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Town still on tap as dewatering PCB site

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

After a fairly sparse showing at the first public hearing, the town has requested a second session regarding its status as a recommended dewatering site for the Environmental Protection Agency's Hudson River dredging project. The hearing will take place Thursday, July 15, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at town hall.

Aside from a few calls from Port Welding Service, a local business that abuts the potential site, Supervisor Theresa Egan said she has received little input from residents.

"I'm really having a hard time grappling with what this means," Egan said, referring to the lack of communication from residents. "Does it mean that people aren't concerned? That somebody's got to have it, so it might as well be us?"

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Pastoral pleasure



Peter Endres and Betty McSweeney enjoy the serenity of the Five Rivers' grounds Sunday.

Jim Franco

BC receives award for student rehab

BCHS grad also cited for scientific research

By LINDA DeMATTIA

The Bethlehem Central School District received the Partnership Recognition Award from the New York State Rehabilitation Association (NYSRA) at the June 16 school board meeting. The award recognizes partnerships between school districts and community programs that provide rehabilitation and support for students with disabilities as they transition into adulthood.

The district was nominated by its community partner, New Visions, formerly the Albany County Association for Retarded Citizens.

Several students, their families and representatives from New Visions and NYSRA were on hand for the presentation.

"We were looking for an agency to help expand opportunities for students to participate in business," said Dorie Godfrey, chair of the district's committee on secondary special education. "Our students, Bethlehem businesses and New Visions have really benefited from this program. We have been able to focus on our student's strengths."

In its nominating letter about the district, New Visions described the "exemplary transition services" provided to the students with disabilities by faculty, staff, outside agencies and

through community partnerships.

Through BC's partnership with New Visions, many developmentally disabled students explore careers in the community, interning at local businesses up to four days a week to learn job skills and practice social and life skills such as banking, recycling and purchasing.

Superintendent Les Loomis said the district was pleased with the program and the award.

"It is about time that the school district got recognized for what it does well. There was a federal mandate that every child needed a plan and functional opportunity in the community, and this program does it well," he said.

A Bethlehem Central High School student who received an award in a statewide science competition was also recognized for his accomplishment. Richard Bonventre won first place in his field, particle physics, at the New York State Science Congress at SUNY New Paltz in June.

To qualify for the congress, students have to compete and win at local competitions. Bonventre qualified by finishing fourth at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Intel Science and Engineering Fair.

Bonventre's research project was a study of data from a Japanese neutrino detector to determine how long it takes for protons and neutrons to break down

into simpler particles. A neutrino, which is very difficult to detect, is a particle of extremely small mass. Protons and neutrons are particles that make up the nucleus of all atoms.

"Competition is extremely keen in many categories, explained high school Science Supervisor Bruce Tulloch. "Some of the regional congresses are very large events involving thousands of students. Richie's award indicates that, in his area, his research was considered the best in our state. This is the best we have done at this competition."

Bonventre also received monetary awards from two professional science societies.

His presentation at the regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium earned him the right to present his findings at the state level.

Bonventre also received a gold medal in physics at the Regional Science Olympiad.

He won a tuition scholarship to Union College, which he plans to attend this fall.

List: Bread, milk, eggs, Starbucks

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

At least two area business owners believe the chain whose name conjures images of designer coffee and frothy cappuccinos will actually provide a jolt to their own coffee businesses.

Starbucks has located a cafe in the Glenmont Price Chopper, and while shoppers may search in vain for movie character Derek Zoolander's favorite drink, "an orange mocha frappuccino," they will be the first supermarket shoppers in New York state drinking Starbucks beverages as they buy their weekly provisions.

Under a licensing agreement between the two corporations, five more Price Chopper stores in the Northeast will carry Starbucks products, said Golub Corp. spokeswoman Mona Golub.

A Perfect Blend, on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, sees about 225 to 230 customers a day, said owner Roberto Bastow, who expects that if anything, that number could grow by sheer association.

"It's always good when a Starbucks comes in," Bastow, who

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Police arrest woman for felony forgery

Bethlehem police made a felony arrest July 6, the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Bethlehem Police Department and the United States Postal Inspector's Office.

Annette Regina Dupree, of 2 O'Connell St, Albany, was arrested and charged with one count of forgery in the second degree, a D felony, and two counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, also a D felony.

According to police, Dupree opened a checking account under a false identity at the Charter One Bank in Glenmont, from which

she wrote two checks, one for \$1,000 and one for \$400.

After an investigation, police and a representative from the postal inspector's office approached Dupree on O'Connell Street in Albany.

After a brief interview, Dupree said she would go to the Bethlehem Police Department to give a voluntary statement.

Dupree was arraigned before Judge Frank Milano and then sent to Albany County Correctional Facility.

She was due back in Town Court July 9.

Local grads receive Holy Names awards

Several local girls received awards at The Academy of the Holy Names upper school commencement exercises.

Abigail Hessberg of Slingerlands received the Award for English and the Sister Mary Ellen Gallivan Award, recognizing outstanding dedication and commitment.

Meridith Joscelyn of Slingerlands received the Striver Award, given in memory of Sister Karen Windelspecht.

Laura Manzi of Delmar received the Mary Banahan Lauterborn Environmental Studies Award, and Jenna Molella of Delmar received the Award for Social Studies.

At the middle and lower school graduation ceremonies, Jillian Coffey of Slingerlands received the General Sciene Award and the Ann Gabriels Award.

Sarah Allen of Slingerlands was honored with the Social Studies Award, the Karen Windelspecht Service Award and the Edna Devine Award. Katie Georgia of Slingerlands received the school Service Award and the Principal's Award.

Therapy dog to visit Bethlehem library

Iris Bartkowski's therapy dog, Rummy will visit the children's place at Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. School-age children can sign up for 15-minute sessions to read to Rummy.

Call 439-9314 to register.

Delmar man plea bargains to four months in jail

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

A Delmar man who led police officers on a car chase through the streets of Albany that ended in a bystander's death in a police shooting was in Bethlehem Town Court last Tuesday.

Daniel Reed, 32, of Woodmont Drive in Delmar, will spend four months in Albany County jail after pleading guilty to aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The charge is a result of a plea bargain.

Reed was taken into custody by the Albany County Sheriff's Office after the plea.

He still awaits sentencing from Albany County Court on a felony driving while intoxicated (DWI) charge, to which he pleaded guilty in June.

Judge Frank Milano warned Reed that the judge in that court may decide his sentences be served consecutively.

"You entered into this plea knowing that risk?" Milano asked Reed.

After Reed indicated that he did, and turned down an opportunity to speak, he was taken to Albany County jail.

Reed will appear before County Court Judge Stephen Herrick on Aug. 20 for sentencing on the DWI charge.

In other Town Court news, Dominick Cubello, 68, who lists

an Albany address of Hoffma Avenue, will return to Town Court on Aug. 3 to set a trial date.

Cubello faces at least 56 counts of cruelty to animals, stemming from a May 4 raid by police on his 29 Oakwood Road farm.

Milano said he expects the parties to "be prepared to talk about the case."

Stephen Wieland, 28, of Weiser St., Glenmont, was indicted by the county grand jury on all charges he was originally arrested for in Albany County Court and remanded to Albany County jail, Bethlehem Detective Michael McMillen said.

The charges were filed June according to a County Court clerk.

Wieland is accused of setting up a sexual encounter with a underage boy via the Internet.

Wieland is a convicted sex offender and also faces charge of a violation of probation.


Federal charges are also pending, McMillen said.

Wieland faces four felony counts of disseminating indecent material to a minor, two misdemeanor counts of failure to register as a sex offender, one count of endangering the welfare of a minor and one count of forcible touching.

Town Court cannot prosecute felonies, so jurisdiction lies with the County Court.


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High ropes for high hopes

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

They may fly through the air with the greatest of ease, but it's the work on the ground that lets Bethlehem students soar to great heights when they participate in the Project Adventure portion of their physical education curriculum.

At Bethlehem Central High School, the Project Adventure course is tucked beside the tennis courts, beyond the arboretum and nestled among tall pine trees. The 60-foot high zipline, the vertical playpen, and the 35-foot high Burma bridge draw your eyes upward, and it's easy to imagine students soaring to great heights on all the equipment.

Vicki Bylsma, who has taught physical education at the high school for 30 years, said the greatest value of Project Adventure is the character building and self-esteem that students derive from the course.

"Heights are just 5 percent of what Project Adventure is all about," Bylsma said. "It's the whipped cream of the program. Team building and communication are the heart of it."

High school sophomores take Project Adventure in the second semester of the year, and Bylsma and her colleagues are all certified to teach the course.

Project Adventure is an international, not-for-profit organization. Its mission, as an innovative teaching organization, is to provide leadership that is the expansion of adventure-based experiential programming. It seeks to develop responsible individuals, productive organizations and sustainable communities. Its physical education component for schools stresses health, wellness and behavior management.

For Bylsma, who begins the Project Adventure curriculum indoors in February, it's the goal-setting, teamwork and communication that continue to thrill her about the Project Adventure curriculum.

"Kids work individually, in partners and as a class," she said. "Project Adventure is about the whole. While we're still working indoors, kids will set class goals that they want to accomplish." One, for instance, might be to get the whole group over a wall that's part of Project Adventure. "That means you have 15 teens, lifting each other," Bylsma said. "That's huge. They work together to lift everyone, from the smallest girl to the biggest boy. The kids learn how to say what they need."

Another part of the course — which consists of 10 low elements and 10 high elements — is the Mohawk Walk, a long, low series of beams that the students must traverse — and not call completed until every member of the group has done so. Many of the high courses also involve teamwork, with students providing counterweight to somebody moving like Peter Pan in the sky, or crossing a catwalk as a group. Safety equipment is the largest part of the Project Adventure budget, as helmets, ropes and harnesses must be maintained to the satisfaction of Project Adventure inspectors.

Project Adventure also requires physical fitness, so the indoor work includes strengthening exercises.

"Project Adventure combines team building with fitness components," Bylsma said.

Throughout the course, students keep a journal, and write a three to five page paper at the end.

A huge component of Project Adventure is "challenge by choice," whereby kids take approach elements of the course at the pace that suits them.

That's one of the things that appealed to now-retired Elsmere Elementary School's physical education teacher, Peter Hogan, who brought Project Adventure to the district in 1974 after participating in a course himself.

"I felt the challenge of Project Adventure was individual, and it wasn't the old thing of rope-climbing in alphabetical order, and potentially putting kids down if they couldn't do it," Hogan said. "With 'challenge by choice,' a kid could go when she felt ready — but couldn't cop out entirely. The philosophy is to go when you're ready, to where you want." Bylsma said that one of the great joys of Project Adventure is that students applaud one another's successes, so that the student who overcomes his or her own reservations and only goes partway up a high element receives acknowledgment of achieving his or her own goal.

Hogan felt he was on new ground when he began using Project Adventure's non-traditional methods.

"When a few of us ventured into this arena, we were taken to task by others that we weren't doing enough competitive games, and weren't preparing the kids for real life," he said.

He was gratified as he continued to see the positive effects of co-operative learning in the students.

"My own parenting attitude developed from Project Adventure," Hogan said. "When I coached my own (now-grown) kids in Little League or soccer, I'd ask them what they thought they should be doing next. There's a period of discovery that leads to self-confidence and the betterment of everyone. If kids are self-confident, they are instruments of their own growth."

Hogan was pleased when first the middle school, then the high school picked up Project Adventure.

"The kids came out of Elsmere wanting more," he said.

Bylsma is clearly enthused that the high school is able to offer that more, and is most gratified when she hears from past students that elements of Project Adventure stay with them. One student, for instance, told her about his summer job with Niagara Mohawk — fearlessly climbing utility poles.

Maintaining the grounds of the course takes a lot of work, and local businesses and community groups like Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited have donated time, equipment and money to keep them in good shape. Julie Wendth and retired athletic director Ray Slider first began the fund-raising that let Project Adventure come to be at the high school; Bylsma's husband, Rick, who's in the construction business, made sure it got built.

"I grow every time I teach Project Adventure," Bylsma said. "It stays with the kids forever."



The vertical playpen is a thrilling part of BCHS's Project Adventure course. Katherine McCarthy

BC saves \$67K with energy program

By LINDA DeMATTIA

Bethlehem's board of education heard an update on the district's energy management program at its meeting last week.

Two representatives from Energy Education, Inc. of Wichita Falls, Texas, Charles Fasnacht, president of the Northeast division, and Bryan Sons, executive vice president and information officer, gave the board detailed information about the program the district has had in place for a year and a half.

"Energy Education is an energy conservation company that works exclusively with schools to manage energy more ef-

ficiently," Fasnacht said. "Our goal, and what we achieve, is an ever-increasing energy awareness. We teach a proprietary program that uses people, not equipment. Everyone becomes an energy saver and not just an energy user."

Fasnacht said most schools can expect from 15 to 30 percent savings "across the board" when they implement the program. While Bethlehem is at the low end, he said, it still saved a significant amount of money.

"We guarantee your savings will exceed your investment," he said. "In your first year, you had a net savings of \$67,000 and in year two, it looks like it will be much better than that. There is a lot of opportunity for improvement."

The program costs \$7,000 a month plus a stipend for Ben Swinton, the BC social studies teacher who has taken on the task of coordinating the behavior modification program designed to change the way people use energy in the buildings. Swinton makes audits of each building and tries to determine what steps can be taken to reduce energy

consumption. Some of the steps are as simple as lowering the heat even further at night, and making sure lights are out when classrooms are empty.

The program employs energy management software that calculates the energy usage in a base year, 2001-02, then takes into consideration temperature differences and increases in the price of electricity and natural gas.

Sons said the district was particularly hard hit by increases in energy consumption due to the extremely cold winter and the sharp rise in the cost of natural gas.

"What we try to affect is usage, regardless of the variables we can't control," Sons said. "Rising rates are the largest fac-

tor affecting the increase. (Last winter) was the coldest winter degree-day wise in 100 years. If it hadn't been for this program, you would have used that much more energy."

The software continues to "troubleshoot" the building, Sons said, and even checks utility charges.

The next step is a "blitz" assessment, when consultants from Energy Education make detailed, day-long studies of all the district buildings at all hours of the day. The company then develops an energy management action plan, Fasnacht said.

"A plan will be presented in late August or September, after the blitz, that will be building by building, line by line," he said. "It will be a listing of all possible areas of savings. This is not a problem district. Everything has been moving along well, and you've been saving money. The job of energy conservation is never done. There are always new ways of saving energy. If we look for perfection, we are not going to have it, so we look at the trend and the improvement process."

Delmar man sworn in as Supreme Court judge

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

A Delmar resident's term as Supreme Court Justice of the Third Judicial District is under way after being sworn in by Gov. George E. Pataki.

William E. McCarthy took Justice Thomas W. Keegan's spot on the bench. Keegan has retired.

McCarthy, who has served as senior assistant counsel to the governor since 1998, will run in a contested re-election campaign in November to retain his new position.

McCarthy earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY-Potsdam in

1985 and went on to study law at Albany Law School of Union University, from where he earned his law degree in 1988.

Until 1998, McCarthy served as principal law clerk to Justices Edward Sheridan, Joseph Harris and Edward Conway.

Between 1988 and 1990, McCarthy served as a specialist in legal and labor relations for the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

McCarthy's term will expire on Dec. 31, 2004, pending re-election to a press release.

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Sometimes it takes faraway eyes to appreciate home

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Sometimes, it takes people from far away to open your eyes to the beauty of the place we call home. In the daily routine, that big picture can get lost entirely.

When my brother and his wife came from a California for a summer vacation several years ago, it was the first prolonged period of time that Holly — born in Indiana, raised in southern California — had spent on the East Coast. An archeologist and historian, she was enchanted with the stretch of land she saw in their travels between the upper Hudson Valley and Burlington, Vt.

"I hope your boys realize what a beautiful place they live in," she said. "All the old houses, the trees, the neighborhoods, the history ... it's great."

And she hadn't even mentioned those pluses that so many of us Capital District residents tout when describing our home to others: the Adirondacks to the north, Catskills to the south, Berkshires to the east, plus our proximity to New York, Boston and Montreal.

Holly has a Monty Python-based rapport with our boys, so can ask them anything and usually get decent answers. Her

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question about the beauty of the Capital District elicited only shrugs. They are still in the thick of childhood, all their protests about the privileges they should be allowed notwithstanding. They'll need to go away and see something else before they will want to rhapsodize about their childhood days.

Holly's attitude is apparently one that is spreading through our area, as town after town declares some sort of moratorium to make sure that future growth continues to make the Capital District a place of beauty.

What defines beauty varies from person to person. Toss in the things that affect daily life — the need to grocery shop, to buy paint for the fading exterior of the house, the need for a 10-penny nail mid-project and the desire for good schools all create the need to balance beauty with convenience and a strong tax base.

As people throughout the area get alternately panicked about

development trends, and excited about the approaching nanotech boom, citizens groups spring up like candidate's campaign signs in early autumn of an election year. There are visioning seminars, walkability sessions, pro-tech park groups and anti-tech park groups. You could easily spend every evening of the week at a workshop somewhere in the Capital District. Some communities have even adopted a special word for these meetings; a word that sends newspaper reporters, editors and readers scrambling for dictionaries and debating the merits of the incorrect but accepted use of the word "charette." In community planning, it's come to mean an open discussion, among elected and/or appointed people, and the public, about community development.

I've kept our community in mind as we've hit the open road a few times this summer, joining family and friends in other northeastern destinations. It's always interesting to see other places, and stack our home up against them. "Would we like living here?" is a hypothetical question we always ask. "Could the Albany area look like this?"

We've asked those questions in

two particularly pretty places this summer, as we traveled to Portland, Maine, to a wedding, and to Burlington, Vt., to visit my family.

The Atlantic Ocean is an incredible backdrop for Portland, with its gorgeous downtown/tourist area called Old Port. A lovely restored part of town, its cobblestone streets, restored 19th-century buildings and new ones built of red brick to match, are a perfect complement to Casco Bay. Both locals and tourists seemed to enjoy the pubs and restaurants that filled the area, and the hike/bike path that swept along the oceanfront had its share of in-line skaters, pedestrians and cyclists.

Burlington's my hometown, and whenever people in the Capital District look to other towns for ideas about how to grow, I want to scream, "Look at Burlington!" Its functional downtown remained a destination even as malls moved to the outskirts of town; it morphed from a functional place with department stores and a Woolworth's lunch counter to being a pedestrian area, also with cobblestones.

Lake Champlain may be smaller than the Atlantic Ocean, but it's big enough that those of

us who grew up there dismiss as ponds bodies of water that others call lakes. The city has made the waterfront usable, with a broad boardwalk, a community boat-house and a hike/bike path that meanders along that lake well beyond the city's borders.

Water is a huge draw, and when the weather is warm, I often ask myself why we don't live closer to a lake or the ocean. In truth, we're happy with where we live. We chose our piece of Capital District heaven because it looked like an organic town. There's a defined center of town with a few businesses; the housing stock is mixed; and the schools are excellent.

We are guilty of not using Albany more — like most parents, after a week of work and child-rearing, we lack the energy to organize ourselves to go to a play, a concert or out to dinner. Still, we are first to tell people from other parts of the world that, really, there's a lot to do in our state's capital.

We wonder, though, if it were a more pedestrian-friendly city, or if we could ride along a long bike path to get downtown, would we do it more? Probably, and that tangle of roadway into Albany is excessive — a double-lane-would be fine for getting in and out of the city, and around it.

Mayor Jerry Jennings' idea of a Big Dig is a pretty great one, too. The Hudson may not be the Atlantic or even Lake Champlain, but look how many people are at the Corning Preserve, crossing the pedestrian bridge, taking in the Alive at Five concerts, or biking along the Mohawk-Hudson bike path. Clearly, people want to be directly connected to the water that defines our area.

We watch with great hope as the railroad takes up track in our town, and pray that there really is a bike path someday that goes from Albany to the Helderbergs.

In Saratoga County, work continues on the Zim Smith trail, a recreational and connecting opportunity for residents there.

The reality of one trail and the possibility of another are part of the hope for the future. There will be trees; there will be balanced growth; there will be recreation. Most important, this will be a place that our children will return to raise their own families, because it is a place that holds their happy childhood memories.

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BC holds organizational meeting

By LINDA DeMATTIA

Only two of the re-elected Bethlehem Central School Board members were on hand at the July 7 organizational meeting to be sworn in.

Richard Svenson was not only sworn in but also chosen for the first time to act as vice-president of the board. Stepping down from the post was Warren Stoker, who had served as vice president and president during his tenure.

"Warren Stoker, who has served for a total of four years as vice president and president, thank you for your service," Svenson said as he accepted the position.

Svenson also presided over the meeting, filling in for Robin Storey, who was re-elected as president but was not present. Also absent was Stuart Lyman, who will have to take the oath of office at the next meeting along with Storey. Superintendent Les Loomis was sworn in as well.

In other organizational business, *The Spotlight* was designated as the district's official newspaper; regular meeting dates continue to be the first and third Wednesday of the month; E. Lloyd Rogers and Guy Alonge of Amsure Insurance were

reappointed as insurance broker/agent; Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, was reappointed as independent auditor; official bank depositories for district funds were designated as Key Bank, Delmar; J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Albany; Central National Bank, Duaneburg; M&T Bank, Albany; Charter One Bank, Albany; Evergreen Bank, Delmar; HSBC, Delmar; Fleet Bank, Albany; Hudson River Bank and Trust and Trustco Bank.

The following appointments were made: Diane Malecki, district treasurer; Steven O'Shea as school district clerk at no additional salary; and Kathy Haege, deputy clerk at her regular hourly rate and tax collector for district residents in the town of New Scotland; Malecki as privacy officer for health insurance and

accountability act at no additional salary; Drs. Todd Giombetti and Kathleen Brady, school physicians; Drs. William Duffy, Roy Fruiterman and Community Care Physicians to conduct physical exams for the transportation and food service departments; reappoint Girvin & Ferlazzo as school attorney; reappoint Karen Norlander, special education legal council; and reappoint Loomis as Title IX/Section 504 compliance officer.

The following people were appointed auditors and treasurers of extra classroom activity accounts: Malecki for the elementary level; Ray Younce, internal accounts at the middle school; Deb Elmendorf, internal accounts at the high school; and Kimberly Wise, auditor for the middle and high schools.

BC grad receives law school honors

Joshua Kagan, son of Drs. Richard and Laura Kagan of Delmar, was a May graduate of the New York University School of Law, receiving the juris doctor degree.

Kagan graduated first in his class, receiving the University Graduation Prize awarded to the student with the highest academic average.

He was also awarded the Frank H. Sommer Memorial Award for outstanding scholarship, character and professional activities; the Judge Abraham Lieberman Award for outstanding scholarship in the area of criminal law; and the Paul D. Kaufman Memorial Award to the graduating student who wrote the most outstanding note for the Law Review.

Joshua was also elected to the Order of the Coif, the National Scholastic Legal Fraternity, and

was senior articles editor of the Law Review.

Kagan also won the top prize in the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section's 2004 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. His submission, entitled "Challenging the 'Special-Needs' Doctrine Due to School-Law Enforcement Entanglement," was selected by a committee of five judges comprised of prosecutors, law professors and defense attorneys.

In August, Kagan will begin a one-year clerkship with Judge Marsha Berzon of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. He plans to pursue a career in civil rights and education law after he finishes his clerkship.

Kagan is a 1996 Bethlehem Central High School graduate and did his undergraduate work at Yale University.

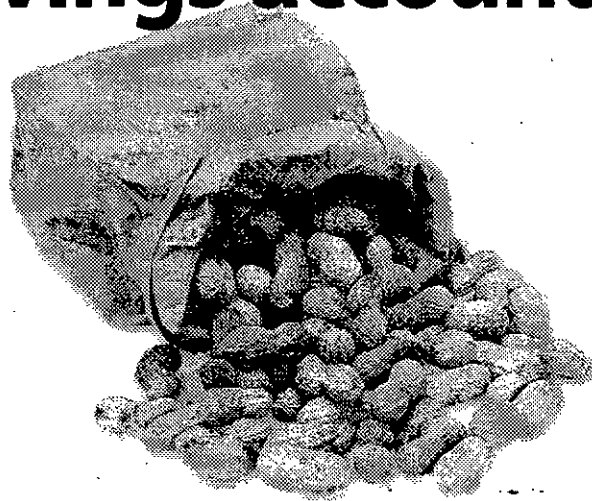
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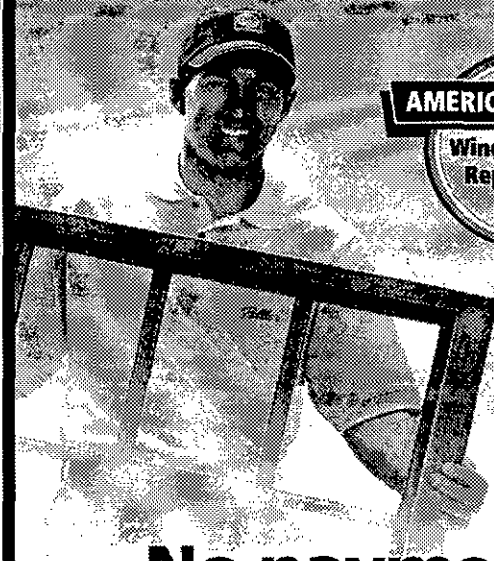
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Matters of Opinion

Support SPAC's gem

We certainly hope the Capital District community comes out in force this month to support the New York City Ballet's summer residency at Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

After the furor that arose after it was announced that this would be the ballet's next-to-last season in Saratoga, we can only hope that people are now putting their money where their mouths are at the box office.

Perhaps we became just a little complacent, thinking the ballet would always be here to delight and dazzle us in spectacular evening performances and brilliant matinees where many local children were introduced to the ballet for the very first time.

Ballet is an art that speaks to our hearts about beauty, movement, grace, physical ability and strength and music. When it's done right, it's downright perfection. Keep in mind the New York City Ballet is one of the best companies in the world and they usually "get it right."

Many years ago, I recall my two very boyish young sons being wowed by Edward Villella in a performance at SPAC. They even insisted on trying to get an autograph after the show. We weren't that lucky, but I'll never forget Villella's performance. His leaps made him seem like he was flying effortlessly beyond what was humanly possible and made it possible to believe that magic really did exist.

Even the Chagall curtain used for the "Firebird" drew the audience into a world that spoke volumes about human possibilities and imagination, even though there is no spoken dialogue in ballet.

If you haven't been to SPAC in July, in recent years or have never been to a ballet anywhere, do yourself a favor and go. It's an unforgettable experience.

If you've never taken your children to a ballet, consider an afternoon performance. Kids respond and relate to the magical qualities that are a part of the overall ambience of ballet. Kids need to know that there is more to "entertainment" than DVDs, movies and the Internet. They need to see live human beings in performance so that they can aspire to do, rather than passively absorb slick electronic make-believe.

Let's give our kids and ourselves the opportunity to take advantage of this artistic treasure at our disposal at SPAC.

We would be so foolish to jeopardize its existence right in our own backyard.

Don't let this jewel in the Capital District's crown slip through our fingers.

Susan Graves

Editorial

Many kids are now cyber-pirates

By MELANIE G. SNYDER

The writer has had articles published in a wide range of other national, regional and special interest magazines, Web sites and newspapers.

Could your child be a pirate? No, not a one-eyed swashbuckler stealing gold and jewels, but one who copies or downloads copyrighted materials, including software, music and games, without paying for them.

A new poll from Harris Interactive found that a majority of youth are aware that digital media files are copyrighted, yet many of them admit to downloading files anyway.

More than half of all 8- to 18-year-olds have downloaded music, a third have downloaded games and nearly a quarter have downloaded software illegally from the Internet.

When asked about the ethics of downloading software, music or games that are available for sale in a store or online without paying for them, less than half of the youth surveyed thought it was wrong. These are the pirates of the 21st century.

Piracy is stealing

"Parents need to help children understand that it's not OK to take someone else's creative work product without paying for it or having their permission," said Bob Kruger, who leads anti-piracy programs for the Business Software Alliance.

Copying or downloading copyrighted works without paying for them or without explicit permission from the creator is stealing — no different than going into a store and shoplifting a software program, CD or electronic game from the shelf.

Understand the rules

Part of the problem may be that many parents lack knowledge of copyright and intellectual property laws for electronic and online copyrighted works.

"Most parents probably didn't get much of an education on this topic as they were growing up," said Kruger. "Their knowledge

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about copying probably came in the context of not plagiarizing."

Most parents didn't have to address the need to respect copyrighted works online the way their children do today.

Educate kids

Once you understand the rules, help your children to understand them too. Though terms like "copyright" and "intellectual property" may be difficult to convey to children, Kruger suggests connecting with kids by tying it to their own inherent creativity.

Parents can help overcome the "everybody does it" mentality by being good role models and by establishing firm family rules regarding copyrighted materials.

Kids create things all the time, from finger-painting and clay sculptures to poems and stories. "Parents can show kids how copyright and intellectual property laws relate to them by explaining that, just as they wouldn't want someone taking or using their creative work without their permission, neither do software programmers, musicians and game developers," Kruger said.

Explain the impact of piracy

"Children can also benefit from an explanation of the economics involved in creating and selling creative works and how piracy impacts those economics," said Diane DeMott Painter, a Centerville, Va., technology resource teacher and recipient of the Business Software Alliance's first *Cyber Education Champion Award* for her commitment to teaching students about cyber ethics.

"Most children understand that in the work world, people get paid for their hard work and creative ideas," said Painter. "Parents should explain to children that the money we pay in a store for a video game or music CD or software package goes to all of the people who helped to create and distribute it — the graphic artist, musician, the manufacturer, the retailer.

Then explain that when someone copies these things without paying for them, all of those people who helped to create them don't get the money they have earned.

This approach can also help to overcome the misconception that piracy doesn't hurt anyone — a belief expressed by more than 25 percent of the youth surveyed by Harris Interactive.

Ironically, piracy may hurt the pirates.

When software developers and video game creators don't make money on the works they've already created due to piracy, they may scale back on creating anything new, thereby reducing the number of available software packages and games — "a bleak prospect for most 21st century

kids," Kruger said.

Everybody doesn't do it

One of the challenges in conveying a clear message to children that illegal downloading is wrong is the perception that "everybody does it." Three quarters of the youth surveyed by Harris said they know other family members and friends who have downloaded illegally.

One third responded that they think it's OK to download without paying because lots of people do.

"When 'everybody does it,' or imagines that everybody does it, a cheating culture has emerged," said David Callahan in *The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead*. "Possibly the most pervasive form of cheating, electronic piracy, has lost its taboo."

Parents can help overcome the "everybody does it" mentality by being good role models and by establishing firm family rules regarding copyrighted materials.

Consequences

Children need to understand that there are very real consequences of violating copyright laws, including potential legal action against pirates by the creators or organizations that represent them (witness the recent lawsuits by the Recording Industry Association of America against people who illegally uploaded and shared music files over the Internet).

Piracy can also have practical consequences including infecting your home computer with a virus or inadvertently downloading spyware onto your computer from a file-sharing network.

The right thing to do

By educating yourself and your children, you can protect your own family from these consequences and make a significant positive impact in curbing the growth of electronic piracy.

"Parents need to instill in children a respect for others' creative work for the best reason of all: simply because it's the right thing to do," Kruger said.

For information, educational games and other resources to help ensure your child doesn't become a pirate of the 21st century, visit the Web site, <http://www.playitcybersafe.com/>.

Useful terminology

Intellectual property — work that is the result of your own creativity; your intellectual property can be protected by copyright.

Copyright — the law that says that someone who created something owns his or her creative work; the symbol for copyright looks like this: ©.

Licensing agreement — the agreement that comes with a software program that permits you to install that program on your computer.

Piracy — copying or downloading software, music or games that are protected by copyright; piracy is stealing.

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Your Opinion Matters

Deer were here first and deserve to stay

Editor, The Spotlight:

Every week I read the "Your Opinion Matters" section of *The Spotlight* to see what other people have to say about the town and people of Bethlehem.

Well, in reading Richard and Ellen Many's letter regarding "Deer wreak havoc in and around Elsmere," it got me thinking. Many years ago the land that Mr. and Mrs. Many, as well as most of the other residents in this town live on, was all forest, farm or wetlands, the true natural habitat for wildlife.

Then "man" settled the area and started cutting down those trees, building houses on the farm land and started taking over the deer's natural habitat. For many years this was not a problem, because the deer would just move farther and farther out to the hills of Albany County. Well, we are now in the 21st century and again "man" is continuing to contribute to this problem. So therefore we can blame no body but ourselves and our ancestors. Also, unless Mr. and Mrs. Many are of another species, that includes them.

As far as the town doing something about this problem, I believe it is. By imposing a building moratorium and working to preserve our green space we are attempting to maintain an appropriate habitat for our wildlife friends. Mr. and Mrs. Many suggest that the town relocate the deer. How is that going to be paid for? Aren't our taxes high enough as it is?

You suggest that if the town doesn't do anything, then it should be responsible for auto repairs caused by car deer accidents? Don't you have auto insurance that covers that? Mine does! As far as your plants go, well we cut down all the trees and natural plants that the deer have been feeding on for longer than we have been in this neighborhood, what do you expect? They have a right to live and eat too.

As far as our health is concerned, I do agree with you. This is a concern we all need to be aware of, but there are steps

that we as the public can take so that we can still co-exist in the same space. This includes checking ourselves and our pets regularly for ticks. This should be a practice that everyone does in the first place. This is common practice already for those that live in the country, where co-existence is part of life.

Better yet, if you want to be away from the deer, why don't you move into a house in the city of Albany, that shares its walls with the neighboring house and has no grass? I hear the deer don't bother you in downtown Albany.

Folks, you live in the town of Bethlehem, in Elsmere, Delmar, or Slingerlands. Remember this is not a city, and if it were, I would not want to live here. I live here because I want that mix between nature and the convenience of proximity to the city. Moving the deer is not the answer — again, they were here first.

Robert Geurtze
Elsmere

Town senior services dept. is great

Editor, The Spotlight:

The department providing services for the elderly in Bethlehem serves as a model for a community anywhere.

The Senior Services Department has six paid staff — Karen Pelletier, Caroline Wirth, Joyce Becker, Jane Sanders, Elizabeth Mosier and Peggy Osborn — and more than 200 volunteers. The staff and volunteers develop and carry out a large number of activities for the elderly, including Meals on Wheels, Food Pantry, monthly luncheons for the frail elderly and transportation to a variety of restaurants, church and grange suppers and food shopping in local stores. There is a nominal fee for transportation. The seniors also meet on Thursdays for games and social activities, including trips to the theater for movies or plays and concerts.

Periodically, meetings and clinics on a variety of health issues are held.

Probably the most valuable service to the elderly is the senior transportation, which provides

rides to doctors' offices and other prescribed services.

The drivers are an exceptional group of people, all volunteers. They are cheerful, courteous and helpful. The volunteers and staff who prepare and maintain the

schedules deserve much praise.

Town residents should be aware of this valuable department, and we who are elderly should be thankful we live here.

Freda V. Bailey
Delmar

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Beware of surveyors who trespass

Editor, The Spotlight:

We want to warn other property owners to be wary of surveyors. While surveying abutting rights of way on a property adjacent to ours, local surveyors cut down bushes and two trees on our property.

Everything was thrown on our property. When we confronted the surveyor, we were told it was necessary to get the proper sightings, and they didn't take the

time to get permission from the property owners.

They made no apologies or offers to clean up the mess they made. What they considered brush and undeveloped land, we considered a nature trail. This trail has been maintained by us for 26 years.

The police said as we didn't call them while they were doing this and we could not identify the individuals, there was little they

could do.

Ironically, while the destruction was taking place, we were teaching a nature class at Five Rivers encouraging students to respect nature.

It is our hope that others can learn from our ignorance. Put up "no trespassing" signs and watch out when people come around with their little tripods.

*George and Connie Tilroe
Elsmere*

We should learn to co-exist with deer

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read, with great dismay, Richard and Ellen Many's letter about how deer are wreaking havoc in and around Elsmere. I guess they figure it's time for our public servants to get out their gun racks and cull the herd.

I've only hit one deer in my life. It was at 1 a.m. on Delaware Avenue years ago by what was then the Carvel's parking lot. Despite the damage to my car (which was covered by insurance), I marveled that a creature I used to hope for glimpses of while on vacation in the wilds of western Pennsylvania could exist right under my nose here in Delmar.

To this day, I look for deer every trip home from work down Kenwood Avenue by the radio station across from Kleinke's farm.

I was thrilled once when a flock of wild turkeys took off right over my car out that way on my morning commute. I think it's awesome that a fox comes back every year to raise a new litter of cubs in my neighbor's backyard.

But you never know when they could get rabid, so maybe the Manys are right. Maybe the town ought to send someone over here with a shotgun before they get a chance to contract anything nasty.

I think it's sad when a developer comes in to my neighborhood, has the audacity to call

the new development Colonial Woodlands and proceeds to cut down every tree in sight so that it's rare when I hear a wood thrush anymore.

I find it outrageous when a 100-year-old-plus oak tree is razed just because it's blocking someone's view at an intersection in town — someone who probably should be driving a bit more cautiously through the neighborhood anyway. (But, hey, it was a cold winter, and someone must have needed firewood.)

As with so many other issues in today's news, the Manys' letter attempts to capitalize on unfounded fears to spread misinformation about the local wildlife. Guess what. Deer don't carry Lyme disease. Ticks do — ticks that can more easily come into your house on your cat or your dog.

Perhaps if the town had a better handle on limiting the development of natural deer habitat, the animals would stay in the places they were meant to live.

In the meantime, I would respectfully suggest that if the Manys want a wildlife-free urban living environment, they should consider relocating to the city of Albany.

Just tell them to watch out for the bears.

*David Kvam
Delmar*



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Teens often know far more about the Internet than their parents, and now might be a good time to share some of that knowledge. Do your parents even know what a "blog" is? This doesn't have to mean that you give up your privacy, but it does give you the chance to demonstrate how mature and responsible you are, and it can help allay their fears about how you spend your time online.

Let parents know that you always follow the three basic rules of online safety:

1. Keep your identity private.
2. Never respond to e-mail, chat or instant messages that are hostile, inappropriate or make you feel uncomfortable in any way.
3. Never get together with someone you "meet" online (although some parents may allow such a meeting if they talk with the person by phone ahead of time and one parent goes with you to meet in a public place).

While you're at it, you may even help your parents learn new ways to better communicate with you. Show Dad how to download and burn his favorite songs onto a CD (legally, of course). Also, for those on their way to college in the fall, using e-mail and instant messaging are two great ways to communicate without long-distance or cell phone charges.



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Your Opinion Matters

Signs are a nuisance

Editor, The Spotlight:

If I were to come to your home and place a dozen or so brightly colored fliers and advertisements on the front of your lawn, you would probably take offense and remove them. You don't want people to use your lawn as a billboard.

This happens to me every week. Since I live on a busy street, people assume it's all right to tack up brightly colored, scrawled signs either on the utility pole or the lawn in front of my home.

Advertising everything from yard sales and garage sales to homes for sale and work-at-home jobs, the signs make a junkyard of my front yard. I have taken to removing the signs, in an attempt to keep my home looking as I want it to. This has caused at least one person to get angry and yell at me.

I'd like to take this opportunity to explain why I am removing the signs, so that you don't think I am simply trying to deprive you of income from your garage sale.

First, this is my home and yard. You did not ask, nor do you seem to care, that you are cluttering up the front of my home. I want to be the one who decides what goes on the lawn.

Second, if you insist that this is public property (since the town has the right of way in the first few feet from the road), and that you have a right to put signs there, then I also have a right to remove them. They can be classified as litter or abandoned property.

Third, what is legal and what is right is not necessarily the same thing. There are plenty of ways I can legally make your life hell, but that doesn't make them right. Please consider my feelings, rather than what you can legally get away with.

Fourth, the utility companies did not put those poles there for signs. When you stick nails, screws or staples into them, you cause damage and make it dangerous for the workers to climb them. The bugs and rot that invade the poles, due to the holes people put in them, weaken them.

Fifth, many of the signs are so poorly written and in such small letters, that drivers cannot read them in the few seconds that they can see them as they speed past.

Sixth, a driver trying to read the signs is not watching the road, so there is a greater chance of accidents.

Seventh, many signs are never removed after the event, so they sit out in the rain eventually turning into a blurred soggy mess, which I eventually remove.

I encourage you to ask people before putting anything in front of their home, and to please respect their right to say no.

Rick Ryther
Delmar

Wedding gown exhibit shouldn't be missed

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was delighted to see the July 7 issue of *The Spotlight*, with a picture of wedding gowns on display by the Bethlehem Historical Society in the Little Red Schoolhouse on Route 144.

It might be of interest to your readers that the gowns shown represent three generations in my family. My grandmother, who was married in the early 1900s, my mother in 1935 and me in 1961.

I encourage everyone to visit this lovely exhibit, open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Barbara W. Talmage
Delmar

Church still hopes to preserve house

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to thank *The Spotlight* for its follow-up article on the Elm Avenue property purchased last autumn by Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The article clarified some misconceptions arising from the original article on June 16.

Our congregation has always been concerned about preserving the house while we addressed our parking limitations caused by the loss of existing space due to road construction, growth of the congregation and the start-up of our pre-school.

There were few other options. Your follow-up indicated that two empty lots were available south of the church.

Actually, these were just two empty lots also available for sale at the time. They were not a viable option because they were on the other side of Elm Avenue, which is wide, has constant traffic and lacks a nearby crossing light.

Crossing would be especially dangerous in the winter.

In May 2003, as we were just beginning to consider purchasing this land, I made inquiries with a Bethlehem historian and with a

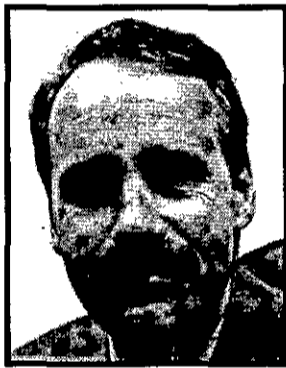
contact in the Bethlehem Historical Society.

The house was not known to be of any particular historical significance, and no further historical interest was expressed at that time.

Nonetheless, we still sought and continue to seek a solution that would preserve the house.

Frank L. Rice
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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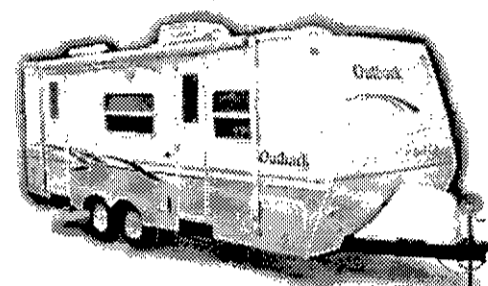
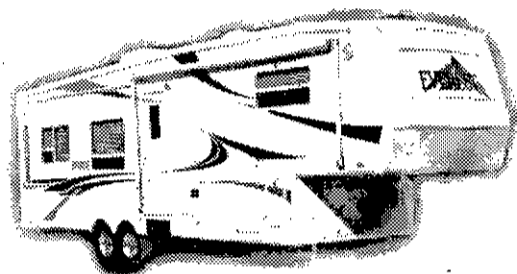
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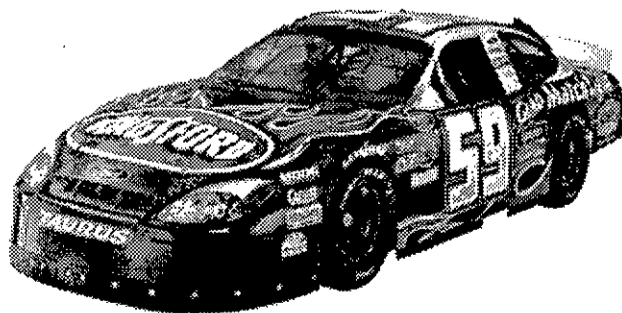
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Coeymans landfill should be opposed St. Thomas says thanks to BC

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for printing Marcus Poirer's detailed indictment of the city of Albany's plan to trash our neighbors in Coeymans.

Over a decade ago, the town of Bethlehem was concurrently threatened with several sites (B1, 2, 3) being considered for the new Albany landfill. A vigorous, regional community effort was spawned and dubbed CLAWS (Citizens Lobby for Alternative Waste Solutions).

This group drew upon a diverse and talented populace to confront Albany. Members pledged mutual support to continue the struggle to protect all areas threatened by the city of Albany.

Site C-2 was eventually chosen in the Albany County town of Coeymans, our neighbor to the south.

The town of Coeymans and a small remnant of CLAWS battled on through the '90s, winning court case after court case. One in particular is highly illustrative of Albany's malfeasance.

On June 21, 2001, in Decision 88366, the Appellate Court used terms such as "unreasonable" and "improper" to describe actions taken by the city of Albany in the case.

The final decision declared that ordinance No. 55.111.98 of the city of Albany is null and void, thus barring the city from issuing \$3.5 million in bonds to purchase the site.

Despite this ruling, the city of Albany has continued to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars toward purchase of the property.

So here we have a city that is slapped down in the second highest court in the land for

violating SEQR, but they turn around and thumb their noses at the courts and our community.

Albany is now intent on submitting an environmental impact statement.

This may bring us to a new crisis. Allowing the process to proceed to an EIS ignores the basic fact that the land is not zoned for a landfill according to ordinances in effect for more than 40 years and repeatedly reaffirmed by the town.

Another law in effect since 1976 prohibits anyone but Coeymans from operating a landfill in the town. Finally, Coeymans passed a law in 1995 banning the importation of waste.

This, unfortunately, has little legal weight in that others like it have been struck down in various jurisdictions as an interference with commerce.

What it does further illustrate, however, is the antipathy of the people of Coeymans to the idea of being dumped on.

I am constantly startled by comments from Albanians to the effect that they think the "locals" want the dump.

I urge my fellow residents of Bethlehem to learn more about this issue.

Reading Mr. Poirer's letter of June 7 is a great place to start. Log on to SCRAP004@aol.com to get updates and notices.

CLAWS has evolved into SCRAP. To those CLAWS members who have lost touch, we welcome your help and involvement.

Richard Orsi, M.D.
Selkirk

Editor, The Spotlight:

The St. Thomas School Art Show for grades six through eight was held in June.

Approximately 175 pieces were displayed and shared with the community.

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lehem Central School District for loaning our school the panels for mounting the artwork. This was a true act of community resource sharing.

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The deadline for submitting letters is Friday at noon.

Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-0609 or e-mailed to spotnews@nycap.rr.com.

The Spotlight also welcomes Point of View columns.

If you have an idea, call Executive Editor Susan Graves at 439-4949.

Family movie night set at Wallace Park Tuesday

There will be a family movie night at Wallace Park on Swift Road in Voorheesville on Tuesday, July 20. The movie will begin at dusk. Plan to bring chairs, blankets and snacks.

Library concert tonight

Voorheesville Public Library will host a summer concert, featuring Radically Sheep, on Wednesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. Summer concerts will be on the

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lawn at the library unless it rains and then will be in the Performing Arts Center at the high school. Radically Sheep performs songs of James Taylor, Paul Simon,

Grateful Dead and many other favorites. All are welcome to attend.

New Scotland to host concert

The town of New Scotland will be hosting a summer concert featuring Mind's End on Friday, July 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Clarksville fire hall.

Refreshments will be available. For information, call 475-0385.

Kiwanis plan golf outing

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold a golf outing at Orchard Creek Golf Course in Altamont on Friday, Aug. 6, to benefit the Pediatric Unit at Albany Medical Center and other community groups.

The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., tee-off time at 10 a.m. and will include a buffet luncheon, dinner, awards presentations and a raffle.

Donations toward raffle prizes or tee sponsorships are welcome. The registration fee of \$110 per person (or \$420 per foursome)

includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes.

For information, call Peter Luczak, event coordinator, at 765-3678 or 446-0550.

Seniors to go on day trip

The New Scotland Seniors will visit the Connecticut River valley on Friday, July 16. The trip will include a boat ride, dining at the famous Deerfield Inn and a tour of the butterfly conservatory. The cost of the trip is \$37. For information, call Lois Eristol at 765-2109.

Library to host book discussion

Voorheesville Public Library will hold a book discussion on Thursday, July 15, at 7 p.m. The book being discussed is *The Middle of Everywhere; The World's Refugees Come to our Town*, by Mary Pipher.

There will not be an August meeting.

Teen night set for Mondays

The library has Monday nights at 7 p.m. set for teens in grades six and up, from July 12 through

Aug. 11.

Thacher slates walk in woods

Thacher Park will offer a walk in the woods on Thursday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Walkers should meet at the Hop Field picnic area and should plan for 1.5 to 2.5 mile walk.

All are welcome to attend. For information, call the park office at 872-1237.

Vacation Bible School slated at church

Bring the kids out for a week of fun and adventure at Onesquethaw Reformed Church.

Preschoolers through eighth graders will enjoy Mission Possible Vacation Bible School from July 26 through 30 from 5:45 to 8 p.m. at 11 Groesbeck Road in Feura Bush.

Pre-registration is recommended but not necessary.

For information or to help to pre-register, call 768-8019.

TGI Sundays features folk music, service

Delmar Reformed Church on 386 Delaware Ave. will host TGISunday on the lawn Sunday, July 18, at 7 p.m.

The service will be a prayer and praise workshop with folk music.

On Sunday, July 25, TGISunday will feature the music of Joy Furnace, a local contemporary Christian rock band. Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is invited and child care is available.

For information, call 439-9929.

Talmud service planned in Elsmere

The Chabad House of Delmar, 109 Elsmere Ave., will hold its annual Talmud service and barbecue on Wednesday, July 21, at 6 p.m.

The mournful period of the first nine days of the Hebrew month of Av remembers the destruction of two temples in Jerusalem. It is traditional to not conduct any happy affairs such as weddings during this time. If there is a special reason to be happy, it is allowed.

This year, Rabbi Nachman Simon will complete the tractate Chullin that is part of the Daf Yomi schedule, which is to learn the entire Talmud one page a day.

For information, call 439-8280.

Cancer fund-raiser

On Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Capital Cities Imports on Route 9W in Glenmont will honor Valerie DeLaCruz with an award from the Northeastern Susan G. Komen Foundation Chapter and Kevin Langan of Capital Cities.

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Librarians at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum developed the questions. They are available in both English and Spanish for four age groups: 10 and under; 11-13; 14-17; and 18 and up.

"Join the Major Leagues @ your library" is sponsored by the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association in partnership with Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Now in its third year, the program is being promoted at public libraries and ballparks nationwide. One grand-prize winner will win a trip to a designated game of the 2004 Major League Baseball World Series. First place prizes will be awarded as well.

Information can be found at our service desks, and online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org and at the Web site, www.ala.org/jointhemajorleagues.

The program is part of the ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education effort to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. Major League Baseball



is a founding partner in the campaign. The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is a campaign supporter.

Evening on the Green

We welcome The Lustre Kings back to our outdoor stage tonight. Led by Mark Gamsjager on his Gretsch guitar, the Kings have taken their brand of rockabilly coast to coast. They perform regularly at events and venues from Manhattan to Seattle, Chicago to New Orleans.

"That's Showbiz," their most recent CD, showcases songs of Buddy Holly, David Bromberg and Clay Blaker, pianist Jeff Potter and Steven Clyde Davies. The group has been hailed by "Beat" magazine as sounding "like it just left Sun Studios yesterday."

Admission is free. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs. The concert moves indoors if it rains.

Summer reading events

Children's Writing Workshop (for youngsters entering grade 3 and up)—Friday, July 16 at 9:30 a.m.

You Can Yo-Yo (for age 8 and up)—Monday, July 19 at 2 p.m.

Books Before Bed (for ages 3-6 with adult)—Monday, July 19 at 7 p.m.

Hands On! (crafts for grades 1-5)—make a suncatcher. July 20 at 2:30 p.m.

All programs except Books Before Bed require registration; call 439-9314.

Louise Grieco

Music program kicks-off tonight

Together at Twilight, the library's summer concert series, begins tonight, July 14, with a local group named Radically Sheep that bills themselves as "Geezer Rock for the New Millennium." The groups features music from artists like Paul Simon, Little Feat, The Grateful Dead, The Kinks, Van Morrison and James Taylor.

"The music is good, the execution excellent and the fun non-stop," beginning at 7 p.m.

Remember to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on, and a sweater. Concerts conclude at dusk, or when the mosquitoes



come out.

In case of rain, the concert will move to the Performing Arts Center at the high school. Don't let rain keep you away. The show will go on.

Invite neighbors, friends and relatives — it's all free, thanks to the Library Friends, and handicapped accessible.

Beach reads are back. Every summer the library stocks up on brand new paperbacks and invites you to take them on vacation, to the beach or backyard. They are easily portable and can be dropped in the sand or into the Grand Canyon without causing too great a loss.

Here is a sample of this year's selection: *Birthright* by Nora Roberts; *Last Time They Met* by Anita Shreve; *The Secret Hour* by Luanne Rice; *Desert Heat* by Kat Martin; *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen; *Hollywood Tough* by Stephen Cannell; *Her Father's House* by Belva Plain; *The*

Guardian by Nicholas Sparks; *No Second Chance* by Harlan Coben; and *Lost Light* by Michael Connelly.

Rowdy, the Albany River Rats mascot, will make an appearance at the Summer Reading Club on Monday, July 19, at 2 p.m. for kids in grades one to three.

Musician, storyteller and re-enactor Chris Shaw will be here on Wednesday, July 14, to entertain grades four to six with a lesson in New York state history from the time of the French and Indian Wars.

On Monday, July 19, at 7 p.m., competition will be keen as teens play a rousing tournament of

Monopoly. Sign up for a great time.

The Thursday Volunteer Club begins on July 15 at 10 a.m. See librarian Joyce Laiosa for details.

Summer story times will meet at the library on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Laiosa will be telling stories at the village park on Thursdays at 11 a.m. There is no sign-up for either program.

The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Our Town by Mary Pipher will be the topic of the adult book discussion on Thursday, July 15. Check the "Bookworm" for the busy schedule of summer programs.

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Senior logs another notch in personal hiking history

By DICK BUYER

For Ray Bell of Delmar, completing his 2,175 mile marathon trek of the Appalachian trail in August 2003, "wasn't fun but an achievement."

"Thousands of people have done it," Bell, 69, said, casually dismissing the enormity of the task.

The trail begins on Maine's Mount Katahdin and winds south through 13 states encompassing a variety of hilly terrain terminating in Georgia.

The hike, begun in 1991, stretched over more than a decade, included wild animals, extremes of weather from snowstorms in Pennsylvania to oppressive heat in the southeast, and on several occasions, getting

lost in Maine. In 1991, he recalled, "I made a serious commitment to finish."

In an interview in his home, with maps, photos and trail memorabilia scattered on a table, Bell recounted his odyssey, touching a spectrum of topics related to his accomplishment.

Keeping silent watch over the scene was a two-foot statue of a backpacker, an unofficial gift to himself to commemorate his feat.

His unofficial quest to master the distance began in August 1948 on the summit of New Hampshire's Mount Washington after his father drove him on the highway to the top. At that time, it was a hike of less than two feet, proving the ancient proverb that counsels, a long journey begins with a few small steps. Subsequent hikes hooked him on

mountain climbing and as an adult, Bell conquered the 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks, the high peaks in New Hampshire and the tallest ones in Maine.

"I did section hiking," he explained, "not hiking in sequence. In the winter, I went south and summers north."

He estimated that lean-tos and tents provided shelter for 25 nights and motels another 50 for showers and food.

"It was dirty and difficult," Bell said.

Stretches in the neighboring states of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, in addition to New York, enabled Bell to pursue day trips. He said the northern piece of the trail is "tough," particularly citing Maine as the "most difficult," listing obstacles like boulders, rocks and ruts confronting the hiker.

Bell described the rugged terrain he faced in that state. "At Moody Mountain, you go up 1,500 feet, down 1,800 feet and up 2,600 feet, all within three miles," he

said. For his climb there, he carried 11 days' worth of supplies.

In his early hiking years, Bell carried his supplies in a backpack weighing more than 50 pounds. Learning from experience, he reduced the load to fewer than 30 pounds by 2003.

"I ate oatmeal for breakfast and Ramen noodles for dinner, both prepared on a tiny Sterno stove, in addition to a smattering of Snickers and Power Bars," he said.

Grinning, he remembered a container of liquid butter which spilled all over the inside of his backpack. "What a mess!" he said.

A day in May 1995 was for Bell his personal "longest day" both in time and distance, as he trudged 40 miles in 18 hours (5 a.m. to 11 p.m.) from Pennsylvania across Maryland to West Virginia.

He completed 500 miles with several companions, covering varying distances with each of them. Two were Phelps Gates, an instructor of Sanskrit at the University of California, and

Frank Sargent of North Carolina, a specialist in bovine genetics.

During his climb, Bell said he was surprised by the number of women he saw hiking alone.

Earlier this year, he observed a unique example of determination, four men pulling a man in a wheelchair along a trail in New Hampshire.

Bell also stumbled upon some unwelcome natives in Virginia — a rattlesnake and a bear behind a bush which "scared the living daylights out of me. I was petrified," he said.

Hiking the Appalachian Trail, and the physical challenges associated with it, can be costly.

"Since 1991, renting cars, airline tickets, motels, restaurants and equipment, I figure the total expense amounted to \$10,000," Bell said.

For instance, hiking boots cost \$200, and "I wore out 10 pair."

Citing some trail trivia, he names Stan Moore of Latham, who completed the hike at age 81 and walked 550 miles last year. Then again, according to Bell, another person covered the whole trail in 55 days.

Bell's future plans include walking from North Dakota to Crown Point, Essex County, a 4,500-mile route crossing seven states.

"I hope to complete it on Aug. 27, 2114," he said.



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Sports

Local athletes qualify for Empire State Games

The following athletes and coaches are scheduled to compete at this year's Empire State Games in Binghamton:

Archery

Kristen Abrey (Voorheesville)

Athletics

Radworth Anderson (Delmar) — open men's triple jump
 Ashley Dwyer (Slingerlands) — open women's 1,500-meter run
 Erik Maggs (New Baltimore) — open men's high jump, open men's 110-meter hurdles
 Zach Maskin (Delmar) — open men's triple jump
 Michael Piplani (Delmar) — open men's 10-kilometer racewalk
 Evan Savage (Delmar) — open men's 10,000-meter run
 Patrick Shaffer (Delmar) — open men's 5,000-meter run
 Elaine Humphrey (Glenmont) — open and scholastic division coach
 Scott Davis (Selkirk) —

scholastic women's FITA all around steeplechase

Emily Malinowski (Slingerlands) — scholastic women's 2,000-meter steeplechase, scholastic women's 1,500-meter run

Chris Piplani (Delmar) — scholastic men's 5-kilometer racewalk

Matthew Staffer (Delmar) — scholastic men's 5,000-meter run

Roxanne Wegman (Delmar) — scholastic women's 5,000-meter run, scholastic women's 10,000-meter run, scholastic women's 1,500-meter run

Basketball

Emily Bango (Delmar) — open women's team guard

Kaitlin Foley (Slingerlands) — open women's team center

Jamie Mooney (Slingerlands) — open women's team forward

Baseball

Daniel Felitte (Delmar) —

scholastic men's team outfielder Andrew Stanton (Delmar) —

scholastic men's team catcher Jesse Braverman (Glenmont) — scholastic men's team coach

Bowling

Jessica Devellis (Voorheesville) — open women's singles

T.R. Millette (Delmar) — open men's singles

Canoe/kayak

Jesse Chartier (Voorheesville) — open men's canoe pair 500-meter race, open men's canoe single 500-meter race, open men's canoe pair 200-meter race

Victoria Dow (Selkirk) — open women's kayak pair 500-meter race, open women's kayak quad 500-meter race, open women's kayak single 200-meter race, open women's kayak pair 200-meter race

Michael Dow (Selkirk) — open division coach

Cycling

Charles Quackenbush (Slingerlands) — open men's all around

David Spore (Delmar) — open men's all around

Diving

Jan Facticeau (Delmar) — open division coach

Fencing

Amber Knee (Delmar) — scholastic women's division

Kyle Vale (Delmar) — scholastic men's division

Gymnastics

Molly Quirk (Glenmont) — open women's all around individual

Julianna Harder (Delmar) — scholastic women's all around individual

Andrew Harder (Delmar) — scholastic men's all around individual

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Empire

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Ice hockey

John Sullivan (Delmar) — scholastic men's team forward

Lacrosse

Sarah Fudin (Delmar) — scholastic women's team defenseman

Theresa Ladouceur (Slingerlands) — scholastic women's team attack

Tess McGrath (Delmar) — scholastic women's team midfielder

Tricia Primomo (Delmar) — scholastic women's team defenseman

Halley Quillinan (Glenmont)

— scholastic women's team midfielder

Cate Quinlan (Delmar) — scholastic women's team midfielder

McKenzie Riegel (Delmar) — scholastic women's team midfielder

Katie Rowan (Delmar) — scholastic women's team midfielder

Joe Conroy (Delmar) — scholastic men's team defenseman

George Leveille (Delmar) — scholastic men's team coach

Softball

Lauren Reis (Glenmont) — open women's team outfielder

Shooting

Thomas Stark (Voorheesville) — open men's and women's skeet
Rob Trimble (Delmar) — open men's and women's skeet

Soccer

Emily Petraglia (Delmar) — open women's team forward

Stephen Maltzman (Delmar) — open men's team defenseman

Matthew Narode (Glenmont) — open men's team midfielder

Luke Sullivan (Slingerlands) — open men's team defenseman

Ryan Brooks Newton (Selkirk) — scholastic men's team goaltender

Chris Dudek (Delmar) —

scholastic men's team defenseman

Cody Germain (Glenmont) — scholastic men's team forward

Nicholas Moutopoulos (Ravena) — scholastic men's team forward

Zach Sherman (Glenmont) — scholastic men's team goaltender

Swimming

Paul Cafiero (Delmar) — scholastic men's 100-meter breaststroke, scholastic men's 200-meter breaststroke, scholastic men's 200-meter backstroke

Timothy DeGroff (Feura Bush) — scholastic men's 50-meter freestyle, scholastic men's 100-meter backstroke, scholastic

men's 200-meter backstroke

Kristen Gloeckler (Glenmont) — scholastic women's 200-meter breaststroke

Larry Gloeckler (Glenmont) — scholastic men's 200-meter individual medley, scholastic men's 400-meter individual medley, scholastic men's 400-meter freestyle

Molly Howland (Delmar) — scholastic women's 200-meter individual medley, scholastic women's 400-meter individual medley, scholastic women's 200-meter butterfly

Sean Kennedy (Delmar) — scholastic men's 200-meter breaststroke, scholastic men's 100-meter butterfly, scholastic men's 200-meter butterfly

Katherine O'Donnell (Glenmont) — scholastic women's 800-meter freestyle, scholastic women's 400-meter individual medley

Becca Stern (Slingerlands) — scholastic women's 50-meter freestyle, scholastic women's 100-meter backstroke, scholastic women's 200-meter backstroke

Tennis

Laura Heisler (Slingerlands) — scholastic women's team

Grace Franze (Glenmont) — scholastic division coach

Volleyball

Ian Michalski (Voorheesville) — scholastic men's team setter

Austin Michalski (Voorheesville) — scholastic men's team hitter

Adrian Michalski (Voorheesville) — scholastic men's team hitter

William Yates (Delmar) — scholastic men's team hitter

Weightlifting

Nichol Carella (Delmar) — open women's bantamweight division (53 kilograms)

Deb Hodge (Delmar) — open division coach

Wrestling

Andrew Loux (Delmar) — open men's Greco-Roman 139-pound division, open men's freestyle 139-pound division

Brian Gareau (Slingerlands) — scholastic men's Greco-Roman 165-pound division

BYL schedules lacrosse clinics

Bethlehem Youth Lacrosse is running two evening clinics at Bethlehem Central High School this summer.

The first clinic is July 26-30 and is open to boys entering grades four through six. The second clinic is Aug. 2-6 and is open to boys entering grades seven through nine.

Both clinics run Monday through Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The sessions are geared for lacrosse players with intermediate to advanced skills.

The cost for each clinic is \$65 per person. The registration deadline is July 23.

For information, contact Bethlehem Youth Lacrosse coordinator David Rounds at 505-5372.

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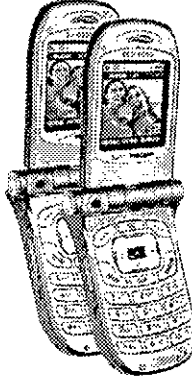
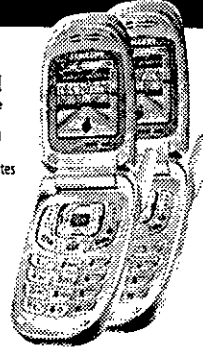


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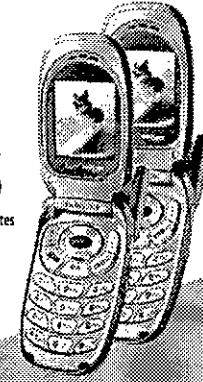
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League champions



The Bethlehem Tigers won the Capital District Youth Soccer League under-10 division title with a 10-1-1 record and took first place at the Nordic Classic June 19 and 20 in Burlington, Vt. The team is, from left, (front) Zachary Rockmore, Bradford Campion, Henry Taylor, Kyle Reilly, Jeffrey Smith, Joshua Smith and Seth Partridge; (middle) Peter Downey, Brett Kaplan, Nicholas Hess, Conor McMahon and Benjamin Porter; and (back) coaches Jeffrey Rockmore, Daniel McMahon and Timothy Taylor.

Tri-Village American advances

The Tri-Village Little League American 9-year-old All-Stars advanced into the second round of the District 13 Tournament at Magee Park.

The American All-Stars finished pool play tied with Hudson Valley for first place with a 2-1 record. Tri-Village National tied Colonie for third place with a 1-2 record.

The key victory for Tri-Village American was a 17-2 victory over its National rivals Sunday. Kevin O'Connor's bases-loaded double in the first inning set the tone for the American squad.

Tri-Village American led off the tournament with a 1-0 loss to Hudson Valley last Tuesday. Jeff Fisher pitched a one-hitter and struck out 13 for American. Tri-Village rebounded with a 6-3 victory over Colonie last Thursday behind two doubles from Benji Fenderman.

Tri-Village National defeated Colonie 10-4 last Tuesday before losing to Hudson Valley 6-5 last Thursday.

Tri-Village American was scheduled to begin the second round Tuesday against Pine Bush American from Guelderland at Magee Park. The American All-Stars face West Albany Wednesday and Hudson Valley Friday at Magee Park.

The top two teams left in the 9-year-old division tournament meet in a best-of-three championship series that begins Sunday at noon.

In other Tri-Village Little League news, the 12-year-old All-Stars moved into the semifinal round of the District 13 championship bracket with an 11-1 victory over American (Albany) last Saturday in Whitehall. Tri-Village was scheduled to play West Albany Monday.

The Crawford Window and Door team finished pool play in the City & County Tournament with a 3-1 record after posting victories over the league champions from West Albany, Hudson Valley and American. Its lone setback was a 10-9 loss to Colonie in extra innings.

Bethlehem close to berth

The Bethlehem Mickey Mantle team lost its two most recent Eastern New York league games, but it is still in position to make the state playoffs.

Bethlehem dropped a 5-3 decision to league champion Brunswick last Saturday and fell to Adirondack 5-2 last Sunday. The team is in sixth place in the ENYMML standings with a 15-8 record. The

top seven teams from the Eastern New York League earn state playoff berths.

Bethlehem's most recent win was a 4-0 victory over Hoosick Falls last Thursday.

Brendan Tyrrell struck out 13 batters on his way to pitching the shutout, and Chris Gray had a double and two singles to lead the offense.

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PCB

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Bethlehem is considered a finalist for the \$500 million dredging project that is proposed to start in 2006, and would continue until 2012. Contaminated river sediment would be shipped to the dewatering site, either by barge or rail, processed and taken to a landfill outside of the Hudson Valley.

"There could be as many as three (dewatering sites); there could be as little as one," Leo Rosales, community involvement coordinator for the EPA, said. "We're still unsure. What we've told these finalists all along is that if they are a finalist, they should

expect a site in their town."

The EPA has identified a 94-acre site along River Road that OG Real Estate owns.

The dredging project would effectively wash out plans for a multi-million dollar marina, residential, business and entertainment complex that Victor Gush, proprietor of OG Real Estate, is proposing.

Rosales said negotiations are continuing between the EPA and OG Real Estate and that whether the EPA would buy or lease the land is unknown.

"We don't expect eminent domain to be a factor," Rosales said of the policy that allows

government entities to acquire private property for the greater good of the population.

The dredging project is an attempt to remove 30 years' worth, or 1.3 million pounds of PCBs that General Electric manufacturing plants dumped into the Hudson River.

Counting out town employees and elected officials, Egan estimated that about 27 residents showed up at the first hearing with "legitimate concerns."

Of those residents, Egan said many were "middle of the road with a few saying they were very much in favor" of the project.

Rosales said the EPA would use about one-third of the acreage for the dewatering project. The amount of land used, he reasoned, would affect where the facilities would go.

"If there are houses nearby, we can place the plant where there will be the least amount of impacts to neighboring residents," Rosales said.

The other two site finalists are in the towns of Schaghticoke, which opted for a second public hearing in June, and Fort Edward. The town board of Halfmoon also held two public hearings for residents there. Halfmoon is considered a back-up site, as is the town of Moreau.

"The back-ups are unlikely to be selected, unless there is a problem with one of the other three sites," Rosales said.

Rosales noted a number of aspects about the Bethlehem site that keeps it in the running, including a large undeveloped portion of "usable space" that is flat and near the river.

"One of the things that makes it different (from the sites in Schaghticoke and Fort Edward) is that it's several miles away from the hot spots," Rosales said, referring to areas heavily laden with PCBs. Rosales stopped short of saying whether that would play positively or negatively for Bethlehem. "It's just something we've noted as being different," he said.

Bethlehem's site is smaller than those of the other two finalists. Schaghticoke's is 350 acres and Fort Edward's is 106 acres.

"We've heard a lot of concerns in the towns of Schaghticoke and Halfmoon," Rosales said. "Questions about how the EPA can protect those towns and minimize the quality of life impacts on those towns, like noise and odor."

Rosales said he expects much of the same concerns to be reiterated at tomorrow's public

hearing. The presentation will likely be similar to, perhaps more detailed than, the one offered in May.

"The EPA has established standards," Rosales said of the dewatering process, which should reassure the public about any health impacts.

The public hearing will be mostly a question and answer session.

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Alison McKee of Delmar.</p> <p>Rider University
Ryan Connors of Delmar.</p> <p>Smith College
Kristen Wagner of Delmar.</p> <p>Skidmore College
Althea Kobruger of Delmar.</p> | <p>Springfield College
Theresa Kansas of Delmar and Tara Gerber of Glenmont.</p> <p>Russell Sage College
Kristen Cady Sawyer of Delmar.</p> <p>SUNY Geneseo
Rebecca Parafinczuk of Glenmont.</p> <p>SUNY Morrisville
Jesse Chartier of Voorheesville.</p> <p>SUNY Oneonta
Taraneh Heydary of Glenmont and Jennifer Seay of Voorheesville, both provost's list.</p> |
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Starbucks

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shops at the Glenmont Price Chopper, said, "to make people aware of the idea of specialty coffee. The more, the merrier."

Karen Sullivan, owner of Emma Cleary's Coffee and Dessert Shop in New Scotland's Stonewell Plaza, said her business has survived competition before.

"I might have said (a Starbucks could hurt business) until a couple of months ago, but I didn't see any decrease in business when Stewart's came in," Sullivan said, adding that she sees the Starbucks' addition as a convenience for customers who are in Price Chopper anyway.

Golub said the "high-quality products" Starbucks' stores offer complement the "high-quality

perishable products" Price Chopper offers.

"We thought Starbucks would fit right in," Golub said.

Emma Cleary's has a few seats, Sullivan said, where customers can drink their coffee and have a bite from the menu that offers baked goods and some lunches.

A Perfect Blend, a 1,600-square-foot store, offers a select menu of foods as well as coffee. A Perfect Blend also has regularly scheduled performances by local artists.

Bastow said she is confident that the atmosphere she offers will keep customers coming back.

"I think it's a great added value for Price Chopper customers who want to grab a latte while they shop," Bastow said. "But there's a difference between that and

what we offer. We're more of a café, more like a social gathering place with a warm and comfortable atmosphere."

Sullivan admitted that even though her coffee selection that includes cappuccinos, lattes and espressos is "not on the scale that Starbucks does," her shop, which she described as a café, can offer something a Starbucks in a grocery store probably can't.

"Even before the customers get to the door, I have their coffee poured," Sullivan said.

Bastow said she provides her customers the same perk.

"As they're walking in the door, I'm getting their drinks ready," Bastow said. "A lot of these people come in every day, and I'll get their drinks ready early."

Golub said Starbucks trained Price Chopper associates, in everything from the construction of the cafe to the merchandising of baked goods and beverages.

"So the people who walk into the Price Chopper Starbucks know that they are getting a product equal to the quality any free-standing Starbucks has to offer," Golub said.

Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said having a Starbucks is great for the town.

DeLaney was in the Glenmont Price Chopper last week, she said, checking out the new beanery.

Golub said, so far, business is promising for the Starbucks offshoots.

"Word is spreading quickly," Golub said, adding that if the partnership proves successful, more Starbucks could be popping up in area Price Choppers.

Sullivan expects little dips in business, depending on the time of year, but, overall, she said, coffee connoisseurs are a loyal sort.

"Coffee is a funny thing," Sullivan said. "Once you've found one you like, you'll drive to get it. Even if another coffee isn't bad, it's just not the same thing."

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Obituaries

Clara Killen

Clara B. Killen, 84, of North Bethlehem died Saturday, July 3.

Born in Ruston, La., she lived in Bennington, Vt., for more than 50 years before moving to the Beverwyck Retirement Community last December.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Carroll G. Killen, two sons, Gordon Killen and Lloyd Killen; two daughters, Karen K. Pass and Sara Killen; three sisters, Roberta B. Smith, Sara Butler and Virginia B. Thomas; a brother, Oscar Butler; and six

grandchildren.

A service of remembrance will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to The Family Group of the Center for the Disabled, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12214-8063.

Donna Anderson

Donna A. Vadney Anderson, 51, of Hunter's Run in Latham, and formerly of Glenmont, died

Tuesday, July 6, at Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was raised in Feura Bush.

Mrs. Anderson was a 1971 graduate of Ravena High School. She later attended Vermont College in Montpelier, where she studied medical secretary science.

She was employed by the state Senate in Albany as an administrative assistant for the past 26 years.

Survivors include her husband, David J. Anderson; two daughters, Rachel M. Anderson and Jill A. Anderson, both of Latham; her parents, Elwood and Mary C. Wirasnik Vadney of Glenmont; and a brother, Glenn S. Vadney of Delmar.

Services were from the Parker Bros. Memorial and Sacred Heart of Mary Church, both in Watervliet.

Interment was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211 or to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 317 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Orrin Barr

Orrin J. Barr, 87, of Delmar, died Sunday, July 4, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center.

Born in Albany, he attended Albany schools and was on the All Albany Basketball Team while at Christian Brothers Academy.

Mr. Barr was an Army Veteran of World War II, having served in the European Theater.

He lived in Delmar since 1960 and worked for the former New York Telephone Co. for 42 years retiring as a claims agent in 1978.

Mr. Barr was a life member of the New York Telephone Company Pioneers, a life member and past commander of the Fort Orange Post 30 American Legion, and a member of the Normanside Country Club, where he served on the board of governors.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. He was active in local politics for many years and was a member of the Bethlehem Republican Club. He was also a member of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals for 17 years retiring from that position in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, M. Gloria Depew Barr; a son, Orrin

J. Barr, Jr., of Clifton Park; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

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

Memorial service

A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle 45 Adams Place, Delmar, for Kathleen M. Greer of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly of Delmar.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the service.

Library to offer summer programs

Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar has scheduled the following programs this month and in August.

A Year Down Under by Richard Peck will be the subject of a book discussion on Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m.

Copies are available at the youth services desk.

The program is designed for girls entering grade five and up and their mothers or caregivers.

New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

'Let's Fly,' stories, rhymes, fingerplays, games and a craft for toddlers and their caregivers, will also be held on July 27 at 10 and 11 a.m.

Join other middle schoolers at the library on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 2:30 p.m. to compose some spontaneous magnetic poetry.

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Kathleen Courtney and Michael Sellnow

Courtney, Sellnow engaged

Kathleen Courtney, daughter of Eugene and Patricia Courtney of Saugerties, and Michael Dale Sellnow, son of Edward and Lorraine Sellnow of Voorheesville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Quinnipiac College. She is currently attending The College of Saint Rose.

She is a physical therapist at the Whispering Pines Preschool in Delanson.

The future groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

He is a production supervisor for Intermagnetics General

Corporation in Latham.

The couple plans an October wedding.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Twin boys, William Gregory Fiori and Benjamin Thomas Fiori, to Theresa and Jeffrey Fiori of Slingerlands, April 29.

Girl, Kirsten Sarah Baum, to Lisa and Jason Baum of Delmar, May 3.

Girl, Lilyan Grace Humphrey, to Amy and Brian Humphrey of Delmar, May 10.

Girl, Caitlyn Elizabeth Roddy, to Veronica and Sean Roddy of Glenmont, May 15.

Out of town

Boy, Jonas Spencer Goldberg, to Brooke Anne and Allen Goldberg of Forest Hills, May 15. Maternal grandparents are Sherry and Eugene Grenz of Delmar.

Twin girls, Jessica Angeline Weinert and Julia Quinn Weinert, to Kristie and Craig Weinert of Columbus, Ohio, June 30.

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Taylor, Bishop engaged

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Doane Stuart School, Hampshire College and Antioch University.

She is a natural science

educator for the Pacific Science Center in Seattle.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of Oregon and the University of Seattle.

He is a special education teacher for the Seattle City School District.

The couple plans an Aug. 14 wedding.

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Beyer, Ryan married at St. Thomas



Christopher and Megan Ryan

Megan Beyer, daughter of Harold and Margaret Beyer of Delmar, and Christopher Ryan, son of Gene and Kathy Ryan of Delmar, were married May 29.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Leskovar at the church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

A reception followed at The Appel Inn in Altamont.

The maid of honor was Sonja Ronovech. Bridesmaids were Barbara Beyer, Kelly Beyer and Sarah Ryan.

The best man was Christopher Guilmette. Groomsmen were Ethan Beyer, Nathaniel Beyer and Michael Bailey.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College. She is an analyst for the state Department of Health, in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and RPI.

He is an engineer for Atlas Copco in Voorheesville.

After a honeymoon trip to Disney World the couple lives in Delmar.



Jennifer Geyer and Brian Molino

Geyer, Molino engaged

Jennifer J. Geyer, daughter of Rob and Maureen Geyer of Delmar and Brian Molino, son of Bruce and Denise Molino of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

She is a teacher for New York City School District.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Culinary Institute of America.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY New Paltz, where she also received a master's degree.

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A grande jeté affair

By DONNA J. BELL

Beginning early in the year with an announcement from Herb Chesbrough, president and executive director of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, that this season would be the New York City Ballet's last residency in Saratoga Springs, all eyes have been focused on the 2004 program. Even after Chesbrough and the board of directors relented and promised that the NYCB would be brought back for the summer of 2005, the attention of many in the Capital District has been on making sure that the NYCB continues its long and storied history with our area.

The company was co-founded by George Ballanchine and Lincoln Kirstein in 1948 and has performed every year at SPAC since the center opened in 1966. The 39th season is a yearlong tribute to Ballanchine who was also a force behind the creation of SPAC. Born in 1904 in Russia, Ballanchine changed the way that

classical ballet was viewed and performed and is widely regarded as one of ballet's foremost choreographers.

"Ballanchine 100: The Centennial Celebration," conceived by New York City Mallet Master-in-Chief Peter Martins, is meant to be a yearlong exhibition-style approach to Ballanchine's life and his visionary work. On the anniversary of what would have been his 100th birthday, the program is a perfect way to bring back long-time ballet-goers along with first-timers and families introducing their children to the art of the dance.

"This is the Ballanchine centennial so this season is very much about Ballanchine's heritage and legacy," said Helen Edelman, SPAC's director of marketing and public relations. Mixed in the classic Ballanchine dances, such as "Apollo," Jewels, and "Who Cares?" are works choreographed by Jerome Robbins and NYCB resident choreographer Christopher Wheeldon, along with newly premiered pieces "Musagete," by Boris Eifman and "Eros Piano" by Peter Martins.

"We have some new ballets this season, and that is exciting," said Edelman. The season begins with an all-Ballanchine Russian Music Tribute and is followed by European and American tributes.

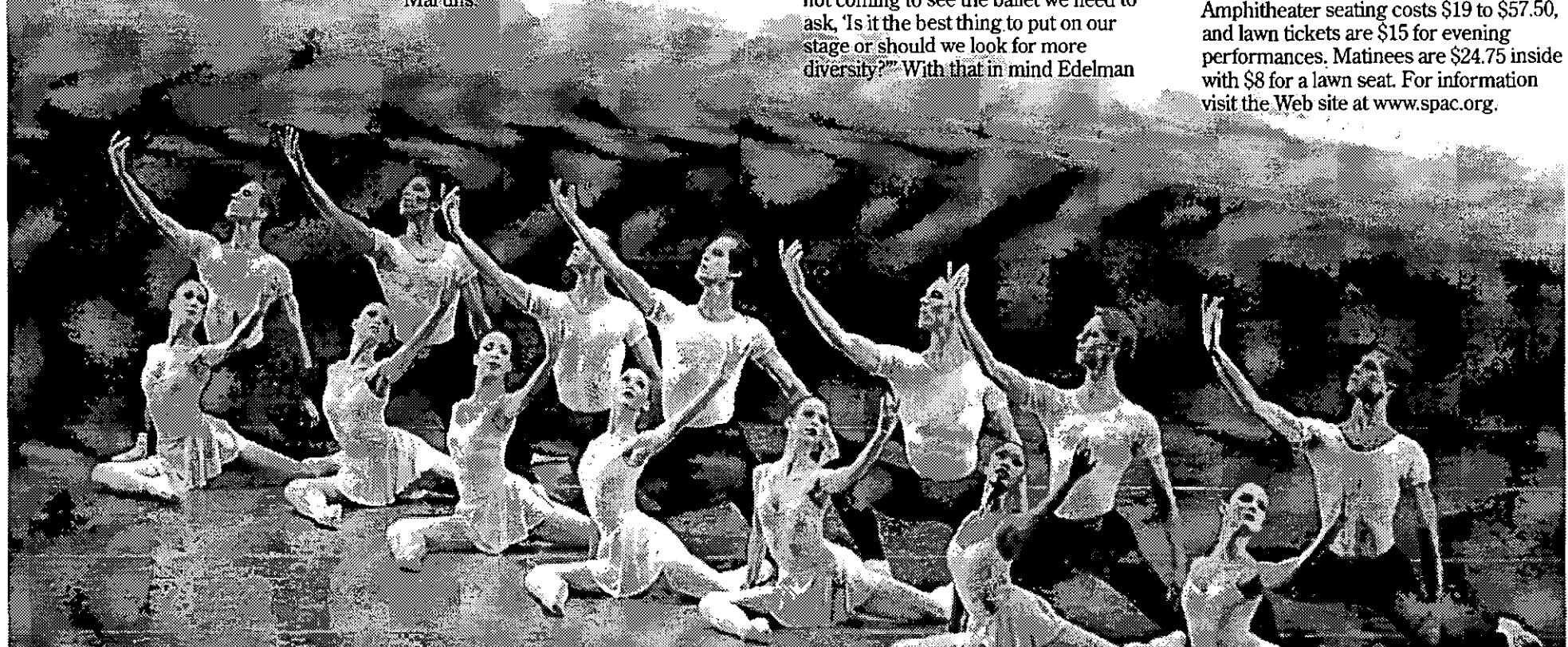
It's a year that ballet lovers, NYCB and SPAC will be holding their collective breath, hoping that the wide-spread news of decreasing attendance and ticket sales, and increasing costs of hosting the company, will spur the public to put their hands in their wallets and purchase seats to the premier event.

"To the extent that we are here to bring a dance program to the area, the New York City Ballet is important," said Edelman on keeping the company at SPAC. "However, it is also important for us to serve our area, and to see if people are interested in seeing the NYCB. They show that at the box office. If people are not coming to see the ballet we need to ask, 'Is it the best thing to put on our stage or should we look for more diversity?'" With that in mind Edelman

said the NYCB residency is great asset and she is hearing from many who want the ballet to continue.

"You get to see the best dancers in the world at SPAC," said Edelman, "There is more eagerness on the part of everyone to show their support and to be part of the crowd."

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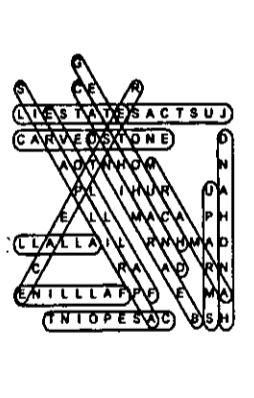
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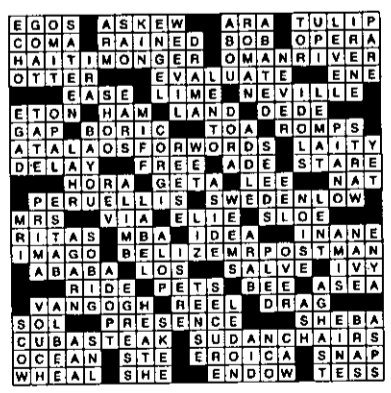
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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Stellar Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/16/04. 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 National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Suite 501, NY, NY 10001, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-10095
(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Safeguard NY LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/27/04. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-10096
(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MEFT Octagon LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE)

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on 6/2/04. 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. Principal office of LLC: c/o Riggs Bank N.A., 808 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20006, Attn: Patrick O. Mayberry. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-10097
(July 14, 2004)

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Notice of Publication

59 Lodge Street Associates, LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/07/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful business

LD-10101
(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of WEST 16 STREET, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 06/16/2004. 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, 2705 Conroy Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235 Purpose: All Lawful purposes.

LD-10104
(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

On June 21, 2004, Executive Computing LLC, which is located at 11 Callaway Circle, Loudonville, NY in the County of Albany, filed its Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State. The Secretary of State has been designated the agent

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of the company upon whom process may be served. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York, including, but not limited to, providing computer services and products at the above address.

LD-10105
(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CBA COMMERCIAL, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/1/04. 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: 695 East Main St., Suite 103, Stamford, CT 06901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-10115
(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Energy Conversion Systems Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/5/03. 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: One Morganite Drive, Dunn, NC 28334. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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(July 14, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Archland Property I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/18/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/8/04. 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: c/o U.S. Realty Advisors, LLC, 1370 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY 10019. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pitcairn West 47th St. Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/22/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 3/13/03. 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. PA address of LLC: 165 Township Line Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Dept. of State, 206 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GP Productions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/24/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 6/18/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC: 1300 Red Bud Trail, Austin, TX 78746. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, Corps. Section, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711-3697. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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(July 14, 2004)

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Notice of Registration of Sullivan Cunningham Keenan Mraz Oliver & Viclando, LLP. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/17/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 152 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: practice the profession of law.

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(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LET'S GET TOASTED, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/25/04. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2103. 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 Greg Chase, Post Office Box 38, Troy, New York 12182. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Kilmer Court Apartments, LLC. Arts. of org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/

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26/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 76 Sylvan Ave., Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of 543 Delaware Avenue, LLC Arts. of org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/26/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 76 Sylvan Ave., Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ALBANY COUNTY COURT HOUSE, STATE OF NEW YORK.

In the Matter of a Proceeding under Docket No. 2982-04

Family Court Act of New York A R U N A S R E E SILASAGARAM, Plaintiff

HARI PRASAD SILASAGARAM, Respondent

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: HARI PRASAD SILASAGARAM, THE SPOUSE OF THE PLAINTIFF WHO RESIDES AT UNKNOWN LOCATION.

A petition under the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court requesting a dissolution of marriage.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at Albany County, New York, to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

Dated: 7/2/04, 2004.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Judge of the Family Court, Albany County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Albany County.

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(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Volvo Finance North America, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/31/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to CT Corporation System, 111 8th. Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1700 Jay Ell Dr., Richardson, TX 75081. Cert. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: take assignment of retail installment contracts & consumer leases of motor vehicles from Volvo auto dealers.

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(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Professional Placement Resources, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/18/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 3/23/04. 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. FL address of LLC: 333 First St. North, Suite 200, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 409 East Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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(July 14, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, on the application of Dr. William Feeney and Dr. Susan Catronuovo for approval of a two (2) lot subdivision located on Orchard Street, Delmar, NY 12054, Albany County, N.Y., as shown on map entitled: PRELIMINARY PLAT PROPOSED FEENEY & CASTRONUOVO, SUBDIVISION NO.2 ORCHARD STREET, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, dated June 16, 2004, revised June 30, 2004 and prepared by Paul E. Hite, Licensed Land Surveyor, 230 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

Parker D. Mathusa
Chairman, Planning Board
NOTE: Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested.

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