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Police, firefighters honor colleagues

By KRISTEN OLBY

Firefighters and police officers from all over Bethlehem gathered to pay tribute to those who have shown exceptional leadership and dedication among their ranks at the 23rd annual Community Service Awards Ceremony Monday night.

The ceremony drew a standing-room-only crowd to the Blanchard American Legion Post in Elsmere.

In a tearful tribute, the Elsmere Fire Company posthumously named its former chief, Kevin Shea, firefighter of the year. Shea died of a heart attack following a routine fire call Jan. 24. He was 54 years old.

***There aren't enough 'thank
yous' for all they've done.***

Kathleen Shea

"Kevin's friendship was binding, his loyalty unwavering, and his understanding unconditional," said Elsmere Fire Chief William Webb. "These qualities represent those of a true friend, brother firefighter and respected leader."

A long blue line formed across the center of the banquet room as the Elsmere firefighters gathered to present a plaque commemorating Shea's service to his wife, Kathleen, and 20-year-old daughter Kelly.

The Volunteer Fire Officers Association of the Town of Bethlehem also honored Shea by renaming the town's training facility on Center Lane in Elsmere after the late chief.

Shea had been a member of the association for 22 years, overseeing the facility for the last decade.

"Kevin was extremely active in all aspects of the Volunteer Firefighters Association," recalled former Elsmere Chief Ned Costigan, who credited Shea with improving the training opportunities at the facility. "He loved the excitement of firefighting and he cared about all of us."

A new sign will be erected for the center and a re-dedication ceremony will be held in the spring.

The touching tribute brought many in the audience to tears, as the Shea family posed for photographs with Elsmere Fire Department volunteers.

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Nathan and Caitlan Swyer of Slingerlands get a lesson from Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau Education Coordinator Carol Ann Margolis at the annual Family Expo at Crossgates Mall last Sunday.
Jim Franco

BC board reviews special ed program *Number of students who need services increases*

By LINDA DEMATTIA

Anticipated increases in the special education budget are due not only to an increase in the number of students in need of special services, but also the type of services they need, according to Cheryl Foy, director of pupil personnel services.

Bethlehem Central has about 640 special needs students, approximately 11 percent of the total student population, she said.

"We are trying to give you are best guess on what the needs will be next year," she told the board at its meeting last week.

"We are seeing an increase in the number of students needing more restrictive learning environments and more services," Foy said. "Our requirement is to provide an education for them in the appropriate environment for them."

Foy said a number of factors are responsible for the increase in special needs students.

There has been an actual increase in the prevalence of children with disabilities as well as better methods to identify those disabilities, she said, adding that some students are more seriously disabled than ever before and in need of more services.

"Students coming into the district

have been identified in pre-school. It's alarming the number of young children, 5- and 6-years-old, that are dealing with serious emotional issues and we are not able to program for them in the public school system," she said.

"There has been a quadrupling of children with autism," Foy added. "Medically, the number of children we see coming in with developmental delays were

they are here."

Foy said the program will need an additional \$151,000 next year for BOCES services, more funding for the special education summer program, as well as an additional special education teacher, more occupational therapy and counseling services.

"We need to meet these students' needs, but we can't ask for the sky," Foy said.

Foy said there is a special funding stream for special needs students and a federal grant that the district has consistently obtained over the last few years.

She said she was "fairly confident" they could increase the grant by an additional \$100,000 for next year.

Steven O'Shea, assistant superintendent of business, said a proposal in the executive budget that has been floated for several years is not good news for special education funding.

"There are mandated services and there is formula aid that goes with it," he said. "In the past few years, there is a move to group this with general aid. Since there is also a move to cap aid, we are very fearful of this."

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work of everyone that they are here.***

Cheryl Foy

premature babies who would not have survived in the past. Advances in medicine are saving them, but they have difficulties."

Foy said 30 district students are in private placements, with two in residential care. The rest are served learning environments ranging from small self-contained classrooms to regular education classes with support.

"It's a compliment to our teachers and staff that we can support these students," she noted. "They should be here. It is a credit to the hard work of everyone that



V'ville passes sign ordinance

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

Voorheesville businesses calling it quits will now be required to take their signs with them. An ordinance passed by village trustees on Feb. 24 requires signs advertising a business, product or service no longer available to the public be removed within 30 days.

According to the new statute, Zoning Law Article X, removal of signs includes fixtures and hardware as well as repairing shadows and discoloration appearing on building walls.

Owners of signs not removed after 30 days, will receive written notices reminding them of the ordinance. Ten days after that, the village will remove the signs and make repairs at the owner's expense.

According to Mayor John Stevens, the new measure came about as the result of recent costs to the village after removing a sign once belonging to a liquor store in SuperValu Plaza.

In other business, trustees granted Public Works Superintendent Will Smith permission to bid to purchase new Badger meters from dealers who carry

that line. Smith said a contract with a dealer is needed for him to know when meters will be delivered so he can prepare proposal requests for installation.

Finally, Stevens announced that sidewalk work on Prospect Street and Route 156 between Smith's Tavern and the firehouse will begin in April. Work will include the addition of crosswalks.

Stevens also announced that pipe replacement on Route 85A from Martin Road toward New Salem as well as water tank repairs will also begin next month.

New businesses open doors in Glenmont

A number of new eateries and a tanning center have recently opened in Glenmont.

American Pie Pizzeria is now open in Glenmont Plaza, serving a variety of pizzas and specialty Italian dishes.

Express Tanning has also opened in the plaza, the first in a chain of tanning salons expected to open in the Capital District,

according to owner Bob Wishnoff and Nick Scialdone.

The decision to set up shop in Glenmont was a simple one, according to Scialdone.

"It's the fastest growing up-and-coming community in the Capital District," he said.

Across the street, in Town Squire Shopping Plaza a new sub shop will soon be opening.

Two men rob truck stop

By KRISTEN OLBY

Bethlehem police are searching for two men who robbed the Big Main Truck Stop in Glenmont at gunpoint early Monday morning.

The two men entered the Route 9W truck stop around 4 a.m. March 1, and bound an employee with handcuffs, according to police. One of the men threatened employees with

a silver handgun, and the two got away with an undetermined amount of cash.

Albany police officers and a New York State Police K-9 unit assisted in the investigation. The suspects are described as about 6 feet tall and one of the men was wearing camouflage pants and a camouflage sweater.

Anyone with information regarding the robbery can call Bethlehem police at 439-9973.

Glenmont school to hold annual craft fair

Glenmont Elementary School PTA will hold its 22nd annual craft fair on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 80 crafters from throughout the Northeast will display and sell a

wide variety of handcrafted wares, including wood, pottery, jewelry, glass and edible goods.

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Police make DWI arrest

Bethlehem police recently arrested one person for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Kelly Smith, 26, of 25 Red Oak Lane, Rensselaer, was stopped for speeding on Route 9W on Feb. 22 at 5:01 a.m. Police said Smith failed field sobriety tests and charged her with DWI.

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Town hires firm for land use plan

By KRISTEN OLBY

Work is under way on a comprehensive land use plan that will identify areas suitable for development in Bethlehem and amend the zoning codes to make building in the town easier.

The town board approved the hiring of a Saratoga Springs based architectural and engineering firm at its Feb. 25 meeting. Saratoga Associates will be paid \$158,000 to lead the crafting of the plan over the next year.

"The goal really is to build consensus about the future growth of the town, in the form of a plan," said Public Works Commissioner George Leveille. "The zoning code is the tool to implement the plan."

Much of the town's zoning and subdivision codes have not been updated since the 1950s, according to Town Supervisor Theresa Egan.

Within the next two weeks, Egan hopes to have a nine-member advisory committee, comprised of residents and business people, appointed to work in cooperation with Saratoga Associates. The advisory panel and consultants will meet about once a month to discuss planning progress.

A series of workshops will also be held throughout the year, beginning in April, to allow for public input. A community survey might be conducted this summer, said Egan, to gather additional feedback from residents concerning desired locations and types of development.

Over the last 15 years, a series of studies and plans have been crafted to address development in town. The best-known plan, LUMAC (Land Use Management Advisory Committee), was drafted in the early 1990s and never adopted by the town board as law, in part, because large rural landowners objected to certain provisions of the plan. Today, LUMAC is only utilized as a reference resource by the town board and other town agencies.

All previous land use studies and input gathered at several community forums held last year will be reviewed and incorporated into the comprehensive plan, said Egan.

"A lot of that information is probably still good information," said Egan. "We'll be taking that info as a baseline and moving forward from there."

This time, Egan vows that large landowners will be involved

in the planning process, and a review of agricultural resources will be inventoried and mapped to help ensure farmland isn't lost.

The comprehensive plan will examine current and projected growth trends using Census data, infrastructure capabilities and the existing transportation network.

After the plan is drafted, the town board will seek to have it, and any zoning revisions, adopted as local law.

Leveille cautioned that even after a plan is completed, the work won't end.

"It's not a static tool, it's something you revisit all the time," he said, as Bethlehem's commercial base grows and its population expands in future years.

In other business, the board opted to delay discussion of the residential moratorium, pending completion of the drafting of the moratorium resolution, which was delayed as a result of efforts to launch the comprehensive planning process. The resolution is expected to be ready to be discussed at the March 10 meeting.

Spring training



Tyler and Devin Reed find a patch of grass at Bethlehem Central High School to toss a few balls last Sunday.

Jim Franco

New Scotland eyes Albany water agreement

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

New Scotland town officials moved one step ahead toward more affordable and abundant water at a special town board meeting on Feb. 25.

Town Engineer Mark Dempf outlined steps needed to proceed with both a water agreement with the city of Albany and a water transmission agreement with the neighboring town of Bethlehem.

Earlier this month, Dempf reported that William Simcoe, assistant water commissioner for the city of Albany, called him saying that Bethlehem renewed its water agreement with Albany and that the city was ready to work out a similar plan with New Scotland. He told him that before discussions could proceed, Albany needed written confirmation from Bethlehem that negotiations were under way with New Scotland.

Currently, Bethlehem supplies much of New Scotland's water, but Albany, with its more plentiful supply, could provide more water for less money, Dempf said.

To accomplish this, Albany water must travel from the city's water line through Bethlehem's system to reach New Scotland users.

These users would primarily be residents in the Font Grove Road and Heldervale districts. Users in Feura Bush and Swift Road already get their water from Albany, Dempf explained.

Councilman Scott Houghtaling urged the board to also renew New Scotland agreement with Bethlehem, as water coming into the town will originate from both the Vly Creek and the Alcove reservoirs.

He added that many residents along Route 85 and Bullock Road also receive Bethlehem water.

Dempf's outline for both agreements calls for review of current costs, state environmental requirements, district upgrades and future guidelines for new districts. New Scotland then must calculate how much water it wants from Albany.

With a plentiful source, water delivery from Albany can eventually be expanded to residents in the Krumkill Road, Unionville and Game Farm Road districts.

Ed Clark

"They need to understand how much we need," Dempf said. "We have to estimate current demand as well as allow for development and expansion, that's not an easy task."

He added that he aims for a contract similar to the city's agreement with Bethlehem.

At the meeting, Town Attorney L. Michael Mackey told board members that a letter requesting negotiations was sent to Bethlehem.

Town Supervisor Ed Clark said he would follow up with phone calls to move discussions ahead.

"An agreement with Albany gives us a little more flexibility providing water at a reduced rate to people who live near other municipal water systems," Clark said. "With a plentiful source, water delivery from Albany can eventually be expanded to

residents in the Krumkill Road, Unionville and Game Farm Road districts."

According to Clark, such expansion and improvement would require state or federal funding in the form of grants or interest free loans.

"We can't use general tax funds to pay for these improvements," he said. "They must be paid for

by the users at a reasonable cost within guidelines determined by the state comptroller."

In southern New Scotland, efforts are already under way to improve storage, security and water quality as well as add residents to the Clarksville water main system.

On Feb. 11, the town board approved a motion allowing Dempf and the town water committee to prepare an application to the state's Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for funding for the project.

"Right now, we don't know how much this will cost," Dempf said, adding that they expect to have a budget ready by the middle of the year.

Dempf said they currently have estimated \$500,000 for pipe repairs. The committee seeks to bolster its case in order to be placed in a good priority bracket.

"You need more than 120 points to get above the funding line," Dempf said. "Projects garnering less never get funded."

According to Dempf, factors favoring high priority in this case are bacteriological issues affecting water purity in this system. Points can also be added when affected users include government customers.

Again in this case, the State Police barracks on Route 32

would qualify.

"We are being real creative to score a good position on the list," Dempf said.

In other business, the town board approved a motion to charge user fees to those who reserve use of the picnic pavilion and softball fields at town parks.

"Most municipalities charge for use of their ballfields," said Councilman Richard Reilly, who proposed the motion. "We won't charge people who walk in and use the facilities. We are only charging people to reserve them."

Teams using the field will also be required to present a certificate of insurance before reserving the field.

Fees to reserve the pavilion will be \$50 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. For the ballfield, recreational clubs will pay \$400 a season, while community service organizations such as fire departments pay \$200. Some groups, such as the Voorheesville Central School District or others who donate in-kind services to the town, will not be charged. Revenue from the fees will go into the park's trust fund to improve facilities.

"There are people who never go to the park and others who use it all the time," said Clark. "They should do more to contribute to the park."

Houghtaling said the board should monitor progress by scheduling a meeting on the issue in June.

Correction

There was an error in the Feb. 25 Update II: Services supplement story about Complexions Spa for Beauty and Wellness. Spa owner Denise Dubois is a licensed skin care specialist and is certified in clinical dermatologic skin care.

The story misidentified her as a clinical dermatologist.

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What we want, and what we will do to get it

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Last week's Mega Millions lottery got lots of us wishing, hoping and dreaming. It was funny to see how quickly everyone jumped into the office pool, and when I mentioned the sum of the prize to Chris, he only grinned.

"Taken care of," he said, and went on to outline the necessary steps we'd have to take if we won. Apparently, had we hit the \$230 million jackpot, we'd have needed to unplug the phone, get out of town for a while and hire a personal security detail.

"We don't even have this year's tax stuff together to file," I pointed out to him, "yet you know what we need to do if we win the lottery?"

It must be horrible to be

married to Mrs. Rain-On-My-Parade, since planning how to live on \$230 million is a whole lot more fun than checking the paperwork necessary to file our taxes.

Alas, the big jackpot eluded us, and we swapped dreams of a seaside mansion with a hot tub in every room for the drudgery of daily life: doing the taxes; paying the regular bills; heading back to work; and making sure the kids get homework done and take a bath at least every few days.

When I awoke not long after giving up the Mega Millions dream, I snuggled back in for just a few more minutes of shut-eye, telling Chris that one of the best feelings in the world is sleeping under a flannel-covered down blanket.

His feet were already on the

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floor. "One of the best feelings would have been to win \$230 million," he said, shooting the arrow that deflated my early-morning Pollyanna self. \$230 million versus flannel sheets? Not even a contest.

Oh, well, we rationalize, that much money might change us for the worse, and we cite articles we've read about lottery winners who ended up so much poorer than they ever had been, that they wish they had never bought that ticket. Sure, we're happy enough in our lives, but buying the occasional lottery ticket lets us hug a dream close to us until the numbers are read on the evening news.

What is it that makes us want more than we have? Is it the American dream, or just plain avarice? We seem to be in a huge age of consumerism, as everything from the Big Mac meals we buy, to the TVs we watch, to the cars we drive are bigger than ever. Experts warn that all this stuff won't make us happy, and most of us know to watch out for the demons that make us covet things that we really don't need.

The biggest demons are the credit cards we use too easily. Running up credit card balances is, alas, as easy as putting on weight. It's funny, how all that borrowed excess makes us feel a little edgy and out of control.

In spite of the plenty so many of us enjoy, we remain unhappy. There's a sense of unease in our world today, even though we have more than any generation before us. In my childhood, dinner conversation often involved stories about making do during the Depression and the war. Having real butter on the table was an accomplishment my parents didn't take for granted.

Do we take too much for granted, and not just the good things, like central heat and air conditioning, and more than one

another person until you've walked a mile in his shoes.

What comes easily to one of us can be excruciatingly difficult to another. The biggest mind-messing ad campaign ever was Nike's "Just Do It" — some of us have to deliberate, to doubt, to question, to analyze before we even lace up our overpriced sneakers. It's really important that we take some time periodically to assess where we're going — even if it feels like we'll drown swiftly if we take the time to rise up out of the river of our lives to draw a deep breath.

Each new year in our house, we make our deep breath a resolution to be more fiscally responsible. As our children creep ever closer to college, it feels like we'll need to win a Mega Millions lotto just to pay for that. Yet, I continue to work only part time and hope that the time I'm able to spend with the kids now turns out to have been the best investment we ever made. When I stop and think for a minute about things I truly want, they have to do with my children, my health or having more family time together.

Sure, I'd love a gigantic house, but I'd rather have the time with my kids in the house I have. I'd love to find the discipline to always eat right and exercise more, but oh, what a delight to settle down with a good book and a big bowl of popcorn. I'd love to be able to motivate my children without destroying my vocal cords from using volume rather than logic to persuade them.

I'd love to listen to "A Prairie Home Companion" every week. I'd love to always appreciate the people who give my life so much joy and understand there's a value to the people who aggravate me. I wish for less poverty in the world and an ease to the suffering too many people feel.

My greatest wish is that, even when life is making me nuts, I can stay mindful of my great good fortune and be grateful for all that I have. I will stay mindful, but I'll also keep a dollar in my pocket — hey, you never know when the lottery will hit \$230 million again.

My greatest wish is that, even when life is making me nuts, I can stay mindful of my great good fortune and be grateful for all that I have.

TV in each house? Are we paying too high a cost — beyond the monetary — for the stuff that clutters our lives? Sometimes it feels like life is a swiftly-flowing river that is carrying us along with it. We move as quickly as we can, figuring if everyone else is in the same place, it must be the place to be.

But have we made the current too quick ourselves? Could we jump out and find a slower-moving stream? Are we paying enough attention to the choices we make in our lives, or do we get swept along with the current of the day and assume that we must stay with everyone else?

These are questions each of us must answer individually. Nothing is worse than being preached at by the person who has found the right answer for him or herself and insists it must apply to everyone. Of all the adages we hear, the one that seems the most true is that you cannot judge



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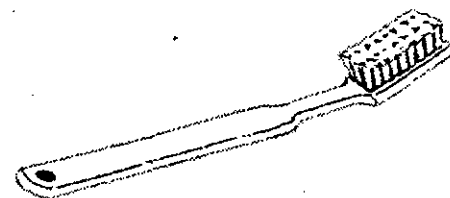
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State lists Becker as 'most improved'

By KRISTEN OLBY

Improved math test scores have earned A.W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk a spot on the state's "most improved" school list released last week.

A.W. Becker is in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central school district, and is one of 801 elementary schools to make the list.

The list is based on an analysis of state standardized test scores in math and reading since 1999, at both the fourth and eighth grade levels.

To be designated a "most improved" school at least half the students must have passed the tests, and the number of those passing must have increased by 20 percent since 1999.

Fourth grade math test scores at A.W. Becker improved by about 21 percent over scores in 1999. Then, 101 students took the test with only 58 percent of the students passing.

In 2003, 64 students took the math test and nearly 80 percent passed.

"One of the reasons math scores increased was because the reading scores increased," said A.W. Becker Principal George Montone. "So that by the time

they get to fourth grade, students can read, they can comprehend, they can understand."

Today's standardized math exams, he said, aren't solely computation.

Many of the exam questions require students to read and evaluate situations, and then compute a math calculation based on the question.

Teachers have been working full-force to improve testing scores, said Montone, with greater attention paid to language and math skills in every subject.

He attributes the school's progress to new math textbooks and manageable class sizes of about 20 students.

Students at A.W. Becker take part in a program known as "looping," linking a teacher with a single class for two consecutive years.

"You've got working relationships not only with students but working relationships with parents," he said, which improves communication about the students' academic needs.

Fourth grade students statewide took the English language arts exam in early February, said Montone, and those test scores are expected in May.

Check this out



Manager Melvyn Marlin, left, of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar on Route 9W in Glenmont presents a check for \$1,352 to Bryan LaVigne, executive director of the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Northeastern New York. The money came from the grand opening celebration, when guests were requested to make a \$1 donation for beverages to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation.



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Matters of Opinion

The cost of winter

The breath of spring the last few days can't come too soon, and not just for golfers and gardeners.

Spring's moderating temperatures are also welcome by anyone who pays a utility and/or heating bill, that is, most of us in the suburbs.

Most people have recently paid, or at least tried to pay, their highest heating bills in history, making the cost of this winter worse than ever.

Part of that is due to unusually cold weather, several deep freezes in January and February that reminded us that below zero is still part of living in the great Northeast.

And part of that is due to national energy policy, which has done little to encourage lower energy prices.

And state energy policy, no matter which party is in charge, has been consistently in favor of expensive solutions to our energy problems, from nuclear power in the 1970s to utility deregulation in the 1990s.

The state does have some cheap power, from dams on the St. Lawrence and Niagara rivers developed with state tax dollars, but most of that is committed to present or future industrial concerns. What's left over for residential use is pitifully insignificant.

Speaking of hydropower, back in the 1980s, the state made perhaps its biggest energy blunder, pulling out of a deal to buy lots of inexpensive, zero-pollution hydroelectric power from province-owned Hydro Quebec.

(How cheap is electricity in Quebec? Cheap enough so that almost everyone on the grid heats with electricity, which would be the shortcut to the poorhouse in New York state.)

The stated reason for looking this gift horse in the mouth was worry for some Indians living on to-be-dammed rivers flowing into Hudson Bay would be inconvenienced (although substantially reimbursed for their trouble).

Such tender concern for Indians living in another country would be a first for American politicians, who have generally ignored the sad plight of our own Indians.

So what else could it have been?

The more likely, but necessarily covert, reason for the state spurning an abundance of low-cost clean electricity is that the state's energy companies and their pliant friends in Albany wanted no part of low-cost Canadian power.

Why? Because they wouldn't make as much money off Canadian power as they do off power generated in their own expensive plants.

Now that deregulation has brought us the highest electric rates in the country, we can only look back in sorrow at the clean, cheap power that got away.

Editorial

NY's high tax, high debt history

By KEVIN M. BRONNER

The writer is a public service professor at the University at Albany and is a member of the Colonie town board.

The high level of taxes in New York state has been well documented over the years.

Governing Magazine's Source Book usually lists New York state as having the highest local and state government combined tax burden in the nation.

Our late U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan pointed out that New York state routinely sends billion of dollars of tax revenues to Washington, D.C., well in excess of the level of benefits we receive.

Another famous New Yorker, Alexander Hamilton, invented the concept of a national debt for the United States in New York City as our country was being formed.

Thus we can infer that New York state has a high tax and high debt culture. This article provides a historical backdrop to try to explain the high tax culture we face in the state.

History often tells us much about current public policy and this premise is confirmed when you look at the situation in New York.

One would think that New Yorkers would be a proponent of low taxes since we were once the leading commercial state in the entire United States. New York state is, of course, one of the original 13 colonies, and our country was founded, in part, because of a tax revolt associated with the Stamp Act tax and other revenue legislation imposed by the British in 1765.

It is reasonable to expect, therefore, that New York residents and businesses should be against high taxes. Yet we continue to have the highest tax burden in the country.

The astonishing result of this historical search is that high taxes have been a problem in New York state dating back to the 1620s when the first Dutch settlements were formed here.

Point of View

It appears that high taxes are simply built into our culture in New York state.

From our studies of state history, we know that the Dutch settled New York in the 1620s shortly after Henry Hudson sailed into Manhattan in 1609.

Most of New York remained under Dutch control through 1664 when the English gained control. An appointed director of the Dutch West India Co. governed Dutch New York, while a governor appointed by the British crown governed English New York.

It is interesting to note that in the 1600s there were four major events where the local administrative heads of the colonial empire tried to impose taxes in New York. Some of these

returned to Dutch control for several months.

The third tax revolt occurred during 1665 when an early British governor, Richard Nicolls, implemented a new series of laws (The Duke's Laws), which led to another tax revolt. There was violence against many tax collectors and other government officials.

The British colony in New York City attempted to implement some tax reforms in 1683 under Gov. Thomas Dongan. By 1690, however, taxes had been increased and this helped to fuel the fourth and final tax revolt of the 1600s against another leader, Jacob Leisler, who proceeded to raise taxes. Leisler was replaced in 1691.

The four tax revolts outlined above were in the New York City area.

We can also see evidence of tax problems in the Dutch settlement of Rensselaerwyck where present-day Albany is located.

In 1665, tavern owners objected to the high taxes being imposed on them.

Even when Dutch officials tried to have some form of tax relief, the system they

implemented was problematic. As an example, there was some effort at tax relief in the form of a 10-year tax exemption that the Dutch patroon was allowed to grant to colonists who decided to settle in the area.

Even that exemption, however, had strict mandates such as not allowing the settler to move. Such restrictive covenants limited the growth of settlements that the patroons were expecting.

The events outlined above show that high taxes were a problem in the European-settled portions of New York from 1639 until 1691.

Of course the British continued on the tradition of high taxes in the 1700s, and it is clear that this type of policy is engrained in our culture.

For more information on this and other New York state history issues check out Edwin Burrough's and Mike Wallace's 1,383-page history of New York City entitled *Gotham A History of New York City to 1898*.

Other interesting works include Codman Hislop's *Albany, Dutch, English and American*, and Charlotte Wilcoxon's *Seventeenth Century Albany: A Dutch Profile*.

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tax increases led to revolts where lives were lost and the colony was almost ruined.

The first major tax revolt occurred in 1639 around the New York City area when the Dutch administrator Willem Kieft attempted to tax Native Americans who were in a cooperative venture with the Dutch.

This led to a war in 1641 to 1645, which almost ruined the Dutch colony in New York City. The economy was in a state of decline, and the population of the colony decreased.

Peter Stuyvesant, who became director in 1647, quickly replaced Kieft in an attempt to save the new Dutch settlement.

The second tax-related problems occurred when Stuyvesant ran into problems in the 1650s and 1660s partly due to high and arbitrary taxes that he imposed.

During 1653, a number of delegates to a General Assembly meeting complained about high taxes, and in 1654 some tax reforms were made. Stuyvesant held on to power but was clearly harmed by his high tax policies.

The British took over the New York City Dutch colony in 1664 except for a brief period when it

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Matters of Opinion

Center gets great big welcome

Editor, The Spotlight:

Welcome Wal-Mart! Welcome Lowe's! Hooray for a drive-through bank and more eateries.

Having moved here from North Colonie three years ago, it has never ceased to amaze me how antiquated and provincial the little town of Bethlehem is.

Local rumor had always been that "Delmah" had something the other suburbs of the Capital

District did not. It wasn't long after I took up residence that I discovered it does: exorbitant taxes, costly (often inadequate) water supply and garbage removal, unwelcoming librarians and limited retail resources.

Delaware Plaza is reminiscent of Queens in the 1950s, and several local shops are fire hazards waiting to ignite. The post office is poorly situated and handicapped-hostile.

The beautiful new stores, restaurants and bank are long overdue additions to this area. The employees are friendly, the quantity of the products diverse,

parking plentiful and the location great for many neighborhoods.

In addition, a host of new employment opportunities are available to our youth and senior citizens.

Who knows? This shopping center may even help decrease the tax rate while increasing relocation desirability.

Now if we can secure decent cell phone service, we may actually aspire to at least 20th century living.

Maybe then I'd stay.

Jane Robinson
Delmar

Accident was poorly handled by police

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Jan. 24, at about 3:30 p.m., my tow truck was involved in an accident on Route 9W in front of the Petrol gas station. Although it was a cold and windy day, it was still a busy day for Petrol.

Two witnesses came forward stating that my truck had had the green light at the time of the accident.

The Bethlehem police officer involved in the investigation did not attempt to take statements from these witnesses. The witnesses left their names and addresses with the clerk at Petrol, and she gave them to me. I offered them to the police officer, but he would not take them.

Both witnesses stated that my truck definitely had the green light. The officer stated that it was a 50-50 fault accident.

The arrogance of this officer cost me five days of waiting for the police report. The statement of the officer has now forced me to pay for the repairs to my truck, because he reported that it was a 50-50 fault accident.

I tried to get the officer to issue tickets to the driver at fault, but he refused. The insurance company says that it goes by the police report and cannot pay for my damages.

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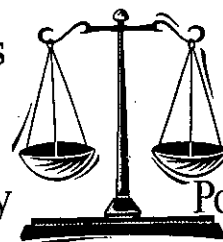
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Matters of Opinion

Driver should have stopped after hitting dog

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my deepest heartfelt thanks to the kind woman who pulled over to help me when our Siberian husky Bandit was hit by a car on Route 9W around 9 p.m. on Feb. 16. She was so kind and helpful during this extremely upsetting situation.

Bandit was only loose for about 10 minutes before she was hit. I was right on her trail, along with a helpful neighbor, Brian Wood, but unfortunately, I was not fast enough to get her before she was hit.

I would also like to thank the few others who asked if they could help, as well as all of the drivers who waited so patiently on 9W while I picked Bandit up and put her into our van.

After rushing Bandit to the emergency veterinarian in Latham with my three hysterical children, I am happy to report that Bandit's injuries are not life-threatening. Besides suffering from shock and knee injuries from the impact of the car and facing possible surgery in the future to repair her knee, she is back to her wonderful self.

As for the person who hit our dog and did not even have the heart or nerve to stop and call (she did have all of her tags on her collar), I feel sorry for you. Hopefully, you are not a parent and never have to explain to your children that their beloved dog was hit by someone who has no passion for another living soul.

Bandit is a beautiful dog, and

it was clear that she had to have been the beloved pet of some family — how could you just leave her on the side of the road?

I know with all of the tragedy going on in our community that this may seem meaningless to you.

But not only did you hurt a living creature, you may have left three children wondering "why?"

All you had to do was stop.

Jennifer Toomey
Glenmont

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Soldier's loss hits home

Editor, The Spotlight:

The United States invasion of Iraq has been a tragedy for many reasons, and now it has hit home in Bethlehem.

One of our neighbors, a young sergeant who loved art and nature, has been killed there. I am sure that the hearts of all of us in town go out to his family and friends.

There are more than 140,000 other U.S. troops currently serving in Iraq and many more who are slated to go. In less than one year, more than 500 of our soldiers have died there, more than 2,000 have been wounded and about 8,000 others have been medically evacuated. Numerous families have broken apart from the stress of their loved ones being away at war.

The mother of the deceased Bethlehem soldier said it clearly: "It seems so senseless. Self-serving politicians created the situation in Iraq. I want to see America's young people planting

and building rather than killing and destroying."

Likewise, a father from New Jersey who recently lost his son in Iraq wrote: "My son is gone just when he was laying a strong foundation to build upon for the rest of his life. Now his life has been snuffed out in a meaningless war. Where are all the weapons of mass destruction, where are the stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons? Please President Bush, pray for all of fallen heroes and as a tribute to these heroes, get our boys and girls out of Iraq now, before too much more blood is shed."

The 400 members of Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace will continue to work for the day when all our troops can return home and when no parent or spouse, child, friend or neighbor will grieve for those lost in a senseless war.

Paul Tick
Bethlehem Neighbors for
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Knox strings to perform concert at Osterhout center

On Sunday, March 7, the town of New Scotland Historical Association will feature an afternoon performance by the Knox Traditional Strings.

The group is in demand and plays at a variety of occasions.

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The Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars will be holding another fund-raiser at the McDonald's on Western Avenue and will have Ed Diegel along with other faculty working behind the counter.

Plan to bring the family in and support the Dollars for Scholars on Wednesday, March 10, from 4 to 7 p.m.

High school presents 'Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde'

Voorheesville high school will perform the play "Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde" on Thursday through Saturday, March 25 to 27, at 7:15 p.m. and Sunday, March 28, at 2:15 p.m.

Fun Fest scheduled for March 20

Voorheesville Elementary School's Fun Festival will be held on Saturday, March 20. There will be games, a clown, folk musician and raffle prizes.

If you can help out in any way, contact Mary Flansburg at 861-0876.

Students tuning up for high school concert

The Voorheesville high school concert will be held on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. This event is open to the public and admission is free.

Food co-op orders due March 9

The New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until Tuesday, March 9, for the

Thursday, March 25, delivery day. Forms and menus can be picked up at town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

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Payment can be cash or food stamps. Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

Nature center to host astronomy program

Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will be hosting an indoor astronomy program led by amateur astronomer Ken Dubois, on Saturday, March 6, at 1 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public and is appropriate for people of all ages who want to learn more about sky watching. For information, call 872-0300.

School board to meet

The next regular meeting for the Voorheesville school board will be on Monday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school commons area.

New Scotland Seniors host program

Claire Hanley, a community outreach coordinator for Guildcare of Albany will visit the seniors' meeting on Wednesday, March 3.

She will talk about Guildcare's adult day health care program and the services offered to those with medical or visual programs.

For information, contact Walt Chimel at 768-2753.

Youth and recreation group sponsors Cabin Fever night

The village of Voorheesville youth and recreation group is sponsoring a Cabin Fever night at the high school on Saturday, March 6, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

This event is free for students in grades nine through 12. There will be door prizes, pizza, soda and snacks.

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Dinners include chicken, cole slaw, roll, baked potato and a beverage. Vegetarian lasagna will also be available.

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

Dinners are available for 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. There will be many items in the auction and tickets are only 25 cents each.

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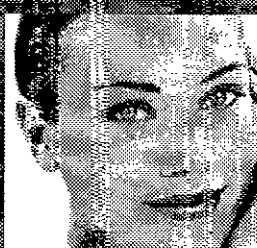
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Children's Librarian wins national fellowship

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The Bechtel Fellowship is designed to allow children's librarians to spend a month reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, at the University of Florida, Gainesville, which contains a special collection of 85,000 volumes of children's literature published

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mostly before 1950.

Laiosa, head of Youth Services, will study alphabet books of the 19th century during her time at the Baldwin Library.

"I want to study the illustrations as well as the illustrators of alphabet books," said Laiosa. "Looking at these books from long ago, I might find many clues to the way children were treated, the toys or playthings of long ago, and where adults fit into these scenes. It will be fascinating to see how girls and boys were portrayed in their daily

activities, and how we see them today."

Although the time of the fellowship has not been planned, the young people's department will be missing Laiosa during March and April when she takes time off for surgery and recovery. Cards can be sent to her in care of the library. Regular children's programming will go on as scheduled.

A "Celebration of Positive Thinking" is the theme of the display in our showcase this month. If you need to learn to smile more and get more enjoyment from your life, independent researcher Rob Curtis is presenting a program in conjunction with this display on March 9 at 7 p.m.

All are welcome to attend an interactive discussion on ways in which we can add humor and cheer to our daily lives and eliminate negativity. Signup is requested. Call 765-2791.

Adult book discussion meets at 7 p.m. on March 3 to discuss *Larry's Party*.

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Save Sunday, March 21, for a program of classical music and the annual Friends of the Library meeting.

Learn more about "Springtime in the City," the Friends, bus trip to New York City on April 24, and help celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Friends. Details next week.

Check the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org for program information.

Barbara Vink

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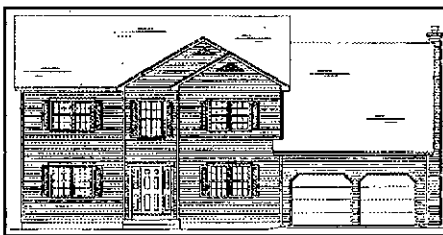
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Five Rivers slates teacher workshop

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

Participants who successfully complete this one-day course will receive a teacher's manual plus other materials. Teacher in-service credit is available for this workshop; documentation for credit will be coordinated through the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center.

Participants should dress for the outdoors.

Five Rivers will offer a reading program on Sunday, March 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

This program is free. Parents and children must accompany each other.

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

Coffee house benefits youth group

A coffee house and silent auction to benefit the RPM Senior High Youth Group will be held on Saturday, March 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church.

The event will feature pop/rock music by Acoustic Hartland and an array of premium desserts and beverages. The silent auction will include items donated by the local business community and services offered by the students.

Admission is \$15-per person; \$10 for senior citizens. Groups of five or more receive one free admission. Tickets will be sold at the door or can be purchased in advance at the church office during business hours. Delmar Reformed Church is located at 386 Delaware Ave.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the group's spring mission trip to Mexico.

Twenty-five students and accompanying adults from Delmar's Presbyterian, United Methodist and Reformed churches will travel to Reynosa on the Mexican-American border to help local impoverished families with construction and home repair projects through Pueblo de Dios Methodist Church.

The RPM's previous mission trips to Appalachia and Southwestern Indian reservations have been life-changing experiences for many of the students.

For information on the coffee house or the mission trip, call Delmar Reformed Church at 439-9929.

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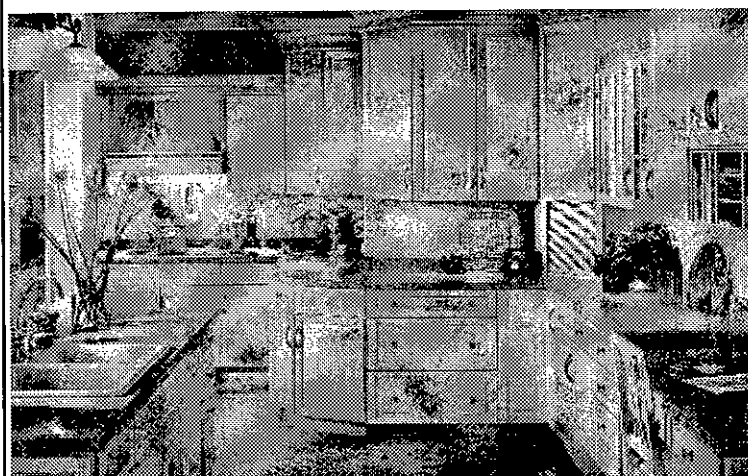
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Sports

Blackbirds cruise into Class B semifinals

By ROB JONAS

New year, new class, same storyline.

The Voorheesville girls basketball team opened the Section II, Class B playoffs in style by running past Hudson 72-36 last Friday at Clayton A. Bouton High School.

The top-seeded Blackbirds (12-9) scored 23 unanswered points from the last two minutes

of the first quarter through the first four minutes of the second quarter to take a 34-8 lead. By the end of the third quarter, Voorheesville's lead swelled to 31 points.

"We didn't want to let down," senior guard **Michelle Nadratowski** said. "We started off really good, and we just wanted to continue it the whole game."

Nadratowski had the hot hand for Voorheesville in the first half.

She scored 18 of her team-high 23 points during the Blackbirds' surge, including four three-pointers.

"The whole team was passing really well, and we were getting open shots," Nadratowski said. "The first shot, I think I felt (good), but I wouldn't have gotten those shots if the team hadn't been passing the ball well."

"She did a nice job tonight," Voorheesville coach **Jon McClement** said. "She took advantage of her opportunities, and she put them home."

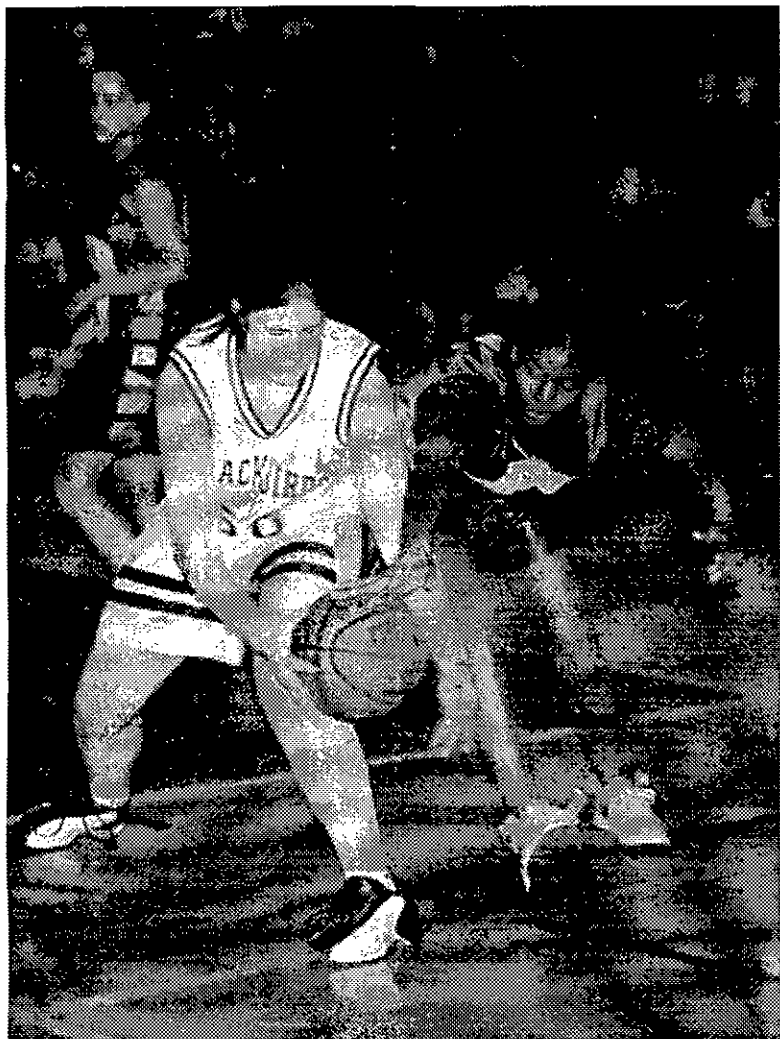
Brittany Baron contributed 18 points, and **Jackie Markert** added 17 points for the Blackbirds, who moved up to Class B after Section II realigned to include Class AA for large schools this season. Voorheesville had been the top seed in Class CC the past several seasons.

"You get a home game,"

McClement said of earning the No. 1 seed. "You don't get any great advantages, but you get some recognition."

The Blackbirds advanced to

Tuesday's semifinal against Spa Catholic, which defeated Schuylerville in the other quarterfinal game contested at Voorheesville last Friday.



Voorheesville's Stephanie Wright (50) tries to hold on to the ball as a Hudson defender swats at it during last Friday's Section II, Class B quarterfinal game.

Rob Jonas

Day, Rodgers place at state tournament

Bethlehem's **Kendall Day** and **Brittany Rodgers** participated in individual events at last Saturday's New York State Public High School Athletic Association Gymnastics Championships at Shaker High School.

Day finished 27th in the balance beam with a score of 8.300, while Rodgers placed 32nd in the uneven bars with a score of 7.800.

Section II was seventh in the team standings with a score of 169.750.

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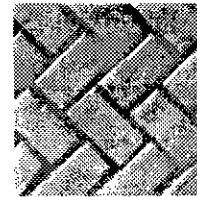
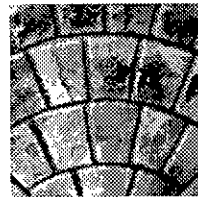
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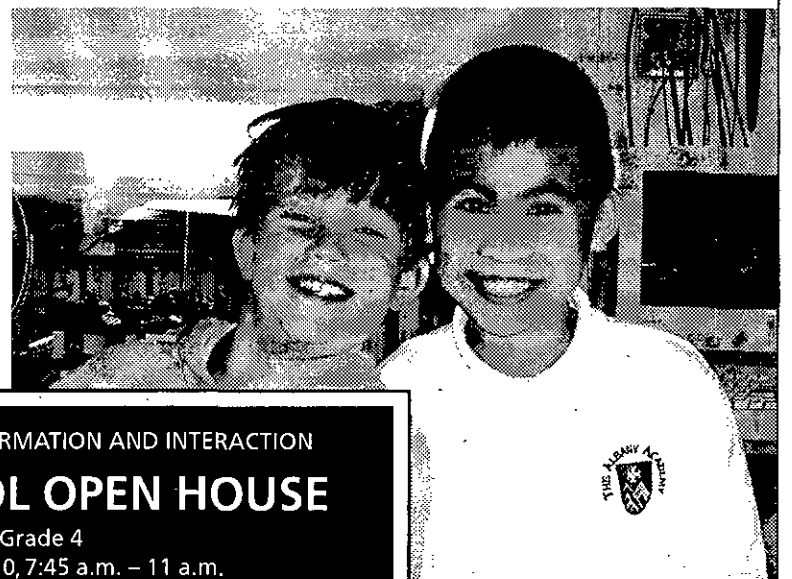
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Tompkins places at states

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's **Herb Tompkins** placed fifth in the division 2 140-pound weight class at last weekend's New York State Wrestling Championships at the University at Buffalo.

Tompkins lost to Onondaga's **Don Cummings** 16-4 in the consolation bracket semifinals, but he came back to edge Harpursville's **Cory Nabinger** 4-3 in the fifth-place match.

Tompkins began the tournament in impressive style by pinning **Joe Runford** of Petrides in 41 seconds, but he was eliminated from the championship bracket with a 5-4 loss to Eden's **Joe Calderon** in the quarterfinals. He came back strong in the consolation bracket by pinning Eastport/South Manor's **Joe Cancellieri** in 2:49 and Millbrook's **Chris Cannizzaro** in 1:52.

Section II placed fifth in the division 2 team standings with 193 points. It was the first year that the state wrestling tournament was divided into large and small school divisions.

Voorheesville comeback falls short

By ROB JONAS

Time ran out before the Voorheesville boys basketball team could complete a comeback against Schuylerville.

The top-seeded **Horses** withstood a three-pointer barrage by the **Blackbirds** in the fourth quarter for a 54-50 victory in last Saturday's Section II, Class B quarterfinal game at Hudson Valley Community College.

"I was happy with the way we played," Voorheesville coach **Bob Crandall** said. "I wasn't happy with parts of the second and third quarters, but I challenged the kids and they responded."

The ninth-seeded **Blackbirds** built a 14-10 lead in the first quarter behind 10 points from center **Mark Carson** and forward **Greg Delaney**, but Schuylerville pulled within one point on **Chris LeBraon's** buzzer-beating three-pointer and outscored Voorheesville 19-5 in the second quarter to take a 32-19 halftime lead.

Voorheesville's interior scoring tailed off in the second half, but its guards responded from the perimeter. Three-pointers by **Greg Klopfer**, **Delaney** and **Andy Catellier** helped keep the **Blackbirds** within striking distance in the third quarter. Catellier then opened the fourth quarter with a

three-pointer to pull the **Blackbirds** within nine points.

Two free throws by **Cory Carson** and a fadeaway jump shot by **Bob Foote** gave Schuylerville some breathing room, but Voorheesville didn't go away. A series of three-pointers by **Klopfer**, **Catellier** and **Mike Lagattuta** spearheaded a 12-2 run that got the **Blackbirds** within three points of the **Horses** with 1:39 left.

Schuylerville made the key baskets down the stretch, though. **Foote** popped a jump shot to put the **Horses** up by five points and added a free throw with 50.3 seconds left to make the score 51-45. After that, the closest Voorheesville came was three points.

Delaney finished with 16 points, **Catellier** contributed 10 points and **Klopfer** added nine points on three three-pointers for Voorheesville, which lost to Schuylerville in the playoffs for the second consecutive year.

Eagles, Indians lose in opening round

The Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball teams lost in the opening round of Sectionals last week.

RCS came close to pulling off an upset in last Wednesday's Class A game against Bishop Gibbons, but the sixth-seeded **Golden Knights** outscored the 11th-seeded **Indians** 26-14 in the fourth quarter to pull out a 72-55 victory.

Ricky Rider scored 14 of his team's 16 points in the third quarter to help RCS (7-14) stay within striking distance. **Rider** finished with 26 points, while **Victor Bermudez** contributed 11 points.

In Class AA, Schenectady overwhelmed Bethlehem 67-29 last Wednesday. The **Patriots** jumped out to a 42-15 halftime lead and never looked back.

Cameron Brown had 15 points for the **Eagles**, who finished with a 6-15 record.

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Eagles, Indians lose in Sectional playoffs

The Bethlehem girls basketball team ended its season with a 43-42 opening-round loss to Amsterdam in the Section II, Class AA playoffs last Wednesday.

The Lady Eagles (9-12) built a 7-3 lead after the first quarter, but the Rugged Rams came back with a 15-point second quarter to take an 18-17 halftime lead. Bethlehem responded by scoring 18 points in the third quarter to gain a 35-30 advantage before Amsterdam went on a 13-7 run in the fourth quarter to earn the one-point victory.

Holly Storm scored 11 points,

and Katie Rowan added 10 points for Bethlehem, which had the No. 5 seed from the Suburban Council in the Class AA playoffs.

Elsewhere, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls team suffered a 57-43 opening-round loss to Queensbury in the Class A playoffs last Tuesday.

The Indians (9-12) pulled within one point after the third quarter, but the Spartans outscored them 18-5 in the fourth quarter to pull away.

Molly McGuire had 19 points, and Laura Persico added eight points for RCS.

Bethlehem grad wins Big East swimming title

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Elyse McDonough became the first Syracuse University swimmer to win the Big East title in the 200-meter butterfly since 1984 at the conference's recent championship meet on Long Island.

McDonough swam a school-record time of 1:59.61 in the finals to join Heidi Warmbrand and Sallie Cinco as the only Syracuse women to win the 200 fly title. McDonough's time also earned her consideration for the NCAA Division I championships.

McDonough owns eight school records, including her most recent mark in the 200 fly.

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She also has set Syracuse records in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 200 individual medley and 400 individual medley, and she is part of two record-setting relay teams at the school (200 medley relay and 800 freestyle relay).

Ealier this year, McDonough was one of 13 women to receive a 2003-04 Big East Scholar-Athlete award. She received a \$2000 stipend, which will be applied to graduate studies.

A television, radio and film and speech communications major, McDonough is a three-time Big East Academic All-Star and has been named to the Syracuse University Athletic Director's Honor Roll seven times. McDonough also is president of the school's Student-Athlete Council.

Champions



The Bethlehem Youth Hockey Mite Black team won the Troy-Albany Youth Hockey Association Winter Classic Tournament title. The team is (in no particular order) Dalton Anson, Thomas Barr, Chris Caswell, Zachary Flagler, Jack Flanagan, Nick Gosstola, Mike Hans, Ryley Hynes, Sean Kelly, Jimi Lloyd, Thomas Woods, Chris Wright and Adam Liebold. Coaches are Wayne Barr, Mike Hynes and Kevin Kelly. Team Mascot is Spencer Barr. Missing from photo is Cole Reagan.

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Workers install lighting over the new information/reference desk.

will include some additional landscaping, improved outdoor lighting, and revamped plaza areas. These will be completed as funds allow.

What's next?

Regular library programming will be resumed this summer, with a full roster of Evenings on the Green in July and summer reading program events in July and August.

The community and board rooms will reopen for community group meetings on July 1.

In the meantime, our winter storytime program will continue into April, as planned.

Our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic will take place, as well; date and time will be announced in the May/June issue of footnotes.

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Saint Gregory's School focuses on growing boys

Saint Gregory's School in Loudonville is the only boys' school in the region that focuses exclusively on the crucial years from grades one through eight. The school also provides a developmentally appropriate co-ed program for nursery, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

Since its founding in 1962, the school's mission has been to provide boys with challenging academics that will prepare them for the most rigorous secondary school. In addition, the program is defined by its commitment to athletic development, artistic expression and a strong spiritual and moral foundation based in Catholicism.

Through the tireless work of a caring and highly skilled faculty, Saint Gregory's provides each

student and his family with both challenge and support. Class sizes are small. A student to teacher ratio of 6:1 creates opportunities for individualized instruction and the careful monitoring of student progress. Teachers communicate regularly with parents through written progress reports at the middle and end of each term, and through parent/teacher

conferences in the fall and spring. In the Upper School (grades five to eight), each student is provided with an academic adviser: a faculty member who assists the student and his parents in setting and reaching goals, making good decisions, and solving problems as they arise.

Community service is one of the most important features of a

Saint Gregory's school education. Lower School students are taught to behave helpfully throughout the school day. The Lower School also participates in an annual jump-a-thon for the Katiebug Foundation and other charities. In the Upper School, the Knights' Society offers students the opportunity to be involved in schoolwide projects for outside charities, such as the Thanksgiving food drive and ski-athon, as well as events sponsored by particular classes, such as the Walk for Juvenile Diabetes. Individual community service, both inside and outside of school, is highly encouraged.

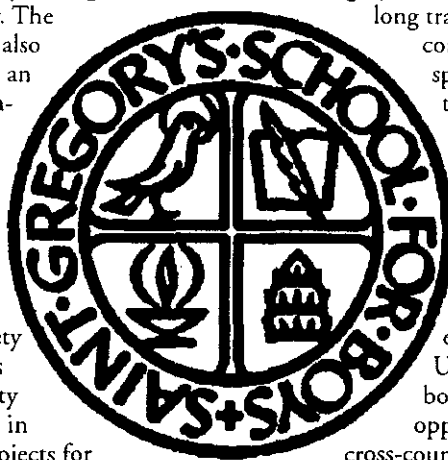
Excellence in athletics is a central part of the spirit of Saint Gregory's. The school has a long tradition of competitive and sportsmanlike teams in soccer, basketball and track. This spring, interscholastic lacrosse will be offered for seventh- and eighth-graders. Upper School boys also have opportunities to go cross-country and alpine skiing. In the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, the year begins with a two-day trip to Camp Chingachgook on Lake George for hiking, climbing and cooperative games.

The comprehensive arts curriculum promotes creativity and

appreciation at all grade levels. The boys perform at school and in the community in the seventh and eighth grade bell choir. The Upper School choir encourages their love of music through camaraderie of practice and performance. Colorful visual arts projects from all grades line the halls and often have connections to topics in other classes.

In recent years, the school has expanded its technology offerings to include two distinct computer labs, one for information technology and one for computer science. Students receive technology instruction in all grade levels, keyboarding in the lower grades to Power Point and programming in the upper grades.

More information on Saint Gregory's School can be found on the school's Web site: www.saintgregorysschool.org or by contacting Howard Charbonneau, admissions director.



Music Studio makes learning fun through song

There are some things in life that are as changeable and fickle as the weather: hemlines and horse races come to mind most quickly, but it is important to note that preschoolers and subatomic matter, both far less mundane, behave much more unpredictably.

And unlike teeny, tiny bits of matter, as any parent who has put a young child to bed for two consecutive nights can attest, preschoolers can be wildly, almost riotously, capricious one minute and in the next, mincingly specific in their need for predictability.

Those who teach these youngsters know the children do this because they're kids. It's their job. They are trying to learn as much as they possibly can in the shortest possible time. Even though most preschoolers think only in terms of being big kids and big kids see a horizon dotted with older kids and teenagers, this duality of racing forwards and dancing backwards, is a large part of how children learn to become who they're going to be.

"It's important," said Noel Liberty, the founder and director of The Music Studio, "to make the most of these moments when children are so open to every experience. A 3-, 4- or 5-year-old experiences things so differently than a 6-, 7- or 8-year-old will. What a younger child goes through not only stays with him or her, it becomes almost ingrained. Slightly older children already have a view of the world, so they have to work a little harder and they integrate new experiences a little differently."

At The Music Studio, students learn notes during games, usually before they know the alphabet. They learn counting the same way. They reinforce what they learned another dozen ways: with songs, with games, at the piano, on the recorder, at play with their parents, in activities with other students and on dozens of instruments.

The objective is simple, according to Liberty.

"We tap into the natural enjoyment children have with music and with games. We use the fun they have with children their own age and the delight they have playing with their parents. We pace the activities so that children's innate curiosity gets tickled regularly. With extraordinary help from parents and with games, positive reinforcement and an enormous variety of instruments and experiences, we transform what can be very hard work for a child into something fun. Since so many of the students who started with us as preschoolers have stayed through high school, I see the difference early music has made in their lives. The joy that was instilled early on helps them through some of the harder times later."

"I know so much of what you

hear about music and young children focuses on how music influences learning skills," continued Liberty, "and to me, that is wonderful, but not the most important thing. As a teacher and a mother, I know that if children don't enjoy what they're doing or if it doesn't engage them at some level, they'll drop out. All the studies in the world won't keep kids involved in something they don't like."

Liberty said that young children respond especially well to live music. "Take them to a concert designed for the attention span of younger children or performed by other children. Or take them to watch or participate in a music class before enrolling them. Children are practical. They like to get their feet wet before they jump

into the pool."

For more information about these kinds of activities, Liberty asks that parents call The Music Studio at 459-7799.

We tap into the natural enjoyment children have with music and with games.

Noel Liberty

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Building better bathrooms with your own designs

By BARBARA SCHMIDT

Is there a traffic jam in your bathroom? Do you find yourself bumping into your family or the walls while brushing your teeth? If so, it may be time to make your bathroom more functional by rethinking how you use the space.

According to Better Homes and Gardens Web site, www.bhg.com, a standard size bathroom is 35 to 80 square feet. A typical master bath is 100 square feet or more. While it may be small compared to other rooms in the house, this standard space can really open up when you combine your personal preferences and

style with how you want to use the bathroom.

Assessing your bathroom's space

When working with homeowners to create a new room plan, I often start out with the big-picture question: "In a perfect world, what

would your bathroom feel like?"

In the past, answers have been "like the outside brought indoors" or "like a cottage on the lake."

Hidden in both of those answers was a key to a successful room plan — the concept of space. You can use the same square footage to create an open, shared space or a private, cozy space. The difference is how traffic

patterns and designs can work together to result in a completely different feel. When you're reassessing your bathroom's space, ask yourself the following questions to pinpoint a design that is the most functional for you.

- How many people will use this bathroom? Will they use it at the same time?

- Rethink the essentials. Do you need double sinks or a bidet in the guest bath? Take out fixtures that do not meet your functionality. If you are adding fixtures, look for adjoining space to add to your bathroom. Closets and fifth bedrooms are great options for more space. Another great idea to thin out traffic in the bathroom is to add a sink to another room.

American Standard came up with the clever idea of adding a round countertop sink in a glass makeup table in the bedroom. This not only saves space in the bathroom, but it also allows for more privacy by splitting the areas into two rooms.

The single-mount faucet is a simple, sleek option that blends with updated traditional and contemporary styles.

- How much privacy do you need? Should the toilet be

placed in a separate room? Popular in the '80s and '90s, separate water closets have become a standard in new home design. Many bathroom designs tuck the toilet into a corner or separate space, out of sight from

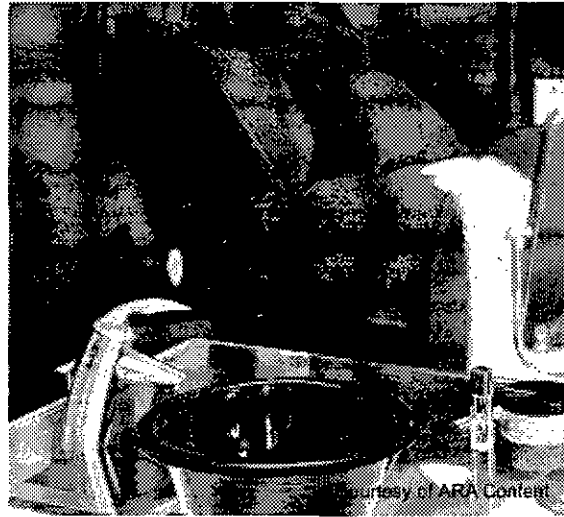
double steam shower instead of a tub for the master bath. This decision created space that they wouldn't have used with a tub. This client then installed a soaking tub in one of the guest baths for smart space savings and resale value.

- How does this bathroom work in the overall house plan? Do you need to move entrances or change doors? Simply changing a hinged door to a sliding pocket door can convert a tight space into plenty of room.

When I worked on the bathroom design and layout with American Standard's 2003 Ugliest Bathroom Contest winner, I encountered a doorway that seemed out of place. We moved a hallway entrance from the master bath into the

master bedroom for more privacy. And to save space, we used a pocket door instead of the original hinged door.

In addition to asking yourself these questions, you can assess your bathroom through the National Kitchen and Bath Association's online questionnaire at www.nkba.com. In particular, the last survey section about room orientation is another tool to help you rethink your bathroom space and function.



Simply adding a sink into another room can minimize tight traffic areas in bathrooms.

the bathroom's entrance.

If space is still an issue, a half wall or glassed partition can give the feel of more privacy without gobbling up square footage.

- What is your bathing routine? Do you need a shower or a tub or both? If there are multiple bathrooms in your home, there may be the opportunity to simplify function in one or more to open up space.

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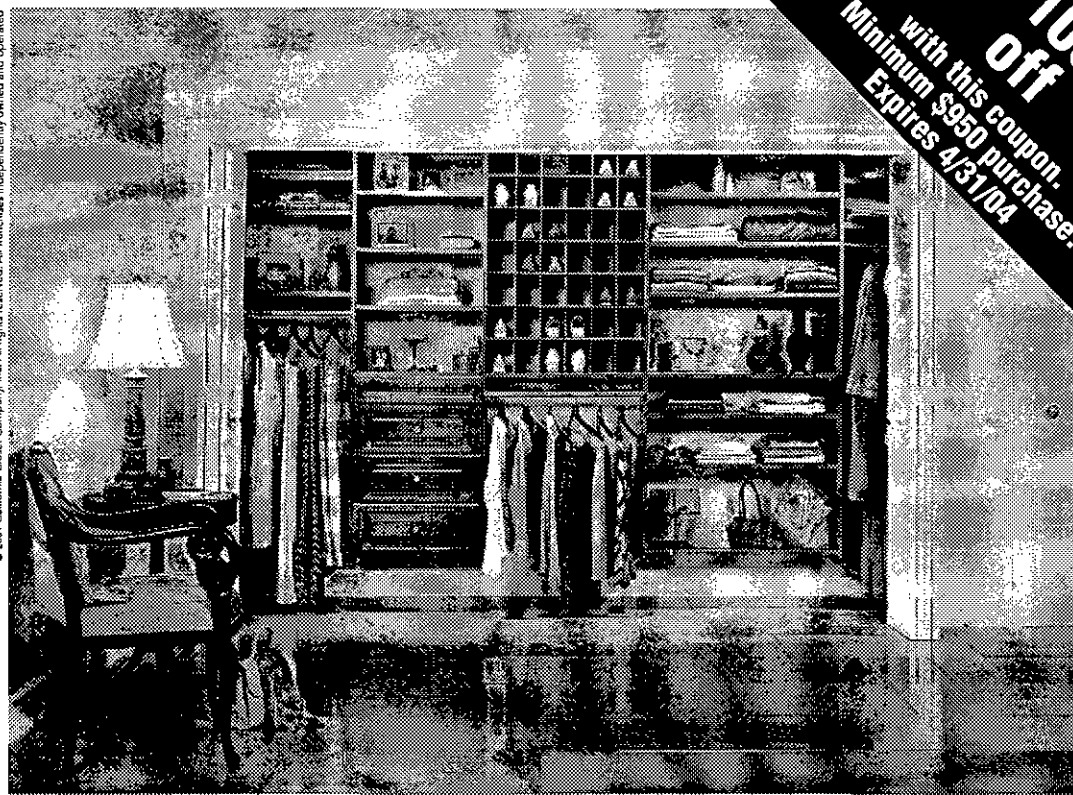
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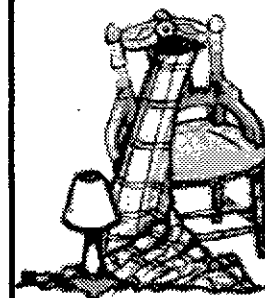
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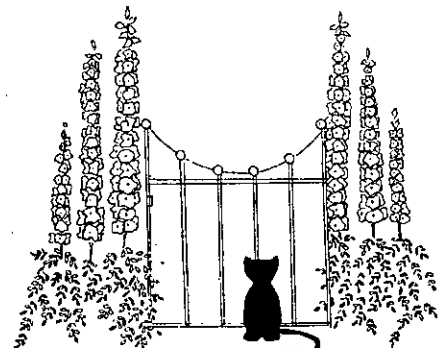


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Advance technology trends on track at home

By WILLIAM BULLARD

Last month, the Las Vegas Convention Center hosted the International Builders Show, and thousands gathered to learn about the latest innovation in home building and design. The builders show offered a view of amenities that might be in a home fit for a king. Would Elvis be interested in the modern advancements of the home marketplace? Would the King demand the home technologies available today? Would he have one of those built-in espresso machines in the kitchen?

"Probably in every room," said Karyl Garbow, marketing manager for Miele Corp.

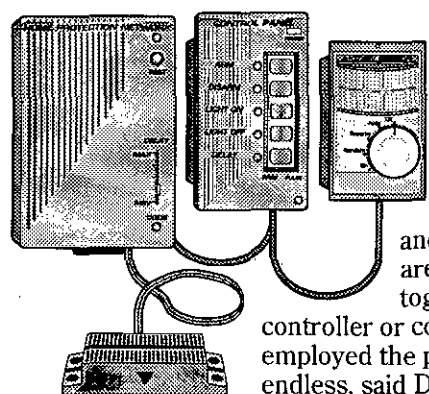
While new products and design were displayed and discussed in Las Vegas, Capital District home builders and renovators were busy maintaining pace with national trends in construction and home improvement.

"We are seeing a lot of Capital District homeowners interested in the advanced technology features available in today's homes," said Lisa DeGross of Tangora Technologies in Delmar.

"We work with homeowners and ask questions about lifestyle so that technologies are

properly applied."

An important technology available today for homeowners and builders is structured wire, a building material that provides an opportunity to link audio and video equipment, telephone, home security, lighting and equipment controls to a central command center. The structured wire would replace the individual coax cable that is necessary for cable television, the traditional telephone wires and the mess that might exist behind your home entertainment centers. A system that uses structured wire could allow a single DVD player to show movies in more than one room or share the radio and CD player with speakers in every room.



Structured wire is the backbone of the automated home. When the equipment and components are connected together and a controller or computer is employed the possibilities are endless, said DeGross.

The automated home can be managed via a telephone or computer network. This can be handy for those times when you are on your way home and want to turn up the heat or turn on lights, said DeGross. The homeowner can program a system to close the garage door if it is accidentally left open at night.

"We can program a system to remind you about chores like

taking out the garbage on a weekly basis," said DeGross.

Do the kids need a reminder about bedtime? Let the system do it each night.

Other features of the automated home represent convenience and quality. The automated home might have curtains that open and close on motorized mechanisms, video and audio entertainment equipment set up in a home theater arrangement and security features like electronic locks, lighting, cameras and integrated security alarms.

"You might want a detection device that uses a beam of light across the driveway to alert you when a car or person approaches the house" said DeGross.

There are innovative products available that can



provide television, Internet, DVD/CD, FM radio, home and video monitoring all in a single unit. A homeowner who spends a lot of time in the kitchen might be interested in this type of technology since the device can be tucked up in a flip screen under the wall cabinet.

The demand for these features is certainly growing. At Tangora Technologies, automation business has doubled in volume recently.

How much will it cost? A 2,800-square-foot house might cost \$2,500 for the structured wire system and another \$3,500 for the basic home automation package.

"It's all based on what the customer wants," said DeGross. Simple safety and security

features like a water leak detection system or a traditional home security system cost much less than a sophisticated home entertainment system that includes high quality audio and video equipment like a plasma television.

"The consumer is driving the advancements in the home design and construction business," said Eden Whitaker, sales and marketing manager for The Michaels Group builders in Malta.

"We are responding to simple requirements like single level, ranch-style home design with home office space and a positive return on investment," said Whitaker.

Technology and innovation are a central force in the advancements of home design and construction, but a good sense of community and the practical purpose of a home will always remain important.



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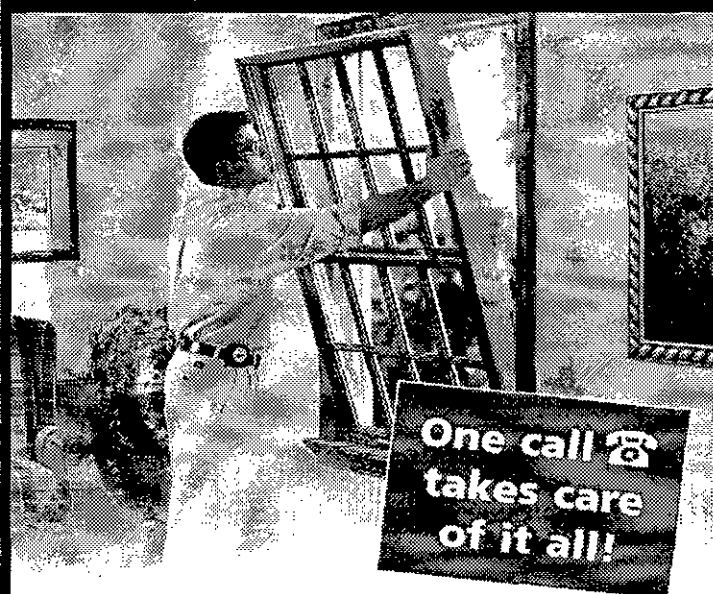
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Tradition is revisited in modern home design

Though "traditional" in home design has been interpreted as stilted and formal in the past, today's "traditional" women are redefining the style.

No longer fraught with excessive moldings and fussy finishes, the new face of tradition borrows the best of old and new. Classic elements are being combined with simpler furnishings, tailored fabrics and modern conveniences to provide comfort and efficiency. Mixing an antique bench from Bali with a modern Italian leather sofa and an African tribal hunting mask is wonderful, not "weird."

When renovating a kitchen, a simple cabinetry door in a natural stain or fresh, clear color

beats a highly detailed door, dressed to the nines in bulky cornices and triple-stacked moldings.

Even traditional-minded home enthusiast publications are recognizing this movement, updating their mission statements and editorial content to reflect the desire for classic styles mixed with a bit of modernity. Meredith Publishing's "Country Home" magazine features "A More Modern Country." And "Traditional Home" magazine offers up "Classic Taste. Modern Life."

Manufacturers are developing products and services that echo this new take on tradition as well. The "New Traditional" kitchen from Plain

& Fancy Custom Cabinetry is one example.

"Five years ago we saw traditional being interpreted as 'over-the-top,' in cabinet finishes, door styles, architectural details and accents," said Vince Achey, vice

president of sales and marketing for Plain & Fancy. "Customers used extravagant moldings everywhere, and decorated with heavily textured and patterned upholstery and window treatments. Today, homeowners are looking for spaces that

reflect simpler, cleaner style, with a scale and overall look that's easier to live with."

Tradition doesn't mean dark woods with Chesterfield sofas and Chintz anymore. Tradition is comfortable and comforting, in a modern world.



Basic plumbing tools for all

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA

Every homeowner should have a basic set of tools on hand for minor plumbing emergencies, such as stuck drains and leaky faucets. Many of these tools have several different uses beyond plumbing in home repair, so you may already have them. Others are specialized for plumbing issues.

Here's a list of items you should have in your home at all

times for plumbing (as well as other) problems.

• **Plunger** – The one thing you can't do without when dealing with a plumbing system, a plunger should be kept next to the toilet. Place an extra one near the kitchen sink for a quick solution to sink clogs, too.

• **Pipe wrench** – This extra-large wrench has an adjustable jaw to fit a variety of pipe diameters. Buy two, if possible; they can be used in tandem when separating pipes and fittings.

• **Auger** – Also called a snake, this tool clears drain clogs that are located too far down the pipe to reach with shorter equipment. A long coil is fed from one end of the auger down the pipe. On the other end, a handle allows the user to guide the coil to the clog and wind it back in. Two sizes address two kinds of pipes: The smaller hand auger is used for drain lines, while the large closet auger clears tough clogs in toilets.

• **Adjustable wrenches and channel pliers** – Smaller than pipe wrenches, these tools also have adjustable jaws that fit different sizes of nuts or bolts.

• **Ratchet wrench** – With its interchangeable sockets, this tool makes removing nuts and

bolts easier.

• **Needlenose pliers** – can grip small objects and reach into confined spaces.

• **Screwdrivers** – both standard slotted and Phillips types, of different sizes.

• **Metal files** – These can be used to smooth a variety of materials, including metal, wood and plastic. Use a round file on curved pipes and a flat file on flat surfaces.

• **Hacksaw** – used to cut metal or plastic pipes.

• **Wire brush** – cleans metal pipes without damaging them.

• **Putty knife** – scrapes away old putty or caulk from fixtures.

• **Tape measure** – to measure pipe length, of course.

• **Caulk gun** – to caulk or recaulk when needed.

• **Flashlight** – For every job more complicated than plunging a toilet (and maybe even that), keep this close by.

• **Circuit tester** – This handy little gadget can save your life by indicating a live current traveling through a pipe. Electrical wires can touch pipes in tight spaces, so if you aren't sure, test for a current before beginning pipe work.

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A toolbox of her own – what every woman needs

More and more women are discovering the satisfaction of do-it-yourself projects, whether it's something as simple as hanging a picture, or a bigger job like installing a garbage disposal. While some are inspired by the ever-increasing number of do-it-yourself shows on television, others are driven by necessity — finding a "handyperson" to tackle home repair jobs can be next to impossible.

Tool manufacturers and hardware retailers have tapped into this growing trend and are providing the tools and training women need. A number of companies offer tools made specifically for women. These tend to be smaller, shaped for a woman's hand, and lighter for ease of use.

A survey conducted by tool manufacturer Ryobi found that 88 percent of women would like a power tool as a gift. Big box retailers are also seeing this trend toward women taking on projects around the house, and many are now offering how-to classes specifically for their female customers.

It stands to reason that if women are buying and using more tools, they need a place to store them. Visit your local hardware store or big box retailer and get a feel for the variety of styles and sizes available; there's sure to be one to fit your needs.

"Women should look for the same qualities in a good toolbox as men would," said Sue Johnson of Waterloo Industries.

The Iowa-based company manufactures a wide range of tool boxes with a variety of features.



Johnson said women should look for full-width piano hinges, durable construction, comfort-grip handles and strong latches. If you want to keep the kids (or your husband) out of your tools, you'll want a toolbox with a lock.

"Extras like tote trays and small parts organizers help keep everything neat and easy to find," she added.

While steel toolboxes are more traditional and extremely durable, plastic tool boxes are lighter and more colorful, and will not dent or rust. Choose a size that has room for all your tools, but not one that's too big and heavy to carry around.

To help choose the right size (toolboxes range from 16 inches long to 30 inches long), measure the longest tool that needs to fit into the toolbox. In addition, consider how many tools will be stored. Although it is larger than a typical toolbox, a sit/stand/tote with caddy is a very versatile item to consider; not only does it store your tools,

but you can use it as a step ladder, eliminating the need to carry one more item around.

If you're running out of room in your toolbox, a project center can help. No more half-finished projects cluttering up the dining room table or the spare bedroom; with a project center,

there is a place for everything. The center fits right in whether it's used in the house or in the garage.

Toolboxes make great storage solutions for craft items, too. Beaders should look for a toolbox that has lots of small compartments for stashing beads, as well as a larger area

for storing other supplies.

Scrapbookers will find a toolbox comes in handy to organize markers, stamps, stickers and other tools of the trade. You'll find a wide array of tool boxes and other tool storage ideas at hardware and home improvement stores.



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Decorative concrete treatments let homeowners get creative

Concrete — it's practical, sturdy and has been used in the construction of buildings since the early Roman times. However, let's face it — few of us would argue that most concrete patios, driveways, walkways and garage floors are attractive. In fact, more than likely, they're drab, dull, even boring.

But, as many homeowners and do-it-yourselfers are discovering, through the use of decorative finishing concrete treatments, those gray, cold outdoor slabs can take on a unique, stylish look that reflects homeowners' particular tastes.

Why decorative concrete treatments?

Decorative concrete treatments, such as staining and stenciling, have gained in popularity during the past few

years, although the idea of decorative concrete is not new. Concrete stamping tools have been around since the early 1950s and concrete coloring has been in existence even longer.

However, the selection of finishes, colors and tures have grown, offering homeowners more options when choosing to add a little oomph to their outdoor décor. According to Pete ti, product manager for H&C Stain, a manufacturer of concrete care products, the desire for concrete décor among homeowners is an extension of their interior design-sense.

"Consumers want the ability to express their own style, not just inside their homes, but on the exterior, as well. Concrete décor is emerging as a newly discovered form of easy-to-complete landscape design that

allows homeowners to 'dress-up' something as mundane as a bare concrete driveway."

Donati goes on to say that in addition to adding beauty to a home's exterior, decorative concrete allows homeowners to create vibrant colors and intricate designs at half the cost of installing real stone or other natural materials.

"Rather than spending thousands of dollars on replacing concrete walkways, patios or driveways, at a cost of approximately \$6 a square foot, the same beautiful effect can easily be accomplished by using decorative techniques on existing concrete."

DIY friendly decorative concrete treatments

The majority of decorative techniques involve changing either the color or pattern of a concrete surface, or both. The most common treatments make concrete appear more like expensive material such as tile, cobblestone, brick and keystone. These illusions can be accomplished through a number of applications.

The following are two of the easiest and most popular DIY treatments:

• Staining

If you're looking to add some pizzazz to your dreary driveway, patio or garage floor, or cover up some unsightly oil stains, staining will serve to change the color or look of your concrete, as well as add lasting protection against the outdoor elements. In several simple steps, you can transform an outdoor concrete surface into a colorful creation.

In most cases, you'll begin by cleaning the area with a concrete



de-greaser to help alleviate oil and grease spots. After rinsing off the de-greaser, you should apply an etch cleaner. This step should make the surface feel like 120-grit sandpaper and allow the stain to easily soak into the concrete.

After waiting for 24 hours, you can apply the first coat of stain with a brush or roller. A second coat can usually be added after the first coat of stain dries for at least another 12 hours.

Today, concrete stains span the color spectrum. They're offered in colors ranging from traditional browns and grays to racy reds, greens and even hues of purple.

• Stenciling

If you want to take staining

one step further, stenciling is the simplest way to place brick or stone patterns on a concrete surface. Stencil templates can be purchased in rolls of water-resistant plastic.

The "stone" pattern is created by rolling the template out on the concrete and applying a spray base color through the stencil, much like the staining procedure. Stencils come in a variety of patterns, including cobblestone, herringbone, hexagon tile and natural stone.

Cost varies by pattern, but Donati added that in addition to the staining costs, most stencil systems cost between approximately 20 to 25 cents per square foot.

• Helpful decorative concrete treatment tips

Although decorative concrete projects are very DIY friendly, if you're thinking about incorporating color or patterns into an upcoming concrete project, there are some tips that will help you successfully accomplish your goal.

First, know that no colored slab will perfectly match any color chart. Expect some slight variations in coloring, even when working with newly poured concrete.

If you are working with new concrete, be sure to let it cure for 30-45 days before attempting to stencil or stain the surface. Once completed, your new concrete creation will require some maintenance to keep it looking its very best. Continued weathering can make concrete colors appear faded, so make sure you re-seal your colored or stenciled concrete every two to five years after the initial application.

Following these tips will help to ensure you can enjoy your concrete artwork for years to come!

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Five tips on how to cut your heating bills

The bad news for natural gas customers is getting worse. Families that shelled out an average of \$540 for the 2000 season now face a bone-chilling boost to \$860, the federal Energy Information Administration said.

Now is the time to give your home a "check up." Here are five tips from the Comfort Institute in Washington on what to look for and take care of so your home is ready for those cold north winds.

1. Have your duct system tested for air leaks. Many think that windows and doors are the major cause of a home's air leaks. But according to recent research by the Department of Energy (DOE), gaps, cracks and disconnections in the typical home's duct system are much more significant. The DOE states that the typical duct



2. Ask your heating contractor to perform an Infiltrometer "blower door" test. The blower door is a computerized instrument originally invented by the Department of Energy. It pinpoints where your home's worst air leaks are, and also measures how leaky the overall house is. While most homes are still far too leaky, some are now quite tight, and need mechanical ventilation to ensure the air inside is fresh.

3. Have your heating system cleaned and tuned by a qualified contractor. A tune up and filter change is a good

investment. It reduces the chances of breakdowns in the middle of winter, improves safety, and pays for itself through more energy efficient operation. For a free report:

system loses 25 percent to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central furnace, heat or air conditioner. Leaks are usually the biggest problem.

"How To Identify a Good Heating and Cooling Contractor," go to www.comfortinstitute.org.

4. Install a programmable setback thermostat. Turning down the thermostat 8 degrees for eight hours a day will save 8 to 10 percent on home heating costs. An easy way to take advantage of these savings is to lower the thermostat temperature while away from home or sleeping. Ask your heating contractor about new models which are much easier to program.

5. Consider replacing your old furnace or heat pump. Just like a car, heating equipment

doesn't last forever. If your system is more than 12 years old, and you are planning to stay in your home more than a few years, many authorities recommend considering

replacing it before it fails permanently. A new system is safer, more dependable, and can pay for itself through energy savings, as it is up to twice as energy efficient. However, recent research has found that many newly installed systems have energy wasting mistakes.

Check out the free report "Tips and Secrets To Buying A New Heating and Cooling System" at www.comfortinstitute.org.



Eastern influence meets Western to bring harmony into your home

By JAIMA BROWN

The Eastern influence in home decorating is making a strong comeback. Some reasons for its current importance are steeped in ancient philosophy and cultural practices; others have to do with the characteristics and enduring versatility of Asian design. Asian design is uncluttered — perfectly attuned to Americans' quest for simplifying their surroundings and their lives.

Yet, it is as elegant as it is spare, and many of its themes, such as the lotus blossom and bamboo, are timeless. Even the monochromatic French toile was borrowed from Oriental scenic designs along with the use of gilt and metallic accents — both popular today.

Modern designers in particular have historically shown a penchant for Asian design. Its spare lines and rich materials lend themselves to contemporary furnishings.

Lacquered finishes add sleekness, while bamboo and rattan provide contrast and interest. Both are pleasing to the touch as well as the eye.

harmony and Asian influences now even moves beyond design into other important aspect of our lives. Acupuncture is gaining respect in the U.S.

medical community, and Americans are consuming record amounts of herbal tea.

Several wallpaper and border collections celebrate Asian design and illustrate how perfectly this influence meets today's demand for harmony at home. Like an exotic spice, Oriental design can be used generously or in small doses, either to make a unique statement or merely enhance the eclectic flavor of

any room, any home.



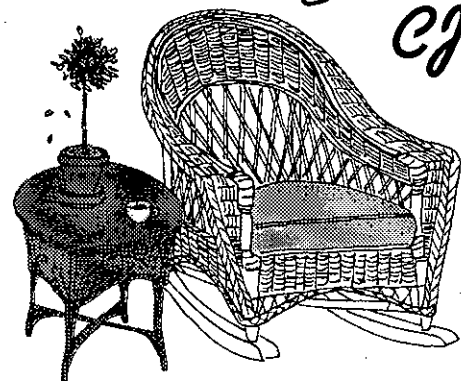
An Oriental block print design on the bedroom wall resembles a caning design.

Feng Shui (pronounced fung schway), is at the heart of Oriental design. It is the ancient Chinese art of placement that allows the free flow of energy and guides our lives toward harmony. Feng Shui, practiced in China for 4,000 years, is now taken seriously, not only by American interior designers, but also by builders of high rises as well as residences nationwide.

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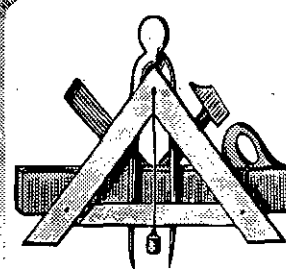
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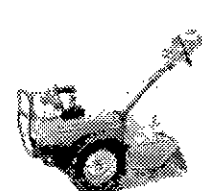


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Styles are always changing in today's world

The old adage states: "The only constant is change itself." When it comes to home decorating, changing the style may seem overwhelming and expensive, but it doesn't have to be.

New styles can be created by turning an eye to accessories and small details throughout the home, and it doesn't have to

break the bank. Changing the style of your home can be a gradual process and can be built around specific furniture or architectural details within a home.

"Consumers may be bogged down or stuck in a rut, but they know they want to change or upgrade their décor. But they don't, or can't, change everything

at once," said Jacqueline Goewey, design editor for "InStyle" magazine. "They need to work with some things they already have which is why they've kept some home furnishings or collectibles all these years."

Before transitioning to a new style, it is helpful to understand how designers categorize the styles most people choose from when decorating their homes. According to Kathleen Yates, Moen senior product manager, consumers typically decorate their homes in one of the three primary thematic approaches: casual/contemporary (also referred to as modern), traditional and country. The latter includes secondary themes such as Shaker, Country French and Mission.

How do I determine my style?

Take the following quiz to see which one you are more drawn to:

1. Do you prefer: A. Antique, nostalgic looks; B. Ornate designs; C. Simple, clean lines and geometric shapes.
2. When choosing furniture, you gravitate toward: A. Comfortable, overstuffed pieces with distressed and crackle finishes; B. Leather, cherry wood and dark stains; C. Light woods, like natural maple.
3. When you accessorize a room, you would most likely choose: A. Homemade items that make a room cozy and inviting; B. Family heirlooms, accented with items you've found at estate sales; C. New accessories that are

placed sparsely and carefully throughout the room.

4. Where do you do most of your home shopping: A. Arts and crafts fairs; B. Estate sales, auctions and antique shops; C. A chic, modern home store or trendy mail order catalog.

If you consistently choose A then you're a little bit country; B you're probably more the traditional type; and C modern/contemporary/casual — also known as transitional — is probably your bag.

Can style be easily changed?

What if your style is not specific or you want to change your style?

Not to fret — there are fans of traditional, country and modern decorating styles, as well as those who believe it's fine to mix.

Goewey's personal thoughts on home decorating?

"Remember, not everything has to match — the only 'rules' to follow should be your own."

"For instance, my kitchen features a modern Moen faucet and sink, Jenn Air industrial-looking stainless appliances, all mixed in with small traditional hexagonal floor tiles, along with some white bead board wainscoting," she noted.

Products that provide style versatility — an ability to transform from one style to another — are on the rise. In many cases, it is possible to change the look of a room by focusing on smaller accent details, rather than larger furnishings or appliances. In your kitchen or

bath, you can simply change the hardware and handles.

Replacing chrome hardware with polished brass can add warmth to a room, and adding ceramic fixtures in unusual shapes can bring a modern touch to the room. The same holds true with additional accessories — by simply changing the den's throw pillows, pictures frames (remember you can keep the same family photos), and adding a slipcover or a new lamp shade — you've got a completely new look for your room.

The origin of style

And how are styles determined? Usually from consumers themselves.

"When it comes to style, we continuously talk with our customers — builders, builder design center consultants, plumbing wholesale associates and retailers — along with a vast array of architects, interior designers and consumers," said Yates. "For instance, the furniture industry is a leading indicator of style trends. Interior designers also look to haute couture for more long-term trends — the women's fashion industry can provide insight into home interior color and fabric trends."

Goewey concurred: "We're seeing more decorating trends following fashion. In the past, fashion was very minimal — now it's more established — more ethnic or Bohemian in its details. So today's rules say it's OK to mix styles, for example, to put in a clean-line sofa in a more traditional setting."

The bottom line? Goewey said: "Sometimes people don't necessarily have or want to 'label' their style. They just know what they like."

Check out these styles for awhile

The latest in new decorating trends are:

- Natural — bringing the outside inside with natural organic forms and materials.
- Sophisticated — a new refined, softer and elegant, yet contemporary look.
- Old world — evocative of rural Tuscany with an old world European handcrafted feel.
- Simple traditional — Simple clean lines combined with a traditional silhouette.
- Retro — Quintessential style cues from past eras especially the '20s, '50s, and '60s.
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Bethlehem Chamber helps small businesses adapt to changes

BY KRISTEN OLBY

Since its inception 46 years ago, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has worked hard to address the needs and concerns of the local business community. In 2004, the chamber continues to uphold its motto, "How can we help you?"

Over the decades, the forms of help offered by the chamber have grown to include a wide

variety of services and programs. In 1957, the organization represented the needs of a dozen members. Today, roughly 650 businesses belong to the chamber, all with a variety of requests, concerns and areas of expertise.

"We are constantly helping our members adapt to change," said Chamber President Marty DeLaney.

In the wake of the opening of Bethlehem's largest retail center — Bethlehem Town Center — the chamber is working to ensure smaller businesses survive and continue to thrive.

DeLaney said the chamber does that "by helping them recognize and develop a niche ... giving them access to free advice, whether it's from another member or from the chamber."

Through the chamber's Business for Breakfast program, local business leaders gather

monthly to discuss economic news, stay abreast of town developments and network.

The chamber also offers members assistance with town government, including help navigating the planning and zoning board approval processes.

"We really are the clearinghouse for everything you need to know about the Bethlehem area," said DeLaney. "And if we don't know the answer, we know where to find it."

By teaming up with the Albany County Partnership, the chamber can offer businesses access to low interest loans. A variety of benefits are also available to members including group health and dental insurance, mystery shopping service, marketing advice, salary surveys and member-to-member discounts.

The Bethlehem chamber is involved in the Tech Valley Chamber Coalition, linking 17 chambers of commerce in 18 counties stretching from Plattsburgh to Newburgh.

Next month, the chamber's member directory will be published in a special *Spotlight* supplement dedicated to the many activities of the business community.

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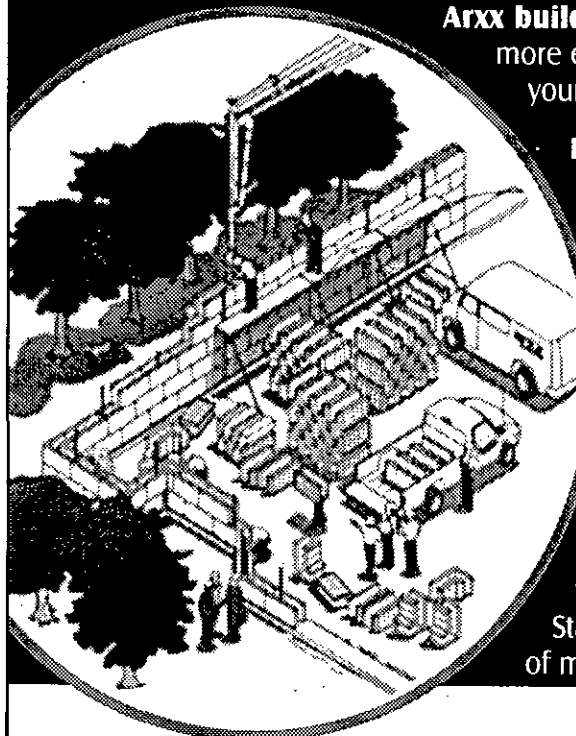
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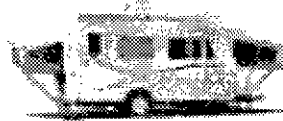
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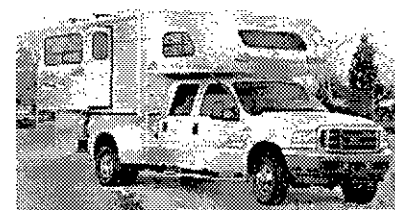
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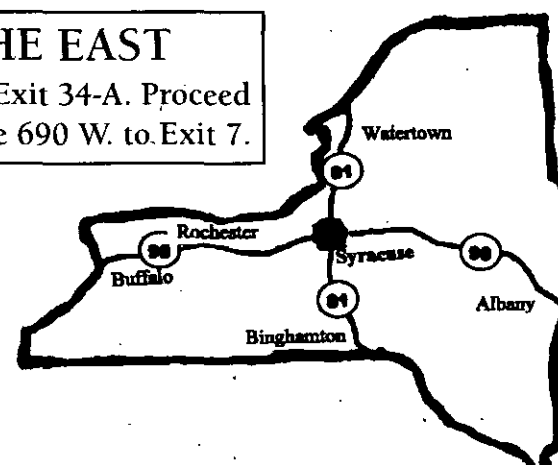
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RCS Middle School names honor, merit roll students

The following Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School students were named to the merit and honor rolls for the second quarter.

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Honor roll

Rachel Albano, Daniel Asam, Ashley Augustine, Gabriella Ballou, Timothy Banahan, Graham Bastian, Matthew Baumbach, Crystal Betts, Ashley Bower, Cornelius Bradt, Jamie Breedlove, Meagan Brisson, Steven Busch, Michael Byerwalters, Jessica Carmel, Heather Carson, Megan Caswell, Courtney Charbonneau, Jarrett Collins, Michael Condon, Angelica Costello, Michael Coughlin, Elizabeth Cowan, Bryan Dare, Hanna David, Geoffrey DeLuca and Tara Derington.

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Zachary Lisa, Jaclyn Lyman, Tyler McCarthy, Morgan McLaughlin, Justin McMullen, Jane Ann McNaughton and Jenna Melewski.

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Lynsey Ackert, Rebecca Anderson, Amanda Barror,

Carlyle Bennett, Brittany Bliven, Thomas Boehmi, Samantha Bohl, Madalyne Boomer, Caitlyn Brooks, Zachary Buttiker, Liam Carroll, Amanda Caswell, Dan Cobb, Emily Cochrane, Michael Condon, Megan Corsi, Danielle Darlington, Roger Decker, Cristal Delgado, Anna Doane, Christopher Dottino and Marissa Estrada.

And, Harley Firstiun, Bernadette Foley, Samuel Fry, Andrew Fuller, Nicholas Giordano, Jonathan Gonyea, Nicholas Groulx, Matthew Hagley, Elias Hammann, Anthony Hardy, Rebecca Herrington, John Hillmann, Jason Holodook, Keith Hoyt, Ashley Hummel, Karl Hunter, Steven Hunter, Nathan Irving, Daniel Irwin, Matthew Jones, Sean Kawczak, Sean Keller, Lauren Kolanchick and Lance Kowalewski.

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Lemus, Alyssa Leonardo, Caleb Lewis, Daniel Lewis, Christopher Libertucci, Joseph Lisa, Cameron Mahar, Meghan Mahar, Jared Margiasso, Stephen Maynus, Patrick McCarthy, Brandon McMullen, Juan McQueen, Jessica Meyer, Chelsey Miller, Lauren Miller, Lindsey Montini, Lindsey Mott and Matthew Norris.

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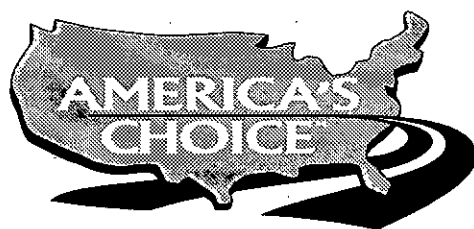
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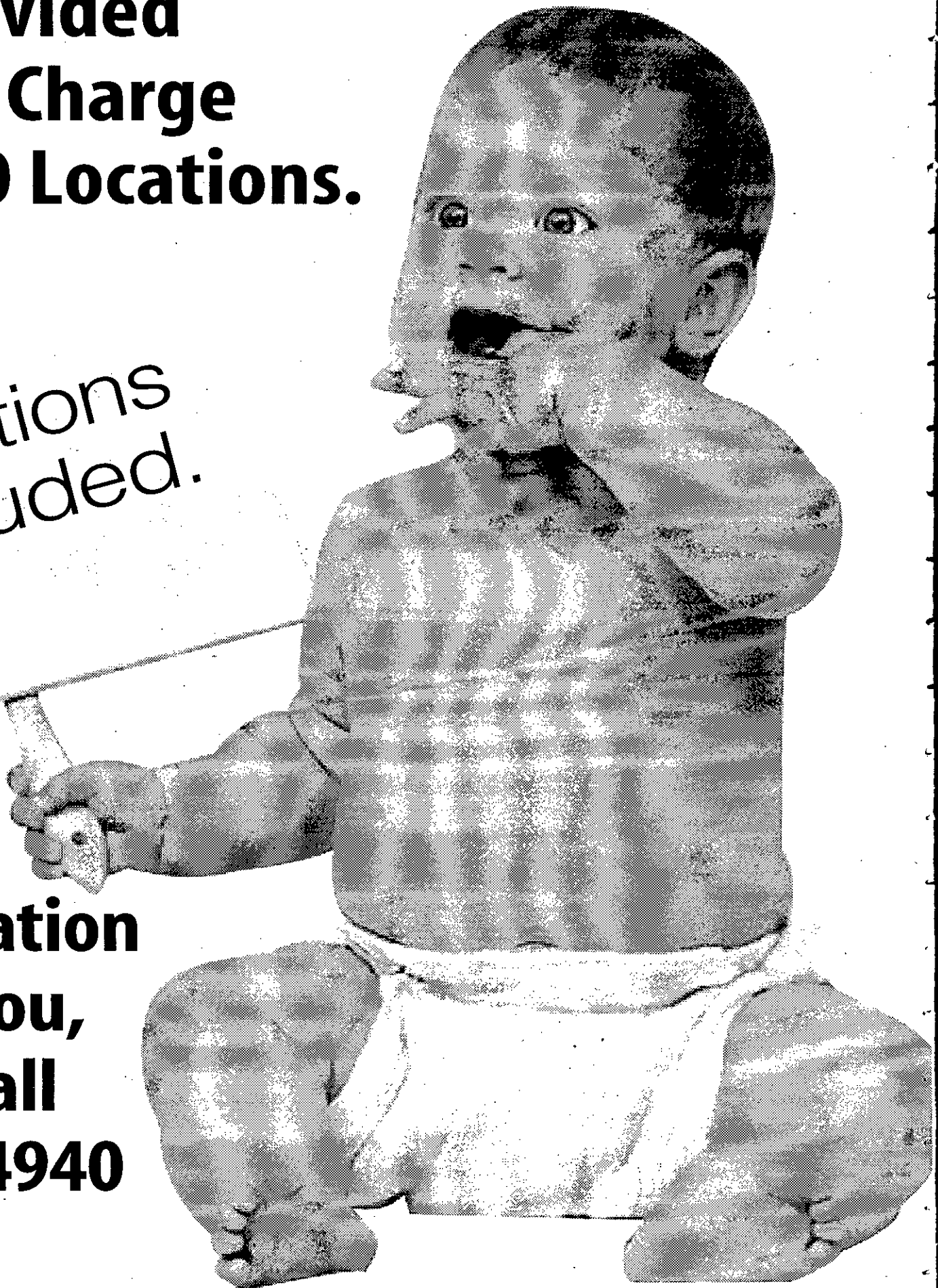
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Delmar man fund-raising for cancer foundation

On April 19, Mark Nickerson of Delmar will be running 26.2 miles in the 15th annual Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC).

The DFMC team will join the runners taking part in the running of the 108th Boston Marathon.

Nickerson, along with DFMC teammates from 25 states, will run the historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to raise \$3 million for cancer research.

By raising a minimum of \$2,500 each to be a team member, DFMC runners are funding the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Since the DFMC's inception in 1989, the runners have raised nearly \$19 million for the Barr Program, which was founded in 1987 by Dana-Farber trustees and Jacksonville Jaguars owners

Wayne and Delores Weaver to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother, who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be given official marathon numbers by the Boston Athletic Association (BAA).

This year, 16 charities benefit from the BAA's charity program. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge features training guidance from Jack Fultz, the 1976 Boston Marathon men's champion, plus team training runs, extensive fund-raising support, and volunteer opportunities for non-runners.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, send checks payable to "Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge" to DFMC, 10 Brookline Place West Brookline, Mass 02445-7226 or log on to the Web site at www.danafarber.org/dfmc.

Mildred Baldwin

Mildred Dolly Baldwin, 82, of Glenmont, died Monday, Feb. 23, at her home.

Born in Elkins, W.Va., she was the widow of Neal Cox Baldwin.

Mrs. Baldwin was active in many cultural and civic activities in the Capital District.

She was past president of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of Art, the Delmar Progress Club and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

In addition, she was chairman of the Albany County Federated Garden Club, vice president of the Bethlehem Historical Society and an active member of the Salvation Army.

She was a former elder of Westminister Presbyterian Church and a member of the Professional Educators Organization.

Survivors include two daughters, Jamie Baldwin Dye and Janice Sue Baldwin; three sisters,

Erma Edwards of Lenox, Mass., Maxine D. Kublick of Mohawk and Emma Jean Dolgos of Norwich; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Westminister Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 21 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

Joan Jordan

Joan Marcia Jordan, 73, of

Voorheesville, died Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Mrs. Jordan worked in insurance reporting for 30 years, and for SUNY for 12 years.

She was the widow of Paul W. Jordan.

Survivors include a son, Gary M. Jordan of Voorheesville.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Medical Center Organ Transplant Center, 47 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 12208.

Five Rivers to host demonstration

Maple sugaring demonstrations start the weekend of Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

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. each day.

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Obituaries

John Lang

John T. Lang Sr., 93, of Glenmont died Friday, Feb. 27.

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

Mr. Lang was a construction foreman for J.H. Maloy Co. in Albany, retiring in 1972. He previously worked for the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.

He was the husband of the late Martha Leone Lang.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Ann Magin of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Patricia L. Hartman of Glenmont; a son, John T. Lang Jr. of Mountain Top, Pa.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Spring burial will be in

Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Dorothy Lewis

Dorothy Elizabeth Lewis, 97, of Delmar, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, at her home.

Born in Middletown, she was a charter member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles auxiliary and the Onesquethau Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include six daughters, Virginia Berrian of Southampton, N.J., Roberta White and Marjorie Howell, both of Goshen, Orange County, Patricia Baldwin and Beverly Lewis, both of Delmar, and Joan Scaringe of Las Vegas; 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were from

Hillside Cemetery in Middletown.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Pauline Tammany

Pauline Tammany, 92, of Summit, N.J., and formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Feb. 23, at Glenside Nursing Center.

Born in Cohoes, she lived in Delmar for many years, moving to Summit in 1998.

She was the widow of Joseph P. Tammany.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ellen T. Cuneo of Summit, N.J., and Karen T. Cruse of Washington, D.C.; and three grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Nina Studler

Nina R. Studler, 95, a longtime Delmar resident, died Sunday, Feb. 22, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Catskill.

Born in McKownville, she and her late husband, Albin A. Studler Sr., owned and operated Studler's Sales and Service in Delmar for many years.

She later served as town of Bethlehem assistant receiver of taxes, retiring in 1976.

She was a member of Delmar Reformed Church, Delmar Progress Club, the Republican Women's Club and Onesquethau Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Richard E. Studler of Hudson Falls and Donald J. Studler of Glenmont; a daughter, Cora Mae Stanfield of Saugerties; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home and Delmar Reformed Church.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to

Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Helen Everson

Helen Klapp Everson, 90, of Mosher Road in Delmar died Sunday, Feb. 22, at her home.

Born in Amsterdam, she was a graduate of St. Lawrence University and attended Columbia University and the University of Chicago.

During World War II, she served as a lieutenant in the Navy Reserves at the Bureau of Personnel in Washington, D.C.

She was employed as the district supervisor for the state Department of Social Services in Albany before she retired.

Mrs. Everson was a member of United Methodist Church in Amsterdam.

She was the widow of Cyril Montague Everson.

Survivors include friend and neighbor, Margaret Brachthaeuser of Delmar.

Graveside services were in Fairview Cemetery in Amsterdam.

Arrangements were by the Betz, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home, Amsterdam.

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Jacqueline Legere and Daniel Hunneyman
Legere, Hunneyman wed

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The Revs. Deborah O'Connor-Slater and Timothy O'Connor-Slater performed the ceremony at The Century House in Latham. A reception followed.

The maid of honor was Kristin Legere, sister of the bride.

The best man was Sean McEntaggart. The usher was

Mark Zehr.

The bride graduated from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, SUNY Oneonta and the University of Kent.

She is pursuing her doctorate at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The groom is a graduate of Belleville High School and SUNY Plattsburgh.

He is a senior technical specialist with AstraZeneca of Westborough, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Pittsburgh, the couple lives in Shrewsbury, Mass.

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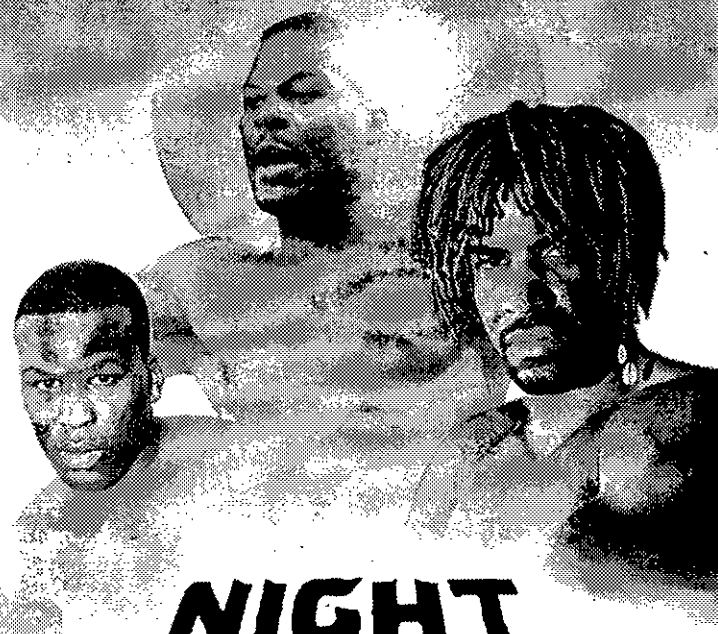
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Announcing a mystery

By DEV TOBIN

Claire Lyth has designed theatrical costumes and sets in her native England and all over the world.

But she likes coming to Troy, really, and is back for the third time to work with the New York State Theatre Institute on its current production of Agatha Christie's "A Murder Is Announced."

"The town is very attractive. I enjoy my walk into work every day and the company is terrific," she said. "It's just very enjoyable being here."

Lyth has worked at NYSTI before on "The Tempest" in the 1999-2000 season and on another Christie play, "Cards on the Table" in the 2000-01 season.

She originally came to NYSTI to work with English director Greg Banks on those two plays; with this one, she's working with NYSTI Producing Artistic Director Patricia DiBenedetto Snyder.

"I like it here obviously, or I wouldn't keep coming back," she said. "The quality of the costume and scenery shops is very good."

For "A Murder Is Announced," Lyth has designed one set in an English country house and costumes that evoke the late 1940s.

English fashion of the time was not very fashionable, due to the economic ravages of World War II, Lyth noted. The trend-setting Dior New Look, which debuted in 1947, took quite a

while to trickle down to those who lived in and visited English country manors, she explained.

"There's a hint of the New Look in Julia, the most fashionable character," she said.

To research the costumes, Lyth said she reviewed magazines from the era. To make the costumes, she relied on the institute's clothing stock, with some additions from a vintage shop in Albany.

Lyth said she was impressed by the amount and quality of smaller repertory theaters in the United States, at a time when British theater is London's West End and not much else.

"I recently worked in Chicago and was amazed at the number of small theater companies there," she said.

"A Murder Is Announced" is one of Christie's later Miss Marple plays and combines humor with the usual whodunit suspense.

NYSTI is doing the play as a co-production with Queens Theater in the Park, where the play will also be on stage.

"A Murder Is Announced" will be on stage at the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy March 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18 at 10 a.m., March 7 and 14 at 2 p.m., and March 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20, \$16 for students and seniors, \$10 for children under 13. For information or reservations, call 274-3256.

*English designer
returns to NYSTI for
Agatha Christie play*

Charles Dickens' mystery on stage



Schenectady Light Opera Company presents The Mystery of Edwin Drood March 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 2003. Pictured left to right: Wayne Wickham, Christine Varlimea and Matt Harvey

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Theater

CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY

Lynn Nottage play. Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through March 27, \$31 to \$39. Information, 445-7469.

A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

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

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., through March 14, \$18, \$9 for children under 13. Information, 877-5340.

TAKING LEAVE

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

THE FANTASTICKS

C-R Productions, at Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., through March 21, \$16 to \$26. Information, 237-7999.

Music

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.

THE WOLFE TONES III

Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, March 4, 7 p.m., \$20. Information, 438-8230.

TERENCE BLANCHARD SEXTET

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

DEREK WARFIELD

RevolutionHall, River Street, Troy, March 5, 8 p.m., \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Information, 273-2337.

DAN ZANES AND FRIENDS

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

CONCERTO KOLN

with cellist Jean-Guhen Queras, playing works by Wagner, Schumann and Mendelssohn, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, March 7, 3 p.m., \$20. Information, 372-3651.

INDIGO GIRLS

Palace Theater, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, March 9, 7:30 p.m., \$35. Information, 465-3334.

BRYAN ADAMS

Palace Theater, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, March 10, 7:30 p.m., \$37 to \$67. Information, 465-3334.

THE SAW DOCTORS

RevolutionHall, River Street, Troy, March 11, 9 p.m., \$22 in advance, \$24 at the door. Information, 273-2337.

AHMAD JAMAL

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 12, 7 p.m., \$25 and \$28. Information, 273-0038.

BRODERICK

Old Songs concert, 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville, March 13, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 765-2815.

VANAVAR CARAVAN

performing Pastures of Plenty, a concert based on Woody Guthrie, Hudson Valley Community College, Route 4, Troy, March 13, 7:30 p.m., \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Information, 629-4849.

Family Fun

SEUSSICAL

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, March 4, 7 p.m., \$39.50, \$34.50 and \$19.50. Information, 346-6204.

COWBOY DAVE'S ELVIS GOES TO MUSIC SCHOOL

Albany Symphony Orchestra family program, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, March 7, 3 p.m., \$12, \$6 for children. Information, 463-4663.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Minimalist Art from the Guggenheim Museum, through March 14; Lost Cases,

Recovered Lives: Suitcases from a State Hospital Altic, 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

Designs Through Time: Motorcycles Past, Present and Future, through June 6; exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

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openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show

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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.

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invitation for new members to join in

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rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

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exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

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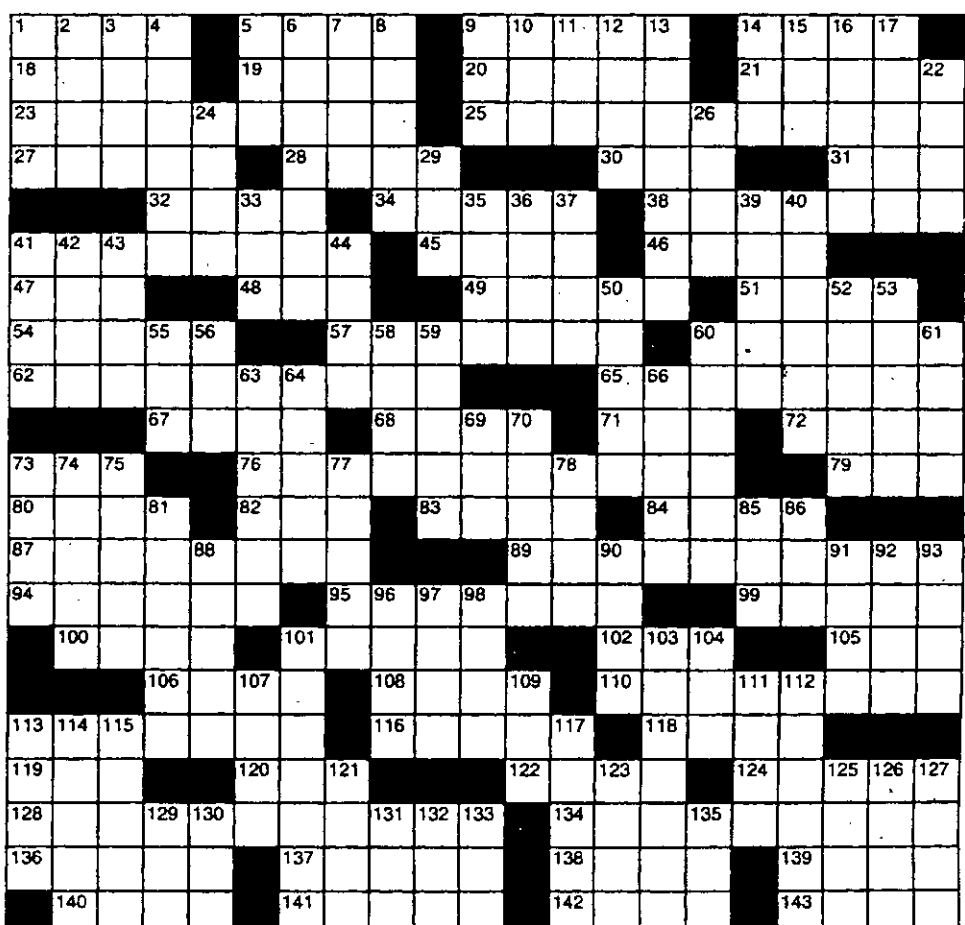
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The Super CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiller
 - 5 Grandpa McCoy
 - 9 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 14 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 18 "Typee" sequel
 - 19 Callas or Caballe
 - 20 Confess
 - 21 Roman fountain
 - 23 Stubborn
 - 25 Courageous
 - 27 Fantastic bargain
 - 28 Envelop
 - 30 "Xanadu" rock group
 - 31 Trams transport it
 - 32 "Red Red" '88 smash)
 - 34 Girl Scout unit
 - 38 Diplomacy term
 - 41 Winked or waved
 - 45 Journalist Buchanan
 - 46 Former autocrat
 - 47 Actress Massen
 - 48 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 49 Light weight
 - 51 Reformer
 - 54 Montessori
- or Muldaur**
- 57 Less plentiful
 - 60 Van Dyke role
 - 62 Powerfully built
 - 65 Tractable
 - 67 Wooden strip
 - 68 Flight maneuver
 - 71 "— Days" ('75 tune)
 - 72 Hypocrite
 - 73 Bikini half
 - 76 Foolhardy
 - 79 Pigment
 - 80 Masterson colleague
 - 82 Ginger — CT
 - 83 — Haven, CT
 - 84 Job opening
 - 87 Ceylon, today
 - 89 Coarse-featured
 - 94 Tahini base
 - 95 TV's "Three's —"
 - 99 Loudly, to Liszt
 - 100 Betting setting
 - 101 Shallow area
 - 102 Spring mo. tuffet
 - 105 "Sat —"
 - 106 Humorist Bombeck
 - 108 Illinois city
 - 110 Maritime
 - 113 Nutritional
- need**
- 116 "Frasier" pooch
 - 118 "— my lips!"
 - 119 Loser to DDE
 - 120 Vitamin bottle abbr.
 - 122 Tony winner
 - 124 Young cadet
 - 128 Very slender
 - 134 Sharp-sighted
 - 136 Malice
 - 137 Practice piece
 - 138 Cut short
 - 139 Mile.. farther south
 - 140 Pants part
 - 141 Inflexibility
 - 142 Some bills
 - 143 Jets, Mets, or Nets
- DOWN**
- 1 Brewery supply
 - 2 Give off
 - 3 Theater section
 - 4 "Drums Along the —" ('39 film)
 - 5 "Tobacco Road" character
 - 6 Wednesday
 - 7 Done
 - 8 Egyptian
- Nobelist**
- 9 Chum
 - 10 Infamous Amin
 - 11 Philips of "UHF"
 - 12 Antler part
 - 13 Strawberry, for one
 - 14 Police hdqrs.
 - 15 Drop a brick
 - 16 Divulge
 - 17 Ward off
 - 22 "— fixe"
 - 24 Designer Fiorucci
 - 26 Billions of years
 - 29 Common affix
 - 33 Vane dir.
 - 35 Aroma
 - 36 Responsibility
 - 37 French-door part
 - 39 Emulated Gebel-Williams
 - 40 Amatory
 - 41 Fiasco
 - 42 Genesis redhead
 - 43 Wilson or Weathers
 - 44 "— Set" ('57 film)
 - 50 Vocalize like Vallee
 - 52 Riser's relative
 - 53 Metallic
 - 55 Unwell
 - 56 Literary
- collection**
- 58 Soccer superstar
 - 59 Hacienda material
 - 60 Hawk
 - 61 Diminutive suffix
 - 63 Natural gas component
 - 64 — talk
 - 66 Sanctify
 - 69 "... man — mouse?"
 - 70 Turkish title
 - 73 Myerson or Truman
 - 74 Not as common
 - 75 Originate
 - 77 Arrive at
 - 78 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
 - 81 Telescope sighting
 - 85 Oven setting
 - 86 Eastern "Way"
 - 88 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
 - 90 Jeri of "Star Trek: Voyager"
 - 91 Gator's cousin
 - 92 Sicilian volcano
 - 93 Distribute the deck
 - 96 Trickle
 - 97 A sweeping
- success?**
- 98 Soldier on
 - 101 More granular
 - 103 Ideal
 - 104 Woody herb
 - 107 Director Nair
 - 109 Long or Peebles
 - 111 Surveyor's need
 - 112 Most indolent
 - 113 Cat's dogs
 - 114 Harvests
 - 115 Davis of "Evening Shade"
 - 117 Vote in
 - 121 — Spumante
 - 123 Challenge
 - 125 Fontaine role
 - 126 — carotene
 - 127 Cheese-board choice
 - 129 Harper Valley grp.
 - 130 Rainy
 - 131 Yank
 - 132 Maestro de Waart
 - 133 Wagner's "—"
 - 135 Audio antiques?



The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. March 3

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., Information, 767-2930.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. March 4

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

NEW SCOTLAND

THE CLOTHING CLOSET

A service supported by area Reformed churches to provide clothing to those in need; volunteers welcome. Clarksville Reformed Church, Route 443, Clarksville, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Information, 768-2916 or 439-5400.

Fri. March 5

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

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

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.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Eat-in or take-out, New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., Route 85A, 4:30-7 p.m. Information 765-2231.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. March 6

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

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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.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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At Normanside Community Church, Bible study 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., beneath the Normanside Bridge on Delaware Ave.,

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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.

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Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

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

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Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

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Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour; nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

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Worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

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Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

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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.

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worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

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Mon. March 8

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PEACE VIGIL

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

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DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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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.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. March 9

BETHLEHEM

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

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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.

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Wed. March 10

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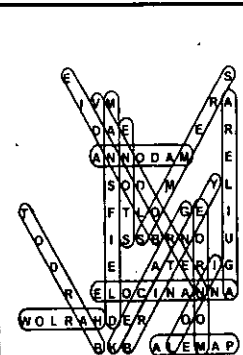
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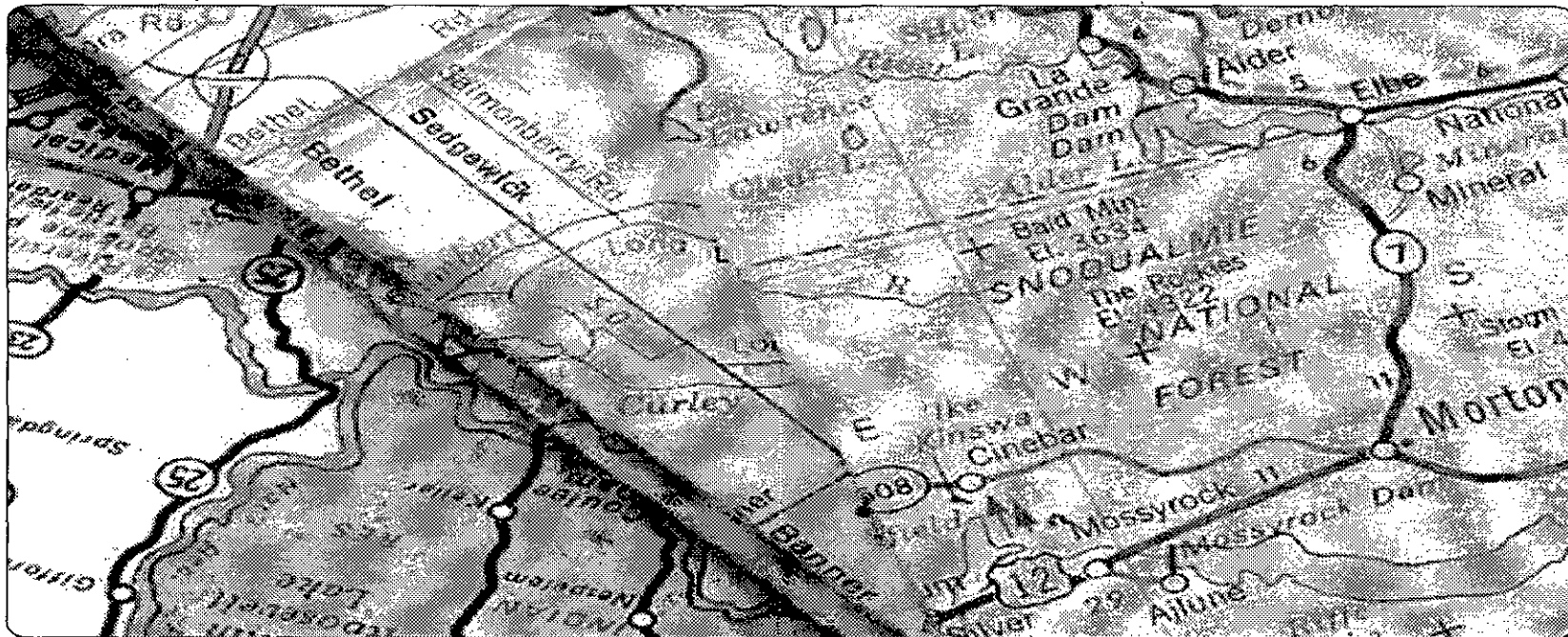
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: NORTHPINE REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC 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 (March 3, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SPRINGWOOD 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE**BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law for the following: BCSO TV BROADCAST SYSTEM. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at the office of the Business Administrator at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same office.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Board of Education
STEVEN O'SHEA
District Clerk
DATE: 2/23/04
LD-9529
(March 3, 2004)

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BEVERWYCK ABSTRACT AND SETTLEMENT CO., LLC
Notice of formation of Beverwyck Abstract and Settlement Co.,

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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 and selling 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 (March 3, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE**CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

OF COLONIE PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P.
UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "COLONIE PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P."
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:
Shopping Center Development Co. II, L.L.C.
596 New Loudon Road
Latham, New York 12110

5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is February 1, 2104.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 13th day of February, 2004, and affirms under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. II, LLC
BY: KENNETH B. SEGEL, Member
LCD-9518
(March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Publication PLASTEX LLC was filed with SSNY on 02/25/2004 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it 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.

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pose.
LCD-9533
(March 3, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FIRST EXCELSIOR INCOME NOTES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/14/04. 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, c/o Capital Center, 99 Pine Street, 5th Floor, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9527 (March 3, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.)

The name of the L.P. is BBL PATROON CREEK, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the L.P. was filed with the New York Secretary of State on February 24, 2004. The purpose of the L.P. is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. is c/o Mark Rosen, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. LCD-9513 (March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Hilton Systems Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/13/04. 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. Principal office of LLC: 9336 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: computer services. LD-9524 (March 3, 2004)

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Notice of formation of FRANKLIN PLAZA DENTAL, PLLC a NYS prof. limited liability company (P.L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 02/12/2004. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 2071 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10029 Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-9515 (March 3, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC

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is JORDAN ROAD, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 17, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-9514 (March 3, 2004)

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

The name of the LLC is IALC OF BUFFALO, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 13, 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 c/o Mark Rosen, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. LCD-9513 (March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of GJW Capital, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/4/04. Office location: Albany 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 (March 3, 2004)

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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

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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 (March 3, 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 State of New York. LD-9503 (March 3, 2004)

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 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 (March 3, 2004)

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 (March 3, 2004)

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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 12207. LD-9472 (March 3, 2004)

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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 12207. LD-9472 (March 3, 2004)

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LCD-9497
(March 3, 2004)

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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 it 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. LD-9486 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2004)

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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 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 (March 3, 2004)

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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 (March 3, 2004)

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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

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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 (March 3, 2004)

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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 (March 3, 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 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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

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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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 to: 49 Arch St., Providence, RI 02907. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9445 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9439 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Echo Eyewear L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/2004. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 2/1/1995. 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 (March 3, 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 upon whom process against it 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 (March 3, 2004)

Family Expo draws crowds at mall

By MARY LANNON

Face painting, dancing and singing attracted crowds of adults and children who stood on stairs and hung over banisters to take in the show.

No, it wasn't a mid-winter country fair; it was part of the 11th annual Regional Family Expo & Trade Show at Crossgates Mall this past weekend.

The event felt like a small-town country fair, with lots of neighbors helping neighbors. The event also featured 46 vendors, many offering balloons, pens, pencils, lollipops, coloring books — even shoe polish — as well as free drawings.

"We were up against borderline weather," said Jane Schramm, executive director of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce.

Still, Schramm said she was pleased with the turnout, in spite of the Capital District's first taste of almost-spring that might have lured people outdoors.

"The turnout was absolutely tremendous. We had a lot of people come out specifically for the event," Schramm said.

Vendors said they enjoyed the opportunity to hawk their wares or get out their message.

The Guilderland Police Department and their Explorers Club hosted one table, which had special meaning to many people in the Capital District.

The group sold T-shirts and stickers in honor of Lt. John Finn,

the Albany police officer who was gunned down in December and died in February.

They raised \$5,000 in two days for Finn's family, said Officer Carl Duda.

"Whatever we can do to help them out," Duda said, adding, "I'm sure they'd do the same for us."

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Jane Schramm

The Guilderland Police Department's effort is part of a larger fund-raising project sponsored by Albany firefighters and police officers.

"I like it when the kids come to get their faces painted," said Nicole Cirone, face painter and front-end supervisor for Michael's, the arts and crafts store in Crossgates Commons.

Cat and dog faces headed the list of requests Sunday morning, she said. A lot of people approaching Michael's table asked about their Saturday morning craft hour and the different classes offered regularly at the shop.

Medical advice was also plentiful at the event.

"Even if they didn't come to my office, I still think people got something out of it," said Michael Adamec of Adamec Chiropractic. Advice about neck or mid-back pain topped the concerns of those stopping by Adamec's table.

"It didn't seem like there was any problem as far as the distance was concerned," Adamec added, explaining he'd had people from as far away as Rotterdam stop at his table.

Information on alternative energy sources also drew a crowd to the New York State Public

Service Commission's tables.

With the cold winter, lots of people came up to ask how they could save on their energy bills, said PSC representative Lorna Gillings.

She directed them to two light bulbs on the table in front of her, one the usual incandescent bulb and the other a spiral fluorescent bulb that gave off a similar light.

The fluorescent bulb, while initially a little more expensive, uses significantly less energy and lasts as long as five years, Gillings explained.

She also gave out quite a few pamphlets, she said.

"Of course, they love our giveaways," Gillings said, showing off a small foam earth.

"There were lots of kids passing through getting the activity books," Gillings added.

The Expo was sponsored by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, Spotlight Newspapers, Parent Pages, WYPX-TV Pax 55, and B95.5 FM radio.

Petitions available at district offices

Nominating petitions for seats on the Bethlehem Central school board are available at the office of the district clerk at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

The terms for seats currently held by Richard Svenson and Stuart Lyman will expire on June 30.

Each term of office is three years, starting July 1. Each petition must contain a minimum of 86 valid signatures and must be filed with the district clerk by 5 p.m., April 19, which is 30 days prior to the school district's annual meeting and budget vote on May 18.

The board of education elections occur at the same time as the district budget vote on May 18.

Seaman completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher Garhartt, son of Michael and Mary Garhartt of Delmar, recently completed Navy basic training in Great Lakes, Ill.

Garhartt is a 2003 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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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 on January 22, 2003.
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.
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(March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Taste 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 may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 241, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Latest date 12/31/2075.
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(March 3, 2004)

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Great New Wonderful, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. 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 be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9420
(March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of CSFB 1998-C1 Fuera Bush Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. 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
(March 3, 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 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,

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cess 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
(March 3, 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 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
(March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Bruckner Plaza Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y. 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,

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Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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Notice of Qualification of Bruckner Plaza Center, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y. 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 Sec'y. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9398
(March 3, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BPA CENTER, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y. 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

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agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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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: 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
(March 3, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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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
(March 3, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of INO Therapeutics LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/6/04. 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: 6 State Route 173, Clinton, NJ 08809. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9393
(March 3, 2004)

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PETRA REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Notice of formation of Petra Realty Associates, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with

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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
(March 3, 2004)

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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

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be organized under the Limited Liability Company Laws of the State of New York.
LCD-9415
(March 3, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of JL EYEWEAR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. 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: Silverman Perlestein & Acampora LLP, 100 Jericho Quadrangle, Suite 300, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-9475
(March 3, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BP Developers L.P. Authority filed with Sec'y. 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 genl. 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.
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(March 3, 2004)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of one (1) Skid-Steer Loader and one (1) 5 ton equipment trailer for use by the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department. Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on the 15th day of March, 2004 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.
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Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
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(March 3, 2004)

Honor

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"There aren't enough 'thank you's' for all they've done," said Kathleen Shea, of her late husband's fellow firefighters, whom she said she considers part of her family.

"I want them all to be careful and to look out for one another, and to make sure they all get home safely. I love them all," she said.

Selkirk Fire Company No. 2, which is celebrating 50 years of service this year, named longtime firefighter and former chief Joseph Keller firefighter of the year.

Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 honored Glenn Lasher's 41 years of dedicated service to the department by naming him firefighter of the year.

Slingerlands Fire Department honored Jason Tice who joined the department in 1992 and at the age of 26 became chief.

North Bethlehem Fire Department named Rick Parker its firefighter of the year, for 11 years of service and efforts to improve the number of volunteer firefighters. Parker also works as a full-time firefighter for the city of Albany.

Delmar Fire Department and



Kathleen Shea accepts an award from former Elsmere Fire Chief Ned Costigan in honor of her late husband Kevin Shea while Joe VanDeloo of the American Legion and Shea's daughter Kelly look on at the Blanchard American Legion Post on Monday.

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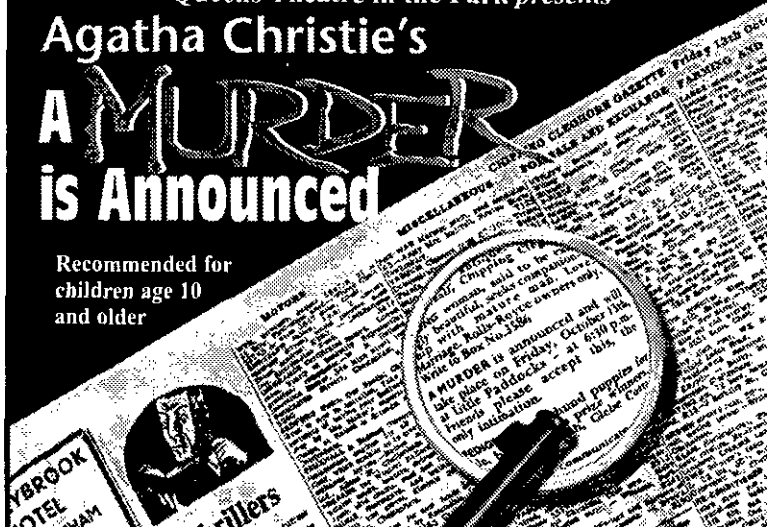
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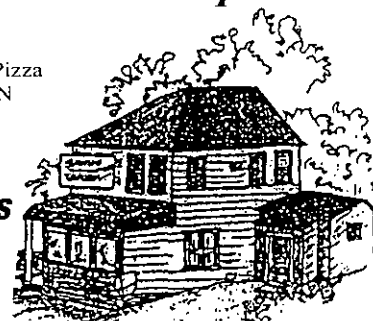
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Volunteer Rescue Squad awarded honors to newcomer Michael Rooney, who joined the department in 2002. Steve Kroll was named rescue person of the year. Kroll joined the rescue squad in 2002.

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service honored Dr. Bruce Ushkow as its rescue worker of the year.

"He teaches all of us every time we go out on a call, every time we walk into the E.R.," said Dave Pratt, vice president of the ambulance squad.

The Bethlehem Police Department named Traffic Safety Officer Craig Sleurs its officer of the year.

"He sets an example of service, which other members of the department follow," said Police Chief Louis Corsi. Corsi described Sleurs as a classic public servant and credited Sleurs with playing an instrumental role in implementing the department's new radio system and for developing a car seat safety check program.

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