improvement programs, hoping to get ideas for how to create more beautiful, comfortable and livable homes.

Despite this enthusiasm, there are certain tasks that do-it-yourselfers often avoid. For example, a recent survey found that more than 50 percent of do-it-

yourselfers consider plumbing their least enjoyable DIY project.

The next time you're faced with a home improvement project that makes you cringe, don't throw in the towel or cut corners. Here are a few remedies for these headaches:

- Before starting a painting project, apply a liberal coating of hand lotion to your hands and arms, up to and including your elbows. Any paint that gets on your skin will wash off easily without having to use harsh cleaners or solvents.
- When purchasing custom color house paint, ask that the

custom color be added to the primer. You will save on the cost of paint and save time by having to apply fewer coats.

- To remove wax and dirt from wood floors, put on kneepads and gently hand sand the floor, using a medium-grit sanding sponge. Clean up dust and any small particles with a tack cloth. Then, apply a polyurethane coating to the wood surface using an applicator pad to spread it. This will even out the scratches and give you a nice, smooth coat of finish.

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# Gas logs and fireplaces make life easy, less costly

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

If you've taken one too many trips to the woodshed recently, you may want to think about gas logs or a gas fireplace for your home. Three local vendors, Best Fire on Central Avenue in Albany, CR Gas Logs & Fireplaces in Voorheesville, and Great American Awning & Fireplace in Albany, all offer a wide assortment of gas log and gas fireplace products.

If you've already got a fireplace and you're not looking to change the way you heat your home, gas logs may be the way to go.

"The convenience of gas is great," said Frank Rafalik, co-owner of Great American Awning & Patio

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Room, which bought Fireside & Patio nine years ago. "If you're only looking for aesthetics, you can insert ceramic logs into your fireplace, which requires that the gas line be brought into the fireplace, and a new grate installed."

The installation takes between two and four hours, and it provides you with a realistic fire.

"Gas logs won't heat a room but they'll take the chill out of the room," Rafalik said. "A lot of elderly people are having the logs installed, and they're great for people who work all day and want to come home and have a glass of wine in front of the fire."

The same flick of a switch that provides you with a realistic-looking fire can also provide you with heat, if you're interested in having a gas fireplace installed in your

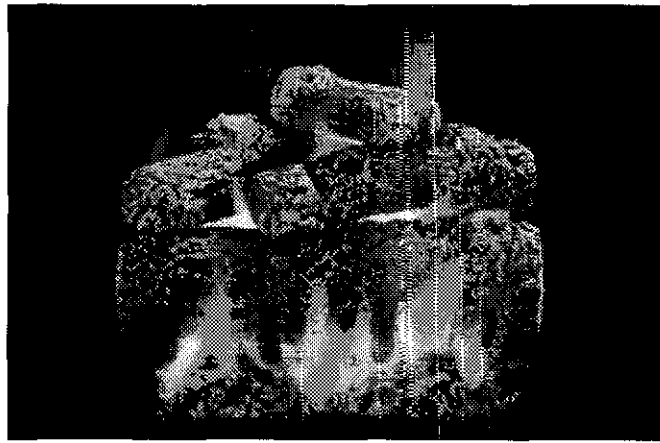
home. You'll need a gas insert, which is much nicer-looking than it sounds. In fact, you can choose from a wide variety of fireplace fronts or stove.

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"If you don't have a fireplace, we can install an interior-mounted unit, which will protrude about 2 feet into your home," Rafalik said. "In a lot of newer constructions, we're installing flush-mounted units, which means there's a 'dog house' kind of box that sticks out of your house."

The gas fireplaces and stoves have a BTU rating of 30, where most furnaces have a rating of 80, Rafalik said.

"After talking to customers, we find that the cost of heating remains the same, but they're turning down their thermostats," Rafalik said.



\$2,000 and \$4,000.

You can reach Great American Awning & Patio Room, located at 1995 Central Ave. in Colonie, at 456-1452. They'll be moving to Round Lake soon.

Best Fire Inc. is at 1760 Central Ave. in Colonie and can be reached at 869-9600.

CR Gas Logs, Fireplaces & Outdoor Rooms is located at 72 Voorheesville Ave. in Voorheesville and can be reached at 765-4279. They're also on the Web at [www.crgaslogs.com](http://www.crgaslogs.com).

"Instead of heating the whole house, they're heating the room they're using."

Rafalik estimated that the cost of purchasing and installing a gas-burning unit is between

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## Prevent mildew in your home

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- Keep airflow constant. Consider installing an exhaust fan and replacing solid doors with louvered doors to improve ventilation in mildew-prone areas. This alone can increase airflow and significantly impede the growth of interior mildew.

- Eliminate moisture. Stagnant water produces moisture in the air and creates the perfect environment for mildew growth. Limit moisture by using a dehumidifier in high humidity areas. Also, take steps to remove excessive moisture by wiping down shower walls after each use and cleaning up spills that can be created by leaks, wet laundry or raincoats in basements, laundry rooms and closets. This will reduce the amount of moisture in the air and decrease mildew growth.

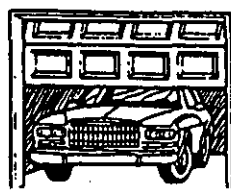
- Clean infected areas. Clean

mildew covered surfaces with a solution of one-cup household bleach to one gallon of water. Follow this solution by rinsing thoroughly with clean water.

- Prevent mildew growth. Prevent the growth of mildew on painted surfaces by applying two coats of a mildew-proof paint.

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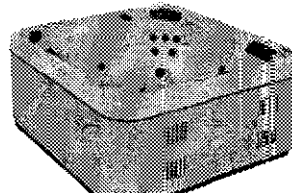
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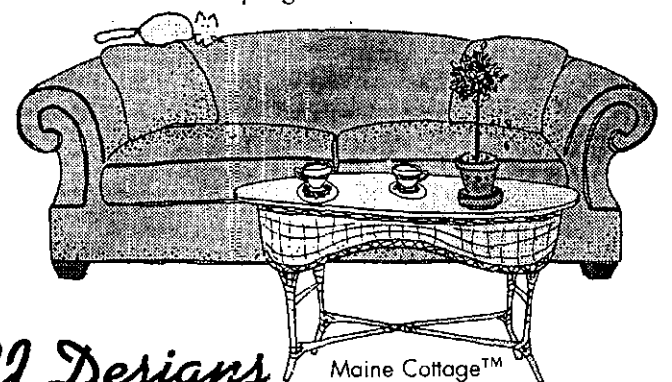
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- Citrus centerpiece — Cut an orange and a grapefruit in halves. Choose flowers in colors that contrast with the fruit. Cut the stems on your flowers so

they are short and push them into the fruit halves. Arrange the flowers down the center of the table. The flowers will last in the fruit for the length of a dinner party. • Seasonal wreath — Purchase a small grapevine wreath. Place the wreath on top of a bowl or platter that contains

water. Use flowers in a mixture of fall colors and thread the stems down

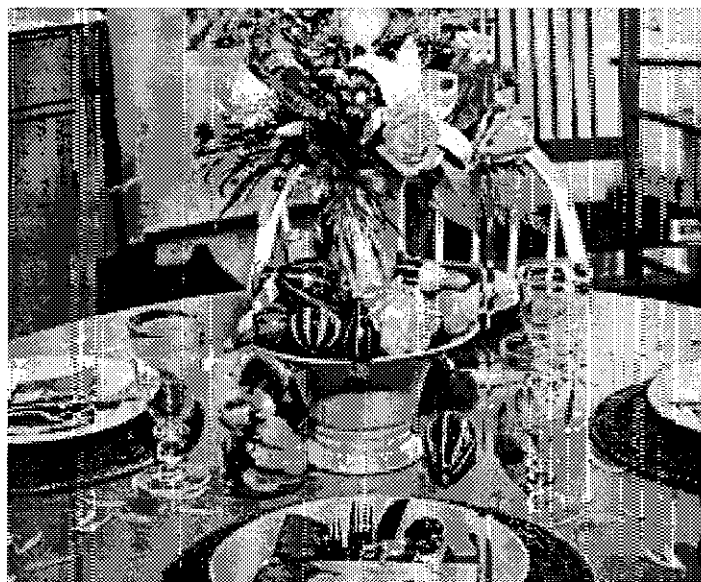
through the wreath into the water.

- Gourds — Surround a tall arrangement of fall flowers with a collection of seasonal gourds in different colors.

- Halloween treat — Hollow out a large pumpkin or several

pumpkins of different sizes. Inside the pumpkins, place simple glass jars that contain water. Fill with flowers from a ready-made bouquet from a floral retailer.

- Little vases — Fill votive glasses with leaves of different colors. Add water to cover stems. Then, add stems of flowers and berries. Purple and blue flowers will provide a lively accent to the bronze and crimson fall leaves.



Fresh flowers mixed with colorful gourds can add ambiance to any celebration of the season.

warm tones that evoke the ambiance of the season, from mustard to terra cotta and eggplant. Add material from your own garden, such as branches and cattails. Fresh fruit arranged at the base are an easy way to add complementary colors.

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# Faux painting: A simple dramatic effect for your walls

By MICHELE FLYNN

**F**aux painting is easier than it looks. "It's putting a design on the wall with paint," said Roger Smith, of Roger Smith Painting & Decorating in Delmar.

When faux painting was introduced by Ralph Lauren, it was a complicated process.

"When it first came out, there were fairly elaborate steps," Smith said.

Then, about three years ago, paint companies got involved and simplified the procedure. It's been reduced to a three- to five-step process, depending on the technique chosen.

Some painters will faux paint for you, but Smith said almost anybody can do it.

"If you're handy at all, you can do it yourself. It's not rocket science."

First choose your colors: one base color and one or more accents. The colors may be similar or contrasting, light or dark, depending on the desired effect. Choosing colors is not for the faint of heart.

"There are 1,600 or more color chips, maybe twice that many," Smith estimates.

But there are books to help determine pleasing combinations.

"Most gals are good with color," Smith added, noting that women comprise 90 percent of the customers who come to his store for faux painting supplies.

Regular wall paint is used for most special effects. Satin and

eggshell are currently the most common finishes, though Smith sells two types of "texturey" finishes made by Pratt & Lambert, "Stoneridge" and "Suede," the former being the rougher of the two.

Let it dry, at least overnight, then apply the second color.

There are two ways to faux paint. The easiest way is to paint your second color over the first, then take the paint off. An example of this is the ragging technique: The second coat of paint is applied, then partially removed with wet T-shirt material.

Other techniques involve adding the second color over the first with a sponge or other tool. To provide enough time to manipulate the paint on the wall, glazing is used. Mix half glazing and half paint and get to work. Paint three square feet at a time as glazing gives you a long time to manipulate the paint, but not forever. As you reach the edges of the square, use a lighter touch so that there is no defining line between the blocks.

What happens if it comes out poorly?

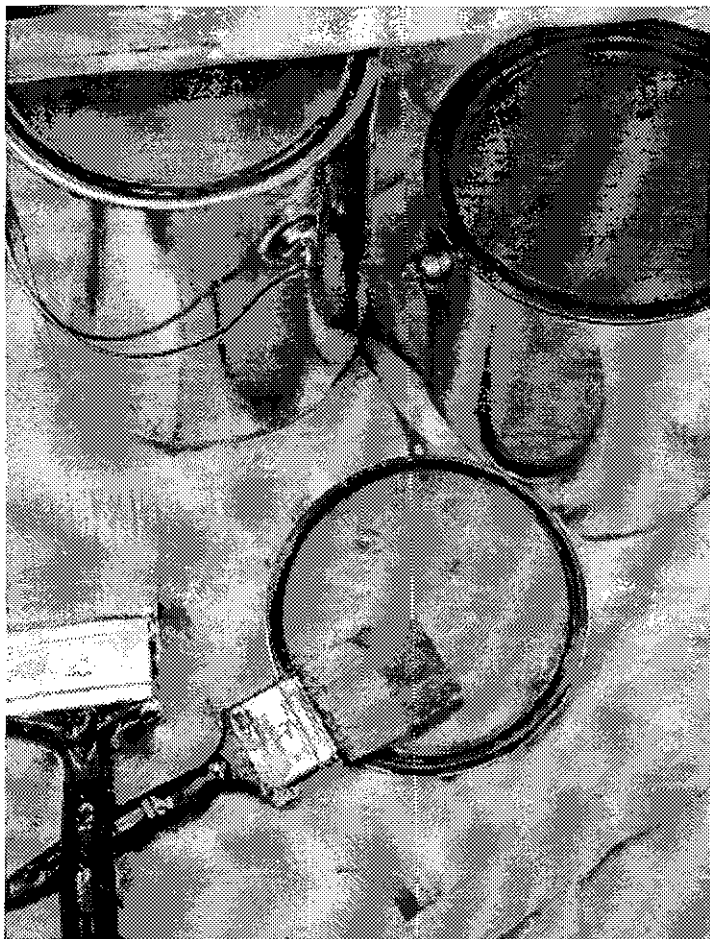
"I've never had anybody come back and say they couldn't do it," Smith said. "Most of the time they come back bragging about how good it looks."

If you're not sure about it, he suggests buying a quart of paint and trying it out. Whether you do a sample or a whole wall, if you don't like it, you can always paint over it. If you've used textured paint, you'll need to smooth the gritty surface by sanding it. Or you can skim coat, apply a thin layer of sheet rock compound.

Where can you use faux painting techniques?

"It's in my kitchen and the downstairs hallway," Smith said. "It's tone on tone and almost looks like marble."

He used similar colors and a ragging technique. His wife has also used sponging to good effect in the bedroom and bath.



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# Murals add a personal touch to any room

By MICHELE FLYNN

**W**ant Venice in your living room? Niagara Falls in the bathroom? Betsey Rae Mattice may be able to help you. She paints murals. Some of her clients ask her to replicate a favorite vacation spot in their living room, others request bunnies, flowers or frogs for a child's room.

She painted her first mural at age 15, "crazy funky birds" on her bedroom wall. Though it's currently her mother's sewing room, the mural stands.

Five years ago, inspired by Old Master paintings, she painted her entire dining room. She received such a terrific response, she considered mural painting as a career. Mattice received a grant to start her own business, expecting to paint one per year.

"I didn't think there'd be much call for murals," she said.

She has exceeded her own expectations by painting three annually, including the Vanguard Designer Showhouse in 2002 and 2003.

For this year's showcase, she

painted a port near Portofino, Italy, a favorite vacation destination of the homeowners, who provided her with pictures of the area. The scene is viewed through trompe l'oeil archways, which Mattice also painted.

For the previous year's Vanguard house, she worked smaller, painting columns the height of the tiny powder room. She also created the illusion of a skylight.

"I used the fifth wall in the room (the ceiling)," said Mattice.

But much of her work is in children's rooms. Her most recent wall painting depicts a village. Mattice incorporated the children's names into the design, "Abby's Bookstore," and "Jake's Pet Store." Kids names are often included, such as on a banner flying off the tail of an airplane.

She works for adult tastes too, and recently studied folk art to indulge a history buff's wish for a scene of Greene County, including a bridge, Rip Van Winkle and the Catskill Mountain House. Mattice said she enjoyed doing it and was happy with the results.

"It was not my natural style, so it was challenging," she said.

Sometimes, Mattice's work contains surprises. A pair of brothers with bunk beds who requested snakes and frogs will

also find a bug or two when she's done. Though she doesn't usually choose to depict dogs, Mattice painted the family dog into a mural as a surprise for the homeowner, who loved it.

But Mattice's work doesn't include any unpleasant surprises. When she first meets with the homeowner, they discuss style, color, location and a likely subject for the mural. If they are unsure of what they'd

like, she steers them to Internet poster and scenery sites, and she pays attention.

"I look at their home and see what styles are natural to them and appeal to them," Mattice said.

She collects a deposit, makes sketches, reviews them with her client and starts work. Though she has completed a large mural, 21 feet by 18 feet, in five days, work usually takes a couple of months from the initial

phone call to the completed piece.

"It's not a quick fix," Mattice said.

The artist is often able to complete the work on a special canvas that affixes to the wall, enabling her to work in her studio, and affording the homeowner their privacy.

A self-taught artist, who took graphic art classes and hated them, Mattice started the Elizabeth Rae Studios three years ago. She works out of her home in Greene County and can be reached at 731-9484.

## Tips on sprucing up old furniture

**D**o you have furniture that's an eyesore, but you can't stand the thought of getting rid of it? Or, perhaps it's a chair or toy chest you'd like to personalize for a parent or child?

Most people have at least one piece of furniture they'd like to give a facelift. Below are some ideas to turn boring into beautiful:

**Decorate it** — Use stencils and sponges to create fun designs on surfaces. Stencil flowers and butterflies on a drab

storage chest for garden tools or create depth and texture on an old hutch with some paint and a sponge. Hand-painted designs add a personal touch to any object, while also adding style and elegance to the decor.

**Distress it** — Give items like dressers and bookcases a hint of sophistication and age by distressing the surface. Paint a base coat on the object and then age it with a second color. Using a rag, wipe a bit of the second color on the corners and edges. Then, using a paintbrush, fling tiny speckles of paint everywhere. This will give your furniture a stylish, yet aged look.

**Personalize it** — Add a unique touch to any room with personalized furnishings. Paint an old rocking chair for the nursery-add baby's name or birth date to create a special place to rock the bundle-of-joy to sleep. Or, paint a child's desk with letters of the alphabet or numbers to create a cozy place

to study or color-not only will this make the child's workspace fun, but it will also encourage learning.

**Restore it** — If you are not ready to make a drastic change to a piece of furniture, but it is starting to look dull, restore it. Re-paint or re-stain the piece to bring it back to its original state and beauty. This will bring a fresh, new look to the piece, while carrying on the tradition of the object.

**Tile it** — Add beauty and color to boring tables and chairs with mosaic-tiled artwork. Using broken pieces of tile and stained glass, create a design of your choice, adhering each piece with super glue. Next, use a grout to fill in the space between tiles.

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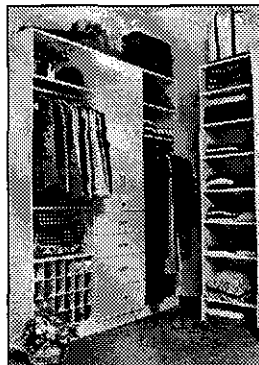
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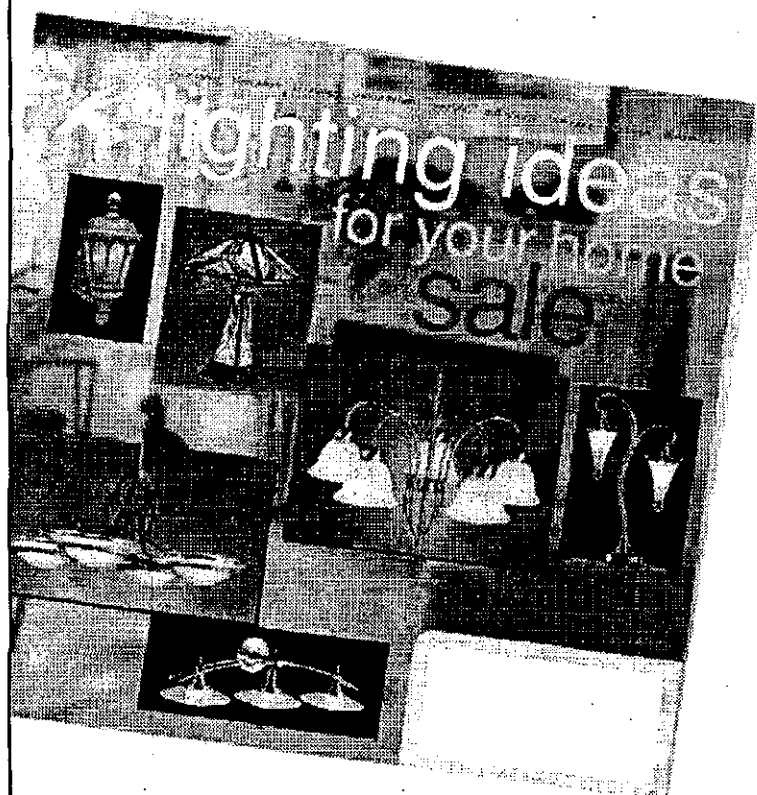
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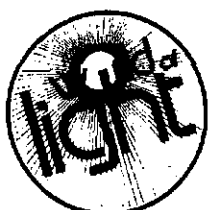
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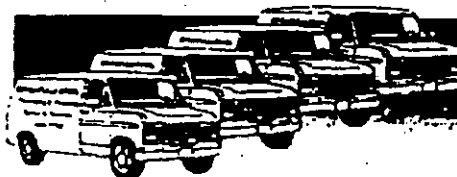
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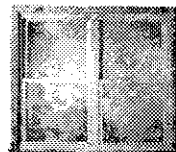
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# Protect your home during a power outage

By simply flipping a switch or inserting a plug into an outlet, Americans enjoy countless appliances and gadgets, from refrigerators to electric foot massagers.

However, while consumers seem to take

electricity for granted, a recent national survey revealed that more than 70 percent of homeowners are concerned about losing power.

Given the fact that nearly 90 percent of U.S. households experience power outages at some point during the year, homeowners are seeking ways to protect their possessions and loved ones. Approximately 10 percent of U.S. households have found a solution: the home generator. This number is increasing as more Americans — sick of drying out basements or throwing out refrigerators full

of food due to power failures — are looking to the home generator to prevent costly power outage-related damage.

In fact, the survey revealed that more than 15 million Americans are planning to purchase a standby

generator for the home within the next two years.

"With a standby generator in place, homeowners can feel secure that daily life will go on in the event of a weather or utility crisis that results in loss of power," said Pat Simpson, HGTV host. "It's an affordable way to ensure that your refrigerator, furnace, lights, well pump and other appliances are functional when you need them."

Generators have made major strides in recent years by becoming more consumer-friendly. Whether a homeowner

needs a portable generator or a permanent standby model, what once seemed to be an overwhelming decision to many is now easier.

Portable generators are available to meet the power needs of many household items with wattage requirements of 4,000 to 10,000 watts.

When using a portable generator, it is critical to have a manual power transfer system, which eliminates the need for extension cords and makes transferring standby power to a home fast, safe and easy. Portable generators are generally less expensive than their permanent counterparts.

Permanent generators may be slightly more expensive, but their overall value and convenience can prove priceless when a big storm hits. These units connect directly to the

home's natural gas or propane fuel supply and offer between 5,000 and 20,000 watts of power.

standby generators, it is important to have a basic understanding of safety issues before operating the unit.

Here are some tips to help you safely operate your generator when you need it the most.

- Always run your generator outdoors in well-ventilated areas.

- Maintain your generator engine according to the maintenance schedule for peak performance and safety.

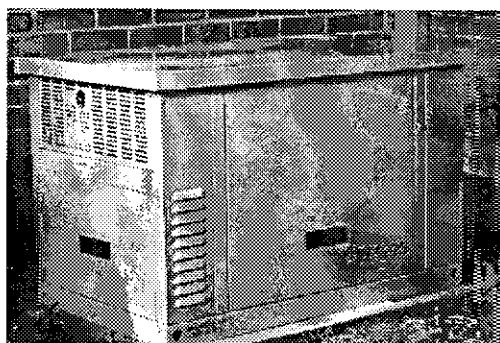
- Check engine oil daily or after eight hours of operation. Do not operate the engine near combustible materials.

- Keep gas fresh. If you do not plan to use your generator for up to 30 days, stabilize the gas with a gas stabilizer.

- Never plug your portable generator directly into your house circuit.

- Protect your generator from exposure to rain and snow. Operate generator in an open canopy whenever possible.

- Turn engine off portable generator and let cool two minutes before refueling.



Americans are turning to standby home generators to ease power outage concerns.

Permanent standby generators can sense a power disruption, automatically start, and remain on until the line power has been restored, which is a valuable asset for those who may be away from home when power is lost.

"During severe storms, a generator can pay for itself after just one major event by protecting a household from damage," said Simpson. "It provides peace of mind by controlling and minimizing the inconveniences that come with power outages." When using

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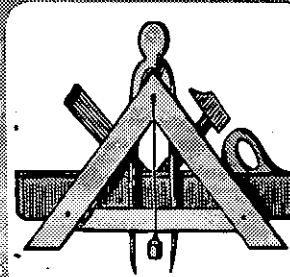
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**Overtime**

Colonie — Bill Rivers 20-yard pass from O'Brien.

**RCS 17, Cohoes 7****First quarter**

Cohoes — Rob Babstock 71-yard run (Babstock kick).

Ravena — Tim Segrue safety; sacked quarterback in end zone.

**Second quarter**

Ravena — Eric Vasquez 9-yard pass from Tim Jordan (conversion failed).

**Fourth quarter**

Ravena — Vasquez 22-yard pass from Jordan (conversion failed).

Ravena — C.J. Haslam 25-yard field goal.

**Voorheesville 27, Greenwich 14****Third quarter**

Voorheesville — Taylor Osterhout 87-yard kick return (kick good).

Greenwich — Ryan Davis 80-yard kick return (kick good).

Voorheesville — Kris Hauser 3-yard run (conversion failed).

**Fourth quarter**

Voorheesville — Scott Brunt 40-

yard run (conversion failed).

Greenwich — Dylan Lynn 49-yard pass from Josh Jennings (kick good).

Voorheesville — Hauser 52-yard run (conversion good).

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY****Guilderland Invitational****Bill Drake Championship**

Team scores: Thousand Islands (Canada) 48, Bethlehem 99, Colonie 102, Guilderland 104, Essex (Vt.) 118, Kellenberg Memorial 130, Saratoga 152, Berne-Knox-Westerlo 239, Ichabod Crane 250, Taconic 254, Chatham 266, Wantagh 301.

Top five Bethlehem runners: Pat Shaffer (second place, 14:23), Matt Shaffer (10th, 14:36), Alex Tiberio (26th, 15:21), Mike Dineen (29th, 15:22), Adam Hill (33rd, 15:28).

**Fort Plain Invitational****Large schools division**

Team scores: Mohonasen 42, Scotia-Glenville 91, LaSalle 96, Ballston Spa 101, Albany Academy 110, Averill Park 137, Troy 204, South Glens Falls 249, Catskill 257, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 260, Schalmont 280.

**Small schools division**

Team scores: Fonda-Fultonville 54, Galway 103, Berlin 165, Duaneburg 171, Maple Hill 179, Unatego 182, Greenwich 187, Schenectady Christian 195, Salmon River 238, Schoharie 251, Voorheesville 259, Little Falls 315, Richfield 325, Bishop Gibbons 334, Mechanicville 343.

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY****Guilderland Invitational****Sandy Morley****Championship Race**

Team scores: Bethlehem 29, Niskayuna 66, Colonie 101, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 106, Chatham 122, Westerly (R.I.) 153, Sachem 162, Thousand Islands (Canada) 200, Wantagh 214, Northeast Clinton 274.

Top five Bethlehem runners: Emily Malinowski (second place, 16:43), Roxanne Wegman (fourth, 17:04), Kristen Kenny (sixth, 17:17), Ashley Dwyer (seventh, 17:18), Debra Wray (10th, 17:29).

**Fort Plain Invitational****Large schools division**

Team scores: Averill Park 48, South Glens Falls 77, Ballston Spa 86, Lansingburgh 87, Mohonasen 120, Cohoes 140, Schalmont 254, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 277.

**FIELD HOCKEY****Columbia 2, Bethlehem 1**

Scoring: Bethlehem — Emily Szelest 1-0.

**BOYS SOCCER****Saratoga 2, Bethlehem 1**

Scoring: Bethlehem — Luke Sullivan 1-0, Matt Narode 0-1.

**Voorheesville 1, RCS 0**

Scoring: Voorheesville — Dominic Venditti 1-0.

**GIRLS SOCCER****Bethlehem 5,****Monroe-Woodbury 0**

Scoring: Bethlehem — Vanessa Patry 2-0, Kristen White 2-0, Maddie White 1-0.

# Basketball boosters slate skill development clinics

The Bethlehem Central boys and girls basketball booster clubs are conducting a series of skill development clinics at the high school lower gym.

Sessions will be held on four consecutive Saturdays beginning Oct. 4 for students in grades two through eight. Sessions run from 2 to 4 p.m. for girls and from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. for boys.

The cost is \$40 per player for all four sessions.

For information, contact boys

basketball coach **Jeremy Klugman** at 439-7460 or girls basketball assistant coach **John Hooper** at 439-1917.

**Hughes leads RPI**

Bethlehem graduate **Pat Hughes** caught seven passes for 75 yards and two touchdowns to help the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute football team to a 44-7 victory over Coast Guard last Saturday. Hughes now has 12 catches for 125 yards for the Red Hawks.

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## Pop Warner teams fall

The Bethlehem Pop Warner junior midget division team lost to Columbia County 27-12 last Sunday at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Kyle Bossung, Mike Bonacci and Randy Bowers each had several tackles, and Aaron DeVost recovered several fumbles for the Junior Eagles defense. Mark Boucher added a shoestring tackle to end a Columbia County drive.

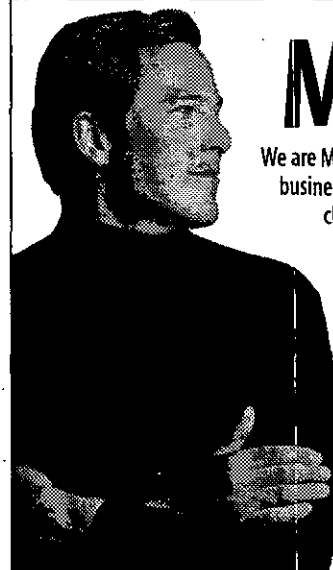
Bonacci also scored one of Bethlehem's two touchdowns on a run up the middle. Sam Smith — who replaced starting quarterback Casey O'Connor in the second half after O'Connor suffered an injury — added the other six points for the Junior Eagles on a bootleg scramble.

Columbia County scored three of its four touchdowns on broken plays.

The pee wee division team suffered its first loss of the season after falling to North Colonie 12-0 last Sunday in Latham.

Colton Vickery, Danny Thompson and Mike Strohecker each had several unassisted tackles for Bethlehem, but the offense was shut out by a strong North Colonie defense.

The pee wee division team returns to action Saturday night when it hosts Burnt Hills at Bethlehem Central High School. Kickoff is 7 p.m.



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# An RPS for New York

The New York State Public Service Commission has initiated a process for developing a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to ensure that within 10 years at least 25% of the electricity purchased in New York State is generated from renewable resources. These renewable resources may include wind, solar, photovoltaics, biomass, tidal, and others. The RPS proceeding is intended to increase and diversify New York State's generation capacity portfolio with electricity from renewable resources.

Developing an RPS provides an opportunity to lower air emissions, reduce wholesale prices, increase capacity, and increase customer choice by supporting a more robust "green power" market in New York. An RPS also has the potential to improve energy security and help diversify the state's electricity generation

mix. In addition, there are economic development benefits to attracting renewable technology manufacturers and installers to New York State.

## The RPS Proceeding

An important step in the Commission's proceeding is to gather input from a wide range of interested parties on how best to achieve the 25% RPS. Because the RPS proceeding impacts a broad range of industry, competitor and consumer advocate interests, the Commission established a collaborative effort for interested parties to identify and overcome obstacles to meeting the 25% RPS within 10 years.

Key issues being examined by the parties in the collaborative working groups include: eligible renewable resources; compliance mechanisms; methods for energy suppliers to procure renewable resources; and, the appropriateness of a renewable trading system.

Also there are discussions related to the appropriate methodologies for assessing the benefits and costs of an RPS. The meeting agendas and notes of the collaborative working groups are available by visiting the Commission's [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com) Web site.

## Comments and Opinions

The public is encouraged to comment on the RPS initiative. Your input as well as your evaluation of the RPS proposals and alternatives under consideration, are integral to Commission deliberations in developing policies concerning alternative energy resources for the state. More information on how to comment on the RPS proceeding is available by visiting the Commission's [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com) Web site.

## How to Stay Informed

**The Internet:** You can stay informed about the Renewable Portfolio Standard Proceeding

by visiting the New York State Public Service Commission's [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com) Web site. If you have questions or wish to informally express your views concerning an RPS for New York, you may do so by filling out a Comment Form on the Commission's consumer Web site. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

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**Participation:** Anyone interested in seeking active party status in the Commission's RPS proceeding can do so by writing Administrative Law Judge Eleanor Stein, New York State Public Service Commission, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York

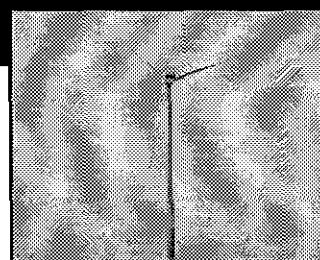
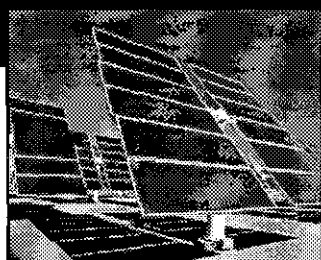
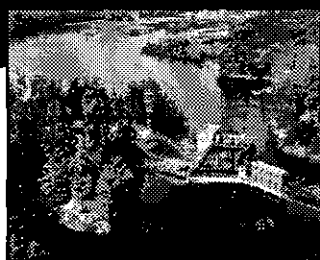
12223. Active parties attend hearings and negotiations, and file legal briefs and formal comments. Letters seeking active party status should reference the "Renewable Portfolio Standard" (Case 03-E-0188).

For more information on the New York State Renewable Portfolio Standard, call the New York State Public Service Commission's Business Advocates at 1-877-661-9223 or the New York State Public Service Commission's Consumer Information Line at 1-888-Ask-PSC1.

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New York State is currently developing a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) that requires within 10 years at least 25% of the state's electricity is generated from renewable resources. These may include wind, solar, photovoltaics, biomass, tidal, and others.

An RPS should lower air emissions, including greenhouse gases, and reduce other adverse environmental impacts. It may reduce New York's dependence on imported fuels and help diversify our generation fuel mix. Also, attracting renewable technology firms to New York will have economic benefits, as well.

The Public Service Commission is working collaboratively with other organizations and parties to develop New York State's RPS.

### To participate in New York State's RPS proceeding:

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By KRISTEN OLBY

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New York is one of only nine states in the country with a committee devoted entirely to open government legislation and the first state to adopt a freedom of information law. Freeman, a lawyer and state employee, has been with the committee since its inception in 1974, making him an authority in the field.

He's taking his expertise halfway around the world to the Chinese province of Shanghai where the government seeks to provide its people with greater access to records. The China Law Center at Yale University sponsored a week-long, privately funded trip to Shanghai in August.

Flanked by a delegation of lawyers and Yale professors, Freeman helped Shanghai officials craft and implement open government laws. The legislation will help put an end to years of secrecy and concealment, making records once unattainable now readily available to the city's 13 million people.

"To some extent, there is an economic incentive," said Freeman.

Shanghai is the country's largest city and the financial capital, generating billions of dollars in business transactions each year. Yet, Freeman said, standard company documents such as business contracts were not disclosed — laying the groundwork for excessive corruption.

"They felt the need for transparency, enabling the world to know what the government is doing in Shanghai," said Freeman of the city's officials.

Chinese officials believe open access to government records will enhance the country's participation in the emerging free

market. The Chinese city of Guangzhou adopted a freedom of information law in January.

Over the years, Freeman has helped other foreign governments draft similar laws guaranteeing public access. In the late 1970s, he assisted Japan in the creation of a Freedom of Information Law, followed by the passage of similar legislation in Bulgaria, Mexico, Peru and Hong Kong.

"Every time I experience a different perspective, it broadens my capacity to consider the issues," said Freeman. "Sometimes, when you are on the job day in and day out, the issues become somewhat routine, and it's difficult to see the big picture."

When Freeman traveled to Peru in 2001, he discovered a stagnant business community that didn't have the tools necessary to survive. Business owners didn't possess adequate information about production or know the strength of their country's own currency.

"They weren't able to find out what was going on within their own borders," said Freeman.

By giving people access to government information never made available before, Freeman believes lives can be dramatically improved.

"In other nations, access to information is viewed as a vehicle that can enable people to lift themselves out of poverty and level the playing field," he said.

Playing a role in the creation of life-altering legislation may be the most rewarding paycheck Freeman ever takes home.

## County awards grants to senior groups

By KRISTEN OLBY

Two local nonprofit groups are getting a financial helping hand from the county to enhance and expand services for seniors. Albany County Executive Michael Breslin announced the 17 recipients of the county Enhanced Senior Services Grants totaling \$500,000 on Sept. 3.

Community Caregivers, a Guilderland-based organization that links volunteers with the elderly, and Bethlehem's Senior Projects have each received a portion of the grant money.

Community Caregivers will receive nearly \$45,000 to help recruit and train additional volunteers. Earlier this year, the agency expanded its services beyond the Guilderland area to Bethlehem. In 2001, it also began serving New Scotland.

As a result, the organization has come to acquire about 115 new seniors in need of assistance. Volunteers help the elderly with transportation to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, cooking, respite care and minor home repairs.

"The object is to allow seniors to remain independent in their own homes as long as possible," said Joel Edwards, grant team captain for the organization.

With an average of 400 seniors enrolled with the organization throughout Altamont, Guilderland Center, New Scotland, Knox and Berne, caregivers are having difficulty meeting the needs of all seniors.

"We don't have enough volunteers to meet what we anticipate will be the demand for services," said Edwards.

The grant money will help spread the word about the

organization, fund training programs and assist in paying for insurance coverage provided to volunteers.

A new wheelchair accessible van is on the way for Bethlehem's Senior Services thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the county. The new vehicle will replace an aging van and allow for an expansion of services. An additional daytime nutrition program has been proposed with a focus on homebound seniors living in rural areas and

individuals requiring wheelchair transports.

"This grant provides a wonderful opportunity for Bethlehem Senior Projects to upgrade its vehicle fleet while also providing more opportunities for socialization and necessary transportation to older residents of the town," said Charles Tobin, president of the corporation.

Bethlehem's Senior Projects was formed in 1988 to financially supplement and facilitate services and programs benefiting the elderly in Bethlehem.

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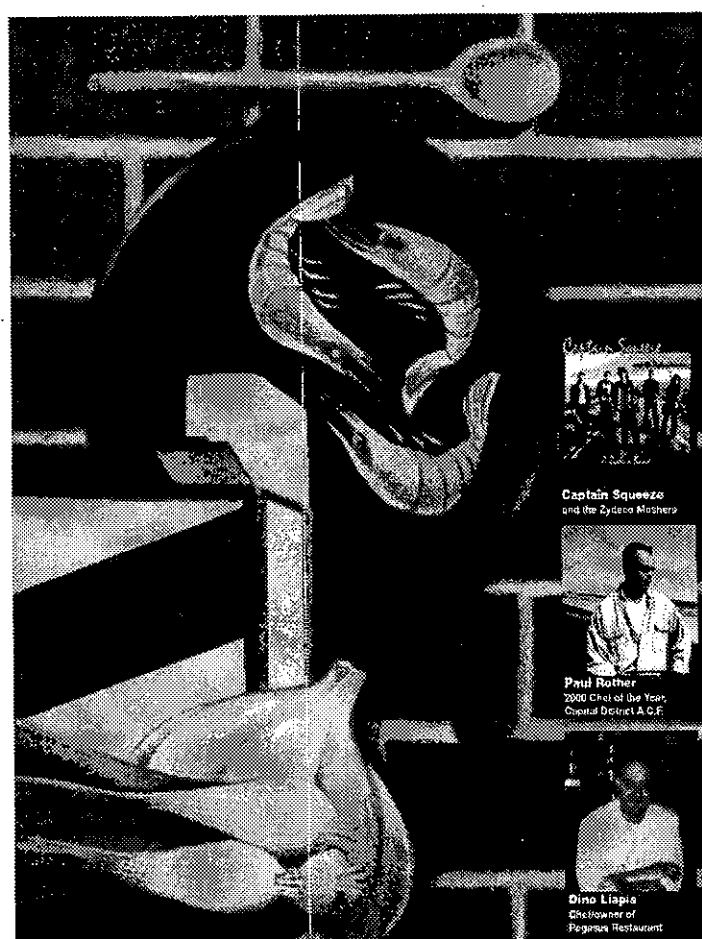
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Notice of formation of Adirondack Fence Co., LLC, a NYS Ltd. Liability Co., (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 12/12/02. Off. Loc: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Vinciguerra & Brown, 10 Utica Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-7045 (September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF QUADRANT ONE, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Quadrant One, LLC.

SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany.

THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 159 Delaware Avenue, #233, Delmar, NY 12054.

FOURTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company may be served is: Wayne A. Smith, Jr., 1690 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

FIFTH: Any operating agreement entered into by the members of the limited liability company, and any agreements or restatements thereof, shall be in writing, and shall govern all matters relating to the governance of the affairs of the limited liability company, the conduct of its business and relations of its members, including without limitation the amendment of these articles. No oral agreement among any of the members or managers of the limited liability company shall be deemed or construed to constitute any portion of, or otherwise affect the interpretation of, any written operating agreement of the limited liability company, as amended and in existence from time to time.

Dated: September 9, 2003

Wayne A. Smith, Jr.

LCD-8048

(September 24, 2003)

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Articles of Organization for R. AHLSTROM LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 15, 2003. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC, 182 Adams Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LCD-8006 (September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## BOND RESOLUTION (Stage III Repairs)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem held at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 27th of August, 2003, at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Supervisor, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Sheila Fuller - Supervisor  
Doris Davis - Board Member  
George Lenhardt - Board Member  
Thomas Marcelle - Board Member  
Daniel Plummer - Board Member

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Alessi, Town Attorney  
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk  
On Motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was placed before the Town Board to wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 27, 2003

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO THE STAGE III DIVERSION WATER PIPELINE AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$105,554, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,554 OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK,

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PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York (the "Town") as follows:

Section 1: The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the renovations and repairs to the State III diversion water pipeline and related facilities located in the Town and related engineering studies, designs and survey and equipment rentals and purchases necessary to achieve the results. The maximum cost of said purpose will not exceed \$105,554.

Section 2: The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by issuance of a \$105,554 Serial Bonds (Town of Bethlehem Water Improvement Project), Series 2003 A of the Town of Bethlehem and is hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 3: It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty (40) years, pursuant to subdivision (1) of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. The Bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution will have a maturity not to exceed 40 years.

Section 4: The faith and credit of the Town of Bethlehem are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made by the town of Bethlehem in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on the taxable real property of the residents within the Town of Bethlehem, who are benefitting from the Project, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5: All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same shall be determined by the Town Supervisor, as the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem, under the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, and shall otherwise be in such forms and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, as the Town Supervisor, shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 6: The validity of such bonds may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem is not authorized to expend money; or

2) The provisions of applicable law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 7: The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created is hereby authorized pursuant to section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law for the capital purposes described in the Resolution. The Town then reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditure with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Resolution. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Town's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this Resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 8: Subject to the provi-

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sions of this Resolution and of the Local Fiscal Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said notes and of Section 21, 56 to 50, 62 and 63 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town.

Section 9: Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in a newspaper published in The Spotlight, and having a general circulation in said Town of Bethlehem, and which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, for such purpose, together with a Notice of the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Sheila Fuller - voting aye  
Doris Davis - voting aye  
George Lenhardt - voting aye  
Thomas Marcelle - voting aye  
Daniel Plummer - voting aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. LD-8053 (September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## BOND RESOLUTION (Cherry and Elm)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, held at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 27th day of August, 2003, at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Supervisor, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Sheila Fuller - Supervisor  
Doris Davis - Board Member  
George Lenhardt - Board Member

Thomas Marcelle - Board Member

Daniel Plummer - Board Member

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Alessi, Town Attorney

Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk  
On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was placed before the Town Board, to wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 27, 2003

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WATER IMPROVEMENTS AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$490,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$490,000 OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York (the "Town") as follows:

Section 1: The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the renovations, improvements and expansion of water supply facilities, transmission mains and related facilities located in the Town and related engineering studies, designs and survey and equipment rentals and purchases necessary to achieve the results. The maximum cost of said purpose will not exceed \$490,000.

Section 2: The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by issuance of \$490,000 Serial Bonds (Town of Bethlehem Water Improvement Project), Series 2003 B of the Town of Bethlehem and is hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 3: It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purposes is forty (40) years, pursuant to subdivision (1) of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00

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of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. The Bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution will have a maturity not to exceed 40 years.

Section 4: The faith and credit of the Town of Bethlehem are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made by the Town of Bethlehem in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on the taxable real property of the residents within the Town of Bethlehem, who are benefitting from the Project, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5: All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same shall be determined by the Town Supervisor, as the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem, under the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, as the Town Supervisor, shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 6: The validity of such bonds may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem is not authorized to expend money;

2) The provisions of applicable law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 7: The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in the Resolution. The Town then reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditure with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Resolution. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Town's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this Resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 8: Subject to the provisions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said notes and of Sections 21, 56 to 50, 62 and 63 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town.

Section 9: Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in a newspaper published in The Spotlight, and having a general circulation in said Town of Bethlehem, and which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, for such purpose, together with a Notice of the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly

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put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Sheila Fuller - voting aye  
Doris Davis - voting aye  
George Lenhardt - voting aye  
Thomas Marcelle - voting aye  
Daniel Plummer - voting aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. LD-8055 (September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## BOND RESOLUTION (Route 9W)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, held at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 27th day of August, 2003, at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Supervisor, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Sheila Fuller - Supervisor  
Doris Davis - Board Member  
George Lenhardt - Board Member

Thomas Marcelle - Board Member

Daniel Plummer - Board Member

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Alessi, Town Attorney

Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk  
On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was placed before the Town Board, to wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 27, 2003

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WATER IMPROVEMENTS AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$750,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York (the "Town") as follows:

Section 1: The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the renovations, improvements and expansion of water supply facilities, transmission mains and related facilities located in the Town and related engineering studies, designs and survey and equipment rentals and purchases necessary to achieve the results. The maximum cost of said purpose will not exceed \$750,000.

Section 2: The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by issuance of a \$750,000 Serial Bonds (Town of Bethlehem Water Improvement Project), Series 2003 C of the Town of Bethlehem and is hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 3: It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty (40) years, pursuant to subdivision (1) of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. The Bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution will have a maturity not to exceed 40 years.

Section 4: The faith and credit of the Town of Bethlehem are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made by the Town of Bethlehem in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on the taxable real property of the residents within the Town of Bethlehem, who are benefitting from the Project, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on the taxable real property of the residents within the Town of Bethlehem, who are benefitting from the Project, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on the taxable real property of the residents within the Town of Bethlehem, who are benefitting from the Project, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on the taxable real property of the residents within the Town of Bethlehem, who are benefitting from the Project, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 5: All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same shall be determined by the Town Supervisor, as the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem, under the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for

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in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, as the Town Supervisor, shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 6: The validity of such bonds may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem is not authorized to expend money; or

2) The provisions of applicable law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 7: The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in the Resolution. The Town then reasonably expects to reimburse

expenditure with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Resolution. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Town's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this Resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 8: Subject to the provisions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said notes and of Sections 21, 56 to 50, 62 and 63 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town.

Section 9: Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in a newspaper published in The Spotlight, and having a general circulation in said Town of Bethlehem, and which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, for such purpose, together with a Notice of the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Sheila Fuller - voting aye  
Doris Davis - voting aye  
George Lenhardt - voting aye

Thomas Marcelle - voting aye

Daniel Plummer - voting aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. LD-8054 (September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## BOND RESOLUTION (New Salem)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, held at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 27th of August, 2003, at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Supervisor, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Sheila Fuller - Supervisor  
Doris Davis - Board Member  
George Lenhardt - Board Member

Thomas Marcelle - Board Member

Daniel Plummer - Board Member

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk

Robert Alessi, Town Attorney

On Motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was placed before the Town Board to wit:

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BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 27, 2003

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WATER IMPROVEMENTS AT NEW SALEM PROPERTIES AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$13,500,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,300,000 OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York (the "Town") as follows:

Section 1: The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the water improvements and related facilities located in the Town and related engineering studies, designs and survey and equipment rentals and purchases necessary to achieve the results. The maximum cost of said purpose will not exceed \$13,500.00.

Section 2: The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by issuance of a \$13,500,000 Serial Bonds (Town of Bethlehem Water Improvement Project), Series 2003 A of the Town of Bethlehem and is hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 3: It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty (40) years, pursuant to subdivision (1) of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. The Bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution will have a maturity not to exceed 40 years.

Section 4: The faith and credit of the Town of Bethlehem are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made by the Town of Bethlehem in each year sufficient pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on the taxable real property of the residents within the Town of Bethlehem, who are benefitting from the Project, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5: All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denomination, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same shall be determined by the Town Supervisor, as the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem, under the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, as the Town Supervisor, shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 6: The validity of such bonds may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem is not authorized to expend money; or
- 2) The provisions of applicable law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 7: The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in the Resolution. The Town then reasonably expects to reimburse

such expenditure with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Resolution. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Town's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this Resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 8: Subject to the provisions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said notes and of Sections 21, 56 to 50, 62 and 63 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town.

Section 9: Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in a newspaper published in The Spotlight, and having a general circulation in said Town of Bethlehem, and which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, for such purpose, together with a Notice of the chief fiscal officer of the Town of Bethlehem in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Sheila Fuller- voting aye  
Doris Davis- voting aye  
George Lenhardt- voting aye  
Thomas Marcelle- voting aye  
Daniel Plummer- voting aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

LD-8051  
(September 24, 2003)

## 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, 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

Albany, New York 12207

LD-7047  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mercer Development, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 4/18/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-8047  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Edgewood Partners, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 6/17/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o Mercer Development, LLC, Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-8046

## LEGAL NOTICE

(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Marpap Equity Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/4/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o LexisNexis Document Solutions Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-8045  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of TriCom Mortgage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/12/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/1/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: One 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-8044  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Remington Lodging Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/8/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/28/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-8028  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Interclaim Risk Consultants, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 8/4/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 409 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-8027  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC): Name: Luzerne Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/29/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Luzerne Enterprises, LLC, 23 Bergen Woods Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: real estate management company and any other lawful purpose.  
LD-8021  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MALTA TOWNHOMES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of MALTA TOWNHOMES, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on August 20, 2003. The Company is being formed to engage in the management, construction, ownership, optioning, leasing, purchasing, selling, mortgaging and all other dealings with real estate necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC Law. 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

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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-8020  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, number "pending" for beer & wine has been applied for by Joseph Soliman to sell beer and wine at retail in the Hidden Cafe restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 181 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY 12054 for on-premises consumption.  
LD-8023  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ACS Security, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/29/03, as amended. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/21/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 5290 Shawnee Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.  
LD-8019  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ACS Defense, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/5/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/6/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: all lawful purposes.  
LD-8018  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ACS State Health Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/14/03, as amended. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/6/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.  
LD-8017  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of First Data Real Estate Holdings L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/29/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/2/1999. 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: 15200 E. Belford Ave., Englewood, CO 80112. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-8016  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Transworld Trade Shows LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/19/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/30/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporate Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY

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12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1850 Oak St., Northfield, IL 60093. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-8015  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC): Name: MAB Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/29/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to MAB Enterprises, LLC, 23 Bergen Woods Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: real estate holding company and any other lawful purpose.  
LD-8022  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Big League Baby, LLC (LLC). Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SOS) on 9/3/03. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to Big League Baby, LLC 18 East Highland Drive, Albany, NY 12203-3504. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose.  
LD-8014  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization for PLFOLEY, LLC ("LLC") were filed with Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 8, 2003. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 40 Colvin Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. Office location: Albany County. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act for which professional limited liability companies may be organized.  
LD-8011  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC). The name of the PLLC is EDWIN F. WILLIAMS III, M.D., FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY, PLLC. The Articles of Organization of the PLLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 27, 2003. The purpose of the PLLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is 1072 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110.  
LCD-8010  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GLADE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/20/03. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2102. 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, 39 Glade Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-8007  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PharmaCorr, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/2/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/2/1996. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CMS, Inc., 12647 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141, Attn:

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Legal Dept. DE address of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.  
LD-8005  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF INES BEAUTY SALON, LLC PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ines Beauty Salon, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the Department of State on August 18, 2003, pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law Section 203. The name of the limited liability company (the "Company") is Ines Beauty Salon, LLC. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The name and post office address of the registered agent within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is Amra Bartula, 12 Dresden Court, Delmar, New York 12054. The Company is authorized to engage in all businesses permitted by the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to provide hair styling services and hair products.  
LD-8002  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for TANTILLO GALLERY, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 22, 2003. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC, 243 Irish Hill Road, Nassau, New York 12123. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-7094  
(September 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY 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 24, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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 24, 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 Peter J. Kneiss 631 Vanderlyn Lane Slingerlands, NY 12159-9544 Purpose: any lawful purpose  
LD-7082  
(September 24, 2003)



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Notice of Qualification of Raytheon Technical Services Company LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/12/03. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 12160 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-7077 (September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Equus Power I, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/14/03. Office location: Albany County, LP formed in Texas (TX) on 6/6/03. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Suite 200, Albany, NY 12206. TX address of LP: 5603 Willers Way, Houston, TX 77056. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: generation of electricity. LD-7076 (September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Limited Liability Company  
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is NORTHWAY HOLDINGS, LLC.  
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

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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 24, 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 process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-7072 (September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Administaff 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., Do-

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ver, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-7070 (September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 24, 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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC  
Notice of Formation of LIGHTHOUSE TAVERN LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, Ar-

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ticles 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 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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC  
Notice of Formation of 614 RT. 9W LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on 10/10/02. NY office location is Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon Andrew Carroll c/o Patroon House, 614 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077. The Purpose of LLC is restaurant management. LCD-7051 (September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 24, 2003)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 (September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Mercantile Mortgage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY)

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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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

RG 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  
LCD-7073 (September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Francis and Mary Beth Bonafide, 7 Shetland Drive, Delmar, New York for Variance under Article XVIII, Side Yards, Section 128-73, Required Widths of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an attached carport, which will encroach into the side yard setback requirement at premises 7 Shetland Drive, Delmar, New York 12054.

Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals

LD-8049  
(September 24, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a continuance of a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of US Mart (Applicant), Amna Enterprises, Inc. (Owner), for a Special Exception under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-17 C (3), CC Retail Commercial District of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for an alteration to an existing structure to allow the sale of items not listed under the previously granted Special Exception at the premises 414 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077.

Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals

LD-8048  
(September 24, 2003)

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**Friday**  
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Katie Cross and John Malatino

## Cross, Malatino engaged

Katie Elizabeth Cross, daughter of Keith and Paulette Cross of Delmar, and John Thomas Malatino, son of Elizabeth Malatino of Saratoga Springs and Anthony Malatino of Saratoga Springs, are engaged to be married.

The bride to be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High

School and American University. She works in video production in California.

The future groom is a graduate of Shaker High School and the University of Vermont. He is a graphic designer in California.

The couple plans a July 17 wedding.

## BCHS graduate studying in Jordan

Brian Lind of Delmar is spending the fall semester in Amman, Jordan, in the study program of the School for International Training.

Called "Moderization and Social Change," the program includes study of Arabic, a nine-week homestay in Amman, educational excursions and a four-week independent study project.

Lind, a senior at St. Lawrence

University, is majoring in global studies and environmental studies. He is a 2000 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

On Aug. 27, a piece written by Lind titled, "If You Live Over There, Then You Are a Terrorist," was published in *The Palestine Chronicle*. The article is a first-person account of the Israel-Palestine conflict; Lind spent part of the summer studying in Palestine.

## Mother's group to meet for breakfast

Mother's Time Out will meet on Monday, Sept. 29, for a potluck breakfast. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share. Newcomers are welcome. The group meets Mondays when school is in session for a program of sharing,

from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Delmar Reformed Church. Child care is provided. Mother's Time Out is a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers. For information, call the church at 439-9929.

## Births

### Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Daniella Grace McCrea, to Angela and Daniel McCrea of Voorheesville, Aug. 19.

Boy, Gregory Alan Gould, to Lucy and Gregory Gould of Delmar, Aug. 25.

Boy, Liam Patrick Kelley, to Mavis and Patrick Kelley of Glenmont, Aug. 26.

Boy, Andrew Thomas Kietzman, to Melissa Clancy and Paul Kietzman of Delmar, Aug. 27.

Boy, Kaden James Vitkus, to Mirinda Staats and Kevin Vitkus of South Bethlehem, Sept. 1.

### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Holden Allen-James Prescott, to Melissa and David Prescott of Glenmont, June 1.

### Out of town

Boy, Jack Rheingold Bonn, to Heidi Rheingold-Bonn and Gregg Bonn of Cave Creek, Ariz., July 31. Maternal grandparents are Ira and Judith Rheingold of Cave Creek and formerly of Glenmont.

Boy, Dylan Thomas Brol, to Karen and Robert Brol of Bristol, R.I., Aug. 16. Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Patricia Cleary of Delmar.

## Dean's List

### Northeastern University

Ian Phillips of Feura Bush; Allison Carloni of Glenmont; and Kate Gansle, Kristin Poole, and Sara Sheikh, all of Slingerlands.

### SUNY Geneseo

Kathryn Carcich, Mark Melcher, Christine Owens, Katie Lynn Richardson and Devin Van Riper, all of Delmar; Tracy Kutey of Feura Bush; and Sarah Brandon of Selkirk.

## Two local college students studying in London

Patrick McDonald of Delmar, a senior majoring in entrepreneurship and emerging enterprises at Syracuse University's Martin J. Whitman School of Management, and Sarah Zimmer of Glenmont, a senior majoring in public relations at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, are spending the fall semester studying in London through Syracuse University's Division of Inter-



Stephen and Kelly Whitbeck

## Ringler, Whitbeck marry

Kelly Ringler, daughter of James and Linda Ringler of Delmar, and Stephen Whitbeck, son of Marilyn Whitbeck of Berne and Paul Whitbeck of Westerlo, were married May 10 in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

A reception followed at the Polish American Citizens Club in Albany.

The maid of honor was Alicia Roney.

Bridesmaids were Wendy Crookes and Heather Ringler, cousin of the bride.

The flower girl was Brittany McKeown, niece of the groom.

The best man was Jesse Judekikis.

Ushers were Justin Bates and Thomas Ringler, brother of the bride.

The ring bearer was Joseph Ringler, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Sage College of Albany.

She works in the counsel's office at the state Dormitory Authority.

The groom is a graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School.

He works for Trans Montaigne in Rensselaer.

After a wedding trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple lives in Glenmont.

## Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

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

## Wedding Directory for Bridal Services

### FLORISTS

Floral Garden Specializing in Weddings 339 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 478-7232 [www.thefloralgarden.com](http://www.thefloralgarden.com)  
Catering to all budgets

### JEWELRY

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

### INVITATIONS

Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123  
Personalized invitations & announcements for weddings, showers, bar mitzvah, new baby, graduation.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Personal, Professional Photographic Services. - 469-6551.

### PLANNING

Wedding Show, Pepsi Arena 10-5  
Bridal / Home Decorating / Party Plan.  
Exhib 438-4753. For Invite  
[www.PocketWeddingGuide.com](http://www.PocketWeddingGuide.com)



## Community

## Corner



## Church to host fall festival

A Fall Festival Round Up will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 67 Willowbrook Ave. A chicken barbecue dinner, prepared by South Bethlehem Fire Co. will cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids age 5 to 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.

Takeouts will begin at 4 p.m., and a full-service, sit-down meal with live entertainment will begin at 5 p.m. The event will feature Osborn Entertainment, with pony and apple rides, a bouncy-bounce, Paul Wiley-Animal Guy Petting Zoo, homemade food, crafts and games, a harvest booth and bake sale, thrift shop and book booth, vendor booths and face-painting. For information, call 767-2903. Take Route 9W to Route 396 and look for signs.



# Obituaries

## Philip Vecchio

Philip Vecchio, 80, of Beaver Dam Road in Voorheesville died Friday, Sept. 19, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

Born in Messina, Sicily, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Vecchio worked for the Laborers International Union of North America, Local 190 until he retired.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Citone Vecchio; two sons, Frank R. Vecchio of South Venice, Fla., and Philip M. Vecchio of East Greenbush; a brother, Joseph Vecchio of Albany; two sisters, Elda Dougherty of Syracuse and Angela Cabral of Albany; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Loudonville Community Church.

Arrangements were by the Morris-Stebbins, Miner and Sanvidge Funeral Home in Troy.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery.

## Stephen Rucinski

Stephen E. Rucinski, 22, of Glenmont died Thursday, Sept. 18, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in St. Petersburg, Fla., he was a graduate of Bethlehem

Central High School.

He was currently a student at the University at Albany, majoring in finance and marketing. He also worked part-time with his father at Little Detroit, Inc.

He fully enjoyed life and spending time with his dog, Buggy.

Survivors include his father, Stephen E. Rucinski of Glenmont; his mother, Theresa Filkins of Albany; three brothers, Joshua Rucinski, Mel Rucinski and Edward Rucinski; his grandparents, Sal and Jessie Scattareggia of Albany, Marilyn and Ernest Nippes of Martha's Vineyard, Ronald and Lady Rucinski of Saratoga Springs and Marion McLaughlin of Delmar; and his great-grandmother, Frances Romano of Albany.

Services were from the Delmar Full Gospel Church.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Stephen E. Rucinski II Scholarship Fund, 38 Placid Lane, Glenmont.

## Patricia McMullen

Patricia A. McNessor McMullen, 64, of South Bethlehem died Thursday, Sept. 18, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Hartford, Conn., she was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

She was a reading aide at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School for 19 years before she retired.

She was a former member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance and committee person for the Republican Party.

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

Survivors include her husband, William R. McMullen; a son, William R. McMullen of South Bethlehem; two daughters, Donna Margiasso of Ravena and Sharon Weisheit of Glenmont; her mother, Ann McNessor of South Bethlehem; two brothers, William E. McNessor Jr. of Selkirk and Donald J. McNessor of South Bethlehem; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., Ravena 12143.

## Sidney Wagoner

Sidney J. Wagoner Jr., 92, of Selkirk died Thursday, Sept. 18, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born on the family homestead, he lived there all of his life.

Mr. Wagoner was the fourth generation to operate the family farm. He had a small dairy herd and raised vegetables and flowers

for many years. He had also worked as a truck driver for the town of Bethlehem before he retired.

He was a member of Coeymans Reformed Church.

He was husband of the late Hellen Gray Wagoner.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services were from the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery in New Baltimore.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, PO Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

## Katherine Freligh

Katherine Ruth Freligh, 86, of Delmar died Saturday, Sept. 13, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar.

Born in Schenectady, she was a graduate of the former Nott Terrace High School and Child's Hospital School of Nursing.

She worked at Child's Hospital and Sunnyview Hospital. Mrs. Freligh retired as a clerk from the assessor's office in the town of Niskayuna.

She was a lifelong member of Niskayuna Reformed Church.

She participated in many organizations, including the Stephen Ministries. She was honored for her service as a luncheon volunteer by the AIDS Council.

She enjoyed gardening and collecting antiques.

Survivors include her husband, Orville G. Freligh; a daughter, Nancy Martin of Delmar; two sisters, Gladys Hawthorne of Niskayuna and Mildred Tryon of Guilderland; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Niskayuna Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by the Griswold Funeral Home in Schenectady.

Contributions may be made to Niskayuna Reformed Church Building Fund, 3041 Troy-Schenectady Road, Niskayuna 12309 or the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, 88 Fourth Ave., Albany 12202.

## Jill Comtois

Jill H. Comtois, 55 of Delmar died Sunday, Sept. 14, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a secretary in the health office at Bethlehem Central Middle School for 15 years.

She was a past board member

of the Bethlehem Basketball Club, and a volunteer coach for Tri-Village Little League and Bethlehem Tomboys Softball.

Survivors include her husband, Donald P. Comtois Jr.; two sons, D. Benjamin Comtois and Billy Comtois, both of Delmar; a daughter, Kimberly Comtois of Delmar; two brothers, William Cartwright and Thomas Cartwright, both of Albany; and a grandson.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Elmsmere.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Basketball Club, 84 Hampton St., Delmar 12054.

## Geology walk set at nature center

Thacher Nature Center will host a geology walk on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 9:30 a.m. Thom Engel will lead the program to learn about the features of karst topography. Meet at the nature center for this two-hour walk.

There will also be a nature sketching program on Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Thacher Park.

Try your hand at painting a scenic landscape or sketching the detail of an acorn. Bring sketchpad and pencils and/or paints. Paper, pencils and watercolor pencils will be provided if needed.

Meet at the Thacher Park overlook. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held indoors at Thacher Nature Center. Call 872-1237 to register.

Saturday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m., there will be a fall botany walk at Thacher Park. Leaves are changing, nuts are falling and seeds are spreading. Learn about the plants and trees in the park and the botanical changes of the season with botanist Ed Miller.

Meet at the Thacher Park overlook.

For information, call 872-0800.

## Walking program set

The town of Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Afternoon Walker Program has been reinstated.

The program takes place from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at the middle school.

Walkers must register for the free program at the park office or by calling 439-4131.

The program will begin on Oct. 14.

Participants must wear an ID badge.

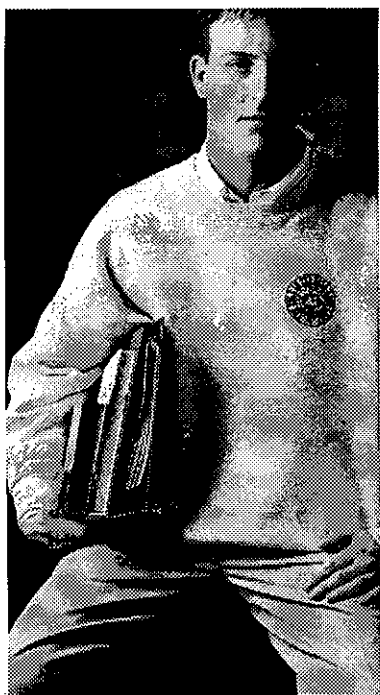
## Death Notices

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

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

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

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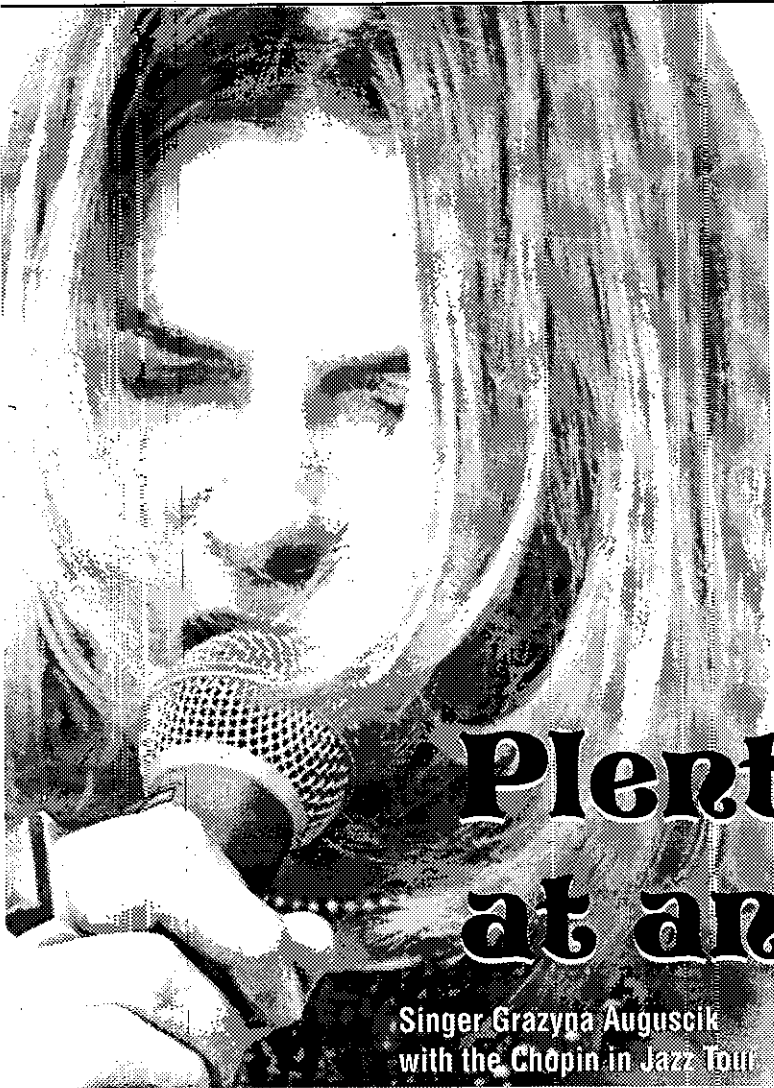
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# Family ENTERTAINMENT

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Singer Grazyna Auguscik  
with the Chopin in Jazz Tour



The Andrzej Jagodzinski Trio

## Plenty of Polish culture at annual Colonie fest

By DEV TOBIN

**W**hen most churches have a festival, it's an afternoon and evening event that's like an extended church dinner with some children's entertainment.

This weekend's Polish Fest '03 at Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church on Maxwell Road in Colonie will be on another level — a two-day celebration of Polish culture in all its aspects that's become the largest Polish-American event in the Capital District, according to festival spokeswoman Annette Alberti.

"It's not just another polka dance with Polish food," Alberti said. "There's nowhere else where you can see so many types of Polish culture — music, food, dance, literature, film, children's theatre, crafts — in one place."

The second annual event will also have twice as many bands, twice as many dance troupes and twice as many Polish language films, Alberti noted.

While the festival is not all polka music, the signature Polish-American music will be well represented. City Side from Buffalo will play Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m., followed by the Eddie Forman Orchestra from western Massachusetts from 6 to 11.

On Sunday, Maestro's Men from Connecticut and local favorites the Rymanowski Brothers Orchestra will alternate sets from 12:30 to 8 p.m. Dance groups will be performing with the polka bands.

Maestro's Men will also perform at a polka Mass at 10:30 a.m.

But there's more to Polish music than polka. The festival will also present the Chopin in Jazz Tour, with singer Grazyna Auguscik and the Andrzej Jagodzinski Trio, on Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.

And the winners of the Chopin Piano Competition, which was held last weekend for the area's young pianists, will also perform Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Polish-American singers Russ Pittenger, John Alberti and Maria Zemantowski will play.

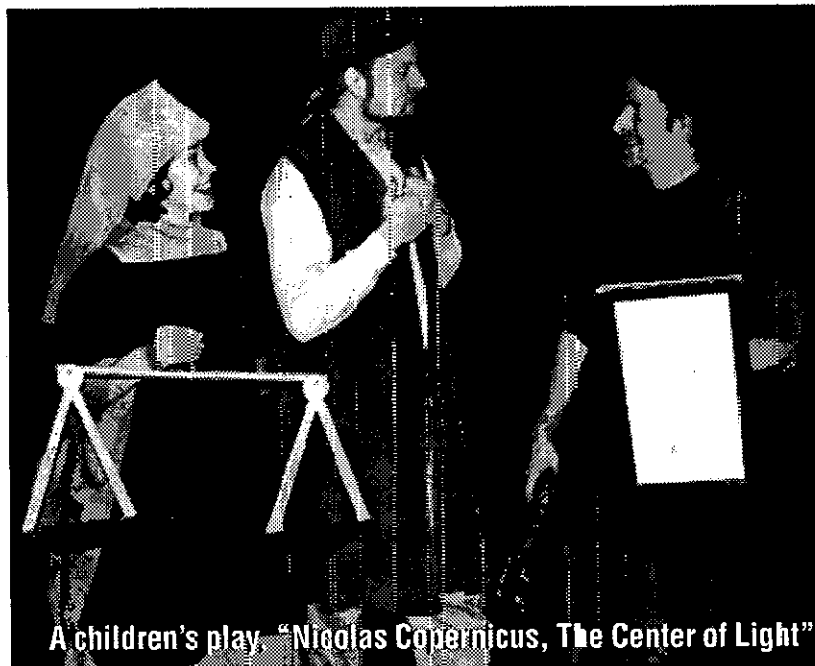
The two Polish language, with English subtitles, films are "Zemsta" ("Revenge"), directed by Andrzej Wajda and starring Roman Polanski, a story about feuding gentry in 17th-

century Poland, and "In Desert and Wilderness," a children's adventure tale.

"Zemsta" will be shown Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. "In Desert and Wilderness" will be shown Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

A special children's play, "Nicolas Copernicus, The Center of Light," will be presented Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

On Sunday, the festival will feature book signings by James Conroyd Martin (at noon),



A children's play "Nicolas Copernicus, The Center of Light"

author of the novel "Push Not the River" about Polish Countess Anna Berezowska and the Third of May Constitution, and by Suzanne Strempek Shea (at 1 p.m.), author of "Songs From a Lead-lined Room."

And there will also be food demonstrations, polka lessons, genealogy workshops, and many Polish crafts vendors. And, of course, there will be plenty of pierogi and golabki.

The festival will be sponsoring a children's clothing drive to benefit the State Children's Home in Brzesko, Poland.

Tickets this year are \$8 a day, \$15 for both days, and free for children under 16. The ticket price, while relatively high for a church festival, is much less than last year's \$15 a day.

"We've paid \$15 to see just one act, and the festival has 10 acts so it's quite a value. But the price wasn't low enough," Alberti said.

Those who purchase a \$5,000 Cash Bonanza raffle ticket for \$50 will get it free, Alberti added.

Polish Fest '03 will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Parking will be available in the Times Union lot across Maxwell Road from the church.

For information, call 453-2258 or log on to [www.polishfest-ny.org](http://www.polishfest-ny.org).





# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### DR. FAUSTUS

Marlowe updated, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Oct. 18, \$31 and \$39. Information, 445-7469.

### THREE VIEWINGS

funeral comedy, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Sept. 28, \$18. Information, 877-7529.

### INTO THE WOODS

fairytale musical, C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., through Sept. 28, \$15 to \$25. Information, 237-7999.

**ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK**  
Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Sept. 30, 8 p.m., \$34.50 and \$45.50. Information, 346-6204.

**SHAWN COLVIN, MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER, DAR WILLIAMS AND PATTY GRIFFIN**

Palace Theatre, North Pearl Street, Albany, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., \$38.50, \$34.50 for seniors, \$29.50 for children. Information, 473-1845.

### RANDY NEWMAN

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., \$38 and \$43. Information, 273-0038.

### THE NASHVILLE BLUEGRASS BAND

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

### THREE MO' TENORS

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., \$29 and \$39. Information, 346-6204.

### THIN LIZZY

Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park,

Oct. 9, 8 p.m., \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Information, 371-0012.

## Dance

### SAVION GLOVER AND TI DII

top tap dancers, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Sept. 26, 8 p.m., \$34, \$28 for seniors and students, \$17 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

The Course of Empire: Thomas Cole and the Hudson River School Landscape Tradition, through Nov. 30, plus permanent collections on New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

All Aboard: Models, Memorabilia and Memories of Railroads; plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of

Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Spirit of Schenectady and Collection Highlights, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

### ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

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

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, Summer Waters and Gardens, through Sept. 30. Information, 786-6557.

## Call for Artists

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

several openings, rehearsals on Mondays

at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

### SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

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

### ANNIE SCHAFER ORCHESTRA

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

### MALE SINGERS NEEDED

for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern

Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. information, 477-4454.

### CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

### ARTISTS WANTED

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

### CRAFTERS WANTED

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

## Classes

### DANCE CLASSES

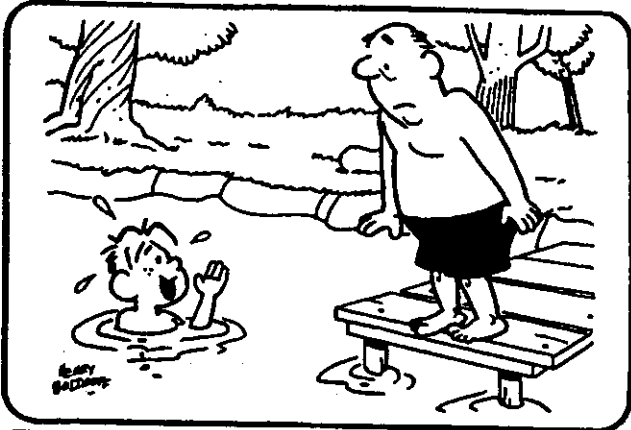
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

### ART CLASSES

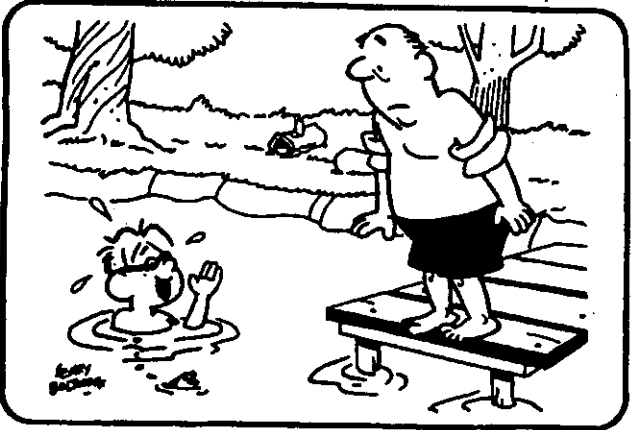
watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is wearing goggles. 2. Log is on shore. 3. Fish is in lake. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Man is wearing swimming flippers. 6. Dock is different.

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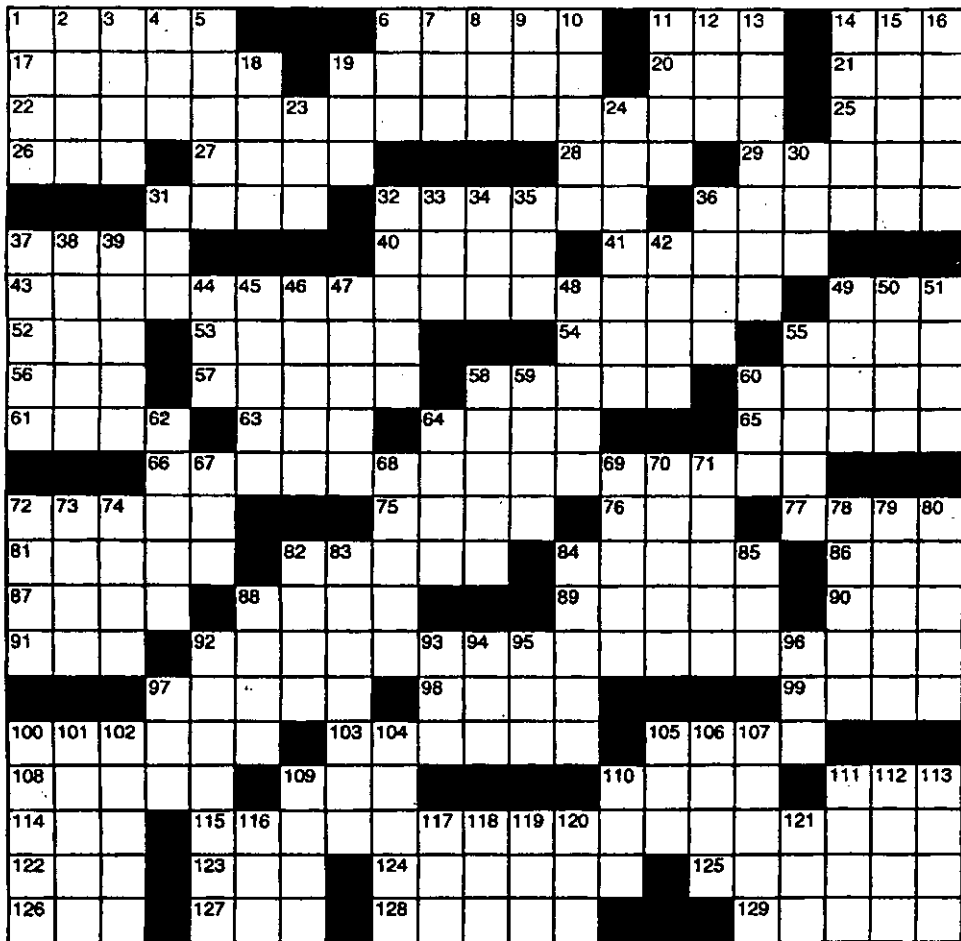
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102 Dock  
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110 No gentleman  
111 "Babes in" ("37 musical)  
112 Sheffield slammer  
113 Biblical book  
116 Charleson or Carmichael's remark  
117 Rottweiler's  
118 Take-home  
119 Be in debt  
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121 Fairway accessory

# The Spotlight CALENDAR

## Wed. Sept. 24

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### TOWN BOARD

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

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

## Thurs. Sept. 25

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

#### 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.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

## Fri. Sept. 26

### BETHLEHEM

#### VISUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Strategies to cope with visual impairment, led by Dr. Edwin Pesnel.

Refreshments. Room 101, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 1-2 p.m. Sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Services. Information, 439-4955, ext. 4.

#### AA MEETING

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

#### CHABAD CENTER

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PIONEER CLUBS

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

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

## Sat. Sept. 27

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

## Sun. Sept. 28

### BETHLEHEM

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

#### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school 10 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

#### DELMAR REFORMED

Worship services, 9 & 11 a.m., with child care, Sunday school through grade 7, T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with child care and children's program through grade 6. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929 or INFO@DRCHURCH.ORG.

#### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

#### SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

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

#### DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

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

#### FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

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

#### FAMILY OF GOD COMM. CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

Sunday school 9:30, Worship service

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

#### MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

#### UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

#### KING'S CHAPEL

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

#### BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

#### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

#### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

#### GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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

#### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### UNIONVILLE REFORMED

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

#### CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

#### ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

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

#### FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870. NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH worship service, 10:30 a.m., fellowship following worship service; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided; 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

#### JERUSALEM REFORMED

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

#### FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2021.

#### NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

In the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

## Mon. Sept. 29

### BETHLEHEM

#### PEACE VIGIL

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

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

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

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

#### INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

#### EXPLORER POST 157

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

#### DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

#### AA MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

## Tues. Sept. 30

### BETHLEHEM

#### FARMERS MARKET

Market and chicken barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH

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

#### BINGO

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

## Wed. Oct. 1

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

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

#### OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

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

#### BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

#### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### AA MEETING

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

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GLENMONT- NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE. Patterson Dr (Off Feura Bush Rd). Saturday Sept 27th. 9AM-3PM. Toys, Clothes, Household. SLINGERLANDS- 14 Bridge St. (FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE)- 9/26, 27 & 28. 9AM-5PM. Household Goods, Automotive, Extensive Avon Collection, Clothes, Youth/ Bunk Beds, Bike Rack, Greeting Cards, Lamps, Furniture.

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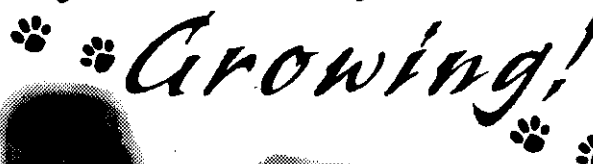
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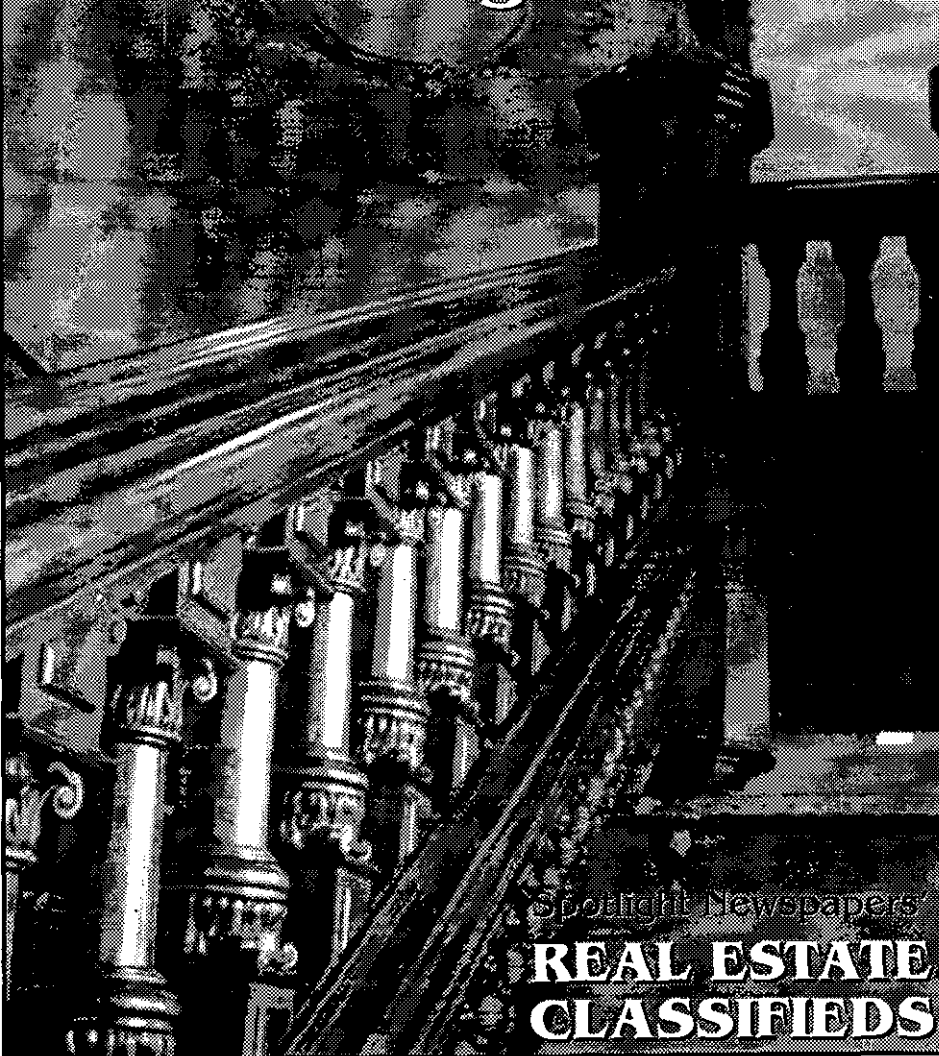
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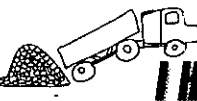
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According to the Car Care Council brake fluid in the typical vehicle can become contaminated in two years or less. This is because the fluid absorbs moisture, which works its way through the hydraulic system. Under heavy braking conditions, such as those encountered in mountainous or hilly driving or when towing a trailer, moisture in the overheated fluid vaporizes (boiling point of water is lower than that of brake fluid) and braking efficiency is reduced.

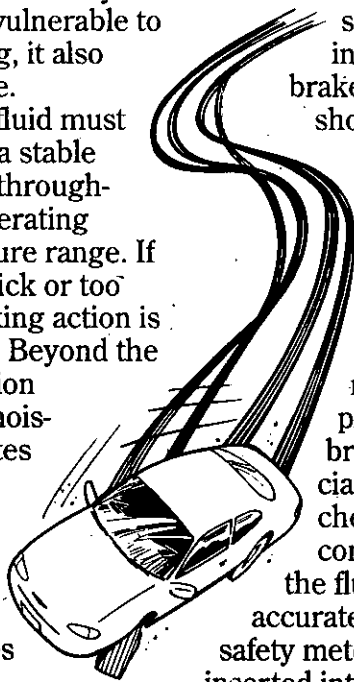
"Even under normal driving conditions this condition can develop if the brake fluid is seriously contaminated," says Rich White, spokesperson for the Car Care Council. "Not only is the fluid vulnerable to vaporizing, it also can freeze.

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How does a car owner know when to have fluid changed? The Council recommends replacement every two years or 24,000 miles. "Cer-

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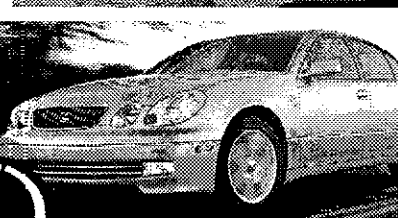
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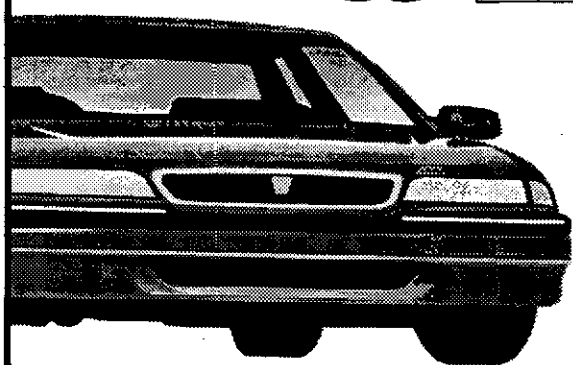
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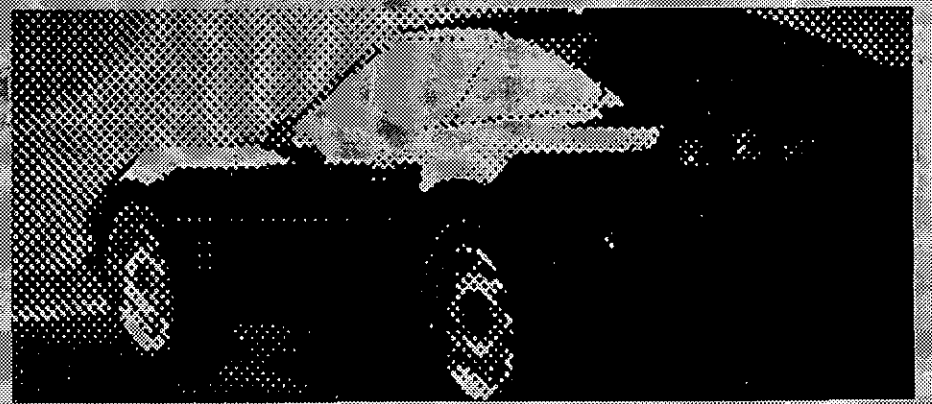
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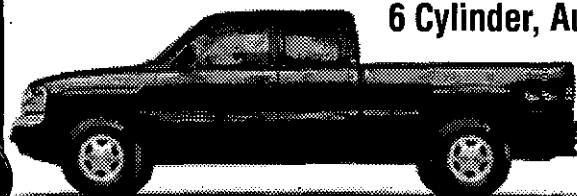
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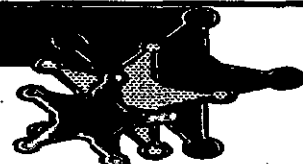
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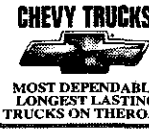
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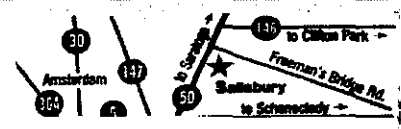


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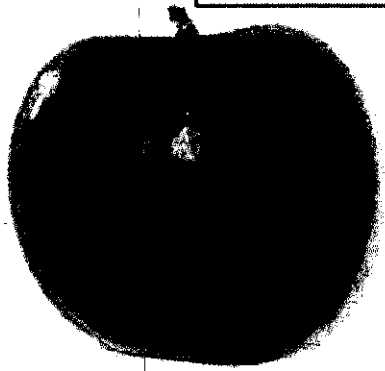
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# Providing a Choice for all children

## Syracuse's test balloon project serves students on the edge

by David Tyler

It's 3 p.m. on a sunny Thursday, the school day has just ended and Wayne O'Connor's cell phone rings. It's one of his social workers - called child advocates - telling him that one of the first students in the new Syracuse Middle School Choice Program has decided to take off with friends rather than do his homework. O'Connor calls the student's principal who tracks down the child and gets him on the phone. It's the student's first day in the program, and O'Connor uses his "principal's voice" to let him know that if he wants to continue with Choice, he'll do what the youth advocate tells him to.

After he hangs up the phone, O'Connor wonders if he was too harsh with the youngster and makes plans to meet with him later that afternoon as more of a mentor than a disciplinarian. The first week of the program has just begun and O'Connor knows that he and his child advocates will have many more ups and downs throughout the school year with this child and about 60 others who will enroll in the program. It's the nature of working with students who are on the edge of failing in school, and perhaps in society.

## On the verge of failure

Although he hates the term, O'Connor has seen more than his share of "at risk" children.

As a teacher, principal and, most recently, area superintendent in the Syracuse City School District, O'Connor spent more than 30 years dealing with the hardships and joys that come with teaching in an urban setting. He has read the obituaries of many of his former students, the victims of a culture where guns and street violence are commonplace. A much larger number, he said, are now in prison.

O'Connor retired from the district last June - a rest that lasted only a few days. Before the summer really began, he was approached by Syracuse Superintendent of Schools Stephen Jones, who asked him to head up a new program modeled after a program in Baltimore. O'Connor agreed, and the Syracuse Middle School Choice Program was born.

Through this test balloon project, O'Connor is leading a team of six child advocates into the lives of young teens on the verge of falling through the cracks.

Their days will begin early and end late. As soon as the school day begins, each child advocate will check up on as many as 10 students to ensure everyone has gotten to school on time. If a student fails to show up for class, the youth advocate will go to the home to find out why and try to get the child into school.

The Choice program has a strict admission policy. To get in, a student must consistently display disciplinary problems, failing grades and a high level of truancy. There is no lack of candidates in the two city middle schools - Shea and Lincoln - targeted for the program.

Many of the students come from single-parent homes. Some have been exposed to the gang lifestyle and the drugs, alcohol and violence that go along with it.

O'Connor chose the former St. Anthony's school building at the corner of



Ellen Leahy

Wayne O'Connor and Sheila Kusi stand before a mural on the wall of the former St. Anthony's school in downtown Syracuse. The school, located in one of Syracuse's most disadvantaged neighborhoods, is the home of a new project aimed at supporting middle school children on the verge of falling through the cracks.

Midland Avenue and Colvin Street on Syracuse's south side as the headquarters for the project. The location is strategic and symbolic. Many of the students who will enroll in the program come from the neighborhood, one of the poorest in Syracuse. The intersection is also the reputed core of the notorious Boot Camp gang's turf.

"It varies from child to child. Some are involved in behaviors that are particularly damaging to them," O'Connor said. "The one thing they have in common is that if they continue doing what they did last year, they will fail."

Most of the time, O'Connor said, a student behaves badly in class or skips school because they don't feel comfortable with their abilities in the classroom, particularly their ability to read. The program requires that students read for at least 20 minutes each day and write in a journal. Students are also required to have home-work and tutoring sessions with the youth advocates, and several face-to-face contacts each day.

"We need to make sure kids feel good about being in school," he said. "That's a tall task. That is the ultimate challenge."

## Wholesome activities

Sheila Kusi, 24, is a youth advocate and service coordinator with the Choice program. Kusi grew up in the East African country of Ghana before immigrating to the Bronx at age 11. A graduate of SUNY Oswego, she worked for one year at the Elmcrest Children's Center, a detention center in Syracuse, before joining the Choice program.

It's the after-school hours of 3 to 5 p.m. that worry her the most with middle-school children.

"That's when kids get themselves in trouble. They might go home, but they might be on the streets," Kusi said.

After school lets out, the child advocates will guide their charges through after-school activities. Every student will be required to participate in at least one non-athletic extracurricular activity. Kusi is charged with organizing these afternoons.

"If a kid wants to play the saxophone, we'll find him a saxophone, drive him to the lessons and make sure that he practices," O'Connor said. Youth advocates, who will work every other night during the week and every third weekend, also

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will team with parents to make sure the children are doing their homework and staying out of trouble at night.

While an increase in wholesome after-school activities and community service participation are side benefits of the program, the success or failure of the program will be defined by the students' academic improvement. If the students' grades improve, O'Connor will make the argument that the program should be expanded to other schools in Syracuse.

## Measuring success

The Choice program will work, Kusi said, if the parents and students want it to work. So far, parents have all been very supportive, but getting students to participate in organized after-school activities when their friends have the freedom to roam the neighborhoods can be a tall task.

"This is the age when you're most influenced by other kids," Kusi said. "Some of [the Choice students] had a bad year last year, but we have to tell them not that they're bad, but that they have potential - that they're special, and not special in a negative way."

"We have to find a way to convince them that what we want is for them to succeed," O'Connor agreed. "Our greatest weapon is high expectations. Most people have not expected them to be great."

"They're not responsible for being born into poverty. They're not responsible for being surrounded by violence," he said. "But we're not going to enable them. We're going to support them."

# School districts in the eye of the storm in 2003

## Will voters continue to support tax increases?

by Jeremy Boylan

Although New York's school taxes are going up, somehow voters statewide passed a record 94 percent of school budgets in 2003.

"Given the obstacles, cuts in aid, increase in costs, high tax rates projected, it didn't look particularly favorable," said David Ernst, president of the New York State School Boards Association.

The passing rate shows that upstate residents support their school districts and are willing to pay for quality education, but how much longer will that enthusiasm last?

"People put their money where their mouths were last year," Ernst said. "Public education was in jeopardy. It was extremely gratifying for those who work in public education."

There were several factors that contributed to the record set in June. According to Ernst, the leading reason was the state Legislature's override of Gov. George Pataki's budget, which cut

more than \$1 billion in state education funding.

"Turnout was high because of extra time and big headlines with the legislature's override of the governor and restoration of some \$1 billion in education aid," Ernst said.

Bob Lowry, assistant director of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, agreed that the move made by the Legislature was essential in passing the budgets, but encouraged New York residents to keep the money in perspective.

"Without additional funding from the state, the average tax increase would have been around 10 percent, with poorer schools rocketing into the high 20s," Lowry said.

The Legislature's decision and the passing rate were both pleasant surprises, but Lowry warns about giving too much praise.

"When all is said and done, districts are still getting less money than they were before. We're still dealing with a cut," he said.

Neither Ernst nor Lowry could predict what the future holds for upstate districts.

"We can't predict what will happen next year. We do think, and have support from some of our polls, that people want the state to stay involved," Ernst said.

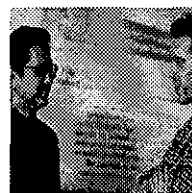
The rising costs of education are not going to go away. According to Lowry, health insurance and retirement benefits alone increase a budget by 2 percent.

"Schools will still need to worry about various state mandates, elevated state standards, increases in energy costs and salary negotiations," Lowry said.

Last year's approval rate was 89 percent, and the average is about 84. In 2003 voters passed 636 school budgets and defeated 42, including a tie vote in the tiny Southern Tier district of Stamford.

The previous approval record was 93.6 percent in 1998.

"The results would have been quite drastic if the Legislature didn't reject Pataki's proposal," Lowry said. "We have to be concerned about asking voters to support significant tax increases. We have to be careful not to go too far."



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# State seeks safer classrooms

No Child Left Behind aims to identify overly violent schools. But is it enough?

by Fritz Diddle

Few are likely to forget the day the fight against high school violence took on infinitely more importance. On April 20, 1999, two seniors at Columbine High School in Jefferson County, Co., strode through the halls of their school with guns and bombs, killing 12 students and a teacher and wounding more than 20 others before killing themselves.

While both students suffered from mental, behavioral and social problems documented more than a year before the assault on their high school, it's unlikely anyone could have prepared for the methodically planned attack.

Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, felt their actions were justified by the way they were treated by their peers and teachers.

"By now, it's over," read Harris's suicide note. "If you are reading this, my mission is complete. Your children who have ridiculed me, who have chosen not to accept me, who have treated me like I am not worth their time are dead. THEY ARE (expletive) DEAD! I may have taken their lives and my own, but it was your doing. Teachers, parents, LET THIS MASSACRE BE ON YOUR SHOULDERS UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE."

Educators began to take bullying more seriously since well before the Columbine



Joel Currier

The No Child Left Behind Act prioritizes finding solutions to bullying in school so that every child can feel safe getting on a school bus and participating in school activities.

murders - after all, school shootings were, in 1999, hardly unheard of - but the methodical nature of the tragedy seemed to strike a nerve with Americans. Several recent laws in New York, including Project SAVE and the Safe Schools Act, both passed in 2000, and the federal No Child Left Behind Act, signed into law by President George W. Bush in January 2002, include components designed to combat school violence.

## Teachers attacked

Syracuse teacher Joanne Licitra was attacked by a student during her French class. The student twisted her arm hard enough to tear ligaments. The student was suspended, but soon returned to school. The incident was documented in the fall edition of New York Teacher, a publication of New York State United Teachers, the union the majority of teachers in the state belong to.

Sandie Carner-Shafran, a teaching assistant with the Saratoga Adirondack BOCES Employees Association, has been attacked three times. In one incident, she and another adult were attacked by the same student, who returned to school the following day.

Carner-Shafran had to wear long-sleeved shirts for much of the summer to hide her extensive bruising.

"It looked as if a bear attacked me," she said.

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## Safe classrooms

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According to the National Crime Victimization Survey of Violence in the Workplace, teaching has the fourth-highest rate of victimization from violence, averaging 17.6 per 1,000 workers each year and ranking only behind law enforcement, mental health and retail sales. The survey, released in 2001, documents violent incidents in the workplace.

Between 1993 and 1999, special educators were victimized more often than mental health professionals and junior high educators were victimized more often than convenience store workers. The survey has prompted NYSUT to lobby for a workplace standard with enforceable violence prevention procedures.

Antonia Cortese, NYSUT first vice president, said she would like to see the standard modeled on a New York City program that provides counselors to help teachers that have been injured by students. In these cases, she said, it's possible that the in-school penalties for assault weren't severe enough. Even though the Safe Schools Act made in-school assault a class D felony, each school is allowed to decide levels of penalties it will levy upon its students.

But the most severe penalties are worse than useless if they're not implemented, Cortese said.

"That's the best weapon you can give to kids," she said. "And penalties won't be a deterrent if they (the attackers) are back in the classroom the next day."

The Safe Schools Act mentions the possibility of sending problem students to alternative schools, but provides no funding to support it, Cortese said.

"That's a problem, because, ultimately, that student will end up in the same schools," she said. "Alternative settings are important, but they're an expensive proposition."

### No Child Left Behind

The federal No Child Left Behind Act establishes a framework for New York state schools intended to close the gaps in student academic performance. One component of NCLB, the "persistently dangerous" schools list, aims to identify schools that are dangerous and offer parents an alternative.

Still in its infant stages, New York's persistently dangerous list compiled by the state Education Department identifies two New York City schools — the Street Academy and the Lillian C. Rashkis School — as having two consecutive years of a 3 percent or greater weapons-incident-to-enrollment ratio. A second tier expected to be released in October will identify schools with a 2 percent or greater ratio of weapons incidents to enrollment. To be removed from the list, schools will implement an incident reduction plan and show statistical improvement.

John Soja, supervisor of the state Education Department's student support services team, said he can't say yet how many schools will be on the list.

The list is compiled with the help of Project SAVE, or Safe Schools Against Violence in Education. One component of the two-year-old law requires schools to report any violent or destructive incident each fall to the state Education Department.

For the past two years, schools have reported only incidents where weapons were involved. To David Ernst, spokesman

for the state School Boards Association, this doesn't tell the whole story.

"A stairwell rape," Ernst said. "Everyone would agree that's a violent act, but that data is not available and won't be until next year. We'll have a better, longer list of schools next year."

Soja said the list is limited by the data that has been collected so far. Expected in late winter or early spring, the second data set will include reporting of sexual offenses; use of, sale of and possession of drugs or alcohol; bomb threats, false alarms and riots; theft, burglary and criminal mischief; homicide; and personal injury or intimidation, Soja said.

"These are the categories for collecting information," Soja said. "That doesn't mean we'll be using all of those categories down the road. Some of the categories are very broad and getting consistency from school to school would be difficult."

The state wants to ensure consistency when labeling a school "dangerous" or "persistently dangerous," Soja said — a task made doubly difficult from a lack of input by the federal government on how to go about it.

"We're going at it deliberately to make sure we don't mistakenly identify schools," Soja said. "When you identify schools as 'persistently dangerous,' there's a lot that falls on them. Quite honestly, the federal government did not give us much direction in this regard and left the states to their own devices. We're doing the best we can with the data we have."

Ernst agrees, but pointed out that the data is intrinsically limiting. School violence is a community problem, he said, and it's easier to record and document if it

happens to occur in school.

"What happens on the street corner and the playground is also violent, but not reported," Ernst said. "Addressing youth violence requires teamwork that encompasses the school, the family, the law enforcement community, the social services community and the health services community. That's practically everyone in the community."

Ernst said there becomes a point where increasing security in schools begins to detract from learning, and administrators have to find a medium.

But Cortese said she feels violence has the most potential to detract from learning.

"When you've got students fighting other students, that's a distracter," she said. "But I think every parent wants their child to be safe in school. It's unfortunate that we have to live with metal detectors and guards, but I would rather have students be safe in that building and I'm sure parents feel the same way. If you don't have metal detectors and a student has a weapon, it will be in school."

Cortese said it's remarkable schools are, in general, as safe as they are.

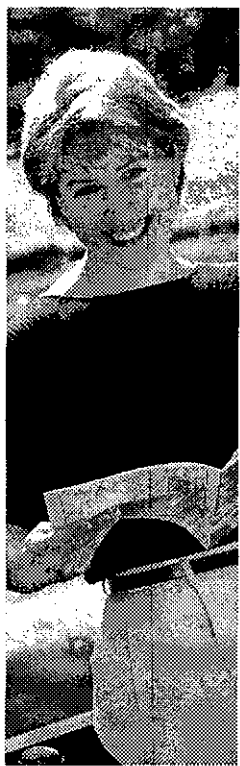
"In some neighborhoods, it's the only place kids are safe," she said. "If we can be a safe haven, that's what a school ought to be."

Both agreed that more can be done.

"Is there more we can do? Certainly," Ernst said. "I don't think any school board member thinks there is a higher priority than kids having a safe environment in which to learn."

"I think districts have been trying to make a good-faith effort to keep kids safe," Cortese said. "But it's difficult."

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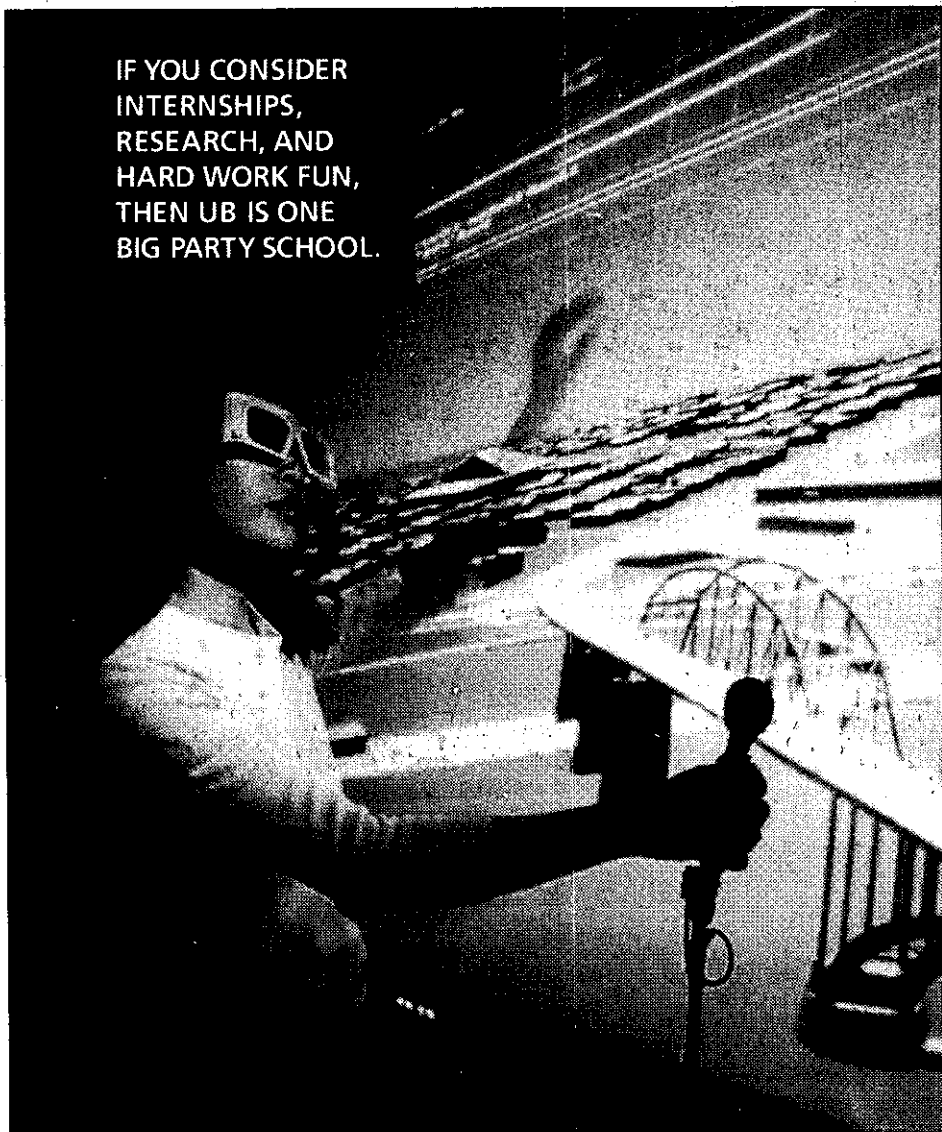


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# Physics Regents exam comes under fire

## 39 percent of students failed test last year

by Brittney Jerred

After hearing mounds of criticism from educators across the state and watching test scores plummet, the Board of Regents has agreed to examine what the physics course and Regents exam should be.

Educators fear that with mounting failures, students will be scared away from the challenge and decide not to take the optional course that could help them land jobs in science.

In 2002, the state changed the Regents physics exam, which spurred the recent debate. That year, it still handed students questions about mechanics, energy, waves and magnetism but it promised to be more analytical and encouraged students not to be as concerned with memorizing facts and formulas for the test.

The test stumped many of the mostly college-bound students and 39 percent of those who took the June exam failed or scored lower than 65.

This year wasn't much better, according to educators. Though the numbers have not been tallied yet, districts are reporting an inordinate amount of failures. In June, the state Council of School Superintendents recommended that the exam score not appear on students' transcripts and that it not be calculated into the final course grade, claiming there were a number of

poorly worded questions on the exam.

This September, the board heard testimony from panelists who teach physics and others who make their living using physics.

Now, four Regents board members are reviewing the course and will make a recommendation in October.

According to Tom Dunn, spokesman for the state Education Department, the Regents review committee will ask: What should the course represent? Should it be an introduction to college physics? And is the exam an accurate test of Regents standards? All agree that physics should be offered. Antonia Cortese from New York State United Teachers, which represents a half million educators, says NYSUT has been hearing from a lot of its members about the exam.

One major complaint she is hearing from teachers is they're lacking direction as to what to expect on the exam. The nature of the questions has changed and some topics, which physics teachers thought were not as important as others, weighed heavily on the exam.

Cortese said she and NYSUT members want to know who the audience is for this course. They also believe the test was too hard and if it remains at this level of difficulty, districts will develop their own tests, as some have already chosen to do.

"We're already starting to see a drop in the number of people who are taking the physics exam," Cortese said. The state Education Department does not require that schools use the Regents exam grades as part of a student's course grade, but many districts do.

This is not a matter of adjusting to a new exam, Cortese said. Generally, when an exam changes, there is a marked improvement by the second year.

"Here, we've seen a marked decline," Cortese said. "The audience ought to be any student who is willing to work hard."

David Ernst, spokesman for New York State School Boards Association, says his organization is not getting directly involved with the physics Regents debate. NYSSBA is putting its faith in the Education Department and hopes it will do a fair and objective job in looking at the situation.

He is, however, concerned about all Regents tests and fears the problems with the physics Regents are symptoms of a larger problem.

"We're concerned about the whole assessment regiment the state has come out with," Ernst said. He says the amount of staff the Education Department has dedicated to designing and assessing tests has declined in recent years and so have the dollars.

"Trust is an essential ingredient," Ernst said.

On Sept. 2, the Education Department published changes that will affect the state's assessment system. The report came in direct response to issues that came up after the Math A exam was thrown out. Beginning this year, a panel of three to five teachers who did not partake in formulating the exam will perform "quality control checks" prior to testing periods.

Dunn, the Education Department spokesman, said the department has "realigned their assets so there's actually more streamline reporting" and "more management resources." He would not comment on whether there are fewer dollars dedicated toward assessment. He said there are "appropriate resources."

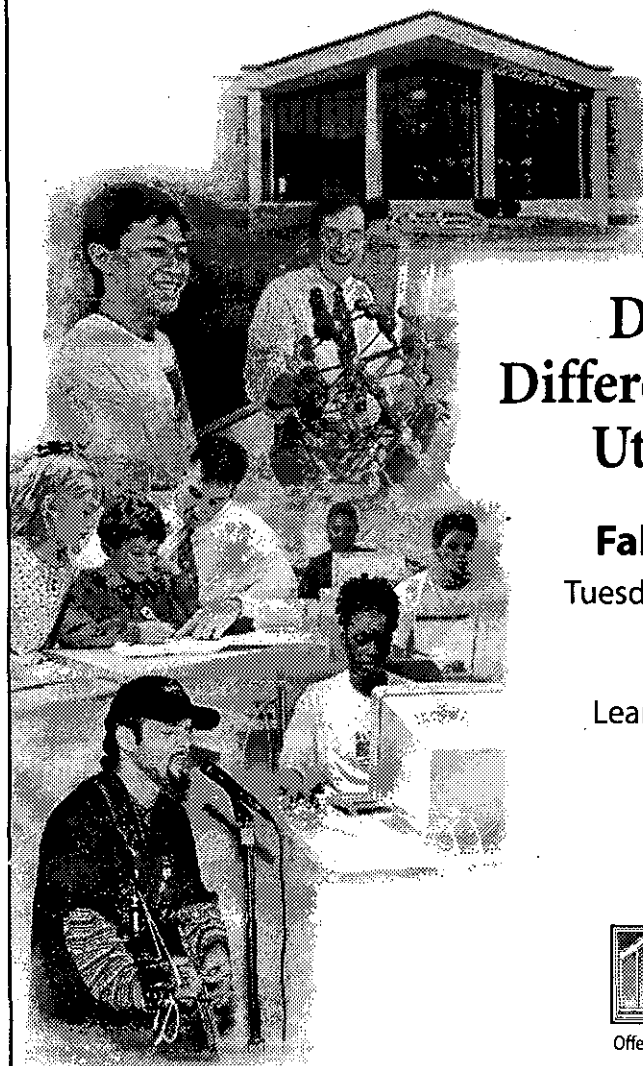
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# Will CFE decision affect upstate schools?

## Court of Appeals overturns eighth grade ruling

by Jeremy Boylan

Last summer state educators were in an uproar after a New York court ruled that the state must only ensure students an eighth grade education. A decision this past June by the state Court of Appeals has overturned that ruling, making New York City schools very happy.

The court of appeals ruled in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. vs. State that every public school student is entitled to the opportunity for a meaningful high school education.

The court ordered Gov. George Pataki and the state Legislature to undertake a study to "ascertain the actual cost of providing a sound basic education in New York City," in hopes of reforming the funding formula for educational funding.

The actual decision reads for New York City schools only, however attorneys for CFE insist that any educational funding reforms must be applied statewide.

Carl Korn, of the New York State United Teachers believes that upstate schools would not get short-changed.

"Certainly there are districts in upstate New York where funding is falling short," Korn said. "We don't believe that the legislature would take money away from some districts and give to others. That

would be politically unpopular."

David Ernst of the state School Boards Association thinks that it is essential that the entire state be evaluated.

"There are some people that want to make this an upstate/downstate issue," Ernst said. "An urban/suburban, a rich/poor issue. Our hopes and expectations are for a statewide funding reform."

Ernst pointed to districts outside of New York City that are seeing financial troubles. "There are some districts in Long Island of all places, that just don't have the property wealth to support the kind of educational programs they need. It is not just New York City and poor rural schools that need help," he said.

The goal is not to cut funding from other schools, but to work with the governor and the legislature to create new funding sources.

Korn pointed out that the state does provide funding differently to different districts. "Some wealthy suburban districts may only get 5 percent of their budget from the state. You can't exactly cut that," he said. "You don't cut off the mountain tops to fill the valleys."

According to Korn and the CFE, the majority of funding reform will target increasing funds for rural and large urban school districts.

The New York Civil Liberties Union has filed a suit against the state to ensure that the CFE ruling affects upstate New York as well.

"Our suit includes specific districts throughout upstate," said Barrie Gewanter, executive director of the Central New York chapter of the NYCLU.

The NYCLU suit has already been dismissed once. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of CFE, the NYCLU suit is appealing the decision and using CFE as a precedent.

"The CFE decision states that reform must only include New York City Schools, and that the state could, if they wanted to, make it statewide," Gewanter said. "That is inadequate."

The NYCLU suit not only claims that state funding needs reform, but that "resources provided to the schools are not adequate," Gewanter said. "Some schools need more teacher training, some need more parent involvement. This needs to be done on a district by district basis."

The NYCLU is not the only one with concerns. Bob Lowry, assistant director at the state Council of School Superintendents said "Whatever we think of the decision, it is still a decision. It's a done deal, so we have to try and treat it as an opportunity."

Lowry said the council will be active in working with Albany to ensure that the entire state is taken into consideration. "We need to insist that this be done in a more open fashion than the way things are typically done in Albany," he said.

Korn and the CFE say they are looking forward to working with the state to institute a fair, need-based education funding formula that will ensure adequate funding throughout the state. "It is going to be a long tough process," Korn said. "But it will be worth it in the long run."

To date, 19 states have had their school funding programs deemed unconstitutional and been ordered by courts to correct inequalities.

Korn and the NYSUT, along with 21 other statewide educational organizations recently sent a letter to Gov. Pataki emphasizing the importance on working on a statewide level. "Our organizations are eager to support you and the Legislature in your difficult work, provided that you strive to fashion a remedy that meets the needs of all New Yorkers," the letter said.

The impact of the CFE decision is yet to be determined. Lowry summed it up saying, "Exaltation or despair is premature right now."

The court's decision is available at <http://www.cfequity.org/>.

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# What are our kids eating?

## Schools play vital role in battling the obesity epidemic

by Brittney Jerred

While kids are at school, they're no longer under the watchful eye of parents. They're making their own decisions and learning how to be more independent, from choosing friends to passing classes.

With that independence comes the choice of what to eat at school. Some kids are eating too much, or they're not eating enough of the right foods. Health officials are concerned.

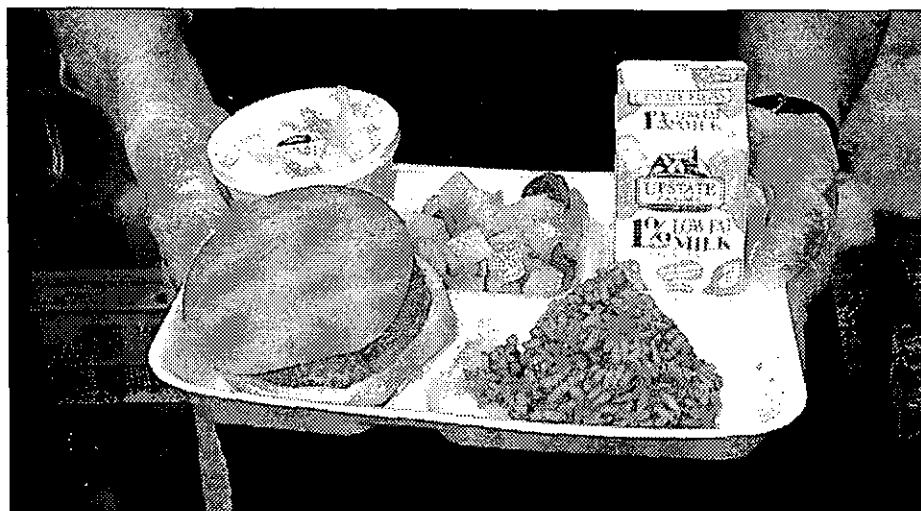
"Obesity is an epidemic," said Joyce Mackessey, director of nutritional services at University Hospital in Syracuse. "It's astounding the extent to which it's grown."

In 1999, studies showed that 61 percent of American adults were overweight or obese.

Thirteen percent of 6- to 11-year-olds and 14 percent of 12- to 19-year-olds are overweight. Those numbers have tripled in the past two decades.

According to Mackessey, those kids have a 70 percent chance of becoming obese adults. Worse yet, healthcare providers have seen a rise in Type II diabetes in kids. This is caused when fat interferes with the body's ability to utilize its insulin.

"We're becoming portion distorted," Mackessey said — and fast food places are leading the way with value-packed meals, extra large sodas and super-size fries.



Brittney Jerred

With child obesity reaching epidemic proportions, schools are trying to provide more nutritious food choices for students.

Mackessey suggests parents pack healthy snacks in clear containers or plastic bags so children can see what is inside and use single-serving containers for grab-and-go eating and lunch boxes — such as milk, raisins, juice, fruit cups, low-fat yogurt or pudding cups, baby carrots, radishes, celery with peanut butter, red or green bell pepper strips, cucumber or cherry tomatoes and cheese and fruit kabobs.

Mackessey said schools can help by eliminating soda machines and presenting healthy foods on more attractive trays or displays.

School lunch should provide one-third of a child's daily calorie intake. In many

cases, that's more than 800 calories. Also, there is less time for recess with more academic pressure placed on students.

"We're part of the picture," said Betsey Bacelli, school lunch manager for Broome and Tioga County BOCES. But kids are drinking more soda, watching more television and exercising less than they ever have. Fast and prepared foods are replacing home-cooked meals on many nights and those extra calories add up.

"We're also a target because we're a federal program," Bacelli said. Lunch managers are used to hearing that school lunches contain too many calories but they're also under federal mandate to pro-

vide those calories and use the surplus food the government provides.

### Healthier eating

Some, however, are heeding the criticism and trying to make school lunch more nutritious. Bacelli, who oversees eight schools in two districts, has begun placing more fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers on student trays. Broccoli, tomatoes, pears, baby carrots, grapes and apples are among some produce Bacelli has been able to find locally that can be supplied for months at a time. And kids are eating it. This piggybacks the state's efforts of New York Harvest week for kids, held Sept. 27 through Oct. 5. The menu features foods produced in New York and attempts to teach children the importance of eating local produce.

Bacelli does not believe school lunches are the reason kids are consuming too much food but the extra snacks offered in nearly every cafeteria such as juice drinks and ice cream are partially to blame.

School lunches must meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations.

The guidelines state that no more than 30 percent of an individual's calories come from fat, and less than 10 percent from saturated fat.

Regulations also establish a standard

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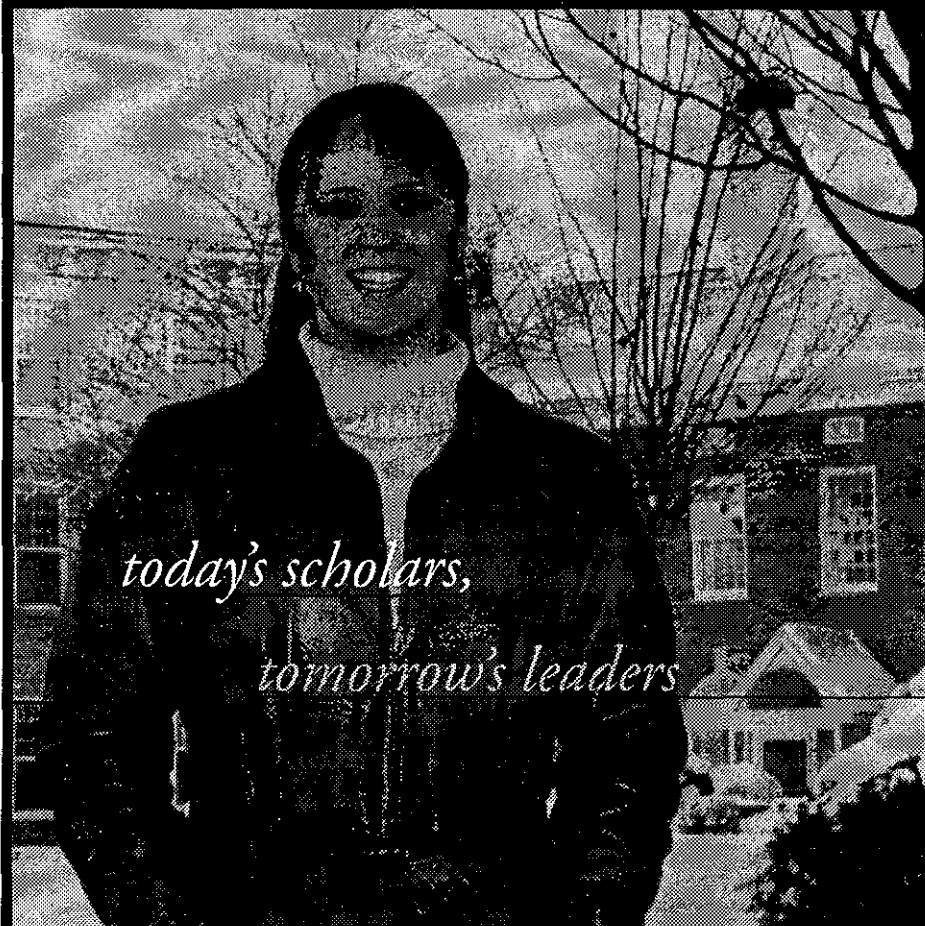
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for school lunches to provide one-third of the recommended dietary allowances for protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron, calcium and calories.

Though school lunches must meet these federal nutrition requirements, decisions about what specific foods to serve are made by local districts.

Federal dollars are distributed to schools every month based on the number of lunches a district serves. Fran O'Donnell, coordinator of the child nutrition program for the state Education Department, said she encourages local districts to come up with plans like Bacelli has but it is not mandatory. Every district's situation is different. O'Donnell's department oversees 6,000 schools, public and nonpublic. All of the schools combined serve 1.6 million lunches a day. Their annual budgets are close to \$600 million. That includes meal reimbursement, plus the schools get food from the Office of General Services. That office buys commodities such as ground beef, peanut butter and apples to help subsidize farmers.

"There's a lot of money connected with these programs," O'Donnell said. "And poverty is a big issue." Fifty-four percent of the kids in the state qualify for free meals. In many cases, lunch is the only complete meal a student will eat.

Most schools "offer" the items on the menu rather than serve; that way, there is less waste. There are five items on the menu, including a choice of an entree that includes a serving of protein, a fruit, vegetable, milk and a grain component. Kids are allowed to take all five but some only

take three.

If a school does not offer a complete meal, it does not get reimbursed. Menu selection is a local decision, O'Donnell said, but all are encouraged to bake, not fry chicken, and make or buy whole wheat grains. Low-fat chocolate milk is popular with kids.

"There is no sense in putting something on the menu they're not going to eat. They're not going to have healthy kids but healthy garbage cans," O'Donnell said. She does not believe school lunches are the reason more kids are overweight. There are so many factors contributing to obesity.

If kids are taught by their parents to make wise eating decisions, they are likely to repeat them in the cafeteria setting, such as eating fruits and vegetables. Likewise, if they are taught to eat poorly, kids are more likely to mimic that behavior on their own as well.

"I don't think the schools own all that. A lot of it is cultural and kids eat how their parents eat," O'Donnell said.

David Ernst, director of communications and research for New York State School Boards Association, says nutrition is a community issue, not a school issue.

"Schools can't do it themselves," Ernst said. "We see kids for such a small part of the week."

For information, visit the Dietary Guidelines for Americans Web site at <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/dga/dga95/c/over.html>

For information on nutrition, visit the American School Food Service Association at <http://www.asfsa.org>

## Higher ed prides itself on presentation, labels

by Brittney Jerred

The "freshman 15" is a concern for college campuses across the nation.

Health experts warn college-bound students that they'll likely put on weight when they arrive at school because they'll have entered a new realm: independence.

Though many attribute the excess pounds to alcohol, it's also a stressful time for kids as they move away from home and decide on their own eating schedules. Most colleges offer many meal plan selections and with those plans come debit dollars. Students pay a fee up front and throughout the semester, the amount diminishes. Fast food and a la carte food lines can be found throughout the Cornell University campus. However, three meals a day are served at cafeterias throughout campus and many on-campus students purchase combination debit dollar/cafeteria meal packages.

Richard Anderson, general manager of campus life, says Cornell is very concerned about weight gain and hopes students make healthy choices. He believes food presentation can help in student selections.

"We present much of our food on platters, some on display warming

units, we use risers, use fresh foods to garnish which compliment the menu items being served," Anderson said.

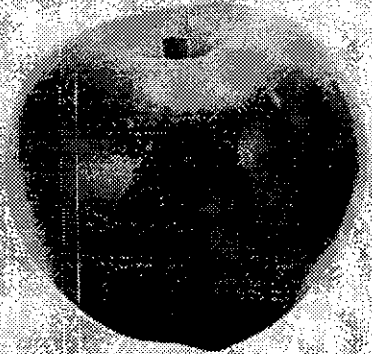
Colleges generally have more money to work with than K-12 school districts.

The K-12 lunch, which features five selections, costs \$2.27. Kids on non-assisted lunch pay a \$1.40 difference.

At Cornell, students have a variety of proteins, carbohydrates and vegetables to choose from each night. Seafood, meat, vegetarian and vegan entrees are available each night.

"We identify potential allergens, items containing alcohol, dairy, pork and other ingredients," Anderson said.

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# State and professional organizations address leadership void in schools

by Katherine McCarthy

A combination of demographics and environment is leaving school districts across New York with a shortage of school superintendents that's going to "get worse before it gets better," according to Tom Rogers, executive director of the New York State Council of School Superintendents.

Three years ago, NYSCOSS' "Snapshot 2000" found that the average age of superintendents in the state was 52.7, and that 57 percent of superintendents would retire by 2005.

"That means that in five years, two-thirds of the state's superintendents will be in the first five years of their careers," Rogers said.

In addition, NYSCOSS' Associate Director Bob Lowry said, people are becoming superintendents at a later age, meaning they're eligible for retirement earlier. "That means that school districts need to fill that vacancy at a quicker rate," Lowry said.

For a school district, choosing a superintendent is a tough and vital task.

"It's one of the most important roles of a school board, hiring a superintendent," said Lynne Lenhardt, a 16-year member of the Bethlehem Central School District school board, and the area seven director of the New York State School Boards Association.

More worrisome than the demographic bubble itself is the shortage of qualified candidates when it bursts.

"When I first came to the Bethlehem board, this wasn't a problem," Lenhardt said. "It's only surfaced as a concern in recent years."

Environment is a large reason that the shortage exists, as potential candidates assess the stress level of a superintendent's job.

"There have been many changes in education, and a number of educators look at the job of superintendent, and it's not one they aspire to," said Kevin McGuire,

director of the New York State School Leadership Center, which is a program of the state Education Department. "There's also the accountability environment, and the fact that many people - parents, school boards, the community, even State Ed - aren't that patient. Some of our best educators are flinching at taking the job of superintendent."

Lenhardt said that one of NYSSBA's main roles has been getting school boards to focus on the problem of school superintendent shortages.

"We're trying to let boards know that they should be thinking of a leadership transition pool," Lenhardt said. "Boards should be supporting and encouraging their present superintendents and administration, and recognizing those who might move up."

Some teachers, Lenhardt said, may be thinking about moving into an administrative position, but need some encouragement to get there.

In addition, Lenhardt said, school boards need to look at creating an environment where teachers will take the risk of moving from a tenured teaching position to a non-tenured, administrative position.

Part of the reason that school boards need to look at cultivating in-house talent is that the pool of potential superintendents is smaller - and less qualified - than it once was.

In 1996, there were 46 applicants per superintendent vacancy, Rogers said. By 1999, that number was cut in half.

That smaller, less qualified pool is a liability, Rogers said. "The individuals in the pool bring some skills," he said, "but they might not be those that a district needs."

Rehiring retirees is one possible solution, and NYSCOSS believes that raising the limit on what retirees can earn would help.

In particular, this might help with maintaining superintendents for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, an organization that provides shared educational programs and services to school dis-



Casey Smith

The New York State School Leadership Center is trying to provide guidance for new administrators, like Liverpool's new Superintendent Janice Matousek, left, shown at a recent school board meeting.

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tricts. BOCES superintendents act as agents of the education commissioner, and often provide a mentoring role to school district superintendents. Being a BOCES superintendent has typically been the pinnacle of an education career, Lowry said, but with a cap on the salary, can lose out to retirement.

"We're seeing people who've never been a superintendent becoming BOCES superintendents," Lowry said. "This often leaves school district superintendents without a mentor."

Lowry said that both houses of the state Legislature have passed bills to change the cap on salaries, but Gov. George Pataki has vetoed it.

McGuire, who left a job as school superintendent in Long Island's Half Hollow Hills when state Education Department Commissioner Richard Mills asked him to head up the Leadership Center, has set up regional school support centers in the state's six educational districts. The centers are administered through BOCES, and focus on improving student achievement by bringing together experienced educators who know the regions, and can help organize the resources in a region's school districts.

While the centers focus on schools that have been identified as struggling, McGuire said that leadership support needs to happen everywhere.

"In every school, there are students who struggle," he said. The mentoring that Lowry mentioned is important to McGuire, who is pleased that the Board of Regents now requires mentoring in its graduate programs for administrators.

"We need to develop mentoring in the field, too," McGuire said. "People who"

become superintendents have a strong sense of direction, but need guidance the first time they move through the labyrinth of issues they encounter in their job."

McGuire also stressed the importance of school districts developing a "bullpen" of candidates, and making sure the environment in their district attracts candidates. He hopes to continue the three-year grant he's two-thirds finished with, and possibly find other funding sources to continue the work that involves cultivating leadership roles for the state's schools.

"If we're looking at two-thirds of superintendents being new, they need mentoring," Rogers said. "If they talk about leaving their districts for professional development in the first year, it can be hard. But if the Commissioner of Education is involved, districts tend to be more supportive of it, and it makes the commissioner more appreciative of the superintendents' work."

In addition to mentoring, Rogers is convinced that diversification will bring about a larger pool of candidates. "I've had some candid conversations that school boards need to drop the mental model of the middle-aged white male as superintendent," Rogers said. "We need to be attracting more women, and people of color to the job."

McGuire believes that the school superintendent shortage has been raised, and is being addressed. "We've identified the problem, and this has given us an opportunity to discuss the challenges," he said. "We have a lot more to go, but I'm sure we can attract talented people."

## How much is enough for a superintendent?

All the entities fighting the superintendent shortage agree that compensation is one way to solve the problem.

"A great classroom teacher looks at the job of superintendent, and sees that the job requires more time, and more time in the public eye, but that the compensation is not commensurate with that," McGuire said. "In some cases, teachers moving into the superintendent's job have taken a cut in pay."

School boards have begun to acknowledge the need for greater compensation, Rogers said, and superintendent salaries have begun to increase at greater than the rate of inflation.

"Boards understand that if you offer a \$90,000 salary for a superintendent, you'll get a first-time super-

intendent," Rogers said. "If you offer \$125,000, you'll get a decent pool of candidates, and if you offer \$140,000 in an area like the Capital District, you'll get a strong candidate."

Nationwide, Rogers said, there are only 16,000 school superintendents. In the northeast, there are between 2,000 and 2,500 school superintendents. In New York, there are 800 chief school jobs.

"The shortage is national," Rogers said, "but everything we do in New York is to disadvantage ourselves."

Rogers cited Stamford, Conn., where the current salary for a superintendent is \$250,000. Even with a higher cost of living, compare that to a Capital District high salary of \$140,000, and it's easy to see why New York is a net exporter of superintendents.

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## Leadership void

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## Non-educators as superintendents?

Some districts, most notably New York City, are going a non-traditional route and hiring people from outside the education field. This draws mixed reviews.

"There are a whole set of skills that make for a good superintendent," Lenhardt said. "People can come from industry, the military, or financial areas. I think we need to be open-minded, while recognizing that each school board will know the best candidate."

"We do need to be more open," McGuire said, explaining that in the last 10 years, non-education professionals have been tapped to head school districts about seven or eight times. A waiver from state ed is required to become a superintendent without the proper certification, and can be a lengthy process.

"Our membership is not supportive of superintendents coming from a non-educational background," Rogers said. "I try to imagine myself as a parent in a school district that needs to make a decision between putting money into early childhood education or remediating high school students, and I'm not sure that decision could be made by somebody without an education background."

## Getting involved: Your school needs you

## Schools take open, friendly approach to draw in community

by Daniel Lovell

New Yorkers support their local school systems. Voters regularly pass their school budgets across the state, and are willing to withstand tax increases if it means providing their children with a solid education. And according to a Phi Delta Kappa / Gallup poll, 48 percent of those surveyed graded their local schools with an "A" or "B." They believe their schools are doing a fine job.

It's another story when it comes to active participation.

The New York State School Boards Association says voter turnout in local school board elections and budget votes is only about 10 percent. School board races are hard to come by; there are usually just enough people on the ballot to fill the open positions. And parent-teacher organizations? They just aren't seeing the membership they used to.

Barbara Bradley, deputy director for communications and research for NYSSBA, said 25 percent of a school district's residents have children in school. That leaves 75 percent without any contact with schools at all - except for their tax bills. And as long as those bills don't get out of hand, most don't bother to vote.

"If there's something that really catches the interest of local residents, that may bring them to the polls," Bradley said. "If

they're satisfied, a lot of times they aren't going to vote."

Schools are taking a new approach to involving community members. They're throwing open their doors and invited people inside.

"Teachers looking for volunteers, and the outreach is beyond the parents of the students," Bradley said. "It's going out to friends and neighbors and community members."

Those volunteers can work in classrooms with teachers. They can read stories to students, bring musical instruments, show off their talents. They can play utility roles.

School board candidates are needed as well. They're needed to give voters a choice at the ballot box, and when they're elected they're charged with ensuring district residents get what they pay for. Bradley said NYSSBA is working to educate the members of the 700 school boards it represents in an effort to increase the number of people interested in running for board slots.

"Maybe you're a school board member who's thinking of leaving, and you know someone who's interested," she said.

Alan Lubin, executive vice president of New York State United Teachers, said NYSUT's polls show about 75 percent of likely voters in school elections give their

schools A or B ratings. That's a good sign. Despite NYSUT's efforts, voter turnout remains low.

"We're reaching out to the community, inviting parents, non-parents, senior citizens into schools," Lubin said. "We still have not found the key to a higher turnout. We spent a million dollars on TV advertising every year to get people out to vote - not even who to vote for - and we haven't brought the turnout up."

Vote totals increase when controversial issues are raised, when corruption is exposed or when taxes are up, he said. And as for finding people to run for school board, the reasons not to are fairly easy to list: There's no pay, it's a difficult job, and school board members are often targets of public ire.

NYSUT is also working to get more community members involved in their schools. Lubin said volunteers are easier to come by among parents of elementary school children. But volunteers are always needed, in libraries, in computer labs and just about everywhere else, he said.

Bradley said her own attitude toward schools has changed. Although she's worked for the school boards association for years, her son entered the first grade in September. Now she gets to see schools from a parent's perspective.

"I can tell you I love his school," she said.

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# Colgate and others rethink fraternity/sorority system

by David Tyler

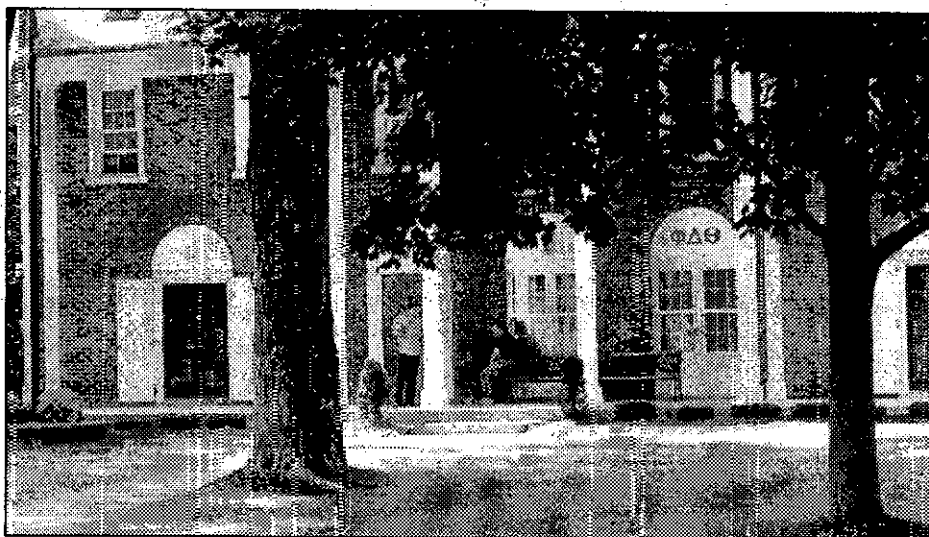
The handwriting was on the wall on Nov. 11, 2000, when the Colgate University community awoke to news that early that morning an SUV driven by a Colgate student, who was under the influence of alcohol, had crashed on a campus road killing four.

The student, who was later convicted of vehicular manslaughter and sent to prison, had been drinking at a Colgate fraternity before heading up the hill to the main campus.

In the months that followed, Colgate commissioned a task force of administrators, faculty and students to review the college's residential climate and suggest possible alternatives. Colgate, like many Northeast institutions, chose to move away from the traditional fraternity/sorority model and is in the process of taking ownership of houses that line Broad Street, across the street from the campus.

Previously, Colgate's residential offerings ran the gamut. Underclassmen lived in campus dormitories and juniors and seniors had the option of living in dormitories, campus-owned apartments, fraternities or sororities, specialty houses or venturing out to privately owned apartments and houses in Hamilton.

Now, all Colgate students except a few seniors (selected by a lottery system) will be living in campus-owned housing. The hope is that the former fraternity and sorority houses will become unique com-



Casey Smith

**Under Colgate's new residential life plan, the university will take ownership of all the fraternity and sorority houses that line Broad Street, across the street from the main campus.**

munities unto themselves and will offer residential quarters that incorporate the special interests of the students living there. Some of the houses will maintain their Greek letter affiliations, but with ownership, the university will have more control of the activities that take place along Broad Street.

"The task force noted the remarkable energy and commitment with which our students pursue their educations, both inside and outside the classroom," said Trustee Ralph Verni. "Yet amid all that was good in campus life it found there were some patterns that needed to change; the new residential plan addresses these issues in a positive and innovative way."

Many Northeast schools faced with

similar dilemmas have recently chosen to ban fraternities and sororities altogether.

Last year, after a student was found beaten and frozen to death behind a fraternity house, the administration at Alfred University chose to follow the lead of Bowdoin and Colby colleges in Maine and do away with the fraternity system. The fraternities that remain on campus cannot recruit new members and will die out through attrition.

In 1999, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire created a plan intended to make the fraternities and sororities co-ed and crack down on binge drinking on campus.

At the time, the New York Times wrote an editorial that applauded the college for

the move, but encouraged the Dartmouth to "shoulder more responsibility for meeting the social needs of the students."

The Colgate plan is an attempt to fulfill both the residential and social needs of students "within broad university guidelines."

Some Colgate students, however, are skeptical that the plan will create meaningful or positive change.

"It's a ridiculously terrible idea [to have theme housing], since they will have the same social hierarchy," said one student, who asked not to be identified. "In the end, everything will be the same."

"The Greek system is too deep-rooted in this school. With all of the alumni, people will want to see the Greek system stay here," said another student. "Fraternities in general will just have to be more careful in the events they run and who is allowed to partake in the events."

Others were simply against the college taking control of the houses.

"It's like school dances. You don't want to go to school-sanctioned fun," said Andrew, a sophomore from Connecticut who is rushing a fraternity. "People will be partying in their rooms instead. Not a single person is for this."

Some elements of Colgate's residential plan went into effect when students arrived on campus this fall. The Broad Street community will go into full effect next fall.

*Note: Casey Smith contributed to this report.*

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Sophomores Michael Maxwell of Brooklyn and Tara Wood of Northville took little time to start buzzing their buddies after receiving their new cellular phones at the beginning of the semester. Morrisville State College provided all residential students new phones as part of registration this fall.

## Ring in the new school year

### Morrisville State College goes cellular

by Dana Sue Miller

Morrisville State College has changed more than just its name this fall. As students returned to campus in Morrisville in late August, they were greeted with signs bearing the name change.

The cumbersome name the school has carried since 1948 is the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Morrisville. President Ray Cross indicated that the name change is indicative of the greater emphasis on four-year programs in addition to the traditional two-year programs offered. Bachelor degrees are now available in 11 different programs, including automotive technology, information technology and resort and recreation management.

In addition to the new name, students at Morrisville were issued their own cell phones as they registered for classes this fall. In a precedent-setting partnership, Nextel Partners, Inc. has worked with the college to cut the cord that held students hostage to dorm room landline phones.

Starting at the beginning of the semester, all residential students were issued a phone with unlimited incoming calls, unlimited local calls, voice mail, caller ID, call waiting and unlimited "Direct Connect" walkie-talkie service in Upstate New York.

Students had the option of adding long-distance service for a fee and over the first weekend more than 300 students opted for the additional service.

Nextel area General Manager Mike Kelly reported that on the first Saturday the phones were in use, the students racked up 50,000 minutes of airtime. Kelly indicated that this is a first for Nextel and that they are very excited about the opportunity to train students in the technology that they will use as they graduate and go out into the job force.

At a press conference held on Aug. 25, Cross thanked the entire Nextel team as well as the on-campus team working with them to make the connection possible. He added that the college campus is the perfect place to acquaint students with the latest technology.

Cross said the cell phone arrangement is part of his four-step vision for improving technology at Morrisville. It began with the issuing of laptops to all students, then was improved with the switch to wireless which earned the college the title of "Most Wired Campus" by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine two years in a row.

The cell phones are part of step three designed to provide continuous communications with others. Step four will be for the campus to be totally digital.

The process of forging and implementing the partnership between the college and Nextel took over a year to come to completion. The finishing touches on the Nextel towers were being done the night before students were to arrive.

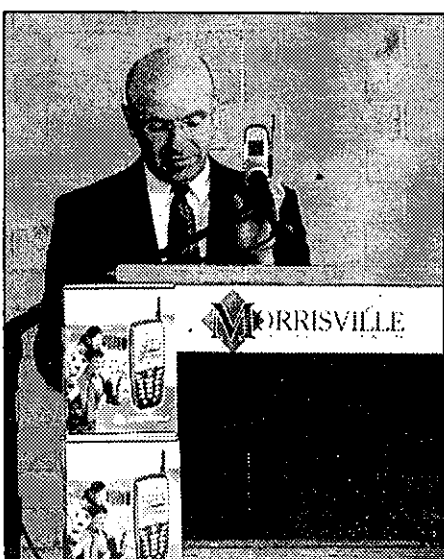
Kelly noted that over 1,700 phones were switched on over the weekend and that there had been no reported coverage problems so far.

For students the switch was easy. Tara Wood, a sophomore from Northville studying travel and tourism, said the service is excellent and that you can always find anyone you are looking for. She explained that the cell phone is a much better idea than the landline phones in the dorms.

Michael Maxwell from Brooklyn, a sophomore in the sports nutrition, fitness and management program, said he loved being connected. He added that the Nextel service is cheaper than his own cellular service and he uses the walkie-talkie service more than the phone.

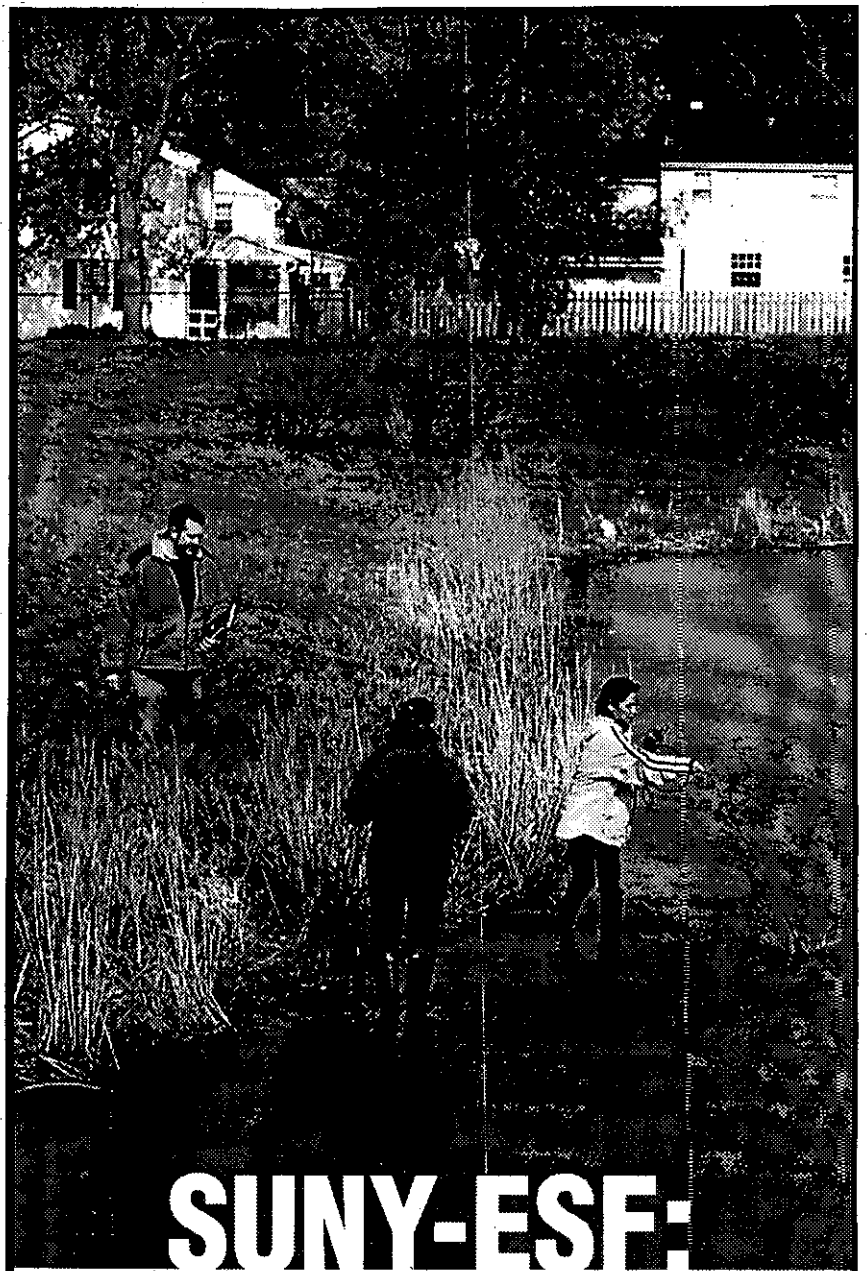
Susan Johnston, a public relations representative for the Nextel home office, noted that the company was very excited by this initiative.

Kelly indicated that Nextel would be closely monitoring the usage to determine where the partnership would take them in the future.

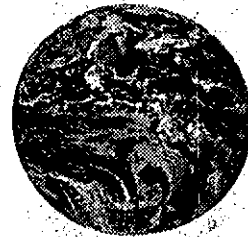


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Words to live by: President Cross conducts a conference call during a recent press conference using Nextel's Direct Connect service to talk with CEO John Chapple at the Nextel corporate headquarters near Seattle, Wash.



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# Students pick New York for higher learning



New York's colleges and universities are attracting more out-of-state students than ever before. In the decade from 1990 to 2000, the number of out-of-staters who enrolled in New York schools nearly doubled.

by Daniel Lovell

More students than ever are choosing New York schools when they decide to leave home for college. According to a recent study by Postsecondary Education Opportunity, New York is the top destination for those who leave their home states for higher education.

The number of out-of-state first-time freshmen in New York schools has nearly doubled in the past decade, up from 12,826 in 1990 to 24,873 in 2000. Analyst Thomas Mortenson of Postsecondary Education Opportunity found that of 1.6 million freshmen, 338,000 left their home states to attend college in New York.

The economic value of undergraduate migration is greatest in New York. Non-New York students bring some \$1.442 billion to the state - far greater than they do to Pennsylvania, with \$1.36 billion, Massachusetts with \$1.228 billion, and California with \$689 million.

New York also topped the list of most migrating freshmen in 1996 and 1998. Most of the students who come to New York attend private colleges, for which Mortenson said New York is well known.

"In New York, where you have Columbia and NYU and all these wonderful private institutions, they play that flagship role," he said. "Everybody has access to public institutions in their home states, when you leave it's going to be academic reputation that's going to draw students."

On the other side, New York's net migration - reached by subtracting the number of students who leave New York for college from the number who come to New York for college - there's a gain of just 714. New York ranks 28th in net migration.

Abraham Lackman, head of the New York Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, said that's still a step in the right direction.

"The real story here is the gain New York state has made in the balance of trade," he said. "In 1988, we had a net migration of minus 8,286 students - meaning we lost far more students than we attracted to the state. In 2000, the state had a net gain of 714 students. So the balance of trade has shifted by some 9,000 students. That's an impressive shift and shows that New York's colleges and universities have become powerful magnets."

And the economic impact is high, he said. The 25,000 full-time, non-resident freshmen who came to New York in 2000 will bring \$1.3 billion to the state during their four years in New York.

"New York's colleges and universities are attracting the nation's best and brightest," Lackman said. "These students are an enormous potential resource if they stay. That's why so many independent sector campuses are working with regional business groups to create linkages between students and communities."

## New York campuses grow more diverse

### More women, minorities go to college than ever before

by Kelly Mantoan

More women and minorities are enrolling in New York colleges than ever before, according to numbers released by the state Education Department. Thanks to a number of outreach programs, New York's private and public colleges and universities are closer to reflecting the state's diverse population.

"There is a very deliberate effort of campuses around the state to reflect the diversity of the state," said Abraham Lackman, president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU). "In a 20-year period, we've come close to doubling the number of minority students enrolled."

In 1980, out of a total of 945,038 New York college students, 10.8 percent were black, 5.6 percent were Hispanic and 2.3 percent were Asian. In 2001, out of a total of 1,009,805 students, 13 percent were black, 10 percent were Hispanic and 7.4 percent were Asian. That equals 30.4 percent of the total number of students enrolled. Minorities equal 36 percent of the state's total population. Enrollment of women has risen from 53 percent in 1980 to 58 percent in 2001.

Lackman said his goal is to eventually see the number of minorities enrolled equal the percentage of minorities in New York's population.

"Diverse student bodies are essential to the character and content of campus life

and to the learning that takes place in college," Lackman said. "By admitting students from a broad range of backgrounds, we ensure exposure to multiple perspectives. This strengthens the educational experience of all students."

One example of minority recruitment is a program led by Cornell University, Syracuse University and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Together with the National Science Foundation and the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, the three schools are working to attract more minority students to graduate programs in science, math and engineering. The ultimate goal is to boost minority faculty in these academic fields.

Although open to students of all backgrounds, many minority students are recruited through programs aimed at disadvantaged or at-risk youths. The federally backed Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) mentors at-risk youths through middle school and into high school with the goal of helping them reach college.

Women who forwent higher education to raise a family or enter the work force can now return to school thanks to different programs offered by a number of schools in the private sector according to Terri Standish-Kuon, CICU public relations director.

"Many schools are reaching out to these nontraditional-aged women seeking a bachelor's degree," she said.

Enrollment by Ethnicity				Enrollment by Gender			
	2001	1991	1980		2001	1991	1980
<b>Independent Sector</b>				<b>Independent Sector</b>			
Total Enrollment	425,590	395,852	400,768	Total Enrollment	425,590	395,852	400,768
Percent Black	10.2%	7.8%	8.2%	male	42%	46%	50%
Percent Hispanic	7.9%	5.4%	4.2%	female	58%	54%	50%
Percent Asian	8%	5.6%	2.5%	<b>SUNY</b>			
Sub-total	25.9%	18.8%	14.9%	Total Enrollment	386,921	400,777	372,415
<b>SUNY</b>				male	44%	44%	47%
Total Enrollment	386,921	400,777	372,415	female	56%	56%	53%
Percent Black	8.5%	6.8%	5.6%	<b>CUNY</b>			
Percent Hispanic	5.6%	3.7%	1.9%	Total Enrollment	197,294	200,336	171,855
Percent Asian	4.8%	3.2%	1.3%	male	37%	39%	42%
Sub-total	18.9%	13.7%	8.8%	female	63%	61%	58%
<b>CUNY</b>				<b>Three sector total</b>			
Total Enrollment	197,294	200,336	171,855	Total Enrollment	1,009,805	996,965	945,038
Percent Black	27.9%	29.1%	28.1%	male	42%	44%	47%
Percent Hispanic	23.1%	20.7%	16.9%	female	58%	56%	53%
Percent Asian	11.4%	9.0%	4.2%	Data provided by State Education Department, Office of Research and Information Systems. Compiled by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities.			
Sub-total	62.4%	58.8%	49.2%				
<b>Three sector total</b>							
Total Enrollment	1,009,805	996,965	945,038				
Percent Black	13.0%	11.7%	10.8%				
Percent Hispanic	10.0%	7.8%	5.6%				
Percent Asian	7.4%	5.3%	2.3%				
Sub-total	30.4%	24.8%	18.7%				

Both Lackman and Standish-Kuon agree that with secure, high-paying manufacturing jobs disappearing across New York, college degrees are more important than ever for acquiring a job that affords a reasonable standard of living.

For more information on outreach programs for minorities, women and disadvantaged students visit CICU's website [www.cicu.org](http://www.cicu.org) or its sister site, [www.nycolleges.org](http://www.nycolleges.org).

# Graduate College splits off from Union

Newly independent school positions itself for further growth

by David Tyler

Union College's undergraduate program has long had a strong reputation as an excellent liberal arts college. Now its sister school - the newly independent Graduate College at Union University - expects to develop an equally strong reputation in professional education.

In July, the state Board of Regents approved the charter for the Graduate College, which incorporates all the graduate programs previously offered by Union College. By splitting off from the under-

## The Graduate College of UNION UNIVERSITY

graduate program at Union, the Graduate College has positioned itself for continued growth in the capital region, said President Susan Lehrman.

"The graduate programs had grown so much it could have jeopardized the college's liberal arts undergrad status," Lehrman said. "For us to continue to grow, we needed to do it."

The Graduate College boasts the largest full-time business programs in the capital region as well as the only viable part-time engineering program, Lehrman said. The school is hoping to leverage those two programs into partnerships with businesses associated with Sematech and the Tech Valley initiative.

"By becoming an independent college, we can continue to grow our programs, add enrollment, create more community partnerships, and do more and better marketing and fundraising," Lehrman said. "This is an exciting time for the capital region, as the Tech Valley initiative takes flight and there is more focus on a highly education workforce. Union College and the new Graduate College will be vital players in this initiative."

The Graduate College will have three schools - management, engineering and education - and the Center for Bioethics. The programs offered by the new Graduate College will be similar to those currently offered and include educational studies, electrical and mechanical engineering, computer science, business administration, health administration and bioethics.

The college's MBA program, the largest full-time program in the region, has seen a 25 percent increase in students over the past two years. Coupled with enrollment growth in both the education and engineering programs, the college's leadership felt it was time to become independent.

The Graduate College will be affiliated with Union University, a federation of independent undergraduate and graduate schools. The university consists of Union College, Albany Medical College, Albany Law College, Dudley Observatory and Albany College of Pharmacy. Established in 1873, Union University has a board of governors comprised of representatives of the member institutions' boards of trustees.



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# SUNY tuition hike hits students' wallets but not enrollment

## Group says increase shifts burden to families

by Kelly Mantoan

Enrollment is holding steady — and even rising — at SUNY campuses across the state, despite a recent \$950-per-year tuition hike for in-state students. While some students were unable to return for the fall 2003 semester, most students got the money from their parents or managed to scrape up the extra money by selling their cars, moving back home, taking second jobs or getting another loan. And with the returning sophomores, juniors and seniors came even larger freshmen classes for some SUNY schools.

SUNY Oneonta welcomed 1,209 freshmen this fall, up from 1,075 last year and SUNY Cortland has 7,449 students

"Applications were at a record high and we set a new record for enrollment. Families are working hard to meet the rising cost, but SUNY Cortland remains a good value."

*Donna Fish  
Associate Provost, SUNY Cortland*

enrolled this fall, compared to 7,267 last year. SUNY Oswego reported 8,500 students enrolled this fall, the same number as last year.

"Applications were at a record high and we set a new record for enrollment," said Donna Fish, associate provost for enrollment and curriculum management at SUNY Cortland. "Families are working hard to meet the rising cost, but SUNY Cortland remains a good value."

Oneonta senior psychology major Christy Haynes took out a second loan and loaded up on courses this semester to help make ends meet. While aggravated at the increase, Haynes said she felt like she receives a good education at SUNY.

"I have friends who haven't come back and friends who live at home and have to drive an hour to get here because they can't afford to live on campus anymore," she said.

The SUNY board of trustees voted to increase tuition 28 percent on June 30 to \$4,350. Out-of-state students must pay \$2,000 more while the cost of graduate and professional programs increased by varying degrees. It was the first tuition increase since 1995.

"For out-of-state students, this is really bad news," said Ruben Catinchi, a senior at SUNY Cortland. "We already pay twice as much, now we're paying \$2,000 more and we don't get TAP. I have to sell my car and

live a half hour from campus because the school demands even more of my money."

The Tuition Assistance Program, or TAP, was not decreased by the state legislature although it had been on the chopping block. While TAP may have helped many students make ends meet, out-of-state and part-time students are excluded from the TAP program.

"A lot of students couldn't come back and we won't hear their stories because they're not here," said Katy Stevenson, project coordinator for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) branch at SUNY Oswego. "The whole point of public education is to provide education for students of a high quality and affordable nature. This tuition hike is one way of shifting the burden from the state to families."

Carol Blazina, director of external affairs at SUNY Oneonta, said the SUNY system would have been in trouble without some sort of tuition increase. Students first learned of the possibility of a tuition increase last fall and had time to plan accordingly, she said. Like this fall, after the 1995 tuition increase, Blazina said Oneonta's enrollment numbers rose.

"Most people still feel that SUNY Oneonta is a great value for their tuition dollar," Blazina said.

Stevenson argues that the effect of the increase may not be evident for a few

years.

"Enrollment dropped by 29,000 students in two years after the hike in '95," she said.

Both Stevenson and Alanna Gothard, project coordinator for NYPIRG at SUNY Cortland urged students to make their demands known by registering to vote.

"When students have questions on what they can do to combat these issues, our office is the place to come," Gothard said. "We'll keep fighting any cuts against financial aid and make sure our voices are heard."

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