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Clarksville scores movin' on up

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

When students return to Clarksville Elementary School on Sept. 9, they'll be streaming into a place that has seen what true teamwork can yield. This past year, Clarksville learned its students' performances on the statewide English Language Arts test given to fourth graders had put it among the top 100 most improved schools on that assessment test.

In 1999, the state Department of Education began giving the ELA tests as a way of determining how well students were meeting state learning standards. Schools were required to provide extra help to students not meeting certain levels of expectations, and the schools themselves received report cards on their performances.

The news in Clarksville the first year the test was taken was not good. Only 51 percent of the 47 students tested scored in Levels 3 and 4, which indicate mastery of the subject matter. This year, the students and teachers had plenty of reason to be pleased: 90 percent of the students who took the ELA in February 2005 scored in those top two levels. For the second year in a row, no students

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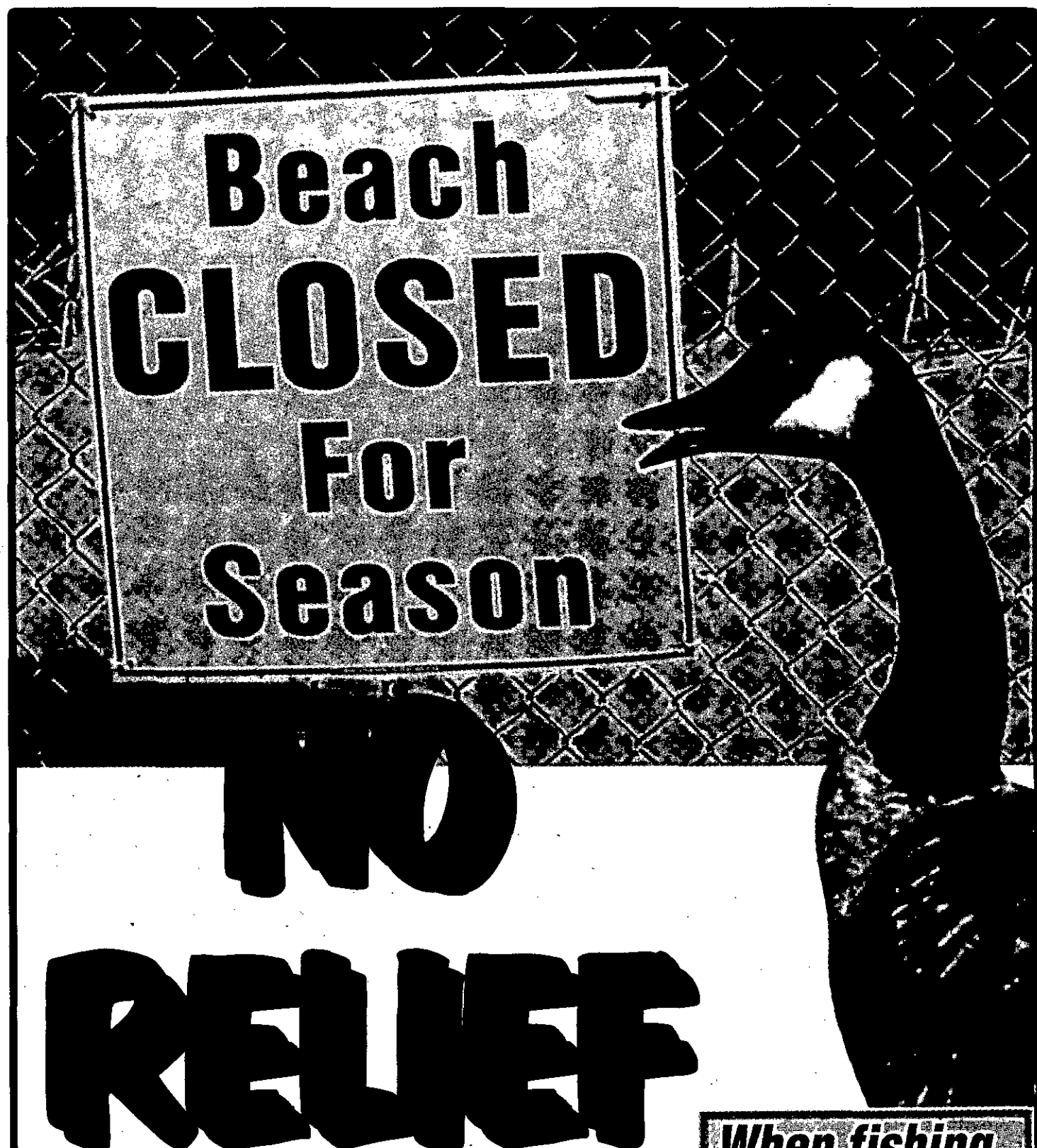
Group looks at tire burn proposal

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

An application filed by Lafarge Building Materials Inc. to burn 4.8 million tires for fuel is still being examined by the local grassroots citizens environmental group Friends of Hudson. Since the state Department of Environmental Conservation deemed the application complete two weeks ago, there have been two public information meetings for concerned citizens.

If approved, Lafarge will be able to burn whole tires to replace 20 percent of its coal and coke fuel. While Lafarge

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High bacteria levels deny beach-goers respite from the heat

By DAMIAN PAGANO

The beach at Collins Lake in Scotia is locked and posted with a red and white sign.

"Closed for the season," it reads.

Village government quarantined the popular swimming spot two months ago after tests showed an unusually large amount of coliform bacteria in the water there. The microbes are usually present in small quantity, but this year their numbers exceeded the maximum allowed by state sanitary code.



Coliform bacteria can cause an unpleasant rash known as "swimmer's itch."

Sanitary code requires that beach permit holders test beach water, and Collins Lake is the only government-sponsored, natural beach in Schenectady County. It is one of five such beaches in the region. The Albany County Health Department tests water at three beaches; Myosotis Lake in Rensselaerville, Warner's Lake in Berne and Onderdonk Lake in Westerlo, according to county spokeswoman Kerri Battle. The Saratoga County Health Department

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When fishing, pay heed to health advisories

By MARTY BANNAN

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Eating fish you caught yourself is the crowning reward for the lucky angler. After handling worms, snagging hooks in trees and clothing, and being the main course for all kinds of bugs, pan-fried game fish makes the ordeal worth it.

When you come home with fish – not the ones you stopped at the store to buy – you need not make up any stories about being chased by bears or those big lunkers that got away.

No, but you should know what fish from what fishing hole and how much is safe to eat.

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Groups make it easy to donate extra produce

By MARY LANNON

Feel overwhelmed by eggplant? Can't give away any more zucchini? Had more than your fill of green beans?

The overabundance problems the home gardener faces come August now has an easier-than-ever solution as two Capital District nonprofits have joined together to help those with a darker-than-usual green thumb find a simple way to give their leftovers to those in need.

Capital District Community Gardens and Food Pantries for the Capital District have joined together for the second year in a row to run the Squash Hunger Campaign. Anyone with extra produce can drop it off at 12 locations in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties. Last year the program collected more than 6,000 pounds of food; this year it hopes to double its yield.

That will help Food Pantries for the Capital District (FPCD), a coalition of 42 food pantries, serve its clients fresher and healthier food, an increasing need.

With the national spotlight on childhood obesity and with seniors a significant population at food pantries, the pantries are increasingly on the lookout for ways to offer low-fat, low-salt and sugar-free food, said Lynda Schuyler, executive director of FPCD.

"It's very difficult for food pantries to get a hold of that

stuff," she said.

Those who've staked out a plot at one of the 44 community gardens operated through Capital District Community Gardens (CDCG) have been more than generous with their surpluses.

That fact doesn't surprise CDCG executive director Amy Klein.

"We know that gardeners are generous with their advice and helping out fellow gardeners. And so it's no surprise to us that they are generous with their extra produce," Klein said.

Generosity is needed, Schuyler said, as the numbers of people served by food pantries show.

In 2004, FPCD served 2.2 million meals, a little bit over its 2003 mark of 2.1 million meals but lower than the all-time high in 2002 of 2.4 million. That all time high was a significant jump from the 1.8 million served in 2001 and the 1.5 million served in 2000.

"What really concerns me is that since 2002 I fear that part of the reason why the numbers have gone down is not because the need has gone down but because pantries have had to tighten their belts," Schuyler said.

For example, she said, pantries used to feed families out of their area and then advise them where they could go if they needed to go to a pantry again. When they tightened their belts, if other pantries were open, pantry officials, instead of giving food,



Drop off your extra produce at one of the drop-off sites. Mary Lannon

would advise families to go to the pantry in their area.

The elderly and the working poor are the largest influx at pantries, Schuyler said. She attributes the more recent increases to multiple factors including welfare reform, increasing costs of housing, medical care, rents, prescriptions and child care.

"It's a situation that has been creeping up for a long time," she said.

The idea for the program came as a way to enhance the "grow an extra row" campaign that has been going on for some time, Klein said. In that program, people had to find their own way to get their extra row of produce to those in need. The Squash Hunger program goes one step further and makes it just that much easier for increasingly busy people to help the way they wish

to, she explained.

Needed produce includes squash, peppers, turnips, broccoli, cucumbers, okra, eggplant, potatoes, beans, zucchini, cabbage, carrots and cauliflower.

Gardeners should try not to refrigerate produce before dropping it off, as it reduces shelf life. Produce should be placed in a box or paper bag and delivered to one of the drop off locations as soon as possible after harvesting.

Produce can be dropped off from now until October at any of the following locations: Delmar Market Place, 406 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 439-3936, every day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nichols' SuperValu Foods, 5 Maple Road, Voorheesville, 765-2629, every day, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Spindle City Market, 302 Ontario Street, Cohoes, 237-8321,

every day 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Café Nora, 952 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, 783-6880, Monday to Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Honest Weight Food Co-Op, 489 Central Ave., Albany, 483-2667, Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hilltowns Community Resource Center, 15 County Route 1, Westerlo, bin located outside. Drop off anytime.

Uncommon Grounds, 122 Western Ave., Albany, 453-5641, Monday to Thursday and Sunday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Niskayuna Food Co-Op, 222 Nott St., Niskayuna, 374-1361, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Praying for rain

Celebrity status

BY DAMIAN PAGANO

Antonio Moreno put his hands together, looked at the clouds and asked for rain.

"We implore you," he said to the heavens.

Wing Man, a horse Moreno tends, was due to run in the West Point Stakes. The race was scheduled to happen on the turf track but could be moved to the dirt track if rain fell hard enough. Moreno said Wing Man runs well on wet dirt.

"It will be better for him today if it rains," Moreno said. "So we are praying."

Saratoga Springs is in the midst of a drought, but on Sunday, Aug. 14, clouds lined the sky and the Weather Channel forecast showers. Barbara Holmes of Wynantskill said it rained all morning at her home, which is about half an hour drive time south of Saratoga. Umbrella in hand at about 3 p.m., Holmes left the races early because she sensed rain moving north.

"I may be crazy, but I'm not stupid," she said.

But predicting the weather is a lot like picking horses.

"If we could make a bet on rain today, we would bet against it," said Dominick "Red" DeAndrea, a handicapper from New Jersey.

"But if it could do it anywhere,

it could do it in Saratoga," said Red's friend, Mark DeLorenzo, also a handicapper.

A surprise thunderstorm blew in last year on Travers Day — just in time for the end of the big stakes race, according to Fran LaBelle, director of communications for the New York Racing Association. Though it threatened all day, the storm erupted just after local favorite Birdstone crossed the finish line in first place.

"That was something," LaBelle said. "It was so cloudy, *The Daily Racing Form's* photo from the winner's circle was almost black."

A wet dirt track is known as a "sloppy" track. A muddy track is a sloppy track that has started to dry. Wing Man won his last race, which took place July 8 on a sloppy Belmont course.

But on Aug. 14 at 5 p.m., about two hours after Moreno asked the skies for moisture, the sun came out from the behind the clouds. There was no rain for Wing Man in the West Point Stakes that day.

The race took place on turf, and Wing Man lost it on the first turn when he bumped another horse. He finished seventh.

"He blew it. What a shame," Wing Man's exercise rider Joe Damelio said as he watched the race on television in the grand stand. "He would have done better in the mud."



Andrew Hadeka of Granville gets an autograph from Sam "The Bugler" Grossman last Sunday.

Damian Pagano

Swimmers eager to get into RCS pool

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The brand new world competition size swimming pool at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School has only been open for a week, but already membership to the long-awaited pool has exceeded 300 people.

The pool, which is part of a \$29.2 million capital construction project, will not only benefit students at RCS, but the whole community. Continuing Education Swimming Programs are open to the community and have already begun, as well as an open swim program to begin Sept. 6.

"I think people are extremely happy with the pool," said district spokesman Mike McCagg.

The pool consists of six lanes, each seven feet wide in a 42 foot wide pool. Lanes are 25 yards and one inch, which leaves room for scoring apparatus.

"If anyone breaks a world record in this pool, it'll be official," said McCagg. "This is a state of

the art facility. It includes everything for competition."

Along with the pool, the long awaited Aquatic Center includes a fitness center/weight room, as well as an aerobic/wrestling room. Continuing education classes include water safety instructor aid, Aqua Fitness, swimming lessons, the Morning Swim Program, and the American Red Cross Life Guarding Today. Many people in the community have been pre-registered for these courses since January, and the pool has been opened specially for those programs. An open swimming schedule is being planned.

The grand opening ceremony is planned for Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Details of the celebration are still being worked out, McCagg said.

Those wishing to register may do so the first time they swim. A one-time fee of \$5 covers the open swim program. Continuing education programs cost extra.

McCagg said the district is encouraging community groups to use the pool. The Ravena Fire Company's dive rescue team will be using the facility for practice, and the district will look into other organizations in the area.

The pool took two years to construct, and McCagg said the district is excited with the possibilities.

"This is the northeast, and we have long winters," he said. "In January, it'll be a nice respite."

YMCA looks to raise \$2M for construction

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The Bethlehem YMCA is in the middle of its capital campaign to raise funds for construction.

But getting all the volunteers together before summer is over can be a little unrealistic, said Bethlehem YMCA Executive Director Scott Lewis.

"There's been problems with getting people together because of vacations, so we'll shoot for September," he said.

The YMCA's 100 or so volunteers will be trained about the campaign and how it will work, and will be armed with as much information as possible, Lewis said. The campaigning will mostly be done face to face.

"One of the obstacles in this campaign is that people just expect the YMCA to be here," said Lewis. "They don't understand that we absolutely have to raise this money. We can't finance it all."

The group's goal is to raise \$2 million toward overall construction. Cost of all the construction will be about \$7.5 million, Lewis

said, but the balance will be settled through financing.

The Y's expansion includes more parking and more space to facilitate expanded programming as well. It also includes inside additions of a running track on the second level, a small gym for basketball and other sports, a 6-lane pool, a smaller heated therapy and teaching pool which will

"That's not part of renovations but it is part of what the expanded programming will be," said Lewis.

Five locker rooms, for men, women, boys, girls and family is also part of the expansion.

The Y is currently run on a limited basis, with a reduced price membership that can be used at other area Ys. Fees are expected to rise with the expansion.

Currently the Y has just under 5,000 members and serves Bethlehem and surrounding communities. The construction will be mostly internal, Lewis said, adding only about 5 to 8,000 square feet to the existing 89,000 square feet.

Lewis said the goal of \$2 million is attainable, but a stretch.

"If we don't raise the money, the projects will just have to be smaller," he said. "It will be a struggle, but it is possible."

Scott Lewis

"One of the obstacles in this campaign is that people just expect the YMCA to be here. They don't understand that we absolutely have to raise this money. We can't finance it all."

host the Y's water exercise classes, and a teen room. There will also be expanded child care programs, including an expanded kids corner room, so members will have the opportunity to bring kids in while they work out. The Y is also starting an after school program at Delmar Reformed Church at the Four Corners.

To date, the Y has collected about \$800,000 in donations since the campaign kicked off May 26. Most of that money, Lewis said, came from people who have been involved with the Y for many years.

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Cleaning out the old to make room for new memories

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

As the piles of things to take on vacation grows, and the bedroom for the dog-sitter gets its annual hoeing-out, the man of our house has undertaken another project: cleaning out the bookcases and getting rid of some of the books in our house. "Some" is a gross misunderestimation, to borrow one of the most-quoted words of our president, for we are overrun with books. In fact, books that have been stacked and strewn next to our beds, in the upstairs hallway and on the living room coffee table patiently await their elevation to bookshelf status.

As the purge continues — some to the curb and into the trash; some to used bookstores — we have made a vow that we will use the library more and limit book purchases to only our very favorite authors.

We have already put our sons on notice about the old age we hope to have, and our local library plays a major part of that. One of the senior housing facilities in our town is felicitously located right next to the very place we hope to spend a lot of time some day.

"Will it embarrass you very much when Daddy and I shuffle over to the library in our robe and slippers, coffee mugs in hand, to read the morning paper?" I asked

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our teen-age sons one day.

Christopher, at 15, only seems to get embarrassed by us when there are other teens around. In private, he has picked up the best trait in my in-laws' family: he finds family members' quirkiness amusing and endearing.

"Do what you like," he grinned. "By the time you're old, nothing will surprise me."

Cormac, at 13, finds us frequently intolerable and had a different reaction.

"That is, if you're good enough to me now that I'll want to pay for that home when you're old," said the boy who has adopted as his credo some words he saw on a bumper sticker a few years ago: "Be nice to your children — they pick your nursing home."

Hmmm — guess I'd better get cracking on that best-selling novel, so I can afford to shuffle to the library every day to read the paper. Of course, perhaps I should be discussing this with our public library, which so far doesn't have a: "Seniors who want to read the paper while drinking

coffee and wearing their pajamas and bathrobes" section.

Chris takes a dimmer view of our potential retirement days, echoing the just-heard-often-enough whisper that adds to our middle-aged anxiety: "If we can ever afford to retire," he occasionally says gloomily.

Which then makes me anxious and introspective about the life

Viking hat and pirate hat might fetch on e-Bay. I offer a silent prayer that all that time has been a better investment than more regular paying work.

That's the thing about choices made: it's too easy to second-guess yourself. Generally, it's best to just look forward and not dwell too much on the path not taken.

S o m e - times, it seems that our choices get made for us ... or, even worse, we somehow let them get made for us. It gets way too easy to get swept away by

Why do we spend so much time looking back and not forward? Is it a particular condition of middle age? I look forward for my children now, and wonder what sort of lives they'll live. Will Christopher continue his interest in languages, in science fiction, in political philosophy? Should I be alarmed about his current interest in Machiavelli? His could be an interesting future!

And Cormac, who always has so much to say? Which of his dreams will he follow to fruition? Will he live in the middle of the ocean, not on an island, as he insists? What form will that take, his own personal Atlantis? Will he be an author, another of his current dreams, a taste of which he's getting as friends clip and send him reviews of the established writer Cormac McCarthy's newest book? Or will he be a filmmaker, and someday I'll be the parent who tells the media that he and his friends used to run screaming through the house, filming it as they went, and calling it a movie?

Maybe we look back because it grounds our speculations for the future. Perhaps we hunt through old photographs looking for clues of the people we've become. It's funny how the past always looks so much sweeter with a little perspective layered over it. Jobs that seemed intolerable at the time fade away to friendships made and the one or two experiences we carry with us to draw from now. Bodies that we thought of as too heavy in our 20s now look enviable. When we look at pictures of the people no longer with us, we can remember for a minute a facial expression, the sound of a voice, the light in their eyes when they grinned.

Maybe we look back because it's certain, it's finished, and maybe it can offer us a little lesson for the future. "Won't you miss those books?" Cormac, who would keep gum wrappers if he could, asked as Chris moved them to the front porch.

"I'll remember them," he told the young man who has grown out of the round-cheeked baby we brought home from the hospital. "And I've got a lot more books to read still."

I'll confess to having made a little strangling sound the last time I filled up my mini-van and chided myself for letting this summer's oppressive humidity drive me from my bicycle back into the air-conditioned car to get to my in-town, part-time job. Getting back on the bike could help end our fuel crisis — or at least compensate for the energy I've used on air-conditioning this summer.

I've led.

One of the biggest things I think about is whether being a mostly at-home mother while my kids were little — and bending current work hours around their adolescent schedules — has been the right thing to do. Time is money, we often hear, but is time worth more than money?

In my mind, the answer is yes, and the summer book purge has also yielded pictures of our kids from what feels like 20 minutes ago, but was in fact nearly 10 years ago. What were Christopher and Cormac, looking about 7 and 5 in the picture, doing on the deck, wearing a Viking hat and a pirate hat, arms raised triumphantly in the air?

I may not remember what they were doing, but I'm really glad I was there to take the picture. Both boys are taller than I am now; one by a full head, the other just enough to grin sideways at me when we walk places together.

Then I think ahead to paying college tuition in a few years, or replacing the flooring in the bathroom, or buying all the folders we'll need to go back to school, and I wonder what the

Life with a capital L, and really hard to find the time to stop and figure out if we're living the way we want to, the way we feel we should.

That being swept away isn't cheap — particularly when most of us travel by car. Gassing up the car used to be a quiet sort of exercise, but I haven't filled up my tank once this summer without getting a report from a fellow traveler about his or her personal finances. "\$55," one man shook his head after filling his Volkswagen SUV.

"Guess we eat mac and cheese this week," said another man, putting the pump back after fueling his big pick-up truck.

I'll confess to having made a little strangling sound the last time I filled up my mini-van and chided myself for letting this summer's oppressive humidity drive me from my bicycle back into the air-conditioned car to get to my in-town, part-time job. Getting back on the bike could help end our fuel crisis — or at least compensate for the energy I've used on air-conditioning this summer — help my heart and be a choice I might not second guess years from now.

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Record high/low/year

AVERAGE HIGH 79°	AVERAGE LOW 58°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, August 17	97°/1913	40°/1979
Thursday, August 18	95°/1913	40°/1981
Friday, August 19	92°/1899	43°/1977
Saturday, August 20	97°/1937	45°/1998
Sunday, August 21	98°/1916	42°/1977
Monday, August 22	93°/1916	39°/1982
Tuesday, August 23	94°/1947	44°/1988

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

24.86 inches as of Thursday, August 11th
1.27 inches above average

This week in weather

In 1955, the one-two punch from tropical storms Connie and Diane brought extreme flooding to New England, leaving 82 dead. In 1991, Hurricane Bob hit New England with 125 mph winds on Block Island and 105 mph at Newport, R.I. with a price tag of 1.5 billion dollars.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:04am	7:53pm
Thursday	6:05am	7:52pm
Friday	6:06am	7:50pm
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Sunday	6:08am	7:47pm
Monday	6:09am	7:46pm
Tuesday	6:10am	7:44pm

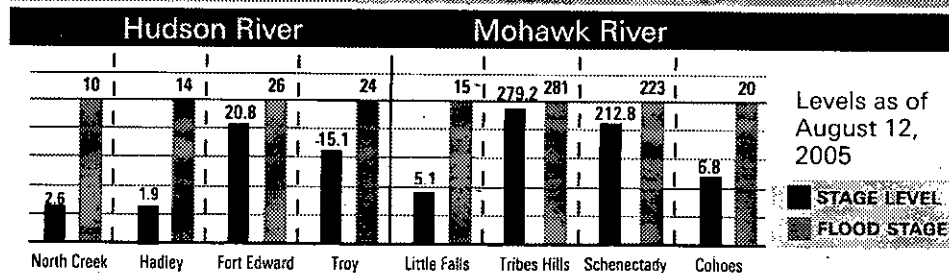
Moon Phases

Aug 19th	Aug 26th
Full	Last

Planets	When	Where
Jupiter	Evening	Low WSW
Venus	Dusk	Low, West
Mars	Morning	High, ESE

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels



Water temp.

Lake George	78°
Bolton Landing	79°
Sacandaga Lake	80°
Saratoga Lake	80°
Jersey Shore	78°
Cape Cod	75°

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	3:20am, 3:41pm	10:12am, 10:17pm
Thursday	4:15am, 4:38pm	11:03am, 11:11pm
Friday	5:08am, 5:32pm	11:53am, -----
Saturday	5:58am, 6:24pm	12:04am, 12:41pm
Sunday	6:46am, 7:14pm	12:56am, 1:28pm
Monday	7:34am, 8:03pm	1:48am, 2:14pm
Tuesday	8:23am, 8:52pm	2:41am, 3:02pm

Hamagrael collects used backpacks

Hamagrael Elementary School is again working with other Bethlehem schools (St. Thomas, Elsmere, Glenmont and Bethlehem Middle School) to provide new and used backpacks to many children living in our area. Last year, 200 backpacks and supplies were donated to children living in poverty and Hamagrael hopes to exceed that this year.

School supplies are not covered by food stamps and are not typically carried in soup kitchens. Anyone who can remember how good it felt to open that new pencil case or crack open that clean notebook can imagine how hard it would be to go to school without any school supplies of your own. For many of these kids, a backpack of their own with all new school supplies is a huge boost to their self-esteem and it is a tremendous financial help to their parents.

The project supports several programs in the Arbor Hill area as well as many families in Beth-

lehem and Ravena. Due to the success of the program last year, additional organizations and groups representing children in need have requested backpacks, making the demand higher than ever.

You might consider "adopting" a child, purchasing a new backpack and a few school supplies. Used backpacks in good to excellent condition are also welcome. A simple pack of pencils can also make a difference — no donation is too small!! Local businesses are welcome to join in and "adopt" a child or two for the school year. It's so easy to make a huge difference in the life of a child.

Suggested supplies for a backpack include: 1 box crayons, 1 package pencils, 1 pair scissors, 3 notebooks, 1 pencil box, 1 glue stick, 1 package markers, 1 package lined paper, (3) 2 pocket folders, 1 ruler — and anything else you would like to include. No donation is too small, even a few

notebooks or a box of crayons would be wonderful!

There will be a box at the Bethlehem town hall for any and all donations through the Labor Day weekend. After the donations are collected, the elementary school children will get together to sort and stuff the packs. It is wonderful to live in a community that is so giving and that has so many caring and involved children who are truly making a difference in the world.

BC grad awarded money for school

Emily Gollop, a graduating senior of Bethlehem Central High School, was one of 1,115 seniors statewide to be awarded a \$4,000 scholarship, called the New York Lottery 2005 Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.

The scholarships are paid annually in \$1,000 increments.

Five Rivers announces festival

The Five Rivers Fall Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, rain or shine, from noon to 4 p.m.

The festival will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road, off Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

This year's festival has new additions, including a crafts area, guided walks, enviroscape dem-

onstrations and tree identification.

Also scheduled are old favorites, including the touch aquarium, exhibits, music, a silent auction, an insect safari, gardening tips, birds of prey and a book and basket sale.

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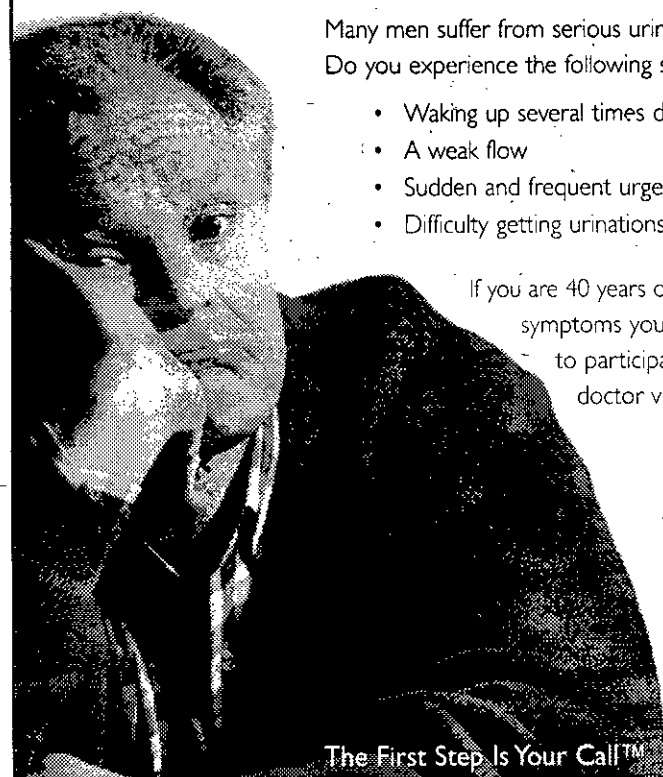
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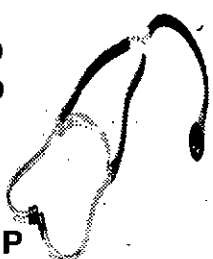
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Matters of Opinion

Food for thought

Thanksgiving is a long way off, but there is an immediate need to feed the hungry right now in the middle of August. One way to help alleviate this need is to give your excess garden bounty to various food pantries, community gardens and food banks throughout the Capital District.

One way to realize the severity of the situation is to look at the number of meals served by food pantries. In 2004, for example, 2.2 million meals were served, up from 2.1 million in 2003.

Locally, Capital District Community Gardens is conducting its Squash Hunger Program for the second year, and organizers are hoping to double the 6,000 pounds of produce that was collected last year.

For many of us, people who are hungry are invisible. In suburbia, food doesn't seem to be much of a problem. To the contrary, excess seems more the order of the day.

But even in the suburbs, there are people who do not have enough food or enough money to buy the nutritious foods they need. Many senior citizens on fixed incomes in all segments of our society are struggling to make ends meet.

But many seniors are proud and loathe to admit that they can't afford to buy enough of what is good for them. And many seniors' budgets are strapped by outrageous prices for medications.

In urban areas, many, many children and the working poor go hungry and would benefit greatly from the Squash Hunger Program. There are precious few backyard gardens in the inner cities, so fresh produce has to come from somewhere other than the supermarket, where the cost of produce is prohibitive for many people.

It seems very sad and unfair that many people in our area go hungry every day. We're not talking about people in foreign countries, we're referring to the Capital District and surrounding communities. If you have a garden, lend a hand simply by sharing what you likely won't even use, and it won't cost you one red cent.

Many backyard gardeners end up getting rid of the excess bounty by offering it to neighbors or by simply letting the unused produce rot.

Food Pantries for the Capital District will collect donated vegetables and other produce and distribute it to local agencies including food pantries, senior centers, shelters, after school programs, soup kitchens and day care centers.

To find out more about the Squash Hunger Program, call Amy Klein or Sara Worden at 274-8685.

Editorial

Little bundles yield little bundles

By MICHAEL LURIE, CPA

The writer is a partner with Lurie & Co, CPAs and P.C. He can be reached at 456-4094.

I have approached the next phase in my life. It was only a couple of years ago I was complaining about the number of weddings I was attending. It seemed like every weekend I was traveling somewhere else for someone's beautiful nuptials. Love was in the air.

Now it seems that dirty diapers are in the air. So many people I know have moved onto the next part of their lives, having children. As a CPA I always get the same question: What is my refund going to be now that I have a kid? Of course I am neither a soothsayer nor a psychic so I cannot answer that question by itself as the tax law is more complex than that. However, I can educate new parents on the major effects a child has on individual taxes.

First, a fundamental issue: Your child's status on your tax return is as of Dec. 31 (the close of the tax year). That means if you have a child on Dec. 31, you are entitled to similar benefits to a taxpayer who has a child much earlier in the year (without the assumed cost of having that child all year). I am not saying that a couple can completely control when they have a baby. However, if you meet someone with a Dec. 31 birth date, you can be pretty sure the parents had tax planning in mind.

Exemption

A dependent exemption is an amount that can be deducted from your adjusted gross income in arriving at your taxable income. That is, the exemption is an amount which reduces the amount of income that a person is taxed on. In most typical situations, a child entitles the taxpayer to a dependent exemption until that child is 19. If the child is a full-time student, the taxpayer can be entitled to the exemption until the child is 24. In both situations the age is based

on Dec. 31 (the close of the tax year).

Now let's get to the good stuff: How much will this exemption save me? The amount of the exemption for 2005 is \$3,200 for federal purposes. If we look at a taxpayer who is in the 15 percent tax rate, this exemption would lower the taxpayer's federal tax liability by \$480 (\$3,200 x 15 percent).

There is an income limitation to this exemption. For 2005 if a married couple filing a joint return has adjusted gross income of \$218,950 (\$109,475 for single filers) the exemption starts phasing out. This exemption phases out completely at \$341,450 (\$170,725 for single filers) of adjusted gross income.

It is typical in a divorce situation for the divorce agreement to state which taxpayer will receive the benefit of this exemption (along with the child tax credits discussed below). Which spouse receives this exemption can be changed from year to year to maximize the tax savings.

Child tax credit

The Internal Revenue Code allows for an annual child tax credit. This credit is for each qualifying child (same qualifications for the dependency exemption) and is a maximum of \$1,000 per child. The credit is reduced (never below zero) by \$50 for every \$1,000 of adjusted gross income above \$110,000 for married joint filers (\$75,000 for single filers). The calculated credit is a dollar for dollar reduction in tax. Therefore this credit can be a larger benefit than the dependency exemption. This credit is non refundable. In other words, this credit cannot reduce your tax liability below zero.

Additional child tax credit

In some circumstances the Internal Revenue Code allows for an additional child tax credit. This credit is only possible if your normal child tax credit was not available for reasons other than income phase-outs or if you have three or more children. This credit is refundable.

Child care expenses

In today's world, the mother and the father often both have full-time jobs. The cost of child care can be significant. The tax law can help reduce the cost of that care.

There are two ways to earn this benefit. Many employers allow for a payroll withholding for dependent care expenses in which an employee can elect to withhold up to \$5,000 annually for child care expenses. This withholding is pre-tax (no taxes are taken out on the amount of income withheld for dependent care expenses). The amount withheld is put into

an escrow system. In most circumstances, the taxpayer then pays for dependent care expenses with other funds (not the amount that was withheld). The taxpayer then is reimbursed from the amount they withheld. The end benefit is that the amount withheld and received as reimbursement is not subject to federal tax. Therefore a taxpayer in the 15 percent tax bracket could save \$750 (\$5,000 of wages not included in taxable wages x 15 percent).

There is a catch to this benefit. If a taxpayer does not use the amount withheld for child care expenses by Dec. 31, the money is forfeited.

The other way to get a benefit for child care expenses is to claim the credit for child care expenses on your tax return. The maximum amount of expenses that can be used to calculate this credit is \$3,000 for one child or \$6,000 for two or more children. This \$6,000 (assuming two or more children) is reduced for any amount withheld from payroll for dependent care expenses (as described above). This amount is the net expenses. The net expenses are further limited to the amount of earned income of the lower earning spouse. This amount is then multiplied by a factor (depending on total adjusted gross income) to get the credit. All taxpayers with adjusted gross income above \$43,000 have a 20 percent factor.

Therefore if a taxpayer paid \$6,000 in expenses and both the taxpayer and their spouse had earned income higher than \$6,000 the credit (assuming adjusted gross income over \$43,000) would be \$1,200 (\$6,000 x 20 percent). This is not a refundable credit (can not take tax liability below zero).

That is a lot of calculations, but the point to take home from this is that the three major benefits of a child on your tax return are: Dependency exemption, child tax credit, and a credit for child care benefits. When it is all said and done these three categories (in our examples) saved the taxpayer \$2,680 (taxpayers in a different tax brackets would different results).

I am not in a position to tell you that \$2,680 is enough to cover the cost of actually having a child. It certainly isn't enough if college is in the future, but that's another topic, maybe 18 years away from the original question, "What is my refund going to be now that I have a kid?"

Next time you hear that question (and hopefully you don't hear it as much as I do), you'll be ready with some tax facts at your fingertips.

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Matters of Opinion

Delmar can learn from Guilderland's mistakes

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

In order to promote commercial growth and "affordable" housing, the proposed comp plan rezones residential land to commercial and multi-family. In the early 1980's, Guilderland, a town similar to Bethlehem in population and in its rural character, embarked on a similar journey.

Bethlehem residents may find it enlightening to consider the consequences of the Guilderland town board's decision to promote more commercial development. Crossgates Mall came on to Guilderland's tax roll in 1984. Its large taxable value makes it a good proxy to evaluate "before" and "after."

From 1983 to 1984, Guilderland's town mill rate decreased from .4247 to .3962, a decrease of

6.71 percent.

Even with the additional 6.32 percent in assessed value, the Guilderland school tax rate increased from 19.03 to 19.35, an increase of 1.68 percent. Because the vast majority of local property taxes are school taxes and because the Albany County tax rate also went up, Guilderland property taxpayers had a higher tax rate. Yet, from 1983 to 1984, Bethlehem's town mill rate decreased from 16.23190 to 7.77044, a decrease of 52.12 percent (Bethlehem had a large increase in assessed value [27 percent] between these years, which was reduced in following years, probably as a result of a state industrial tax exemption or assessment litigation, but its taxable assessed value still increased from \$82,684,398 to \$85,530,829.), but Bethlehem

Central's school tax rate increased 5.72 percent. However, from 1983 to 1984, property prices in Guilderland fell an average of 2.43 percent whereas in Bethlehem they increased 3.73 percent. These figures are for the entire town; it is reasonable to assume that prices of property surrounding Crossgates fell more than 2.43 percent.

Tracking the growth of local government spending from 1983 to 1989, several years after the building of Crossgates, yields more interesting statistics. Adjusting for population growth, Guilderland local government spending increased 14.5 percent per capita per annum, whereas Bethlehem local government spending increased 8.7 percent per capita per annum.

No one can call Bethlehem town government lean, but

Guilderland town government spent the increased local government tax revenue from the commercial growth in Guilderland on services or patronage. Although commercial development may have dubious value to town residents, it has great value to town government.

Increased commercial development has an effect on residential house prices. According to local real estate agents, "Old Delmar houses sell for \$150-\$160 per square foot. Both Loudonville and Latham houses, both in the excellent North Colonie school system, sell for \$120-\$130 per square foot, 19.35 percent less. South Colonie

houses, closer to commercial areas, sell for \$115-\$125 per square foot, 22.58 percent less.

School tax rates increase faster than the rate of inflation primarily because of various state and federal mandates.

Instead of more commercial growth, with its concomitant traffic and loss of open space, perhaps we need less local government spending and more political involvement of citizens statewide and across party lines to change burdensome state and federal mandates?

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Audubon Society: "Thanks GE"

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Audubon Society of New York (ASNY) would like to extend a great big thank you to General Electric Advanced Materials for the wonderful work they did on "Global Community Day" this year. Global Community Day is a program, in which employees from GE's all over the world are encouraged to go out into their local communities, on company time, and work on projects that serve the public interest.

ASNY's Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary was once again the

beneficiary of this program. Sixteen volunteers, led by Team Leaders Jennifer Allie and Luis Rizo blazed a new (as yet unnamed) trail through the woods, connecting two existing trails, creating a new perimeter for the Hollyhock Hollow trail system. We offer a heartfelt pat on the back to the team including Mary Barkman, Gary Bates, Bill Beach, Phil Blancato, Jon Dubbelde, Cynthia Gerus, Rick Guilz, Rick Ikaslo, Herb Letarte, Mike Masten, Dan McMahan, Ruud Trion, George White, and Brian Whitman.

ASNY will be having a "Trail

Naming" event in mid June. The event will serve two purposes: The dedication of a new trail and to act a reminder to our community of this precious natural resource located right in your backyard. "First Time, Outstanding". "I agree". "Best kept secret of the Capital District". These are just a few of the comments I've seen recently at the kiosk sign-in book. There are several miles of trails ranging in difficulty from very easy to moderately easy. We are open to the public, free of charge, from dawn until dusk everyday. For information, contact Fred Realbuto at 767-9051 x15.

Fred Realbuto
Director, Audubon Society of
New York

Donovan hopes to be town justice

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

My name is Ryan Donovan, and I would like to introduce myself to you as a candidate for Bethlehem Town Justice.

Like most of the *Spotlight's* readers, you probably have a vested interest in the safety of our community and are dedicated to its continued improvement. As a father, a husband and a lifelong resident of Bethlehem, I share these values with you. I am committed to protecting the safety of our citizens while overseeing a fair judicial process for every person who enters town court.

With my previous legal experience, I believe that I can effectively address these goals as your next town justice. I have practiced as an attorney in local, state and federal courts and have witnessed first-hand the impact that a good judge can have on a community. As a former volunteer in the Albany County Public Defender's Office, I worked closely with the assistant district attorney, town justices and the defendants themselves on countless cases. In my current civil practice, I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in all phases of the judicial process, including jury trials. These experiences have given me an inside look at

how our courts operate, and will guide me in enforcing our laws for the benefit of Bethlehem's residents. To that end, I ask for your support in the upcoming election for town justice.

Ryan Donovan
Bethlehem

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Town OKs increased payment to Saratoga Associates

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The lengthy process of completing Bethlehem's comprehensive plan has meant added fees from Saratoga Associates for work they did outside the original scope of the project.

"We began the contract in April of 2004, and there were certain parameters with the plan, but the public needed more time and more services that were not originally envisioned," said town Supervisor Theresa Egan at the Aug. 10 board meeting.

Egan stressed that the extra

money comes from money that already exists in the budget, and will be no extra cost to the town.

Saratoga Associates held seven more meetings than the originally proposed 10. Planning meetings, conference call meetings and surveys are some of the extra work done, along with two focus groups added in place of the Design Charette and a youth workshop in conjunction with the Bethlehem Rotary.

The extra work totals about \$40,000, but Saratoga Associates said it will accept \$20,000 in full satisfaction.

"It's sort of a give and take,"

Egan said. "They maybe could have done the work in a shorter time, but our residents wanted more time and more opportunity for comment. It's like bartering. Saratoga Associates takes pride in this process, and they have done a really great job with us."

Also approved was a resolution to create a public guide to the plan and the new zoning regulations. The cost would be between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and while the money is approved, the board is not sure yet if it is necessary.

"It would be like a manual," said Egan. "The money is approved, but we're not sure if

we'll do it. The comprehensive plan is pretty user-friendly as it is."

The board also approved the final generic environmental impact statement for the comprehensive plan, and will vote on the document at its Aug. 24 meeting. Although the plan is done, part of the State Environmental Quality Review

Act mandates a 10-day quiet period before voting.

"It's not a comment period," said Egan. "We don't anticipate hearing anything from now until then."

Egan said the comprehensive plan document will be circulated to all interested parties.

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Getting Ready for College

Many 2005 graduating seniors from Bethlehem Central High School will be leaving for college in the next few weeks. College officials say that today's parents are more connected to their college-age students than in the past, and most kids want it that way. It is essential for parents to stay involved and give their children emotional support as they transition to independence, but parents are not always sure how they should go about it.

Many colleges are addressing parental concerns and easing their transition with help lines, parent associations, e-mail updates, and parent Web pages. Some schools also include the parents in the traditional freshman orientation weekend. Take time to investigate some of the options.

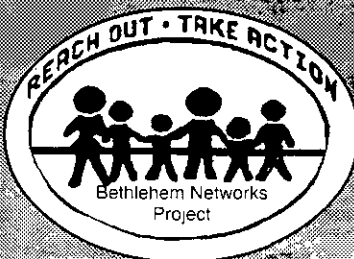
A few things you may want to try:

Clip important information to your fridge: your child's phone number and address, name of your child's RA, campus police, health center services, names of your child's friends and contact information.

Sit down with your child and talk about expectations you both have in regards to class attendance, grades and alcohol and drug use.

Discuss the dangers of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning and the campus consequences and parental notification policy.

Remember going to college is a big change for you and your child. Work together to make it the best transition for both of you.



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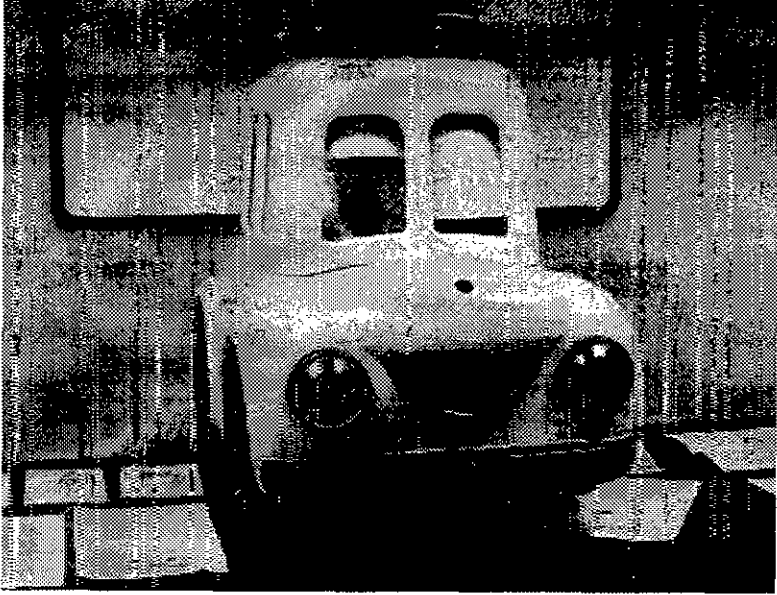
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Big wheel



Miniature car teaches children highway safety

By MARY LANNON

AAA's Otto the Auto and President George Bush would seem to have little in common.

But Bush's recent signing of a national highway transportation bill might have some impact on Otto the Auto's job to promote highway safety.

The bill increases rollover standards for vehicles and contains incentives for increasing seat belt use, but its critics say

that some of its projects could promote sprawl, leading to more people and accidents on the roads.

Locally, Otto has a headstart on the president, promoting auto safety several times a week.

He began shortly after AAA Hudson Valley gave Roger Dames an assignment about three years ago of coming up with a safety program for children in grades kindergarten to 3.

Dames immediately thought of Otto the Auto, who he'd seen in action in his years traveling about the country doing safety programs for the Coast Guard, among other organizations.

"This is going to capture their attention," Dames said he told local AAA officials considering a safety course for children.

Otto, a 4-foot white car with eyes that blink, a ready smile and headlights for dimples regularly holds question-and-answer sessions with children about traffic safety.

Dames' prediction about Otto's power to move the minds and hearts of children was correct, he said.

"(The children) really get

attached to it. They come up and give him hugs," Dames said.

He also puzzles them, prodding them to ask somewhat existential questions.

"Are you really real?" comes up

"Children should be on their best behavior when riding in the car" and "so reward your brain and wear a helmet when you ride a bike, rollerblade, skateboard or even when you're riding scooters."

Otto the Auto

a lot, Dames said.

"I'm kind of like Pinocchio real," Otto says. "You make me real."

While the magic of Otto cannot be fully explained, he is partly a microphone that Dames controls. Mysteriously enough, he can also be converted to MacGruff the

Fire Dog by a quick replacement of his chassis.

Other children's questions are much more practical-minded, Dames said.

"Can I ride in you?" they want to know.

"I'm just a little guy like you," Otto says. "I'd rather just talk to you."

Children also respond with letters that show the safety lesson (if not always the spelling ones) also gets through.

One recent letter read: Dear Otto the Auto. Thank you for coming to visit us. You are rite about savede. P.S. I like you very much and you shud poot your setebelt on."

Wearing seat belts is one of the key lessons in Otto's safety program.

"If you can tell me why it's smart to buckle up, raise your hand," is an early question in the scripted presentation. Other advice Otto offers includes: "Children should be on their best behavior when riding in the car" and "so reward your brain and wear a helmet when you ride a

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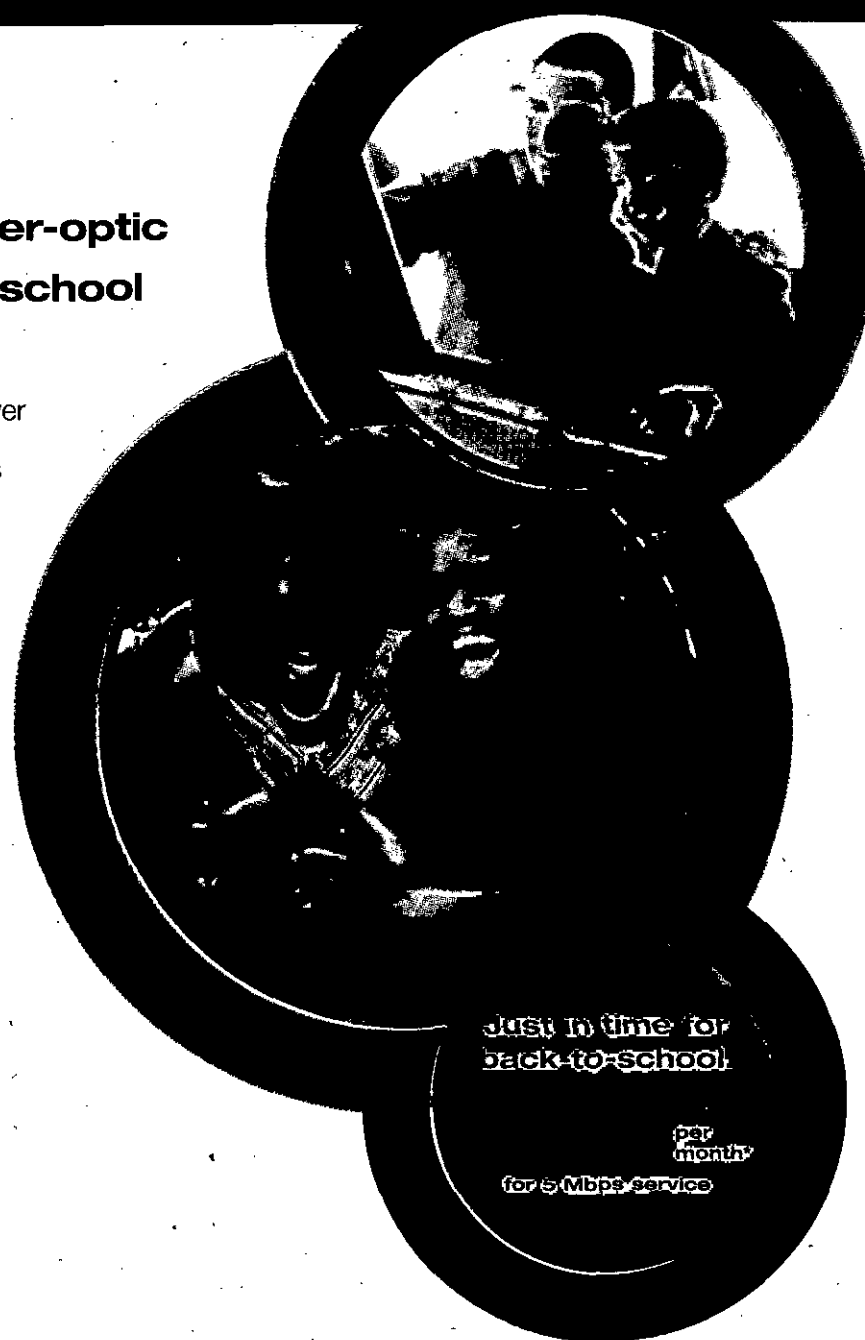
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RCS still hiring staff

Students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district will be greeted by more than a dozen new faces in classrooms across RCS when they return from summer vacation. Most of the new replacements have already been hired by RCS, but a few still must be appointed as the summer winds down.

At Peiter B. Coeymans Elementary, three new teachers have been hired. Emily Lawyer was hired as a long-term special education teacher substitute, Kelly Doggette has been hired as a long-term remedial reading teacher substitute, and Jessica Decker has been hired as a long-term special education teacher substitute.

At the A.W. Becker Elementary School, Tara Spooner has been appointed REACH coordinator.

At the high school, three positions have been filled.

Tina Grant was hired as English teacher, and Joshua Gregg and Carissa Rosato were both hired as long-term social studies teacher substitutes.

At the middle school, two positions have been filled. Jennifer Fisk was hired as science teacher and Kathy Durivage was hired as a social worker.

School Superintendent Vicki Wright said approximately six vacant full and part-time classroom positions are expected to be filled in preparation for the Sept. 7 start of classes.

Church accepts used goods donations

The First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar is accepting donations of clothing and miscellaneous items. Donated items are either given to those in need or are sold to support other ministries of the church. Items should be complete or in good working order.

The community is also invited to visit the church's Treasure Cove Thrift Shop on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for gently used items. Future events to plan for include the annual Toy and Doll Fair on Saturday, Oct. 1 and the popular Fall Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Open house slated for RCS freshmen

Incoming Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk freshmen and their families are encouraged to attend an open house on Aug. 25 at the high school.

During the two hour event, which begins at 6 p.m., school guidance counselors, faculty, staff and Principal Hakim Jones will be on hand to answer questions about the coming year and the transition from the middle to the high school.

Also that evening, incoming ninth grade students will be able to pick up their schedules for the coming year and tours of the high school will be given.

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Spotlight on FINANCE

Have you had "the talk" with your children?

By JAMES CARRIERO
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You've seen it depicted in television shows and movies of the week over and over again. A loved one has passed away. The grieving family members wait — expectantly — in the attorney's office, anxious to hear the reading of the dearly departed's last will and testament. Shock and surprise ensue as the family members learn that certain heirs have received a much larger inheritance than others ... or have been written out of the will entirely. Or that the deceased has bequeathed their entire estate to a prized pet.

While scenarios like this can

make for great television, they are no laughing matter when it comes to real life.

You can avoid many of the problems described above by taking the time to plan a thoughtful conversation with your children or other heirs regarding your intentions concerning inheritances and other financial issues.

Here's one example that illustrates the importance of being clear about your intentions.

A client of ours recently changed his will. After a lifetime of hard work and smart investing he had accumulated a sizable estate, and he decided to devote 80 percent of it to charity, leaving the rest to his four grown children. He wanted this decision to serve as an example to his

heirs about the importance of helping others. But because he never explained these plans to his children, his well-intended message was lost on them. Instead, they were simply shocked and confused about the amount of the inheritance he'd left for them.

This is a common oversight. Although most parents are able to struggle through conversations with their children about "the facts of life" or the dangers of drugs or smoking, they all too often avoid talking about wealth. One recent survey found that only 42 percent of respondents said their parents regularly discussed finances with them, and another survey concluded that parents miss "daily opportunities to teach their children about the value of



James Carriero

money." We estimate that half of our clients have not had "the inheritance talk" with their children.

The reluctance to broach the subject is understandable—decisions about money, particularly inheritances, can be incredibly complicated and can be fraught with emotion.

But failing to talk about inheritances is more likely to produce a legacy of hurt feelings, confusion, anger or a sense of betrayal. With millions of baby boomers preparing to transfer \$41 trillion in wealth over the next half century, this stony silence about money needs to end.

Handled properly, talking about financial issues can create a better understanding of everyone's needs and concerns, goals and priorities. Parents who worry about their children's ability to handle money responsibly can use the opportunity to discuss money management skills. They can explain their values. And so on. To be sure, many parents try—and fail—to manage this conversation. But following certain basic guidelines can help.

The first is to understand that conversations about wealth take place on two interconnected levels: the practical and the emotional. On the practical level are basic considerations about how the money will be transferred.

Equally important, however, is the more emotional question of why. Parents need to be honest about why they have made their decisions and what they hope to accomplish. Done right, these discussions can bridge the gap between assets and affections, and bring families closer together.

One of our clients had a son who was not particularly adept at handling money. So he decided to split his IRA. One is a Donor Advised Fund that requires the son to donate up to 10 percent of the fund's value to charities each year. The other is in trust solely for the son's benefit. This way, the dad is able to pass on his wealth as well as a clear sense of philanthropic responsibility to his heir.

Another family had an estate comprised mainly of a closely held business, in which one of the sons was actively involved and the other was not. A frank, open discussion was held to discuss passing the company along to the involved son and how to fairly

treat the son who was not involved in the company. By explaining this to the children, the parents were able to gain the support and understanding of both children.

But before grappling with the practical and emotional aspects of the money talk, answering these five questions is important:

1. Are they ready? There's no set age to talk about wealth, although for most parents the best time to discuss inheritances is after your kids have settled into their careers and established their families and will most likely be thinking about this topic themselves.

2. Who should tell them? Whereas it is typically best for parents to work up the nerve to discuss these matters with kids themselves, often family dynamics are such that it is better for a financial professional take the lead. Children may feel more comfortable asking questions of a neutral third party—and more willing to accept the answers.

3. How much should they be told? Many times having several shorter conversations, revealing a little at a time, both to gauge the children's reaction and to give them time to absorb the information, is better than discussing everything at one time. Discussions about specific dollar amounts can open a Pandora's box of questions and potential conflict. Being a little vague might be a better tack if there's any doubt about how the kids will react. If the estate plan is more complex—for example if a client is using more sophisticated mechanisms such as trusts or other vehicles involving children, they may choose to hold family meetings in which these techniques—and their intended purpose—can be openly discussed. In this way, children avoid the erroneous conclusion that someone is trying to take control of the family wealth, when in fact, what they may actually be witnessing is a complex estate mechanism that simply had not been properly explained to them.

4. What do they need to know? Be cautious about technical details. Remember, family members are concerned mainly with how a parent's plans will affect their daily lives.

5. What happens next? Start building a relationship between your children and your financial advisor. This will provide them with a trusted, consistent source of information after you are gone.

Talking to children about wealth is certainly a difficult challenge. But parents need to consider the alternative. The last thing you want to leave behind to your children is a lifetime of anger, resentment, confusion and hurt feelings.

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Bring binoculars if you have them.

For information or to register call 872-0800.

Walk at Thacher every Thursday

Thacher Nature Center summer walks will continue every Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. through August.

This week, meet at Hop Field parking area at 9:30 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be rescheduled to the following day.

For information call 872-1237. Bring bug spray, water and a snack. Some of the areas may be wet.

A geology walk will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 9:30 a.m. at Thacher Park.

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Some experience in sketching and painting would be helpful, but

is not necessary. Participants should bring paper, pencils, watercolors or acrylics and be prepared for outdoor or indoor painting. This class is appropriate for ages 14 and up.

There is no fee. For information, call 872-1237.

Five Rivers offers wildflower walk

A late summer wildflower walk will be offered on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Education Center.

The center naturalists will investigate and identify these last flowers of summer.

This program is free and participants should dress for the outdoors. Bring identification books if you have them.

For information, call 475-0291.

Artwork in process will also be considered. Completed paintings and drawings should be framed and ready to hang.

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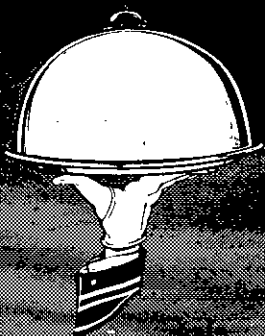
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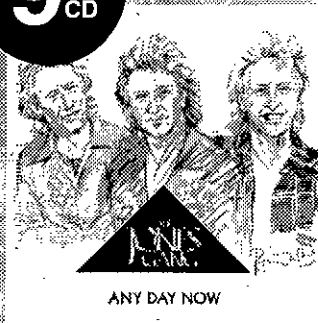


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The message may be as important as ever this year as the nation's highway fatality statistics are sobering. In April 2005, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta called the problem of highway safety a "national epidemic," according to a National Highway Safety Administration press release. The same document noted that in a preliminary report 42,800 people died on the nation's highways in 2004, up

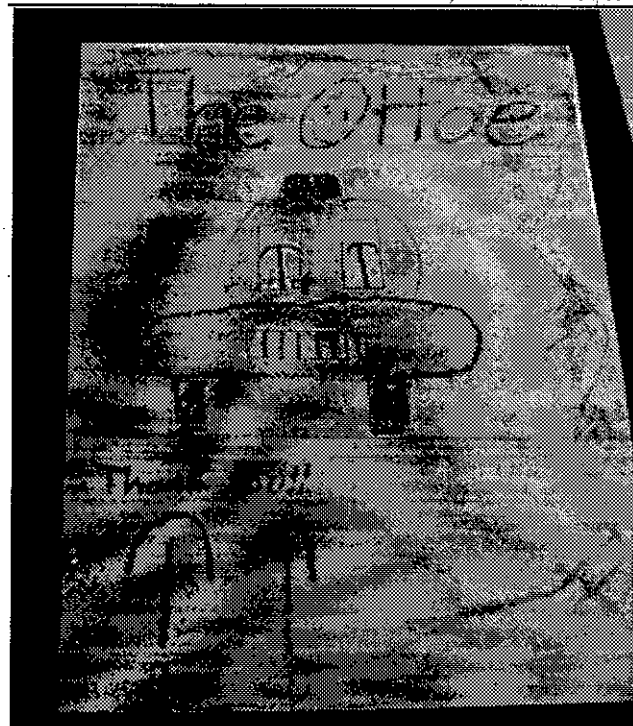
slightly from the 42,643 who died in 2003. More disturbing, perhaps, 56 percent of occupants killed in passenger vehicles were not wearing safety belts, a statistic unchanged from the year before.

The increases come as Americans continue to travel more on the nation's roads. The number of miles traveled increased from 2.89 trillion in 2003 to 2.92 trillion in 2004.

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Otto often receives fan mail from kids.

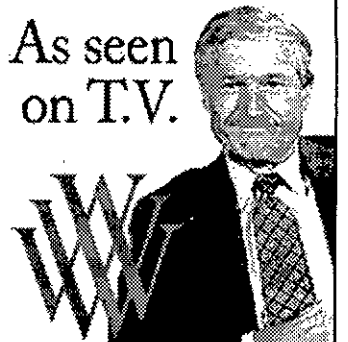
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Michael Eck is a well known and popular guy in the local music scene, who brings to mind a roving troubadour with his guitar in hand and porkpie hat on head.

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Summer reading club finale

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Samantha Friedman of Delmar has joined Albany Management as assistant property manager. She will be responsible for the leasing and marketing of multiple Capital Region commercial properties. Friedman brings with her many years of real estate sales, marketing and management experience.

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Auditions set for musical season

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Those interested in auditioning must be able to read music and sing at an accomplished level. Auditions will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, and Wednesday, Aug. 17. To schedule an audition, call 438-6548 or e-mail info@albanypromusica.org.

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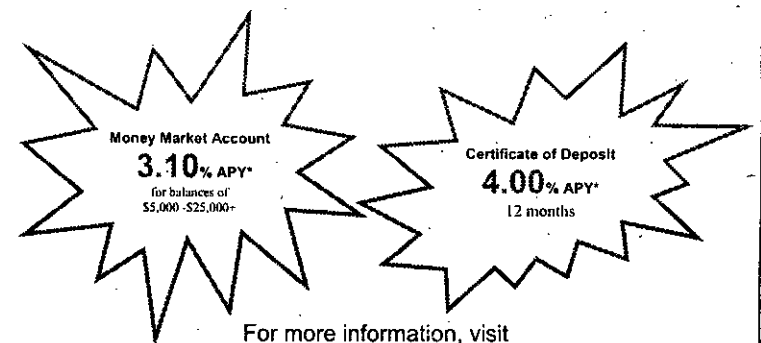
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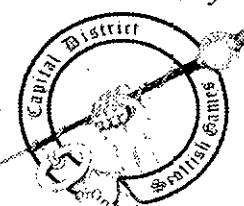
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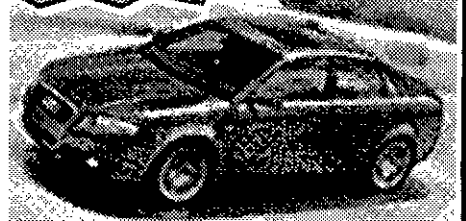
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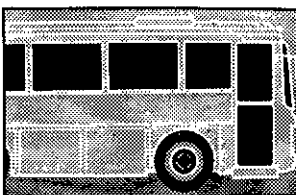
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Brochure offers volunteer opportunities

Bethlehem Networks Project has developed a Student Guide to Volunteer Opportunities brochure. Bethlehem Networks Project suggests to children that they volunteer during the summer months, either by working with children, helping in an office or working with animals. Volunteering can result in new friendships and relationships while making a difference in someone's life.

The project's brochure is available from guidance counselors at Bethlehem Central high school and middle school. Those interested could also call 439-7740 to have a brochure mailed to them.

Parks and rec announces changes to pool schedule

Beginning July 25, the hours to update or obtain pool passes will be Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Proof of residency in the town of Bethlehem, including a photo ID and a current utility or tax bill, is required.

The Elm Avenue Park pool complex is open for the summer to all Bethlehem town residents and their guests.

Hours changed slightly as of Aug. 13. The pool is now open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The pool will close for the season on Labor Day.

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Frustrated by high energy bills, John and Stephanie Moore wanted to make some energy-efficient upgrades to their Westchester County home, but didn't know where to start. John did some research on the Internet and found the New York State program site, www.GetEnergySmart.org, where he learned about the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program. Through this program, the Moore's received technical and financial assistance to help them lower their family's energy usage and save money.

"This program not only saved me money, but it is also helps make a better future for my kids," said John Moore. "The best customers for this program are those who take the time to understand their home's energy usage, and how ENERGY STAR can help them save money and help protect the environment. I have already recommended the program to others."

Using a participating contractor certified by the Building Performance Institute (BPI), the Moore's received a Comprehensive Home Assessment, which included a number of energy efficiency tests, such as a blower-door test to measure leakage from their house. Health and safety tests were also performed to measure carbon monoxide levels and to ensure that combustion appliances (furnace, domestic hot water tank, etc.) were exhausting properly. Once the evaluation was complete, the Moore's received a detailed report of what energy efficiency improvements they could make; the cost of making the improvements, and how much energy and money they could expect to save. The Moore's chose to air seal their home and replace their dishwasher, refrigerator, and clothes washer with ENERGY STAR qualified models. The fee for the Comprehensive Home Assessment was credited to the cost of improvements.

In addition to the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, the Moore's used the New York Energy Smart™ Solar-Electric Incentive Program to absorb the Sun's energy and convert it into electricity. The Moore's received financial incentives that paid for approximately half the cost of the system. After taking advantage of both programs, the Moore's are now saving \$150 to \$300 on their monthly energy bill.

When Cynthia Galvin of Onondaga County purchased her 32 year-old home a few years ago, she experienced cold drafts and high energy costs after moving in. A friend recommended she use the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program to help lower her energy bills and increase the comfort of her home.

Like the Moore's of Westchester, Galvin selected a participating BPI-certified contractor in the area and received the Comprehensive Home Assessment. After the assessment, the contractor gave Cynthia a detailed report of the results and recommended improvements that would save her the most energy and provide long-term

savings. Galvin chose to insulate the attic and basement of her house and the fee for the Comprehensive Home Assessment was put toward the cost of the improvements.

Now, Cynthia's winter heating bills have gone down by \$75 to \$100 per month and she comes home to a warmer, more comfortable house.

"In addition to the cost savings, it's reassuring to know that my house is more energy efficient. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR is a great program and I have already recommended it to three or four people. They are looking into doing it too."

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Roll up your sleeve to replenish blood supply

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

Of the eight blood types the American Red Cross collects through donation, only the AB Positive supply is currently at a high level.

The Red Cross New York-Penn Blood Service Region services nearly 130 upstate regional hospitals, and although summer levels typically run low, the supply is now dangerously close to critical.

"In summer, it's always more difficult for us. Our blood supply level today is just above a two-day

supply," said Red Cross spokeswoman Marianne Humphrey.

On average, area hospitals need a five-day blood supply to keep in the clear. With the average day supply at 1,000 pints, an aging population and more surgeries requiring transfusions, the typical summertime donor slowdown is beginning to take its toll, said Humphrey.

High school and college students make up 15 percent of blood donors, and aren't around as much during the summer months, said Steve Thompson, district marketing manager for the Red Cross' Eastern New York

operations

Summer slowdown in the business community means a shortage of blood drives to increase the volume of blood.

"The responsibility of collecting units falls on the community and local businesses," said Thompson.

The Red Cross is adding incentives to get more people to roll up their sleeves and give blood.

This year the organization will be giving out a large screen plasma television to one lucky donor, Humphrey said. Just

donate and register on the Red Cross Web site to be entered in the drawing. Also, there's now a reward program called "Points for Pints," whereby donors receive points redeemable for a multitude of merchandise.

Other tactics include a word of mouth program titled "Ambassadors for Life," which targets repeat donors to help reach the eligible 95 percent of New Yorkers who don't donate blood.

Equipped with a "tool kit," each ambassador is charged with recruiting family members, friends, co-workers and others to be first-time blood donors. The

ambassador who brings in the most donors will win a three-day cruise

"We try to keep ideas new...and every campaign adds value and is to some benefit," said Thompson.

The Red Cross is looking for both eligible donors and spaces to host drives.

Donors must be 16 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds. Any 16-year-old can donate but must have a consent form signed by a parent to do so.

Eligible locations for drives must be at least 1,200 square feet and already have a list of 50 donors signed up. The Red Cross will supply workers to draw and catalogue blood.

To make an appointment, locate a local drive, or find out about donor hours at Albany's Everett Road headquarters, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit www.DonateBloodNow.org.

To inquire about hosting a blood drive, contact Steve Thompson at 1-800-514-4319, ext. 804.

Friendship Festival to return

After a six-year absence, the village of Ravena has reinstated the Friendship Festival that was once a cornerstone of community involvement. It's been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27.

This, the 18th Friendship Festival, will include a fireworks display by the owner of Empire State Fireworks, the provider of the display that's been at the Empire State Plaza on the Fourth of July for 27 years.

Other activities include carnival rides and music.

The Neil Brown Trio will play from noon until 2 p.m. Skip Parson's Jazz Ensemble will play from 2 until 4 p.m. The Charlie Smith Blues Band will play from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

Ed Fitzpatrick will present karaoke from noon until 4 p.m. Face painting, balloon animals and piñata games will be available for children from 2 to 7 p.m. Displays and demonstrations will go on throughout the day, by outfits such as Burns' Antique Machinery, Downes Racing Team cars, the Albany County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit and the New York State Police.

LaFarge Cement will sponsor a rock climbing wall.

The Ravena Hose Company will host casino games all day Saturday. Food and craft vendors will line the street through Mosher Park.

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Obituaries

George Bloodgood III

George A. Bloodgood III, 49, of Delmar died Saturday, Aug. 6, at St. Peter's Hospice Inn.

Mr. Bloodgood lived in Delmar until the late 1970s, when he moved to Orlando, Fla. He returned to Delmar in mid-2002 to start his life anew, reconnecting with family and friends and ultimately finding his purpose as co-manager of the Helping Hand Halfway House.

Survivors include a daughter, Shannon Nicole Bloodgood of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Martinez Rifkin of Princeton, N.J. and Beth Ann Crowley of Southington, Conn., and his loyal friend, Nick Maldonado.

A service in celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205, designated for use at St. Peter's Hospice Inn.

Elizabeth A. Harte

Elizabeth A. Fox Harte of Elsmere died Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in her 100th year of life. Born and raised in Albany, Mrs. Harte lived in Elsmere for the past 28 years.

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

in Delmar and life member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Auxiliary.

She was the widow of Michael Joseph Harte.

Survivors include two sons, Michael James Harte of Reston, Va., and Richard J. Harte of Elsmere; a daughter, Ellen H. McKenna of Elsmere; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

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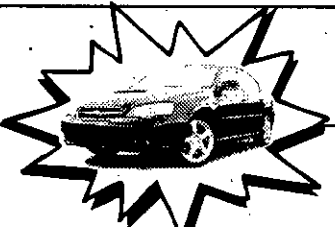
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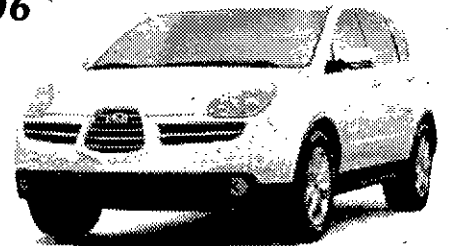
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Matthew Dylis Jr.

Matthew A. Dylis Jr., 82, of Guilderland died Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland.

Born in Utica, he was a graduate of Utica College of Syracuse University and received a master's in banking at the University of Wisconsin.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Dylis was a national bank examiner for the controller of currency, Washington, D.C. for 30 years, retiring in 1977.

He was a very religious and devoted family man.

He was a communicant of Holy Cross Church, Holy Cross Seniors

and their bereavement group.

He was also a longtime member of the American Numismatic Association.

He was husband of the late Marie Miller Dylis.

Survivors include four daughters, Ann Dylis of Quincy, Mass., Kathy Connery and Jean Drislane, both of Guilderland, and Mary McDermott of Colonie; a sister, Palmyra Weliczki of Gansevoort; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were from Holy Cross Church in Albany.

Arrangements were by Zwack & Sons in Albany.

Entombment was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Contributions may be made to the

Holy Cross Seniors, 12 Rosemont St., Albany 12203.

Raymond Furbeck

Raymond W. Furbeck, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Our Lady of Mercy Lifecare Center in Guilderland.

Born in Guilderland, he worked on the family farm for many years. He later worked for the state Department of Transportation for 21 years.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Marion Chesebro Furbeck; a son, Glen A. Furbeck of Burnt Hills; a daughter, Jill A. Yerbury of Guilderland; two sisters, Lois Beretz and Eleanor Hakes; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Our Lady of Mercy Lifecare Center Chapel in Guilderland.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Lifecare Center, 2 Mercycare Lane, Guilderland 12084 or Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Richard J. Frost

Richard J. "Frosty" Frost, 60, of Rotterdam, died Sunday, Aug. 7, at Westchester Medical Center.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Guilderland High School, where he was a track standout.

He was a Navy veteran of Vietnam with Navy Seals Special Forces aboard the U.S.S. Canisteo.

Mr. Frost worked for the former New York Telephone Co. in Schenectady, where he was known as the "Phone Ranger." He retired in 1997 after 31 years with the company. He also worked part-time as a deputy with the Schenectady County Sheriff's Department.

He was a comedian and a magician. He was a past member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, a member of the Communication Workers of America Local 1118 and the Capital Communication Federal Credit Union Senior Golf League, where he was the No. 1 player for 10 years, and has five holes-in-one to his credit.

Survivors include his wife, Colette Patneude Frost; a son, Richard W. Frost of Schenectady; a daughter, Rachel Frost of Clifton Park; a stepson, Damian Barone of Schenectady; his father, Robert A. Frost of Leesburg, Fla.; two brothers, Robert Frost of Kimberling City, Mo. and Jeffrey Frost of Vancouver, B.C.; and a grandson.

Services were from DeMarco-Stone Funeral Home.

Burial was private.

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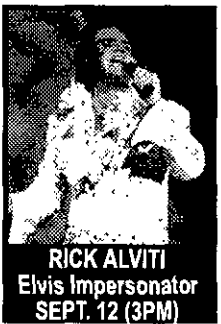
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Clarksville

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scored in Level 1, the lowest level on the test.

Ask to meet with the principal and the teachers who helped the children improve their scores, and you'll end up meeting with teachers from the whole school, the librarian, the school nurse, and administrators from the school district.

"Collegiality," Clarksville's principal Dorothy McDonald said. "We talk, observe, share, and actively help one another."

The ELA tests fourth graders themselves, but learning to read and write starts in first grade, and teachers are using a common language to teach those essential skills.

"A lot of it comes down to teamwork," said Laura Heffernan, the elementary level English Language Arts supervisor in the district. "The third through fifth-grade team had always worked well together."

"We've begun a blending process," McDonald said. "In first and second grade, kids are beginning to read. In third grade, they start to read to learn. We're not waiting till grade three to teach them to decode as they read."

As a result, first graders are learning what things like schemes and inferences are, even

as they read at the level that suits them best.

"We also did a lot of work on leveling texts, which makes it easier for kids to find just the right book," McDonald said.

"We teach them strategies for choosing an appropriate book," said librarian Melissa Borys. "This is a book-rich school. There's always something to read, so the kids know we value reading."

Clarksville's PTA, in fact, gave the school \$6,000 for instructional materials, particularly those that address literacy.

"The parents share our passion," said fourth and fifth grade teacher Bonnie O'Shea.

McDonald stressed that parents shouldn't worry about whether or not their kids are reading great works of literature, rather, kids should read as much as they can.

In school, the teachers focused on teaching kids to read with purpose, to understand structures, characters and context better.

Writing became part of that process, too.

"As we began picking the tests apart, we kept focusing on writing," McDonald said. "The challenge was to maintain writing skills as the kids began improving their reading."

The structure of Clarksville's days has also changed so that

students spend more time reading and writing.

Superintendent Les Loomis praised the efforts that involved the whole community.

"Dorothy McDonald, the Clarksville teachers and the support staff worked together in an organized, structured way," Loomis said.

The better scores, he said, are an example of what the district is trying to achieve with its focus on continuous improvement. "This is a great example of what a district or any organization can achieve when it commits to continuous improvement," he said. "Teachers can be doing excellent work in their individual classrooms, but teachers can't reinforce each other's efforts until we purposefully organize and work together in teams, both within a school and across the same grade levels in the district."

Loomis, McDonald and the Clarksville teachers are pleased with the test results but see them as just one measure of achievement.

"Scores are only one indication of success," Loomis said, "but they're the most public indication. Truer indicators are the classroom level assessments that take place every day."

The teachers are adamant that they're not teaching to the test, but teaching the children skills they can use forever.

"We want the kids to read well

and to write well so that they will survive well in the world," said Barb Riegel, a fourth and fifth grade teacher. "We're teaching them to be observant learners and to develop the skills we all have."

"If we focus on best practices, the tests will take care of themselves," McDonald said.

Those best practices are what the teachers are after, and as they do that, they keep their students first and foremost in their minds.

"We look at each child and ask where we want that child to get to," said third grade teacher Mary Pat Rimmel.

"Some years, we're very excited because a child scores a Level 2, and what a cool thing that is for that child," Riegel said.

"The size of our school lets the teachers know a lot of the kids," Borys said. "The children feel secure."

Heffernan said that the teachers keep the test in perspective.

"It's an objective measure," she said. "We feel pressured, but we recognize that it's just one test."

McDonald said this year's test result scores are showing the larger community what the Clarksville family has always known.

"When scores were low, I felt badly that our school was being portrayed that way," she said. "For our teachers, this year's

scores match up with what's real — that these are caring and compassionate teachers delivering real instruction. They've prepared our kids to effectively show what they know."

Those kids are the whole point, Loomis said.

"Let's not forget about the students," he said. "I offer my congratulations to everyone at Clarksville. This is the students' work. Teachers have the responsibility of facilitating the students' work, and when students have the belief and confidence that they can succeed, then the teachers can challenge them to stretch. This is what education is all about."

As the school year approaches, teachers are focusing on success.

"We're learning to work smarter and more contextually," said third-grade teacher Laurel Jones. "We're letting our kids apply their skills." As September approaches, so does a new group of students.

"There's no sitting back on our laurels," McDonald said. "Our challenge is to do the best we can and give 100 percent each year."

Lafarge

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representatives maintain that the project is safe, Friends of Hudson has its doubts, and is in the process of reviewing the application and conducting its own research into the project.

Susan Fazon, deputy director of Friends of Hudson, said the group has two primary concerns — the safety of burning whole tires, and the numerous violations Lafarge has received in the last three and a half years.

"We're not convinced that burning whole tires is safe and effective," said Fazon. "We're studying that right now."

David Vahue, community relations manager for Lafarge, said Friends of Hudson could easily be misinterpreting the data.

Vahue explained that compliance issues have more to do with how long it exceeds compliance, not how many times.

"We could have one exceedance that lasts five hours, or 100 that total just a few seconds," he said.

Voorheesville church on summer schedule

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville has announced its full summer schedule. Regular worship hours will continue through the summer on Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m., with nursery and Sunday School for preschool through 12th grades.

An alternative Monday evening worship and study hour will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. throughout the summer in air-conditioned comfort. The exceptions to the Sunday schedule are as follows: Youth in grades 6 to 12 will join the congregation for Holy Communion on Aug. 7 and Sept. 4; On Aug. 7 and Aug. 14, 10 a.m. services will be held at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church. On those same Sundays, the early services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, with Pastor Denise Stringer preaching at both facilities.

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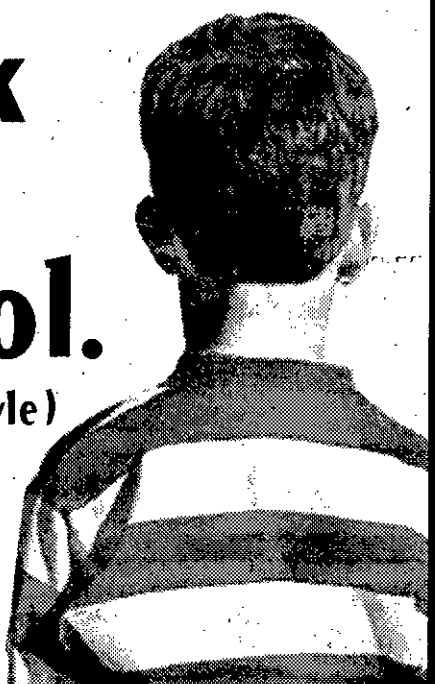
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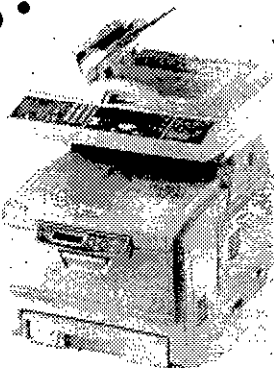
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Emily Bergstrom

Emily Plue Bergstrom, 84, of Voorheesville died Saturday, Aug. 13, at Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Born in Albany, she had lived most of her life in Voorheesville.

She was the widow of Karl Bergstrom. Survivors include her daughter, Kathleen Bowman; two brothers, Bradford Plue and Robert Plue; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were from Reilly & Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in New Salem.

and his wife owned and operated Gontowich Farm in Tupper Lake, N.Y. from 1967 until his death. While in Tupper, he attended the local Rotary meetings and the Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline G. Jones; and two sons, Kevin Jones and Lyndon Jones, both of whom live in the Albany area.

Services were from Pine Grove Methodist Church in Tupper Lake, at the Richer Funeral Home, 29 Park St. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment to follow in the St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Elvin N. Jones

Elvin N. Jones, 87, of Colonie died Thursday, Aug. 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he ran quarter-mile track for Albany High School.

After graduating, he worked at the Sutter-Martin Drugstore while attending Albany Business School.

He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in 1941 and was discharged in November 1945. He then went to work for American Locomotive Co., Albany Felt Co. and then Albany Linoleum & Carpet Co. (ALCCO) as an office manager, before retiring in 1980.

He received a B.A. from the evening division of Russell Sage in 1957 and served on the South Colonie school board for 15 years, seven as president. After retirement, he worked as a traveling auditor for the New York state comptroller until 1983.

Mr. Jones's charitable activities included the American Lung Association, the Boy Scouts, Meals-on-Wheels and Toastmasters; he volunteered to do taxes for senior citizens and performed work for the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Voorheesville.

He remained active in Junior Achievement, the St. David's Society and the men's gardening club.

He was an avid bowler, a 25-year member of the Colonie-Guilderland Rotary Club and attended the Pine Grove Methodist Church for 52 years. Elvin

Frederick L. Mirbach

Frederick L. Mirbach, 85, of Delmar and Orleans, Mass., died Sunday, Aug. 14.

His beloved wife of 63 years, RoseAnne Mirbach, predeceased him seven weeks ago on June 22. A World War II veteran.

Mr. Mirbach was a lifelong Lutheran and member of Calvary Lutheran Church, where he was a Sunday school teacher, council member and head usher.

He was a 50-plus year member of the American Legion Post 1, a Troop 71 Boy Scout leader and was a regular blood donor.

After an international career in sales and marketing, he was a founding member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Cape Cod, where he owned a home.

Other interests included clamming, completing *The New York Times* crossword puzzle and enjoying his family.

Survivors include a daughter Lyn Mangiapane of Halfmoon; a son, Fred Mirbach Jr. of Birmingham, Mich.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Zion Lutheran Church, Nott Terrace, Schenectady.

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Relief

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does not test beach water, according to Terrayne Stortz, director of the department's preventive services division, but the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation tests the water at Moreau Lake State Park in Gansevoort. Rivers, creeks, lakes and ponds that are not posted for public swimming go largely unexamined.

"If you're not swimming in a designated swimming area, then anyplace else in the waters of New York is 'swim at your own risk,'" said Rick Jorgeson, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Public beaches in New York closed more than 1,500 times last year. In 2003, public beaches closed 692 times, according to data compiled by the National Resource Defense Council, a not-for-profit group that conducts annual surveys of water quality throughout the United States. Most of the beaches that closed last year are in the New York City metropolitan area and on Lake Erie near Buffalo, according to the council's most recent report, which was published in July online at www.NRDC.org.

The beaches usually closed

after heavy rains washed contaminants into the water. Officials in Scotia believe that is what happened at Collins Lake, according to village Mayor Michael McLaughlin. Coliform bacteria live in goose feces and Canadian geese live in abundance on the shores of Collins Lake.

McLaughlin said record high temperatures this year probably compounded the problem, as did aquatic weeds that reduced circulation of water. Village officials are also investigating whether water from a spring that feeds the lake came into contact with a ruptured residential septic tank, which is also a source of Coliform bacteria.

"Lakes are delicate ecosystems and you can have a lot of problems with them; especially when humans start tampering with them," said Laura Haight, a senior environmental analyst for the New York Public Interest



Swimmers at Brown's Beach on Saratoga Lake.

Damian Pagano

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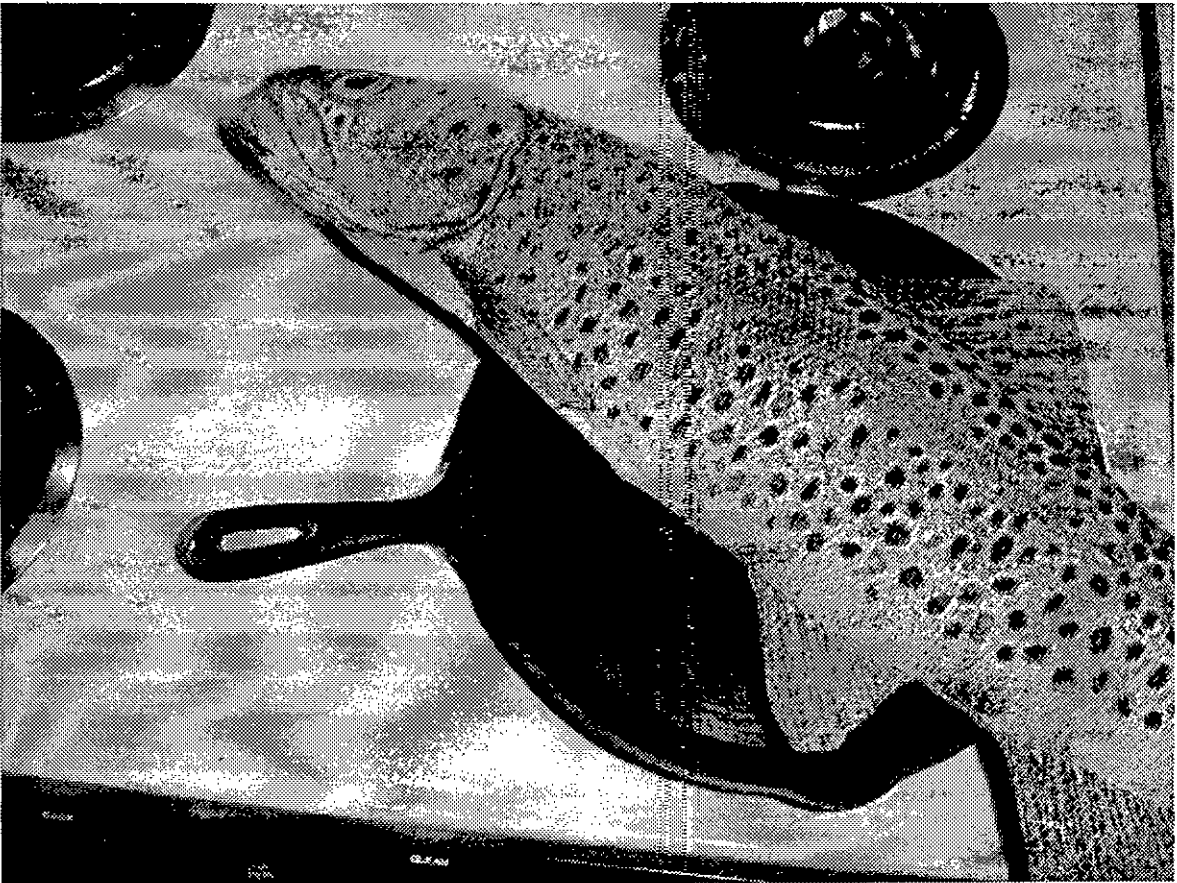
For years, municipal governments discharged sewage into Saratoga Lake. The practice stopped in the early 1980s, but the quality of lake water has been slow to recover, according

to a study of the lake published in 2002. The Saratoga Lake Association and the Saratoga Lake Improvement District sponsored the study and paid for it with money from a federal grant. Environmental engineers with the LA Group conducted the study.

Saratoga Lake does not have any government-sponsored swimming areas, but has four privately held public access beaches.

The water in Saratoga Lake is currently "satisfactory" for swimming, said Dean Long, the lead author of the LA Group's report on Saratoga Lake, but it still contains bacteria and chemical pollution from motorboats and storm water runoff.

"It happens a lot more than you might think it does," said Lela Doyle, an officer with the Saratoga Lake Association.



Marty Bannan

Limit your exposure to contaminants by filleting the fish and discarding dark meat, skin or fat.

Fishing

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Perhaps the easiest way to find out is by checking the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation's fresh water-fishing guide. You know, that little booklet you shove in your tackle box after paying for your license. In here is a list of advisories for various lakes and a general advisory and health information.

New York state Department of Health officials determine which fish and bodies of water may pose problems, based on information gathered by DEC and determined by laboratory tests.

"These advisories are for sport

fish that people catch and not for fish bought in a market," said health department spokesperson Claire Pospisil. "The general health advisory for sport fish is that you eat no more than one meal (one-half pound) per week of fish taken from the state's freshwaters. This general advisory is to protect us against eating large amounts of fish that have not been tested or may contain unidentified contaminants. The general advisory does not apply to most marine waters.

"The advisory is just that — an advisory, not a law," Pospisil said.

As for specific bodies of water, more than 70 in New York State have fish with contaminant levels greater than federal standards. Health department guidelines

recommend either limiting or avoiding eating specific kinds of fish from these places. In addition, guidelines also warn that older or larger fish are often more contaminated than younger and smaller fish.

Infants, children under 15 and women of childbearing age, particularly if they are pregnant, must pay specific heed to these warnings and not eat any fish from any waters listed as having contaminated fish. Many contaminants, such as mercury, may adversely affect developing organs in young children or in a fetus. They also build up in women's bodies and are often passed on in mothers' milk.

Although women beyond their childbearing years and men face

fewer health risks from contaminants, such as mercury, they should still limit their total exposure to contaminants. Spacing the meals helps prevent some of the contaminants from building up to harmful levels in the body. For example, if most of the fish you eat are from the "one meal a week" category, you should not exceed 52 meals per year. Likewise, if most of the fish you eat are in the "one meal a month" category, you should not exceed 12 meals per year. Remember, eating one meal of fish from the "one meal a month" group is comparable to eating four meals from the "one meal a week" group. Health department guidelines urge you to review all the advisories together if you eat fish from more than one body of water.

Another way to limit your exposure is by filleting the fish and discarding any dark meat, skin or fat. These parts contain the highest level of contaminants. Also, broil or cook your fish on a grill to reduce drippings that may contain contaminants.

According to Steve Sanford, chief of DEC's Bureau of Habitat, waters that have specific advisories have at least one species of fish with an elevated contaminant level, which means that a contamination source is in or near the water.

"We work closely with the health department and qualified laboratories to determine where we collect information needed," he said. "We then pass it on to laboratories and ultimately to the New York state Department of Health."

Locally, health advisories are in place for the Hudson River and vary at different parts of the river. "Eat no fish" health advisories are in place for the Valatie Kill and Nassau Lake in Rensselaer County.

Much of the concern in these waters are from PCP (polychlorinated biphenyls) contamination from direct dumping or leeching from dump sites.

Other major chemical contaminants found in New York's fresh water bodies include cadmium, DDT and Mirex.

According to health department guidelines, long-lasting contaminants such as these build up in the body over time and may cause birth defects and cancer as well as small changes in health that are hard to detect.

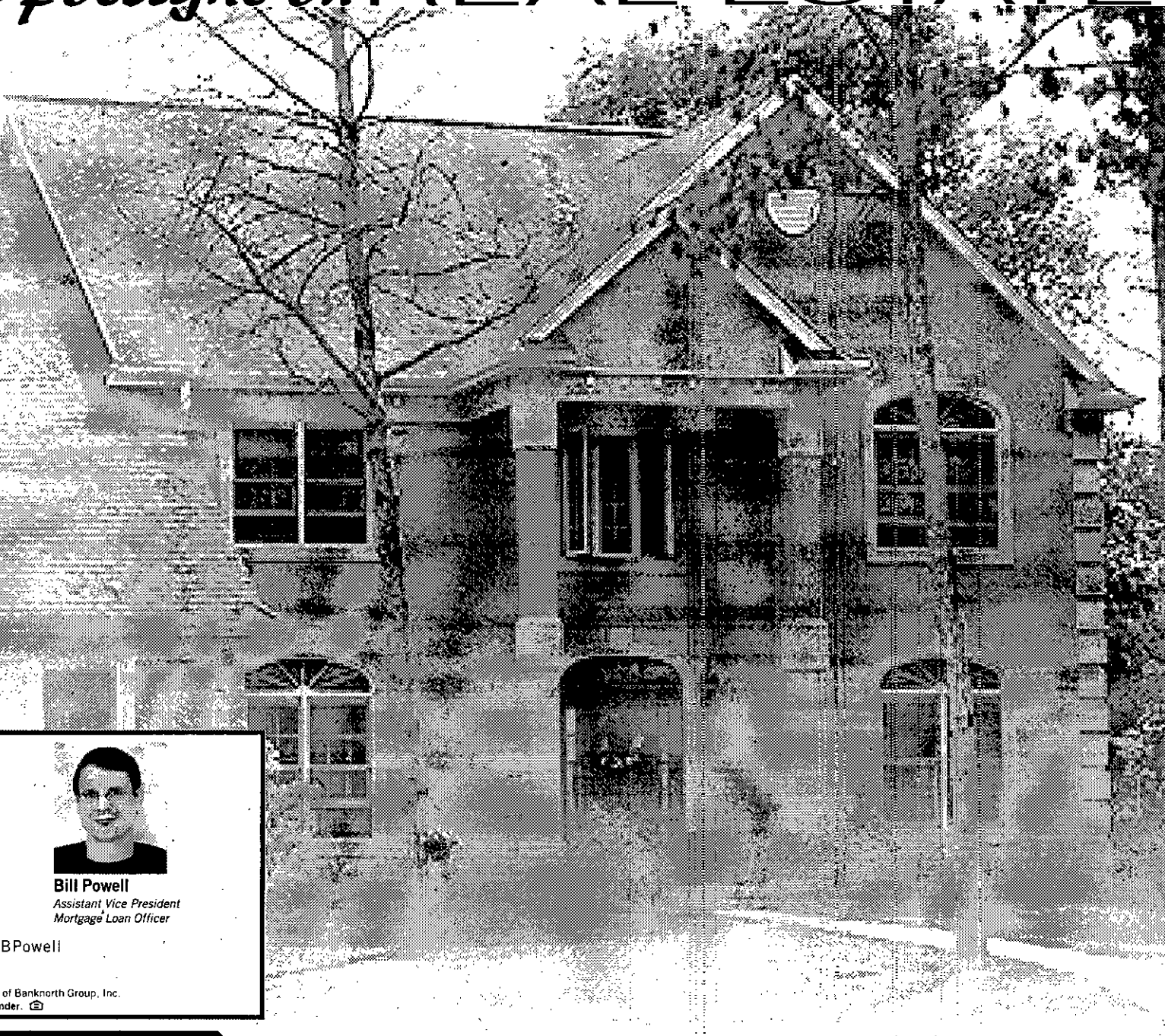
The good news is DEC and other state and federal agencies are working to clean up the rivers, lakes and streams.

"It's a long and incremental process," said Sanford. "We look forward to the day no health advisories are needed."

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Steve Sanford

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Young families and individuals are the primary buyers of new homes in today's market, according to a report from the National Association of Home Builders. The most active young buyers are Generation X-ers (between age 27 and 40) and echo-boomers (those born after 1979). These groups are purchasing 55 percent of all newly built homes and are fast becoming the key trend-setter in U.S. housing markets, it was noted in U.S. Census and NAHB reports.

Those Gen-X buyers account for about 28 percent of all U.S. households. They were responsible for about 49 percent of all new home purchases in the most recent reporting period. Another six percent of newly built homes were purchased by echo boomers, and 33 percent were purchased by baby boomers. Seniors over age 60 purchased about 12 percent.

Another interesting finding: A NAHB study reveals that 37 percent of Gen-Xers and 27 percent of echo-boomers intend to buy homes in the next two years, compared to just 13 percent of baby boomers and six percent of seniors. The younger buyers may be chaffier than their parents with respect to their housing choices in some respects. However, those families moving up say they want a home that's about 50 percent larger than their current residence.

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Obituaries

Antoninette Dilorio-Campbell

Antoinette Toni Dilorio-Campbell, 49, of Glenmont died Saturday, Aug. 13, at her home.

Born in Far Rockaway, she graduated from Farmingdale College on Long Island with an associate's degree. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Fairbanks, Alaska and a master's degree in education from the State University of New York at Albany.

She was a teacher for 26 years at Waterford-Halfmoon High School.

She loved to cook for her family and friends and was a very competitive Scrabble player. She organized many competitions and was the current holder of the Waterford championship Scrabble plaque.

Survivors include her husband of 27 years Ian Campbell; a daughter, Rebecca Dilorio-Campbell; a brother, Anthony Dilorio of Richmond, Va.; and a sister, Dolores Ellsworth of Woodstock.

Services will be held in the Hans Funeral Home, 1088 Western Ave., Albany, Thursday at 8:30 and at 9:30 a.m. from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Gail S. La Duke

Gail S. La Duke, 57, of New Scotland, died on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Born in Peru, she graduated from Peru High School and Albany Nursing School.

She was a registered nurse working throughout the Capital District, including St. Clare's Hospital and Glendale Nursing Home until her retirement in 2002.

She and her husband were Boy Scout leaders and Little League coaches. She always supported charitable causes including the MS Society, Epilepsy Foundation and the Center for the Disabled.

She was an avid gardener and bird lover.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas H. La Duke; two sons, Peter La Duke of Albany,

Scott La Duke of Glenmont; a daughter, Stacy La Duke of East Bernie; two sisters, Jean Ryan and Janice Kennedy; and four grandchildren; and her favorite feline companion, Mr. Z.

Calling hours will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at New Comer-Cannon Family Funeral Home, 343 New Karner Rd., Colonie.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Harkness Methodist Church in Harkness. Interment will follow in West Peru Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the West Peru Cemetery Trust or the Center for the Disabled.

Melvin Osterman

Melvin H. Osterman, 70, of Delmar died Sunday, Aug. 14.

Born in New York City, he was a graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Law School.

He was a founding partner of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP and practiced law there from 1975 through the present.

Prior to starting the firm, he was an assistant counsel to the late Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and director of employee relations of the State of New York.

He was legal secretary to Justice Charles D. Breitler. He was counsel to the Taylor Committee in drafting the public sector labor law in New York State.

He published numerous articles and was editor of the New York State Bar Association's Public Sector Labor and Employment Law book.

He taught as an adjunct professor at various times at the Graduate School of Public Affairs at SUNYA; the Cornell University NYS School of Industrial Relations Extension Division; and Siena College.

He enjoyed travel, theater and music, photography and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Meacham; three sons, Lawrence of Woodinville, Wash., Jeffrey of Scarsdale and Andrew of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two daughters, Edith of Albany, Laura of Washington D.C.; and two grandchildren; and his first wife, Elaine Pevar Osterman of New York City.

Relatives and friends are invited to call today, Aug. 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Applebee

Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A funeral service will be held at noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to Albany Pro Musica, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany, NY 12206, the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, P.O. Box 567, Slingerlands 12159.

Joseph Pofit

Joseph F. Pofit, 84, of Sharon Street in Medford, Mass. died Friday, Aug. 12, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

He was a graduate of Classical High School in Worcester and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

He was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in Indian Orchard and a member of the choir.

He was a member of the Ludlow Country Club.

Born in Worcester, he was a mechanical engineer for the Crane Co. in Ludlow before he retired.

He was husband of the late Ruth H. Tamalavage Pofit.

Survivors include four sons, Joseph F. Pofit Jr. of Slingerlands, Gregory J. Pofit of Medford, Mass., Jeffrey W. Pofit of Haverhill, Mass. and Gary J. Pofit of Medford, Mass.; a sister, Regina Nalewajek of Maryland; and six grandchildren.

Services are scheduled today, Aug. 17, at the Henry-Dirsa Funeral Home in Worcester.

Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester.

Contributions may be made to Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany 12203.

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, style and length.

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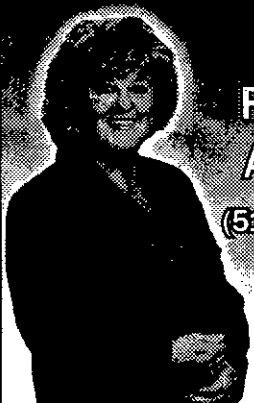
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John Poole and Rebecca Goggin

Goggin, Poole engaged

Rebecca Clare Goggin, daughter of John and Catherine Goggin of Delmar and John Scott Poole, son of John and Elizabeth Poole of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Maria College.

She is assistant manager for Normanside Country Club in

Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of Guilderland High School and Schenectady County Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology.

He is general manager for Beff's in Delmar.

The couple plans an Oct. 8 wedding.

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Pamela Cherko of Delmar, bachelor's degree.

Matthew King of Delmar, bachelor's degree.

Scott Lipnick of Delmar, bachelor's degree.

Beth Wittig of Delmar, bachelor's degree.

Julia Stephanets of Selkirk, bachelor's degree.

Miranda Davis of Slingerlands, bachelor's degree.

Todd Segal of Slingerlands, bachelor's degree.



Brian Farrell and Ellen Descisciola

Descisciola, Farrell engaged

Ellen Christine Descisciola, daughter of Frank and Sally Descisciolo of Ballston Lake, and Brian Reed Farrell, son of Joseph and Linda Farrell of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School and SUNY New Paltz. She is currently pursuing a master's

degree at The College of New Rochelle.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem High School and SUNY New Paltz.

He is a computer programmer for Column IT in Manhattan.

The couple plans an Oct. 23 wedding.

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital

Girl, Anacapri Francesca Rose Ciccone to Michele and David Ciccone of Slingerlands, April 4.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Nathaniel Michael Deshaies to Shrilekha and Eric

Deshaies of Delmar, April 6.

Boy, Parker Francis Macri to Andrea and Francis Macri of Voorheesville, April 10.

Boy, Liam Thomas Polacinski to Kelly and Gary Polacinski of Delmar, April 17.

Out of town

Boy, Michael Joshua Einhorn to Grace and Rick Einhorn of Briarcliff Manor, May 5. Paternal grandparents are Steven and Sherry Einhorn of Delmar.

Boy, Jamie Armand Samyn to Sarah and Rudy Samyn of Nashua, N.H., May 10. Maternal grandparents are Karen and Steven Bylsma of Glenmont.

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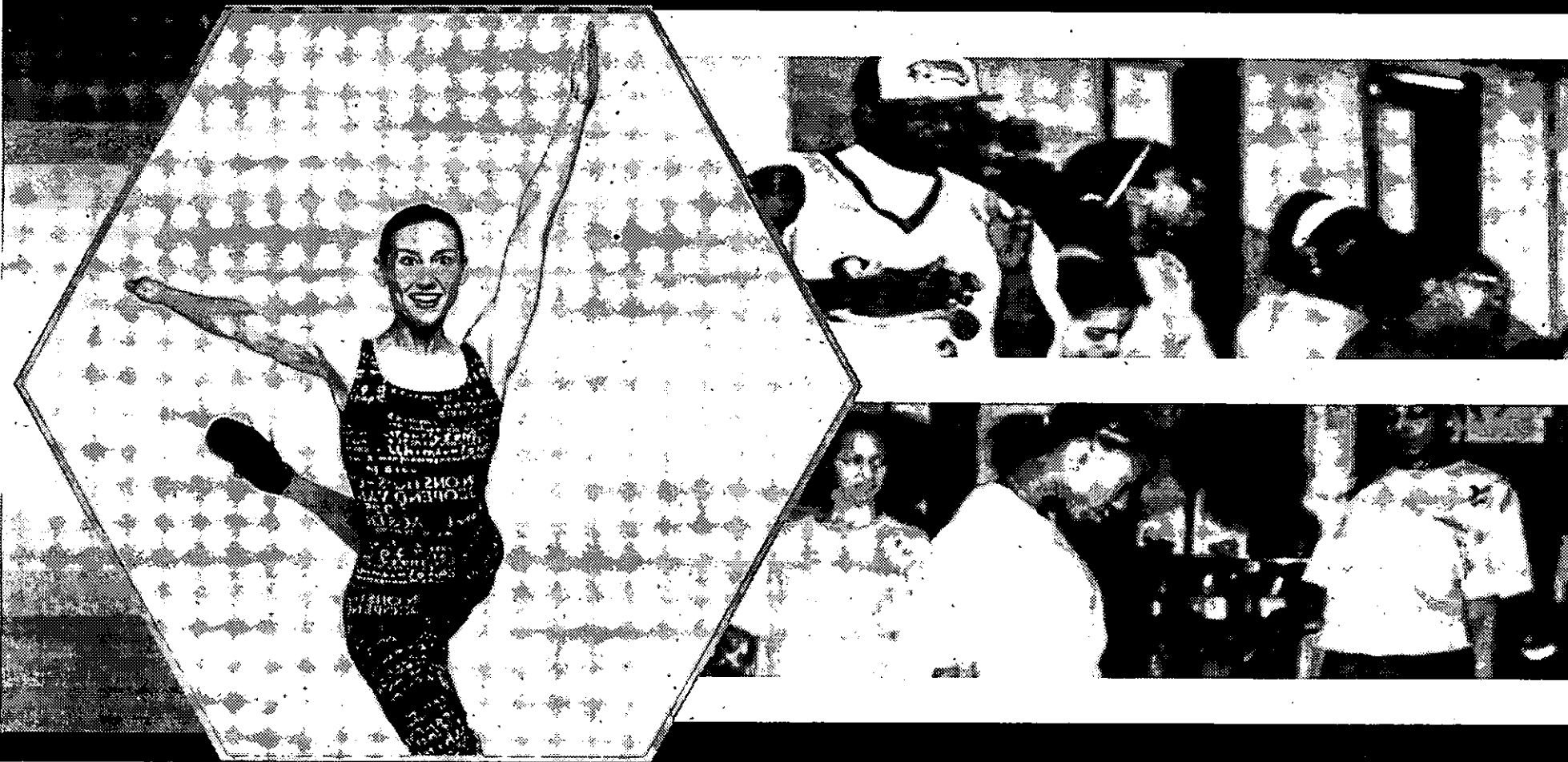
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

Out and About



Ah, the dog days of summer — you've been to the park, the lake, taken several bike rides and viewed more than a few movies — and now the kids are getting restless. Perhaps it's time to try something a little different. You are in luck, it seems there is a little something for everyone happening over the next week.

The Berkshire Museum, a short drive away in Pittsfield, will host "Youth Alive!" a step dance troupe at the museum on Wednesday, Aug. 24 through 27 at 11 a.m. daily. The troupe of dancers from Pittsfield will perform hip-hop, African and modern dances using their bodies as musical instruments to create a mix of sounds through feet stomping, hand clapping and body movement.

Youth alive! Was founded by two teenage girls in 1995. The choreographed a "step," recruited others to participate, and the resounding response from the community fueled the new venture. The troupe choreographs their own dances and are influenced and inspired by professional dancers and the media. Members are between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age.

Tickets for the Youth Alive! Performances are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 3 to 18, which includes museum admission.

The Berkshire Museum is located at 39 South Street on rt. 7 in downtown Pittsfield. For information contact the museum at 413-443-7171, ext. 10, or visit berkshiremuseum.org.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, the Bronck Museum near Coxsackie will host an afternoon of special tours exploring life on a Greene county farmstead during the American Revolution. The tours will pass through the houses and early

barn of Jan Leendertse Bronck and his son Leonard. Born of Swedish/Dutch ancestry, these men would lead their family through Revolutionary times and take part in establishing a new free and independent nation. The tour, led by a guide in period costume, begins at the museum's visitor center where their most royal majesties George II and queen Charlotte gaze serenely upon the first American flag. Each tour concludes with period refreshments swerved on the museum's east porch. Tours start at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$4 and children 5-15 years are \$1.50.

The Bronck Museum is located just off 9w, a mile and a half south of the intersection of routes 385, 81 and 9w near Coxsackie. For information contact the Bronck Museum at 731-6490 or visit www.gchistory.org.

The Music Haven Gala will host a fund-raiser to support the Music Haven Stage in Schenectady's Central Park.

The theme for this year's event is "Tropical Paradise" in keeping with the appearance of internationally known Calypso king, Mighty Sparrow (aka Slinger Francisco), who will take the stage at 7:45 p.m. Francisco's career spans more than 40 years. The artist has entertained audiences across the globe, including the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America.

While the concert is free the gala tickets are \$55 and include a pre-show

tropical buffet, VIP seats at the concert and a pina colada dessert afterglow with Mighty Sparrow. Afterglow only tickets are \$20 and will be available at the concert. Gala tickets are available through the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce at 372-5656.

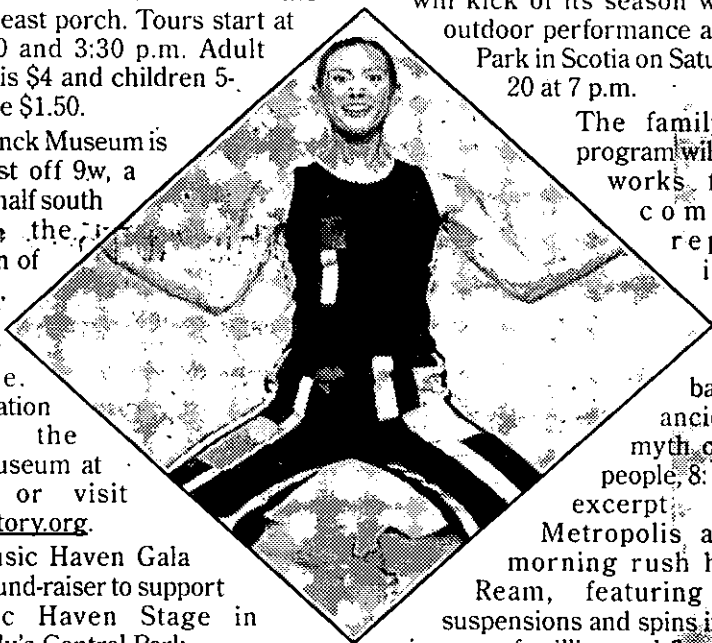
The Capital District's premiere dance company, and resident company of The Egg, the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, will kick off its season with a free outdoor performance at Freedom Park in Scotia on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m.

The family-friendly program will consist of works from the company's repertory including Selchie, which is loosely based on the ancient Celtic myth of the seal people, 8:49 a.m., an excerpt from

Metropolis about the morning rush hour, and Ream, featuring swings, suspensions and spins inspired by images of spilling and floating paper. Also on the program will be three excerpts from Cliché, a spirited escapade exploring the imaginative power of words.

The performance will feature the full company of dances. Artistic Director Ellen Sinopoli will be present and will introduce each work by sharing her insights on the dances and the inspiration for its creation.

For more information visit: www.freedomparkscotia.org



Slinger Francisco, better known as The Mighty Sparrow, affectionately dubbed, The Birdie is the unrivaled Calypso King of the World. He will perform Aug. 24 at Schenectady's Central Park Music Haven stage.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

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World premiere of musical based on the songs of Neil Sedaka, Capital Repertory Theater, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Aug. 20, \$15 to \$40. Information, 445-7460.

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GREASE

Musical centering around high school students in the 1950s, Old Mill Restaurant, routes 4 and 32, Stillwater, through Aug. 21, \$35 includes dinner. Information, 374-0416.

Music

THE FOY BROTHERS

Local soul and R&B band, Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m., Ten Eyck Plaza, Albany, free. Information, 465-2143.

GRAND CENTRAL STATION

Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 370-0662.

THE NEW SOCIETY BAND

Italian band featuring vocalist Tony Torino, Aug. 10, 7 p.m., Prun House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville, \$5 adults, \$2 children. Information, 783-1435.

GRAND FUNK RAILROAD

An "American Band," with Edgar Winters opening, Aug. 17, Empire State Plaza, Albany, free. Information, 473-0559.

ALOTTA SOUND AND DIXIE SWEET HOTS

A pair of New Orleans-style jazz bands, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m., Cook Park, Colonie, free. Information, 869-7562.

NITROJIVE

Capital District swing jazz band, Aug. 24, 11:30 a.m., Ten Eyck Plaza, Albany, free. Information, 465-2143.

MUSIC HAVEN GALA

With Mighty Sparrow performing, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., Agnes MacDonald Music Haven stage, Central Park, Schenectady, free. Information, 382-5152, ext. 4.

MUD BUG UPRISING

Local blues rock band, Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m., Ten Eyck Plaza, Albany, free. Information, 465-2143.

RUMDUMMIES

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Featuring Dee Dee Bridgewater, Kurt Elling, David "Fathead" Newman and the J Street Jumpers, Sept. 10, noon, Riverfront Park, Albany, free. Information, 434-2032.

THE PIPE KINGS

Playing favorites from the Baby Boomer era, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., Cook Park, Colonie, free. Information, 869-7562.

Comedy

CHARLIE MURPHY

Eddie Murphy's brother and "Chappelle's Show" cast member, Sept. 24, 8:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$27. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Ann Zane Shanks: Behind the Lens," through Feb. 26. Plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

THE CLARK

"Jacques-Louis David: Empire to Exile," through Sept. 5, "Little Women, Little Men: Folk Art Portraits of Children from the Fenimore Art Museum," through Oct. 15, "The Clark: Celebrating 50 Years of Art in Nature" and "50 Favorites," through May 16, 2006; and other ongoing exhibitions. Information, 413-458-0524.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Albany & Troy Arts and Crafts: 1907-1918," through Aug. 31, "Rembrandt & Titus, Artist and Son: Paintings by Thomas Locker," through Aug. 14. Plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

"David Arsenault: Ten Years 1995-2005," through Aug. 27, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"Dressing for the Racetrack," through Sept. 4, plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Not Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

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THE HYDE COLLECTION

Rembrandt's "Portrait of Saskia van Uylenburgh, the Wife of the Artist," through Aug. 31, "Painting Lake George, 1774-1900," through Sept. 11, plus ongoing exhibits, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Dancing Rebels," an exhibit about the New Dance Group, plus ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

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

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-2360.

A CAPPELLA

New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

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

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

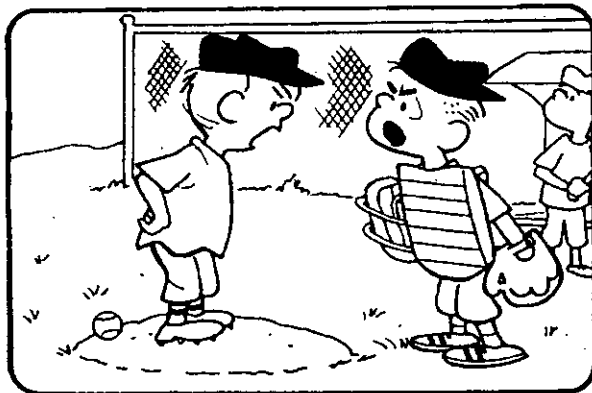
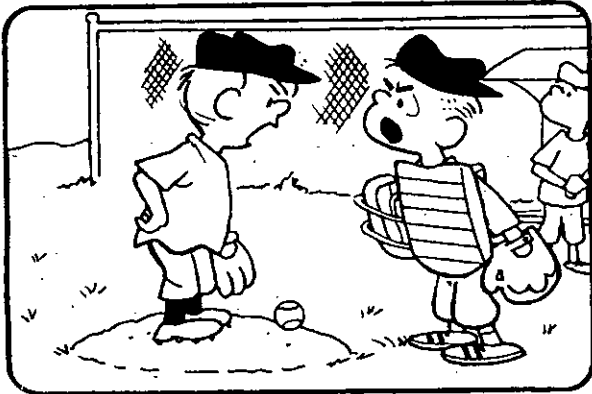
ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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

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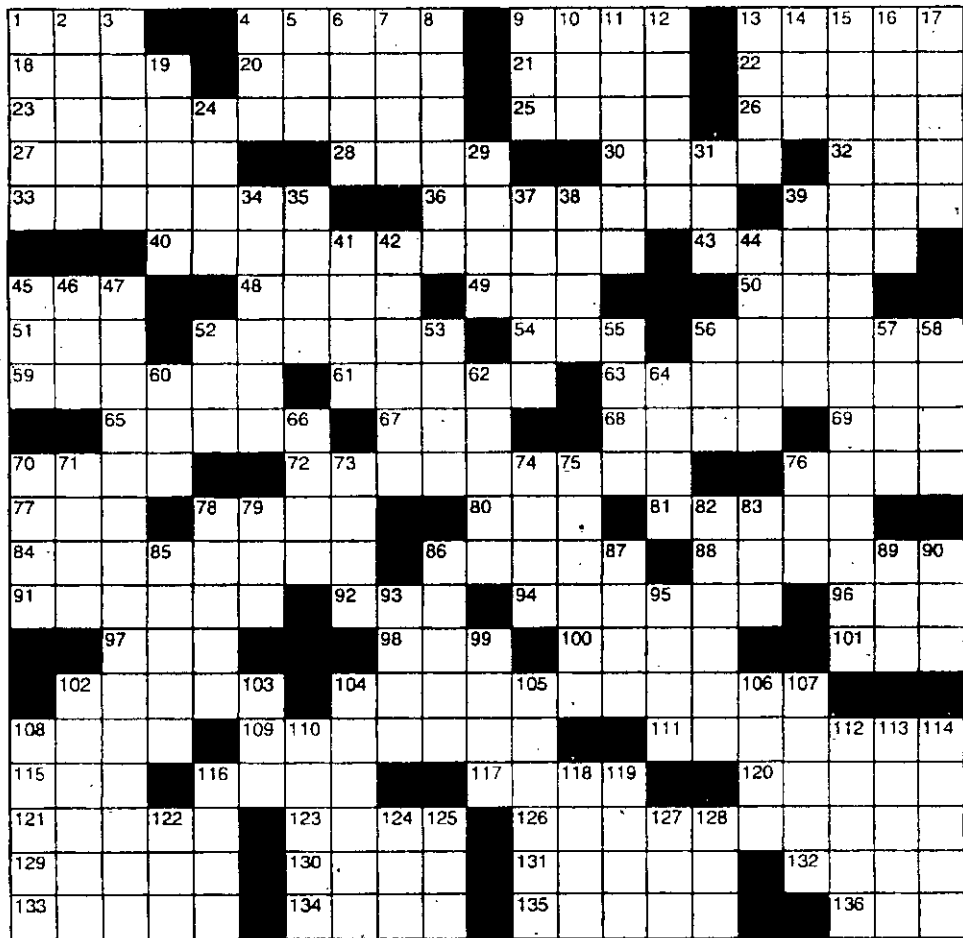
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.

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The Super CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Martin Sheen, to Emilio Estevez
- 4 Photo tint
- 9 Pipe part
- 13 TV's "The of Life"
- 18 Baal or Elvis
- 20 Bonus
- 21 Soccer superstar
- 22 Cold sound
- 23 Dancing president?
- 25 Landed
- 26 Range rope
- 27 a customer
- 28 Whip
- 30 Tranquil
- 32 4 (Toyota model)
- 33 Little lumps
- 36 Fawning
- 39 Parisian pronoun
- 40 Dancing colonist?
- 43 Go Fish and golf
- 45 Comic DeLuxe
- 48 Muse with a scroll
- 49 Command to a corgi
- 50 Meyerbeer's
- 51 Prospector's prize

- 52 "The Twelve" (70 film)
- 54 At once
- 56 Freezin' season
- 59 Finger food
- 61 Trickle
- 63 Short story
- 65 Cognizant
- 67 In the manner of
- 68 Bare
- 69 Start to snooze
- 70 Viva
- 72 Dancing comic?
- 76 "of Gold" (70 hit)
- 77 Gray matter?
- 78 Northwestern st.
- 80 Philips of "UHF"
- 81 Tonto's horse
- 84 More disreputable
- 86 Director Lang
- 88 Flusters
- 91 Percussion instrument
- 92 Feel awful
- 94 Bean
- 96 Make cheddar better
- 97 Prohibit
- 100 Yuletide
- 101 Piglet's parent

- 102 Hunt or Hayes
- 104 Dancing boxer?
- 108 Kid at court
- 109 Hailing from Hunan
- 111 Mention briefly
- 115 Aussie walker
- 116 Space
- 117 Assistance
- 120 Spanish guitarist
- 121 "Crazy" singer
- 123 Widespread
- 126 Dancing cartoonist?
- 129 Neighbor of Somalia
- 130 Singer Phoebe
- 131 Entertain
- 132 Sour fruit
- 133 Novelist Danielle
- 134 Bronte heroine
- 135 Aden's locale
- 136 Minnesota twins?

- 5 Word form for "environment"
- 6 It may be bitter
- 7 "Dinka Doo" (33 song)
- 8 '92 Wimbledon winner
- 9 Health resort
- 10 Aviv
- 11 Draw forth
- 12 Copper or cobalt
- 13 "Green Acres" setting
- 14 "Stroker" (83 film)
- 15 Dancing body-builder?
- 16 Wrecks the Rolls
- 17 Italian wine
- 19 Abale
- 24 Seafood selection
- 29 Coop crowd
- 31 Pantyhose part
- 34 Rembrandt or Whistler
- 35 Ward of "Sisters"
- 37 Wreckage
- 38 Reject
- 39 Touch up the text
- 41 Journalist Jacob

- 42 Jeanne of "Jules and Jim"
- 44 Mrs. Krampen
- 45 Brandleader Severinsen
- 46 "... man" mouse?
- 47 Dancing statesman?
- 52 Numbers pro
- 53 Push a product
- 55 Trick stick
- 56 Tie the knot
- 57 Thames town
- 58 Funnyman Fox
- 60 Veneration
- 62 Less vivid
- 64 Van, CA
- 66 Piece of fencing?
- 70 Enormous
- 71 European capital
- 73 Akbar's city
- 74 "the Mood for Love" (35 song)
- 75 "bet!"
- 76 Sprout
- 78 It's up in the air
- 79 Volcano part
- 82 Peruvian port
- 83 Keats composition

- 85 Dickens title start
- 86 Peel off
- 87 Move like mad
- 89 Self-esteem
- 90 Make a muumuu
- 93 Psychologist Pavlov
- 95 Obligation
- 99 TV host John
- 102 Village
- 103 Sgt. or cpl.
- 104 Disney cricket
- 105 Margin
- 106 Mallard or teal
- 107 Suffers
- 108 Acts like a chicken
- 110 Neighsayer?
- 112 Actress Berry
- 113 Synthetic textile
- 114 "The Highwayman" poet
- 116 Genuine
- 118 Fancy fabric
- 119 Horner's fruit
- 122 Carrie or Louis
- 124 On behalf of
- 125 Ovine female
- 127 Poetic monogram
- 128 — Buddhism

The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. Aug. 17

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org.

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.

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., information, 374-1792.

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.

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.

Thu. Aug. 18

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

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.

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. Aug. 19

BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S WRITING WORKSHOP (JULY AND AUGUST)

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., information, 439-9341.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

- Friday services, discussion and kiddush

at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. Aug. 20

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. Aug. 21

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.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
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.

SUMMER EXHIBIT (JUNE THRU AUGUST)
Childhood Treasures: Toys from the Past, Bethlehem Historical Association, 1003 River Road, 2 to 4 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND
WORSHIP INFORMATION
All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
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.
Onesquehew 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. Aug. 22

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

Tool's Family Restaurant, Delaware Avenue, 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 COMM. ORCHESTRA
Rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445

Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tue. Aug. 23

BETHLEHEM

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

FARMERS MARKET

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

CHURCH LUNCH (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

BINGO

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3355.

V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. (6 p.m. workshop meeting).

Information, 765-2692.

Wed. Aug. 24

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

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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.

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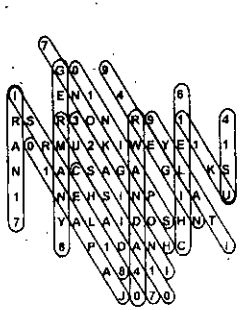
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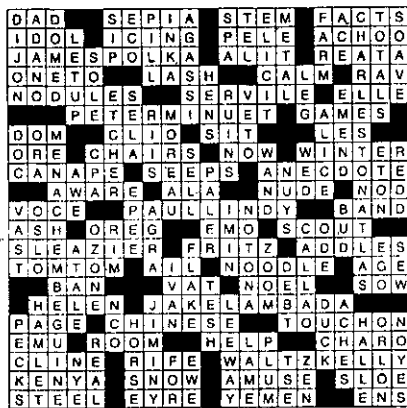
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2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on July 1, 2005.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: The LLC, 30 Citation Drive, Latham, NY 12110.
5. The limited liability company is formed for any legal business purpose or purposes.
LC-11875
(August 17, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Essence of Evolution, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 1, 2005 effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 12 Petra Lane, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-11727
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.) The name of the L.P. is CRESCENT VILLAGE ASSOCIATES, L.P. The Articles of Organization of the L.P. were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 10, 2005. The purpose of the L.P. is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.
LCD-11777
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Evan Two LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Harriet Lane, Wesley Hills, NY 10977 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11818
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.) The name of the L.P. is CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATES, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the L.P. was filed with the New York Secretary of State on June 28, 2005. The purpose of the L.P. is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P.

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is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.
LCD-11840
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the LLC is MRP TOWNE TOWER ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 27, 2005. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.
LCD-11841
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Integrity Financial Partners, LLC, dba Integrity Plan Administrators, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 6/27/05. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: David I. Katz, Integrity Financial Partners, LLC dba Integrity Financial Administrators, 581 Main Street, 4th Floor, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LCD-11846
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

DEAD DOG RECORDS LLC Notice of Organization: DEAD DOG RECORDS LLC was filed with SSNY 02/15/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Jerome Leventhal, Leventhal Financial Services Corp., 15 Remsen Ave., Roslyn, NY 11576. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity
LCD-11870
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Steenburg & Patrick LLC Notice of Organization: Steenburg & Patrick LLC was filed with SSNY 02/04/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 16 Woodridge St. Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity
LCD-11871
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMOUS CONSULTING SERVICES LLC Notice of Organization: FAMOUS CONSULTING SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY 02/15/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Lauterbach Garfinkel Damast & Hollander LLP 22 W. 38th St., 12th Fl., NY, NY 10018. Attn: Jeffrey Hollander, Esq. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity
LCD-11872
(August 17, 2005)

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Rebel Muzic Worldwide, LLC Notice of Organization: Rebel Muzic Worldwide, LLC was filed with SSNY 03/01/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which

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SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Eric Briner, LL Bussiness Management Inc. 3000 Marcus Ave., Ste. 3W7, Lake Success, NY 11042. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity
LCD-11873
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Annarhi Music, LLC Notice of Organization: Annarhi Music, LLC was filed with SSNY 03/29/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Michael Mitnick, Berdon LLP 360 Madison Ave., NY, NY 10017. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity
LCD-11874
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 655 West 160 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/6/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11876
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 129 W56 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 110 Susquehanna Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11877
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Normandy West Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/8/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 26 Prices Switch Road, Warwick, NY 10990 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11891
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of One Third Karka, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/16/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1507 Route 202, Pomona, NY 10970 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11892
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nealco Towers LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/27/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 30 Prospect Drive, Brentwood, NY 11717 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11893
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CRG Resources LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/22/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 6 Barlett Road, Monsey, NY 10952 Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Fair Oaks Estates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 5/10/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 246 Seigel Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11895
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Rochelle Inger PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/28/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Dalewood Drive, Suffern, NY 10901 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11896
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

1. Name of the Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter LLC) is Poppy's Italian Kitchen, LLC.
2. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is 7/13/05.
3. Office is located in Albany County.
4. Secretary of State is designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.
5. Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o 1486 Castlebridge Rd., Castleton, NY 12033. The LLC shall not have a registered agent.
6. The Company has no specific date of dissolution. The LLC is formed for any lawful business purpose.
LCD-11901
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of McCashion Brothers Holding Company, LLC, Art. of Org. filed 'Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/24/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Kevin McCashion, 84 Frederick Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-11902
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is East Hills, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 1, 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 22 Highlander Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211.
LCD-11932
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Dedham Post, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 1, 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

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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, 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205.
LCD-11933
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

B. LARNER FAMILY PARTNERSHIP II, L.P., Notice of formation of a domestic limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Secretary of State on July 11, 2005. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
LCD-11940
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Charm Imports LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/15/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3011 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11210 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11958
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kelwert Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 8767, Haledon, NJ 07508 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-11959
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LYONS BUILDING & CONSULTING LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on July 5, 2005. New York office location is Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon George Lyons, with an address of 25 Ledgewood Drive, Albany, New York 12205. The Purpose of this LLC is building, remodeling and consulting.
LCD-11960
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1150 Broadway LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/11/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity
LCD-11964
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

H & D SECURITY SYSTEMS, LLC Notice of formation of H & D Security Systems, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 7/06/2005. Office location: Saratoga County. The SSNY has been designated

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as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful purposes; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable.
LCD-11965
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pine Land Holding LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/14/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37 West 47th Street, Ste. 702, New York, NY 10036 Purpose: any lawful activity
LCD-11965
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

North East Precision Equipment Company, LLC Notice of formation of North East Precision Equipment, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 7/15/2005. Office location: Montgomery County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful purposes; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable.
LCD-11966
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kunstlinger & Wohlgemuth PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/14/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 235 North Main Street, Ste. 2, Spring Valley, NY 10977. Purpose: any lawful activity
LCD-11966
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Five Star Re LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/14/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 89 Morton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity
LCD-11967
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Cake Animals, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/12/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 474 West 238th Street, Ste. 5A, Bronx, NY 10463 Purpose: any lawful activity
LCD-11968
(August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 1620

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New York Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/13/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Shore Drive, Kings Point, NY 11024 Purpose: any lawful activity
LCD-11969
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 12 Huntington Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/12/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Shore Drive, Kings Point, NY 11024 Purpose: any lawful activity
LCD-11970
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A MM FAMILY I, L.L.C. The name of the LLC is MM FAMILY I, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 28, 2005. The purpose of the L.P. is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LCC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LCC upon whom process against the LCC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LCC is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.
LCD-12009
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of D.C. West Public Affairs, LLC (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/05. Office located in Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 7214, Albany, NY 12224-0214. LLC is Member managed. Purpose: Public Relations and Political Campaign Consulting and any lawful act or activity.
LCD-12011
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Obstdfeld & Associates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 8/2/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 320 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-12022
(August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Urban Redevelopment Group, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State ("SSNY") on June 29, 2005. 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 SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is PO Box 3806, Albany, New York 12203.
LCD-12047
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Notice of Formation of Realistic Real Estate Consultants, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/9/05. Office location:

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Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Margaret J. Langille, 14 Frank St., Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-11977 (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Delaware Stanwix Partners, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/13/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o Mercer Holding Co. LLC, Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-11976 (August 17, 2005)

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M&P Real Estate, LLC. Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 7, 2005. Office location is County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to The LLC at 10 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful act. LD-11847 (August 17, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RF DIAGNOSTICS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/28/05. Office location: Schenectady 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, 2135 Morrow Avenue, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-11848 (August 17, 2005)

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FOREIGN LLC PUBLICATION NOTICE. Name of the LLC: CC WATER ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC App. For Auth. filed with Sec. of State 06/28/05. Jurisd. And date of org. DELAWARE ON 05/20/05. NY State office loc: ALBANY COUNTY. Sec. of State of NY designated as agent of LLC. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him/her is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of principal office: One Coca-Cola Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30313. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, Division of Corporations. John G. Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Purposes: is to transact any lawful business. LD-11850 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of organization of TCIM PROPERTIES, 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 TCIM PROPERTIES, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on June 9, 2005.

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

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Company served upon him or her is: 279 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110.

5. 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.

6. The Limited Liability Company shall have all powers and purposes allowed it by law. LD-11851 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NACHAS PARTNERS L.P. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LP, 1227 E. 27th St., Brooklyn, NY 11210. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Term: until 6/29/2032. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11857 (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of CENTER FOR NETWORKING EXCELLENCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/27/05. 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 The LLC, 666 Greenwich St., #428, NY, NY 10014. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11858 (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of ROCK CORPORATE VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/27/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of SUNRISE INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11860 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of REGAL CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11861 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JAVA INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11862 (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of TEMPCO INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11863 (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Navigant Capital Advisors, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/1/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 615 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11864 (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of The Harbor Shops LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/5/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 2/19/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. FL address of LLC: 221 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, 409 E. Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11865 (August 17, 2005)

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Notice of Publication. Coeymans Landing Properties, LLC was filed with SSNY on 06/22/05. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: P.O. Box 45, Coeymans, New York 12045. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-11870 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TRIDENT CORPORATE VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11879 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of APC Financial Services, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/7/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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copy of any such process served to: Arthur Caccamo, 30 Brockley Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-11889 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Walgreen Realty Resources LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/23/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 5/27/05. 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. IL address of LLC: 104 Wilmot Rd., MS #1425, Deerfield, IL 60015. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Howlett Bldg., 501 S. 2nd St., Rm. 328, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11898 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

C & M REAL ESTATE LLC. Certificate of Limited Liability Company filed by NYS Secretary of State on June 9, 2005. Principal office is located in Albany County. NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it to C & M REAL ESTATE LLC, 175 Van Schaick Avenue, Cohoes, New York. The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members. LD-11900 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of TV Sports Network, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/4/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/6/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: television or other media sports network. LD-11908 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KEYPOINT BUSINESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/5/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11909 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Ironman Acquisition Sub, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/1/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/25/05. 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. Principal office of LLC: 2455 Paces Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30339. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-11910 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

FOREIGN LLC PUBLICATION NOTICE. Name of LLC: FASHION CENTS LLC App. For Auth. filed with Sec. of State 06/10/05. Jurisd. And date of org: DELAWARE ON 05/27/05. NY State office loc: ALBANY COUNTY. Sec. of State of NY designated as agent of LLC. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him/her is: The LLC, 375 Greenwich St, New York, NY 10013. Address required to be maintained in home jurisdiction: 375 Greenwich St., New York, NY 10013. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, 401 Federal Street, #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purposes: is to transact any lawful business. LD-11925 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

FOREIGN LLC PUBLICATION NOTICE. Name of LLC: UMS LITHOTRIPSY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY, LLC App. For Auth. filed with Sec. of State 06/08/05. Jurisd. And date of org: DELAWARE ON 05/24/05. NY State office loc: ALBANY COUNTY. Sec. of State of NY designated as agent of LLC. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him/her is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001. Address of principal office: 1500 West Park Drive, Suite 390, Westborough, MA 01581. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, Division of Corporations. John G. Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purposes: is to transact any lawful business. LD-11926 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

On July 18, 2005, Shaker Park Medical, LLC, which is located at 425 New Karner Road in the City and County of Albany, State of New York, filed its Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State. The Secretary of State has been designated the agent of the company upon whom process may be served. The business purpose of the LLC is to operate a psychiatric medical practice, together with any and all other lawful business purposes. LD-11927 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of 4 Cornwall Drive LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 6/22/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. NJ address of LLC: Mark S. Rosen, 15 Maple Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Dept. of State, 225 West State St., 3rd Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11929 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication. Community Management Services, LLC was filed with SSNY on 05/23/05. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 90 State Street, Suite 1009, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-11938 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of

LEGAL NOTICE

Spherion Pacific Workforce LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/24/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 2050 Spectrum Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11941 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 705 FLATBUSH REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/05. 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, Konstant & Hager, 321 Broadway, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11942 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WHATCOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/25/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11943 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: 8 Petra Lane Associates, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 30, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 930 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-11949 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: 102 Karner Road Associates, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 30, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 930 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-11950 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PL-LTD, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on 7/18/2005. New York Office Location: Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to the LLC, 96 Van Wines Point Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11951 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PL-LTD RE, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on 7/18/2005. New York Office Location: Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to the LLC, 96 Van Wines Point Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11951 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PL-LTD RE, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on 7/18/2005. New York Office Location: Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to the LLC, 96 Van Wines Point Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11951 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

tary of State on 7/18/2005. New York Office Location: Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to the LLC, 96 Van Wines Point Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11952 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RIGHT SOURCING ASSOCIATES, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on 7/18/2005. New York Office Location: Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to the LLC, 96 Van Wines Point Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-11953 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BLACKBURN MANSION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37-60 Blackburn Road, Coeymans, NY 12045. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11961 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BLACKBURN RANCH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37-60 Blackburn Road, Coeymans, NY 12045. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11962 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Hoboken Wood Flooring LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 5/18/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the NJ address of the LLC: 70 Demarest Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Dept. of Treasury, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11974 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BLACKBURN TUDOR, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37-60 Blackburn Road, Coeymans, NY 12045. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11982 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BLACKBURN ISLAND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37-60 Blackburn Road, Coeymans, NY 12045. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11983 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1726 UNION STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/25/05. Office location: Schenectady 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, 1730 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-11993 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1730 UNION STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/25/05. Office location: Schenectady 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, 1730 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-11994 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Long Distance Savings Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/26/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/14/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 42 Weston St., Ste. 2A, Waltham, MA 02453. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12001 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ABS Sheepshead, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/22/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 3/10/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 1385 Hancock St., Quincy, MA 02169. Arts. of Org. filed with CT Secy. of State, 20 Trinity St., P.O. Box 150470, Hartford, CT 06115. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12002 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Empire Solutions Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/12/05. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Thomas Basile, 161 Homes Dale Ave., Albany, NY 12208. Pur-

pose: to carry on the independent consulting business conducted by the Member and any other lawful business, purpose or activity which an LLC may carry on under the LLC. LD-12003 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Capital One Services II LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/20/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/18/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean, VA 22102. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12004 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SYNTEK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/27/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12005 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of 2929 Expressway, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/5/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/28/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o 630 W. Germantown Pike, Ste. 300, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12006 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PREMIER GROUP SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/1/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12023 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(C)

1. The name of the limited liability company is Donato Carpentry, LLC
2. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was May 11, 2005
3. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to David Donato
7 Gay Street
Delmar, N.Y. 12054
5. The latest date upon which the company is required to be dissolved is August 31, 2049
6. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York
LD-12025 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL RETURN
The annual return for McNamee Charitable Trust for the calendar year ending 12/31/2004 is available for public inspection during regular business hours by any interested individual at the Foundation's principal office located at 677 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207, beginning on the date of this publication and continuing for 180 days thereafter. The phone number is (518) 447-8500. The principal manager of the Foundation is George C. McNamee. LD-12026 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TRADEMARKS AND PATENTS LLC
The name of the LLC is TRADEMARKS AND PATENTS LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is: 07/15/05. 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 agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon her is: The LLC, 301 East 79th St, Suite 24-H, New York, NY 10021. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-12028 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BLUE REAL ESTATE LLC
The name of the LLC is BLUE REAL ESTATE LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is: 07/13/05. 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 agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon her is: The LLC,

301 East 79th St, Suite 24-H, New York, NY 10021. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-12029 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ABERCROMBIE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LLC
The name of the LLC is ABERCROMBIE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is: 07/12/05. 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 agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon her is: The LLC, 301 East 79th St, Suite 24-H, New York, NY 10021. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-12030 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REVX-420 LLC
The name of the REVX-420 LLC. App. for Auth. Filed with Sec. of State 07/07/2005. Jurisd. and date of org: MONTANA 06/21/05. NY State office loc: ALBANY County. Sec of State of NY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Sec. of State shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 8 SOUTH IDAHO STREET, SUITE C, DILLON, MT 59725. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with: Montana Secretary of State, PO Box 202801, HELENA, MT 59620-2801. The character & purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-12031 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: JM & JH, LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 19, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, 2115 Central Avenue, #117, Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12032 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REVX-419 LLC
The name of the REVX-419 LLC. App. for Auth. Filed with Sec. of State 07/07/2005. Jurisd. and date of org: MONTANA 06/21/05. NY State office loc: ALBANY County. Sec of State of NY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Sec. of State shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 8 SOUTH IDAHO STREET, SUITE C, DILLON, MT 59725. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with: Montana Secretary of State, PO Box 202801, HELENA, MT 59620-2801. The character & purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-12042 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REVX-418 LLC
The name of the REVX-418 LLC. App. for Auth. Filed with Sec. of State 07/07/2005. Jurisd. and date of org: MONTANA 06/21/05. NY State office loc: ALBANY County. Sec of State of NY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Sec. of State shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 8 SOUTH IDAHO STREET, SUITE C, DILLON, MT 59725. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with: Montana Secretary of State, PO Box 202801, HELENA, MT 59620-2801. The character & purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-12043 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 4INCOME LLC
The name of the LLC is 4INCOME LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the N.Y. Secretary of State is: 06/22/05. 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 agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon her is: The LLC, 301 East 79th St, Suite 24-H, New York, NY 10021. The purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business. LD-12044 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of First Advantage CIG, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/2/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/22/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: One Progress Plaza, Ste. 2400, Petersburg, FL 33701. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: credit reporting services. LD-12048 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Inland Western Saratoga Springs Wilton Member, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/8/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/22/05. 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. Principal office of LLC: 2901 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: to acquire, own, hold, administer, service, manage, sell and otherwise deal with property or any interest therein, either directly or indirectly. LD-12049 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice of 'Formation' of MARIVILLE MATERIALS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/5/05. Office location: Schenectady County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Connor, Curran & Schram, PC, P.O. Box 77, 441 East Allen St., Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12050 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Inland Western Saratoga Springs Wilton Member II, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/8/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/22/05. 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. Principal office of LLC: 2901 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: to acquire, own, hold, administer, service, manage, sell and otherwise deal with property or any interest therein, either directly or indirectly. LD-12051 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EACHERN CONSULTANTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/5/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12052 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for One (1) 4" Portable Pump to be used in the Department of Public Works. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on August 31, 2005 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Theresa L. Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes, which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF

LEGAL NOTICE

THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: August 10, 2005
LD-12054 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for One (1) Portable Standby Generator to be used in the Department of Public Works. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on August 31, 2005 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Theresa L. Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes, which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: August 10, 2005
LD-12055 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206
The name of the limited liability company is THE MASTER BATH, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was 07/26/05. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Schenectady. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke & Casserly, PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. LD-12059 (August 17, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CRES Insurance Services, LLC, with a fictitious name of CRES Insurance Agency Services. App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/26/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC org. in CA 2/21/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. LLC addr. in CA: P.O. Box 500810, San Diego, CA 92150. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LJ-12061 (August 17, 2005)

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Sports

Zito leads the pack into racing hall of fame

By ROB JONAS

There were a lot of horse racing stars in the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion last Monday in Saratoga Springs, but the one everyone came to see was a New York City boy who became one of the top thoroughbred trainers in the United States.

Nick Zito officially became the 80th trainer inducted into the National Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame, and the charismatic 57-year-old was both humble and humorous during his acceptance speech.

"I want to thank every horse I trained and every horse I never trained," joked Zito in front of a standing-room-only crowd inside a hall normally used for thoroughbred sales.

Zito entered the Hall of Fame with three stars of the steeple-

chase division — trainer Sidney Watters Jr., jockey Tommy Walsh and Lonsome Glory, which won more than \$1.4 million in purses during an eight-year racing career.

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate sharing the stage with Sam Watters, whom I've spent a lot of time with," Zito said in his opening remarks, "and with Tommy Walsh, whom I've had some conversations with over the years."

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Nick Zito

Several of Zito's Hall of Fame contemporaries were in attendance including D. Wayne Lukas, Allen Jerkens, Bill Mott, LeRoy Jolley, Frank Whiteley Jr. and Shug McGaughey. They assembled at the front of the stage prior to the formal induction ceremony along with several jockeys including Pat Day, Jerry Bailey and Ron Turcotte.

"I got goose bumps seeing all these trainers up here," Zito said.

Zito has racked up some impressive credentials over his 33-year career as a trainer. He's saddled two Kentucky Derby champions, a Preakness champion and — with Birdstone's victory last year — a Belmont

champion. Two of his horses, Storm Song and Bird Town, won overall championships. All told, Zito has more than 1,400 career victories, including 84 in graded stakes races.

"Some of us get a chance to do what we love," Zito said. "If we're lucky, we get to do them over and over."

Zito was introduced by thoroughbred owner Tom Hettinger, who has worked with Zito for more than two decades.

"Success has not changed him. Nick is the same man I met 23 years ago," Hettinger said. "He does not look up to kings or look down on hot walkers."

Watters is one of the most successful steeplechase trainers in racing history. He won or shared six season titles between 1948 and 1971, and two of his horses — Amber Driver and Shadow Brook — were steeplechase champions.

Watters' son Eric accepted for his 88-year-old father, who missed the ceremony.

"My father was once asked, 'What's your favorite thing to waste money on?' and he said, 'Buying horses,'" Eric said.

Walsh rode the steeplechase circuit for 12 years and finished with 253 victories, fifth on the career list. He set a record with

five consecutive wins in the Grand National Steeplechase in Great Britain before retiring to train steeplechase horses.

Day receives a warm welcome

Next to Zito, the largest ovation came when Day was introduced to the crowd — even though the audience was instructed by master of ceremonies Edward Bowen not to cheer until after the last name was called. The 1991 Hall of Fame inductee had just announced his retirement from riding last Thursday at

Churchill Downs in Louisville.

"I was overwhelmed by the reaction of the crowd when I got up to go forward," Day said.

Day also received a hug from Bailey, a 1994 inductee.

"I've known Jerry for a long time," Day said. "We've ridden against each other, and I believe we have a bond — as would anybody who'd been rivals for as long as we have."

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Week 4 schedule

The highlights for the fourth week of the Saratoga Race Course season include the following:

• Wednesday, Aug. 17 — Featured race is the Yaddo Handicap for fillies and mares 3 years old and up. There will also be various book signings at the National Museum of Racing across Union Avenue from the track beginning at 10 a.m. and a program at 11 a.m. featuring Saratoga trainers discussing their insights on thoroughbred racing.

• Friday, Aug. 19 — Featured race is the Grade II Lake Placid Handicap for 3-year-old fillies. Radio station 99.5 The River is sponsoring a family fun tent at the track, which will include face painting, children's games and activities and contests.

• Saturday, Aug. 20 — Featured race is the Grade I Alabama Stakes for 3-year-old fillies. The day also kicks off the week-long Travers Festival in the city. A chili cook-off to benefit the Backstretch Employees Services Team takes place from noon to 4 p.m. at the track.

• Sunday, Aug. 21 — Featured race is the Grade II Saratoga Breeder's Cup Handicap for 3-year-olds and up. It is also Saratoga Stein giveaway day. Fans receive a free stein with paid admission while supplies last. Following the races, the United States Military Academy Band will play a free show in Congress Park, starting at 6 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 22 — Featured race is the Union Avenue for New York-bred fillies and mares 3 years old and up.

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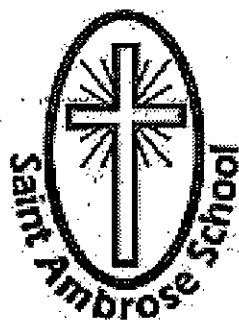
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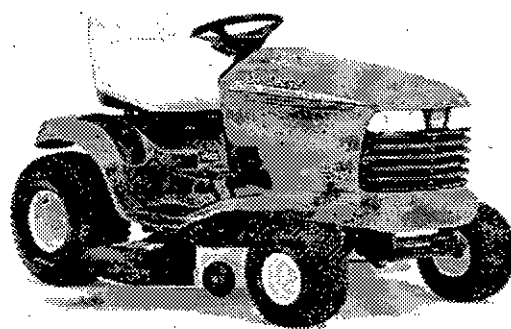


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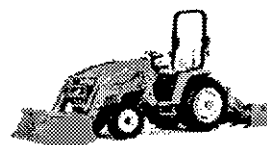


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Haggerty wins first town park race

Dan Haggerty of Guilderland edged Bob Irwin for first place in the first race of the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club cross country series Aug. 8 at Bethlehem Town Park.

Haggerty completed the five-kilometer course in a time of 16:34, one second ahead of Irwin. Bethlehem Central High School senior Matt Shaffer was third in a time of 17:19.

Other top-10 finishers from the town of Bethlehem included Fred Kitzrow of Delmar (sixth place, 19:03), Scott Davis of Bethlehem (seventh, 19:12), Chad Davey of Selkirk (eighth, 19:20), Jim

Maney of Slingerlands (ninth, 19:35) and Bruce Beesely of Delmar (10th, 19:36).

Bethlehem high school freshman Kristin Kenney claimed top honors in the women's division. Kenney finished 25th overall with a time of 21:55. Clayton A. Bouton High School student Hilary Edmunds took second in the women's division with a time of 23:43, two seconds ahead of Lisa Faist of Slingerlands.

Monday was the second installment of the three-race cross country series at Bethlehem Town Park in Delmar. The final race takes place Aug. 22 at 6:30

p.m. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. near the tennis courts. The cost is \$2 for club members and \$4 for non-members.

For information on the cross country racing series and other Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club events, visit www.hmrrc.com.

Lacrosse club offers training programs

Capital Land Lacrosse Club offers several fall programs for children and adults.

There is a boys lacrosse program for children in grades two through 12 and a girls program for students in grades four through 12. Both programs start Sept. 18.

There is also a stick-only beginner program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade starting Sept. 18.

The club is also offering a goaltender training program for boys and girls beginning Sept. 20. The program will teach shot stopping techniques and running a defense. Beginners through varsity-level goaltenders are welcome.

For adults, the club is offering a men's fall lacrosse program starting Sept. 6.

For information on these programs, call Chad Finck at 383-3245.

Soccer club slates junior referee course

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is offering a junior referee course Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 101 of Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue.

Junior referees must be 12 years old in order to take the course. A copy of a birth certificate is required to register.

The registration cost is \$12, and pre-registration is required since class size is limited to 25 students.

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teams from each division and two wild cards were chosen. However, some anomalies made things interesting. For instance, Colonie and Saratoga tied for first place in Division 3 with 2-1 records, but Colonie earned the division title by virtue of a regular-season win over Saratoga, even though Saratoga had the better overall record. As a result, Saratoga received a higher seed for the playoffs, despite not winning its own division.

It was fortunate for Colonie that it did win Division 3. Without that title, the Garnet Raiders might have sat home because of an opening week loss to Guilderland, which finished with the same regular season record as Colonie. Instead, Guilderland was left out of the playoffs.

"Last year's divisional set-up was kind of crazy," Colonie coach Mike Ambrosio said. "We snuck in, even though I didn't think we deserved to go."

Nobody will likely sneak into the class AA and C playoffs this year. Everyone plays their divisional opponents once,

leaving room for one crossover game per team on the seven-week schedule. In the event of a tie, head-to-head match-ups will be the only tiebreaker necessary. Three-way ties may require more tie-breaking procedures.

"It should be cut and dry. I don't think there should be any question," Ambrosio said.

Streamlining class AA and C from three to two divisions still keeps some rivals apart. Shen and Saratoga are in separate divisions in class AA, as are Colonie and Shaker. In class C, Mechanicville resumes its rivalries with Watervliet and Voorheesville in its new division, but the Red Raiders won't be battling Stillwater except in a crossover game.

VanDerzee said schools that lose a rival in the new divisional formats can still play that team in crossover games.

"If teams expressed an interest that (a rivalry) was something they wanted to keep, then we went with that" when coming up with the schedule, VanDerzee said.

Section II teams begin playing regular season games the weekend of Sept. 2 and 3.

Reid

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his contract, T.O. went against one of Reid's beliefs.

How stupid was that? Let me put it in these terms: if a boss tells all of his or her employees to work together on a project and one person decides to not pitch in his full share because he isn't being paid enough and lets his coworkers know it, would you expect that boss to let that person slide? No. That boss would tell that person to go find work somewhere else.

The only reason Reid hasn't told Owens to go somewhere else is because the Eagles need him, no matter how many times Reid and the other players point out that they got to the Super Bowl without him. If T.O. leaves, Philly's top three receivers will have a combined total of four professional catches heading into the season. And even if they can catch the ball, none of them have the speed and athleticism that Owens possesses.

So, Reid offered Owens a carrot on a stick. If T.O. is willing to put aside his displeasure over his pay and make peace with him and his teammates, Reid will welcome him back. Otherwise, Reid and the Eagles will likely go on without Owens.

It could be a costly stand for Reid. Even though the NFC isn't the strongest conference in the NFL, it is no less forgiving for a team with a glaring weakness than the AFC. If the Eagles struggle to create a consistent passing game without Owens, they may still make the playoffs but they won't be going to the Super Bowl.

If Philly fails in its Super Bowl quest, though, don't blame it on Andy Reid's decision to boot Terrell Owens. He was simply doing what any effective boss would do when faced with a malcontent.

Correction: Last week's column should have identified St. John's University's nickname as the Red Storm, not the Red Flash.

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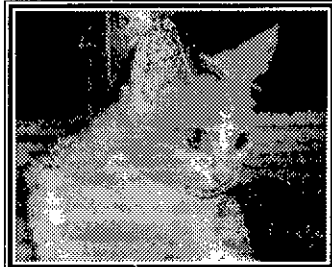
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Reid made the right move

From the sports desk...

By ROB JONAS

Terrell Owens has found the one National Football League coach who won't put up with his antics.

By telling T.O. to take a one-week time out, Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid has struck a blow for people everywhere tired of egotistical, me-first professional athletes.

We all know the story by now. Owens and Reid had words following a practice last week because the rest of the Eagles complained to Reid about how Owens was getting what they perceived was special treatment (i.e. missing an autograph signing session with fans, practicing on a separate field while rehabilitating a groin pull). When Owens didn't show any remorse, Reid told him to leave for one week.

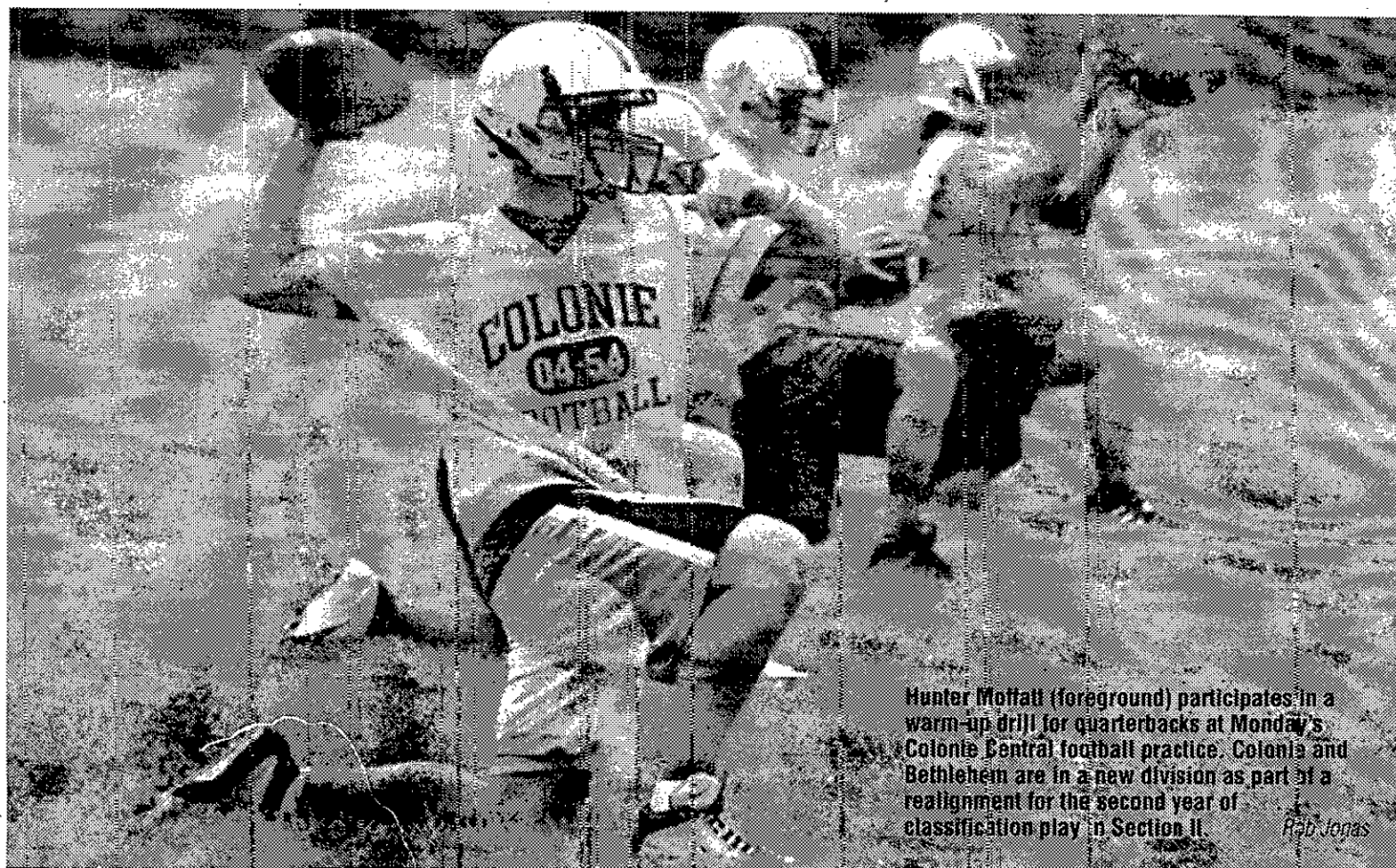
This wouldn't be newsworthy unless it involved T.O. After basically talking his way out of San Francisco following the 2003 season, Owens put up some huge numbers for Philly before breaking a leg with less than a month left in the regular season. The Eagles still had enough weapons to get them into the Super Bowl, where Owens actually showed some sense of selflessness by getting on the field and catching nine passes for 122 yards in a 24-21 loss to New England.

All that selflessness faded away almost the minute the final gun sounded. Owens fired his agent and signed on with Drew Rosenhaus and then demanded the Eagles give him a new contract, even though he signed a lucrative multi-year deal after being traded to Philly. Rosenhaus suggested that his new client would hold out of training camp if he didn't get more money, but Owens showed up on time. Unhappy (and he let everyone know that), but on time.

If Owens thought all of this wouldn't sour his relationship with Reid, he was sorely mistaken. Reid believes that no individual should ever put himself above the team, which is a crucial component of any winning football team (for reference, see the ratio of Super Bowl rings won by New England vs. the number of Pro Bowl players the Patriots have had over the last four years). By making so much noise about his displeasure over

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Sports



Hunter Moffatt (foreground) participates in a warm-up drill for quarterbacks at Monday's Colonie Central football practice. Colonie and Bethlehem are in a new division as part of a realignment for the second year of classification play in Section II.

Rob Jonas

Tinkering with the formula

Divisions change in class AA and C

By ROB JONAS

Compared to last year's seismic shift into classification play, the changes made to the Section II football landscape this year are relatively tame.

The class AA and C leagues have been realigned from three divisions to two divisions to simplify the method of determining playoff teams. Now, the top four teams from each division make

the playoffs, no questions asked.

"(League coaches) figured they were too small last year, so they wanted to go to two divisions," said Section II football chairman Gary VanDerzee.

"I'm very much in favor of the seven-team divisions," said longtime Shenendehowa coach Brent Steuerwald. "It's a much fairer arrangement in terms of determining playoff teams."

Last year's switch from the traditional league structure to classification play was designed to end debates about who got into the playoffs and where everyone was seeded, and it worked for the most part. Seeding meetings for

class A and B — often the most contentious because of the number of leagues that used to be involved — went smoothly under the new format where teams play a schedule against schools of a similar size.

"I was very happy with it. It went very, very well," said

VanDerzee, who also coaches at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk. "Everybody played on a level playing field, and everything was decided on the field."

Class AA was a different story. With three divisions, the top two

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Ch-ch-changes...

Old Class AA Division 1	New Class AA Division 1
Ballston Spa Columbia Guilderland Shaker Shenendehowa	Bethlehem CBA Colonie Columbia Guilderland Shenendehowa Troy
Division 2	Division 2
Albany Christian Brothers Academy LaSalle Institute Schenectady Troy	Albany Ballston Spa LaSalle Institute Niskayuna Saratoga Schenectady Shaker
Division 3	
Bethlehem Colonie Niskayuna Saratoga	
Class C Northern Division	Class C Division 1
Corinth Lake George Greenwich Schuylerville Granville	Canajoharie Catholic Central Chatham Coxsackie-Athens Mechanicville Voorheesville Watervliet
Central Division	
Catholic Central Stillwater Tamarac Mechanicville Hoosick Falls	
Southern Division	Division 2
Canajoharie Chatham Coxsackie-Athens Voorheesville Watervliet	Corinth Granville Greenwich Hoosick Falls Lake George Schuylerville Stillwater



Mohonasen running back Brad Carlton avoids the obstacles during Monday's football practice in Rotterdam.

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