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Nigro Cos. detail 9W retail proposal

By KRISTEN OLBY

The latest retail project proposed along Glenmont's Route 9W includes a shopping plaza, Staples office supply store, and a third unnamed retail shop.

Nigro Companies representatives appeared before the planning board Feb. 18 to give an update on their latest endeavor. The stores would be built on

17 acres of land just north of Bethlehem Town Center — the town's largest retail shopping complex constructed by Nigro Cos. last year.

Plans show the 53,500 square-foot shopping plaza will consist of a 45,000 square-foot store and a second 8,500 square-foot retail shop.

The plaza is set back approximately 200 feet from Route 9W.

Previously, Nigro Cos. Vice President Steve Powers had said the larger building would house a department store, but the company appeared to backpedal Tuesday night.

"We don't have any potential users lined up; it may be a series of small shops," said Pete Giovenco of Bergmann Associates, an engineering firm based in Rochester.

The one-story brick shopping plaza is designed to include several peaks and awnings, which seemed to please planning board members who referred to it as "attractive."

Closer to the roadway, a 14,600 square-foot Staples is proposed as is a second 11,600 square-foot store, reportedly a Pier One, though Powers would not confirm.

Planning board members expressed concern that the two stores face south

with loading docks and the typical big-box design greeting visitors approaching from the north.

"It would really upset a lot of people," said board chairman Parker Mathusa, of the layout. "I don't want that piece to diminish everything else that's been done," he said, referring to efforts to make Bethlehem Town Center aesthetically pleasing.

Giovenco said the company is not currently proposing additional improvements to Route 9W as a result of this project. A traffic light has been installed at the

town center entrance, about 1,100 feet south of this proposed project.

Some board members felt that traffic generated by the additional stores would warrant a second light and reconfiguration of the Lowe's exit, which does not permit left-hand turns out of the plaza.

"I'm advocating for a red light before the stores open," said Mathusa.

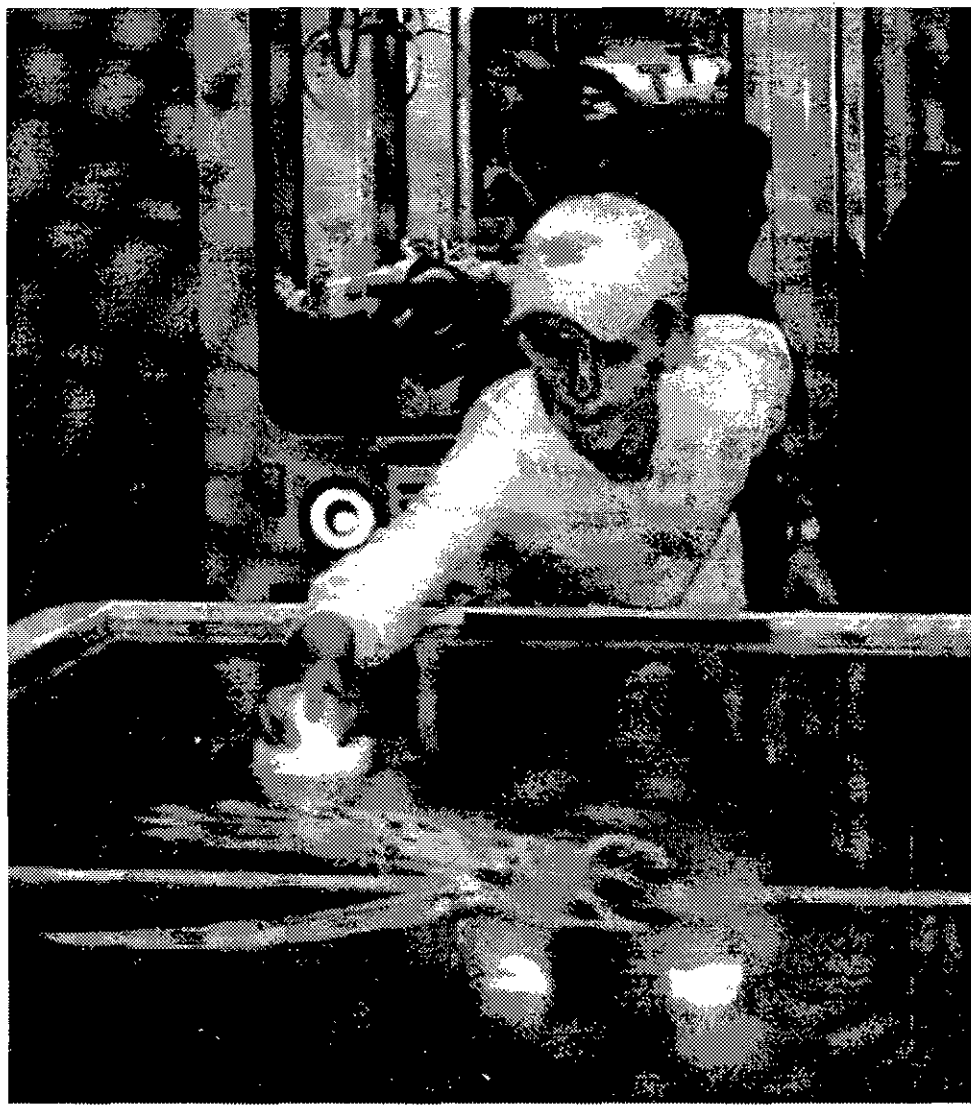
The board requested that Nigro Cos. adjust the Staples building layout, generate preliminary traffic studies, and gather information from Dominion Gas Company, which owns a large gas line

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Pete Giovenco

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Game boy



Jeremy Tobin enjoys a game of air hockey at the BIG Arena last Sunday.

Jim Franco

Cunningham, Perez square off

Hopefuls look to capture 34th district

By KRISTEN OLBY

Despite the cold campaigning temperatures, the race is heating up for an Albany County Legislature seat representing much of Delmar.

In the 34th legislative district, comprised of central Delmar, part of Elsmere and the Cherryvale section of Slingerlands, Republican Jeff Perez is challenging Democrat Jack Cunningham.

In a special meeting of the Legislature held last month — and boycotted by Republicans who called it illegal — Cunningham was appointed to temporarily fill the 34th district seat, after Democrats declared it vacant. David Young had represented the district but moved from his home a year earlier, a violation of the county charter.

The meeting was held to reappoint legislators in the wake of the redistricting court battle that delayed the Legislature election from last November to April 27.

Perez called Cunningham's appointment "tyranny by the majority," referring to the Legislature which is dominated by Democrats.

"You have somebody serving as a



Cunningham

legislator who does not have a single vote from anyone in Bethlehem," Perez said. The 43-year-old contends he would be the most independent candidate, serving the needs of the community he's

resided in for six years.

"I love Bethlehem, I love living here, and I want to represent the people of Bethlehem, not political interests in the city of Albany," said Perez.

If elected, Perez hopes to create a property tax credit for volunteer fire fighters and emergency workers. He opposes increased county budgets, which he said, have been balanced on the backs of Bethlehem taxpayers. Perez also supports trimming the size of the Legislature to save tax dollars.

"What better way to demonstrate a serious commitment to smaller government than by reducing the number of legislators from the currently bloated



Perez

39 down to 21?" he said.

Perez believes his legislative background will prove beneficial in the county post. In the 1980s, he worked as a legislative analyst for the state Assembly and in 1994 as a lobbyist for the New York

State School Boards Association. He was later promoted to director of research for the association.

"As a county legislator, I'll be able to hit the ground running," he said. "In both positions, I have learned the importance of communicating with constituents and being responsive to their needs," he said.

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YMCA to form committee to study sites

By KRISTEN OLBY

The Capital District YMCA is inching closer to choosing a site to house a facility in Bethlehem. It would be the 11th branch to open in an area encompassing Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and southern Saratoga counties.

The nonprofit company is now seeking community input before a final selection is made.

The Y plans to form a 15-member advisory committee comprised of business leaders and residents next month.

□ YMCA/page 32



Town police arrest six for DWI

Bethlehem police recently arrested six people for driving while intoxicated (DWI) and one person on an outstanding warrant.

Joshua Fretto, 24, of 218 Morris St., Albany was stopped for speeding on Blessing Road on Feb. 17 at 12:31 a.m.

Police said Fretto failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI.

Barbara Terry, 48, of 14A Village Drive, Delmar, was stopped by police after pulling into the Stewart's Shop on Delaware Avenue on Feb. 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Police said Terry appeared unsteady and intoxicated. She later failed field sobriety tests, according to police, and was charged with DWI.

Daniel Rivera, 24, of 162 Quail St., Albany was stopped by police for crossing hazardous markings on Route 9W in Glenmont on Feb. 10 at 3:06 a.m.

Police said Rivera failed field sobriety tests and admitted to smoking marijuana. He was charged with DWI and with driving while ability impaired by drugs, also a misdemeanor.

John Sickles, 40, of 19A Spoor Road, Ravena, was stopped by police following a four-car accident on Route 9W in Selkirk on Feb. 9 at 6:02 p.m.

Police located Sickles' vehicle in the driveway of a Lasher Road home with extensive front-end damage. Police said Sickles failed field sobriety tests and admitted leaving the accident scene.

He was charged with DWI and

leaving the scene of an accident. Sickles was arraigned before Town Judge Frank Milano, who temporarily suspended his license. He is due to return to Town Court on March 2 at 4 p.m.

Michael Shanley, 32, of 133 Walton St., Syracuse, was stopped for speeding on Delaware Avenue on Feb. 8 at 1:34 a.m. Police said Shanley failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI.

Eric Vandeloo, 33, of 264 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was stopped for failing to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic on Feb. 8 at 2:51 a.m. Police said Vandeloo failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI.

Michael Brothers, 18, of 15B Henderson Road., Glenmont was arrested Feb. 3 on an outstanding warrant for a charge of criminal possession of stolen property. Brothers was arraigned and sent to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail. He returns to Town Court on March 2 at 4 p.m.

Country visions



Eleanor Bolduc of Delmar will be exhibiting her oil paintings during March at William Sanford Town Library on Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie. An opening reception will be held Sunday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Local businesses donate to RCS stoplight

By KRISTEN OLBY

A traffic light is closer to becoming a reality along Route 9W in Selkirk, thanks to two sizeable donations from local

companies last week.

The traffic light, to be installed in front of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk middle and high school complex, is expected to cost about \$80,000. The entranceway to the

school complex must also be reconfigured to allow for installation of the signal.

Lafarge Cement, located across the street from the schools, made a \$20,000 donation toward funding the light.

Callanan Industries pledged \$20,000 in materials to widen the entrance to the campus to meet requirements set by the state Department of Transportation.

Fund-raising efforts will continue next month, with a spaghetti dinner March 13 at the high school.

That same day, district administrators will hold a community forum to discuss the need for the signal and contributions, both financial and in-kind, to fund it.

In October, the DOT determined a traffic light was warranted at the intersection but the agency, under state law, can't purchase it.

The department's decision followed a review of crashes along the state highway, including a fatal motorcycle accident in front of the campus last September.

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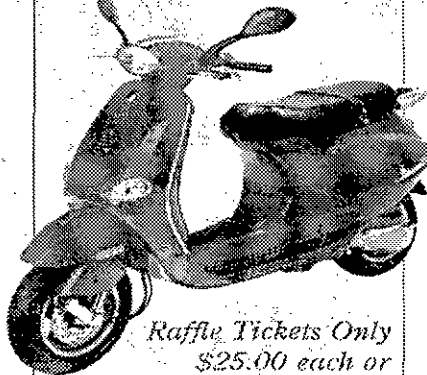
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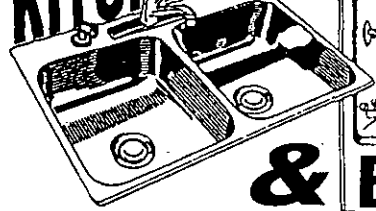
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Quilt exhibit to benefit mission

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Beauty and hard work will be on display at Delmar Reformed Church Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28. More than 100 quilts will be displayed in the Delaware Avenue church located near the Four Corners. Some of the quilts are from the late 1800s, some are contemporary. One area will hold quilts that children made. The history of all the quilts are outlined in a booklet that will accompany the show, and make them more than just pretty pieces of fabric stitched together.

Linda Drew is one of the organizers of the show, which started when Drew thought it would be nice for her mother, June Lee Mengel, to display her quilts. Mengel started quilting in 1956, when Drew developed allergies, and needed a different kind of blanket. "A lot of those original quilts just wore out," Mengel said.

"Mom had displayed quilts at our church before," Drew said, "and people loved the quilt show we used to have in the late '80s and early '90s."

Ardyce Elmore is a member of Quilters United In Learning Together, which meets at Delmar Reformed Church, and she and Drew opened up the show to the congregation.

"We thought it would be a lot smaller," Elmore said, delighted to have had the show grow. "We're up to 110 quilts and wall hangings. They'll be hung in the sanctuary, the narthex and the fellowship hall."

Elmore began quilting when she retired from her job as a sixth-grade math teacher in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district in 2000, picking up the handiwork she'd always watched her mother do.

As a teacher, Elmore had always been fascinated by the relationship between math and art, and when she taught geometry, she had her mother come in and talk about her quilts. "I had planned to have the kids make a quilt out of construction paper," she said, "but 50 kids wanted to make a real quilt. It was a big undertaking. Some of the kids had never sewn, and they were really proud of their work."

Drew and Elmore also knew that they wanted the show to benefit a good cause, and they have decided to contribute to the Hawley Mission Fund. Bruce and Laurie Hawley are former Delmar residents now living in West Virginia — and who have



Linda Drew, left, June Lee Mengel and Ardyce Elmore show off quilts for this weekend's show at Delmar Reformed Church.

maintained their membership in Delmar Reformed Church.

"We work under the authority of the Reformed Church," Bruce Hawley said. "We coordinate the work and volunteers at different mission sites." The Hawleys have organized work groups to build an orphanage in Ecuador, a Bible school in Honduras, and to rehab several buildings in the New York City area.

In Newark, N.J., Reformed Church volunteers from across the country and Canada rehabbed an abandoned church, creating Sunday school rooms and after-school facilities.

"There was a group of kids who came from Canada to work there," Bruce Hawley said. "They were rowdy and having a good time as their bus approached the city, but they got a little lost, and as they drove farther into Newark, they got quieter and quieter."

By Thursday of their mission week, the kids were hosting a hot dog roast for the neighborhood teens, and today, Hawley reports, 60 of those kids who came for a hot dog are the core of a Bible study group at the rehabbed church.

He also said that doing mission work in places different from home puts things in perspective.

"We worked one-and-a-half blocks from the projects," Hawley said. "When you say 'projects,' it calls to mind an image. The work groups get some reality about that image, and in addition to seeing that reality can mean drugs, prostitution and pain, people are responsive to hope. That awareness can be a real eye-opener for people."

Elmore joined the Hawleys — who arrive before the work groups to make sure everything is ready, and stay until the project is completed — in Ecuador.

She worked with others on the Prince of Peace orphanage.

"I liked the service," said Elmore, who fixed the roof and taught English to local children, "and I loved the kids. It was a wonderful experience."

Although the Hawleys receive a stipend, health care and travel expenses from the denomination, they have to raise their own support.

Volunteers in work groups pay \$125 each to keep the work going.

A church rehabilitation in Brooklyn, and disaster relief for people in Missouri hard hit by floods, are upcoming projects for the Hawleys.

Before beginning their work for the Reformed Church three years ago, Bruce Hawley was a dairy farmer, then a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and managed the New York Farm Bureau in Glenmont. Laurie Hawley raised the family's children, Heather Stine and Sean Hawley, and did volunteer work with the church and at Albany Medical Center.

"It's a joy," Laurie Hawley said of the mission work she does now. "It's also a joy that Bruce and I work together."

The Hawleys will travel to Delmar to see the quilts that will benefit their work.

"I think the idea of a quilt show is a blessing," Laurie Hawley said. "It's wonderful for people who want to see the quilts, and people who've never heard of missions can learn more about them."

Drew is confident that the quilts will appeal to a large audience.

"They're really works of art," Drew said of the quilts. "Every one has a different feel."

The quilt show will take place Friday, Feb. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3, with proceeds to benefit the Hawley Mission Fund.

Delmar Reformed Church is located at 386 Delaware Ave.

Youth Court funding quickly drying up

By KRISTEN OLBY

The number of offenders passing through Bethlehem's Youth Court is on the rise, just as funding sources for the program appear to be at an all-time low.

In 2003, Bethlehem Youth Court presided over 38 cases, a 90 percent increase over the year before, when just 20 cases came before the court. The number of offenders appearing in youth court is expected to increase, as the number of children living in the community continues to grow.

"Our youth court and other youth courts are kind of in a financial bind," said Bethlehem Youth Court Director Stacey Whiteley. "Our numbers are increasing and our funding sources are drying up."

The state Division of Criminal Justice Services, which disperses federal grant money to youth courts, including Bethlehem's, are trimming the number of dollars doled out. The department plans to divert some of the eligible funds used to cover court expenses to anti-gang programs, according to spokesman Lyle Hartog.

Bethlehem Youth Court was created in 1996 under the umbrella group Capital District Youth Court Association. In 1999, it became a self-sufficient entity, funded in part through government grants.

Bethlehem Youth Court has received a \$27,000 federal grant through the state Criminal Justice Services department to be used through August, but Whiteley said she's been informed the money won't be available next year.

"Because they are funneling it more toward new programs, I was told," she said.

According to Hartog, federal funding for the court is questionable, since the government is pushing youth courts to become financially independent.

"Youth court programs are funded for a period of up to four years," he said. "Since the Bethlehem Youth Court has been funded up to that period, they may in fact lose funding at the end of the year." He added that the department is working to secure a funding source for Bethlehem, but said there is no guarantee one will be found.

Bethlehem's court also received an \$18,000 grant this year from New York State Office

of Children and Family Services, down from the \$20,000 it was given last year.

"The plan is that it's going to decrease by another 10 percent next year," said Whiteley. "More than half of our operating budget has been eliminated."

It costs about \$40,000 annually to cover the program's operating expenses including one salaried employee, training, utilities, a newsletter and Web site. The court office is housed in one room of the Parks and Recreation building, donated free-of-charge by the town.

The court is comprised of 21 youth court members, who undergo training, and a pool of 90 jurors, who do not require training. Court members and jurors are teenagers, and cases involving youthful offenders are referred to the court through Bethlehem's criminal court. Offenders charged with a crime must accept responsibility for their actions and go before a jury of their peers to learn their fate. Punishments most often include letters of apology, restitution, community service and education classes on topics such as drug and alcohol use and peer pressure.

"They admit their guilt so they accept responsibility for behavior and then they pay back the community for their wrongdoing," explained Whiteley, who believes the benefit of the program is two-fold. "They get the benefit of learning in a hands-on way all about the criminal justice system," while avoiding a criminal record. The most common offenses in descending order include possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of alcohol by a person under 21, and petty larceny.

With funding becoming scarce, Whiteley is worried the court system that has proven to be so valuable to youthful offenders could cease to exist in the coming years.

To help subsidize this year's \$12,000 deficit, Whiteley plans to seek charitable donations through letters sent out to business leaders and residents next month. The federal government is expected to decide how much funding is available to youth courts by the fall.

For more information, call the Bethlehem Youth Court at 478-9544 or visit www.bethlehemyouthcourt.org.

Delmar man convicted

By KRISTEN OLBY

A 21-year-old Delmar man faces up to 15 years in prison for breaking into a Park Place home last year. After a weeklong trial, an Albany County jury found Foluke Griffin, of Kenwood Avenue, guilty Friday of a felony count of second-degree burglary and fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, a misdemeanor.

On Jan. 24, 2003, Griffin broke a windowpane on a door in an attempt to reach in and unlock the Delmar home, according to Assistant District Attorney Dave

Rossi. When the homeowner arrived, Griffin ran off and was tracked down by an Albany Police K-9 unit near Oakwood Road, according to police. Nothing was taken from the home, but Bethlehem police did find items in Griffin's backpack stolen from an Elmsmere Avenue home earlier in the day. Among the items was a PlayStation gaming system valued at \$300. At the time of his arrest, Griffin was on felony probation as a result of a forgery charge in June 2002.

He will be sentenced March 26 by acting state Supreme Court Justice Dan Lamont.

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Thank goodness for the end of this short month

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

T.S. Eliot may have felt that April was the cruelest month, but anybody who lives in the Northeast can tell you that it's February that's unkind beyond comparison.

This month must have been made short to compensate for how unbearable it is. Sure, the worst winter weather came in January this year, when the world seemed stuck at 0 degrees Fahrenheit for too long.

March will bring its own disappointments, when dreary rain mixes with snow to make ice pile up on tree branches and threaten to make them crack and land on cars sitting innocently in our driveways. Still, March offers hope, even if it's in the form of snow melting to reveal now-decayed leaves that escaped last autumn's leaf blower.

Yes, April moves too slowly toward full spring, but its sometimes warm breezes are such a relief that I must forsake Eliot's notion of cruelty to turn to

the Bard. Shakespeare uses February to describe Benedick's visage as he thinks about the woman he doesn't yet know he loves in "Much Ado About Nothing."

"Why, what's the matter/That you have such a February face/So full of frost, of storm, and cloudiness?" Don Pedro asks him.

We heard that line in the heat last summer at Shakespeare & Company's excellent production of the romantic comedy. In the comfortable air-conditioned theater with July's warmth waiting outside to greet us, it was only a line that drew knowing grins. Now, too many of us are wearing February faces, as the whole world around us seems bedraggled and tired.

The snow that once looked so fresh and pristine is just black piles lining roadways and sidewalks. A fresh snowfall might spruce things up, but there's a "been there, done that" feeling about that possibility. More of the white stuff could mean another snow day, a delight for children,

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and something that has mothers with desperate February faces whispering to one another that there can't possibly be another snow day, can there?

The just-completed February vacation offered a little relief. It's nice to not have to hound the children for five days; nice to let them sleep a little later in the morning; nice to not have to run the drills that get them out the door in the morning, and finish homework and get a decent night's sleep every night.

Yet a break in the routine can be tough, as children want to stay inside and parents urge them out to air their brains and run their bodies. It's tempting to give in to unlimited screen time, especially with older kids who seem to have lost interest in the great outdoors.

If the kids are watching TV, using the computer, or playing video games, Mom or Dad can have that second cup of coffee, finish reading the paper or do a little work. On the flip side, it's hard to enjoy that second cup of joe when we worry that they're watching replays of Janet Jack-

son's breast being bared; chatting online with a pedophile; or finally playing "Dynasty Warriors IV" enough that they become psychopathic killers.

The men in my family seem content with winter; the restlessness is mostly mine. Is it because as the mother, my stock-in-trade is routine, and the winter routine greatly needs relieving?

Sure, I tried for some change, but by February the diet and exercise program begun in the new year has worn as old as the snow banks outside. The household projects that I thought would give the winter some purpose lost their appeal halfway through finally painting the dining room ceiling. There was some thought of finally writing the great

I am grateful that my family isn't inflicted with my restlessness, I needed to pack them up and head north to embrace my inner February. We ended up in Burlington, Vt., to spend a weekend with my mother.

It was winter carnival there, which meant that a ski hill had been built on a street that ends at the lake, and snowboarders ground rails set up just for this day. World-class snow sculpture artists had come to carve their magic, and our favorite was the remote projecting from a snow television, seeming to manipulate us.

Most enchanting to my landlocked children is the lake itself, frozen all the way across for the first winter in many.

"Could we walk to New York?" Cormac asks, eyeing the cobalt blue Adirondacks that look deceptively close to the Vermont shore.

We settle instead for walking to the other side of the city's breakwater, marveling at patches where snow has blown off to reveal black ice. The boys kneel to inspect fissures and cracks and try to guess at how far down the ice goes.

We stop an ice fisherman, who admits he's in it more for the novelty than the catch — and shows us his empty bucket as proof.

Our cheeks were reddened and our spirits high when we headed back in from the cold that invigorated us. Grandma held out a promise for the next day, and we found ourselves driving our car on the frozen lake itself.

Finally, a bit of daring for this dreary month, and when we engaged in this pursuit that was commonplace in my childhood, the boys' eyes (and their father's) widened in delight. For just a moment, our February faces were as hopeful as the spring days that must come again one day.

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American novel, but tucking into bed for a long winter's nap wins out after a day of work, running the household and checking that homework's done, baths are taken and teeth are brushed.

I try to take it as a tribute to the home that Chris and I have made for our family that our children love to be in it so very much.

The boys enjoy spending time with their father, and the three of them are happy to spend hours discussing how the relationship between Taiwan and mainland China compares to that of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. I get grumpy then that I lack the attention span to stay with the discussion into its second hour.

It's hard to not be envious of families that ski together or head to Florida for school break. While

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Teachers dig into local Chinese, Latino legacies

By MARY LANNON

The building that houses the revered Jack's Oyster House in downtown Albany was in 1921 an elegant Chinese restaurant called the Oriental Occidental Restaurant.

Local residents may not know this fact and others like it that make up the history of the local Chinese community, because up until now they've been tucked away in residents' memories and in area archives, museums and community centers.

Researcher Debra Escobar and her assistant Kathleen Ruecker, both Farnsworth Middle School teachers, set out two years ago to tell at least part of the story of not only the local Chinese history, which dates back to at least 1877, but also the history of local Latino communities, dating back to World War II.

They also did similar research in Buffalo, Syracuse, and Yonkers all funded by Verizon and sponsored by the state Archives and the New York State Archives Partnership Trust.

"I feel we hit on something that needed some attention," Escobar said. "We wanted to recreate that history, what have they done, how did they get here and how did they progress."

As part of what is known as The Legacies Project, Escobar with the help of another middle school teacher, Kathy LaJeunesse, put the local histories of the two communities up on an education Web site.

She demonstrated the site www.archives.nysed.gov/projects/legacies/index.html recently at the Guiderland Public Library.

Ruecker found the picture of the Oriental Occidental Restaurant at the Albany Institute of History and Art. In the state Library Archives, Escobar located a broadside that read: "To the Working Men of the Eastern

United States." The flier, which originated in California, warned that "Cooley Chap Labor rules the market there and will do the same here by and by, if the blow is not struck now."

It led Escobar to research that suggested much of the original Chinese immigrant population in Albany fled discrimination in California.

The Chinese Community Center in Niskayuna helped with the project.

In Amsterdam, a resident gave

"It was a very special moment, many of the seniors in the room had tears in their eyes, as if someone really made them immortal and valued their history ... I was extremely touched. In that sense it was wonderful."

The center has just begun using the Web site with children, Alomar said, and she expects it will have very positive results.

"The traditional social studies book does not do justice in the sense of documenting the community of color, in particular the African-

American and Latino communities," Alomar said. "Here when children see the story of their parents and grandparents, it helps them know who they are and where they come from and in that

sense builds self-esteem."

The Legacies Project originated as an effort to promote self-esteem in ESL (English as a Second Language) students at Liberty High School in New York City, said Julie Daniels, coordinator of educational programs at the state Archives.

Melissa Ceden, an instructor who teaches a graduate level literacy and society course in the reading department at the University Albany and attended the workshop, enthusiastically endorsed the project. But she felt disappointed by the turnout for the demonstration.

"It's like bittersweet," she said. "There's a gem here, but not everybody's going to take hold of it."

Ceden added she would do

her part to spread the word, requiring the students, many of whom are area teachers, to work with the Web site. Four other teachers, including one who teaches adults ESL, also attended the event.

Escobar has presented programs in the Guiderland school district, to ESL teachers in Ryebrook and in Buffalo and plans to give presentations in Syracuse, Yonkers and at the New York State Social Studies

Conference before her grant from J.P. Chase Morgan Foundation runs out in March.

The state Archives also plans to mail out brochures about the Web site to 27,000 educators statewide, targeting ESL and social studies teachers.

In addition, the archives also sponsors a documentary heritage programs that provides grants to nonprofit organizations in New York state to collect, hold and make available historical records.

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Escobar a clip of a June 1945 article from the former *Amsterdam Evening Recorder* about a train accident that killed eight Mexican railroad workers. This led her to focus on these workers — braceros — the name for Mexicans who came north to work during World War II as part of a treaty with Mexico.

Most of the workers were deported after the war and not given the promised 10 percent of their pay for resettlement.

At Centro Civico in Amsterdam, a Hispanic community center, members applauded the project, which many had participated in by sharing stories with Escobar, said Ladan Alomar, executive director.

The center got a look at the site in mid-January, she added.

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Money matters

Benjamin Franklin, that founding father known for quick bits of wisdom, once offered this hint to those of us that would be rich: "A penny saved is twopence dear; A pin a day's a groat a year."

The words have turned in the phrase, and today, "A penny saved is a penny earned," is how we know this adage. Its point is as valid now as it was in 1736, when Franklin offered it.

We might recall Franklin's small hint while we reminisce about the pocket change thoughtlessly tossed at the latest -losing for most of us -lottery game.

Who didn't kick in \$5 for a few games, maybe a chance to be part of the office pool? Not many folks, most likely. Playing the Mega Millions Lottery was a popular activity in recent weeks as people in 11 states saddled up for a one in more than 135 million chance to win the enormous jackpot of \$230 million.

We all had the same hope that, in spending \$5, we would cause a random sequence of numbers to align in our favor. A person in a suit would then hand us a gigantic novelty check and we would be rich because — hey, we never know.

Ahhhh — that big check. We all want it and we devote much of our time and effort to the pursuit of it. It's a life effort based on a simple creed. Benjamin's. Payola. Clams. Money. Cash makes things easier here.

Life could be grand with \$230 million. It could be a non-stop vacation — a perpetual tour of beaches and nightspots; of shopping malls and ski resorts; of golf; of new cars; new homes; and roller coaster rides in our own backyard.

We could shelter our families in opulence and help them be at ease. We could salve their bodies with medicines, advance their minds with education and enrich their emotions with cultural experiences.

We could endow institutions and have a building, or at least part of a building, named in our honor. We could be known to future generations. We could be considered great.

If only we had the cash.

But we don't. And now we're each out \$5.

But one lucky Virginian will probably retire with his or her Mega Millions and live the life of a fat cat. Perhaps, if we ask real nice, he or she will give us our \$5 back.

Then we can add it to another \$5 and make \$10. In 50 more weeks, if we keep at it, we'll have \$260, and so on. We might never reach \$230 million, but we might see the wisdom of Benjamin Franklin's penny-pinching.

Editorials

Reason should reign at Columbia

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

The writer is a Spotlight Newspaper reporter and a Columbia High School graduate.

The night of the shooting at Columbia High School, I dreamt I returned to my orange locker in the south tower of that school. Only I couldn't open it because of rotten lunches I had left there over the summer. So much for sweet dreams.

Something stinks at Columbia High in East Greenbush, but, for once, perhaps it's not the lockers.

Many will use the shooting at Columbia, a near-tragedy, as a reason why schools these days need metal detectors, security cameras and even a police presence.

With every incident the rhetoric gets stronger and louder, and sometimes it even becomes action and practice. But I had to laugh in exasperation at the irony that unfolded before my eyes Tuesday night. Fox Channel 23's 10 p.m. news broadcast aired a story that quoted the Schenectady school superintendent as saying that his district's recently employed metal detectors, security cameras and increased police presence all helped to prevent violence there.

At 11 p.m., WNYT Channel 13 aired a breaking news story about violence that broke out at a Schenectady-Albany boys basketball game. The police presence already there was outnumbered, and police called in fellow cops from at least four neighboring municipalities, including Niskayuna, Rotterdam and Scotia-Glenville.

What's the lesson here? That violence happens? That kids will be kids and no matter the deterrents in place, rivalries, bad feelings and depression will prevail?

The question I have is how a suicidal teenager could come to disregard life so much that he would have enough ammunition to take 20 others, strangers or not, down with him? That seems to be a question answered at home,

Point of View

long before a freshman boards a bus for his first day of high school.

The news of last week's seemingly random shooting hit strangely close to home. Strange, because in the years since I graduated in 1998, a shooting was the last thing I thought would trigger nostalgic memories for the way things were — or whimsical wishes for the way

I feel conflicted and guilty. Conflicted because I feel like I shouldn't be affected by this at all. It wasn't my coach shot in the leg. It wasn't my classmate led away in handcuffs. It wasn't my experience. Guilty because I am affected. It was my school. Guilty because I have memories of high school that are exactly what they should be — parties, dances, socializing. Sports, tests, bad hair days — a lot of them. Guilty because now 1,400 students don't have those innocent memories.

they'll never be again — not to mention my personal belief that 23 is too young to be nostalgic. And hit so close to home. Literally. I live less than a mile from the suburban school. My mom teaches in the district. I spent the better part of four years in that school. Running in the hallways for lacrosse practice, hanging out with friends in the lobby between classes, even being assigned the occasional detention after school. I still have powerful memories of high school experiences, most of them even favorable. They are powerful, but innocent.

Nowhere in my memories is a 16-year-old waving and shooting a 12-gauge shotgun. Nowhere in my memories are the resounding echoes of gunshots hitting classroom walls or whizzing past innocent bystanders, who are my friends, my classmates.

I do remember the sound of kids roughhousing in the hallways between, even during, classes. When one got shoved into the aluminum walls, the walls shook and creaked and sounded a bit like rumbling thunder. It's a playful sound, and I remember it clearly.

I don't have the memory of hearing a gunshot in the hallway. The entire class of 2004 does. So do the classes of '05, '06 and '07. That's the tragedy to me.

I went to high school in the days before Columbine, the days before 9/11. I went to school in the days when I could access Columbia pretty much whenever I wanted, from whatever parking lot or door I wanted. And no one thought twice because they didn't need to. Until a few Mondays ago, that would probably have always been the case.

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Some people say that kids these days have no grasp on reality, that they believe people who are shot don't really die and that they, even with a gun, couldn't have a say in whether someone lives or dies. I would argue that students at Columbia now have a stronger grasp of reality than most of us do.

I would hate to see Columbia succumb to outside pressure and institute mandates that

may not be right for the school or its students; knee-jerk reactions that will quiet critics but alienate students.

Yes, someone walked into Columbia on a Monday with a shotgun. But that same morning, more than 1,400 other kids came to school to learn, to innocently socialize. And thousands of other students in the Capital District in schools just like Columbia went to their schools to learn.

The best step for East Greenbush Central School District officials to take next would be to include its students in the process. They are the ones who will be affected, whether security is tightened or not. Tightened it probably should be, but these innocent bystanders should not be made to feel like criminals in the process.

The high school era should be sacred, meant for learning and laughing. Few are laughing right now, but we all are learning.

Nobody thought this could happen at a school like Columbia, whatever that means. I'm reluctant to say that it's a good lesson that it did happen at a school like Columbia, which is a school like Bethlehem, Shenendehowa, Niskayuna, Saratoga, Averill Park and virtually every other high school in this area.

Every time it happens, we all say, under our breath, "not here. It happened in Colorado, but that's across the country." How many times does it have to happen for us to be able to say, "of course it could happen here?" Because every time school violence shatters a community, it's more often than not a community like the one we live in, wherever we are.

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Thanks to community for support of BCMS play

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central Middle School's 2004 musical "The Prince and The Pauper" justly earned critical acclaim. All involved would like to thank the community for its tremendous support.

Despite a slight change in schedule, due to Mother Nature's brief outburst, attendance was near capacity.

"The Prince and The Pauper," directed by the "awesome" Frank Leavitt, provided us with a most professional theater experience. Together, the school and the community created a resounding success. We would like to publicly acknowledge the Glenmont and Slingerlands Price Choppers, The Perfect Blend, Curtis Lumber, Friendly's, The Party Warehouse, Lou-Bea's Pizza, Main Square Merchants Association, Tech Valley Printing,

Modern Metal Fabrications and Price Greenleaf.

The rewards of a successful model of teamwork between students and community fostered a shared sense of purpose and dedication to create a theatrical production in which all could take pride.

Again, thank you for all who attended and contributed to this stellar performance.

Estelle Schade
Production Party Committee

Round-about was state project

Editor, The Spotlight:

Just a note to thank you for the fine article regarding my candidacy for re-election to the Albany County Legislature.

In the list of my accomplishments, it states that I am one of the sponsors of the new round-about in Voorheesville.

This was a state Department

of Transportation project. The article should have referred to the road, sidewalks and infrastructure completed along Voorheesville Avenue and Main Street, a project that was long overdue.

I would also like to mention another benefit to my constituents in the 33rd District.

I am lead sponsor for the county's effort to secure a grant for the proposed bike and hike trail along the abandoned D&H railroad tracks, something many people would like to see happen.

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She has returned to her village of Boadé and has found that the people of the village have been busy transporting sand (on their heads or in carts pulled by donkeys) to the school site where they will use it to make bricks.

They are hoping to be able to start construction in March so they can finish before the rainy season.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed already. We are in need of \$3,500 to reach our \$13,000 goal.

If anyone else would like to contribute to this project, they can go to www.togoaid.com or call the Rices at 439-9657.

Thanks again to *The Spotlight*, the Albany Rotary Club and our wonderful community for highlighting and supporting one of our young adults who is trying to make a difference in a far-off land.

Ruth E. Rice
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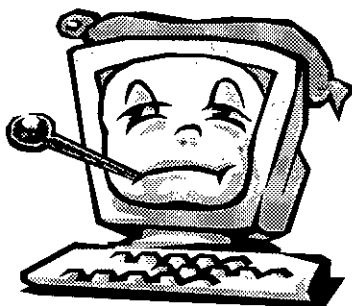
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Thank you will never be enough

Editor, The Spotlight:

Webster's dictionary will never have enough words in it to express the thanks our family wants to give.

One month ago, "Life was Good" and in a matter of a few seconds, on a sunny Saturday afternoon, all of that changed. Not only for our family, but for a whole community.

To Theresa Egan, thank you for all of your help during a very stressful time, but more important, thank you for your friendship, love and support.

To each and every employee of the town of Bethlehem, thank you for all of the work and thoughtfulness given to ensure that no detail was overlooked.

To Father James Daley and Bill Eck, your words will live on in our minds and hearts forever. Thank

you is certainly not enough.

To the members of the Elsmere Fire Co., how will we ever thank you enough? Without each and every one of you, the Shea family would never have been able to pay tribute to Kevin in such a beautiful way. The hours spent away from your families and responsibilities to make sure that our family was taken care of can never be repaid. The professionalism and brotherhood, the love and concern shown for each other, as well as for Kelly and me, will always comfort us.

To the husbands, wives, children, moms and dads of the members of the Elsmere Fire Co. we "thank you" for sharing your family with our family.

Kevin would have been very proud of the farewell given to him. For us, it was a tribute to a

husband, father, brother and uncle — a tribute more beautiful than we ever could have imagined. Each and every one of you will forever hold a very special place in our hearts.

And to the residents of the town of Bethlehem, thank you for sharing your special stories about Kevin with us. The beautiful flowers, cards and personal messages we have received have helped to make a very difficult time a little more tolerable. Thank you also for all of your support and prayers. Bethlehem will be a little different now, but it will always be the place that Kevin Shea called home and so will we.

Once again, on behalf of the entire Shea family, thank you.

Kathleen and Kelly Shea

Delmar

Nominating petitions available at RCS office

Nominating petitions for three of the nine seats on the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education can now be picked up at the board of education building at 26 Thatcher St. in Selkirk.

Those seeking to run for one of the three board seats up for election on May 18 must secure the signatures of 45 registered voters who reside in the district. Those petitions must be returned

to the district office by 5 p.m. on April 19.

The three seats up for election this year are currently held by board of education president Dr. Mona Selover and board members Jeffrey Stumbaugh and Gerald Deluca.

The three candidates who garner the most votes during the May election will serve three-year terms on the board.

Feestelijk seeks local talent

Feestelijk Bethlehem is "Opening the door for 2004." The event showcases performing arts in Delmar and the surrounding community. It will take place on Saturday, May 1.

Multiple performances of music, dance, theater and children's entertainment are held in over 15 public and private

venues located in the center of town and along the Delaware Avenue corridor.

Started in 1996, as an outgrowth of Bethlehem's Bicentennial, Feestelijk is derived from a Dutch word meaning "celebrate."

Event organizers are always searching for local talent, volunteers and corporate partners. For information, contact Bob Girouard at 439-0512 or bgthreshold@hotmail.com.

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Perfect Blend to host open mics in March

The Perfect Blend Espresso Bar is holding an open mic night, hosted by George Kansas, on Feb. 29, March 14 and March 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. Sign-up begins at 3:30 p.m.

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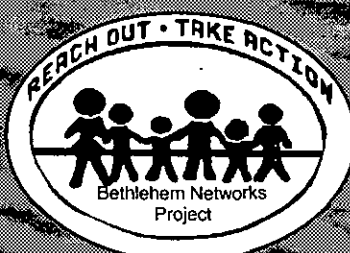
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Feestelijk Bethlehem May 1 at various venues

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Have the snow and ice got you thinking of pleasant summer days? Enjoy a slice of summer and come to the Brooks Chicken Barbecue, sponsored by the Lab School of Bethlehem Central High School on Saturday, March 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the BCHS cafeteria.

This is the sixth annual barbecue to raise funds for the Lab School field trips, retreats and activities. This event is open to the public. Dinners include chicken, cole slaw, roll, baked potato and beverage. Vegetarian lasagna is also available.

Adult dinners are \$8 and children's dinners are \$6.50. A half-chicken without sides is \$5.

Dinners can be either eat-in from 4:30 to 6:30 or take-out from 4 to 6. For information or tickets call 439-1291. Advance ticket purchase is not necessary, but appreciated. In addition to the barbecue, there will be a bake sale and a goods and services auction, with tickets costing 25 cents.

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Five Rivers events slated

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The workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, will introduce Project WET (Water Education for Teachers), an interdisciplinary program which emphasizes water and the creatures that inhabit it.

A free reading program will be offered on Sunday, March 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Nature stories, crafts and refreshments will be offered in this on-going program honoring the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Prizes for the "Seuss-iest" costumes will be awarded.

Parents and children must accompany each other.

Call ahead for a schedule of events. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Maple sugaring demonstrations start the weekend of Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Maple sugaring demonstrations will also be held on the weekends of March 20-21 and March 27-28, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

During this introduction to small-scale, backyard maple sugaring, visitors will learn how to identify a sugar maple, observe tapped trees and see maple sap being boiled into syrup over a wood stove. Visitors can taste real maple syrup as well as boiled sap.

Local maple producers will be on hand with a variety of maple products for sale.

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Elsmere power outages could be thing of the past

By KRISTEN OLBY

Frequent power outages could be a thing of the past for one Elsmere neighborhood that has been plagued with electricity mishaps for years.

Many homeowners in the Kenholm Gardens section of Elsmere, between Kenwood Avenue and Oakwood Drive, claim they often lost power for several hours and sometimes days, even in calm weather.

Since December, a 10-person residents' committee has worked

in cooperation with Niagara Mohawk representatives to rectify the problem. The collaboration appears to have been successful, since the neighborhood has not experienced a power outage in about two months.

Much of the neighborhood has a rear-lot electricity system that was installed roughly 50 years ago, according to NiMo, with lines and poles located behind homes. The company attributed the outages in the last year to equipment problems, many trees in need of trimming, storms and

car accidents that brought poles down.

Trimming back tree limbs and removing problem trees that interfered with wires was the first order of business, said NiMo regional design manager Terry O'Brien.

"We also pulled incremental slack out of conductors that were in danger of touching one another," said O'Brien. "When conductors touch, it creates a current that trips fuses, knocking out power."

NiMo field crews have installed some new fuses, limiting the number of houses affected when power is lost. In the spring, the company will conduct a field audit, including a review of insulators and equipment in

the neighborhood.

"It's fair to say that people are happy with what has happened up until this point," said Tom Sheraw of Elsmere, whose home had lost power about 12 times in six months prior to the work.

The homeowners still want NiMo to respond within 45 days with a written action plan to upgrade the aging distribution system.

"What we remain concerned about is the maturity of that tree canopy and what can be done about it," said Carol Dillon of Elsmere, who organized the coalition of homeowners.

The large trees, Dillon said, are beyond the scope of the company's tree-trimming requirements. The group has requested

NiMo replace the bare wire circuits with higher voltage polyethylene-covered wire and corresponding fuses.

"Given the threat to system integrity posed by the existing tree canopy ... we believe that new covered wire is the only practicable long-term solution to the Kenholm reliability problem," Dillon wrote in a letter to NiMo.

Both sides said talks will continue and each is optimistic that a permanent solution to the outages can be reached.

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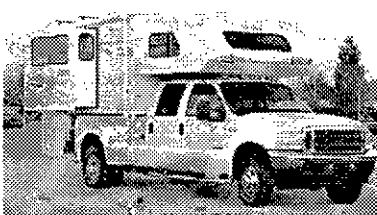
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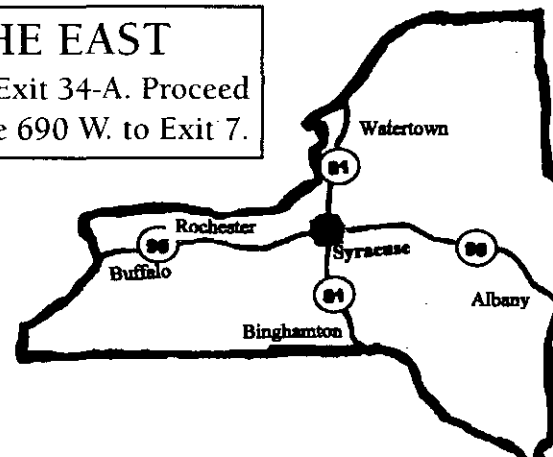
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Girl Scouts serve up spaghetti meal *Borrow only the best*

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Helderberg Garden Club meets March 4

The Helderberg Garden Club will hold its next meeting at the Voorheesville Public Library on School Road on Thursday, March 4, at 6:45 p.m.

The speaker will be Lillian Walsh on the care and feeding of roses.

For information, call Lauren Meacham at 765-2981.

Men's Garden Club to hear nursery owner

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will be holding its February dinner meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Glenmont.

The guest speaker will be Robert Graves, co-owner of Faddegon's Nursery in Latham.

To make dinner reservations or for information, call Henry Fox at 438-7550.

Youth and recreation group sponsors Cabin Fever Night

The Village of Voorheesville Youth and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Cabin Fever night at Voorheesville High School on Saturday, March 6, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This event is free for students in grades 9 to 12.

There will be door prizes, pizza, soda and snacks. The pool will be open for anyone interested in swimming and volleyball and basketball will also be available. Music will be by "Turnpike."

Library holds story time

The Voorheesville Public Library continues to hold its weekly story time program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m.

All are welcome to attend, and there is no registration necessary. For information, call 765-2791.

AA meeting held at Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will be hosting an AA meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m.

For information, call 489-6779.

Friends of Library to host NYC trip

The Friends of the Voorheesville Library will be hosting a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, April 24. The cost for members of the Friends is \$25; for non-members, it will be \$30.

Fees are payable at the

circulation desk.

All are invited to attend. For further information, check the Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Kiwanis to hold baseball registration

There will be another chance to sign up for the New Scotland Kiwanis Club baseball on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Participants must live in the town of New Scotland or in the Voorheesville school district.

The program is for boys and girls ages 5 to 12 before August.

The season will start on April 21 and culminate with the Kiwanis baseball picnic for players and their families on June 15.

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Our young people's librarian Joyce Laiosa has ordered all of the year's best books for young people.

The Newbery Medal for children's literature went to Kate DiCamillo's *Tale of Despereaux*, a fairy tale account of a smaller-than-usual mouse in love with music, stories and a princess named Pea.

Two Newbery Honor books were chosen. One is Kevin Henkes' *Olive's Ocean* about 12-year-old Martha who receives a page from the journal of a classmate who has died in an accident. The journal entry propels Martha through her journey from childhood to the brink of adolescence.

The second is Jim Murphy's *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*, which gives insight into the political, social, and cultural challenges of the yellow fever epidemic in a compelling narrative.

Books win awards

The Caldecott Medal went to Mordicai Gerstein's *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*, a true story recounting the daring feat of a spirited young Frenchman who walked a tightrope between the World Trade Center twin towers in 1974.

Three Caldecott Honor Books were named: *Ella Sarah Gets Dressed*, illustrated and written by Margaret Chodos-Irvine; *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*

Voorheesville Public Library



illustrated and written by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page; and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, illustrated and written by Mo Willems.

The Michael L. Printz Award for the best book for young adults went to Angela Johnson's *The First Part Last*, which addresses the realities of fatherhood coming slowly to a 16-year-old after the birth of his daughter.

Four Printz Honor Books were named: *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly; *Keesha's House* by Helen Frost; *Fat Kid Rules the World* by K.L. Going; and *The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things* by Carolyn Mackler.

Encourage your young readers to enjoy these special award winners!

Workshop slated on preparing for college

College planning for high school juniors and their parents will be offered at the library on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

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Children's book award winners named *HILL announces courses for spring semester*

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Newbery awards

The 2004 Newbery Medal was



given to Kate DiCamillo for *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*. The book is a delightful account of a smaller-than-usual mouse who loves music, stories and a princess named Pea. Despereaux shares the tale with Roscuro, an evil rat who loves light and soup, and Miggery Sow, a farm girl with royal aspirations.

"DiCamillo masterfully weaves drama, mystery and intrigue with high humor and fun into a cohesive, captivating and distinguished tale," said Newbery Award chairwoman Eliza T. Dresang.

DiCamillo won a Newbery Honor award in 2000 for *Because of Winn-Dixie*.

The 2004 Newbery Honor Books are: *Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes and *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*

by Jim Murphy.

Caldecott awards

The 2004 Caldecott Medal for illustration was awarded to Mordicai Gerstein for *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*. Gerstein illustrated and wrote this true story of the young Frenchman who walked a tightrope between the World Trade Center twin towers in 1974. Lovely ink and oil paintings complement the spare, lyrical text to capture the tightrope walker's joy and the awe of spectators watching him dance in the air.

"Gerstein's skillful compositions and dramatic use of perspective make this a book that literally takes your breath away," said Caldecott Award chairwoman Kathy East.

Three Caldecott Honor Books were named: *Ella Sarah Gets Dressed*, illustrated and written by Margaret Chodos-Irvine; *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*, illustrated and written by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page; and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, illustrated and written by Mo Willems.

The Caldecott and Newbery awards are administered by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA.

King awards

Angela Johnson, author of *The First Part Last*, and Ashley Bryan, illustrator and author of *Beautiful Blackbird*, are this year's winners of the Coretta Scott King Awards, which honor African-American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children

and young adults. Hope Anita Smith, author of *The Way a Door Closes*, is the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author award winner; and Elbrite Brown, illustrator of *My Family Plays Music*, is the Steptoe New Talent Illustrator award winner.

The Coretta Scott King Awards are presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Task Force of the ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table.

Borrow them here

All the books above are available from your library. To find out about other books by these award-winning authors and illustrators, talk to our youth services librarians. To find out more about these and other awards, the American Library Association, or the Association for Library Service to Children, visit www.ala.org.

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HILL announces courses for spring semester

The sure sign of spring's coming to Bethlehem is that the newest semester of the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL) will start on Monday, March 1.

HILL attracts about 900 students for its two, eight-week, five-class semesters taught by local university faculty.

Again this semester, the volunteer HILL organization, dedicated to absolute excellence (and through its generosity keeping registration fees low), will again meet its students' highest expectations with a level of intellectual challenge beyond anything else offered in the Capital District.

All classes meet at Delmar Reformed Church.

This year's lineup includes: City and Regional Planning; Big Ideas and Global Debates, led by instructor Ray Bromley of the

University at Albany. The Monday class will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

Also on Mondays, Vienna: City of Music, City of Dreams will be presented from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m..

The instructor is Warren Roberts from the University at Albany.

Also on Tuesdays, Tibet and its Culture will be presented by Charles Hartman of the University at Albany from 10 a.m. to noon.

On Wednesdays, Bruce Miroff of the University at Albany will talk about Presidential Politics from 10 a.m. to noon.

Various guest speakers are scheduled on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the church at 386 Delaware Ave.

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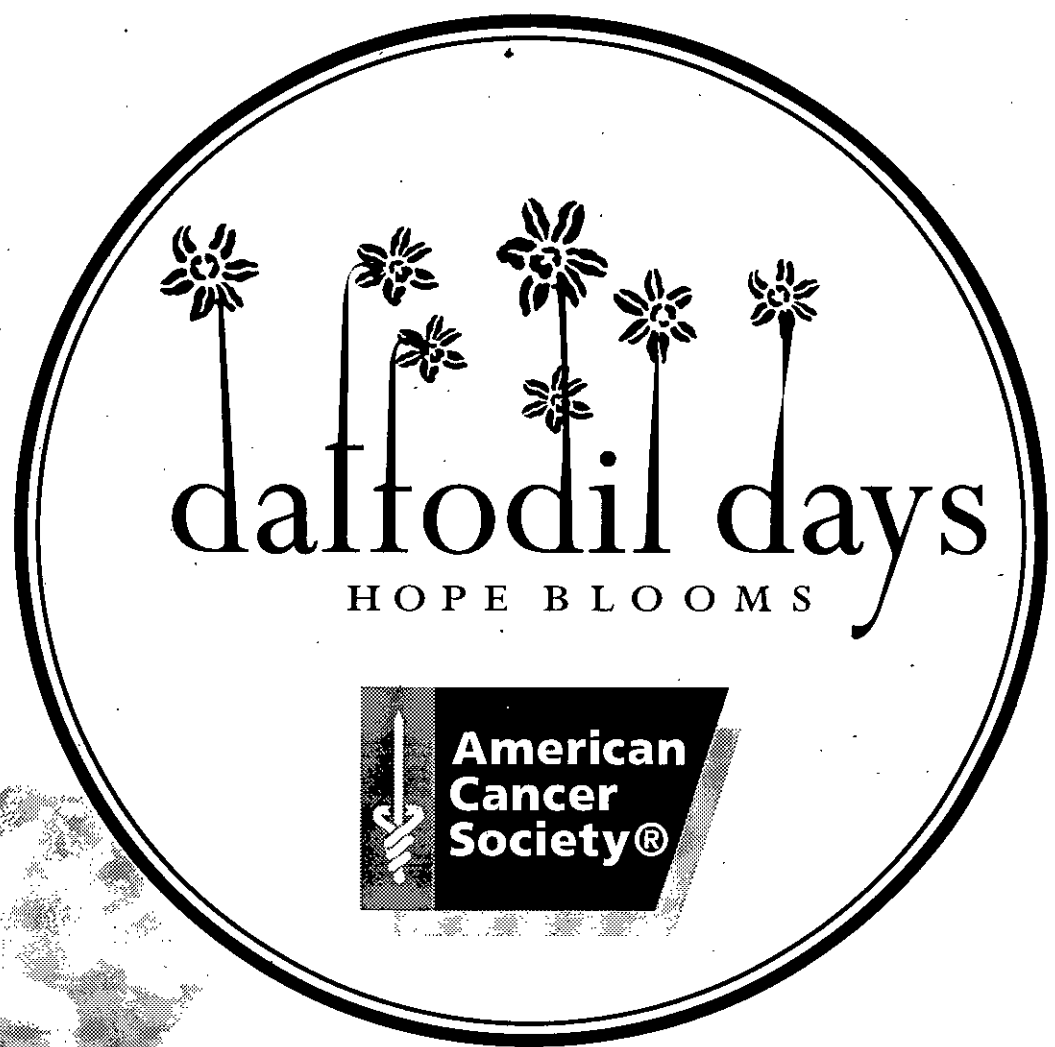
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Senior job and volunteer fair May 12 Student wins essay contest

By MARY LANNON

Organizations looking for the hard-earned experience of local senior citizens can sign up now through April 23 to have a booth at the second Albany County Senior Adult Job and Volunteer Fair to be held Tuesday, May 12, at Crossgates Mall.

The event, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will help connect seniors 55 and older with businesses and nonprofit organizations that need part-time volunteers or employees. There will only be 50 booths, and they will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The first fair took place in 2002 and was very successful, said Jane Schramm, executive director of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the event.

"It's not a moneymaker for us. It's more of a service because we feel that there's a strong need for it," Schramm said.

The idea came from chamber members and their community connections. "It came about because a number of our businesses were remarking on the fact that they were having trouble filling positions and that they wished they had more mature people to fill those positions," Schramm said.

At the same time, Schramm knew senior volunteers in her office and was hearing from nonprofit organizations with budget cuts that needed volunteers. Putting that information

High school slates scrapbook workshops

A five-week scrapbook workshop for beginners or advanced scrapbookers will be held at Bethlehem Central High School on March 4, 11 and 25 and April 1 and 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The fee for the five-week course is \$30.

If you are wondering how to organize your photos but feel you have no time or are not creative, this hands-on series of workshops will teach you to get photos out of shoe boxes and into albums.

A beginners class will be taught the first week and each week following, students will receive a half-hour lesson with handouts on a different scrapbooking technique.

Students will use the remaining time to work on their own projects. Scrapbooking tools will be provided. Scrapbooking materials will be available for purchase from the instructor.

To register call the high school at 439-4921, ext. 248.

together, the chamber came up with the idea for the fair.

Schramm ran it by the Albany County Department for Aging, which not only got on board but also suggested the chamber apply for a grant. The idea kept snowballing from there, with AARP and Guilderland Senior Services joining in.

The state Department of Labor signed up for a booth, offering free and inexpensive classes for seniors who want to retrain, as well as job assistance. All of these groups are on board again this year.

Grant money from the county Department of Aging was not

available last year, and the fair was not held.

Participants in the fair receive a professionally designed sign and booth, a separate area to interview applicants and plenty of publicity for the event. The cost is \$90.

The fair is sponsored by the county Department for Aging, AARP, Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, Spotlight Newspapers and Capital District Senior Spotlight.

Signs will be posted prior to the fair at various high traffic locations throughout the county and at organizations that work with the senior population.

An award-winning essayist at the Ravena-Coeys-Selkirk high school has once again taken the top prize in a county competition.

Eleventh-grader Sarah Wilsey was recently named the winner of the Albany County League of Women Voters essay contest.

Wilsey penned an essay detailing the three responsibilities of effective citizenship in a representative democracy.



Wilsey

Her work has been entered in a statewide competition in which she could be eligible for a \$3,000 scholarship. Wilsey also won the annual competition of the Albany County V.F.W. Voice of Democracy essay contest.

She is an advanced placement American History student in Jennifer Patnode's class, and is the daughter of Greg and Janice Wilsey of Ravena. She plans to pursue a career as a history teacher.



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Old Songs takes up residence in Voorheesville

By MARY LANNON

One afternoon last week, Vonnie Estes played what she called a plumbers march on a small piano as several men worked on the entryway and kitchen of a Voorheesville building that has been a church, library and restaurant.

The scene might seem strange if you didn't know that Estes and the men all belong to Old Songs and were hard at work renovating the new home for the nonprofit arts organization.

After 27 years of renting space and carrying equipment, all to

preserve traditional dance and music, Old Songs has finally found itself a home.

"Not only did we rent, but we lugged," said Andy Spence, executive director of Old Songs.

The vagabond existence took Old Songs and its musical equipment around the area, most recently to the Masonic Hall in Altamont and the Dutch Barn at the Altamont Fairgrounds.

They will now have a permanent place to stow and strut their stuff.

"We're not limited to space, when it's available. We can have it any time we want," said Jack

Long, an Old Songs board member.

The organization has "been years in the building, but it's really made a difference in people's lives. So, having a home, we can be there waiting for them," Spence said.

Like many a new homeowner, the group members eagerly pointed out some of the features of the new space.

Spence showed off its handicapped accessibility, the space for 150, the new stairs in the front and back and the new desk with plenty of drawers that will serve the ticket takers.

"I think it's gorgeous. I remember when it was a public library. It's so light and airy," Estes said.

The journey to this new home had its twists and turns and occasional bumps, but always, as Estes did last week, members played music or danced or sang along the way.

For the last couple of years, Spence said, the group thought the Dutch Barn would be the place to hang their hats, but a

change in management at the fairgrounds made that less of a possibility.

So the group looked around Guilderland, its mailing address for all these years, for a place of its own, but with no luck. So the search was widened.

Toward the end of last September, the group purchased the former Voorheesville Library at 37 South Main St.

They've been renovating ever since with about 20 volunteers, all musicians putting down their instruments and picking up hammers or other tools.

"Our stalwart volunteers have been responsible for all our renovation work," Spence said.

Funding for renovations comes from an ongoing fundraiser selling bricks for the front path to the building, from a long-standing building fund, from leftover funds from work at the Dutch Barn and from grants.

The building has a long history of community gatherings, Spence added, so it fits well with the arts organization.

"This building has good vibes

for us," Spence said.

The building began as the Voorheesville Presbyterian Church in 1887 and continued in that capacity until 1949, when the New Scotland Presbyterian Church absorbed the congregation.

Spence believes the original glass and stained-glass church doors now serve as windows.

From 1975 to 1990, the Voorheesville school district operated a community library in the building. Most recently, it was a restaurant and bar.

With Old Songs' purchase, the building returns to its roots. Something that fits well in Voorheesville, where, Spence said, residents have been welcoming.

"The community here in the village — there's a deeper sense of history and a deeper care of the arts," Spence said.

A lot of small musical ensemble groups that have already expressed an interest in renting the space.

"I think there's a real interest in what we can do for the community," Spence said. "There's not a lot of public space out here."

Volunteers remodeled the entranceway, pulled up carpet and refinished the wood floors underneath and had the main room finished enough to hold the first concert under the chandeliers in the new space on Feb. 7. The floor will have to be reinforced before dances can be held.

Work continues on the green room and the kitchen in anticipation of the next event on Saturday, March 13, when Old Songs hosts its second guest, Broderick, for an evening of upbeat Celtic music.

Plans call for soup and baked goods to be available for shows. Downstairs will be offices and practice rooms, Spence said.

For now, most classes and workshops will continue to be held at the ROI Smith Center on Route 155, Spence said.

The latest offerings include clawhammer banjo, mandolin and mountain dulcimer. Classes start March 2. Registration will be accepted until Feb. 27.

For reservations for the March 13 show or information about classes, call 765-2815. Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Classes range from \$50 to \$75 for six-weeks.

"It's a nice place and it's going to feel good for people to come here," Spence said.

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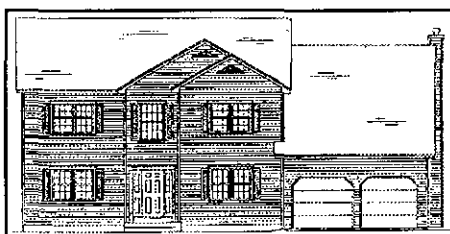
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Debt consolidation to improve family finances

By Jody Shaw,
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Do you have a problem with debt? Use this checklist to determine if you're among the millions of Americans having trouble paying credit card bills.

1. Do you spend more than 20 percent of your disposable income on debt, other than your mortgage?
2. Have you ever asked a credit card company to raise your credit limit?
3. Do you use credit cards for routine household expenses or purchases you formerly made with cash?

4. Are you missing payments?

5. Are you paying only the minimum on your credit cards?

There may be little comfort in the knowledge that you're not alone, but you're also not without resources to escape crushing credit card debt.

The average American family with credit cards owes \$8,000 and pays \$1,400 annually in interest alone. More than 80 percent of U.S. families have credit cards and the average family uses four credit cards.

Americans' total outstanding consumer credit totaled more than \$200 trillion last

year. The percentage of our income that we use to make debt payments, our debt-to-service ratio, is near the all-time high, reaching 14.11 percent for the last quarter of 2003, for all Americans.

To bring all these scary numbers home, remember that money cannot be in two places at once so the money we pay in interest on debt - typically \$1,400 annually, per family - can't be used for anything else. If we are spending too much paying off credit card debt for last year's dinners, we can't go out to restaurants this year without incurring still more credit card debt. Many of us do exactly that, however. In fact, many of us fall into such bad



Jody Shaw

habits as borrowing to overspend and borrowing from one account to pay off others.

Families should analyze, prioritize and pay off debt, consolidating and refinancing if necessary.

Paying Off Debt

1. Analyze your debt to understand your balances and payments; the interest rates, including whether rates are stable or vary over time; whether the interest is tax deductible and whether penalties apply for paying late or early.

2. Prioritize your debts by separating them into deductible and nondeductible categories and by interest rates. Mortgage and home equity loans, and some student loans, are deductible, but credit card debt, auto and personal loans are not. In each of these categories, rank the debts from highest to lowest interest rates.

3. Pay off the nondeductible debt with the highest interest rate, then the next highest, and so on. Pay only the minimum amount due on the other debt while concentrating on priority pay-off projects in turn. Once you've paid off all your nondeductible debt, increase the pace of paying off your deductible debt. Beware of early-payment penalties, which are increasingly common in home mortgage and auto loans.

Remember, paying off the balance due on a credit card with 18 percent interest gives an 18 percent return on that investment.

Consolidating and Refinancing Debt

Some families consolidate debt by transferring balances from high interest rate cards to cards with lower rates. For example, a family might combine the balances owed on several cards into a single card. However, there is a better way.

Some families find that refinancing debt offers the best solution, and you can take advantage of the lower interest rates that banks typically charge in one of two

principal way.

Homeowners with significant equity in their property can reduce their debt costs by using home equity loans; others can use debt consolidation loans.

Interest on home equity loans is often tax deductible, just as mortgage interest is. A home equity line of credit offers the flexibility of borrowing to meet specific obligations, with interest due only on the amount actually used. This advantage encourages many homeowners to qualify for home equity lines of credit to provide funds for coping with emergencies. Home equity loans and lines of credit generally have low interest rates and many have no closing costs.

A debt consolidation loan is designed specifically to combine a variety of debts to different creditors, such as credit card companies, and allow borrowers to make a single, fixed payment. The lender pays off all of the borrower's credit card balances, consolidating all obligations into a single loan - at a much lower interest rate than that on credit cards.

Using a debt consolidation loan, borrowers can save even more by choosing an automatic payment plan that will deduct payments directly from a checking account because, in this case, the lender will discount the interest rate. Although no closing costs are incurred for a debt consolidation loan, some lenders do charge a modest flat rate loan application fee, typically around \$100.

Once a family has taken control of its debt by paying off credit card balances, and using debt consolidation financing, limiting credit use going forward makes sense.

A common and effective strategy is to switch from credit cards that charge interest to debit cards that do not. In a debit card transaction, the amount of a purchase is simply deducted from the user's checking account. If the money is not in the account, it cannot be spent.

Controlling debt frees up funds for investing in the future, rather than being shackled to bad habits and the overspending of the past.

Reducing debt to more manageable levels increases the financial resources a family has available for saving, investing and other important priorities.

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Sports

Tompkins takes title at Section II tournament

By ROB JONAS

Herb Tompkins is happy to be the best wrestler in the Section II small schools division.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk middleweight pinned his way through the 140-pound division at last weekend's Section II championships in Glens Falls to earn a trip to the state tournament in Buffalo.

"It feels great — still one more step to go, though," Tompkins said.

Thanks to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's decision to split the state tournament from one to two divisions, twice as many berths were up for grabs at the Section II tournament.

"I like it. It gives more people recognition," Tompkins said. "There's no difference between the large schools and the small schools. The small school kids

are just as tough as the large school kids, I think."

Tompkins capped his run through the Division 2 (small school) field by pinning Hadley-Luzerne's Vance Plante with three seconds left in the first period of the championship match.

"Looking at everybody in his weight class, we felt he could pin everybody and he did," said RCS coach **Matt Stein**, who was named Class C Coach of the Year in Section II.

Voorheesville's **Mike Ashline** came within a victory of going to the state tournament. Ashline reached the 145-pound Division 2 finals before losing to Cobleskill-Richmondville's **Neal Martin** by technical fall.

Bethlehem had no finalists in Division 1 (large schools). **Chad Languish** had the highest finish for the Eagles by placing fifth at 275 pounds with a 1-0 victory over Ballston Spa's **Dar Whipple**.

Farber's goal lifts Eagles to win

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem hockey team reached a milestone last Saturday.

David Farber's goal with 24 seconds left in the second overtime period lifted the Eagles to an 8-7 victory over Burnt Hills/Scotia-Glenville in a Section II, Division 2 quarterfinal game at BIG Arena.

It's the first playoff victory in the 11-year history of the Bethlehem hockey program, and it pulled the Eagles within one win of matching their record of nine victories in a season set last year.

"Part of it is the (program's) change from Division 1 to Division 2, but part of it is also that we usually faced one of the top two seeds every year," Bethlehem coach **Tom Dugan** said. "It was good for us to play someone that was more to our level."

The game started out as a wild shootout, as the two teams combined for nine goals in the first period — a fact both coaches attributed to early jitters.

"I told the guys we were lucky it wasn't 5-0 (after the first period)," Burnt Hills/Scotia coach **Walt Peretti** said. "Fortunately, we seemed to answer each of their goals."

In fact, Burnt Hills/Scotia drew first blood when **Ron Beardsley** scored 1:13 into the

opening period. Farber tallied twice over the next three minutes off assists from **Andrew Kelleher** to put Bethlehem ahead 2-1, but **Julian Merchant** scored 20 seconds after Farber's second goal to tie the game.

That set up the pattern for the rest of the first period. Farber and Kelleher teamed up for Bethlehem's third goal at the 5:38 mark, but **Eric Nichols** tallied 30 seconds later to pull Burnt Hills/Scotia even. Kelleher notched the first of his three goals at the 8-minute mark to give the Eagles a 4-3 lead, but **Mike McConkey** quickly followed suit with a goal to tie the game at 4. However, Farber had the last say of the period with his fourth goal of the game to put Bethlehem ahead 5-4.

The second period started like the first period — with Burnt Hills/Scotia striking first. Merchant took a pass from **Kevin Archibald** and shot the puck past **Tim Crowley** 1:05 into the period to tie the game at 5.

Kelleher had an answer for Bethlehem with an unassisted goal 1:07 later, but **Joe Curcio** tied the game midway through the second period at 6. Merchant added an unassisted tally with 1:06 left in the period to give Burnt Hills/Scotia a 7-6 lead.

It looked like that lead would stand as **Nick Wilson** made

several saves in the third period, but Kelleher scored off a pass from Farber with 2:57 left to tie the game at 7.

"Usually when you score seven goals, you win 95 percent of the time," Peretti said, "but what are you going to do?"

Burnt Hills/Scotia had a golden opportunity to notch the winning goal when consecutive Bethlehem penalties left the Eagles down two men in the final minute of regulation. The Eagles fought off the power play, though, to keep the game tied.

"That's phenomenal right there in itself — that we killed off a two-man penalty like that," Dugan said.

Farber ended the game late in the second overtime when he converted a pass from Erik Russo into his fifth goal of the night.

"We talked all season about how we didn't quit," Dugan said. "At this point, we're one win away from tying our wins record from last year."

Crowley stopped 37 shots for Bethlehem, which advances into Wednesday's Sectional semifinal game against Queensbury at the Lake George Forum. Bethlehem defeated Queensbury in its final regular season game last week.

"We know we can beat them, they know we can beat them, so it should be interesting to see how it all plays out," Dugan said.

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Moving on



The Bethlehem Youth Hockey squirt team (10 and under) advanced to the New York State Amateur Hockey Association northern zone sectionals in Watertown after placing second at the pre-sectional Feb. 13-15 in Saranac Lake. The team is, from left, (front) goaltenders Sam Vis and Patrick Miron; (middle) Michael Eglow, Sam Vincent, Casey Hladik, Ryan Ghizzoni, Evan Van Epps, Mitch Ramos and William Kasper; and (back) coach Peter Vincent, Nick Gallagher, Andrew Reilly, Brendan Taillon, Nick Bette, Nicholas Parente, Tristan Schimanski, coach Geoff Van Epps, John Gosstola and coach Rusty Gallagher. The northern sectionals take place Feb. 27-29.

Leavitt takes silver at Winter Games

Glenmont's Alissa Leavitt won a silver medal in figure skating at last weekend's Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid.

Leavitt teamed with Olean's Johnese Roof to place second in the similar pairs open division.

Two local figure skaters placed in the intermediate ladies final. Glenmont's Lindsey Riggins was seventh, and Delmar's Alexandra Poll placed 14th.

In women's open hockey, the Adirondack Region team featuring Selkirk's Christina Beam took the silver medal after a 1-1 tie against Western in the championship game. Western received the gold medal for giving up the fewest number of goals during the tournament.

Beam scored a goal for Adirondack in a 10-0 victory over New York City earlier in the three-day tournament. Adirondack finished with a 3-0-1 record.

Laszlo Kolyvek of Slingerlands placed in three different disciplines of cross country skiing at the games. His highest finish was third place in the masters II classical race with a time of 37:06.

Kolyvek placed fourth in the masters II 10-kilometer freestyle race with a time of 38:27 and sixth in ski orienteering with a time of 128 minutes, three seconds. He also finished seventh in the open men's division biathlon with a time of 54:10.

Soccer club slates registration session

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Youth Soccer Club is holding a registration session for its recreational program March 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at RCS Middle School.

For information, contact Barbara Coryell at 756-9873 or Mike Mine at 767-9202.

Coles advances to state track meet

Bethlehem's Emily Coles qualified for the state meet in two sprint races at Sunday's Section II Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University at Albany.

Coles won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.97 seconds and finished second in the 55 dash with a time of 7.55 seconds.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Bri Drexler finished second to Coles in the 55 hurdles with a

state meet qualifying time of 9.08 seconds.

Bethlehem's Jessica Rawlins took second place in the 1,500 racewalk with a time of 13:04.06 to also earn a state meet berth.

Emily Malinowski earned a spot on the intersectional relay after finishing fourth in the 1,500 with a time of 4:47.23.

On the boys' side, Ravena's Eric Maggs won the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.01 seconds to make the Section II team.

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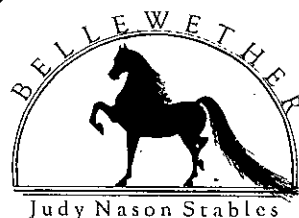
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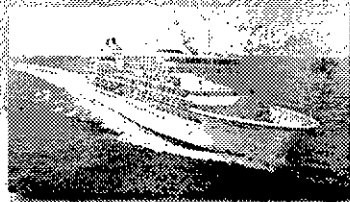
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Olympic hopeful



Bethlehem Central High School freshman Darko Knezevic (right) is one of 25 New York state soccer players selected to the United States Olympic Training team. Knezevic moved from Bosnia to Bethlehem in 2001 along with his father Zdravko (left), sister Rada and mother Jasmina with the sponsorship of First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Dolphins finish strong at February Freeze meet

The Delmar Dolphin Swim Club recently hosted the February Freeze Invitational at RPI.

Alex Lednev led the team in the 10-and-under boys division with victories in the 100-yard individual medley, 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard backstroke. Grant Dias Carlson placed fourth in the 50 breast and 100 back, while Matthew Futia finished sixth in the 50 butterfly and eighth in the 50 breast and 50 free.

The 10-and-under girls were led by Amber Jenkins, who won the 50 breast and placed second in the 50 back. Lexi Zerrillo was second in the 50 fly, third in the 100 back and 50 back and seventh in the 50 breast. Bethany Powhida was third in the 100 free, fourth in the 100 back and sixth in the 100 I.M., while Tara O'Donnell took home a fourth-place finish in the 50 back, a sixth-place finish in the 100 back and an eighth-place finish in the 50 fly.

Karrah Dillman was fifth in

the 50 back and seventh in the 100 back, and Brooke Longstaff finished fifth in the 100 I.M. and 100 back, sixth in the 50 back and eighth in the 50 free.

In the eight-and-under division, Erin O'Donnell finished sixth in the 25 free, seventh in the 50 free and eighth in the 25 fly. Katie Nickles was sixth in the 50 breast, while Dawn Mirando placed eighth in the 25 back and 25 breast. Logan DeVost was eighth in the 50 free.

In the 11-12 age group, Lilly Powell finished seventh in the 100 fly and eighth in the 50 back, while Zachary Kundel placed seventh in the 50 free. Mariah Kennedy, Melanie Melewski, Stephanie Clement, Jennifer Walsh, Rachel Bozsik, Rachel Dias Carlson, Allison Walsh, Rebecca Lewis, Tori Grant, Maggie Morrell, Ariel Ricard, Nicole Betts, Matthew Weber and Andy Edmundson also competed for the Dolphins.

Gopu Kiron finished second in the 100 breast, sixth in the 200 I.M. and eighth in the 200 back in the 13-14 age division. Rachel Garbo finished fourth in the 100 back and sixth in the 100 free.

Jenna Van Etten finished first in the 200 I.M. and 100 breast, second in the 200 breast and third in the 100 free in the open women's division. Michelle Sargent was second in the 100 breast, and Sarah Story was sixth in the 200 back and seventh in the 100 back.

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Simonetti, McKinney marry in Tarrytown



Cherylene and Ryan McKinney

Cherylene Simonetti, daughter of Denise Simonetti of Teaneck, N.J., and the late Joseph Simonetti, and Ryan Timothy McKinney, son of Barbara-Ann and Charles McKinney of Naples, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, were married Oct. 10.

The Rev. John Byrnes performed the ceremony at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tarrytown.

A reception followed at The Dolce Tarrytown.

The matron of honor was Samantha Nelson.

Bridesmaids were Sarah Lefko, Janet Lucrezi, Lori Disbrow, and Michele Misenbock, sister of the bride.

The best man was Mark

McKinney, brother of the groom.

Ushers were John Barker, Oliver Shultz, Joseph Koeppen and Michael Wren.

The bride is a graduate of Rutgers University.

She is a program manager for Microsoft in New York City.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albright College. He also has a master's degree from Union College.

He is a manager in the health care consulting division of PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City.

After a wedding trip to New Zealand and Fiji, the couples lives in West New York, N.J.

Local student studies abroad in Dublin

Erin Weaver, a junior at Hamilton College, is studying in Ireland at University College Dublin this semester.

A English literature and

French major at Hamilton College, Weaver is a graduate of The Doane Stuart School.

She is the daughter of Lisa and Robert Weaver of Slingerlands.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Joseph Christopher Montgomery, to Renata and Christopher Montgomery of Selkirk, Jan. 15.

Boy, Patrick Daniel, to Lori and Daniel Fitzsimmons of Delmar, Jan. 17.

Girl, Abigail Lee Mae Oles, to Erin Fletcher and Jonathan Oles of Selkirk, Jan. 18.

Girl, Rachel May Barnes, to Jane and Charles Barnes Jr. of Delmar, Jan. 24.

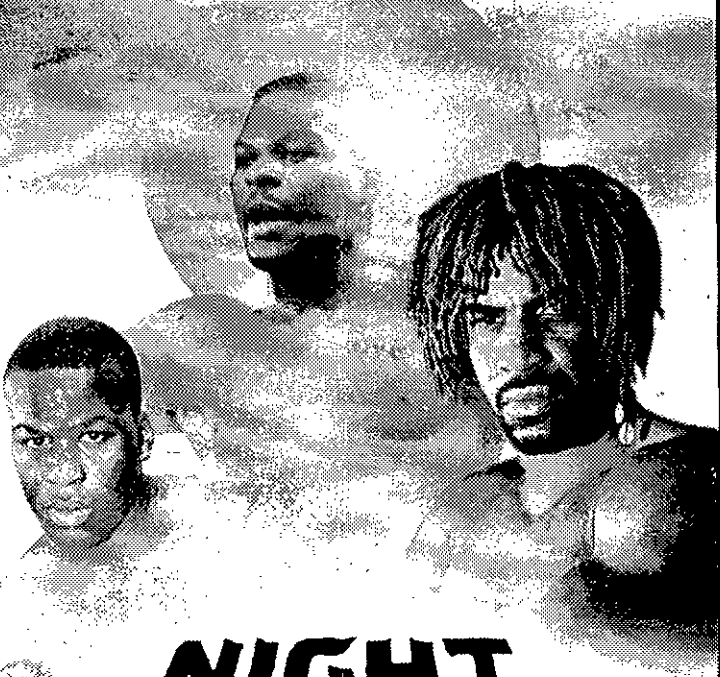
Girl, Gianna Rose Giglia, to Kara and Charles Giglia of Delmar, Jan. 24.

Twin girls, Abigail Rose Beauregard and Lelaina Elizabeth Beauregard, to Christina and Patrick Beauregard of Albany, Jan. 25. Patrick Beauregard is a music teacher for the Bethlehem Central School District.

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Obituaries

Maynard Goyer

Maynard "Red" Goyer, 83, of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 20.

A Brunswick native, he was educated in Troy.

Mr. Goyer was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Goyer was the owner of Scotch Cleaning Service in Delmar for 16 years.

He was a longtime member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

He was a life member of the Bethlehem Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

He was a volunteer driver for the town of Bethlehem Senior Projects.

He was husband of the late Eleanor Bosworth.

Survivors include his wife, Marijane Hamilton Goyer and a sister, Flora Bonesteel.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive. A reception will follow in the church hall.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the church or Bethlehem Senior Projects, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Frederick Biernacki

Frederick Walter Biernacki, 60, of Guilderland and formerly of New Scotland, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, at St. Peter's Hospice Inn.

Born in Albany, he was president of Biernacki Builders since 1969.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, serving on the USS Essex.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Mr. Biernacki was a member of the Italian-American Community Center and the Guilderland Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Allegretta Biernacki; two sons, Michael J. Biernacki and Jason J. Biernacki, both of Voorheesville; a daughter, Cheryl L. Evola of Guilderland; four brothers, John Biernacki of Selkirk, Stanley Biernacki of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Henry Biernacki of Glenmont and Chester Biernacki of Florida; three sisters, Donna Brown of Lake George, Deborah Hill of Ballston Lake and Dawn Meier of Delanson; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany and St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Dora Caparaso

Dora Caparaso, 84, of Glenmont died on Saturday, Feb. 21, at her home.

She was the wife of Patrick J. Caparaso for more than 50 years until his death in 1992.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Borrero of Selkirk and Palmira O'Brien of Schenectady; a sister, Amelia Scalzo; four brothers, Henry Junco, Vincent Junco, Paul Junco and Eloy Junco; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Durant Funeral Home, 17

Languish Place, Glenmont.

Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to either the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211 or the American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205.

Emily Etzkorn

Emily Fagan Etzkorn, 83, of Amsterdam and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, Feb. 7, at her daughter's home.

Born in Astoria, Queens, she grew up on Long Island.

She and her late husband operated the Auriesville Shrine cafeteria for 15 years.

She was a volunteer for the Jump Start Reading program at Glenmont School and participated in many community and library youth programs.

She was the widow of Edward A. Etzkorn.

Survivors include four sons, Dr. Edward R. Etzkorn of Fountain Valley, Calif., Dr. Eugene T. Etzkorn of Tacoma, Wash., William G. Etzkorn of Hurricane, W.Va., and Robert J. Etzkorn of Fonda; three daughters, Dr. Eloise Potenza of Delmar, Dr. Eileen Monuszko of Vero Beach, Fla., and Dr. Emily T. Etzkorn of Amsterdam; 22 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, 1275 Broadway, Albany 12204 or the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Michele Robertson

Michele M. Robertson, 45, of Glenmont, died Monday, Feb. 16, at Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Sewickley, Pa., she was a resident of the Capital District for the past four years.

Mrs. Robertson had been active in the Glenmont PTA and the Bethlehem Newcomers Club.

She was a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Watervliet and active in the church council.

Survivors include her husband of 23 years, Neil T. Robertson; her

parents, Michael and Rita Cvitko Shuster of Baden, Pa.; two sons, Neil M. Robertson and, Craig A. Robertson, both of Glenmont; a daughter, Carly S. Robertson of Glenmont; a brother, Michael Shuster of Industry, Pa.; and a sister, Jennifer Strickland of Warrington, Va.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church.

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

Alice Mowery

Alice R. Mowery, 72, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Fayetteville, Pa., she was a resident of Selkirk for 40 years.

Mrs. Mowery was a devout Christian and the author of the book, *The Light*.

She was the widow of Sanfred Bud Mowery.

Survivors include a sister, Donna Lauffer Ciccarella of Selkirk, and a grandson.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena. Burial will be in Pennsylvania.

Contributions may be made to the Ravena Evangelical Church, 200 Main St., Ravena 12143

Mary Gearhardt

Mary N. Gearhardt, 86, of Delmar died Thursday, Feb. 19, at Eden Park Nursing Home.

Born in Albany, she was an Albany resident until 1965 when she moved to Delmar.

Mrs. Gearhardt was graduate of St. Peter's School of Nursing and retired from the hospital after 30 years as a registered nurse.

She was a longtime member of the Normanside Country Club and enjoyed golfing and playing bridge.

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

She was the widow of William Gearhardt.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Preschool schedules open house Tuesday

Bethlehem Preschool is having an open house for its fall 2004 kindergarten programs on Tuesday, March 2, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Preschool offers a full-day kindergarten program, as well as kindergarten enrichment programs for children who attend half-day kindergarten programs.

The kindergarten programs offer flexibility to busy families—morning or afternoon sessions, flexible hours (7 a.m. to 6 p.m. or anything in between) and Bethlehem Central students can be bused to Bethlehem Preschool from the ELC.

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Holy Names slates open houses, exam

The Lower, Middle and Upper Schools of the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, a nationally recognized School of Excellence, will hold an open house for prospective students in grades 9 through 12 on Tuesday March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Upper School, and Pre-K through grade 8 on Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the Lower and Middle School.

The evening will include tours of the school and an opportunity to speak with faculty members. The entrance examination for students entering the Academy will be held on Saturday, March 6, at 8:30 a.m. on the Holy Names Campus.

All students in grades 2-12 who apply for admission to AHN must take this exam.

To register, call 438-7895, the fee for the exam is \$10. The Academy of the Holy Names, founded in 1884, provides quality education for girls and young women in grades PreK-12.

The school features small classes with an emphasis on individualized learning, accelerated programs, Advanced Placement courses, community service projects, a broad extracurricular program and seven interscholastic sports.

Chamber to host monthly breakfast

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Catch Them If You Can: Small Business Fraud Prevention and Detection Techniques" on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 7:45 to 9 a.m., at the Quality Inn on Route 9W.

The program will focus on examples of small business fraud based on actual investigations. Certified public accountants Frank Venezia, Tiffany Morris and Jennifer Malinski of Marvin & Co. will discuss the prevention, detection and deterrence of such fraud.

The fee is \$9, which includes a hot buffet breakfast, and reservations are required.

To make a reservation, e-mail info@bethlehemchamber.com or call 439-0512.



Rita J. Benoit, 90, a longtime resident of Delmar died peacefully in Sarasota, Florida on February 12, 2004. She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on March 5, 1913.

Surviving her is her loving husband of 57 years, Eddie and a twin brother, Richard Mullan of Worcester, Massachusetts. Her other 9 brothers and sisters predeceased her. She devoted most of her life to her family, her one daughter, Elizabeth Tougher and her husband William of Delmar; five grandchildren, Ryan (Jennifer) Tougher of Telluride, Colorado; Meagan of Telluride, Colorado; Shannon, Brendan, Gavin all of Delmar; as well as great granddaughter, Cailen of Telluride, Colorado.

A graduate of Worcester State Teachers College, Rita taught kindergarten in the Albany School System and then Ravena-Coeymans until her retirement in 1977.

She was an avid golfer and member of The Normanside Country Club and Sarasota Golf Club. Rita was also active in the Altar Rosary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church and Girl Scouting. Rita gave generously her time and energy to the Bethlehem community during her 30 years as a resident.

She will be remembered for her effervescent personality, unlimited energy and unwavering devotion to family, friends and God.

A Christian Mass of Resurrection was celebrated Tuesday, February 17 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Siesta Key, Florida.



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.



Elizabeth Dunn and Jeremy Hanson

Dunn, Hanson to wed

Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of Fred and Marlyn Dunn of Delmar, and Jeremy Hanson, son of Bud and Jorgen Hanson of Ada, Minn., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Rensselaer

Polytechnic Institute.

She is serving in the Air Force.

The future groom is a graduate of North Dakota State University.

He is serving in the Air Force.

The couple plans a May 30 wedding.

Adler to lecture

Helen Adler will be giving a free "Books in the Morning" lecture on *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway on Friday, March 5.

The lecture will be from 10 a.m. to noon at Delmar Reformed Church. "Books in the Morning" is sponsored by the Bethlehem HILL.

Bonomo, Gregory engaged

Star-Lynne Bonomo of Ravena, daughter of Gene and Kerry Bonomo of Poland, N.Y., and Andrew Gregory, son of Peter Gregory of Glenmont and Nancy Yenn of Charlotte, N.C., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of The College of Saint Rose.

She is employed by Berkshire Farm Center and Services for

Youth in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose.

He is a communications coordinator for Corning Place Consulting in Albany.

The couple plans an Aug. 2005 wedding.

Dean's List

Alfred University

Christopher Suozzo of Slingerlands.

Tufts University

Stephen Hoghe and Rebecca Hoghe, both of Delmar.

University of Hartford

Matthew Suozzo of Slingerlands.

Syracuse University

Patrick McDonald of Delmar.

Lehigh University

Steven Munoz of Slingerlands.

SUNY Potsdam

Vedrana Kalas and Richard Viglucci, both of Delmar.

Class of '03

Boston University

Leo Grady of Delmar (master's in cognitive and neural systems).

Ham dinner served

A baked ham dinner, served family style, will be held at the Bethlehem Grange Hall on Bridge Street, Selkirk on Saturday, March 5, from 4 to 7 p.m.

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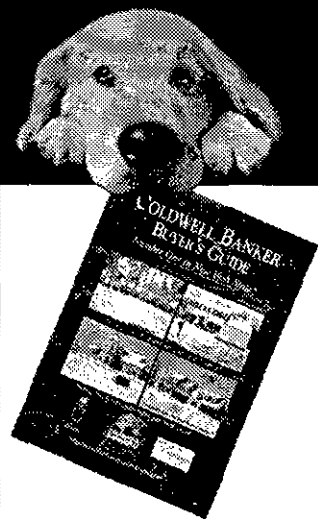
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By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

There's no better way to beat the winter blahs than to learn something new, plan an adventure, or get out into the community.

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28 and 29, you can do all three when the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce presents its annual Family Expo & Trade Show at Crossgates Mall.

The show began at the Farnsworth Middle School in the mid-'80s, and last year marked its 10th anniversary at the mall.

The Family Expo & Trade Show has become an anticipated event at Crossgates, and this year, about 50 vendors will participate, along with nearly 10 different entertainers.

This is the third year that the Family Expo & Trade Show has had entertainment, which Guilderland Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jane Schramm said provides another element to the family-oriented event.

"When you're at the mall with the kids, it adds to the program for them," Schramm said. "It also provides people with a chance to take a break from shopping."

Entertainment will begin at noon on Saturday and Sunday, and Schramm said they've devised different themes for the two days.

"Saturday will be a family fun day," Schramm said, "and Sunday will focus on arts and science."

Saturday's entertainment includes Danny Marcil & Total Entertainment D.J. and karaoke; Have Puppets Will Travel;

good opportunity for Crossgates Mall — which is a member of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce — and local merchants to work together.

"For our vendors, there's an automatic audience at the mall," Schramm said. Mall officials have estimated that on a weekend, between 110,000 and 120,000 people visit Crossgates. Schramm said the chamber's own straw polls have indicated that the Family Expo & Trade Show draws its own share of visitors, and that many mall merchants take advantage of the increased foot traffic to run their own specials.

Schramm said that in spite of the fact that the Family Expo draws as many people as the Christmas shopping season, the trade show is still able to maintain a community feeling. "I was amazed when I heard how many people are at the mall for the Expo," Schramm said. "It never feels crowded or zooey."

The Family Expo & Trade Show comes at a time of year when winter is starting to feel very long, and people are looking forward to better weather and being back outside. Some of the exhibitors at the show can help with that, as

over the years, more

tourist destinations have participated.

One group, Upstate New York Vacations, is looking forward to returning.

"We're a consortium of 10 different attractions who will share a double booth at the expo," John Sagendorf explained of Upstate New York Vacations. Sagendorf is the general manager of Howe Caverns, and part of the Tourism Trail that's made up of Howe Caverns, the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Soccer Hall of Fame, the Classic Car Museum, the Museum of Earth, the Rockwell Museum of Western Art, and the Corning Museum of Glass. Those seven venues are open year-round, and will be joined by three other seasonal attractions, Natural Stone Bridge and Caves; High Falls Gorge and Ausable Chasm, which, along with Howe Caverns, make up New York Natural Wonders.

Sagendorf said that participating in the trade show provides all of those attractions with exposure to a market that can easily make trips of one, two, or even more days to them.

"The people at the Classic Car Museum had the idea to build an itinerary that lets people follow the road less traveled and see all of these places," Sagendorf said. "We've found a huge interest at the Family Expo. People are very excited and interested in us, and this is a great way for us to help people plan their summer itineraries."

Howe and his colleagues have found the Expo a great place to get the word out about the two alliances — Upstate New York Vacations and New York Natural Wonders — both of which offer a passport with discounts, and a gift upon completion of the trail.

Jennifer L. Noonan, D.C., will be participating for the fifth time this year —



Albany's Steamer #10 Theater will perform excerpts from their upcoming production of "The Frog Prince."

and is looking forward to returning after the birth of a child kept her out of last year's show:

"It's great exposure," the chiropractor in a solo practice located in the 20 Mall said. "I come across so many people." Noonan said the Family Expo is a great chance to get the word out about her family-oriented practice. "We treat the elderly, small children and everyone in between," she said. "Our emphasis is on wellness care, and the importance of

"Nowadays, a lot of jewelry buying is done from the Internet," Smith said, "and people have a certain number of days to purchase the gem. I'll confirm that the stone matches what's described on paper, and that its value is what people are paying."



At the Expo, Smith will do some inspections, and hopes to take appointments from people who want their jewelry appraised, or who are interested in attending his educational seminars, which include "How to Buy a Diamond."

Schramm is pleased that the Family Expo & Trade Show continues to be such a success.

"We have such a wide variety of vendors, great entertainment, and a good venue," Schramm said. "The mall is easy to get to, it's indoors, and it has very easy access, even for people with physical limitations."

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce Family Expo & Trade Show will take place Saturday, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Crossgates Mall. For information, call the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce at 456-6611 or visit the Web site, www.guilderlandchamber.com.

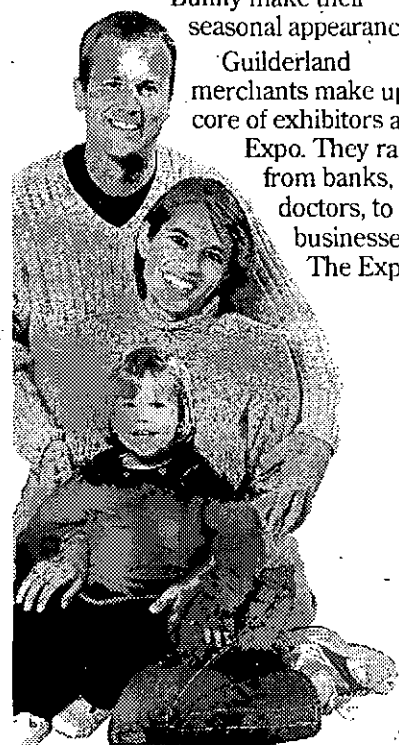
Family Expo thaws winter

Captain Jack the Magician and Columbia Tae Kwon Do "Team Pil Sung" with demonstrations and performances.

On Sunday, Marcil will perform again, and Albany's Steamer #10 Theater will perform excerpts from their upcoming production of The Frog Prince. The Albany Convention Bureau and Visitors Center will present an interactive, hands-on program called "History, Heritage and the Heavens." The Albany Conquest Dance Team will perform, and Michael's Crafts will have drop-in craft-making for families.

Entertainment takes place at the center of the mall, in the area in front of Macy's where Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny make their seasonal appearances.

Guilderland merchants make up the core of exhibitors at the Expo. They range from banks, to doctors, to small businesses. The Expo is a



the spine to good health." A+ Associates will be a new vendor this year. The jewelry appraiser located in Stuyvesant Plaza is looking forward to the chance to get the word out about the education he can provide to people searching for fine gems, or looking to have their value verified.

"This is a relatively economical method for us to see a lot of people," A+ Associates' owner Allen Smith said. "We're not a jeweler; our company is a jewelry appraiser."

Smith said people come to him to have jewelry appraised, usually for insurance purposes. They also do gem identification, should people have a stone they're not sure about. A lot of people who've purchased gems come to A+ Associates for consultation.

Smiling Irish eyes

The Irish Sopranos make their debut performance in America on Wednesday, March 3, at 8 p.m. at the historic Troy Savings Bank Music Hall to kick off the celebration to benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum. Reserved seat tickets \$25. Call 432-6598 for information.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

THE LION IN WINTER

Home Made Theater production, Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Spa State Park. Through Feb. 27. \$19. Information, 587-4427.

TAKING LEAVE

Curtain Call theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham through March 14, \$18. Information, 877-7529.

ADORABLE ME — THE TOTIE FIELDS STORY

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, Feb. 27 to 29, \$25. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 4.

A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

Agatha Christie thriller, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, March 5 to 13, \$20, \$16 for senior citizens and students, \$10 for children. Information, 274-3256.

Music

BELA FLECK AND EDGAR MEYER

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., \$36 and \$41. Information, 273-0038.

DOUGIE MACLEAN

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

DENNIS DEYOUNG AND THE ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA playing the music of Styx, Palace Theater, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., \$37.50 and \$49.50. Information, 465-4663.

MARDI GRAS 2004

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., \$26.50. Information, 346-6204.

THE IRISH SOPRANOS

benefit for the Irish American Heritage

Museum, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 3, 8 p.m., \$22.50 and \$25. Information, 432-6598.

BOYS OF THE LOUGH

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, March 3, 8 p.m., \$18. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 4.

THE TEN TENORS

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 4, 8 p.m., \$30 and \$34. Information, 273-0038.

TERENCE BLANCHARD SEXTET

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 5, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

DAN ZANES AND FRIENDS

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 6, 2 p.m., \$8 and \$12. Information, 473-1845.

Dance

ELISA MONTE DANCE COMPANY

performing "Shekina" and "Via Sacra," The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., \$22, \$17 for seniors and students, \$11 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Minimalist Art from the Guggenheim Museum, through March 14; Lost Cases, Recovered Lives: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic, through Sept. 19; Let It Shine: Improvisations in African-American Star Quilts, through March 28; plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

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

2004 MOHAWK-HUDSON REGIONAL INVITATIONAL

featuring works by Alison Hunter, Jane Bloodgood-Abrams and Chris Cassidy, 161 Washington Ave., through Feb. 21. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Artists in the Studio: 30 Years at the Millay Colony for the Arts, through Aug. 1, half-hour free parking. Information, 242-2241.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, Thinking Spring exhibit of original paintings by member of the Colonie Art League, through May 31. 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 Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Gunderland. 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.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group, based in Scotia-Glenville area, rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., call for location. Information, 399-1614.

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.

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

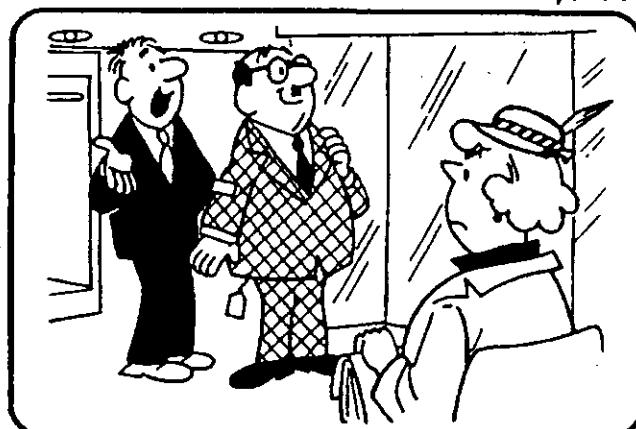
watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. Feb. 25

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 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., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

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. Feb. 26

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

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.

POETS GROUP

Every Other Thursday Night Poets, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 27

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

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

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. Feb. 28

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sponsored by Voorheesville Girl Scouts, 4 to 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Ave., Adults \$7, children \$4.

THACHER NATURE CENTER

Wild Cats of New York exhibit led by Angie Berchielli. Information 872-0800.

Sun. Feb. 29

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, youth education 9 a.m., 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 5th grade provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

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

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

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

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

Church school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

FAMILY OF GOD NAZARENE CHURCH

Worship 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday school 11:30 a.m., Krumkill and Blessing roads, North Bethlehem. Information 453-9953.

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.

GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

At Normansville Community Church, Bible study 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 482-2132.

BREAKFAST AT ELKS LODGE

Pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, toast. Bethlehem Elks Lodge # 2233, 1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8:30 a.m.-noon. \$5 adults, \$4.50 seniors, \$3 for ages 3-12. Information, 767-3038.

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.

JERUSALEM REFORMED

worship service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-2363.

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.

THE DRAGON'S EGG

Welsh language group of the Saint David's Society of the Capital District, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 861-6976.

Mon. March 1

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

PROGRESS CLUB

General meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.

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.

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

Board of fire commissioners meeting, North Bethlehem firehouse, 589 Russell Road, 7:30 p.m.

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

BLANCHARD LEGION POST

meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

LIFELINES PROSE WRITERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m., no signup, Information 765-2791.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. March 2

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH

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

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.

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study and prayer meeting at "Gospel Fellowship," meeting at Normansville Community Church, 7 p.m., beneath Normanskill bridge. Information 482-2132.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

PLANNING BOARD

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m.

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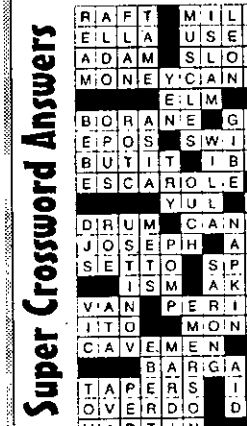
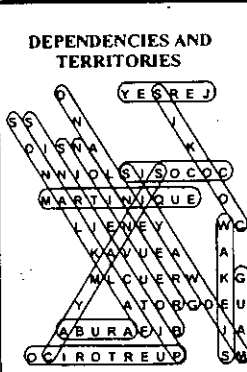
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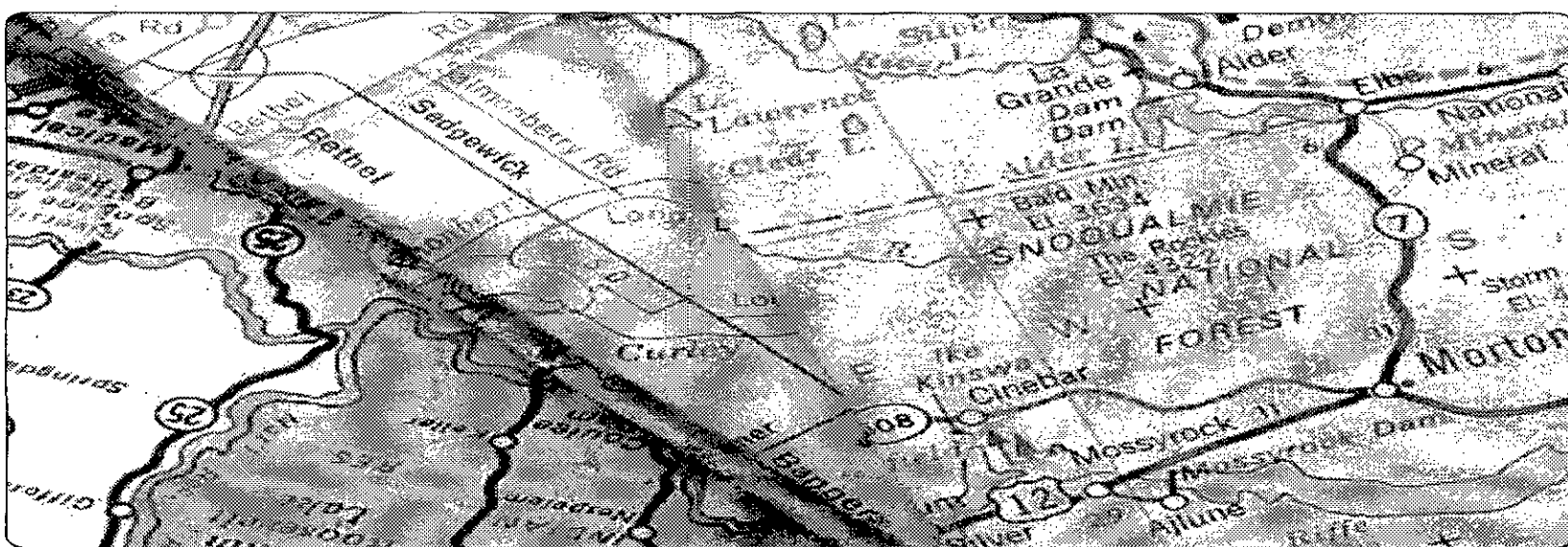
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: NORTHPIKE REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9501 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: A M E S P R A M O R E REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/03. 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, 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9499 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: STATEWOOD COMPANIES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/30/98. 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, 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9502 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

BEVERWYCK ABSTRACT AND SETTLEMENT CO., LLC. Notice of formation of Beverwyck Abstract and Settlement Co., LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 12/31/03. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 1924 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203-5011. The purposes of the LLC are to make, purchase, obtain, complete, continue and furnish one or more sets of abstracts of title, title reports and title insurance to real estate, abstract books, charts, maps, and indexes and the like, and of making and continuing and certifying abstracts of title to real estate and title insurance policies in one or more counties of the State of New York, or in any other state. LCD-9425 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GJW Capital, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/4/04. Office location: Albany

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County, LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 1/6/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to principal office of LLC: The LLC, 191 Woodport Road, Sparta, NJ 07871. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 W. State St., 3rd Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9507 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BEAN DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: BEAN DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 29, 2004.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is: 330 Broadway 3rd Floor Albany, New York 12207
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: David Bean, 330 Broadway, 3rd Floor, Albany, New York 12207.
6. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of New York. LD-9504 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BEAN CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: BEAN CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on February 5, 2004.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is: 330 Broadway Third Floor Albany, New York 12207
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: David Bean, 330 Broadway, Third Floor, Albany, New York 12207.
6. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PINWOOD REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/27/00. 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, 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9500 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is WATERFRONT PROPERTIES OF CAPE CORAL, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 6, 2004. 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-9497 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication. MORE & MORE CONCEPT LLC was filed with SSNY on 02/09/2004. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 STATE STREET, 3RD FLR, ALBANY, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA CORPORATE SERVICES INC. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9486 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of OLILAB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/21/04. 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-9474 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Of Formation Of A LLC Coordinated Care of America, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 21, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall

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mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Dan Tobin, MD, AIP Management, LLC, 113 Holland Avenue (11T), Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. LD-9473 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Empire Investors LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Empire Investors LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9472 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC KT 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9471 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC PR 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9470 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC KAR 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her

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to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9469 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC LRP 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9468 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Sutton Place Gourmet, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/2004. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/16/1988. 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: 6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 900, Bethesda, MD 20817. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9464 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Red Rock Power Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/30/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/27/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9459 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Albany Advanced Apartments & Construction, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 49 Arch St., Providence, RI 02907.

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Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9445 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Sutton Hay Day, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/14/03. 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: 6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 900, Bethesda, MD 20817. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9448 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Suburban Colonie Property, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/5/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/17/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Janice Meola, 1 Suburban Plaza, 240 Rt. 10W, Whippany, NJ 07981, principal office of LLC. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9439 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of ZON RE-USA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 9/16/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office address of the LLC: 4 Research Drive, Suite 102, Shelton, CT 06484. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 202 North Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-9437 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Echo Eyewear, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/2004. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 2/11/1995. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Willi Huber, Silhouette Optical, Ltd., 260 Cannon St., Green Island, NY 12183, the principal office of the LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Division of Revenue, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08625. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9431 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Publication MARTINDALE REALTY LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/21/2004. Office: Albany

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County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, 35 RIDGE ROAD SEARINGTOWN, NY 11507 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9430 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Publication 86TH STREET REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/27/2004. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, 1839 58TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11204 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9429 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Publication 104 SANFORD ASSOCIATES LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/27/2004. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, 580 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NY 10036 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9428 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION - LLC 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is SBL - LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/16/04. Office location: Albany County.
3. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County, NY
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process against the Company. The Secretary of State shall mail process to 15 Edenberg Avenue, Albany, New York 12203
5. The Company's purpose is to operate a restaurant/catering service and other lawful business purposes. LYNCH & LYNCH, ESQS. Tel. No. (518) 463-1252 LD-9427 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Tastee Treat Ice Cream, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/6/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: P.O. Box 241, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Latest date 12/31/2075. LCD-9426 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Great New Wonderful, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/13/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may

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be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9420 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of CSFB 1998-C1 Fuera Bush Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/22/04. 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 Lennar Partners Inc., 1601 Washington Ave., Ste. 700, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Registered agent upon whom process may be served: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-9421 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 74 CHAPEL LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/04. 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, 74 Chapel Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9407 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LB RESEARCH & CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/16/04. 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, 21 Iroquois Trail, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9401 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Bruckner Plaza Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/04. 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: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9399 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Bruckner Plaza Center, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/04. Office location: Albany County.

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LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/04. 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: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9398 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of BPA CENTER, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/04. 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: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9397 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for DIVERSE MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on September 22, 2003. Office location in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 12 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. LD-9396 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is RR LATHAM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 21, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Swan Concepts, 54 Danbury Road, #313, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877. LCD-9394 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of INO Therapeutics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/6/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/

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Since 2001, Perez has worked as the Director of Public Affairs for SUNY's Charter Schools Institute. Previously, he was the director of communication services for SUNY and a senior writer. Perez holds a Ph.D. in American history from the College of William and Mary. He also earned a master's degree in American history from the State University of New York at Binghamton, and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University. He lives in Delmar with his wife Vanya and their two children.

Cunningham, 46, hopes to hold on to his seat and continue the work he's already begun. As for accusations his appointment was unethical, Cunningham contends the Albany County Charter dictates the legislative seat be filled within 40 days of being vacated.

"The Legislature acted in accordance with the charter in appointing me to fill the seat my

predecessor abandoned," he said.

As a member of the Conservation and Improvements Committee, he recently co-sponsored legislation for the adoption of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. The plan is designed to help protect farmland, according to Cunningham, who is a proponent of open space preservation.

Cunningham also supported legislation authorizing an agreement that would allow the county to provide emergency medical technician (EMT) relief to the Delmar Fire Department.

"As the county representative for the Delaware Avenue business district, I plan to develop an initiative that will support, promote and improve business here in town," he said.

Cunningham pointed to his 28 years of experience in the banking industry, working with businesses and local governments on lending issues and finance management.

Cunningham currently works as a technology systems project manager for Key Bank. Previously, he worked as a commercial lender at two area banks and as a municipal account manager at First American Bank in Albany.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts. He is a native of Delmar, where he currently lives with his wife, Leslie, and their two teenage children.

Polls will be open April 27 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Scouts slate dinner

The Voorheesville Girl Scouts will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb., 28, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The event will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Mountain-view Avenue in Voorheesville.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Brooks Barbeque slated for March 6

The Lab School of BCHS is hosting a Brooks Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, March 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The sixth annual chicken barbecue will raise funds for the Lab School field trips, retreats and activities. The event is open to the public.

Dinners include BBQ chicken, cole slaw, roll, baked potato and beverage. Vegetarian lasagna is also available.

Adult dinners are \$8 and child sized dinners are \$6.50. A half-chicken without sides is \$5.

Dinners can be either eat-in from 4:30 to 6:30 or take out from 4 to 6.

For information or tickets, call 439-1291. Advance ticket purchase is not necessary but appreciated.

In addition to the barbeque, there will be a bake sale and a good and services auction. Tickets will be 25 cents each.

Woman joins Delmar real estate office

Carol S. Landau has joined the Delmar office of Weichert Realtors Northeast Group as a residential specialist.

A 16-year resident of the area, she is from Bellport, Long Island, and was a human resources manager for more than 20 years.

She has a bachelor's degree in economics and has earned various certificates in the human resources field from Cornell University.

In addition to membership the Greater Capital Association of Realtors, Landau is active with CDHRA (Capital District Human Resources Association).

Other community activities include work with Equinox, the Girl Scouts and volunteering with various senior groups.

She can be reached at 318 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, at 439-1900.

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5/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6 State Route 173, Clinton, NJ 08809. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9393 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Linde Gas LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/16/03. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/5/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6055 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, OH 44131. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9376 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF LLC. EGL Realty Partnership L.P., a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware whose Certificate of Formation was filed on December 29, 2003 with the Delaware Secretary of State whose address is 615 South DuPont Highway, in the City of Dover, County of Kent, 19901, filed an Application for Authority to do Business in New York State with the New York Secretary of State on January 8, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent

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upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to EGL Realty Partnership L.P., 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 3rd Floor, Albany, New York. The address of its Delaware office is 615 South DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware, 19901. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9375 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication Caserta Properties, LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/03/03. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-9374 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mastropietro & Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 12/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 90 State Street, Ste. 1030, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9365 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MICHAEL J. MULVANEY, MD, PLLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of MICHAEL J. MULVANEY, MD, PLLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on January 2, 2004.

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The Company is being formed to engage in the practice of Dermatologic Surgery; to have and to exercise all powers necessary and convenient to affect any and all purposes for which the Company is formed, together with all powers now or hereafter granted to it by the State of New York; in any lawful act or activity incidental thereto for which limited liability companies may be organized under the limited liability company law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"). The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Michael J. Mulvaney, MD, 18 McKown Road, Albany, New York 12209. LD-9364 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Care Financial of Texas, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/4/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC: 2044 North Highway 360, Grand Prairie, TX 75050. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9355 (February 25, 2004)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED

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LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(c) 1. The name of the limited liability company is REDHAWK REAL PROPERTY LLC 2. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was December 1, 2003 3. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to 4 North Street Delmar N.Y. 12054 5. The name and address in New York of the company's registered agent is Harold G. Beyer Jr. Esq. upon whom process against the company may be served. 6. The business purpose of the company is to engage in Ownership and management of real estate and "any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York". LCD-9354 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA WESTERN GROUP, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 6, 2004. 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-9351 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Carroll Point I, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/24/03. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9350 (February 25, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Suburban Albany Property, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/17/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Janice Meola, 1 Suburban Plaza, 240 Rt. 10W, Whippany, NJ 07981, principal office of LLC. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9349 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

PETRA REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC Notice of formation of Petra Realty Associates, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 2/5/04. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Jean Paul Spa, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, New York 12203. The purposes of the LLC are to acquire, own, hold, improve, manage and operate the real property known as 4 Petra Lane, in the Village and Town of Colonie, New York. LCD-9506 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAKE LAND ESTATES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). 2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 20, 2004. 3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office Address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 54 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1B, Albany, New York 12205. 5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Laws of the State of New York. LCD-9415 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Bethlehem Soccer Club will hold the annual members meeting on Monday March 1st in the Bethlehem Town Hall at 7:00 PM. The meeting will include the election of board members. If any member of the Bethlehem Soccer Club is interested in becoming a board member they should contact: John Reese at (518) 439-8662 by February 25th. LD-9463 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

THE GODFREY FINANCIAL GUIDES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization of The Godfrey Financial Guides, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 7, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to The Godfrey Financial Guides, LLC, c/o 11 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203 Albany, New York 12205-3898 LCD-9371 (February 25, 2004)

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, March 3, 2004, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of William and Elizabeth Gray, 22 Birchwood Place, Delmar, New York for Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50, Single Family Dwellings of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition, which will exceed the allowable percentage of lot occupancy at premises 22 Birchwood Place, Delmar, New York. Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals LD-9498 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

WOLF ROAD PARK II, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Certificate of Conversion of WOLF ROAD PARK, a Partnership, to WOLF ROAD PARK II, LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 12, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Wolf Road Park II, LLC, 14 Hemlock Street, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203 Albany, New York 12205-3898 LCD-9390 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of J.L. EYEWEAR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/6/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LP: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NJ Office of Commercial Recording, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9406 (February 25, 2004)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on March 10, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider making an application to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program for the South Albany Water/Sewer District. The application will be to secure financial assistance for necessary water and sewer improvements to the district. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's office at 439-

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4955, ext. 183. Advanced notice is requested. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC TOWN CLERK Dated: February 18, 2004 LD-9512 (February 25, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BP Developers L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/16/04. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LP: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NJ Office of Commercial Recording, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9406 (February 25, 2004)

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND

Special Meeting Notice is hereby given that the Town Board will hold a special meeting on February 25, 2004 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 2029 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands NY to continue discussions regarding specific information for water supply, and transmission, as well as the Lower Flat Rock Road Water District Extension to the Clarksville Water District. Diane R. Deschenes Town Clerk

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YMCA

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YMCA President John Flynn would like the committee to include a variety of members from a host of backgrounds.

"Community leaders, people who know how to get stuff done and can identify potential resources for the project," he said. Members will work closely with the company board of directors and play a key role in making the Bethlehem Y a reality. Once the facility opens, committee members will remain on board.

"They will evolve into a board of managers for the branch," said Flynn.

The facility will be modeled after existing Ys in Guilderland and East Greenbush. It is slated to include a double gym with an indoor running track; eight-lane pool; computer labs; community rooms; fitness center; aerobics studio and a babysitting service for members.

The top two sites being considered are the BIG Arena on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, and the southwest corner of Wemple Road and Route 9W in Glenmont, according to Flynn. The company has three alternative parcels of land in mind, though all are less than ideal, he said.

A new Y typically requires three years to plan, obtain

permits, raise funds for, and construct, said Flynn.

The BIG Arena — currently on the real estate market with an asking price of \$4.2 million — could cut that time frame down by one year.

The 75,000 square-foot arena — developed and built by Bethlehem Ice Group LLC in 1999 — boasts two skating rinks on 29 acres of land. The complex would need to be retrofitted to accommodate what is typically a 54,000 square-foot facility.

"Right now it's too expensive," said Flynn of the arena, though he added that negotiations are under way between the Y and arena owners. Tax records show the facility assessed at \$3,280,800.

"We're looking at 3 to 4 million to make that building function as a YMCA," said Flynn.

One of the rinks would be replaced with a pool and fitness center. Flynn was uncertain whether the second rink would remain open.

About 23 acres of land is available at the Wemple Road corner, all owned by Milltowne Properties of Massachusetts. The lot would allow for a Y to be crafted from scratch, though the land has its drawbacks.

"It would be more involved for permitting," said Flynn. "Utilities

are not readily available there. There isn't a concentrated population of people, though there may be sometime in the future."

A Y usually supports about 13,000 members, according to Flynn.

The complex typically carries an \$8 million price tag, he said. About \$4 million is secured through charitable contributions and a 20-year, \$4 million mortgage is taken out by the company.

Those interested in serving on the committee can contact Flynn at 869-3500 or by e-mail at jflynn@cdymca.org.

Retail

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near the property, before its next appearance.

In other news, Ronald McLagan proposed a four-lot subdivision on Milton Street, between Yale and Lee avenues in North Bethlehem. The homes would be built on 12,000 square-foot lots. The board had reservations about the width of the existing roadway, and whether emergency vehicles would have adequate access around the corner lots.

Bank robbers to be sentenced

By KRISTEN OLBRY

Twin brothers have each pleaded guilty to a felony burglary charge in connection with a string of bank robberies, including the attempted robbery of a Key Bank Branch in Glenmont.

Norman and Neil Davis, 21, of Lark Street in Albany, had been scheduled to go to trial Feb. 23 on six felony counts, including robbery and burglary. The pair pleaded guilty Feb. 19 to a single felony count of second-degree

burglary.

Last September, the brothers cut a hole through the roof of the Key Bank on Feura Bush Road and slipped inside. When an employee was unable to open the vault and screamed, the duo was scared off and fled, according to police.

The brothers were also accused of robbing several Albany bank branches last year.

They will be sentenced April 8 to 15-year sentences before state Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi.

Columbia

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The recent shooting at Columbia just affirms that it can happen anywhere. And while I wasn't holding my breath until it happened, I can't say I was surprised when it did.

By some twist of fate, East Greenbush and the communities it touches were not shattered. And that will be our saving grace.

Even with the recent events, I'll still be proud to wear my hooded Columbia sweatshirt. I'm proud of the way my community handled the situation.

I'm even prouder of my successors at Columbia High School. The girls lacrosse teams that will be running through the

halls when it's still snowy in March. The kid who inherited my orange locker. The juniors and seniors who still idle five minutes in the huge lobby between classes. The kids who went back to school the Tuesday after that Monday. The kids who asked questions and demanded answers.

These are the kids who survived, and I'm glad they all did.

I've talked to teachers at the school since the shooting; teachers who have been family friends for years, teachers who eased their way out of a fate that one kid held in his hands. Nobody's quite the same, and no one is sure they ever will be.

Basketball games set for Friday nights

Open basketball games for high school students are being held on Friday nights at the Bethlehem High School lower gym. Games will be played March 5, 19 and April 2 beginning at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$1 per night.

The games are co-sponsored by the town Parks and Recreation department, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Bethlehem Central School District.



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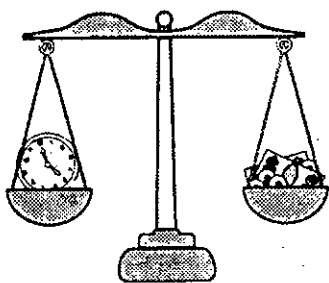
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