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## Elsmere framer closes shop after three decades

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

An area business owner is taking the frames off her own walls after more than 30 years of keeping her customers' artwork sleekly protected and their walls fashionably decorated.

Tish Durant is closing her store, Northeast Framing, located at 243 Delaware Ave., on Sept. 1.

Durant, who used to be known by the last name Shipp, said she became the first certified framer in the Northeast in 1987. She started framing in 1972, traveling back and forth to Northeast Framing in Schenectady, but working out of her Delmar home a bit, too.

While Durant, 65, admits, "I never particularly liked to have sales," anything other walls will be for sale, including any molding or matte boards, while she wraps everything up.

Framing has changed significantly over the past 20 years, Durant said, in that it takes cues from whatever's hot in the larger realm of interior decorating.

Better quality means higher prices, and Durant understands that the high school sophomore probably won't be framing that Beatles poster.

"Framing has always been expensive, but it used to be that 30 years ago, you could spend between \$30 and \$60 and walk out with a reasonable smile on your face," Durant said from behind the desk in her store. "Now people are spending \$60 to \$100 or more, and, in a bad economy like we've had for the past three

or four years, picture framing is not something people have to do."

Still, a majority of Durant's customers are repeat ones, with Durant saying she's enjoyed the opportunity to develop working relationships with them.

While taking her certification test in Toronto in 1987, Durant said she was encouraged to use the best available products.

After being in business for three decades, one learns to "stay abreast of the changes," Durant said.

Decorators in New York and California call the shots, with whatever colors or styles they put on their walls.

Durant noted a span of a few years when it seemed like bare walls were all the rage.

"You didn't see, in the magazines, much of anything on the walls," Durant said.

Especially with technology, even the ways limited editions are printed has changed, with more computer-oriented aspects incorporated into the process, where inks are more permanent and lasting.

"They've created a process where fading is not nearly as big as it used to be," Durant said of the process known as Giclee. "It's good for the customers. If they want to hang it where it gets a lot of light, it will stay and hold the color significantly longer."

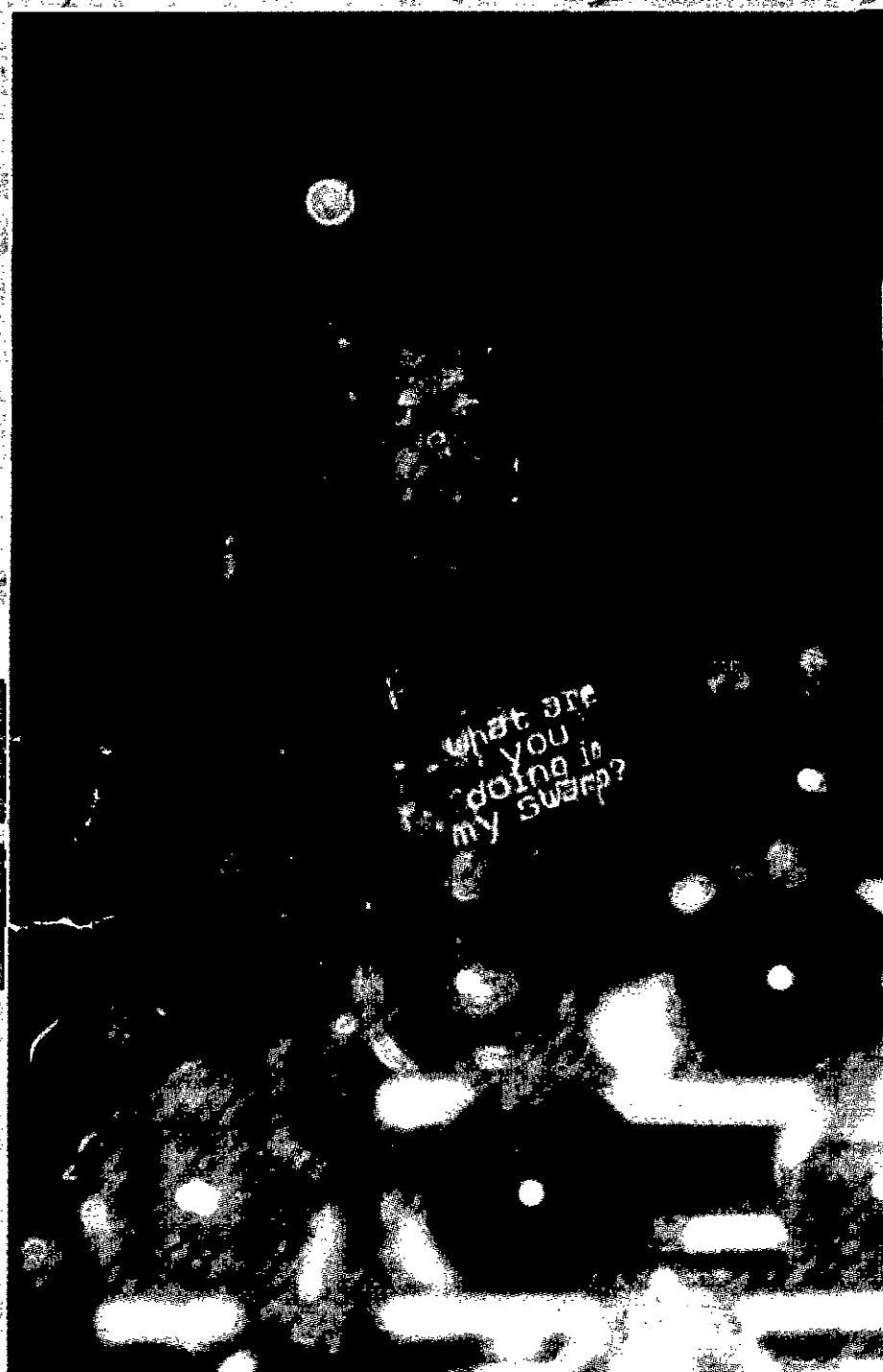
Limited edition prints had been previously printed with water-soluble ink.

Being in business for 30 years, it would be hard not to learn a little about life while perfecting the art of framing.

Durant said she made a lot of mistakes when she first started.

"I threw away a lot of stuff at the beginning. And I still make mistakes," Durant, who works only with her son, Larry Shipp, admitted. "You just try to learn from your mistakes to keep things on an even keel."

## Fish toss



Donnie Potenza, with the help of his mom Eloise, tries to toss a ping pong ball into a fish bowl during the Fireman's Fair in Glenmont Friday.

Jim Franco

## Student wins scholarship for innovation

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Perhaps 17-year-old Matthew Goldstein's parents never told him to get off the computer and play outside.

If they didn't, it paid off.

Goldstein, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, has landed a \$25,000 scholarship to the college of his choice for innovation in computer technology. He is one of 16 students nationwide, all under 18 years old, named as Davidson Fellows by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development. That institute is a nonprofit organization that awards students who make significant achievements in science, technology, mathematics, music, literature or philosophy.

Goldstein, along with the other fellows, has been invited to a late September reception on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., where he will meet his state's senators and representatives.

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## Work begins on RCS high school stoplight

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Village and district officials are hopeful that the intersection in front of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, which has proven to be deadly, will have a functioning three-color stoplight by the time school opens in September.

Work on the light began Monday. Ravena Mayor John Bruno said he hopes the light will fix the problems at that intersection.

The village board awarded an \$88,000 bid to Planert Utility of East Greenbush. Bruno said the village applied for and received \$50,000 in state funding.

Add that to \$20,000 donated by LaFarge Cement, which is located across the road from the high school, and \$4,000 raised through individual

donations and spaghetti dinners.

"We're in pretty good shape," Bruno said.

The state Department of Transportation has also reduced the speed limit on that stretch of road, to further prevent serious accidents. The 55 mph speed limit was lowered to 45 mph, beginning north of the school and continuing south into Ravena's commercial district.

The effort is a two-pronged one, with the village needing to award bids for one portion of the project, and the school district having to make changes to its property to allow for the light.

RCS has contracted with Callanan Industries to make the state-mandated changes to the driveway of the high school entrance, off Route 9W. Callanan Industries has offered \$20,000 worth of in-kind services for that \$40,000 project.

The cost of the entire project, including the signal and its installation and related

work, totals \$128,000, with fund-raising efforts financing most of the project, said Mike McCagg, RCS communications coordinator.

The school expects to spend just under \$20,000 to make way for the light.

The light's installation is an effort spearheaded by community residents. Last September, a Selkirk man was killed in front of the school, spurring meetings between the district's superintendent and DOT officials.

Bruno said he expects the light installation to be completed by the last week of August.



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# Bethlehem police make two DWI arrests

Bethlehem Police Department made two driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests this week.

Police said David Anthony Raylinsky, 25, of Greenville, was observed speeding on Delaware Turnpike on Aug. 5 around 8:46 p.m.

A police officer detected Raylinsky's speed at 65-mph in a

45 mph zone. After being pulled over, Raylinsky emitted a strong odor of alcohol while police interviewed him. He admitted to having two to three gin and tonics earlier that day, police said.

Raylinsky failed field sobriety tests and submitted to a chemical test, in which he tested positive for alcohol, police said.

Raylinsky is scheduled to

appear in Town Court Aug. 17.

On July 30, police made another DWI arrest when they saw a vehicle make an improper right turn into an area restaurant's parking lot, narrowly missing another vehicle.

Cory Matthew Edgar, 27, of 602 Catlyn Court in Delmar, was arrested for DWI around 10:43 p.m. and ticketed for making an improper right turn.

After Edgar made an improper

turn into the parking lot of Beff's Restaurant, police interviewed Edgar, at which point police said they detected an odor of alcohol.

According to police, Edgar had glassy eyes and slurred speech, and he admitted to drinking three or four beers earlier.

Edgar failed field sobriety tests and submitted to a chemical test, which tested positive for alcohol, police said. Edgar is scheduled to appear in Town Court Aug. 17.

## Slingerlands man receives ROTC award

Matthew Roberts, of Slingerlands, received the Reserve Officers Association Award at Syracuse University's Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Chancellors Review and Awards Ceremony held April 2 in the Carrier Dome.

Roberts is a second-year student in the College of Law at Syracuse University.

The award is presented to an outstanding cadet in each class who exhibits a professional appearance, positive attitude and high officer potential and who is in the top 10 percent of the ROTC class. The award consists of a medal, ribbon and certificate.

## Student wins award at Hamilton College

Elizabeth Backer, the daughter of Ronald and Susan Backer of Lyons Avenue in Delmar, received the Wallace Bradley Johnson Prize and the Dean Alfange Essay Prize at Hamilton College's annual class and charter day ceremony.

The Wallace B. Johnson prize is awarded to that student who writes the best one-act play produced at the college. The Dean Alfange Essay Prizes are awarded to the students who write the best and second-best essays on a feature or an issue of American government.

Backer, a senior majoring in public policy at Hamilton, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

## Donation helps support U.S. troops

A donation of \$250 on behalf of Army Specialist Jason Orkwis was recently given to Altamont's Boyd Hilton VFW Post auxiliary to be used for the Troop Support Project.

Orkwis returned from a one-year tour of duty in Seoul, Korea with the 82nd Airborne in April. He is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Shirley Race of Voorheesville and Kathy Orkwis of Schenectady sold yellow ribbon magnets to friends, family and their co-workers at the state Department of Health, Office of Medicaid Management. The magnets read "Support Our Troops" or "God Bless the USA."

They chose to donate the proceeds to the Troop Support Project, which sends "touch-of-home" items to individuals and military units serving in the Middle East and is coordinated by members and friends of American Legion Post 977, Boyd Hilton VFW Post 7062 and their auxiliaries.

Since last August, 150 parcels averaging 40 pounds each have been mailed to individuals and units serving in the Middle East.

## Student receives Masonic scholarship

Stephanie Bowman of Delmar recently received a scholarship from the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

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# Hamagrael PTA collects backpacks, school supplies

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Soon, the list of required supplies for the coming school year will arrive, children will clamor for new backpacks, and parents will heave a big sigh as they try to figure out when they'll go get the folders, notebooks and No. 2 pencils their young scholars require.

A committee of the Hamagrael PTA has been offering a different perspective on school supply lists in the last couple of years, seeking to help parents and students who have to figure out not only when to go get school supplies, but how to even afford them.

Former Hamagrael PTA officer Theresa Weinman was one of the people who started the "Pack Off Your Back" project during the 2002-03 school year to provide kids in Albany's poorer neighborhoods with backpacks and school supplies. Leona Kassoff and Joanne Cunningham are two of the Hamagrael parents who are making sure the project continues.

"A couple of us had been mulling this over," Kassoff said. "We wondered how people on low or fixed incomes are able to buy school supplies and backpacks."

The answer was to give "the pack off your back." In the spring of 2003, Hamagrael had its first backpack drive, and on the last day of school, kids dropped off their backpacks in droves. When autumn and the dreaded school supply lists arrived, people were asked to donate school supplies to fill the backpacks.

"It was over-the-top successful," Kassoff said. "We had an army of kids sorting and filling



Bethlehem students Hayes and Ella Meredith participate in Hamagrael's "Pack Off Your Back" project. Donated supplies will be distributed to needy families in the Capital District.

backpacks, and we ended up with over 100 backpacks full of school supplies."

The PTA repeated the "pack off your back" program this spring, and Slingerlands and Glenmont elementary schools also participated.

The program continues to expand. Since Aug. 4, backpack and school supply collection bins have been at town hall and the Elm Avenue town park pool. The bins will be in place until Sept. 3, and people can donate as many or as few school supplies and backpacks as they like.

"Backpacks can be used," Kassoff said. "I'll mend any that have tears. If names are written

on an inside name tag, I'll block that out as best I can." Monogrammed backpacks are also acceptable.

There's no minimum or limit to school supplies that can go into the bin.

"If people want to drop off one pencil, that's fine," Kassoff said.

Kassoff volunteers at Arbor Hill Elementary School in a literacy program that the United Jewish Federation sponsors and has been struck by how valuable even the simplest item can be.

"A pencil with an eraser is like a piece of gold," Kassoff said. Pencils and other writing equipment stay in a central location in the classroom, for kids to use

and return, she said.

Donated backpacks and school supplies reach kids in different ways. Dr. Robert Paeglow, currently doing mission work in Africa, distributes them through the Koinia Free Clinic he runs in Arbor Hill. Unity House in Troy has also requested backpacks with supplies for its clients. Friar Greg of the Center City Parish Social Ministry passes backpacks on to the St. Patrick's Thrift Shop at 283 Central Ave. and the ministry's food pantry at 315 Sheridan Ave., both in Albany.

"The packs come to me, and we advertise that we'll be giving them away in the West Hill and Arbor Hill neighborhoods," said Debbie Divorl, the special projects coordinator at the thrift shop. This year, the backpacks and school supplies will be given out with an ice cream treat on Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We try to help as many families as possible," Divorl said. In addition to the backpacks from Delmar, the Christ Child Society, a women's service organization that assists children, will also donate backpacks and school supplies.

"We don't try to take over for parental responsibilities," Divorl said, "but we try to see that the kids have enough things to be comfortable in the classroom."

This is the second year that the thrift shop has given away backpacks from Hamagrael. Last year, Divorl said she gave away 112 backpacks and school supplies to 145 families.

"Last year, and this year, every family will get one backpack with school supplies," Divorl said. "Then, we'll give out small bags

with school supplies. Ideally, I'd love to have enough backpacks to not have to limit them to one per family."

Kassoff and Cunningham said that they already have 45 backpacks, and they'd love to have 100.

"This community is so generous," Kassoff said.

Both Delmar and the PTA world is new to Cunningham, who moved here from Washington, D.C., a few years ago.

"The Hamagrael PTA is really great," she said. "There are all these high-energy people who start these great projects, and run with them."

The "pack off your back" project is an offshoot of Hamagrael's "Kids Helping Kids" program.

As part of "Kids Helping Kids," Hamagrael students have sent Valentines to senior citizens; provided gifts to needy families at the holidays; donated baby supplies to Unity House and books to local clinics; and supported soldiers in Iraq.

"It's creating ripples in a pond," Kassoff said of the effort, "and they widen."

"Hamagrael has made it so easy to give," Cunningham said.

The collection bins for backpacks and school supplies will be at town hall and the Elm Avenue park pool until Sept. 3.

St. Patrick's Thrift Shop ("the best buy in town," Divorl said) is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Clothing drop-offs can be made there on the first Thursday of every month.

## Four Corners clock committee seeks funding for pavers

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Work continued this week on the landscaping surrounding the new clock that tells the town the time at Delmar's Four Corners.

The two-year effort to add even more character to the town's crossroads is a collective one, with many business owners and residents expressing an interest in future development not only there, but all around town.

Fund-raising for the clock, which cost about \$30,000 after establishing a 10-year maintenance contract and paying for shipping, was a giant success, said Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of

Commerce. DeLaney also sits on what's come to be dubbed "the clock committee."

"We are desperately seeking donations," DeLaney said, describing the landscaping effort as phase two of the project. The town applied for and received a small cities grant to pay for some of the clock, which has been paid for in full.

While fund-raising for the clock brought donations from community organizations and residents in amounts as high as \$500, DeLaney said smaller, individual donations are now needed to pay for the concrete pavers that will complete a walkway around the clock.

Rosanne O'Meara, treasurer of the clock committee, said she expects no problems in raising money for this aspect of the project.

Noting that many people see the Four Corners as a focal point of the town, O'Meara said: "We would like to bring people in, have them look at the Four Corners as a place to do some shopping, get something to eat, do some banking."

A lot of thought and homework

went into that area of town before the clock stood there, DeLaney said, adding that the group

**"It's a way to show pride in our community, and I'm thrilled with the outpouring of support. It's really been a labor of love for a lot of us."**

Marty DeLaney

reached out to other towns like Voorheesville, which has added a clock to its streetscape.

"It seemed to make a nice addition there," DeLaney said.

The clock committee is made up of volunteers from around the community, many, if not all, of whom have regular 9-to-5 jobs.

"Many area communities are turning back to the center of the business district," DeLaney said, noting that many residents have come to see suburban sprawl as "not smart growth."

For five years, a group of business owners around the Four Corners brainstormed about

ways to improve walkability around town, which is a prevalent theme in planning sessions to update zoning codes while the year-long moratorium is in place.

DeLaney is looking forward to early fall, when the clock will be officially unveiled as part of the Four Corners streetscape. Nearly finished are decorative bronze plaques to decorate the clock itself. They are emblazoned with

names of residents who made donations for the clock.

"It's a way to show pride in our community, and I'm thrilled with the outpouring of support," DeLaney said of the addition of the timepiece. "It's really been a labor of love for a lot of us."

For information about donating towards the pavers, contact O'Meara at Evergreen Bank at 343 Delaware Ave. at 439-1874.

## RCS extends search for high school principal

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

A 40-member review committee will again look at applications to fill the principal's position at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School this fall.

The committee had settled on a candidate, who then chose another career path, said Mike McCagg, the district's communications coordinator. That sent the committee, made up of parents, staff, faculty, administrators and students, back to the drawing board.

The application deadline is Sept. 17.

"At which point, we will begin interviews again," McCagg said of the date.

Interim Principal Pam Black, who was serving as mathematics supervisor when she accepted the interim position, will stay on until the position, left vacant by Peter Schultz' June resignation, can be filled.

The position attracted applicants from all over the state, McCagg said. The district just reposted the position last week.

McCagg said while the district is considering applicants that have some experience in a high school setting, they do not necessarily have to have experience as a high school principal.

McCagg expects that a recommendation will be made to the board of education later in the fall.

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# Wilderness trip provides break from busy summer days

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

He's been asking to go on what he called a "wilderness hike" since this winter. It was a funny request from our 12-year-old son, who seems intent on following in his father's footsteps as the self-described "Great Indoorsman."

When it came to walks, bike rides, swims and almost anything that doesn't involve getting there by car, acquiring something or watching television, it's been thumbs-down from Cormac for quite some time.

Then, the wilderness hike, an idea that filled my heart with both joy and guilt.

Joy, because there's nothing I love better than being outside. Like Smilla, the main character in the peculiar movie that airs regularly on Bravo, "Smilla's Sense of Snow," I have come to love being outside.

"Smilla" is a crime thriller, and the title character, who lives in Norway, is from Greenland. When the police threaten to confine her to a cell, she panics, since she is used to being out in Greenland's vast expanses.

Until shrieking at my kids becomes a jailable offense, I'm safe from a cell, but I like being

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inside less and less as I get older. Mostly, I'm avoiding housework, but it's also nice to spend a little time snipping suckers off the tomato plants, watering the flowers on the front porch, walking the dog or taking a bike ride before laundry and dinner force me into my prison of domesticity again.

So Cormac's idea of a wilderness hike sounded like the answer to a prayer to me — a few days in the great outdoors, no stores, no television. Sign me up.

Before I rejoiced, though, his request for the trip activated every "I'm a bad mother" pore in my body, for his request comes as a way to right a wrong I didn't even know he'd suffered.

The hike, I think, was largely to make up for the three-day bike ride his brother and I had taken last summer.

"Why didn't you do anything with me?" he'd asked last fall, months after the bike ride was

done. "You just abandoned me at Grandma's."

"Oh, honey," I told him, my heart breaking more than his ever could, "we asked if you wanted to come on the bike trip. You know I wish you had, and it would have been even more fun."

"I hate bike riding," he said, "and you did all that training before you left. That seemed boring."

Well, I said, noting that spending a few days with Grandma doesn't constitute abandonment, when he turned 13 (the age his brother was when we took the bike trip), we could do something special together.

"Disney World!" he said instantly.

"Not that special," I said.

So he hit on the wilderness hike.

As he began thinking about it, Cormac began displaying the wild enthusiasm that my family does when we begin new projects. His overwhelming excitement meshed with his love of acquiring things, and we both began to salivate as we visited Dick's Sporting Goods and Eastern Mountain Sports.

Only the price tags slowed me down; communing with nature can come at a very high cost,

apparently, and our garage and basement are full of cast-off equipment from other short-lived passions.

Also, we needed a slight redefinition of wilderness and our ability to strap on enormous packs and wander, without food and water, through unmarked terrain for three days. The giardia alone would kill us, my mother warned me, and I can only truly tell east from west in the town I grew up in, where the sun sets over Lake Champlain every night of the year.

I was a hiker in my 20s, when a college friend from Alaska invited me to work summers in fish canneries with her. Her family opened their homes and their hearts to me, and we spent non-fish-gutting days above the tree line. But I wasn't the one planning the hiking trips, and my children weren't going.

"Having your children along changes everything," said Jessica Loy, a friend, veteran hiker, and author of *Follow the Trail: A Young Person's Guide to the Outdoors*.

Thankfully, my brother-in-law Michael, a great outdoorsman, was interested in the trip, and found a nice trail in the southern Adirondacks, with state Department of Environmental Conserva-

tion-sanctioned camping spots. Cormac's agreeable and social nature was happy with the notion of uncle, aunt, cousin and brother joining us on the trip that we billed as the first of many wilderness hikes.

On Saturday morning, while the children still slept, I got ready to go, balancing the weight of our packs against what we really needed. The cool air hinted at the autumn routine to come, when, instead of getting ready for a weekend in the wild, I'll be fixing back-to-school lunches.

Morning calm can become another person in the room sometimes; when it's cool and quiet, it's a supportive and soothing presence. The quiet never asks if there's clean underwear, what's for dinner or what, exactly the point of homework is.

In the early morning quiet, routine chores don't feel as onerous as they do late in the day, when children, television, cars, the signal from the nearby firehouse, and my own thoughts compete for my attention as morning quiet never does.

We found that same quiet as we hiked two mostly uphill miles past creeks and trees to Kibby Pond. Lots of stops to suck oranges, nibble trail mix and look at owl feathers balanced out the complaints about the weight of back-packs.

At the campsite, there were tents to pitch, a bear bag to hang, firewood to gather and salamanders to watch in the pond. Our suburban bodies followed the rhythm of the day, and after S'mores in the gloaming hours, we were glad to forsake campfire stories to crawl into mummy bags and have a few minutes of homesickness.

"I miss Daddy and the dog," Cormac said as we settled in for sleep. "Can you call for an airlift so we can go home now?"

We held hands and sent Daddy and the dog a telepathic message and fell asleep to the sound of a bullfrog calling from the pond.

When morning came, we were happy to be outside, breathing clean air and delighted that no bears had visited us in the night.

"I never woke up in the wilderness before," Cormac said before heading off to use the "facilitrees." "This is great."

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# Conners wins first court battle

By DEV TOBIN

Michael Conners of Menands won Round 1 in his court fight to keep the Republican nomination to run against state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Bethlehem.

The Albany County Comptroller, who left the Democratic Party to run against Breslin, won a resounding victory Friday in the decision by State Supreme Court Judge Thomas Spargo, who was a Republican Election Law expert prior to ascending to the bench.

Spargo found that the substitution of Conners for another candidate was done in accordance with state Election Law, and that, in any event, Breslin did not have the standing to challenge how another party chooses its candidates.

Conners replaced Ted Hartman of Delmar on the GOP ticket. Hartman had been picked by the county Republican Committee on

Vacancies to replace Gregory Fozzio, another little-known candidate who withdrew due to a conflict with the federal Hatch Act.

Breslin will appeal and the case is probably headed to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, according to Breslin's attorney, Jim Long.

"I filed a brief for appeal with the Appellate Division this morning," Long said Monday.

Long said his appeal basically restated his case that the second substitution of a candidate and its timeliness were contrary to Election Law and also argued that Breslin did have the right to sue.

Long said the case is scheduled to be heard by the Appellate Division on Aug. 19, and, if it proceeds to the Court of Appeals, it would be heard there on Aug. 25 or 26.

Conners was recruited for the GOP Senate nomination after he

withdrew from a challenge of Colonie Republican Assemblyman Bob Prentiss, citing a lack of support for his candidacy among county Democrats, especially County Executive Michael Breslin, Neil's brother.

Conners has dismissed Breslin's suit as an example of "trying to pick his opponent."

Conners said he also plans to collect 3,000 signatures for a new third-party, the Common Sense party, to ensure that he will be on the November ballot.

Long said of Conners: "I wish he would figure out what he wants to do."

"A year ago, he said he wanted to be comptroller for four years. Six weeks ago, he wanted to serve in the Assembly. Now he wants to be a state senator."

# Group gives seniors ride to markets

Bethlehem Senior Transportation is providing rides to two Delmar farmers markets to residents of the town who are over age 60.

The van leaves town hall at 2 p.m. Home pickup is available on a prearranged basis. The suggested donation is \$1.

The van will transport people to the parking lot at First United Methodist Church on Tuesdays, Aug. 24 and 31; and to the parking lot at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle on Friday, Aug. 20.

For a reservation, call 439-5770.

Bethlehem Senior Services at town hall will be distributing farmers market coupons to seniors age 60 and older who are income eligible.

The state Farmers Market

Nutrition Program helps limited-income people buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at nearby farmers markets.

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For information about the coupons, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

# Student receives college award

Jill Parsons, a student at Wells College, was honored with the Class of 1905 Prize in Poetry, second place.

Jill is the daughter of Skip and Linda Parsons of Feura Bush.

The award is given annually for the best poem or poems written by an undergraduate during the year.

# Delmar man named to Stratton position

Douglas C. Erickson has been appointed associate director of the Stratton VA Medical Center.

Erickson served previously as operations officer since May 2003, but has been involved with the VA since September 1990.

Erickson is a graduate of Union College's Graduate Management Institute with a M.B.A. in Health Systems Administration. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare

Executives and serves on the Regent's Advisory Council for the Upper-Hudson/Northern New York Region.

Erickson is also a committee member of Boy Scout Troop 75 and has been a religious education teacher for St. Thomas the Apostle's Church Faith Formation Program since 1997.

Erickson lives in Delmar with his wife, Joan and children, Megan and Christopher.



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# Matters of Opinion

## Beware food police

It's summertime, and the food is easy. Sticky sweet cotton candy and fried corn dogs at the fair, creamy milk shakes at the corner stand, and the it's-too-hot-to-cook run to the fast food joint for greasy-fried chicken.

These finger-licking forays into the foods many of us ate as a summertime treat when we were children has turned into one big guilt trip for today's parents.

It's hard to turn on the TV, or read a newspaper or magazine without seeing one of the seemingly endless reports on the epidemic of obese children.

### Editorial

The federal Centers for Disease Control reports that the percentage of children and adolescents who are defined as overweight has more than doubled since the early 1970s.

Almost 15 percent of children and adolescents are now "fat," prompting the Surgeon General to call upon the nation to work together to find solutions for obesity.

Despite all the talk about this problem being a "national" concern, parents know that the burden of keeping their children fit and healthy falls squarely upon their shoulders.

The CDC has created an entire list of why children are gaining weight at an unprecedented rate — but it doesn't take a government report for us to realize that food is easily accessible in portions that are bigger than they have ever been before. That, added to our nation's sedentary lifestyle, has created a fat-cell-rich environment everywhere you look.

Greasy, sweet and salty food is now edging into the spotlight (next to smoking) as a vice readily available for public scorn. A chubby child with a candy bar is now a fair target for the "food police" who readily show disdain and disgust for kids who are overweight.

Yes, we do need to work together to help the next generation of children to be healthy and able-bodied. However, the best way to achieve this goal is not by strong-arming them into healthy eating by serving carrot sticks instead of birthday cake or forcing them (for their own good) to join the soccer team.

Instead, we must model the behavior we wish for them to emulate. We can no longer expect to say to our children "Do as I say, not as I do," and pray it will work.

In the meanwhile, let's hope that shaming kids into becoming perfect specimens on the weight-height charts at the doctor's office doesn't become an acceptable way of "helping" the younger generation achieve a healthy way of life.

## Theatre partners with local schools

By MAGGIE  
MANCINELLI-CAHILL

*The writer is producing artistic director of Capital Repertory Theatre.*

Each summer, 35 nearly-teens and full-fledged teenagers invade all of the available spaces at Capital Repertory Theatre for STAR (Summer Theatre at the Rep). Ever since the program started eight years ago, I marvel at the fidgety bodies, sideward glances, high pitch of endless giggles, rolled eyes and studied nonchalance of the introverts, extroverts, don't-know-what-yet-verts, who are all striving to make art, while attempting to maintain the "coolness" that is adolescence.

There is only one word to describe it — wonderful!

The 35 young people who enroll each summer in the theatre's STAR program are symbolic of a larger mission: to provide a young generation with a forum to experience the joy and rewards of teamwork and creativity — a kind of collective backyard laboratory where childhood's playfulness is encouraged in a collaborative environment. Here everyone gets into the act to create, tell and retell stories to those who want to listen.

STAR participants have tackled such topics as a retrospective of the turn of the century and possibilities of the new millennium, Shakespeare, gods and goddesses, the "tweens" and this year's look at family histories.

The participants read, research, talk, improvise, compose music and lyrics, and write what will become a 90-minute show based on their own interpretation of the thematic material at hand. At the end of the five weeks, I have never failed to be amazed at the thoughtfulness, humor and sincerity of the final result.

STAR is only one example of a continuum of programs developed by Capital Rep to unleash the creative mind and spirit of young people. The majority of our arts

## Point of View

education programs take place right in hundreds of classrooms across the Capital Region throughout the school year, where we like to work with the people we believe are the true change agents of our society — teachers. Side by side, teacher and staff members from all aspects of the theatre, including designers, actors, financial and box office managers, bring academic lessons to life utilizing tools from the arts.

These programs are designed to introduce and inspire young people with stories of the triumph and perseverance of the human spirit. In nine years since

teachers who work in our programs, recognizes the importance of measuring the effectiveness of the arts in classroom study. Using our artist residency programs at Albany's Harriet Gibbons High School and Rensselaer Middle School, we have worked with a core of volunteers from GE for three years to develop classroom assessments to measure the impact of arts programming in six core curriculum subjects.

At first we were nervous. Would our beliefs and hunches that the arts can help learning measure up to a statistical analysis?

When the results came back positively after the first year, we were delighted, but not yet convinced. Now, after three years of positive data, we know that our instincts were right. The lessons that use the tools from the arts help students to stay on track better, reduce disciplinary problems in those class periods and increase

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renewing our commitment to the youth of the Capital Region, the theatre's programs have grown from 1,500 participants in 1995 to more than 16,000 last season. And, the theatre is not alone as an arts organization dedicated to serving a new generation with a heaping serving of the arts.

Capital Rep joins a number of vital arts institutions, including the New York State Theatre Institute, Steamer 10, the Albany Symphony Orchestra, the Albany Institute of History and Art, the Capital Region Center for Arts in Education, The Arts Center for the Capital Region in Troy, eba and Ellen Sinopoli dance companies, Proctor's and The Palace, to mention only a few, who strive to introduce young people to the lively and visual arts.

These companies know that the future of the arts depends upon our ability to bring the audiences of tomorrow to the arts today. Many people in our audiences have heard me say this, but it's worth repeating. Studies have shown that if a child does not attend the performing arts before finishing high school, there is a 98 percent chance that person never will.

But seeing arts education programs as merely "audience development" tools, would be to see only the tip of a much larger iceberg. At their best, the arts can help the generation who will be the citizens of tomorrow gain critical thinking skills, appreciation for collaboration, and a greater scope of the horizons of human experience, tolerance and understanding.

In the current educational environment that emphasizes standardized test results, it is not enough to "believe" the arts are good for academic learning. Capital Rep, along with the

retention of the lesson content. We have seen dramatic results on improved Regents performance and enthusiasm for our work.

The arts are not just about performing. The great stories of Western Civilization, from the Greeks to "A Raisin in the Sun," provide a context for understanding history and the human condition.

By experiencing the time period and social situations that are often deeply embedded in dramatic literature, young people can see themselves, while gaining new appreciation for diversity and the tenacity of the human spirit. In this way, the arts can serve as catalysts for deeper explorations of the world in which we all must live together.

The world is not going to get any less complex. As members of the next generation take their place at the helm of our country, they will be called upon to engage the most powerful tool of modern life — imagination. The problems of our complicated society will need people who have learned to think "outside the box" and have had experience exercising their critical thinking skills.

I would like to think that young people who have been able to synthesize an understanding of others, who have a great respect for the past, and who possess the ability to imagine a greater future are the kind of citizens we want to have at our negotiation tables.

I believe the arts are a vital part of that equation. In the Capital Region, we are indeed fortunate to have so many arts organizations dedicated to the growth and development of our younger generation, working to build better citizens, who will ultimately be engaged in creating the future for us all.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Thanks to Delmar FD for safety program help

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of County Executive Mike Breslin, Albany County Department of Public Works Traffic Safety Education Programs and Capital Region Safe Kids, we would like to offer our whole-hearted thanks to the Delmar Fire Department for providing its facility so that we could conduct the Standardized Child Passenger Safety Program on June 9, 10, 16 and 17.

This is the standardized course that certified Child Passenger Safety technicians to work to prevent injuries and death due to traffic crashes by conducting child safety seat check-up events and other child safety activities.

It is a full five-day course. The fifth day of the course was participation in the child safety seat check-up event held at Sears of Colonie Center. At this event, we checked 141 safety seats. Only five were found to be correctly used and installed.

Special thanks go to the following Delmar Fire Department personnel: Chief Dave Languish, for providing the facility; Candace Haack, for taking care of our many administrative needs; and Fred Chamberlain, for helping to coordinate the hands-on logistics of the course.

## PTA seeks supplies

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Hamagrael PTA needs the pack off your back! The PTA is collecting 100 children's backpacks and school supplies for schoolchildren in need. Other district PTAs are supporting the project.

Too many children in our surrounding communities start the school year without a backpack or the school supplies they need in the classroom.

Last year, the Hamagrael PTA launched the "Give your pack off your back" initiative, which resulted in dozens of needy children receiving new or used backpacks filled with donated school supplies from Bethlehem families. It's part of Hamagrael's "Kids Helping Kids" program, to help Hamagrael children become involved in community outreach activities.

There are clearly-marked drop-off boxes at town hall and the town park pool where families can drop off backpacks and school supplies until Sept. 3.

Kids just want to fit in, and having a backpack filled with the appropriate school supplies on the first day of school can be an incredible confidence booster for every child.

The children and families that receive these backpacks and school supplies are truly in need.

Please, if you can, be generous.

For information, contact Leona Castoff at 478-9662 or Joanne Cunningham at 439-5777.

Joanne Cunningham  
Delmar

Also, thanks to Sgt. Robert Markel and Sgt. James Kerr of the Bethlehem Police Department for helping us to coordinate setting up this course.

Because of the efforts of all the above-mentioned people, we now have 15 new Certified Child Passenger Safety technicians to work to keep our children safe as they travel in motor vehicles in the Capital District and beyond.

William Van Alstyne  
Albany County Department  
of Public Works  
Traffic Safety Education  
programs

Editor, The Spotlight:

Most people would agree that the library has done a very nice job re-doing its interior.

The surrounding landscape plan, however, is a different story.

Already several tall, stately black locust trees from the back lawn have met their fate in the chipper.

Now a mature maple on the Delaware Avenue side of the library has been marked with an ominous "X."

I understand the library has plans to remove this tree as part of its plan to refurbish landscape on that side of the building.

If it is not too late, perhaps the library management can reconsider its landscape-sidewalk plans for the Delaware Avenue area.

Perhaps the mature tree could remain and be incorporated into

a modified plan. Blending of the old with the new has always been a widely recognized principle in the best-thought-out renewal projects

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# Sports

## Local ESG athletes earn medals in Binghamton

The following athletes participated in the Empire State Games July 28 to Aug. 1 in Binghamton.

### Archery

Kristen Abrey (Voorheesville)

— sixth place, 60 meters; fifth place, 50 meters; seventh place, 40 meters; seventh place, 30 meters; seventh place, 600 round; seventh place scholastic women's overall.

### Athletics

Matthew Shaffer (Delmar) — seventh place, scholastic men's 5,000-meter race.

Chris Piplani (Delmar) — bronze medal, scholastic men's 5-kilometer racewalk.

Emily Malinowski (Slingerlands) — gold medal, scholastic women's 2,000-meter steeplechase; silver medal, scholastic women's 1,500-meter race.

Roxanne Wegman (Delmar) — seventh place, scholastic women's 1,500-meter race; bronze medal, scholastic women's 5,000-meter race; gold medal, scholastic women's 10,000-meter race.

Patrick Shaffer (Delmar) — seventh place, open men's 5,000-meter race.

Evan Savage (Delmar) — seventh place, open men's 10,000-meter race.

Erik Maggs (Ravena) — sixth place, open men's 110-meter high hurdles semifinals;

Radworth Anderson (Delmar) — ninth place, open men's triple jump.

Michael Piplani (Delmar) —

10<sup>th</sup> place, open men's 10-kilometer racewalk.

Ashley Dwyer (Slingerlands) — seventh place, open women's 1,500-meter race.

### Baseball

The Adirondack team — featuring Delmar's Dan Felitte and Andrew Stanton — finished with a 2-2 record in a rain-shortened tournament.

### Basketball

The Adirondack open women's team — featuring Bethlehem Central High School graduates Kaitlin Foley, Emily Bango and Jamie Mooney — finished with an 0-3 record.

### Bowling

Jessica Devellis (Voorheesville) — bronze medal, open team match; silver medal, open women's trio match.

T.R. Milette (Delmar) — bronze medal, open team match; bronze medal, open men's trio match.

### Canoe/kayak

Jesse Chartier (Voorheesville) — bronze medal, men's canoe pair 200-meter race; fourth place,

men's canoe single 500-meter race; bronze medal, men's canoe pair 500-meter race.

Victoria Dow (Selkirk) — sixth place, women's kayak pair 500-meter heat; bronze medal, women's kayak quad 500-meter race; sixth place, women's kayak pair 200-meter heat.

### Cycling

Charles Quackenbush (Slingerlands) — 20<sup>th</sup> place, 10-mile time trial; 27<sup>th</sup> place, 75-mile road race; 46<sup>th</sup> place, 31-mile criterium; won bronze medal as part of Adirondack men's team in 10-mile time trial.

David Spore (Delmar) — 46<sup>th</sup> place, 10-mile time trial; 28<sup>th</sup> place, 75-mile road race; 36<sup>th</sup> place, 31-mile criterium; won bronze medal as part of Adirondack men's team in 10-mile time trial.

### Fencing

The Adirondack region scholastic women's team — featuring Delmar's Amber Knee — finished fifth.

The Adirondack region scholastic men's team — featuring Delmar's Kyle Vale — finished fourth.

### Golf

Chester Boehlke (Slingerlands) — eighth place, men's masters 65 and over division.

### Gymnastics

Andrew Harder (Delmar) — seventh place, scholastic men's rings; bronze medal, scholastic men's horizontal bar; 10<sup>th</sup> place, scholastic men's horse; fifth place, scholastic men's parallel bar.

Juliana Harder (Delmar) — seventh place, scholastic women's vault.

Molly Quirk (Glenmont) — ninth place, open women's floor exercise; won gold medal as part of Adirondack's open women's team.

### Ice hockey

The Adirondack scholastic men's team — featuring Delmar's John Sullivan — finished fourth with 2-3 record.

### Lacrosse

The Adirondack scholastic men's team — featuring Delmar's Joe Conroy — won the bronze medal with a 3-2 record.

The Adirondack scholastic women's team — featuring Bethlehem varsity players Sarah Fudin, Theresa Ladouceur, Tess McGrath, Tricia Primomo, Halley Quillinan, Cate Quinlan, McKenzie Riegel and Katie Rowan — finished fourth with 2-4 record.

### Shooting

Rob Trimble (Delmar) — fifth place, men's skeet; gold medal, men's and women's skeet team competition.

Thomas Stark (Voorheesville) — eighth place, men's skeet; gold medal; men's and women's skeet team competition.

### Soccer

The Adirondack region open women's team — featuring Delmar's Emily Petraglia — won the silver medal with a 2-1 record.

The Adirondack region open men's team — featuring Delmar's Stephen Maltzman, Glenmont's Matthew Narode and Luke Sullivan of Slingerlands — won the bronze medal with a 2-1 record.

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The Adirondack scholastic men's team — featuring Selkirk's Ryan Brooks Newton, Delmar's Chris Dudek, Glenmont's Cody Germain and Zach Sherman, and Ravena's Nick Moutopoulos — won the bronze medal with a 1-2 record.

### Softball

The Adirondack region team — featuring Glenmont's Lauren Reis — won the bronze medal with a 3-3 record.

### Swimming

Paul Cafiero (Delmar) — 10<sup>th</sup>

place, 100-meter breaststroke; eighth place, 200-meter breaststroke; 15<sup>th</sup> place, 200-meter backstroke.

Timothy DeGroff (Feura Bush) — eighth place, 50-meter freestyle; sixth place, 100-meter backstroke; fifth place, 400-meter medley relay; fifth place, 200-meter backstroke; fifth place, 400-meter freestyle relay.

Larry Gloeckler (Glenmont) — bronze medal, 200-meter individual medley; bronze medal, 800-meter freestyle relay; silver medal, 400-meter individual

medley; bronze medal, 400-meter freestyle; fifth place, 400-meter freestyle relay.

Sean Kennedy (Delmar) — silver medal, 200-meter butterfly; bronze medal, 100-meter butterfly; bronze medal, 800-meter freestyle relay; fifth place, 400-meter individual medley; fifth place, 400-meter medley relay.

Kristen Gloeckler (Glenmont) — 13<sup>th</sup> place, 200-meter breaststroke; 11<sup>th</sup> place, 200-meter butterfly.

Molly Howland (Delmar) — bronze medal, 200-meter indi-

vidual medley; fourth place, 800-meter freestyle relay; silver medal, 400-meter individual medley; fifth place, 400-meter medley relay; gold medal, 200-meter butterfly; fifth place, 400-meter freestyle relay.

Katherine O'Donnell (Glenmont) — 11<sup>th</sup> place, 800-meter freestyle; eighth place, 400-meter individual medley; 10<sup>th</sup> place, 200-meter backstroke.

Becca Stern (Slingerlands) — fourth place, 800-meter freestyle relay; bronze medal, 50-meter freestyle; gold medal, 100-meter backstroke; fifth place, 400-meter medley relay; gold medal, 200-meter backstroke; fifth place, 400-meter freestyle relay.

Anne McNeil (Selkirk) — gold medal, women's masters 200-meter backstroke (40-44 age division); gold medal, women's masters 50-meter freestyle (40-44).

Hollis Shortsleeve (Selkirk) — bronze medal, women's masters 50-meter freestyle (50-54).

Elizabeth Strickler (Delmar) — gold medal, women's masters 50-meter freestyle (55-59).

### Tennis

The Adirondack region scholastic women's team — featuring Laura Heisler of Slingerlands — won the bronze medal with a 3-2 record.

### Volleyball

The Adirondack region scholastic men's team — featuring Ian, Austin and Adrian Michalski of Voorheesville and William Yates of Delmar — finished with an 0-4 record in pool play.

### Weightlifting

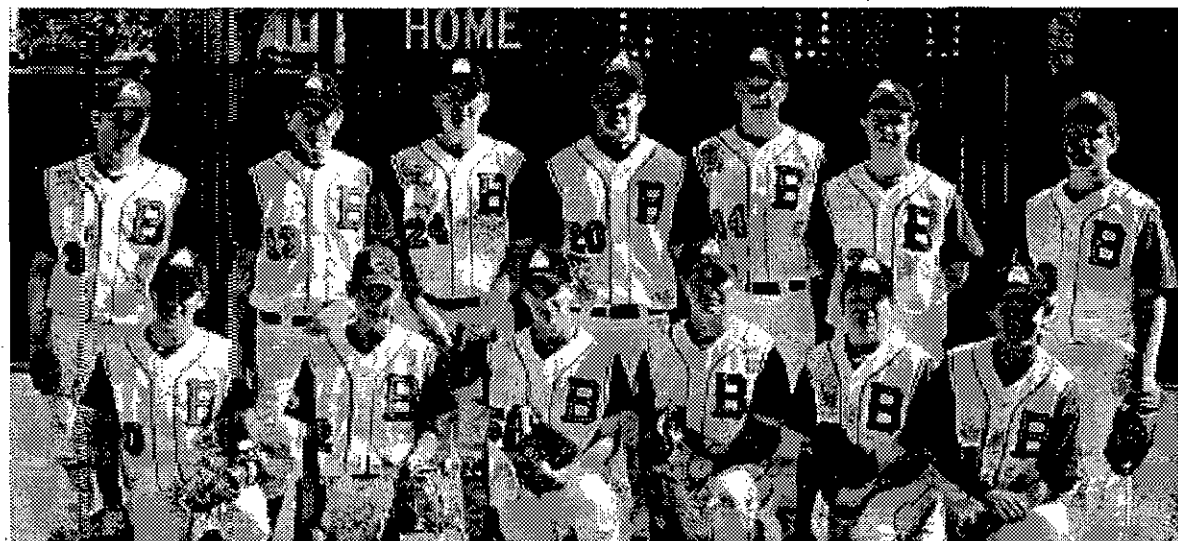
Nichol Carella (Delmar) — gold medal, open women's bantamweight division.

### Wrestling

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

Brian Gareau (Slingerlands) — 0-2 record, scholastic men's 165-pound Greco-Roman division.

## Saratoga champs



The Bethlehem Eagles 14 and under Babe Ruth Travel Team completed its season last weekend by winning its second consecutive Saratoga Invitational Tournament. Bethlehem defeated Rotterdam 3-2 in the championship game at the East Side Recreation Field. The team is, from left, (front) Robert Lyons, Nick deVries, Adam Bruculere, Lucas Nilsche, Greg McCarty and Mike Bellizzi; and (back) Bryan Pauquette, Matt Nash, Cameron Felitte, Matt Seebler, Derek Wolff, Craig Wilcox and Peter Bergquist. The Eagles also placed second in the Eastern New York Babe Ruth Championships.

### RCS announces preseason schedule

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School will start its preseason on-campus practice schedule for fall varsity and junior varsity teams Monday, Aug. 16., with the exception of the golf team, which starts practicing Aug. 23.

Football teams will have practices Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girls soccer teams practice 8-10 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, while boys soccer teams practice 8-10 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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(master's in social work), and Wendy Kefkovich (bachelor of arts, summa cum laude), all of Delmar.

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## University of Richmond

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## University of Rochester

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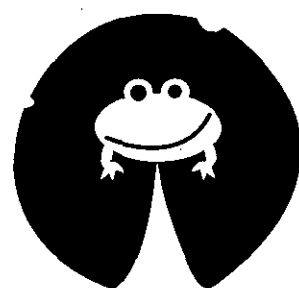
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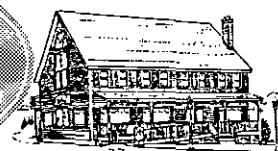
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## NEWS NOTES

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### Village board slates special meeting

The village of Voorheesville board of trustees has called a

special workshop meeting for tonight, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the firehouse renovation and various other projects.

The meeting, which will be held at the village hall on Voorheesville Avenue, is open to the public.

For information, call the village

office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 765-2692.

### Indian Ladder holds farmers market

Indian Ladder Farms hosts a Helderberg Farmers Market every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through October.

Locally grown farm-fresh produce and farm products are available. For information, call 765-2956.

### Helderview Garden Club set for Art in the Park

Helderview Garden Club will host 24 local artists in village park by the clock on Saturday, Aug. 28., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information, call Kizzy Gainer at 765-2576.

### School board to meet

The next regular meeting of the Voorheesville school board will be held at the high school commons area on Monday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Information regarding the meeting can be obtained by calling the superintendent's office at 765-3313, ext. 101.

### Village sets summer water limits

The village of Voorheesville will enforce watering restrictions through Sept. 15.

Homes with even street numbers can water on Mondays and Wednesdays between 7 and 9 a.m. and 7 and 9 p.m. Homes with odd street numbers can water Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 and 9 a.m. and 7 and 9 p.m.

### Plum Fest will be Sept. 25

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold its annual Plum Fest in Voorheesville on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Plum Fest annually highlights and celebrates the history and community assets of a hamlet or village in the town of New Scotland.

This all-day event will feature many activities, including food, concerts, antique car show, craft fair and a raffle.

The village is also taking orders for commemorative bricks for Hotaling Park's Walk of the Century, established in 1999.

Order forms are available at the village office.

For information to help with the planning of this event, call Carole Stevens at 765-4350.

### Bowling trip today

The town of New Scotland is planning a bowling trip to Town 'n' Country Lanes today, Aug. 11.

Plan to meet at Wallace Park on Swift Road at 12:30 p.m., and the bus will return to the park at 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$9 per person.

For information, call Pat Geurtze at 475-0385.

### Formation registrations are due at St. Matthew's

Faith Formation registration forms for some of the children at St. Matthew's Church are still outstanding. To have your child fully registered for the program, fees and paperwork must be turned in to the office, which is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon.

Plan to stop by or call at 765-2373 to make arrangements.

### Summer walks planned

Thacher Nature Center weekly walks in the woods are scheduled Thursdays for the rest of August.

The walks begin at 9 a.m. and last about an hour. Each week a different trail will be explored, and the length of the walks will vary, but the average walk will be between 1.5 and 2.5 miles.

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### Some tips for new college student parents

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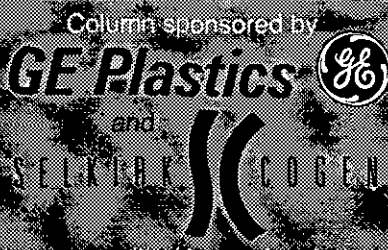
Many universities are addressing parental concerns and easing their transition with help lines, parent associations, e-mail updates, parent Web pages and many now include parents in the traditional freshmen orientation weekend.

The following tips passed on by experienced empty-nester moms proved to be very good advice.

Clip these phone numbers to your fridge: campus police, health center and counseling service, your kid's room, the name of your kid's RA, and the local emergency room or 24-hour clinic.

Sit down together and outline your expectations ahead of time, especially in regard to class attendance, grades and alcohol and drug use.

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Celebrate our state with games, crafts, prizes and fun for the final week of the Summer Reading Club. Both elementary age groups will hold a New York Fair on Monday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m., for kids in grades one through three and on Wednesday, Aug. 18, for grades four through six.

Teens are invited to hang an art show of their own work on

Monday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. Bring original photos or art.

The last summer storytime at the library will be on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 10:15 a.m. There is no sign-up.

The Thursday Volunteer Club meets on Aug. 17 at 10 a.m.

The reading club grand finale will be an evening performance of the Be Kind to Animals Magic Show on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m.

Tom Joyce, The Magic Man, will show off his magic, comedy, puppetry and storytelling skills with a message of care and respect for our animal friends.

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There will be no public computer access on Aug. 23 while we are installing new computer workstations. The workstations and chairs were purchased with a grant from the Albany County Legislature.

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Nimblefingers and The Thursday Poets continue to meet through the summer. Call the library for program information, or visit the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

Barbara Vink

# St. Peter's honors Delmar doctor

Dr. William M. Notis has been named the 2003 Physician of the Year at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Notis, who is board-certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology, is a member of Albany Gastroenterology Consultants.

Dr. Lee Van Voris, chief medical officer at St. Peter's Health Care Services, said that the executive committee of the medical staff had selected Notis based on his clinical excellence, commitment to St. Peter's and service to the community.

Notis was honored at the St. Peter's board of trustees meeting in May.

Notis is a graduate of Holy Cross and the University of Vermont School of Medicine. He served his internship and residency in Albany, then completed a gastroenterology fellowship at the Beth Israel Hospital-Harvard Medical Program.

In 1977, he returned to Albany and began a solo private practice in gastroenterology. The practice grew into Albany Gastroenterology Consultants in 1995. Since joining St. Peter's medical/dental staff in 1977, Notis has been chief of gastroenterology, served on the Quality Assurance Committee and been a long-standing member and chairman of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

His work in the community includes support for the local chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America; the Albany GI Education and Resource Center; St. Peter's ALS Regional Center; the Celiac Resource Support Group and Capital District Physicians' Health Plan.

Notis and his wife Rosemarie live in Delmar. They have four children and three grandchildren.

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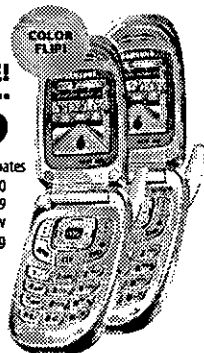
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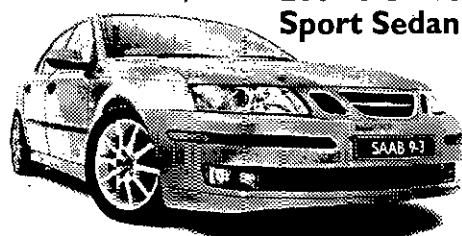
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# New Web site is designed to appeal to young teenagers

Check out the Teens Page at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org). It's all new!

Geared to the informational and academic needs of middle-schoolers, it also includes fresh links to some entertaining and timely sites. Lots of local connections — to schools, the town, the region, volunteer and enrichment opportunities — can be found here, as well.



Links to our databases — the library's online research tools for general use — are complemented by librarian-selected Web resources geared especially to young teens. Sites for science and technology, language arts,

literature, biography and social studies are up-to-date and relevant to the Bethlehem middle school curriculum.

Under Other Languages, visitors will find new links to sites for Native American languages and culture, American Sign Language, and Informe, a Spanish language site.

Fun and useful Web sites just for teens include those found

under Entrepreneurship (links to Investing for Kids, The Mint and Guide to the Business of Babysitting), Healthy Choices (links to Bodies in Motion, Teen Health and It's My Life) and Opportunities (such as Bethlehem Youth Employment and the state Summer School of the Arts and Sports).

A special button called What's Happening Right Now leads to

links for such varied and timely sites as the 2004 Olympics, the American Library Association's Join the Major Leagues trivia game, Young People's Press, *New York Times* Student Connections, The Why Files, and Astronomy Picture of the Day.

New links will be added often at this location, in step with current events.

We encourage teens and the adults and teachers in their lives to take some time to explore these new online offerings. Visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) and click on teens.

## Art in August

We are pleased to display the work of Jay Eson in our lobby this month.

Eson was active in studio exploration and art history for 40 years. Largely self-taught, her studies brought her from Woodstock to Palo Alto, Calif., and also to Paris, London, the Netherlands, Israel, Spain and Greece.

Her exhibit of acrylics, called *Retrospectives*, is especially poignant given that Ms. Eson died last month at the age of 83.

She left a legacy to many of her friends and all her grandchildren, whom she taught and encouraged to paint and love art.

Also in our lobby this month is the work of Cynthia Didonna-Drake.

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# Back to School





# Students sometimes need assistance to go the distance

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Autumn is approaching, and with it: the need for new pencils, spiral notebooks and three-ring binders, all designed to help kids succeed in their academic pursuits. It would be great if school supplies alone meant that every child would succeed at school, but sometimes they need a little extra help to maximize their school years.

Sylvan Learning Centers, which came to the Capital District in 1995, provides individualized attention to students in the areas they most need it.

Cathy Hull, executive director

of Sylvan Learning Centers of Albany and Clifton Park, offered some tips on recognizing when a student might need assistance.

"Some signs that students might need help would be if they're struggling in school," Hull said. "Sometimes the report card isn't at the level parents think it should be. A child may be uncomfortable in the classroom, or homework might be taking a long time to get done. A teacher may be reporting that a student isn't doing the homework, and sometimes a child might just not want to go to school."

Sylvan also offers students a chance to go beyond what's

offered in school. "A child may be bored, and looking for a little more challenge," Hull said.

Sylvan specifically helps kids with reading, math, writing, study skills and SAT prep. Sylvan works with students from kindergarten through high school, although they do work with some college students.

"We do this through a mastery process," Hull said. "We use a diagnostic process that identifies a student's strengths and skill gaps. From there, we create an individualized program. For instance, we might have a fifth-grade math student and find skill gaps at the second- or third-grade level. We'll work on those skills, and then move on to the next level."

Hull said Sylvan's study skills program is very popular with middle and high school students.

"We address time management, organizational skills, study strategies, listening skills, how to create an outline, and test-taking skills," Hull said. "These are skills that kids can take with them into college and on into their careers."

All of Sylvan's staff are certified teachers, and no teacher is responsible for more than three students at a time. All classes are taught one-on-one, even the study skills class.

Sylvan staff meet once a month with parents, and with the parents' approval, might also meet with teachers and guidance counselors.

"Some teachers e-mail us regularly," Hull said, which is something that gives Sylvan staff a complete picture of a student's situation. It also assists students in applying the skills they learn at Sylvan to the situation in the classroom.

Hull said that the number of students coming to Sylvan has increased nationwide in the face of increased testing and the No Child Left Behind act.

"Parents have long been willing to provide supplemental activities to their children in the areas of sports and music," Hull

said. "Now they're making sure that their children have all the academic help that they need."

Prices at Sylvan Learning Centers vary based on the program designed for individual students. There are

centers in Albany, Clifton Park, Schenectady, Saratoga and Queensbury.

Some parents hire private tutors for their children,

something that's becoming more common at the high school level.

Bethlehem Central High School Principal Michael Tebbano said that parents often seek private tutoring to assist their children when they're having problems learning in school, or if they want to provide enrichment to their children. The drive to get into a good college can lead to students working with a tutor, and the state's mandate that all students graduate with a Regents diploma means many students and parents are seeking help beyond the classroom.

Guidance departments are often contacted by people who offer private tutoring.

Sometimes, Tebbano said, parents jump first to tutoring, when it might be more beneficial for a student to work with his or her teacher.

"We feel that students should be allowed to work within the system," Tebbano said. "Most teachers are available for extra help at practically any time. I've got teachers who come in on Saturdays to conduct review classes, and teachers who can work with students around the students' extracurricular activities."

In a best-case scenario, Tebbano said, students, teachers and parents are working together to make sure a student is learning to the best of his or her ability.

"We have an eight-period day here, and the ninth period is the extra help period. It's my favorite time of day," said Tebbano. "Come someday after school, and you'll see clumps of students throughout the building, working with students."



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# Computers serve as useful tool for students of all ages

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

According to the 2000 census, 51 percent of American households now have one or more computers. Families are even more likely to have a computer, with 65 percent of all American children between the ages of 3 and 17 living in a house with a computer.

That computer's a relief to any parent who has learned five minutes before bedtime that his or her child has a comprehensive report on the Inuit due in the morning. With a few quick clicks, it's possible to view an Inuit village online, learn that igloos are a thing of the past for native northern tribes, type and print out the report — and still get a good night's sleep.

As families rely more and more on computers for information, bill paying, school reports, and staying in touch with far-flung relatives, it's not unusual for the children of the house to have their own computer.

At Solutions by Design, located in Delmar's Main Square, owner Gary Robbins has customers buying computers for children of all ages.

"We've had parents buying computers for kids as young as 4," Robbins said. "At that age, it's mostly about games, or maybe the kids are learning to type."

Interestingly, if a computer is going to be used mostly for games, it may need more juice than a computer that an older child is going to use primarily for research and word processing.

"Running games seems to be the most intense use of a computer," Robbins said. "You need good graphics and sound. If the computer's for newer games, you'll need something higher-end. If you just want something for word processing or research, you

can tone it down a bit."

For high school students, CD-burners and Instant Messaging capabilities are paramount, Robbins said.

Thomas Mein, manager of the Delmar branch of Computer Renaissance in Delaware

Plaza, said a lot of young kids use computers to help learn to count or to read.

"It used to be just high school and college students looking to buy computers, but schools use computers more now and having a computer at

home gives kids a head start," Mein said.

Mein has also found that a CD-burner and a good graphic card are two coveted computer items — for kids of all ages.

Both Solutions by Design and Computer Renaissance repair computers and custom-build computers to suit clients' needs.

One particular area where they may be called on to do that is for kids going away to college.

"Colleges have certain requirements, and we try to adhere to those," Robbins said. "The colleges provide the specs or the kids get them at orientation."

The type of computer students need is often determined by their major, with a student studying graphic design needing different software than an English major.

Although computers are not a requirement for incoming freshmen, the University

at Albany's Web site provides students with specific computer requirements if students are going to live in the dorms and use the university's ResNet system. The university also has a special arrangement with IBM and Dell that allows students to purchase computers. The university's chief requirement is current and active anti-virus software, and specific requirements for both Macintosh and IBM-type computers are outlined.

Delmar resident Lindsay Ruslander has just finished her freshman year at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., where she said most of the students had their own computers. Ruslander brought a laptop, which she found primarily to be an asset in her dormitory's small living quarters.

"If you didn't have a computer, you'd get along fine," Ruslander said.

While it may sound more efficient to think of staying in the dorm and doing work on your own

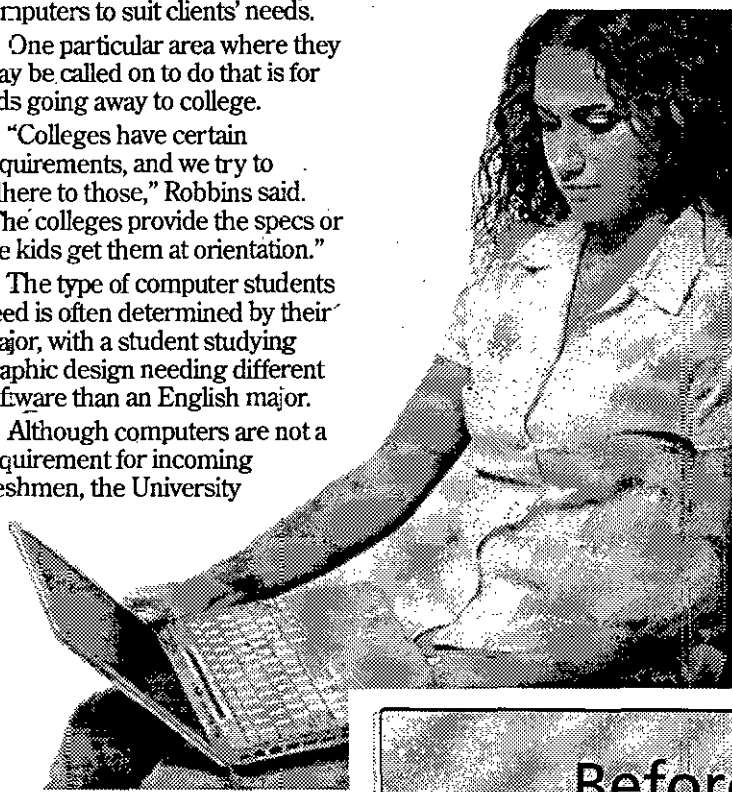
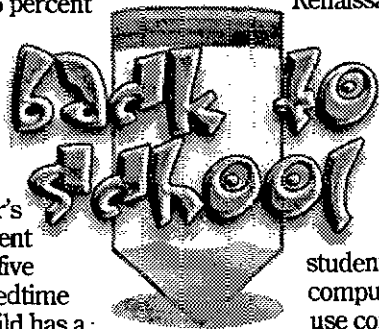
computer, Ruslander said she often went to the library to study, and used the computers there, since it was quieter. Still, her dorm room had two Internet connections that she and her roommate used.

"The school has a network called Blackboard," Ruslander said. "The teachers could post things there, and the professor from my Intro to Biology class posted slides from the lectures

and outlines for quizzes and tests."

Ruslander, who is planning to major in biology, said she could occasionally post work to be graded through the school's network, but still needed to mostly print out hard copies for professors to grade.

As with the University at Albany, Trinity lets its students know what computer equipment and software works best.



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# Parents should prepare students a healthy school lunch

Now that school is back in session, parents around the country are facing the same dilemma: what to pack in their kids' lunchboxes. The main course is usually easy — a sandwich or leftovers from dinner the night before; but what should you pack for their snacks?

"There are a lot of good options out there that make nutritional contributions to a child's daily intake," said Lisa Katic, a registered dietician in private practice.

For the sake of convenience, a lot of parents buy prepackaged snack foods at the grocery store. Katic said good, nutritious options include string cheese, applesauce, pretzels and fruit. Federal surveys show kids get about one third of their daily calories at lunch, so what they eat during this meal matters to their health.

An example of a well-rounded school lunch includes a pint of milk, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and for snacks, grapes, carrot sticks, and pretzels. Each slice of bread counts as a serving from the grains group; pretzels are another grain serving; the grapes count as one serving of fruits; the carrots would count as one serving of vegetables; the peanut butter counts as a serving of meat.

"If your child were to eat everything you packed, they'd be well on their way to meeting their daily needs of foods from all the different groups," said Katic.

According to the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, young children should be getting two servings

each day from the meat, milk and fruit groups, three from the vegetable group, and six grains.

Grains are important because they are high in carbohydrates and a rich source of energy, B-group vitamins and minerals; fruits

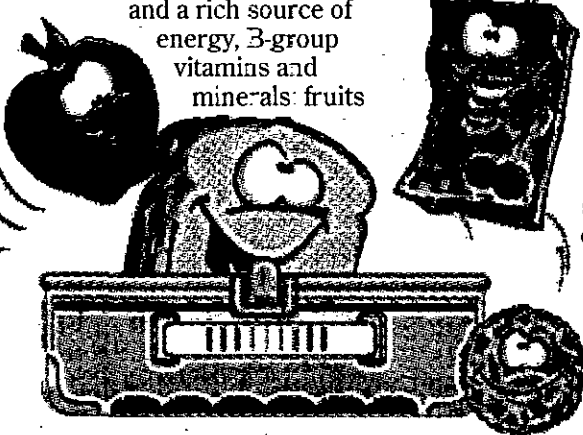
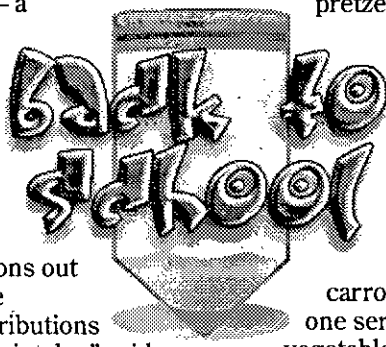
and vegetables are good sources of vitamins and minerals; meat, fish, poultry, and eggs are sources of protein, which is essential for growth and development. Milk and other dairy products are the best source of calcium, which is essential for the proper development of bones.

"Since kids tend to be picky

eaters, a good way to make sure they get all the nutrition they need each day is to sneak it in during snack time," said Katic.

Snacks help kids who are always on the go meet their energy needs between meals. But with today's active on-the-go lifestyles, parents don't always have the time to stop what they're doing to prepare healthy snacks for their kids.

Pretzels are a quick and easy snack option. To make the snack even more nutritious, you can serve the pretzels with cheese, peanut butter or fresh fruit — all snacks that are easy to eat on the go.



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# Decorating 101: Making a dorm room more like home

For parents getting ready to send their kids off to college, memories of dorms probably consist of tiny, cinder-block rooms with a set of bunk beds, two desks and maybe some posters on the wall for decoration. But today's dorms have come a long way, and so has the comfort and style level students expect.

Many schools now have dorms that are more like condos, with a central communal living space and separate bedrooms. Students expect to have all the comforts of home in the dorm as well: televisions, DVD players, audio systems, computers, microwaves. And they'll want to add style and personality to their dorm rooms as well.

Of course, everything that goes into a dorm room has to come out at the end of the school year, so any decorating that students do has to be easily removable (so no painting the walls a lovely shade of purple). And, college students being, well, college students, all this decorating has to be accomplished on a tight budget.

"Most people I know are helping to pay for their education, so there's not a lot of money left over for all the stuff we'd like to

have for our rooms," said Karla Geissler, a senior at the University of Wisconsin.

Here are a few ideas that parents and students can use to jazz up a dorm room and still have money left over for pizza.

## Furniture

For the most part, furniture in dorms is standard issue boring. Why not add some fun to the mix with an inexpensive, colorful chair from retailers like Ikea or Target? An oversize ottoman is a good way to add seating capacity to a dorm room. It can also serve as a table, and some ottomans have removable tops for added storage.

## Accessories

In your own home, accessories are the little touches that make a big impression. Carry that idea over to your student's dorm room as well. A nice lamp not only serves a practical purpose, but can add style to a room as well. Even something as basic as a waste-basket can be funky and fun.

"Accessories are great because they can make a big change in the room, but they don't cost a lot," said Geissler.

## Bedding

Because dorm rooms are

small, beds tend to be the biggest piece of furniture in the room. Instead of thinking of them as an eyesore, think of them as a fashion accessory. With the addition of stylish sheets and a colorful comforter, the bed can become the focal point of the décor. Choose accessories in colors that coordinate with the bedding for a finished look.

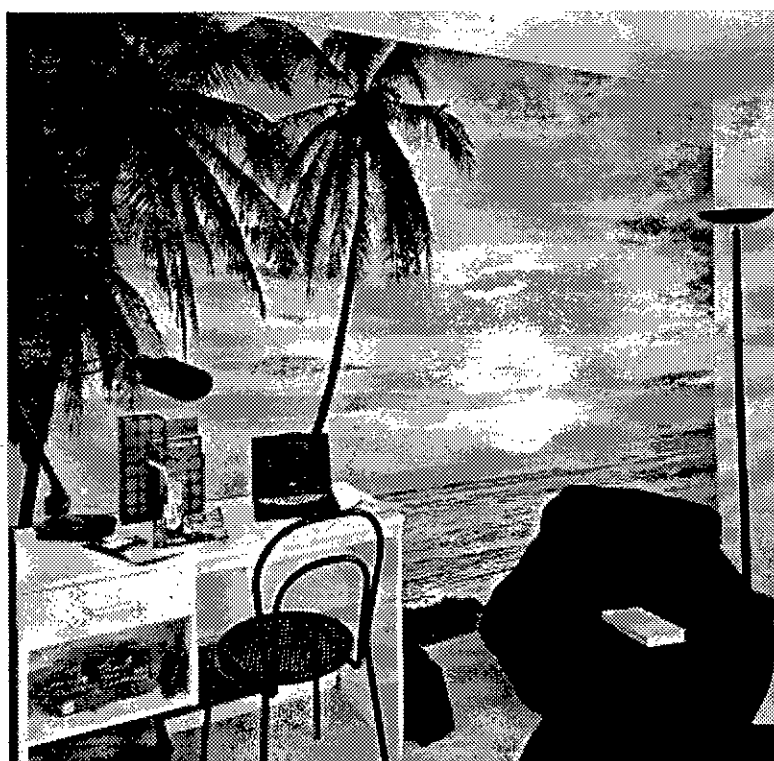
## Walls

Walls can be the hardest part of a dorm room to dress up, since you probably won't be allowed to paint them. Does that mean your student is stuck with an "institutional beige" paint job? No way, says Todd Imholte, president of Environmental Graphics, a company that specializes in wall murals that are easy to put up and just as easy to take down at the end of the year.

## Curtains

Windows offer one more opportunity to add color to the dorm room. Even if the window comes equipped with shades or blinds, adding inexpensive curtains is an easy way to dress up the room. "Since students don't have a ton of money, we have to get creative," said Geissler.

As many college students have discovered, that creative touch is what makes a dorm room home. "It's great to have a place that you look forward to coming back to at the end of the day," she added.



Wallpaper-like murals that come off at the end of the school year are a welcome addition to a dorm room.

# Helping students to stay healthier

By Dr. DIANE TENENBAUM

When it comes to getting kids back to school, parents face the first test: keeping students healthy to make learning easier and more enjoyable.

The following tips are based on advice from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

## Health forms and medicines

Make sure you have filled out all the necessary health and emergency contact forms. Children's immunization records must be up-to-date according to requirements for various grades. Students in certain grades and those new to the district must present a certificate signed by a New York state-licensed physician. Check with your school district as to what's required.

If your child has developed any new health problems that may affect him/her during the school day, tell the school nurse.

Make arrangements if your child must take medication at school on the first day. Many schools require paper work signed by your child's physician before they may administer medications. It's a good idea to contact the school office before school starts.

## School bus safety

Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.

Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing. Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver. Kids should not move around on the bus.

Backpack Safety: Pick one with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back. Pack light. The backpack should never weigh more than 10 percent to 20 percent of the student's body weight.

Always use both shoulder straps to avoid muscle strain and possibly curvature of the spine. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back.

## Good study habits

To help alleviate eye fatigue and neck soreness while studying at home, youngsters should close the books for 10 minutes every hour and go do something else. Encourage safe physical activities outdoors. Try to break the TV habit.

## Eating at school

Remember that each regular soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60 percent.

Parents can ask school districts to replace high-fat and empty-calorie munchies with healthy snacks that include more fresh fruit and low-fat dairy products, as

well as water and 100 percent fruit juice instead of sodas.

The author is a pediatrician at St. Peter's Medical Arts at Slingerlands. To reach the practice, call 475-7056.

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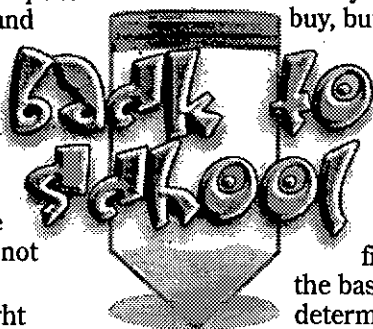
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# Budget basics to beat those back-to-school shopping blues

By STACY LONDON

**B**ack to school season? Bittersweet. The fun of summer days with the kids is over, but suddenly there's an hour or two free in your day. You can rest up after weeks of parties, trips to the pool, picnics and sleepovers. But now you're down at the mall bargaining with your teenager over what not to wear — and more importantly what not to spend.

Finding the right balance between what your kids want right now, what you think they should be wearing for school and what you're able to spend is a real headache. But it shouldn't be that hard. Some simple steps can help you find — and care for — cool clothes for your kids that won't fade faster than this season's hot trend.



## Bargain with your kids to buy bargains

It's all about setting expectations before you even set out shopping. Tell your daughter or son your back-to-school budget to help them understand there is a limit to what you can afford to buy, but promise one or two nicer items as well as the bargain buys.

Once you're at the mall, make sure to buy bargains first and cover the basics so you can determine how much cash you have left to splurge. Save the trip to their favorite store as a treat at the end of your trip — and keep your fingers crossed — you should be tantrum- and sulk-free.

**Do your homework: know what's hot, not over the top**  
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bellybutton pierced and a top that shows it off? She's planning to wear low-rise for school. Horror. You need some answers, some advice and a quick plan.

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If your daughter is still wanting the Christina look belly-tops and low-rise jeans, tell her that's old news.

## Learn your labels

Your kids care about labels, but it's the care label that's most important. This will tell you what a shirt, skirt or sweater is worth in the long run. Designer label discounts are great to find, but generally the more expensive the brand name, the more care — and effort from

you — they're going to need.

So when you're in the store, read the labels. If it's an everyday or every week school item, dry-cleaning is a no go and anything that needs to be hand washed or washed separately could be a lot of work.

## Common cents

There are common sense ways to get more out of your kids' and your family's clothes and make them last. Know what you're buying from the start and see past the brand name.

Look for well-made button holes, hems and seams that won't show wear and tear before the rest of the garment. Close these buttons, hooks and eyes — if you remember — every time you wash your clothes; it will reduce snagging and wear on delicate areas. And when you do wash don't overload.

Time is precious but don't rush things. Clothes will wear faster from more abrasion in an

overloaded washer. As a rule don't load past the top two holes in a top-loader machine.

Your kids' clothes will wear out over time, but if you buy smart and take care along the way, they'll last longer than the next fashion fad.

*The writer is the co-host of TLC's "What Not to Wear" show.*



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# Schools turn to the Internet for help with fund-raising projects

As summer fades and the kids gear up for back-to-school, one thing is clear. We're getting close to fall fund-raising season. Indeed, in no time, the opportunities to help out a school by buying or selling such items as chocolates, cookie dough, coupon books or calendars will be upon us.

No doubt, with rising education costs and limited funding, most schools today rely on selling "stuff" to supplement their budgets and help finance things like new

playground equipment, classroom supplies, art programs and library books.

But as anyone who's ever participated in a fund-raising campaign knows, not all programs are created equal. Some run smoothly and generate impressive profits, while others create stress and fatigue among participants, and result in less-than-ideal returns.

So what differentiates a great fundraising campaign from a mediocre or poor one? And what tactics do fund-raisers who experience success employ to

supercharge their programs?

One thing that sets many schools and students who do fundraising well apart is that they take advantage of technology — specifically, the Internet — to maximize the effectiveness of their efforts. While most in the industry agree that it's unlikely the Internet will ever fully replace more traditional approaches to fund-raising, plenty agree that cyberspace can significantly benefit school and non-profit organizations who sell products as means to raise money for their programs.

A few of the most common advantages that the Internet is bringing to school fund-raising are:

## More reach with e-mail

Some fund-raising companies now provide e-mail tools to their customers, which allow students to reach out-of-town supporters. For example, hundreds of thousands of students will sell Sally Foster gift wrap and gift items this fall. Through [www.SallyFoster.com](http://www.SallyFoster.com), they can easily create and send personalized e-mails to family members and friends, inviting them to support their schools by making a purchase (which can also be accomplished online). Later in the campaign, students can send reminder e-mails to the same distribution lists.

## Easy e-shopping

Several companies, Sally Foster included, have also migrated their product catalogs

online so would-be shoppers no longer need to get their hands on a paper catalog. Today, supporters can view fund-raising product offerings online, order by credit card and have their

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# Fine Arts are an important part of a well-rounded education

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

ure, reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic are necessary ingredients in a child's education. If you're looking to add some fine arts appreciation, plenty of opportunities abound in the Capital District for after-school lessons and fun.

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"We have the best teachers in

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Khaitov said The Magic of Music is a great place for kids to be.

"Whether a student wants to go on to a conservatory or just learn music for fun, we can provide that," Khaitov said.

For information, call 475-0215 or 452-8427.

If you have a child with a passion for the piano, The Grand Pianist in Albany's Crestwood Plaza – across from St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church on

Whitehall Road – is the place to pursue that love.

Amanda Grab has taught piano for more than 10 years, and started The Grand Pianist three years ago. She has since hired another teacher and is looking for one more.

Grab offers private and group piano lessons to kids age 7 and older. Half-hour lessons cost \$25, and Grab offers an annual tuition plan. Lessons include theory, technique and repertoire.

"We are classically based," Grab said, "because there are so many things to learn from classical music. We also incorporate other styles of music, too. Kids might want to learn Broadway songs, and at Christmas, for instance, they might want to play holiday songs. When the song from 'Titanic' was popular, all the kids wanted to learn that."

For her private lesson students up to eighth grade, Grab puts together "super-groups," once every other month. Kids are grouped by age and ability and get a chance to meet other kids. There's also an annual recital with all the students.

Grab also offers Musik Garten for kids between the ages of 3 and 7. Musik Garten is also designed for babies and toddlers, and Grab is looking to hire someone to teach that age group.

"Musik Garten is all about

music and movement," Grab said. "It fosters tonal and rhythmic aptitude in children."

Musik Garten divides into three categories – Cycle of Seasons for 3- and young 4-year-olds; Music Makers for 4-year-olds to young 6-year-olds. Music Makers at the Keyboard is the final level, for kids 6 and 7, and sometimes 8, years old.

"If kids are ready, they might go to keyboard classes from there," Grab said. Musik Garten classes range from \$12 to \$20, plus a materials fee.

Grab is currently offering a \$10 tuition reduction to students who enroll in a fall class by Aug. 31.

For information, call The Grand Pianist at 459-8172.

If dance is your child's thing, check out the School of Dance Education in North Troy. Linda Shevlin is starting her 39<sup>th</sup> year as a dance teacher and offers ballet, tap and jazz class for kids from age 3 through the teen years.

"There's a preschool class for kids from 3 to 5, although sometimes there are 6- and 7-year-olds in that group," Shevlin said.

Other kids are grouped by age and ability, and learn a combination of dance techniques, in one-hour lessons once a week. The groups are small, with perhaps eight to nine students in the younger classes and six to eight children in the older classes.

Shevlin realized that she wanted to teach dance when she was 13 years old.

"I watched my dance teacher and decided that was what I wanted to do," Shevlin said. "I opened my dance studio after I graduated from high school."

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# Obituaries

## Helena Ingraham

Helena Johnson Ingraham, 96, of Slingerlands, died Friday, July 30, at Auburn Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Braintree, Mass., she attended Dana Hall School for Women.

She studied music in Boston at the New England Conservatory of Music. Music was her passion, and she was a church soloist throughout her life.

Mrs. Ingraham lived in Slingerlands for more than 50 years before entering the nursing home.

She was the widow of Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham.

Survivors include two daughters, Priscilla Pultz and Sylvia Goetzmann, both of Skaneateles; two sons, Mark Ingraham of Pennington, N.J., and Irad Ingraham of New Berlin; 16 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled at Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands on Sept. 25 at 2 p.m.

Contributions may be made to Community United Methodist Church, New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands 12159 or Auburn Nursing Home, 85 Thornton Ave., Auburn 13021.

## Robert Hampston

Robert G. Hampston, 63, of Mount Dora Fla., and formerly of

Voorheesville, died Monday, Aug. 2.

Born and raised in Poland, Herkimer County, he had lived in Voorheesville for many years before moving to Florida last year.

Mr. Hampston received a bachelor's degree from Clarkson College and was a member of Omnicron Pi Omicron Fraternity.

He served in the Army from 1963 to 1965, then worked briefly for the California Department of Transportation. From 1967 until his retirement in 1996, he was a civil engineer for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Andrea Zamorski Hampston; his mother, Helen Forrest Hampston of Poland; two sons, Edward Hampston of Voorheesville and Thomas Hampston of Rouses Point; a brother, Dale Hampston of Poland; and a sister, Carol Fox of Oswego.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Poland Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Lake/Sumter County, 12300 Lane Park Road, Tavares, Fla. 32778 or Clarkson University, Woodstock Lodge, Potsdam, 13676.

## Sarah Hamilton

Sarah Elizabeth Hamilton, infant daughter of William C. and Jeanne Mullin Hamilton of Selkirk, died Tuesday, Aug. 3.

She was granddaughter of Jack and Joyce Mullin, Harry and Rosemary Khachadorian and Bill and Donna Hamilton.

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

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

## Helen Clarke

Helen B. Clarke, 88, of New Scotland and formerly of Cape Cod, died Monday, Aug. 2, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of the former Milne School. She was a graduate of Mildred Elley School and Russell Sage College.

Mrs. Clarke worked for the state Department of Labor for several years and also assisted her husband as part owner of the

Charles B. Clarke Insurance Co. in Delmar.

She was a member of Unionville Reformed Church for 50 years and was very active with the Sunday school.

She was a past member of the town of New Scotland Historical Society.

While living in Chantilly, Va., Mrs. Clarke was employed by Fairfax County as an historian, working at the Richard Bland Lee Plantation.

In her retirement on Cape Cod, she was a part-owner and

business manager of Saltaway Cottages in Eastham and was a member of the board of trade and a officer and director of the Eastham Historical Society.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Charles B. Clarke; a son, C. Bill Clarke of Altamont, and a grandson.

Services were private.

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 gone for now GIWIST: gee, I wish I'd said that GMBQ: giggling my butt off GMTA: great minds think alike  
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 remember correctly ILU: I love you IM: instant message IMHO: in my humble opinion IMNSHO: in my not  
 so humble opinion IMO: in my opinion IOW: in other words IPN: I'm posting naked IRL: in real life IWALU: I  
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 cheek KWIM: know what I mean? LBR: later LD: later, dude LDR: long distance relationship LLTA: lots and  
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 loud LSHMBB: laughing so hard my belly is bouncing LTM: laugh to myself LTNS: long time, no see LTR: long-  
 term relationship LULAB: love you like a brother **LULAS: love you like a sister** LUWAMN: love you with all  
 my heart LY: love you M/F: male or female MOSS: member of same sex MOTOS: member of the opposite sex  
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 TA: thanks again TCOB: taking care of business TCOY: take care of yourself TIA: thanks in advance TILH: tell  
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# Obituaries

## Ray Marshall

Ray K. Marshall, 94, of Delmar, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Community Hospice at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Chicopee, Mass., he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant in the Pacific.

He was employed by General Electric in Schenectady and the University at Albany, whence he retired in 1974.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Louise Schramm Marshall; two sons, William Marshall of Loudonville and Kenneth Marshall of Delmar; a daughter, Joyce Beaudette of Loudonville; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

## Catherine Turner

Catherine Ellen Hotaling Turner, 82, of Selkirk, died Friday, Aug. 6, at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Catherine Stalker of Selkirk and Glenna Richardson of Freehold; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena, with burial in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

## Eleanor Kelly

Eleanor M. Kelly, 77, of Delmar, died Saturday, Aug. 7, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in New York City, she was a volunteer and homemaker while her family lived in northern New Jersey, Toledo, Ohio, and southern New Jersey.

She then worked as librarian at St. Joseph's High School in Camden, N.J., where she also managed the diocesan film library and started the school's interracial rap group. She later became librarian at Our Lady of Lourdes Nursing School in Camden, retiring in 1995.

A committed opponent of violence, she was an active member of the Catholic Cursillo and Pax Christi movements and a volunteer for a crisis line and other community organizations

during the 30 years she lived in Westmont, N.J.

She was a member of Christ the King Parish in Haddonfield, N.J. More recently, she lived in Lexington, S.C., before moving to Good Samaritan in Delmar.

Survivors include two daughters, Ellen Kelly-Lind of Delmar and Marybeth Mahrer of Lexington, S.C.; a son, Joe Kelly of Duluth, Minn.; a sister, Mary Lou Mahon of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a brother Frank Barnes of Antelope, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with burial in George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus, N.J.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

## Paul Fisher

Paul William Fisher, 87, of Delmar, died Monday, July 26, at Albany Medical Center.

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Mr. Fisher was a graduate of Niagara University.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a captain in the Pacific and in Europe.

He was a manufacturers representative and president of Fisher Associates for many years.

He was also a longtime member of the Normanside

Country Club.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Joyce Beazley Fisher; a daughter, Victoria Fisher of Delmar; a son, Mark Fisher of Albany; a sister, Rose Mary Hannon of Delmar; and two granddaughters.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery.

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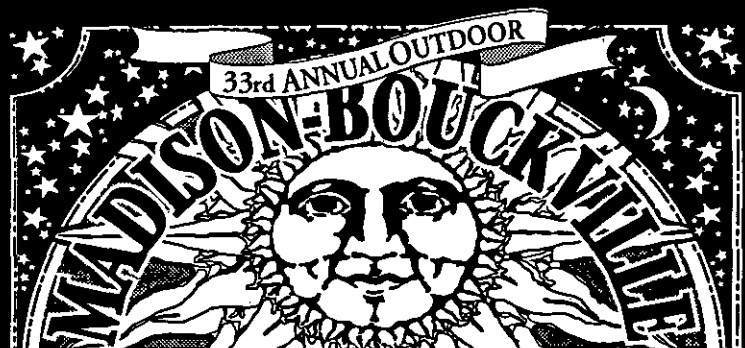
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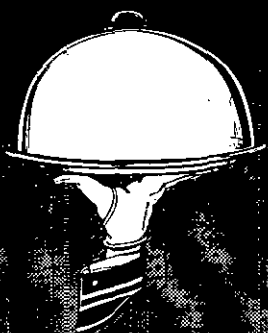
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## Johnson, Fraatz engaged

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Rochester. She is currently attending Ohio State University.

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The groom is a graduate of Hiram College.

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The bus will leave from the Bethlehem Soccer Club's Soccerplex in Glenmont at 12:00 p.m. The bus will return to Bethlehem immediately following the Revs/Earthquakes game (ends approx. 8:30 p.m., arrive back in Glenmont at around 11:30 p.m.).

The cost per person including a game ticket and round-trip transportation is \$65.

To inquire or register for the trip, please email [cleansheet\\_bsc@msn.com](mailto:cleansheet_bsc@msn.com) or call Joel Rosenberg at 439-8405

## Dean's List

### Berklee College of Music

Jared Kalman of Delmar.

### Grinnell College

Stephanie Fried of Voorheesville.

### Hartwick College

Meredith Pascale of Glenmont.

### Providence College

Danielle Blanch, Emily Feustel, Kristen Lytle and Matthew Perazzelli, all of Delmar, and Jonathan Bartow of Slingerlands.

### SUNY Fredonia

Megan McRae of Delmar, Elisabeth Stambach of Glenmont and Brian Connors of Voorheesville.

### Trinity College

Julia Hoffman of Slingerlands, faculty honors.

### Tufts University

Andrea Prudente and Elliot Freeman, both of Delmar.

### Union College

Lauren Lohman of Delmar.

### University of Hartford

Benjamin Greenberg of Delmar.

### University of Rochester

Daniel Israel, Celinda Gebhardt and Emily Bango, all of

Delmar, Megan Fish and Matthew Olinzock, both of Glenmont, and Andrew Hayes of Slingerlands.

### University of Wisconsin

Jed Rosenkrantz of Delmar.

### Wake Forest University

William Nathan of Delmar.

### Wells College

Jill Parsons of Feura Bush.

## Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

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

## Wedding Directory for Bridal Services



### FLORISTS

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

### JEWELRY

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

### INVITATIONS

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

### PHOTOGRAPHY

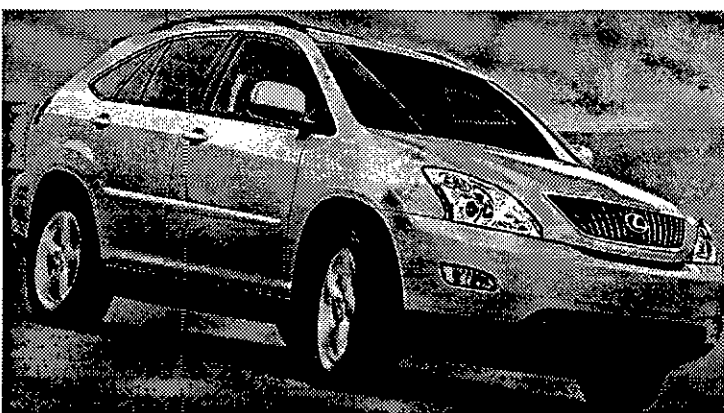
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### TOOTH WHITENING

Dr. Kabinoff, 458-1892. 1465 Western Ave., Guilderland. Professional Teeth Whitening.

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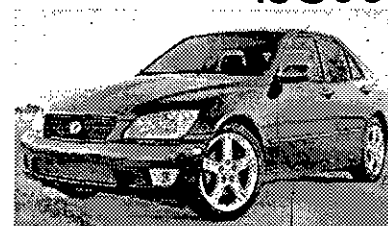
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# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By MARY LANNON

It may be 112 years old, but there's always something new at the Altamont Fair. New this year, children under 12 are free every day at the fair, which begins next Tuesday, Aug. 17, and runs until Sunday, Aug. 22.

"That's good for families, to bring out the children," said Jerry Oliver, spokesman for the fair.

An annual tradition for many residents, going back generations in some cases, this year's fair aims to be even more family friendly.

"There are more 'pay one price to ride' specials than ever," Oliver said, noting that those deals are available Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday this year.

Tickets at the door for those 13 and over are \$10 and \$8 for seniors. Tickets are only \$7 at area Price Choppers before the event. Parking is free. A pass for the whole fair is \$30.

Children will enjoy the Commerford petting zoo, Oliver said, where they can feed all manner of animals including llamas, monkeys, goats, sheep and an elephant.

He added that the ever-popular pig racing is back every day, except Tuesday, at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. The fair took patrons' suggestions and moved the pig-racing to a more central location.

New to the fair this year is the Star Family Circus, which will take place everyday at 1:30, 3:30 and 6 p.m.

The kids may enjoy the circus so much they will want to try their hand at putting on their own circus. For that, they can make their way to the backyard circus, starting at noon, 2:30 and 4 p.m. each day.

Also new this year is the Hollywood Stunt show, which has performed at the New York State Fair, and will put on a show in Altamont on opening night at 7



## It's Fair time in Altamont

*Annual Fair features something for everyone*

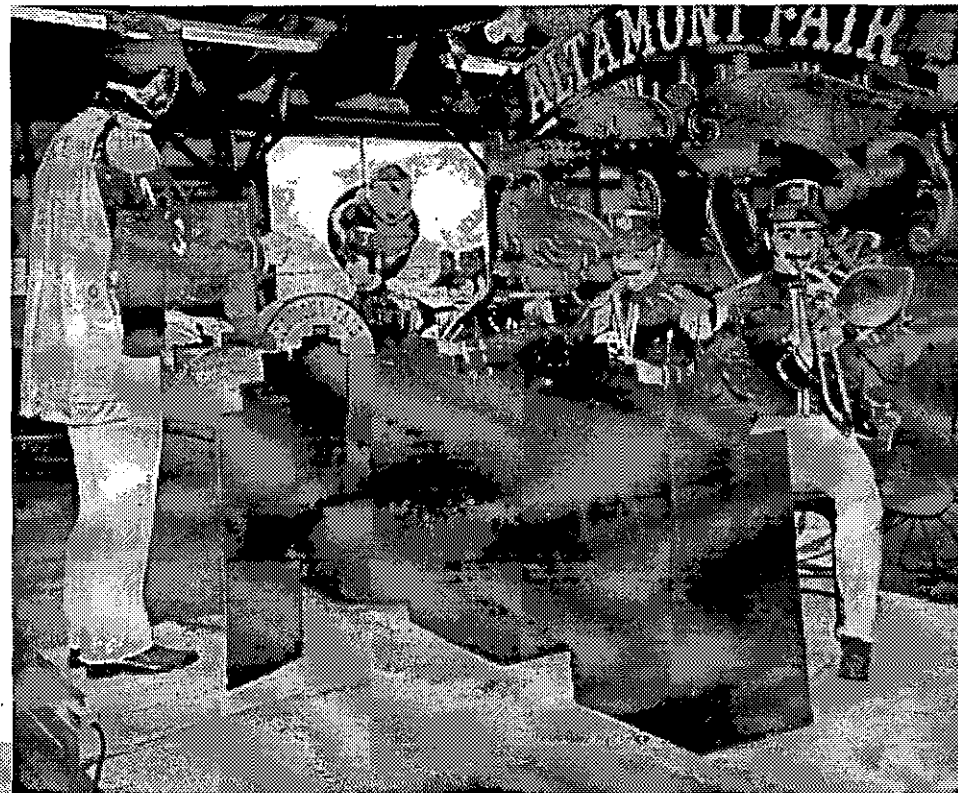
p.m. Back from a hiatus of several years is bull-riding, which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The Altamont Fair is the fair for Albany, Greene and Schenectady counties, is one of the largest in the Capital District, and offers history along with fun.

"There are seven museums on the grounds, that's what makes it unique," Oliver said.

Fair-goers can check out museums

devoted to the circus, the farmhouse, farm machinery, fire, auto and carriages. They can also visit a one-room schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop,



an 1890s building and an 18<sup>th</sup> century, new world Dutch Barn.

"There's tons of food," Oliver added, naming sausage and peppers, cotton candy, fudge and pies as just some of the treats.

The musical line-up has something for everyone, he said, beginning at 8:15 each night except Sunday. Tuesday features Blue Creek; Wednesday the TS Ensemble; Thursday, The Refrigerators; Friday, Hair of the Dog, Saturday, the Burners UK; and on

Sunday, at 7 p.m., Ernie Williams.

Other shows include demolition derbies on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights; the Bwana Jim Alligator show at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. daily; and the Trick Draft Horse Rider at 3 and 5 p.m. daily. Craft demonstrations and 4-H competitions and displays will also be on hand.

Performers include juggler Wade Henry and Mr. All-Brite the clown, as well as a hypnotist.

For information, call 861-6671 or visit the Web site at [www.altamontfair.com](http://www.altamontfair.com).



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Park Playhouse production, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, through Aug. 15, free, \$14 and \$16 for reserved seats. Information, 434-0776.

### AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Fats Waller musical, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Aug. 21, \$31 to \$39. Information, 445-7469.

### BENCH IN THE SUN

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

### BARNUM

Mac-Haydn Theatre, Route 203, Chatham, through Aug. 22, \$20.90 and \$22.90, \$12 for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Information, 392-9292.

## DO PATENT LEATHER SHOES REALLY REFLECT UP?

Theater Barn, Route 20, New Lebanon, through Aug. 22, \$19, \$17 for matinees. Information, 794-8989.

## Music

### PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Aug. 11 — Tchaikovsky Spectacular, 1812 Overture, Marche Slave and Suite from Swan Lake, with cannon and fireworks; Aug. 12 — Dvorak's Cello Concerto and Sibelius' Symphony No. 2; Aug. 13 — Strauss' Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks, Zwilich's Symphony No. 3 and Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1; Aug. 14 — Bartok's Suite from The Miraculous Mandarin, Liszt's Totentanz, Weber's Clarinet Concerto No. 2 and Ravel's Suite No. 2 from Daphnis et Chloe; Aug. 18 — Ravel's Valses Nobles et Sentimentales, Saint-Saens' Piano Concerto No. 4 and Berlioz' Harold in Italy; 8:15 p.m., \$15 to \$57.50. Information, 587-3330.

**NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALLSTARS**  
with Crawdad and The Straitjackets,  
Empire State Plaza, Albany, Aug. 11, 5  
p.m., free. Information, 473-0559.

### JOHN MAYALL AND THE BLUESBREAKERS

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany,  
Aug. 13, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-  
1845.

### THE BLUEHOUSE

Music Haven, Central Park, Schenectady,  
Aug. 14, 7 p.m., free. Information, 382-  
0447.

### PLENA LIBRE

Music Haven, Central Park, Schenectady,  
Aug. 15, 4 p.m., free. Information, 382-  
0447.

### SARATOGA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saratoga Performing Arts Center Little  
Theatre, Aug. 15 at 2:15 p.m. — The  
Austro-Hungarian Connection, with  
works by Schubert, Zwilich, Haydn and  
Dohnanyi; Aug. 16 at 8:15 p.m. — Past  
and Present: A Reunion of Curtis

Graduates Performing Classics, with  
works by Beethoven, Eisler and Brahms;  
Aug. 17 — Schubert & Mozart & the  
Unknown Fruhling; \$28.50 and \$33.50.  
Information, 587-3330.

### SUZANNE VEGA

Washington Park, Albany, Aug. 16, 7:30  
p.m., free. Information, 1-866-333-  
8191.

### BLUES TRAVELER

Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park,  
Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., \$20. Information,  
371-0012.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

French Painters of Nature: Barbizon  
School Landscapes from the  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, through  
Aug. 22; Lost Cases, Recovered Lives:  
Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic,  
through Sept. 19; plus permanent  
collections on the 9/11 recovery effort,  
New York state history and geography,  
Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue.  
Information, 474-5877.

## ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

Don Nice's Hudson River paintings, plus  
exhibits on Hudson River School  
painting, American sculpture, Egypt and  
the history of Albany, 125 Washington  
Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Factory Bands to Funk: Music in the  
Capital Region, 1900 to the Present,  
through Sept. 12; plus Spirit of  
Schenectady, collection highlights and  
planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights.  
Information, 382-7890.

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham,  
Shades of Summer exhibit of original  
paintings by member of the Colonie Art  
League, through Aug. 31. Information,  
786-6557.

## Call for Artists

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and  
percussion sections. Information, 439-  
7749.

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

several openings, rehearsals on Mondays  
at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9,  
Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for brass players, rehearsals on  
first Thursday and third Tuesday of the  
month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9,  
Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals  
Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood  
Reformed Church, Route 146,  
Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

openings in women's singing group,  
focusing on old favorites and show  
tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at

Community United Methodist Church  
1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.  
Information, 439-2360.

### SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for  
orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for  
choir, Siena College, Route 9,  
Loudonville. Information, 783-2325

### THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

openings in the string section, rehearsals  
Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior  
Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park.  
Information, 372-5146.

### FIRST NIGHT ALBANY

musical artists wanted for New Year's Eve  
event, submit tape/CD, biography,  
reviews, etc., to Albany Office of Special  
Events, City Hall, Eagle Street, Albany  
12207. Information 434-8069.  
Information, 785-4807.

### ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

### RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group, based in Scotia-  
Glennville area, rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7  
to 9:30 p.m., call for location.  
Information, 399-9480.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in  
singing classical and popular songs,  
Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck  
Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Information, 477-4454.

### CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

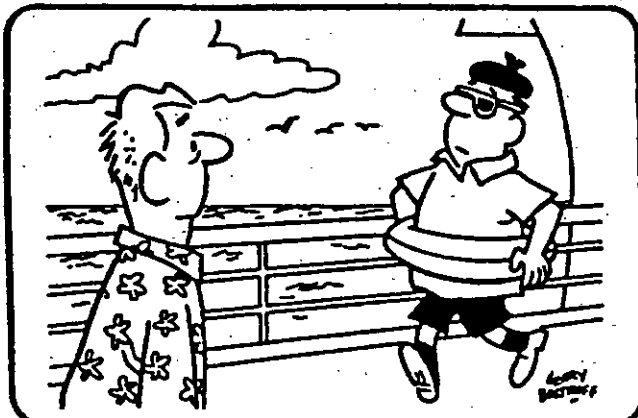
rehearsals at Columbia High School,  
Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9  
p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

### ARTISTS WANTED

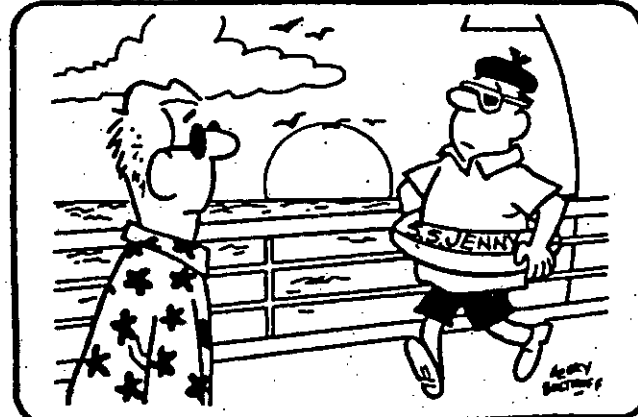
exhibit space available for original  
paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961  
Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham.  
Information, 786-6557.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. There's writing on the life buoy. 2. Sun is setting. 3. Man has sunglasses. 4. Man's shirt is different. 5. More birds are shown. 6. Man has no socks.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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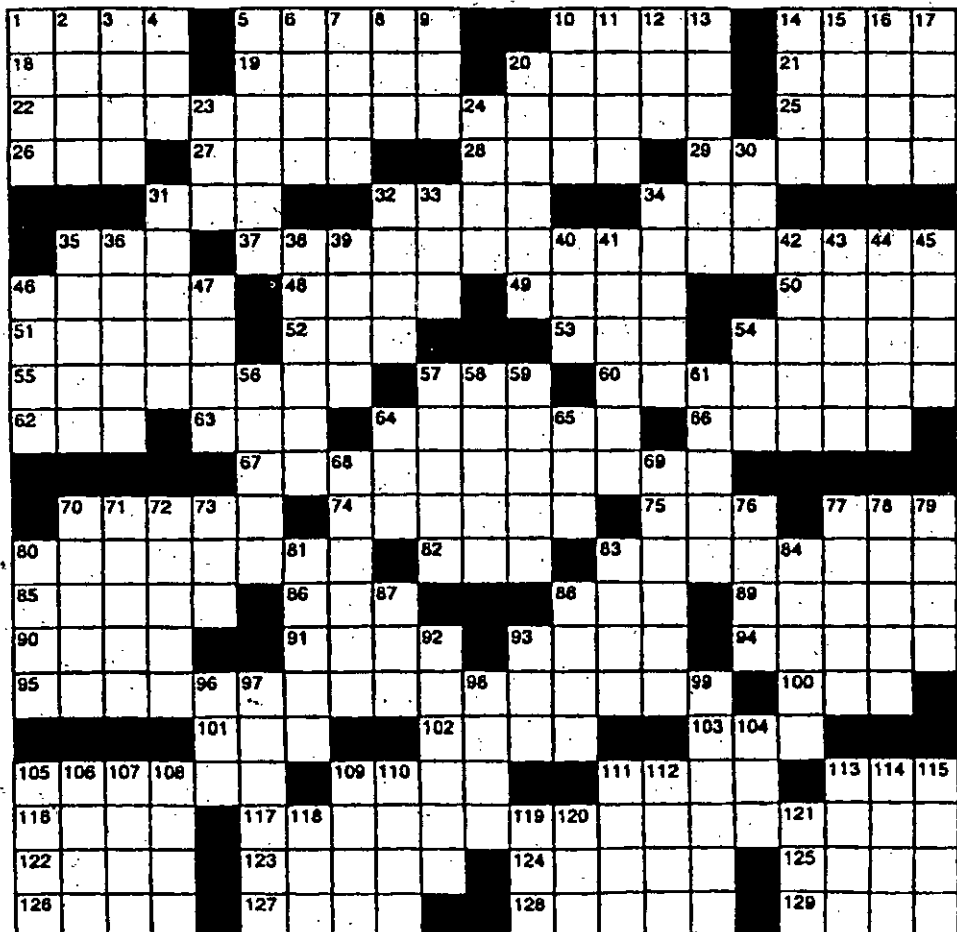
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29 Runny-mede's river  
31 Morning moisture  
32 Baltic city  
34 Saut — Marie, MI  
35 Chop  
37 Part 2 of remark  
46 Silly Soupy  
48 Designer Ricci  
49 Mrs. Nick Charles  
50 Parent  
51 Folklore figure

52 AAA offering  
53 "— the Dog" ('97 film)  
54 Bathroom dance  
55 Fabric ornament  
57 Mil. honor  
60 Casanova, for one  
62 Caviar  
63 Wagner's "— Rhinegold"  
64 Vaudeville's Tucker  
66 Islamic title  
67 Part 3 of remark  
70 Frank or Dweezil  
74 Greet the general  
75 Peculiar  
77 "A mouse!"  
80 Biblical city  
82 Nice season  
83 German shepherd  
85 Cropped up  
86 Goal  
88 Pub order  
89 Elbow  
90 Quinden's "One — Thing"  
91 Paper quantity  
93 Trauma aftermath

94 "Die Fledermaus" mald  
95 Part 4 of remark  
100 Prospector's prize  
101 Time to evolve?  
102 Travel with Tonto  
103 "Tell — About It" ('83 hit)  
105 Mideastern mall?  
109 Singer Lesley  
111 Iowa city  
113 Task  
116 Prayer finale  
117 End of remark  
122 Tilt  
123 Hood's handle  
124 "Wait — Dark" ('67 film)  
125 Similar  
126 Punta del — Ark  
127 Neighbor of Ark  
128 Mars has two  
129 Gnat or brat

4 Singer Sayer  
5 They're kept in a quiver  
6 Rind  
7 Fury  
8 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."  
9 Chou En —  
10 "Beetle Bailey" dog  
11 Like — of bricks  
12 Rib  
13 Diva Renata  
14 Base stuff?  
15 Final  
16 Actor Burns  
17 "Oh, wool"  
20 With — of salt  
23 Employ  
24 Imminent  
30 Female fowl  
31 Reside  
32 Artist Magritte  
33 Call — day  
34 Play ground?  
35 Silent star?  
36 Wed in haste  
38 Torrent  
39 Speck  
40 Right away  
41 Concrete component  
42 Fuming

43 Bottled spirit?  
44 Cartoon Viking  
45 '82 Jeff Bridges film  
46 TV's "— Search"  
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58 Doha's country  
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61 Must-haves  
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68 More pallid  
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70 Bernardo's boss  
71 Romance  
72 Puzzling problem  
73 Affix meaning "before"  
76 Delany or Wynter  
77 Duck down  
78 Bald bird  
79 Patella's place  
80 Gangsters' guns  
81 Composer Copland

83 Fruit-tree spray  
84 English dynasty  
87 Welcome item?  
88 Lot size  
92 Udall or West  
93 Lay down the lawn  
96 Nay opponent  
97 Setup  
98 Appearance  
99 Automobile, informally  
104 Kreskin's letters  
105 Bound bundle  
106 Author Kingsley  
107 Gusto  
108 Relative of 73 Down  
109 Prepare to bear it  
110 — even keel  
111 Choir member  
112 Chow —  
113 Boxer LaMotta  
114 Model Carro  
115 Crooked  
116 Seville shout  
119 Chew lit  
120 — -Cat  
121 Peke's perch



# The Spotlight CALENDAR

## Wed. Aug. 4

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

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

#### OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

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

#### BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

#### BINGO

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

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

#### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### SUMMER READING CLUB

For grades 4-6, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m. bring t-shirt or tote bag to tie-dye, sign up necessary. Information, 765-2791.

#### V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### AA MEETING

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

## Thurs. Aug. 5

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### AA MEETINGS

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

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

#### SRC VOLUNTEER CLUB

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m., Information, 765-2791.

#### STORYTIME AT THE VILLAGE PARK

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 11 a.m., Information, 765-2791.

## Fri. Aug. 6

### BETHLEHEM

Children's Writing Workshop Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Information, 439-9341.

#### AA MEETING

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

#### CHABAD CENTER

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45-5 p.m. Information, 765-3390. YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

## Sat. Aug. 7

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

## Sun. Aug. 8

### BETHLEHEM

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.  
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.  
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.  
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.  
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.  
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.  
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.  
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.  
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.  
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.  
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.  
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.  
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.  
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.  
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.

St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.  
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.  
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

#### WEDDING GOWN EXHIBIT

Bethlehem Historical Association, 1003 River Road, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.  
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.  
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.  
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.  
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.  
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St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.  
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.  
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

## Mon. Aug. 9

### BETHLEHEM

#### FOOD STAMP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Bethlehem Senior Services sponsors free program where representative of Legal Aid Society will help with food stamp applications. Appointment required, 10 a.m. to noon, Bethlehem Senior Services office, 445 Delaware Ave., 439-4955 ext. 173 or 174.

#### PEACE VIGIL

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

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

#### INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

#### EXPLORER POST 157

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

#### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

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#### SUMMER READING CLUB

For grades 1-3, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

#### SRC TEEN NIGHT

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Pirate night, Sign up necessary, 7 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

## Tues. Aug. 10

### BETHLEHEM

#### FARMERS MARKET

Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

#### CHURCH LUNCH

Sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, weekly on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

At Gospel Fellowship, 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, beneath Normans Kill bridge, Information 482-2132.

#### ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### A.W. BECKER PTA

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

#### BINGO

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

#### SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

## Wed. Aug. 11

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

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

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### SUMMER READING CLUB

For grades 4-6, New York team sports trivia, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

#### TOWN COUNCIL

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

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#### FAITH TEMPLE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**KEYSER REALTY, LLC**  
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LCD-10128  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**MSC DEVELOPMENT, LLC**  
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of MSC Development, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("DSNY") on June 23, 2004. Office location: Albany County. DSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. DSNY shall mail a copy of any process to MSC Development, LLC, 111 Leonard Lane, Feura Bush, NY 12067. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.  
Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love  
Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203  
Albany, New York 12205-3898  
LCD-10131  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**  
The name of the LLC is CLOVER PARK APARTMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 21, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.  
LCD-10132  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**CLAVERACK PUMP SERVICE, LLC**  
1. Notice of formation of Claverack Pump Service, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 6/10/2004. Office location: Columbia County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful business; incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable.  
LCD-10133  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NALLY ENTERPRISES, INC.**  
Notice of formation of Nally Enterprises, Inc., a limited liability company (the "Corporation"). Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 6/16/2004. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the Corporation, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the Corporation, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which business corporations may be organized under the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York, provided, however, that the Corporation is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body. The Corporation, in furtherance of its corporate purposes, shall have all of the powers enumerated in Section 202 of the New York Business Corporation Law, subject to any limitations provided in the Business Corporation Law or any other statute of the State of New York.  
LCD-10134  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**  
The name of the LLC is ARW, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 6, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 17 Jackson Avenue, Cohoes, New York 12047.  
LCD-10187  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**  
The name of the LLC is 7 DANA AVENUE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 13, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 27 Fullerton Street, Albany, New York 12209.  
LCD-10195  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of WERCS Services, LLC.** Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/28/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 23 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-10203  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of Titan Management Services, LLC.** App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/6/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in GA 2/4/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 2160 Satellite Blvd., Ste. 325, Duluth, GA 30097, the principal office address of

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LLC. Art. of Org. on file: SSGA, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10204 (August 11, 2004)**

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**  
The name of the LLC is PROPERTY CONTRACTS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 20, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.  
LCD-10223  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**SKS MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC**  
Notice of formation of SKS Management Group, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 12/29/03. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Kathleen M. Sinel, 6236 Empire Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12306. The purposes of the LLC are to provide management consulting services.  
LCD-10236  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of Pitcairn West 47th St. Associates, LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y 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.  
LD-10140  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of GP Productions, LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y 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 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 Sec'y of State, Corps. Section, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711-3697. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-10141  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Registration of Sullivan Cunningham Keenan Mraz Oliver & Violando, LLP.** Certificate filed with Sec'y 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.  
LD-10142  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## 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.  
LD-10143  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of formation of Kilmer Court Apartments, LLC.** Arts. of orig. filed with Sec'y. 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 activity.  
LD-10152  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of formation of 543 Delaware Avenue, LLC.** Arts. of orig. filed with Sec'y. 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.  
LD-10153  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of Volvo Finance North America, LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y. 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 Sec'y. 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.  
LD-10169  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of Professional Placement Resources, LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y. 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 Sec'y. of State, Div. of Corps., 409 East Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-10174  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**  
Articles of Organization for THE MARK OF EL EGANCE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 8, 2004. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LLC at 189 Colonial Avenue, Albany, New York 12208.** Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.  
LD-10188  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**FOREIGN LLC PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Name of LLC: VKGS LLC App. For Auth. filed with Sec. of State 06/04/04. Jurisd. ON 05/19/04. NY State office loc: ALBANY COUNTY. Sec. of State of NY designated as agent of LLC The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him/her is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001. Address required to be maintained in home jurisdiction: 9 East Loockerman Street, Suite 1B, Dover, DE 19901. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purposes: is to transact any lawful business.  
LD-10189  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of Amstar-1, LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Colorado (CO) on 6/23/04. 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. CO address of LLC: 1050 17th St., Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80265. Arts. of Org. filed with CO Sec'y. of State, 1560 Broadway, 2nd Fl., Denver, CO 80202. Purpose: investment in real property.  
LD-10190  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of 2322 Knapp Realty LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. of State on N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/13/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Mallow, Konstam & Hager, 321 Broadway, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-10192  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of CONCORD INTERPRISES LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. of State on NY (SSNY) on 6/25/2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Concord Interprises LLC, c/o XL Corporate Services, Inc., 62 White Street, New York, NY 10013. Registered Agent: XL Corporate Services, Inc., 62 White Street, New York, NY 10013 Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-10194  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**  
Articles of Organization for X-PRESS TEST, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 28, 2004. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**Notice of Formation of Eastern Parkway Associates, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/15/04. 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 Mallow Konstam & Hager, 321 Broadway, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-10197  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DATADEPO LLC**  
The name of the LLC is DATADEPO LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is: 06/22/04 under the name DATADEPO LLC. The office of the LLC shall be in the County of ALBANY and State of N.Y. The N.Y. Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him/her is The Company, 25 Greystone Manor, Lewes, Delaware 19958. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business.  
LD-10207  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**FOREIGN LLC PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Name of LLC: PINELAWN POWER LLC App. For Auth. filed with Sec. of State 06/17/04. Jurisd. And date of org: DELAWARE ON 06/04/04. NY State office loc: ALBANY COUNTY. Sec. of State of NY designated as agent of LLC. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him/her is: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207-2543. Address of principal office: One Riverchase Parkway South, Birmingham, Alabama 35244. Registered Agent: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207-2543. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, John G. Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Purposes: is to transact any lawful business.  
LD-10208  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application for Variance under Article XVII, Side Yards, Section 128-73, Required Widths of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a carport, which will encroach into the Side Yard Setback requirement at premises 44 Montrose Drive, Delmar, New York.  
Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
LD-10211  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Patricia Caporta for Variance

## LEGAL NOTICE

under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50, Single Family Dwellings of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a screened porch addition, which will exceed the allowable percentage of lot occupancy at premises 106 Fernbank Avenue, Delmar, New York.  
Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
LD-10212  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of School House Road (Owner), Stephen Ziamandanis (Applicant) for a modification to a previously granted Use Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-12, Residence "A" District of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to convert a previous daycare facility with an office and apartment to entirely office space at premises 299 School House Road, Albany, New York.  
Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
LD-10213  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of Ashford Senior General Partner LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/20/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/12/04. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-10214  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of First States Investors 3300, LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/16/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/3/04. 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: 1725 The Fairway, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-10215  
(August 11, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of Safeguard NY II LLC.** Authority filed with Sec'y. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/20/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/15/04. 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. Principal office of the LLC: 111 Veterans Blvd., Suite 1150, Metairie, LA 70005. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-10218  
(August 11, 2004)



# Student

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The awards are not given in a spirit of competition; each application submitted is reviewed by judges from the respective fields and evaluated by its longstanding birth to that field, said Marie Capurro, Davidson Institute director of programs and services.

"I know Matt only as an applicant," Capurro said, "but we receive many applications every year and (for him to be named a fellow), it shows that he's done something significant and worthy."

He developed DoorManBot, an e-version answering machine that allows America Online Instant Messenger users to communicate with each other even if they are not logged onto their computer.

It's a series of connections and databases that upgrades Instant Messaging by enabling users to leave messages for each other even if they are not online.

Physics teacher at Bethlehem Central High School Ken Neff said Goldstein's achievements show initiative.

"To me, that's what real engineers do; they realize a real-life problem and set out on their own

to solve the problem," Neff said.

Tom Karpowitz, a staff architect for Sun Microsystems, also submitted nominating material for Goldstein.

Karpowitz, who describes computers as his "area of expertise for 22 years, knew Goldstein as his son's acquaintance and classmate.

"(My son) was using IM and I happened to notice him taking advantage of the benefits of what I later found out to be DoorManBot," Karpowitz wrote in an e-mail. "When I asked him about it, he casually mentioned that (Goldstein) had written it. I was impressed."

Karpowitz said only after Goldstein approached him to sponsor his application to the Davidson Institute, did he realize "the magnitude of what (Goldstein) had accomplished."

Neff, who participated as one of three nominators for Goldstein's project, said he was asked in his application what sets this

project apart from others.

The fact that the teen-ager solved a real-life problem "makes this project neat," Neff said.

"He's still in high school, but he did something that companies would hire people to do. He's not just rewriting old code, he's constructed new code from scratch," Neff said.

Goldstein also plays the trombone in the high school's jazz band. He is also involved in the Model United Nations Club and participates in annual Shakespeare productions.

Goldstein is the son of Ira and Marilyn Goldstein of Douglas Road in Delmar.

## Got a gripe?

### E-mail a letter to

spotnews@nycap.rr.com.

## Bethlehem Library announces events

Musical storytellers Carol Connolly and Don Darmer will perform "Hooray for the Red, White and Blue" for children and families at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 12 at 3 and 7 p.m.

This show will mark the end of the library's summer reading program.

Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Register for one show only; the 3 p.m. showing is for kids in grades

1-4 and the 7 p.m. showing is held for kids in grades 5-8. Call 439-9314 to register or for information.

The library will sponsor a stories for toddlers program on Tuesday, Aug. 24. "Wiggle Wiggle Waggle" weaves stories, rhymes, fingerplays, games and a craft for toddlers and their caregivers.

Register for either the 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. session by calling 439-9314.

## Elm Avenue town pool hours change

The town of Bethlehem's parks and recreation department has announced a change in pool hours at the Elm Avenue Park pool complex, due to the arrival of the late summer season.

Beginning Aug. 14, the pool complex will be open from 11:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. On weekends and holidays, the pool will open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

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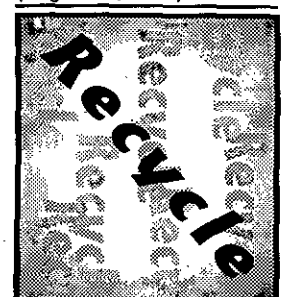
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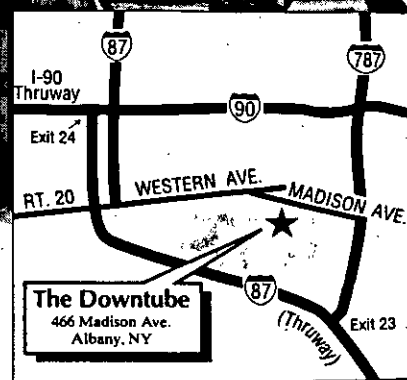
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