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Traffic light installed at RCS entrance

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Officials have flipped the switch on a three-color traffic light in front of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle and High School complex, hoping a year that brought a fatality and other minor accidents can usher in a new era of safe student driving.

Along with a reduced speed limit on the stretch of road leading into Ravena's commercial district, town and school district officials hope the light will increase safe traveling for students and residents.

Superintendent Vicki Wright noted motorists must still exercise caution when entering, exiting or passing by the school campus.

In a ceremony Friday morning, the light was turned on, marking the end of what Wright described as a remarkable period for the RCS school district and its communities.

The death of a motorcyclist last September sparked meetings between the school district and the state Department of Transportation.

Construction of the light, which cost about \$128,000, was made possible through grant awards and fund-raising efforts.

The village of Ravena awarded an \$88,000 bid to Planert Utility of East Greenbush for construction and received \$50,000 in state funding to partly offset that bid. The village also received a \$20,000 donation from LaFarge Cement, located across the road from the campus entrance.

The school district, which had to make changes to its entrance to allow for the light, spent about \$20,000 for its phase of the project, after a \$20,000 donation of in-kind services from Callanan Industries.

Earlier predictions had the installation being completed during the last week of August. The Friday switch-

flipping ceremony happened in time for the start of school, which was delayed about three school days due to a \$29.2 million construction project.

Faculty, staff and administrators rolled up their sleeves and pitched in over the weekend to ensure classrooms were ready for students by Monday morning.

Some phases of the overhaul project,

like construction of a new pool facility, will continue into 2005. A number of the phases which officials expected as long as a year to complete, were undertaken over the summer vacation, to speed up the project.

An official unveiling of the new facilities and classrooms in the high school and middle school is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30.

Stepping off



The West Albany Fire Department marches in the Albany County and Hudson Mohawk Firefighters Association parade Saturday in Elsmere and Delmar.

Jim Franco

BC alums get life makeovers

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

They were just doing the 30th reunion thing.

Before they knew it, they were filling out questionnaires and surveys and getting an all-expenses paid trip to New York City, where they got their hair and makeup done, autographs and a new life plan. One of them even ended up with a different job.

Thanks to Jane Pauley.

Producers from the upcoming "Jane Pauley Show" contacted a member of the Bethlehem Central High School's class of 1974 in July, as it conducted a search for a group of women 30 years out of high school.

"They asked a lot of questions. They were looking for a certain group of women," said Sandy Wiegand, one of the three local women whose stories will run on the newly syndicated show, a talk show, during September.

The show was taped with a group of

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Shelters look for overpopulation solution

Domestic and feral feline numbers on rise

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Despite the so-called "kitten season," or time of year when kittens are born, coming to a close, there is no end in sight for local shelters, which are making little head way in stifling a soaring cat population.

Cats, both feral and companion, have incited an ethical debate among shelters and humane societies, both of which struggle with how to control cat populations.

Area shelters that have adopted a no-kill policy are perhaps leading to increasing populations at their counterpart facilities.

"The no-kill concept is fantastic," said the Mohawk & Hudson River Society's Assistant Manager Cydney Cross. "But it's not realistic, considering we have room for only 150 cats here."

"The prior solution was to trap feral cats and take them down, en masse and execute them, which we feel is not humane."

Carol Hall

Whiskers, a no-kill shelter in Albany, sees the trap-and-release program as the only humane solution to controlling feral cat

populations.

"The prior solution was to trap feral cats and take them down, en masse and execute them, which we feel is not humane," said Carol Hall, co-president of the cat-only shelter. "This way, when someone comes to us with a colony of cats and agrees to act as their caretaker and

feed them, they are spayed or neutered and no new kittens are born."

Whiskers, which is home to about 100 cats right now, fixes every kitten before it's carried out its doors, as long as it's two weeks old, eight pounds or more and healthy.

"It's one less cat we have to worry about showing up pregnant on our doorstep," Hall said.

Despite the differences in policies and procedures, experts agree that the problem is people. The question is who

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Bethlehem police arrest three for DWI

Bethlehem police made three driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests this week, including one felony DWI arrest.

A couple residing at 10 Heather Lane in Delmar were both arrested on DWI charges during separate incidents, one at the police department.

Police arrested Fritz G. Vogel, 45, for DWI after he drove to the police station to pick up his girlfriend, Carolyn J. Dubin, arrested for felony DWI shortly beforehand.

Sgt. Brian Hughes recognized Vogel from an earlier domestic altercation call at his residence.

Earlier in the night, police responded to 10 Heather Lane, where two males and a female were arguing over a male guest leaving the residence. Police said everyone was highly intoxicated and each was advised not to drive and to sleep in different quarters until morning.

When Vogel arrived at the police department on Delaware Avenue around 3:40 a.m. on Sept. 5, he appeared unsteady on his feet and admitted to drinking, police said.

Vogel admitted to driving to the police station after receiving a call from his girlfriend, Dubin,

saying she had been arrested and needed a ride.

Vogel handed over the key to his car to police and reportedly said he had been drinking "too much."

Hughes attempted to perform field sobriety tests. Police said Vogel then terminated the tests after losing his balance, refused to retry the tests and told the officer to "Just arrest me."

Vogel submitted to a chemical test, was processed and released and is due back in court Sept. 21.

Dubin was arrested during a traffic stop at a Mobil station on Delaware Avenue around 1 a.m. Sept. 5, when she admitted to an officer that she had been drinking and subsequently failed field sobriety tests, according to police.

Dubin faces three felony charges, including felony DWI and aggravated unlicensed

operation of a motor vehicle.

Dubin is due back in Town Court Sept. 21.

Ramesh E. Kola, 32, of 584 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, faces a DWI charge after his arrest Sept. 7 around 1:50 a.m.

Kola was seen speeding while driving westbound on the Delmar bypass, police said.

After the officer had him pulled over, police said Kola gave off a strong odor of alcohol when he spoke. Kola admitted to drinking and said he was in a hurry to go home and use the bathroom, police said.

Police administered a series of six field sobriety tests, which Kola failed. Kola refused to submit to a chemical test and attempted unsuccessfully to contact his attorney.

Kola is due back in Town Court Sept. 21.

Last call for vendors for Riverfest 2004

There's still space for vendors and volunteers who want to participate in the Bethlehem Riverfest 2004. On Saturday, Sept. 18, the annual Bethlehem Riverfest will be held along the waterfront of the Henry Hudson Park on Route 144 in Selkirk.

The Bethlehem Riverfest is a family-focused festival with many children's attractions, family events, craft vendors, food and entertainment. Admission is free for everyone.

Contact John Guastella at 598-3434 or Ken Daves at 470-2417 for information.

Mission fund-raiser set at Normanside

A representative of Jacob's Creek Winery will teach all interested about the winery's vintages and other specialties at the Normanside Country Club on Friday, Sept. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event will benefit St. Stephen's Episcopal Church mission work. It will help to continue the medical education of "Oscar" Jorge Encarnacion in the Dominican Republic and other mission trips. The event is open to the public, with Normanside making its dining room available to participants who would like to purchase dinner from its menu afterwards. Normanside is open until 9 p.m. The event is a free-will offering, although donations are welcome and tax deductible. The Normanside Country Club is located at 165 Salisbury Road, in Delmar.

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Board seeks comments on riverfront proposal

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

The town's planning board is looking for input from residents about what issues merit consideration as it moves forward in drafting an environmental impact statement for a multi-million dollar harbor and marina proposal on the riverfront.

Victor Gush, proprietor of OG Real Estate, has put forth plans for a mixed-use commercial and residential hub for a 94-acre site along the Hudson River called Beacon Harbor.

The Environmental Protection Agency has named the same site as one of three finalists for a dewatering facility for its \$500 million, six-year Hudson River dredging project, slated to begin 2006.

Planning board chairman Parker Mathusa said there are a number of environmental, safety and traffic issues still to consider as the board moves forward.

The scoping session, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at town hall, would be less formal than a public hearing, Mathusa said. Such a public session is required by law as part of the state environmental quality review process. Any residents who live in the area of the proposed development or have a great interest in the project should come, Mathusa said.

"I wouldn't ask necessarily if they are for or against, just their thoughts about what issues should be considered when drafting the EIS," Mathusa said.

The plans are available in town hall to look at before the session.

Beacon Harbor would build up a 77-acre portion of the site on the Hudson, already zoned for heavy industry, east of the intersection of Route 144 and Glenmont Road in the town. Some of the buildings, as proposed, could reach four stories high, Mathusa said.

Gush is looking to develop about 1.5 million square feet of commercial and office space, with about 1 million square feet devoted to office space. Plans also allow for restaurant space and about 40,000 feet to be devoted to a theater, museum and indoor water park.

Beacon Heights would abut Beacon Harbor on 91 acres to the southwest, also zoned for heavy industry. The plan calls for 378 condos or seven townhouse buildings containing 70 units.

Public comment on the marina

and harbor plan hasn't really come into play yet, Mathusa said.

Next week's scoping session will likely begin with a presentation to the board and audience on the project.

Mathusa has already made note of certain issues he wants to see addressed.

"There are environmental issues associated with the riverfront and the power plant," he said. "I want to make sure the Normanskill is protected. We want to make sure that any development does not adversely impact the river or the fish."

Mathusa also noted a concern that businesses within the development will thrive. The plan includes provisions for a luxury hotel, theater and retail and office complexes.

"We've got to have access to the site, if there are going to be hotels and offices," Mathusa said. "I want to make sure fire trucks and ambulances can get down there." Mathusa said he expects to hear questions about the project or site in relation to the dewatering facility.

Ignored eagle catalyst for park improvements

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Local and state elected officials gathered recently in the Veterans Memorial Park that they say has brought new life to the Elsmere and Delmar area.

Last Tuesday's afternoon crowd of about 20 marked a reopening of the new and improved park on Delaware Avenue. The park has recently undergone significant improvements, which spawned a Web site and a \$5,000 line item grant in the state budget, secured by state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar.

The park was established on Memorial Day in 1964. In recent years, Virginia Acquario has spearheaded efforts to upgrade the park and honor veterans.

Breslin said that many mornings, he enjoys a cup of coffee and the day's paper in the park.

"It's really come to total completion," Breslin said. "Everyone is going to use it, and when you sit here and look around, you really begin to think about and appreciate what these veterans have done. It's just really user-friendly."

The Restoration and Enhancement Committee raised about \$3,500 from a brick-selling fundraiser and some in-kind and matching funds. The money went toward the improvements and new layout, which include a stone retaining wall, exotic-looking flowers and plants and a fence with various emblems of military services.

The improvements were finished in August, though work will continue in a couple of ways, said Acquario, chairwoman of the enhancement committee which formed in May, 2001.



State Sen. Neil Breslin accepts a certificate for his efforts to improve Bethlehem's Veterans Memorial Park as Town Supervisor Theresa Egan and County Legislator Jack Cunningham look on.

Libby Schirmer

The money for the plantings comes right out of the committee's budget, Acquario said.

Acquario said she has contacted Albany County about acquiring the land behind the park, to extend the overall size of the park, perhaps for an adjoining walking trail.

"But that's not a reality, nor is it even a seed yet," Acquario said.

Residents wishing to contribute can still buy a brick, from the Web site, or through a form available at town hall.

A brick is on order for Breslin, Acquario said.

"Anyone can contribute to keep this park alive," said Acquario, who got the idea for the improvements, she said, "because when I'd walk by every day, I realized the eagle wasn't getting enough attention."

With the new layout of the park, Acquario and other

committee members say the more important features — the eagle monument and the flagpole — act as two different focal points of the park.

"The monument is a focal point to create a space where the names of those on the memorial bricks can be honored," said resident Ed Kleinke III, who sat on the committee and helped with the collaborative effort to design the layout.

Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, D-Delmar, was also on hand to commend the efforts of the committee.

"This, like the Four Corners, has become a center point of Delmar," Mike Breslin said, noting celebrations, "particularly on July 4 and Memorial Day, and other patriotic holidays. Over three decades, it's been a wonderful place."

Residents wishing to support the beautification process can purchase a brick by obtaining an application through the Web site at www.bethlehemfirst.org, or can pick up a form at town hall.

"It really suits the space," Acquario said of the park. "But it takes money to give it attention."

Grand opening



Nu Endz Hair Design, located at 144 Adams St. in Delmar, celebrated its grand opening last Thursday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Nu Endz is owned and operated by Delmar resident Jennifer Schmitt. From left: Christopher and Jennifer Schmitt, Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney, County Legislator Jack Cunningham and Town Supervisor Theresa Egan.

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An apple a day cures almost anything

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Apples. Apples provide a great kick-off to the season that begins the end of the year. Each bite of a

tart and juicy McIntosh provides fortification and inspiration in this time of year that funnily enough feels more like a fresh beginning than Jan. 1 ever does. With crunches of a juicy apple

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resounding in the ear and making taste buds send signals of joy to the brain, it's hard to believe that far too soon, the pallor of death will lie over the land.

For those of us who link apples to the return to the school year and settling back into routine after the warmth and long daylight hours of summer, it seems funny that it was the apple that led to mankind's fall from grace in the Garden of Eden. How simple life must have been if a crisp red globe was the tool that sneaky snake used to lure Eve to the dark side.

Chocolate would have been a more fitting substance, for every woman knows that when life is too much to be endured, chocolate provides a temporarily energizing rush and feeling of comfort that no diet can refuse.

But it was the apple that did it for Eve, which is funny because it's easy to imagine heaven as perpetual September, with

orchards full of McIntosh apples.

In our part of the world, the apple seems to symbolize innocence and beginnings. Head to any Capital District apple orchard this time of year, and it will be full of families, explaining to their children how to look for the ripe red apples, and to leave the ones on the ground to be turned into cider.

In every family's collection of photos, there's a snapshot of a fresh-faced toddler proudly displaying a freshly plucked apple — nature's bounty with nature's bounty.

Put an apple in your child's school lunch, pediatricians, nutritionists and apple growers urge, eager to check the rise in childhood obesity and promote sustainable agriculture.

Probably nobody gives a teacher an apple for her desk anymore, but that mental image is so strong that written on the bottom of the mile-long school supply list might as well be the word "apple."

Oh, those school supply lists, the dark side to the beginning of the school year.

"There's always one item that just can't be found," a friend said recently, and it's tempting to think of teachers cackling together, casting about for one hard-to-find item to drive the most devoted parents mad as they drive from store to store in hunt of the thing that will guarantee their children a perfect school year.

Besides that one item, most stores are happy to proffer notebooks in enough colors to make a rainbow envious, endless supplies of binders in half-inch increments, and enough pens and pencils for our young scholars to write Dr. Zhivago-length novels.

Parents fork over the cash for school supplies with only the tiniest of sighs, grateful for the return to routine that autumn brings.

Summer is magnificent, but it's nice to take our direction from somebody else after three months of finding the right sports, arts or recreation program for our

children; of limiting TV time in spite of the fact that a parent's life is easier when the boob tube is glowing; and re-establishing a day/night balance for teens who seem to be nocturnal by nature.

Christopher and Cormac started ninth and seventh grade this fall, and as glad as I was to see the school year start, there was a tinge more sadness to it, too. As people promised when the kids were born, the years have flown by.

Christopher towers over me now, and with Cormac just about looking me in the eyes, I have accepted — in spite of their protests to the contrary — that they are no longer my little babies. I try to treat them with the same respect I expect of them, even as I try to parent them. Cormac's current question is whether or not I'm his friend is a trick question that I'm glad I thought about before I reassured him that, yes, I'm your best friend in the whole world.

Friends, after all, would probably not make you skip a television episode to do homework. Friends don't make you brush your teeth, put your dirty clothes in the hamper, or chew your food with your mouth closed.

Sorry, honey, I'm stuck in the role of Mommy for a while yet. My greatest wish is that by the time he's an adult, we will have created a bond that makes us the very best of friends.

Christopher's entrance into high school is still something I still can't think too hard about, because it takes my breath away. This is his first giant step toward adulthood, after a series of baby steps away from us that I couldn't take with him, but could monitor from the safe distance of PTA meetings and in-school volunteering. As his schoolwork has gotten more interesting, it has served as the way we as parents stay involved in his academic career.

I am thrilled to be reading the classics that make up his English curriculum; he and his dad spend hours discussing facts learned in social studies; and we both love that in learning Spanish, he knows something we know nothing about.

The kids may be growing up too fast; the mornings are excruciatingly early again; and the long evenings of homework have yet to appear; but we are blessed to be able to enter such a comfortable routine every September. Nothing hammers that home more than the third anniversary of Sept. 11 does, and we grieve again with the survivors of that tragic day. September is no longer a hopeful time for them; savoring every minute of our lives is the best way to truly honor everyone and everything we lost three years ago.

We are lucky to live in a place where the September sun still warms us under a bright blue sky, and trees that will soon turn from lush green to vivid blazes of red, orange and yellow surround us.

Some of those trees hold apples, and as we pack them into our children's lunch boxes, let us always remember to treasure the things that matter most to us.

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The fact that the average American drinks 600 glasses of soda per year has triggered a concern among the dental community and has prompted a campaign to educate the dental patient on the detrimental effects of soda and other carbonated drinks. A recent study published in the July/August issue of General Dentistry addressed the effects of carbonated beverages on enamel. The study found that over time, exposing dental enamel to such beverages weakens the tooth structure. The study exposed healthy dental enamel to a variety of popular beverages over a period of 14 days, and results were conclusive that non-colas (clear sodas), and canned ice tea were especially harmful. These

beverages contained malic, tartaric and other organic acids that have shown higher erosive properties. Root beer showed to contain the least amount of erosive ingredients, and therefore was safest to drink.

Our recommendations are to avoid soda or carbonated beverages that contain the harmful ingredients listed above. If you feel you are unable to eliminate these beverages completely, be aware that you are more susceptible to decay. You can decrease the harmful effects by drinking soda with a meal and not sipping it throughout the day. Be sure to ask your dentist if you have any questions regarding nutrition or your oral health.

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Land conservancy assures future of open spaces

By DANIEL A. DRISCOLL

The writer is president of the Albany County Land Conservancy. This is the first of a two-part series.

Have you ever lamented the disappearance of so many open spaces? Do you worry that your great-grandchildren won't be able to pick apples on crisp October weekends under the Helderberg Escarpment? Growth and development are signs of a healthy local economy, a place where people want to live and work. But as so much of Bethlehem, and now New Scotland, succumb to the pressures of the developer's offer or the farmer's kids not wanting to be farmers themselves, green spaces and natural places seem fewer and farther between. Though our area is blessed with a number of lovely parks, even they can be crowded and teeming with activities. Where, close by, can one get away from it all, quickly, if only for just a little while, to recharge the soul by reconnecting to the peace of the natural world?

In the greater Albany area The Albany County Land Conservancy (ACLC) has stewardship over 11 preserves, many in the midst of or close to highly-developed areas. Most are now open to the public; all eventually will be. In these lovely spaces one can find quiet and solitude, and the impulse to civic participation can find an outlet for its energies.

The ACLC is a private non-profit organization founded in 1992 by county residents dedicated to public awareness, conservation, and stewardship of the natural and cultural resources in the greater Albany region. It currently has more than 1,000 acres under its protection. The conservancy especially values lands of scenic beauty, lands along stream banks, lands that add to existing networks of trails, wetlands and other disappearing habitats, and lands of historic, archeological or geological importance.

Not to be confused with the Nature Conservancy, which is dedicated to preserving the lands of global significance for biological and ecological importance, ACLC works to save the "last great places" in the greater Capital District. It has minimal staff and relies on volunteers and neighborhood groups to do jobs ranging from clearing and

maintaining trails to negotiating easements and purchases.

The conservancy recently opened its new Phillipinkill Preserve to the public. Less than a mile west of Bethlehem High School, with frontage on Delaware Avenue and Fisher Boulevard, this 20-acre preserve includes an attractive mix of upland, floodplain and wetland. The entrance is on Fisher Boulevard, about 700 feet from Delaware Avenue. The wetland is adjacent to the Mansions at Delmar subdivision and is a gift of Delmar Development Partners.

The story of the opening of this preserve illustrates an important operating principle of the conservancy.

We had a number of access problems to solve, such as the construction of a small bridge before the area was opened to the public. Area residents joined a crew of Conservancy members and worked one recent Sunday to build the bridge and prepare the trails leading through a statel

of the Phillipinkill. A glance through the descriptions of the ACLC preserves on the Web site (www.albanylandtrust.org) makes clear how vital neighborhood groups have been in identifying, securing and helping to maintain these natural areas.

The ACLC is supported by people who see a beautiful space and want to "do something" before it slips into fading memory.

A tour through the Phillipinkill Preserve will be a feature of the Fall Wetland and Bird Fest at Five Rivers on Sept. 18.

The conservancy has been active in New Scotland, too. One of the most important achievements of ACLC — and one of the most important acts of preservation for the region — assures that Indian Ladder Farms will always be available for farming, apple-picking, hiking, skiing and will remain part of the beautiful Helderberg viewscape forever.

The ACLC partnered with the town of New Scotland and the Open Space Institute to purchase

the development rights to the farm in order to permanently preserve this land for agricultural use. The resulting agricultural easement is held jointly by OSI and the Conservancy.

Albany County recently gave the Conservancy the land on both sides of the Normanskill landslide of 2000.

These 42 acres include about

3,000 feet of frontage along the Normanskill.

On Sept. 11, ACLC held an outing jointly with the Friends of Normanskill Farm; hikers were able to view the new preserve from the Albany side of the creek.

Conservancy members and residents are now working to develop trails on the Bethlehem side.

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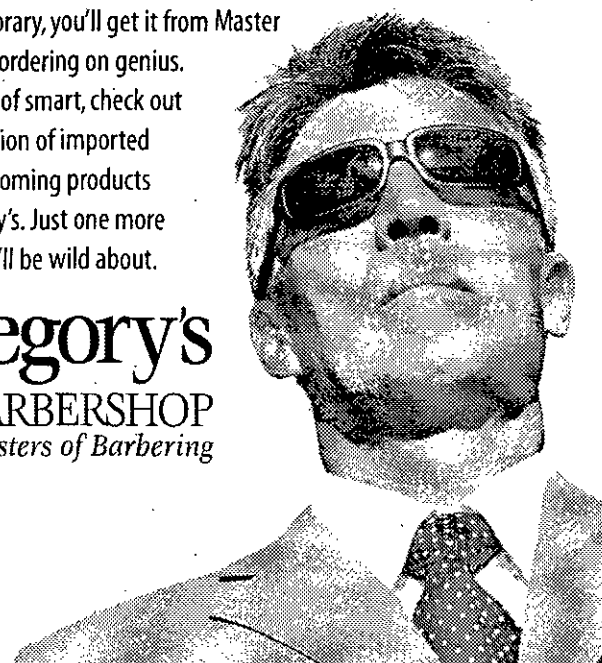
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Matters of Opinion

Penny foolish

Lord Philip Stanhope, the fourth Earl of Chesterfield and a member of English Parliament, wrote a letter to a friend in 1747 and advised, "take care of the pence, for the pounds will take care of themselves."

Stanhope — an author noted for his wit and also for his maxim, "All that is worth doing is worth doing well" — was on to something when he wrote that letter. If a person is frugal and watches where his or her pennies go, then they won't have to worry about a large shortage of dollars.

Our leaders in state government might do well to consider this. They are so awash in pounds they have lost sight of the pence.

Editorial

The state's \$101 billion spending plan is, to the ordinary person, an incomprehensible sum. But that \$101 billion is made of pennies — albeit 10 trillion of them — and it is real money. It pays for things like road repair, health care and education — not to mention salaries, benefits and pensions for the approximately 200,000 people who work for state government.

But in compiling this sum and deciding how to portion it out, our government leaders have lost track of all the pennies needed to make it whole. The state's anticipated \$650 million budget shortfall, for which the state will likely have to borrow, is shameful. So is a recent decision state government has made to help make its ends meet.

By way of executive amendment to the budget, state government will now receive all the money from fines levied on people who have speeding tickets reduced in court to a non-moving violation. This is a courtesy bestowed by local judges upon motorists who have an otherwise clean driving record.

It is estimated that the new measure will generate an additional \$22.8 million for state coffers. State government already receives fines levied on people who plead guilty to speeding — even if the speeding ticket is written by a town, village or city police officer.

The new measure is effective immediately — in the same way that the act of someone stealing your wallet is effective immediately.

The money used to go to local governments, which now have to cope with the unanticipated loss of revenue. In Colonie the lost revenue could total about \$300,000 per year and in Niskayuna about \$42,000. Towns usually use the money to offset the costs of operating their courts.

Without that money, local governments will have two choices — cut their own costs or raise taxes.

It is unfortunate that, in times of financial hardship and a large budget shortfall, our state leaders have cannibalized local governments for a new revenue stream. The prudent thing to do would be to cut costs and try to consistently reduce inefficiencies in how state government spends money. That might involve some difficult decisions, but it would be more responsible than our elected state leaders ducking the fact that they have not ably managed the public purse.



Rachel Suitor and Maya Kassoff enjoy apples on Rosh Hashanah.

A New Year, time for a new outlook

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The writer lives in Delmar.

A few years ago, my husband got tickets to a Sheryl Crow concert. The pop singer was scheduled to perform at the Pepsi Arena on a Saturday night in early September. As it turned out, Rosh Hashanah fell the same weekend, and that very Saturday night was also the best time for my family to gather for the holiday dinner. We gave our tickets to friends.

Even now, when I hear a Sheryl Crow tune on the radio, I think of both Rosh Hashanah and the missed concert. This is called "Being Negative" and "Living in the Past."

When my husband asked me when this year's dinner was taking place, I sang him some Sheryl Crow lyrics: "All I want to do is have some fun. I've got a feeling I'm not the only one. All I want to do is have some fun until the sun goes down over Santa Monica Boulevard."

"It's 'the sun comes up'" he

corrected, reminding me that she sings that she wants to have fun "until the sun comes up."

"Good for her," I laughed, "I can't stay up all night. I can barely make it through a rented video."

He nods, "So, you're only looking to have fun until 7:30? Because that's about when the

Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is a time for contemplating how to be a better parent, spouse, child, neighbor and friend. It is a time to consider our actions over the past year and to make amends with people whose feelings we have hurt intentionally or unintentionally.

For my 8-year-old daughter, Rachel, Rosh Hashanah means apples dipped in honey, a treat she says is "deeeeeeelicious!" This traditional snack is symbolic of the sweet and healthy year we wish for family, friends and neigh-

Tashlikh represents a symbolic casting away of sins. Of course, you can't really throw away your sins. Feeding ducks stale breadcrumbs does not absolve a person of her wrongdoings. If that were the case, those poor ducks would certainly get indigestion from eating my bad behaviors.

sun is setting these days."

Truth be told, my family had a great deal of fun this summer and the good times often stretched beyond sunset. There were lots of late summer nights, including evenings at the beach and on the boardwalk at the Jersey shore, outings to Stewart's for Death by Chocolate ice cream, barbecues at friends' homes, and marshmallow-roasting parties in our own backyard.

But now that's all over. Now the joys of summer are to be replaced with the more structured and predictable seasons filled with work, school, homework, soccer, dance, religious school, more homework, less daylight, more deadlines.

Once again, unpleasant thoughts seep into my brain. I let the good memories evaporate and allow cynical ideas to take their place. This is called "Being Negative" and "Worrying About the Future."

The Jewish High Holy Days are a time of deep reflection, beginning with the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and ending with the solemn observance of Yom

bors.

"We don't just eat apples and honey, mom, we also go to that pond and throw in breadcrumbs to feed the ducks," she reminds me.

"Is that why we do it? To feed the ducks?"

"No, but the ducks eat the bread. I know, mom, we do it to throw away the bad deeds."

"Right, get rid of the bad deeds. What are examples of bad deeds?"

"Like, um, stealing."

"Hmm, did you do a lot of stealing last year?"

"No!"

"What are some of your own bad deeds? For example, mine are yelling and not being patient."

"Yeah, those are mine too and not listening."

Each year we enjoy participating in a community-wide gathering for a ceremony known as tashlikh. We gather at the edge of a local pond; the rabbi tells a holiday-themed story; we sing songs about peace and friendship; we toss breadcrumbs into the

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Matters of Opinion

Family grateful for acts of kindness

Editor, The Spotlight:

At 2:15 a.m. on Aug. 19 our family's life was changed forever. Our older son John was awakened by a smoke detector to an electrical fire at the edge of his bed. He quickly reacted, woke the family and called 911. We all escaped with the clothes on our backs.

This is the start of our story and the kindness of the people in our community. The Delmar Fire Department responded promptly. The trucks pulled up, and everyone started moving with their jobs well practiced.

The professionalism and kindness of these dedicated volunteers was beyond compare. These firefighters unselfishly risked their lives and worked long into the morning to save our house.

The fire was limited to the basement and family room area of our house, but we suffered smoke and heat damage to the rest of the house. Our next-door neighbor took us in for the night and helped with the daily necessities of drinks, sandwiches and support.

The first day continued with other people from the neighborhood with offers of condolences and help. Relative strangers came and offered their homes, meals, money and prayers.

Our clothes were taken away for washing and offers of cookies and dinners kept flooding in for the rest of the day.

Our family went to dinner at a local pizzeria to discuss what had happened. An older couple sat near us and when they left offered their concern and hope that things would get better. When we went to pay the bill, the waitress told us the couple had picked up a portion of our dinner bill.

The next day, a friend came forward and offered the services of his church to supply us with dishes, pans and sheets until we could replace our losses. Our church, the football booster club and swim team in the high school have all come forward with offers on how they could help rebuild our lives.

Additional neighbors and friends showed up with snacks.

Our laundry has been washed and we have been given supplies and furniture to tide us over until we start to get our belongings back from the fire restoration company.

We have had more offers of dinner and company than we have been able to manage. The children's friends have all been great in trying to keep their minds off the problems and keep them in a positive frame of mind. Due to sleepovers, we did not have the three children together overnight for the first several days.

Our agent and insurance company have been great in working with us and keeping us aware of the process. The contractors we have been dealing with have been outstanding.

The outpouring of help and services from our friends, neighbors and the community causes us to step back and recognize what a wonderful community we live in and what the value of friendship and life really mean.

We thank God that our family is safely together and that we live in this wonderful community.

We are now in an apartment while we wait for the rebuilding to begin.

Perhaps we will write later of our experiences, however, a final note to our community: Please check the smoke alarms in your homes. These devices are what saved our family.

Thank you to all of you that have touched our lives in this difficult time.

Don, Wanda, Emily, John and Christopher Drazan
Delmar

Ambulance volunteers respond promptly to call

Editor, The Spotlight:

My wife and I wish to express our thanks to the members of Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service for their prompt and professional response when we had to call them in the wee hours of Sept. 4.

They were there when needed even though it was the middle of the night during the Labor Day holiday. The community is indeed fortunate to enjoy the services of this fine and well qualified group of volunteers.

John Alden
Delmar

Info in column was incorrect

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was reading an article in *The Spotlight* dated Sept. 1 in the Matters of Opinion section.

The name of the article was "So You Want to Be President?" by Kevin M. Eroner.

There was a mistake in the article in section 1861 to 1929.

It said Benjamin Harrison (1885-1889) was voted out of office and that Grover Cleveland served two

non-consecutive terms (1885-1889) and (1893-1897).

The correct information in *The Complete Book of U.S. Presidents* says Cleveland's first term started March 4, 1885 to March 3, 1889 and his second was from March 4, 1893 to March 3, 1897. That was correct, but Harrison's term was from March 4, 1889, to March 3, 1893, not 1885-1889.

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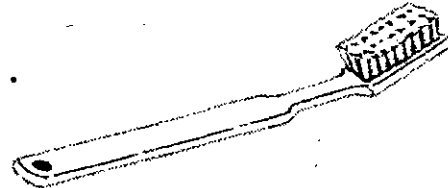
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Your Opinion Matters

Town earns kudos for plan to preserve green space

Editor, The Spotlight:

Plans for the Bethlehem waterfront are moving ahead, and it is great to see that the plan so far includes the creation and preservation of 378 acres of green space and open space.

That means that the current

plans calls for almost half of the space identified east of the Thruway between Wemple and Clapper roads to be utilized for green space.

That means that three times as much land will be green space than commercial space. It means

that there will be a fair mix of light industrial, commercial and green space in an area that has a lot of industrial zoning right now.

In addition to this mix, Bethlehem residents will also gain more direct access to the beautiful riverfront and won't suffer from the unmanaged growth which used to have a chokehold on this town.

I must admit, at first, when I looked at plans to "develop" the waterfront, I was surprised. When I looked into it further, I saw that literally hundreds of acres would be preserved in the process. This reassured me that the Bethlehem Planning Advisory Committee (BPAC), our town board, and Supervisor Theresa Egan were listening to the town residents' calls for open space preservation and managed growth which includes career-building businesses. Groups like Bethlehem Tomorrow should be commended as well for their moves more than a year ago to make sure open space preservation was part of the town's future.

In the months ahead, as our town finalizes the BPAC process, we need to remember a few things. Let's remember that we will all be better served now that we have a plan that incorporates open space preservation. Let's

remember that planning and proactive management of growth, when growth becomes necessary, will benefit our town.

Let's also remember that we're better served by a supervisor and town board who have kept their promise to preserve open space and create career-building businesses (not an easy balancing act). We'll need those jobs to allow our kids, and their kids to enjoy Bethlehem.

I know from experience that there's nothing worse than watching your relatives and neighbors move out of town or out of state because they can't find work. Ask someone from the suburbs of Rochester or Buffalo how many of the neighborhood kids stick around after college,

and you'll better understand why we need career-building businesses here in Bethlehem.

Bethlehem shines as one of the few places in upstate New York that is actually growing in population, and our supervisor is helping to manage the future of our small town by keeping promises she made almost a year ago. Those promises have become clear, community-interested action. The waterfront plan is a clear recognition of the community's interest.

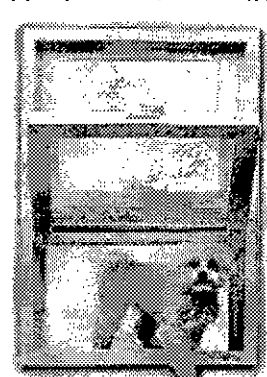
I urge all of you to attend the Open Space, Trails and Recreation meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, to hear more and participate in our joined future.

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Riverfront proposal doesn't hold water

Editor, The Spotlight:

I attended the meeting on Sept. 2 for the Hudson River harbor and hamlet center concept.

The plan looked nice on paper, but when I took a better look at it, I found a lot of problems that Saratoga Associates and the town should have looked into before it was put together.

We were told it would be 10 to 30 years to complete and that it was only a concept. The plan is to build a waterfront park and harbor with 1,000 to 1,600 dwellings and small shops on the river. Other parts call for offices, technology, distribution and manufacturing between Van Wies Point and Cedar Hill.

We were told it would be a contained community in which one can walk or bike to everything. That means 3,000 cars and trucks for just the people living there. Add 400 more for any teenagers living there. Plus trucks delivering to the area for manufacturing that will be a lot of traffic in and out of the area on routes 144 and 9W causing more congestion on both roads.

What about the water problems we have now? We can't give places like South Bethlehem water, but they are planning this huge drain on our water use. How about the impact on sewer, police,

fire, EMS and RCS schools? Are we planning to build a new school? Where?

What about Henry Hudson Park? People in Delmar, Slingerlands and Elsmere shouldn't plan on going to the park for a nice quiet place to relax. All of the 3,000 to 4,000 new people in town walking and riding bikes will be there.

What about Job Corps? As far as I know, they do not plan to move in the next 10 to 30 years, if anything, they might grow bigger. How can that area be used as the main part of the plan?

We were told that no one would lose their homes if they did not want to sell. How about the 12 or more families between routes 9W and 144 that will lose their homes when the new roads and Thruway interchange and possible truck stop goes in. Some of the families have been there for three or four generations. They don't want to sell. The people who live in this area bought their homes because they like the country and trees.

I don't mind if they put a chip fab factory on the land that is for sale, but the current plan just doesn't work. I guess Saratoga Associates never came to the area and talked to the people involved.

Maybe we should get the money back we gave them so far, or is there something else behind this plan? I think we need to find out the town's real plans for this area on and near our beautiful river.

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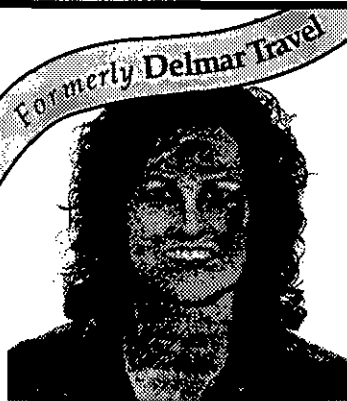
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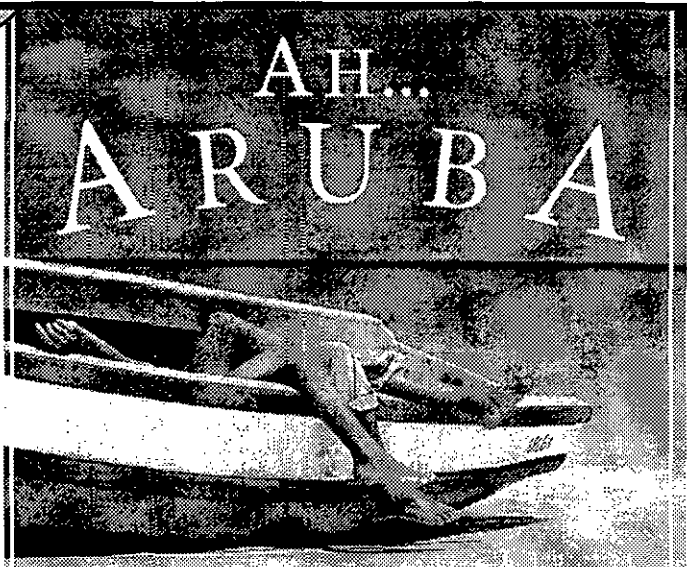
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Matters of Opinion

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Clinton bypass should be wake up call for America

Editor, The Spotlight:

Former President Bill Clinton's coronary bypass surgery should be a wake-up call for the millions of Americans whose chosen lifestyles elevate their risk of heart disease.

According to the American Heart Association, more than 60 million Americans suffer from heart disease and nearly 500,000 die each year. The lifestyle risk factors are a diet high in saturated fats and cholesterol, smoking and lack of exercise.

Scores of studies in the past three decades demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt that replacing animal fat and meat in our diet with vegetables, fresh fruits and whole grains lowers

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These diseases account for 1.3 million American deaths annually.

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Alex Genatt
Delmar

Town slates activities for students

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The fall 2004 schedule is as follows: Saturday, Sept. 18 is a Fun Sunday; Oct. 2 is a whale watch; Oct. 22 takes a trip to a corn maize; Nov. 13 is a Rock and Bowl activity; Dec. 17, kids will go snow tubing.

For information, call Karen at 439-4131 or visit town's Web site at www.townofbethlehem.org.

To Life! slates seminar on genetic testing

To Life! and Northeast Women's Health have collaborated to present a discussion of the latest genetic testing developments, particularly as they relate to cancer. Listen to the diverse panel discuss many genetic testing topics on Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Krause Center at 2212 Burdett Ave. in Troy, across from Samaritan Hospital).

The panel includes Regina Resta, of New York Oncology Hematology; Bonnie Liebers, of Northeast Health; and Mara Ginsberg, of To Life!

Topics for the discussion include family and medical history indications; specific genetic testing indicators; circumstances that might lead to genetic testing; and how to decide whether this type of testing is for

you. Breast cancer survivor and To Life! founder Mara Ginsberg will provide a patient's perspective.

Check in begins at 5:30 p.m., with the presentation set to follow at 6 p.m. You must pre-register by calling To Life! at 439-5975 or by emailing info@tolife.org. Refreshments will be served; the program runs until 8 p.m.

Library hosts craft program for kids

Join middle schoolers for another installment of Kraft Kraze, an assortment of hands on craft projects at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Materials are provided.

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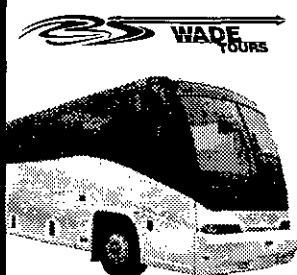
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Firefighter convention includes international contingent

By LIBBYSCHIRMER

Apparently, the camaraderie of firefighters breaks the language barrier.

There was more going on at this past weekend's Albany County and Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firefighter Associations' joint convention in the Elsmere Fire District than food,

drink, games of chance and parades.

Seven Delmar families opened their homes to 11 visiting firefighters from Germany for about a week, after Elsmere volunteer firefighter Ralf Wiegand extended an invitation to buddies from his former firehouse in his hometown of Kichhain, Germany.



From left: Elsmere firefighter Ralf Wiegand, Fire Marshal Hermann Albrecht of Kichhain, Germany, and Steve Wright, chairman of the Elsmere convention committee enjoy a story. Libby Schirmer

"I hung a formal invitation in the firehouse, first it was one, then two, then five, finally 11 who

wanted to come, and I thought 'Where am I going to put them all?'" Wiegand said.

In addition to being the hometown liaison for the visiting delegation, Wiegand acted as a translator; few of the visiting German firefighters spoke fluent English.

The German firefighters were honored in a brief ceremony before the association's meeting Thursday night.

"There is a bond between firefighters, you feel that common bond, serving a similar purpose," said Elsmere Fire Co. President Joe Catalano. "With these folks, it was an instant relationship despite the language barrier."

Catalano presented each German firefighter with medallions; the marshal (similar to a chief here) of the German volunteer company presented Supervisor Theresa Egan with a decorative plate as a thank-you gesture to the town.

Jack Brennan hosted one German firefighter. He said the experience was delightful.

Much about the two fire departments is similar, from size, equipment, practices and calls.

In 2005, volunteer fire departments in Germany will celebrate 80 years of service with a similar convention there. This past weekend's convention marked 82 years of service in New York State, Catalano said.

The 80-member Kichhain volunteer fire department uses 12 trucks to Elsmere's four, with

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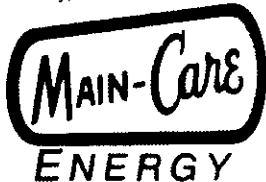
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Upcoming Meetings

Trails Greenways & Recreation Focus Group

Come discuss trails, greenways and recreation facilities

Thursday, September 23, 2004
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

Farmland & Agriculture Focus Group

Join a Discussion about farmland and agriculture in the town

Thursday, October 21, 2004
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location to be determined

Monthly Bethlehem Planning Advisory Committee Meeting (BPAC)

Monday, September 13, 2004

Monday October 4, 2004

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Delmar Reformed Church (386 Delaware Avenue)

Additional information at
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Commercial District Design Charrette (2-days)

A charrette is a rigorous inclusive planning process that takes place over a brief time period. The purpose of this charrette is to develop a consensus about the appropriate form and function of commercial districts.

Part: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Open House at 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Public Working Session 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Part 2: Thursday, September 30, 2004

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Smilin' in the rain



Helen Adams-Keane and her daughter Kathleen Keane are undaunted by the rain on the first day of school.

Free falling into school

By ELIZABETH BYRNS

The writer is a free-lance writer and a former special sections editor for Spotlight Newspapers.

How is it that I didn't realize she was ready? We drove up to the school. She opened the door and slipped out of the car to her first day of kindergarten. She did not cry or wave or even look up. She just walked away into the waiting arms of the world. My baby. The 23 inch, 8 pound baby that I made didn't even hug me.

Unlike my steely daughter I cried as I drove away though I knew she would be fine. I took one last glimpse of her in that too-big blue shirt, those khaki shorts and brand new blinding-white sneakers. She looked so big and so little at the same time. I just couldn't believe she was ready.

As I thought about it and began to string together a few seemingly unrelated growth spurts I realized I shouldn't have been so taken aback.

From the time she was 2, she insisted on having her life jacket when we were near water. She has outgrown three. We just replaced the last one on a trip to New Hampshire this spring. Last month, though, I saw her eying the other 6-year-olds at the pool.

After watching with barely

disguised envy, she wanted to try to swim, a little, without her life jacket. For a while she continued to bring it along with her goggles and kickboard to the pool, but soon enough it was coming home dry. She recently told me she now has a special device in her that keeps her from sinking. She wants to see a doctor about it, not that she's worried, she just wants to know what it looks like.

At the pool, she insists she can do tricks. She goes under water and tries to flip, her feet bursting through the surface and her body flailing. The trick, I believe, is to induce a heart attack in her parents. My husband almost "rescued" her the first time he saw her flip. I had to restrain him.

Now she proudly strides to the pool without her life jacket and tumbles through the water unsupported. But she knows she can only do her tricks when I am right there, right by her side. I still flinch when she goes under and hold my own breath until her head pops up again, but I am growing accustomed to her splashy stabs at independence.

So this morning when she stepped out of the car onto the sidewalk so confident, so comfortable without me, her human life jacket, I shouldn't have been so surprised. She had been preparing me all summer.

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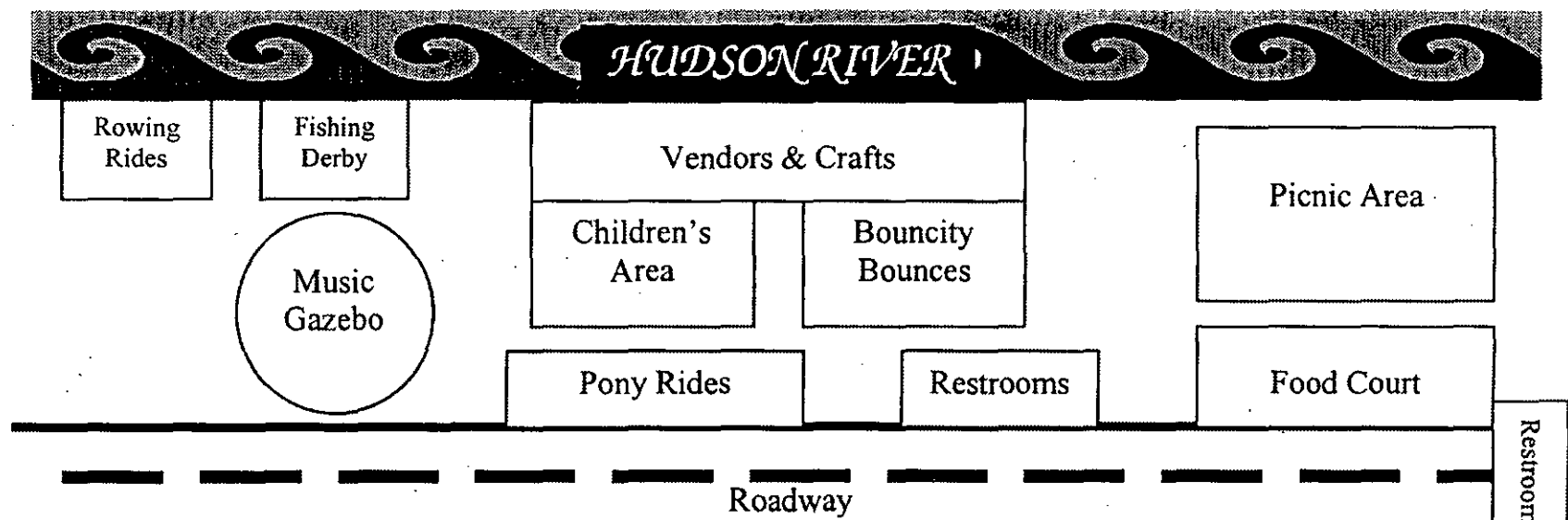


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Following the obedience demonstration there will be some always-fun and popular agility runs where dogs of all breeds and sizes jump, weave and race their way through a preset course on the library's back lawn.

At 11 a.m., registration begins

for the Neighborhood Dog Show. Bring your best canine friend and sign him or her up to win prizes in such categories as: Biggest Feet, Best Kisser, Most Impressive Trick and others.

Of course, there will be a category for "Most Fashionably Dressed and 'Me and My Dog' Look-alike, as well as Best in Show. The show will begin as soon as all entrants are registered. Dogs must be leashed, friendly and healthy, and under the control of a competent handler. Come for fun and prizes (all free).

A unique art show is hanging on the walls of the hall gallery this month with work from a variety

of artists, some painted in the 1930s and some finished as recently as Labor Day weekend. Thanks go to all of the artists who brought together a fine exhibit on short notice.

Voorheesville artists include Bob Alft who offers a provocative six-panel collage with a theme of social awareness, and Dominique Graffunder who paints in oil.

There are also watercolors by Diane Wozniak and photographs taken by her dad, outdoorsman Bob Shedd. You can see modern acrylics and a sculpture by Tom Corrado, and watercolor and intaglio by Joyce Schreiber, and work by Barbara Vink which includes a photo of her son at the

Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Slingerlands poet John Rankin has contributed three landscapes in oil.

Perhaps the most impressive submissions are two paintings by Altamont artist Victor Anderson on loan from his daughter-in-law Cathy who still lives in the Anderson family home in Meadowdale. Both Victor and his father Frank were established artists from the 1860s into the 1930s, and both died young, at the peak of promising careers. Victor enjoyed national recognition for his illustrations in such popular periodicals as the "Saturday Evening Post" and "Collier's." You can ask at the reference desk

to look at a publication about the father/son which was produced for a New York City retrospective in 1986.

Don't miss the Mountain Arts Dolls—original fabric creations by Janice Parrott in the display case.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on Sept. 23.

Caregivers are reminded to sign up for the new lapsit story time on Sept. 30 at 10:15 a.m.

Call the library for additional program information, or visit the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org <http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org/>.

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Middleschool programs

Middleschoolers get together this Friday, Sept. 17, for Kraft Kraze, an assortment of hand-on craft projects.

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Middle school students can join the library's Youth Advisory Council. Council members meet monthly during the school year to plan activities, suggest library materials, volunteer and socialize. Visit the library Web site, www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org, or call Beth Nagel at 439-9314 for information.

Ancestors online

Learn how to research your roots in "Looking for Ancestors on the Internet" Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m. The lecture will introduce six to eight Internet genealogy sites. Registration is limited to 24; call 439-9314.

Louise Grieco

Old Songs to present concert

Old Songs will hold a Capital Fund Benefit Concert and buffet dinner Friday, Sept. 24 at 37 S. Main St. in Voorheesville. The program, titled *The American Conscience: Folk Songs of the 1960s*, will feature several local musicians, including George Ward, Susan Trump, Wanda Fischer, Johnny and Annie Rosen, Debra Burger, Roger Mock, Bill

Spence, Mark Schmidt and Toby Stover, performing topical songs from the turbulent decade.

The buffet dinner will feature lasagna, salad and dessert. The food will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will follow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Call Old Songs at 765-2815 to make a reservation.

Retired teachers to meet at church

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 1 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar will be holding a New York Fall and Bird Fest on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All are invited to this event; there will be free parking and no admission fee.

The fest is an opportunity to learn about wetlands and nature's wonders. There will also be guided walks, crafts and activities, live animals and much more.

For information call 872-1804.

Church to begin club for kids

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church on Route 155 in Voorheesville will be having a Fun Club for kids called Kingdom Club.

This club is for kids in grades one through five and will meet Wednesdays, from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

The kickoff will be on Sept. 22.

Club members will play games, have snacks, do crafts,

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learn a Bible story and just have fun.

All are welcome to attend and parents are invited to stay and visit during the first meeting.

Road race set for Oct. 23

The fourth annual Fall Classics Road Race and Walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 23, at 9:30 a.m.

The 3.5-mile race and community walk will begin and finish at Voorheesville Elementary School.

There is plenty of parking and proceeds will go to the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation.

The registration fee is \$13 for pre-race; late and day of race registration is \$15; seniors 60 and over and students' registration is \$11.

For information call 765-9397.

Cooking workshop set at extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County on Martin Road in Voorheesville will host a workshop that will include a tour of the herb garden and a cooking demonstration on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

They will show you a variety of culinary herbs and teach you how to use them in your cooking.

For information, call 765-3500. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 17, and there is no charge.

Dollars for Scholars to hold garage sale

The Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars will hold its annual garage sale/car wash in the parking lot of Nichols Supermarket in Voorheesville on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Donations will be accepted.

For information or questions as to when and where to drop off or donate items, contact Debbie Baron at 765-9371.

Snack shack seeks volunteers

The New Scotland Kiwanis are looking for volunteers to work the snack shack at the elementary school for the fall soccer season.

Games are scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m.

For information or to volunteer, call Amy Faustel at 765-5187.

Fire company to host Harvest Dance

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 44th annual Harvest Dance on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 p.m. until midnight.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and a door prize. and admission is \$10 for advance sale tickets and \$12 at the door.

Admission includes beer, wine and soda.

For information, call 765-4048 or 765-7905.

Church plans festival Sept. 18

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue will be holding its Fall Festival Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities include face painting, music, vendors, pony rides, the bouncy-bounce and mini auctions. Also available will be homemade foods, community business booths, crafts and games, ice cream sundaes and fried dough.

After the festival events, the South Bethlehem Fire Company barbecue chicken dinner will begin at 4 p.m.

Takeouts begin at 4 p.m., with a full-service dinner to follow at 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 for adults; \$5 for children age 5-12; and children under 5 are free.

Call Jim and Iva Neenan at 767-2903 for information.

Daylily Society to meet at extension

The Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society will meet Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County at 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville at 10 a.m. The annual photo contest will be held and upcoming events will be discussed. For information, contact Jim Healey at 438-1819, Marge Moon at 371-7081, Harriet Mooradian at 766-2113 or Melanie Mason at 587-2156.

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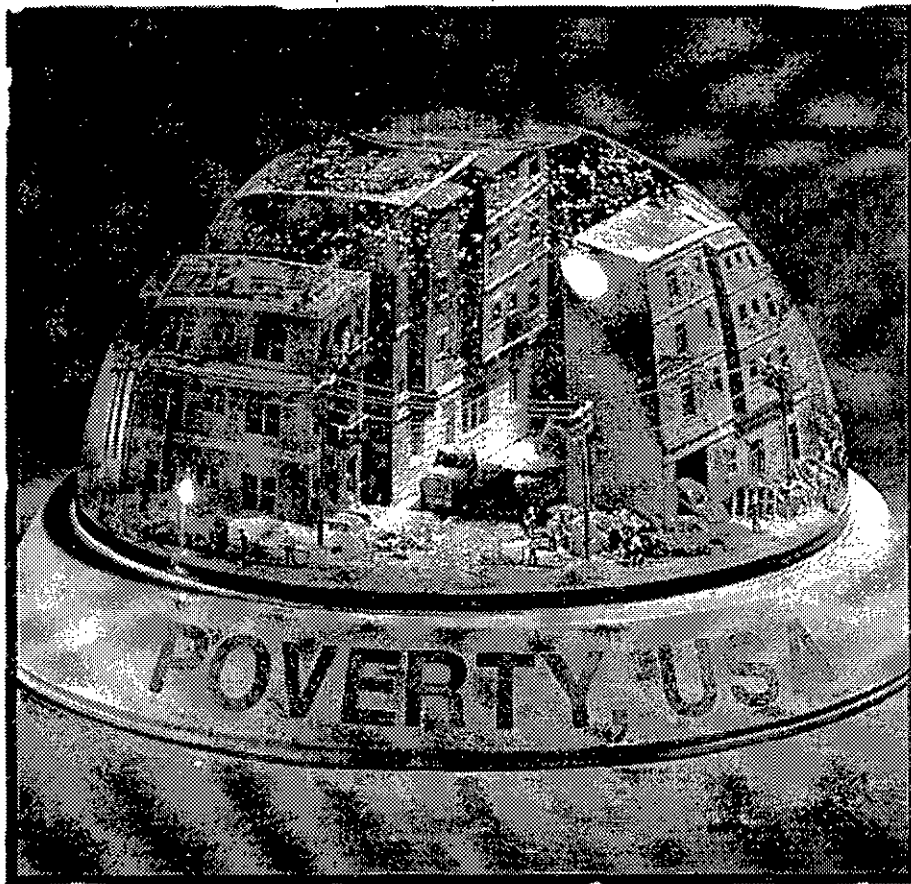
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Convention

(From Page 10)

member Annagret Goettig noting that her department's trucks are much smaller than Elsmere's.

Kirchain allows preteens and adolescents to learn about firefighting through a junior program.

The kids are not allowed to fight fires until they are 17 — in America, volunteers must be 18 — but they help in training and building awareness by helping make displays and in other programs, Goettig said.

Last Tuesday, the group went to New York City, visited ground zero during the week of the third anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and rode the fireboat from Staten Island.

Goettig's eyes lit up as she spoke about the trip.

Wiegand said the visit was a great experience.

"We got to share in 9/11 events with them, in real life, real experiences and real feelings," Wiegand said.

Kirchain's Marshal Hermann Albrecht spoke through Wiegand to the associations Wednesday night.

"We would usually only get the

chance to participate in a large convention over here," Albrecht said and Wiegand translated. "We're very happy to be invited to join in the convention."

Albrecht's son and daughter also serve in the department with him and joined him on the trip.

"We left the real chief at home," Dirk Albrecht joked through Goettig.

The convention, coined the Kevetion in the program and in the upstairs members' room of the Elsmere fire station, in honor of fallen chief Kevin M. Shea, ended Saturday with a formal dress parade through the streets of Delmar.

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Shea memorialized with town hall plaque

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Coinciding with a joint convention of two volunteer firefighters' associations this week in Elsmere, the Bethlehem town board last Wednesday unveiled a plaque that will hang inside town hall in honor of the fallen chief of the Elsmere fire department, Kevin Michael Shea.

"I thought it was fitting," Supervisor Theresa Egan said, noting the board was missing the kickoff dinner for the weekend convention.

The convention, which was dubbed in the firehouse as the Kevetion in honor of Shea, marked the first time the Albany County Volunteer Firefighter Association and the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firefighter Association were held in conjunction.

Shea's widow, Kathy, was at the town board meeting to see the plaque that will hang in town hall.

"It's beautiful," she said.

The plaque has a picture of

Shea, taken while he was on vacation, next to a lengthy inscription.

In part, the inscription described Shea, who also acted as the town's building inspector, as

a selfless man who "volunteered his time, talents and energy to the brotherhood of firefighters."

Shea was a man endowed with a good sense of humor and a kind heart, the inscription says.

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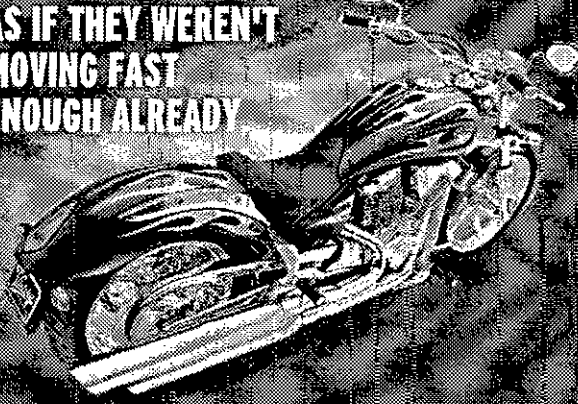
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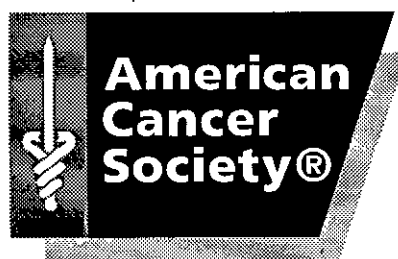
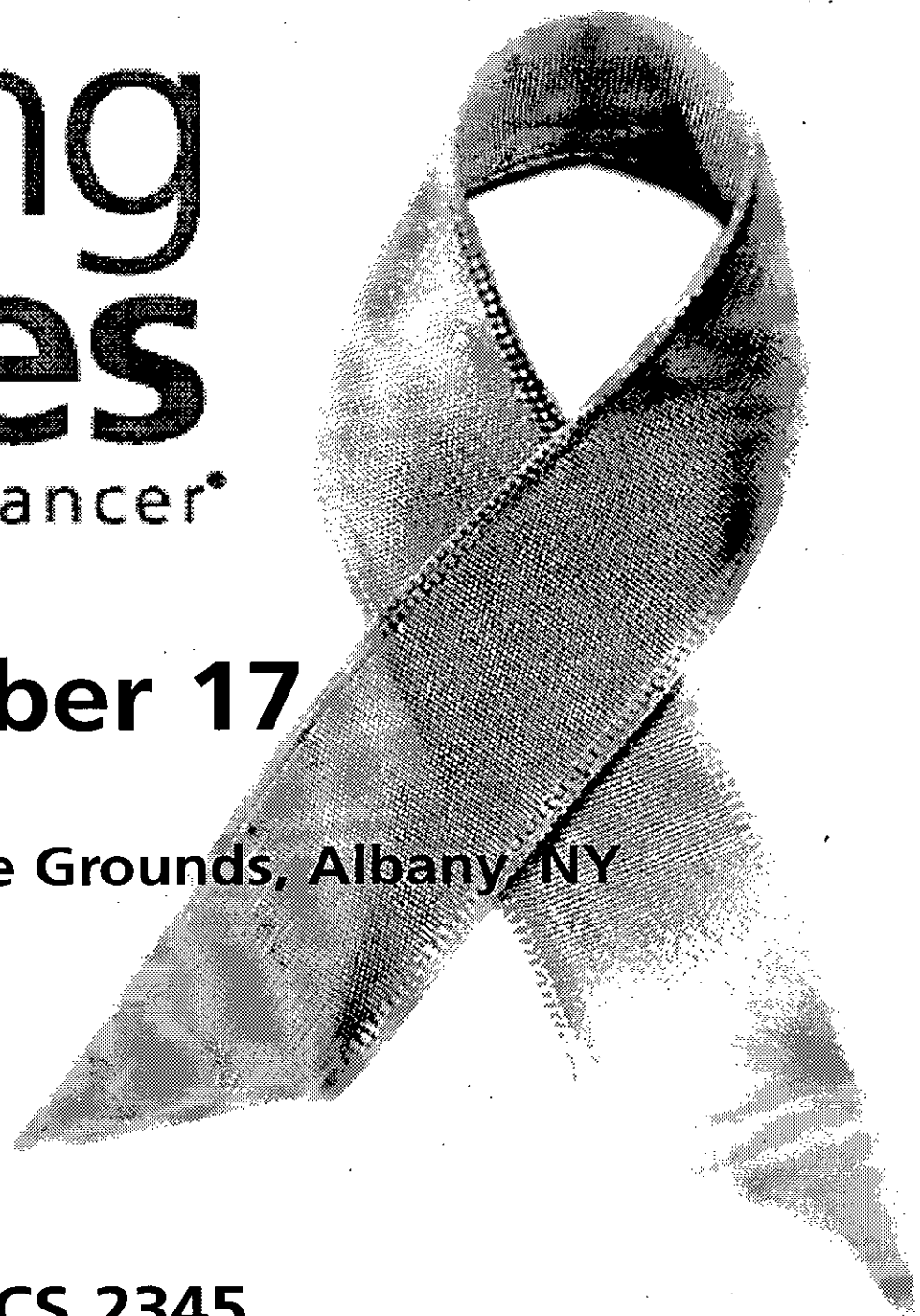
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Sports

Eagles' flying start continues in Niskayuna

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem football team equaled its win total from a year ago in the first two weeks of the season.

The Eagles improved their record to 2-0 with a 24-13 road victory over Niskayuna last Friday in a class AA Division 3 game.

"I've been very proud of the

seniors so far," Bethlehem coach Ron Smith said. "They've matured since last year, and the ones who weren't performing last year are performing now."

The Eagles allowed Niskayuna (0-2) the first points of the game when quarterback Ryan Swett completed a drive with a six-yard touchdown run. Ryan Leach's extra point attempt failed, though, to leave Bethlehem a 6-0 deficit after the first quarter.

It didn't take long for the Eagles to respond. Quarterback Brian Trombley finished a drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge to help put Bethlehem ahead 7-6. Kicker Kevin Seymour added a 25-yard field goal late in the period to extend the Eagles' lead to four points at halftime.

"I was very proud of the way we came right back and scored," Smith said.

Tailback Brian Nicholson padded Bethlehem's lead in the third quarter with a 10-yard touchdown run. Trombley then completed the Eagles' 24-0 run with his second one-yard scoring run of the game in the fourth quarter.

"We struggled in the red zone against Albany (in a 14-7 overtime win) and not scoring when we should have," Smith said. "We did a much better job against Niskayuna."

Nicholson led the Eagles with 84 yards on 16 carries, and Trombley completed three out of seven passes for 29 yards.

"In the three years we've been here (as coaches), the last two years we've played very well defensively," Smith said. "In the last game, we started running the ball well."

Bethlehem hits the road again this week when it travels to Guilderland to play a 1-1 Dutchmen squad coming off a 35-0 loss at Ballston Spa last Friday.

"We've already talked as a coaching staff that we have to come out early and execute so we can put some doubt in their minds," Smith said.

Indians tame Tigers

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk also remained undefeated after two games with a 26-6 victory over Hudson Falls last Saturday.

Trailing 6-0 in the first quarter,

Indians' quarterback Tim Jordan threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Josh Parella to tie the game. John Lynch put RCS ahead to stay early in the second quarter with a four-yard scoring run.

Ryan Cross contributed a 23-yard touchdown run, and Ben Stumbaugh caught a 50-yard scoring strike from Jordan before halftime to extend the Indians' lead to 20 points.

Brad Watkins had a two-yard touchdown run for the Hudson Falls Tigers (0-2).

In other football action, Voorheesville fell to Watervliet 18-15 last Saturday in a class C South Division game.

The Blackbirds (0-2) took a 15-12 lead on a 62-yard touchdown run by Mike Ashline and a two-point conversion pass from Andy Catellier to Nick Duncan. Will Alexander scored on a one-yard run to put Watervliet ahead.



Bethlehem's Brian Nicholson runs into a Niskayuna defender during last Friday's Division 3 game. *Jim Franco*

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Bethlehem girls win Shaker Invitational title

By ROB JONAS

Emily Malinowski had the individual title in her sights until Danielle Schaub made her move.

Schaub passed Malinowski in the final 100 meters to take first place at last Saturday's Shaker Invitational cross country meet at Colonie Town Park. Schaub finished with a time of 18:12.3, while Malinowski completed the course in a time of 18:13.5.

"I was really surprised," said Schaub, a Scotia-Glenville senior. "I kept getting a little bit closer, and I told myself to go for it."

"I heard some spectators say, 'You've got 10 to 15 meters on her,' so I knew she was there," said Malinowski, a Bethlehem senior. "Those 10 to 15 yards (at the end) seemed longer than they were because she came on strong."

Malinowski could take comfort in the fact that her Bethlehem teammates were not far behind. The top five Lady Eagles finished among the top 20 overall runners to win the team title with 48 points, 11 points ahead of Columbia.

"I was happy with my time,"

Malinowski said. "It was 13 seconds faster than last year, so it was the start of a good season, hopefully."

"They're both great runners," Bethlehem girls cross country coach Jack Rightmyer said of Schaub and Malinowski. "I think they might go back and forth all year. We haven't done much speed work yet, so I know Emily will get faster at the end."

Roxanne Wegman joined Malinowski in the top five with a third-place finish in a time of 18:35.5. Kristen Kenny was sixth in a time of 18:57.4, less than three seconds off a fifth-place finish.

"It's going to be a really nice one-two punch that should be up towards the top of any invitational," Rightmyer said of Malinowski and Wegman. "And then

Kristen Kenny is a good No. 3 runner. We just need to bring our fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh runners up closer to the top."

On the boys' side, Bethlehem took second place with 71 points, 25 points behind first-place Shenendehowa.

"We are missing a kid who's probably our No. 2 guy because he was one practice shy of being eligible (for the race)," Bethlehem boys coach Dave Banas said.

Matt Shaffer stayed close to race leader Dan McManamon of Shen until the final 400 meters. McManamon took first place with a time of 15:42.2, while Shaffer finished second with a time of 15:51.4.

"He was with (McManamon) longer than usual, so that's a good sign," Banas said. "Dan's got a

little more finishing speed, but Matt will be there."

Conor Murphy and Alex Tiberio also had top-10 performances for Bethlehem. Murphy placed ninth in a time of 16:34.2, and Tiberio finished 10th in a time of 16:37.1.

Both Bethlehem cross country teams are scheduled to compete at Saturday's Gunderland Invitational at Tawasentha Park.

Edmunds wins Fonda race

The Voorheesville girls cross country team had a strong showing at last Saturday's Fonda Invitational.

Hilary Edmunds took the Division II individual title with a time of 21:03.80. Chantal Little placed 10th with a time of 23:08.23 in the non-scoring meet.

Mackey Lloyd was the top male runner for Voorheesville. Lloyd placed ninth in Division II with a time of 18:35.45.

Gross wins gold at Maccabi Games

Bethlehem Central High School junior Cory Gross won a gold medal in the golf tournament at the Maccabi Games in Washington, D.C.

Gross was one of 12 teen athletes selected to represent the Albany Jewish Community Center at the Maccabi Games, which also held basketball, tennis and track and field tournaments.

Besides his overall gold medal, Gross also won the longest drive competition in the 15-16 age division.

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Tuesday, Sept. 7

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Berne-Knox-Westerlo 21, Voorheesville 38

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Voorheesville 27, Berne-Knox-Westerlo 29

GOLF

Albany Academy 167, Ravena 207

BOYS SOCCER

Bethlehem 9, Averill Park 0
Schalmont 4, Voorheesville 1

GIRLS SOCCER

Bethlehem 6, Averill Park 0
Bethlehem scoring: Laura Boucher 3-0, Vanessa Patry 1-0, Cate Quinlan 1-0, Maddie White 1-0, Tess McGrath 0-3.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem 3, Guiderland 2

Wednesday, Sept. 8

GOLF

Bethlehem 241, Colonie 283
Voorheesville 164, Cohoes 176;
Voorheesville 164, Mechanicville 175

GIRLS SOCCER

Ravena 3, Voorheesville 1
Ravena scoring: Brittany Edelson 3-0, Cassie Ostrander 0-2. Voorheesville scoring: Megan Inglis 1-0.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem 3, Guiderland 2

Thursday, Sept. 9

GOLF

Bethlehem 230, Shaker 258

BOYS SOCCER

Ravena 3, Voorheesville 3
Ravena scoring: Bobby Hummel 1-1, Sam Craven 1-0, Sam Halfsteiner 1-0, Ryan McCarthy 0-1, Max Smith 0-1. Voorheesville scoring: Phil Vendetti 2-0, Matt Miller 1-0, Jeff Bode 0-1, Greg Klopfer 0-1, Dominic Vendetti 0-1.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Guilderville 103, Emma Willard 63

Friday, Sept. 10

FIELD HOCKEY

Bethlehem 1, Guiderland 0

Bethlehem scoring: Kelly Ryan 1-0, Emily Szelest 0-1.
Bethlehem saves: Jackie Wheeler 12.

FOOTBALL

Bethlehem 24, Niskayuna 13

First quarter

Nisky — Ryan Swett 6-yard run (kick failed)

Second quarter

BC — Brian Trombley 1-yard run (Kevin Seymour kick)

BC — Seymour 25-yard field goal

Third quarter

BC — Brian Nicholson 10-yard run (Seymour kick)

Fourth quarter

BC — Trombley 1-yard run (Seymour kick)

Nisky — Sean McKearn 1-yard run (Ryan Leach kick)

GOLF

Niskayuna 237, Bethlehem 249

GIRLS SOCCER

Schalmont 9, Voorheesville 0

Voorheesville saves: Rose Skidanuk 9.

GIRLS TENNIS

Bethlehem 6, Shenendehowa 3
Voorheesville 7, Schalmont 0
Holy Names 7, Ravena 0

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Scotia-Glenville 3, Bethlehem 1

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem 3, Saratoga 0
Ravena 3, Voorheesville 0

Saturday, Sept. 11

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Shaker Invitational

Team scores: Shenendehowa 46, Bethlehem 71, John Jay 102, Niskayuna 109, Queensbury 117, Shaker 149, Colonie 150, Scotia-Glenville 204, Ichabod Crane 260, Ballston Spa 284, LaSalle 293, Columbia 356, Schenectady 378, South Glens Falls 404.

Top Bethlehem runner: Matt Shaffer (second place, 15:51.4).

Fonda Invitational

Division II

Top Voorheesville runner: Mackey Lloyd (ninth place, 18:35.45).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Shaker Invitational

Team scores: Bethlehem 48, Columbia 59, Scotia-Glenville 123, Shenendehowa 132, Queensbury 155, Shaker 157, Colonie 168, Niskayuna 183, Holy Names 204, South Glens Falls 256, Ballston Spa 274, John Jay 370, Ichabod Crane 391, Troy 405.

Top Bethlehem runner: Emily Malinowski (second place, 18:13.5).

Fonda Invitational

Division II

Top Voorheesville runner: Hilary Edmunds (first place, 21:03.80).

FOOTBALL

Ravena 26, Hudson Falls 6

First quarter

HF — Brad Watkins 2-yard run (kick failed)

RCS — Josh Parella 6-yard pass from Tim Jordan (kick failed)

Second quarter

RCS — John Lynch 4-yard run (Ryan Cross kick)

RCS — Cross 23-yard run (kick failed)

RCS — Ben Stumbaugh 50-yard pass from Jordan (Cross kick)

Watervliet 18, Voorheesville 15

First quarter

'Vliet — Anthony Mann 87-yard kickoff return (conversion pass failed)

Second quarter

V'ville — Mike Ashline 1-yard run (Matt Miller kick)

'Vliet — James Holmstedt 30-yard

pass from Will Alexander (conversion pass failed)

Third quarter

V'ville — Ashline 62-yard run (Nick Duncan conversion pass from Andy Catellier)

Fourth quarter

'Vliet — Alexander 1-yard run (kick failed)

GIRLS SOCCER

Bethlehem 5, Saratoga 0

Bethlehem scoring: Vanessa Patry 1-2, Laura Boucher 1-0, Kelly Hughes 1-0, Christy Wray 1-0, Katie Young 1-0.

NOTICE

NEW SCOTLAND RESIDENTS

The town of New Scotland will be conducting an assessment update for the 2006 Assessment Roll. Verification of inventory and a digital photo of each property will take place now thru the duration of the project, which will be complete in the spring of 2006.

Julie Nooney, Town Assessor and Lauren Fahey, Real Property Appraisal Technician will be collecting this data and will have proper identification with them. If at any time anyone approaches you and states that they are with the town Assessor's Office, please feel free to ask for their identification. If they do not have identification, ask them to leave and contact the local authorities.

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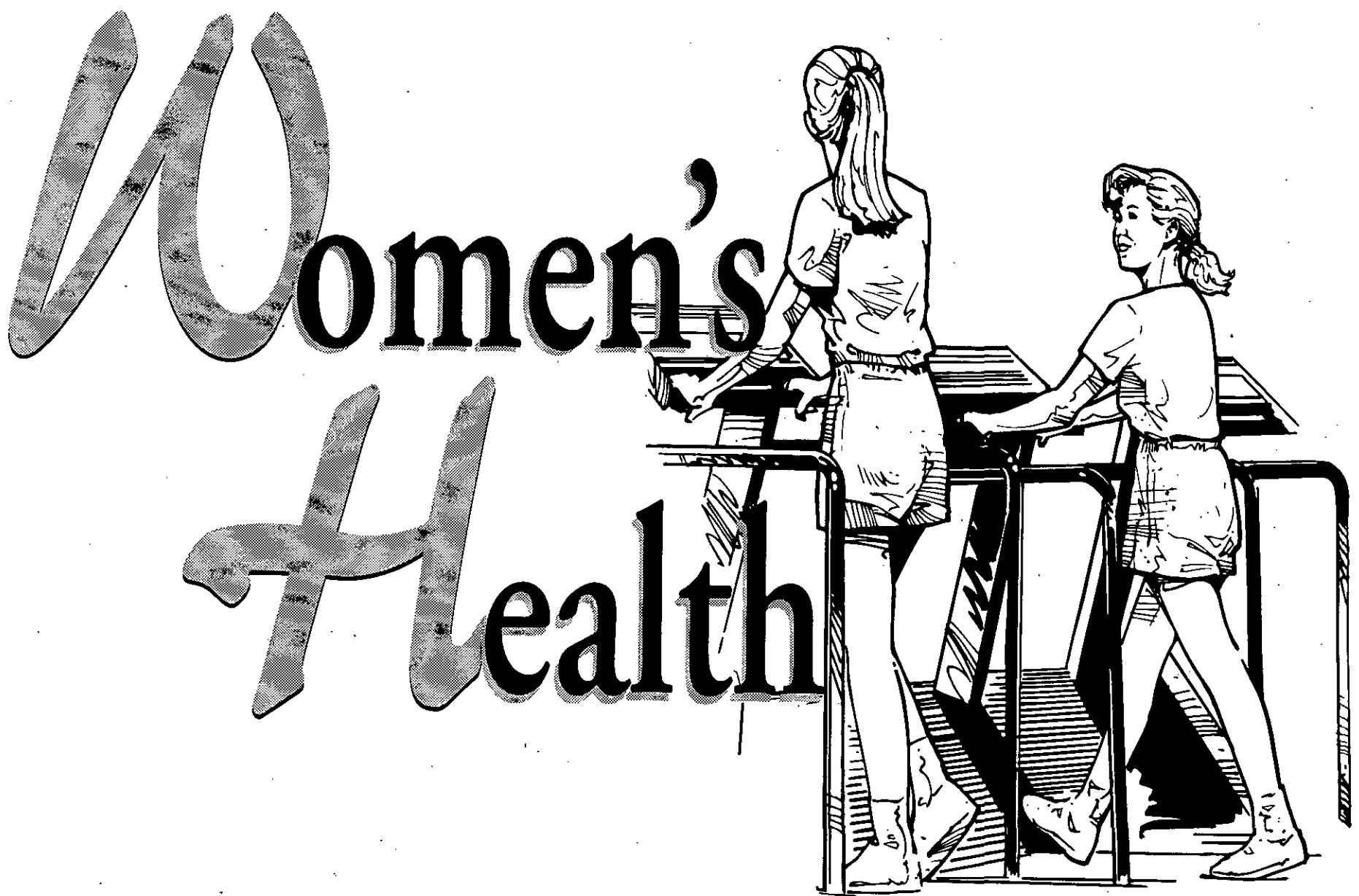
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Makeovers

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four; one has since chosen not to have her story told, Wiegand said.

Three months later or so, Wiegand has been corresponding with a Syracuse doctor-turned-author and somewhat of a life strategist, who helps his patients become healthier one step at a time — almost literally — by showing them how to live in ways that keep them young.

According to Dr. Michael Roizen, whose areas of expertise lie in internal medicine and anesthesiology, people pick up certain habits throughout their lifetimes that make their real ages older than their chronological ages.

By smoking, living with high blood pressure or high cholesterol, being overweight, or not taking medication correctly or not exercising, Dr. Roizen has found that people age much quicker.

Everyone knows that, right?

But Roizen has spent hundreds of hours, and lots of money, studying how many years each factor takes off a life. His quest was to make a difference getting a book on the *New York Times* bestseller list. In actuality, he created a program and a book that's been featured on "Oprah," "20/20," America Online and has become a reality show in Holland.

After answering extensive surveys about her lifestyle, fitness and health habits, the schedule of her typical day and taking a stress test, Wiegand saw her real age revealed on the show.

Wiegand lives with the energy of a person nine years older than she actually is chronologically.

"I was like, 'No wonder I feel like crap all of the time,'" Wiegand laughed.

Another BCHS graduate, Bette Smith Reagan, found out that she's a bit younger than her chronological age.

"I knew one of the things he was going to recommend was to get regular exercise, because I'm very hit-and-miss," Reagan said.

Since the show, which led Wiegand in what she described as a long-needed and long-desired new career direction, Wiegand has been working with Roizen to begin a program of recommendations he made for each individual on the show.

"I started a week ago," Wiegand said. "I'm really tired but I'm doing it because I don't want to fail."

Reagan started an exercise program before going on the show.

Noting that she easily gets bored of exercise programs, Reagan said she chose a boxing program.

"It's very intense. I've done it very regularly for about a month now," Reagan said, "and I don't see myself giving it up."

Reagan and Wiegand have also met since the show to do some walking.

Roizen's approach can be characterized as a slow startup.

"Walking makes you younger," said Roizen, who recommends starting with a half-hour daily walking session. "Slow, steady,

progressive change works. Start with walking, and you can lower your blood pressure, cure sleep apnea, lose weight and stop smoking. That's my message through my practice and this."

Reagan said the program is one "based on common sense."

Walking gets the blood flowing and softens hardened arteries.

"A 9-year-old can run around all day and not get tired because his arteries dilate well," Roizen said. "But that kid's 50-year-old father can't really keep up."

People suffering from or getting over any type of disease have to do more work, Roizen

cautioned.

Roizen, who now helps about 200 of his regular patients, said he increased his workload for four years from 80 hours a week to 120 hours a week, many times holding Saturday conference sessions.

The Jane Pauley Show airs weekdays at 4 p.m. on WRGB-6.

Wiegand seemed in awe of the experience.

"Something like this triggers you in a good way," Wiegand said of the career change that resulted from her time on the show. "It was a blessing in disguise, really. I needed a change but I wouldn't



The group of BC alums pose with Jane Pauley on the set of her talk show. From left: Bette Smith Reagan, Jane Pauley, Sandy Wiegand and Susan Reich Supple.

have done it."

Reagan, who described the experience as "surreal," said she's going to try to stick with the program.

Her philosophy is to add one new thing each week to her daily routine, like a new vitamin and eating more fruits and vegetables.

"Otherwise, it gets a little overwhelming," Reagan said.

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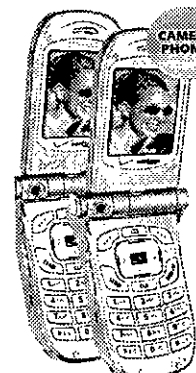
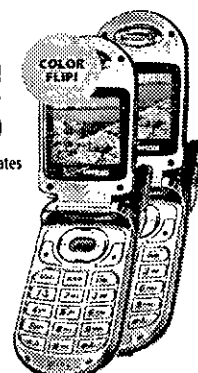
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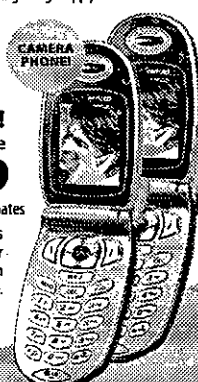
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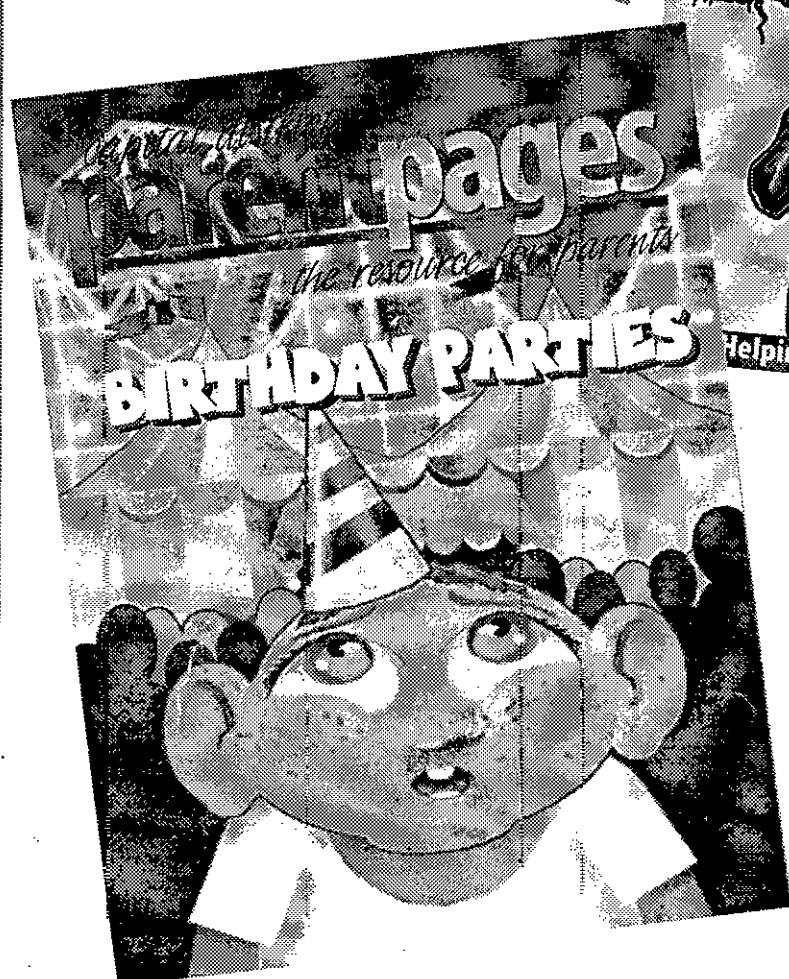
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Writers read from their works at U-Albany

By MARY LANNON

Poet and memoirist Nick Flynn will read from his work Tuesday, Sept. 21 as part of the New York State Writers Institute reading series.

Flynn is one of the best contemporary writers around and so fits the institute's mission to present excellent writers, whatever their field, said Associate Director Donald Faulkner.

"If you see a theme in the programming, then we're not doing our job," Faulkner said.

Housed at the University at Albany, the institute celebrates its 20th anniversary season this year with what Faulkner called an impressive line-up of writers in the fields of science, history, literary fiction, poetry and biography.

"I think it's the best season we've ever done," he said.

Flynn's first book of poetry consisted of 48 free verse narratives about the poet's painful childhood and suicidal mother and received the PEN/Joyce Osterweil Award and the "Discovery"/The Nation award. Flynn's provocatively titled new memoir, *Another Bullshit Night in Suck City* tells the story of his father, a former bank robber, con artist and self-styled poet. It will be serialized in *The New Yorker*.

Flynn reads at 4:15 p.m. at Assembly Hall on the uptown campus.

The season continues with many well-known writers.

Rita Dove, the former U.S. poet laureate, will be in town Wednesday, Oct. 6, for a question-and-answer session at 4:15 p.m. and a reading at 8 p.m., both at the recital hall in the performing arts center on the university's uptown campus.

"Her poetry is really accessible and ... is also just brilliant in its broad-ranging approach to family to love to the pains of everyday existence," Faulkner said.

On Sept. 23, the institute hosts Oprah Book Club novelist Ursula Hegi for a reading at 8 p.m. at the assembly hall on the uptown campus.

Hegi's book, *Stones from the River*, in addition to its Oprah designation, also was nominated for a PEN/Faulkner Award in 1994. While many of her books

focus on German and German-American identity, Hegi's newest novel *Sacred Time* tells the story of a troubled Italian-American family living in the Bronx in the 1950s.

A writer who may appeal to the area's Irish-American community, Roddy Doyle, has been scheduled for an 8 p.m. reading on Friday, Nov. 12, at Page Hall. Doyle will

Two historians with local connections will also share their work in November and December.

Guilderland resident Joseph Persico will read from his latest book, *11th Month, 11th Day, 11th hour: Armistice Day 1918*, on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at the State Museum with a question and answer session at 4:15 p.m. on the uptown campus.

The book tells how Allied commanders in the final hours of World War I sought military glory, sacrificing the lives of thousands of soldiers in senseless attacks on enemy positions, while well aware of the German surrender.

On Dec. 2, National Book Award winner Joseph Ellis, a resident of the Berkshires, will have a similar schedule with a 4:15 question and answer on the uptown campus and an 8 p.m. reading at the State Museum's Clark Auditorium. Ellis will read from his newest book, *His Excellency: George Washington*.

Faulkner also called attention to two lesser-known writers on the schedule that he said were well worth checking out.

Poet Sharon Olds will be on the uptown campus at 4:15 and 8

p.m. on Nov. 30.

"Her chronicle in poetry is really a chronicle of the upper middle class woman moving through early adulthood, motherhood, romantic involvement, parenthood, divorce and life beyond that. ... Real immediate close-to-home issues. Her poetry is so accessible and her work is just brilliant," Faulkner said.

Fiction and non-fiction writer Geoff Dyer, who is a University at Albany professor, will end the fall season on Dec. 7 at 4:15 p.m. in the assembly hall and at 8 p.m.

in the recital hall at the performing arts center.

"I love his book, *Out of Sheer Rage: Wrestling with D.H. Lawrence*. It's one of the best books about procrastination ever written," Faulkner said.

The institute also hosts a film series on Friday nights at Page Hall.

For information on both series, visit the Web site at www.albany.edu/writers-inst, or call 442-5620.

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Donald Faulkner

also answer questions at a 4:15 p.m. seminar at the recital hall on the university's uptown campus.

Author of *The Commitments*, *The Snapper* and *The Van*, all of which have been made into movies, Doyle's latest novel, *Oh, Play That Thing* is the second in a trilogy that recounts the life and times of Irishman Henry Smart, an IRA terrorist, and his move to Chicago and encounters with jazz musicians and mobsters during the Roaring '20s.

Fiction writers Maxine Hong Kingston, Chuck Palahniuk, Dave Eggers, Francisco Goldman, Neil LaBute, Jessica Hagedorn, and Madison Smartt Bell round out the literary fiction slate.

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New Scotland town board fills vacancy with ZBA member

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

At its Sept. 8 meeting, the New Scotland town board voted 3-2 to fill one vacancy by creating an empty seat elsewhere.

The board appointed Michael Cavanaugh to the town's planning board, replacing David Cardona who resigned June 30.

Of 11 applications for the seat, Cavanaugh and Charlie Voss were the two proposed at last week's meeting. Town Supervisor Ed Clark proposed Voss, a member of the town's residents planning advisory committee, while councilman Scott Houghtaling backed Cavanaugh, an eight-year member of the zoning board of appeals.

In addition to serving on the ZBA, Cavanaugh is a public awareness specialist with the state Department of Environ-

mental Conservation, where he has worked for more than 30 years. He has a degree in environmental conservation from Cornell University and has lived in the town for 25 years.

"He has a good feeling of what it is like to be an applicant before the planning board," Houghtaling said. "Also, he arrives at meetings prepared and is willing to do a little extra, including drive all over the town to investigate proposal sites in question before the board."

Cavanaugh explained that working on the planning board will allow him to help set a course for the town's future in the face of urban sprawl.

"Here I can help set the basis of how we manage growth and development in the town," Cavanaugh said. "That's an important service, and that's why I made the move."

Kiwanis Club hosts Barn Sale on Saturday

The Kiwanis Club of Delmar will be holding its annual Barn Sale on Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Geurtze's Farm on Route 9W in Selkirk, located about one mile south of the Jericho Drive-in. The sale will feature children's toys, household goods, sporting goods and miscellaneous items.

The Barn Sale is one of the many fund-raisers that Kiwanis holds to raise money for the youth projects it supports.

The Kiwanis Club of Delmar serves the entire southern part of

Albany County and supports Key Club, Circle K, Builder's Club and K-Kids in the schools. The club also supports many community service projects including Meals on Wheels, the Walk for Diabetes, Kamp Kiwanis, Little League, Iodine and many other local projects. Another fund-raiser to help Kiwanis support local youth projects is the Fall Pancake Breakfast, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Clark, however, said that the board missed an opportunity to add another planning professional's service to the town by not appointing Voss.

"I don't see any reason to move Cavanaugh from the zoning board to the planning board," Clark said, adding that no one on the board disputes Cavanaugh's credentials.

Voss' background includes a master's degree in urban planning from RPI and experience as a planner with the towns of Queensbury and the cities of Utica and Albany. In the private sector, he worked for Laberge Engineers in Colonie and the L.A. Group in Saratoga Springs before starting his own firm, Brittany Hollow Associates in New Scotland. He is also a nationally certified planner.

"My interest was to bring my knowledge to bear, helping the planning board tackle quality of life issues that increasingly face this town," Voss said. "The town board missed an opportunity to add credentials to the planning board."

The vote ran along party lines with Clark and board member Andrea Gleason, both Republicans, voting for Voss while Democratic board members Houghtaling, Richard Reilly and

Deborah Baron voted for Cavanaugh.

In other news, members of First Assembly of God Church in Albany filed a petition to create a new water district to serve its future facilities to be located on Krumkill Road, just inside the town's boundary with Bethlehem.

The complex calls for municipal water in order to facilitate sprinkler systems, which are required in classrooms planned at the site.

Sam Rossi, a spokesman for the church, told the board that Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner George Leveille favored supplying water to the

new district through Bethlehem's water lines.

Rossi also said that the church would pay for the infrastructure improvements in order to speed the process so they could start building their new church.

Town Engineer Mark Dempf said that the first step would entail filing the petition with the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation for approval.

If the project is approved, the church's next move will be to make an application and a concept presentation before the town's planning board.

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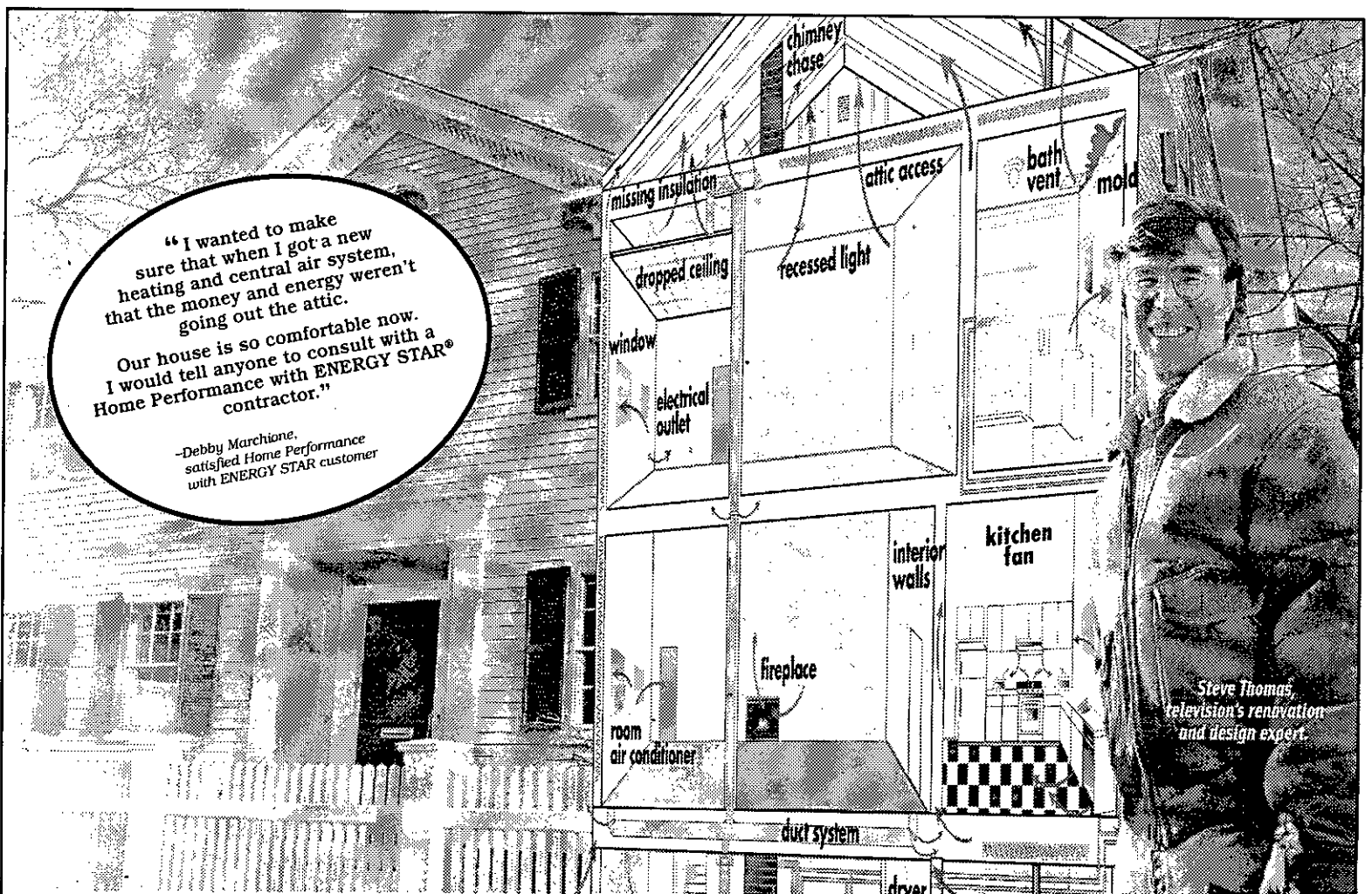
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Nicotina, Pasqua engaged

Rachel Claire Nicotina, daughter of Vincent and Margaret Elizabeth Nicotina of Voorheesville, and Richard Matthew Pasqua, son of Arthur and Barbara Pasqua of Nesconset, L.I., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Albany High School and Boston

University.

She is a product manager for Antepo in Manhattan.

The future groom is graduate C.W. Post College of Long Island University.

He is a Nickjr.com design director for Nickelodeon in Manhattan.

Spindlers celebrate 50th

Harry and Eunice Spindler of Naples, Fla. and Wells, Vt., and formerly of Delmar and Glenmont, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26.

An outdoor reception was given by their children at the Burnt Hills home of their daughter Laura Boynton.

The Spindlers were married June 26, 1954, at the First Methodist Church in Alton, Ill.

They are the parents of

Herbert and Laura Boynton of Burnt Hills; Brian and Susan Spindler of Albany; and Stan and Elizabeth Spindler of Essex Junction, Vt.

They have seven grandchildren.

Harry was senior vice chancellor for finance and business for the State University of New York until his retirement in 1993.

Eunice was a speech pathologist.

Dean's List

Marist College
Meghan Lohman of Delmar.
St. Bonaventure University
Alissa Leavitt of Glenmont

SUNY Plattsburgh
Heather Bradley, Melanie Finlayson, Thomas Pludrzynski and Clare Valentine, all of Delmar; Jared Bourassa, Donna Dawson, Samuel Pitts and Jessica Volpi, all of Glenmont; and John Gluchowski, Melissa Googas and Leigh Underwood, all of Slingerlands.

University at Albany
Andrea Burriesci and Jason Zogg, both of Delmar.

University of New Haven
Sarah Nestlen of Feura Bush.

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Richard Nestlen of Feura Bush (bachelor's in civil engineering, with high honors).

Resident awarded grant for college

Kathleen W. Orcutt of Slingerlands was awarded a scholarship grant for her leadership, academic excellence and community involvement by the Former Agents of the FBI Foundation.

The foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, located in Quantico, Va.

Orcutt will attend Hartwick College in Oneonta and qualifies for the scholarship competition as the granddaughter of former FBI agent Richard F. Keefe.

Student wins dean's scholarship

Stephen Blanch of Delmar has been named a 2004 Dean's Scholar at SUNY Brockport for his academic achievements.

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SUNY Brockport is a four-year public college west of Rochester.

Think tank hires Delmar woman

The Institute for Humanist Studies in Albany recently hired Judith M. Disco of Delmar as director of administration.

The institute is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting nonreligious perspectives on social and ethical issues.

Before joining the institute, Disco was director of administration for the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, a statewide nonprofit agency based in Albany.

She was also the executive director of Women's Services of Western Massachusetts in Pittsfield, Mass., and project director of the New York State Youth Council in Albany.

Disco is also a board member of the Capital District Gay and Lesbian Council.

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Obituaries

Marilyn Frinks

Marilyn A. Frinks, 67, of Delmar died Saturday, Sept. 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime area resident except for two years when she lived in Frederick, Md.

She was employed by the former New York Telephone Co., the Army East Coast Relay Station and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, where she worked as administrative assistant for 23 years.

She was a member and secretary of the Hudson Valley Community College Women's Club and recording secretary for the Fort Orange Chapter 1593 of AARP.

Mrs. Frinks had been a longtime communicant of St. Teresa of Avila Church in Albany and more recently a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

She enjoyed reading, the beach on Cape Cod, bowling and traveling. She also enjoyed cooking and was known for her wonderful lasagna, apple pie and Thanksgiving turkey.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Ronald Michael Frinks; a son, Andrew Michael

Frinks of Pittsfield, Mass.; two daughters, Sharon Elizabeth Chiarella of Redwood City, Calif., and Donna Ann Frinks of Selkirk; a brother, William Raymond Swift of Glenmont; and four grandchildren.

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

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 455 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Kathleen Moriarty

Kathleen Theresa "Kay" Moriarty of Delmar, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

Born in North Lawrence, N.Y., she received a registered nursing degree from Bishop DeGosbriand Hospital in Burlington, Vt.

A longtime Delmar resident and an avid horsewoman, she was always interested in world affairs and politics.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and at one time was an active volunteer at CBA. When asked, she said her gift to the world was her five children.

She was the widow of Daniel John Moriarty.

Survivors include four sons, Daniel Moriarty, James Moriarty, Michael Moriarty and Edward Moriarty; a daughter, Mary Brady; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Duxbury, Vt.

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

Louise Cahill

E. Louise Cahill, 91, of Frankford, Del., and formerly of New Scotland and Albany, died on Friday, Sept. 3, at Berlin Nursing Home in Berlin, Md.

Born in New Scotland, she was a retired restaurateur.

Services were private.

Kendall MacFarland

Kendall "Ken" MacFarland, 53, of Clarksville, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Tucson, Ariz., he lived in Clarksville for the past 12 years.

He was an antique art restorer. Mr. MacFarland was a school monitor at Bethlehem Central High School.

He had a deep respect for animals and was devoted to his family. He was a talented artist.

Survivors include his wife, Debra MacFarland; a daughter, Dawn Elizabeth MacFarland; a son, Lucas MacFarland; and three sisters, Patti Woodcock, Sherri Kosky and Stephanie Grohall.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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Allen Russell

Allen J. Russell, 57, of Delmar died Saturday, Sept. 4, at his home.

Born in Troy, he graduated from the University at Albany with a degree in business administration. He was a member of Kappa Beta fraternity. He was also a graduate of Schenectady County Community College with a degree in travel and tourism.

Mr. Russell retired as the

assistant director of classification and compensation for the state Department of Civil Service after 32 years of service.

He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family at their camp on Galway Lake. He also enjoyed biking, kayaking, hiking and cross-country skiing. He was a member of the Capital Area Ski Touring Association, with whom he traveled extensively throughout Europe.

Mr. Russell was a member of the Northeast Harness Horsemen's Association. He owned several trotters with his business partner Don Bates.

He was a volunteer for Bethlehem soccer and basketball clubs and Tri-Village Little League. He coached baseball for many years with the Messina & Cahill Little League team.

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

Mr. Russell was also a volunteer at Ronald McDonald House, where he cooked and was especially known for his mashed potatoes. He also volunteered for Wildwood programs and was a member of its board.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Klein Russell; a daughter, Amy K. Russell of Albany; and a son, Kevin S. Russell of Saratoga Springs.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

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Irish 2000 festival bucks trend

By DEV TOBIN

It may seem that the Irish cultural moment has passed, what with "Riverdance" no longer touring or highlighting public TV fund drives, some major Irish music festivals biting the dust, and Irish music's local shining light, Eamonn McGirr, passing away this year.

But don't tell it to Matt Nelligan, impresario of the Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival, which returns to the Altamont Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., for its eighth edition.

"There may have been some overkill a few years ago; there is a limit to the market. But our crowds have grown every year because of the quality of our programming," Nelligan said. "And this is our best lineup ever, with Natalie MacMaster and the Saw Doctors making their first appearances."

Nelligan noted that MacMaster is one of top Celtic fiddle players in the world, often headlining at venues like the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, and the Saw Doctors, from Galway, is one of Ireland's top rock bands.

Another reason for the enduring success of Irish 2000 is the value, Nelligan added. The all-day price of \$13 in advance and \$18 at the gate is remarkable, considering that the festival offers 25 bands on four stages.

"We're not trying to gouge people," he said, noting that the Guinness Fleadh festivals in New York City, which had charged \$40 and up in the late 1990s and are no longer in business. "This year, we continue to offer 13 hours of music at a cost of about 50 cents per band."

As before, the festival will have four stages — Traditional, Contemporary and Local/Regional under large tents and the al fresco Grove Stage, which will host Capital District favorites Hair of the Dog from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Other performer highlights include Black 47, Altan, Wolfstone (who played at Live at Five this year), the Clancy Family, Roisin Dubh, the Three Celtic Tenors, the Young Dubliners, the Glengarry Bhoys, The McKrells, Enter the Haggis and the Killdares.

Of course, you can't see all 25 bands Saturday, but you can create your own mix-and-match of traditional,



Black 47



Natalie MacMaster

contemporary and local and see half a dozen or so for a unique afternoon and evening of Irish entertainment.

For the young ones, there will be a family fun area, with rides, games and special treats.

Nelligan said there will again be a preview show on Friday night, but this time it's free. Wolfstone, Roisin Dubh and the Killdares will play at Albany's Riverfront Park amphitheater from 5 to 9 p.m.

Children under 10 are admitted free. Advance tickets are available at the Crossgates Mall service center, Celtic Treasures in Saratoga Springs, The Counties of Ireland in Troy, Gilhooley Design and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, both in Watervliet, Tipperary Trading Co. in Brunswick, the Old Dublin Inn in Halfmoon, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Schenectady, and the Ginger Man, Washington Tavern, McGeary's and the Irish-American Center, all in Albany.

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

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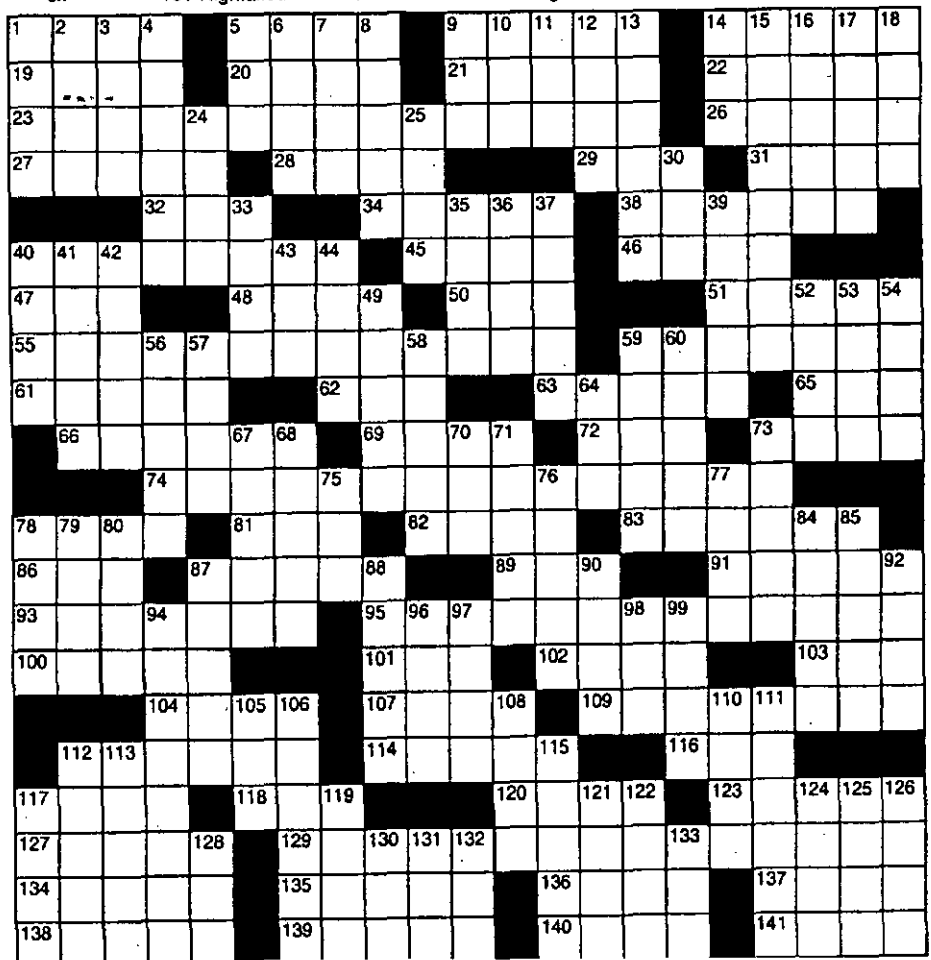
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 15

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. Sept. 16

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-3948.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir,

7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 17

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

At the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m., no signup necessary, Information, 765-2791.

PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. Sept. 18

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. Sept. 19

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.

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.

Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

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. Sept. 20

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR 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.

NEW SCOTLAND

LIBRARY BOARD

Every third Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Information, 465-3193.

Tues. Sept. 21

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

Wed. Sept. 22

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

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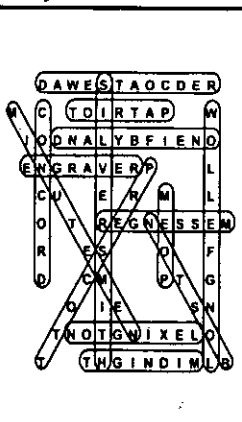
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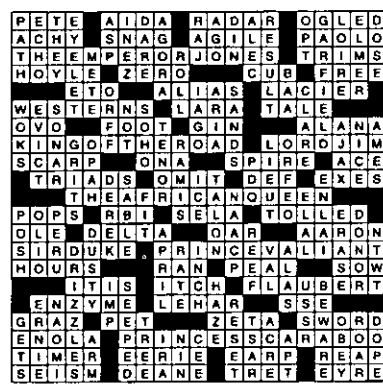
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LCD-10236
(September 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Phantom Investors, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/16/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 1991 Main St., Ste. 222, Sarasota, FL 34236. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-10255
(September 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is DAMA Realty Investors, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 12, 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 Paul J. Goldman, Esq., Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C., 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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Notice of Formation of Vanguard Communication Services, LLC, as amended 8/3/04, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/28/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: P.O. Box 1076, Rye, NH 03870. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-10334
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Mercer Development, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/22/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-10335
(September 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Comprehensive Neuropsychological Services, PLLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 24, 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 Maria Deinzer Lifrak, Ph.D., 490 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
LCD-10345
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Victoria's Salon, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/22/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Victoria Bronson, 1269 New Loudon Rd., Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-10358
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of 1 Alice Avenue LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 8/25/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 33 Fuller Rd., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-10359
(September 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

1545 CENTRAL AVE., LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of 1545 Central Ave., LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("DSNY") on August 24, 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 1545 Central Ave., LLC, 14 Hemlock Street, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12111. 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-10369
(September 15, 2004)

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OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is R & M REALTY HOLDING, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 30, 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 668 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203.
LCD-10380
(September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is R & M REALTY HOLDING II, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 30, 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 668 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203.
LCD-10381
(September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: HARMONY RENTALS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/30/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 441 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
LD-10234
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of ASHFORD TRS LESSEE LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/22/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/6/04. 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., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: lease real estate.
LD-10250
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Calpine PowerAmerica-NY, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/4/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/27/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, Lookerman & Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10252
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of SAG-ITTA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed

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with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/9/2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10 Riverwalk Way, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-10258
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of AFI FOODSERVICE, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/24/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Center Drive, CN 6070, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207. DE address of LLC: 9 E. Lookerman St., Ste. 1B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, Division of Corporations, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful business.
LD-10263
(September 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF UNIQUE DIMENSIONS, LLC
1. The name of the limited liability company is Unique Dimensions, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State's Office on March 1, 2004.
3. The office of the LLC is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office in the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 10 Railroad Place, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866.
5. The duration of the LLC is perpetual.
6. The character and purpose of the business of the LLC shall be to undertake any lawful act or activity in which a limited liability company may engage under the laws of the State of New York; all subject to and in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
LD-10265
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Pivano Credit Company, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/4/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 12/18/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. OH address of LLC: 655 Metro Place South, Ste. 720, Dublin, OH 43017. Arts. of Org. filed with OH Sec'y of State, P.O. Box 670, Columbus, OH 43216. Purpose: purchaser of retail installment contracts originated by piano dealers selling their products to consumer.
LD-10269
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Belvedere Associates LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/5/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 7/26/04. 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 LLC: 41-42 42nd St., Apt. 2N, NY, NY 11104. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Sec'y of State, Capitol Complex,

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Carson City, NV 89710. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10270
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Pharmacy Builders #3, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/21/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 12/11/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NV address of LLC: 1516 East Tropicana, Ste. 155, Las Vegas, NV 89103. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Sec'y of State, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10271
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of New Hempstead Terrace LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/9/04. 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-10275
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of DEUCE HOTEL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/5/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: provide consulting and management services to hotels.
LD-10276
(September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Articles of Organization for BENTLEY SELF-STORAGE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 21, 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 LLC at 834 Slingerlands Avenue, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.
LD-10277
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Oneonta Diagnostic Imaging, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 120 West 44th St., Suite 601, NY, NY 10036. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-10279
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Vesta Partners, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/22/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: William B. Gex, 1000 Washington Pike, P.O. Box 339, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10281
(September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF GROSSI HILL FARM VINEYARD, LLC
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: GROSSI HILL FARM VINEYARD, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on June 26, 2002.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is:
3001 Furbeck Road
Altamont, New York 12009-5811
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: Grossi Hill Farm Vineyard, LLC, 3001 Furbeck Road, Altamont, New York 12009-5811.
6. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of New York.
LD-10285
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Southeast Commercial, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/27/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/12/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10291
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of JDK Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/12/04. 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 Joseph P. Ercole, Esq., 103 Somerset Rd., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10292
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of NY-717 Fifth Avenue, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/22/04. 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 Lexis Document Services Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: LexisNexis Document Solutions Inc. registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2 N. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 2100, Chicago, IL 60606. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10293
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of AMERIFEE LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/13/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/29/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 225 Turnpike Rd., Southborough, MA 01772. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10294
(September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF Cesta's Contracting LLC (LLC) formation. Articles of Org. filed/effective with N.Y. Sec'y of State (SSNY) on July 6, 2004. Purpose: any lawful act. Management only in LLC manager(s). Principal office is in Albany County. SSNY designated as agent; mail any process to 13 Bedell Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Attention: Manager.
LD-10295
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Registration of The Biggerstaff Law Firm, LLP. Certificate filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/16/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: the profession of law.
LD-10305
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of OSEP-NY-1301 Properties, L.L.C. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/26/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/30/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lexis Document Services Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2 N. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-10309
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Dell Marketing USA L.P. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/18/04. Office location: Albany County. L.P. formed in Texas (TX) on 6/17/04. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LP, c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LP: 1 Dell Way, Round Rock, TX 78682. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Sec'y of State, Corp. Sec., P.O. Box 13697, Austin TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-10311
(September 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BP Rome, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/17/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/10/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206. DE address of LLC: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: to acquire, own, manage, operate, lease, mortgage and sell that certain shopping center called The Canal Place Shopping Center, located in Rome, New York.
LD-10320
(September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Nationwide Communications LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/19/04. Fictitious Name in NY State; Nationwide. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/04. 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. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10321 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/18/04. Office location: Albany County, LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/30/04. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206. Principal office of LP: 2700 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 1800, Houston, TX 77056. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: manufacture and sales of industrial gases and related products. LD-10322 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Bromont Property Management, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/21/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/9/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206. DE address of LLC: c/o Capitol

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Services, Inc., 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: management of properties. LD-10323 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of POPULUS GROUP, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/5/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 9/11/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. MI address of LLC: 24800 Denso Drive, Southfield, MI 48034. Arts. of Org. filed with MI Secy. of State, 6546 Mercantile Way, P.O. Box 30054, Lansing, MI 48909. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10325 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of FA Recruiting Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/5/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 7/20/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. TX address of LLC: c/o CSC, 701 Brazos St., Suite 1050, Austin, TX 78701. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10330 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Albany Bedding Company LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/4/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 11/5/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corpora-

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tion Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. OH address of LLC: 180C Moler Rd., Columbus, OH 43207. Arts. of Org. filed with OH Secy. of State, 180 E. Broad St., 16th Fl., Columbus, OH 43266. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10331 (September 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of OPTION ONE REALTY, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is OPTION ONE REALTY, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 4, 2004. 3. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: 222 Harvard Road, Watervliet, NY 12159. 5. The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by one or more of its members. 6. None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members") in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company. 7. The Limited Liability Company shall have all powers and purposes allowed it by law. LD-10336 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of ALIG LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/19/2004. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/19/1975. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-

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cess to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206. DE address of LLC: 615 S. Dupont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: manufacture and sales of industrial gases and related products. LD-10341 (September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HALLEY LLC The name of the LLC is DATEPO LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is: 07/30/04 under the name HALLEY 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 19558. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-10349 (September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MSW REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/26/04. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2054. 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, 18 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10351 (September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

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Articles of Organization of HOLLAND AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 20, 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 LLC at Nigro Development, LLC, 125 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. LD-10355 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of RJ Mase, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 6/16/04. 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. CT address of LLC: 514 Weed St., New Canaan, CT 06840. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06115. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10356 (September 15, 2004)

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BROADWAY 915, LLC 1. The name of the limited liability company is BROADWAY 915, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on March 3, 2004 and became effective on said date. 3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against it is BROADWAY 915, LLC, c/o Omni Management Group, Ltd., 40 Beaver Street, Al-

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bany, New York 12207. 5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. Dated: September 2, 2004. NOLAN & HELLER, LLP Attorneys for BROADWAY 915, LLC 39 North Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207 LD-10357 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Registration of Kling Architecture, Engineering, Interiors and Planning, LLP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/23/04. Office location: Albany County, LLP registered in Pennsylvania (PA) on 7/13/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 30 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. PA address of LLP: 2301 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103. Purpose: the practice of architecture and engineering. LD-10360 (September 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Integrated Healthcare, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/30/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 10/31/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 100-1, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 18 Columbia Rd., 2nd Fl., Pembroke, MA 02359. Arts. of Org. filed with: MA Secy. of State, 1 Ashburton Pl., Boston, MA 02108. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-10361 (September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ODC PUTNAM, LLC 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: ODC PUTNAM, LLC 2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on August 20, 2004. 3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon it is: ODC Putnam, LLC 40 Beaver Street, Albany, NY 12207 5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: ODC Putnam, LLC, 40 Beaver Street, Albany, NY 12110, Attn: I. David Swawite. 6. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of New York. LD-10362 (September 15, 2004)

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public DEIS Scoping Session on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, on the application of O.G. Real Estate Developers for a Planned Commercial District, known as Harbor at Beacon Pointe, located between NYS Rt. 144 and the Hudson River, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York. The purpose of the Scoping Session is to solicit input on the content of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that will be prepared for the project. Parker D. Mathusa Chairman, Planning Board NOTE: Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested. LD-10378 (September 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 974 RENTAL GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/16/04. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2104. 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, 974 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10383 (September 15, 2004)

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Shelters

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is responsible for fixing animals.

"It goes back to the human race," Hall said. "Somebody, somewhere abandoned those cats. There is a lot of blame to be passed, but it shouldn't be attached to the shelters (that euthanize animals)."

Up the river, Cross said: "We're trying to make people aware of the numbers, which are staggering because of total irresponsibility. Spay and neuter is such a simple way to solve this."

The Animal Protective Foundation in Scotia believes the way to reduce pet overpopulation is through spay and neuter, said Director of Communications and Outreach Marguerite Pearson.

"Just altering shelter pets wasn't enough," Pearson said. "There are so many pet owners

who don't have their pets fixed and a major reason for this is that they can't afford it."

In the Societies

Cross said the humane society, located in Menands, sees anywhere from 40 to 90 cats a day. The Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society does not participate in spay and neuter and release, with Cross saying the practice brings into question responsibility and ethics.

"There's so much controversy with spay and neuter and release. Just because a cat is feral, it doesn't have to die, but on the other hand, who is going to take care of it?" Cross wondered. "If there's no food source, what is a cat going to do?"

The Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society sees about 14,000 animals a year, Cross said. The society does not follow a no-kill policy, but it also does not limit how long cats can board before being put down. Last year, the

facility spayed or neutered about 3,000 animals that belonged to "responsible owners," Cross said.

"We have very good adoption rates. Twenty-three cats were adopted out last Thursday, but then 60 came through the door," Cross said.

Whiskers works with two veterinarians, who give feral cats immunizations and vaccinations when they're in to be fixed.

Periodic monitoring or follow-ups of cat colonies and caretakers is done, Hall said. Controlling a feral cat colony can take upwards of five years, Hall said.

Hall noted the fact that Whiskers is a private shelter, many times enacting a waiting list for incoming cats, gives it more leeway in its policies.

"Some shelters have to take every animal because that's what they have to do," Hall said. "We have an alternative because we're a private shelter."

The Animal Protective

Foundation instituted a mobile spay and neuter program about three years ago, according to Pearson.

The mobile clinic goes into surrounding communities three days a week and performs low cost surgeries for cats and dogs in high risk areas, such as Hamilton Hill in Schenectady and Arbor Hill in Albany.

"As a result of that program and our overall efforts, we have seen a decrease in the number of incoming animals," Pearson said.

Pearson noted a difference between limited-access facilities, like Whiskers, and open-access facilities, like the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society and the Animal Protective Foundation.

"The words are misleading," Pearson said. "Limited-access facilities take in only the animals they are confident they can place. You don't have to euthanize animals if you don't have them. With open access facilities, they take those animals in because there's nowhere else for them to go. There's not much you can do for feral cats or dangerous dogs."

The Animal Protective Foundation is committed to open access, Pearson said, meaning aggressive dogs and feral cats can come in.

"However, we do not feel it is humane to warehouse animals with little hope of adoption," Pearson said. "Therefore, we euthanize."

Keeping Cats Safe

Cats are admittedly independent creatures, but experts note that people like to take care of what they see as a stray or helpless animal.

Ward Stone, a wildlife pathologist at Five Rivers Educational Center, said feral cats are everywhere, meaning diseases like rabies can be transferred

when feral or stray cats come into contact with companion pets.

"Cats have their strong supporters and their strong detractors," Stone said, noting bird enthusiasts and cat enthusiasts see different ends of the same animal spectrum.

To prevent disease transference from wild cats to people or pets, Stone suggested avoiding feral cats and keeping pet cats inside.

"The simple answers are not the human answers," Stone said.

Animal control officers offered practical tips to residents to keep their pets safe from strange animals.

Richard Watt, an animal control officer in Bethlehem, notes that all pet cats, dogs and ferrets must have vaccinations under state law.

Watt recommends pets having a microchip implanted, which he said most veterinarian clinics and humane societies do.

"There are feral cat colonies in the town of Bethlehem," Watt said. "We do monitor a lot of animal activity in town, including the feral cat colonies."

Feral cats are not typically violent until someone attempts to contain them, Watt said.

Watt said he cautions residents not to feed strange animals, to keep garage doors closed and children's sandboxes covered.

Bird feeders, too, Watt said, can attract strange animals this time of year. Garbage receptacles should stay covered at all times.

"All animals are looking for food and shelter," Watt said. "If you provide food and shelter, they'll keep coming back."

The cat population in households across the United States is estimated at 60 million, with another 25 to 40 million feral cats.

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