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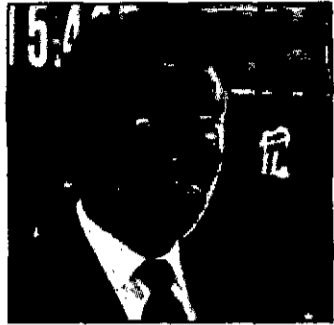
Crowds lined several streets in Delmar to support local community organizations

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McLaughlin eyes 108th seat

Republican Steve McLaughlin is challenging first-term Democrat Tim Gordon for the 108th Assembly District.

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Making things complicated

About 15 years ago, Joe Miller realized he was hearing a common complaint from fellow professional musicians around the Capital District: They missed playing complex, involved pieces like they had when they were studying in college.

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Lacrosse

Chicago Machine midfielder Mike Leveille hasn't stood still in more than a week.

The Delmar native and newly minted Major League Lacrosse player traveled from Foxborough, Mass., to Chicago with several stops in between.

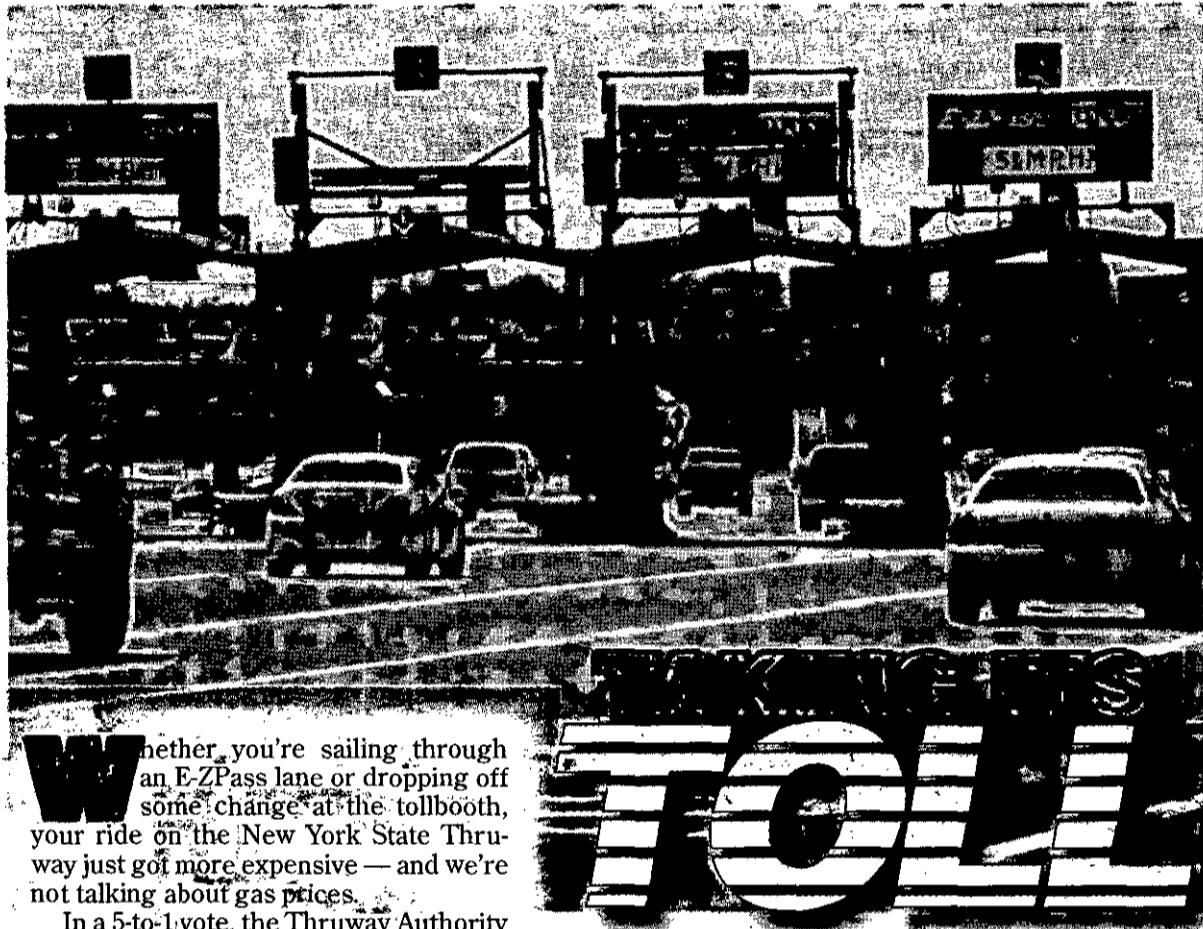
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Whether you're sailing through an E-ZPass lane or dropping off some change at the tollbooth, your ride on the New York State Thruway just got more expensive — and we're not talking about gas prices.

In a 5-to-1 vote, the Thruway Authority approved a phased-in 10 percent toll hike that will take place between July and Jan. 1, 2010; with a 5 percent increase slated for next year and another 5 percent increase the year after. There will also be increases in pre-paid annual commuter plans from \$80 to \$84 on Jan. 1, and then to \$88 on Jan. 1, 2010.

The plan allows participants to drive 30 miles per trip without any additional tolls for a flat yearly payment.

Thruway officials say the toll hikes are to pay for capital improvement projects and to maintain its current level of service along the more than 50-year-old aging roadway. The Thruway Authority said the measure is also in response to fewer drivers taking to the roadways and to help pay for Canal Corporation costs.

Politicians, from the governor on down, are saying, "Enough is enough,"

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As Thruway Authority raises rates, politicians fight back

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and are speaking out against the Thruway board's decision to increase its tolls. A measure passed in the Assembly is calling for the removal of all six current board members, while another measure in the Senate calls for Thruway Authority actions to be passed by the Legislature.

Some local commuters still say the Thru-

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By highway
or byway?

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Town hears noise law plans

Residents favor ordinance but worry about 'noise harassment'

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Bethlehem residents asked the town, "Can you hear me now?" as they listened to plans for a town-wide noise ordinance and overwhelmingly spoke in favor of its implementation.

In a Town Hall meeting Thursday, May 29, led by a task force of residents, town officials, and police and code-enforcement officers, dozens of people listened and gave feedback on the details of a possible town ordinance. Only two residents who attended the meeting said they were opposed to the town adopting a new noise law.

The Town Board created the task force Sept. 9 to complete an overview of the community's needs, to research the different aspects of a possible ordinance, and then, after public review, provide the Town Board

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Last day looms for Les Loomis

Friends and colleagues celebrate superintendent's 21-year career

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There was some roasting and lots of toasting at Les Loomis' retirement celebration at the Normanside Country Club.

Dozens of friends, family and colleagues both past and present

came together on the evening of Friday, May 30, to reflect on Loomis' 21 years as the superintendent of Bethlehem Central Schools.

Many speakers talked about the positive impact the long-time superintendent has had on the community and about his legacy as the district's leader. Others couldn't pass up the chance to get in some final ribbing at the expense of their boss and mentor.

Dave Rounds, a Bethlehem High School teacher and Bethlehem Central Teacher's Association president, was the first to really needle Loomis as he showed

the audience a tiny, 4-inch square booklet that he said comprised all the things Loomis had done to motivate the teachers in education over the past 20 years.

To a lighthearted round of laughter, Rounds continued, pulling out several large stacks of computer paper containing what said were e-mailed responses from teachers and administrators of their humorous accounts of working with Loomis.

He proceeded to read one of the fictitious e-mails to the audience.

"Dear Dave, thank you for the

opportunity to share my experiences ... do you remember when he hired Les?" Rounds read. "I do. I was on the hiring committee, and I specifically remember a young Dr. Loomis and his resume at Bethlehem. I have attached it for your review and to share with others his first resume."

Rounds held up a small stone tablet to the crowd roaring in laughter and said, "If you can't read hieroglyphics, it simply says, 'I'm Les Loomis. I graduated from Harvard. Please hire me.'"

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Police Blotter

Selkirk man charged with propositioning teens

John A. Robinson Jr., 32, of Old Ravena Road, Selkirk, has been arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a child and harassment, following an incident involving two high school-aged girls.

Bethlehem police report that they received a call on Wednesday, May 28, of "a suspicious vehicle and person" in the area of Route 9W and Glenmont Road in Glenmont.

Police said the operator of a brown and gold 1989 Chevrolet pick-up truck followed the two teens along on Route 9W before approaching them and offering them \$20 "to smell their feet."

The police report contends that

Robinson did this in order to "satisfy his own sexual gratification."

Robinson was arrested the next day, according to police reports, and was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court before being sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

Bethlehem police said they have reason to believe that there are other victims that may have been propositioned in a similar manner. Police said they are currently working with school officials to notify parents and students regarding the incident.

Police Lieutenant Thomas Heffernan said more victims have come forward since Bethlehem and Ravena school districts have

notified parents and students, but said he believes there may be more.

He added that Robinson may have been doing this "for several years."

Police are asking anyone that may have been approached by Robinson, or has additional information, to call the Bethlehem Police Department at 439-9973.

Other arrests

• Shaquana S. Cowan, 30, of Albany, was arrested on Tuesday, May 6, for second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and first-degree identity theft, both felonies, and petty larceny, a

misdemeanor.

Bethlehem police said the charges stem from a signed felony complaint dated Oct. 28 and that Cowan was arrested and processed on all three charges at the Bethlehem Police Station.

Cowan was arraigned in front of Town Justice Paul Dwyer and is scheduled to reappear in court on Tuesday, June 3, according to the arrest report.

She was released on her previous bail of \$10,000, which was continued in her case, the report states.

• Daniel Stevens, 19, of Feura Bush, was charged with felony third-degree burglary on Thursday, May 1, in Delmar.

Bethlehem police said that during an investigation, attempts to contact Stevens resulted in a talk with his father, and one hour later Stevens turned himself in to police custody.

He was arraigned before Bethlehem Town Justice Ryan Donovan, according to the arrest report, and the assistant district attorney recommended that he be released on previous bail.

Stevens is now under the supervision of the Albany County Probation Department, the report states.

Correction

In the May 28 issue of *The Spotlight* the article "Old development proposal gets new life," the proposed planned development district Dreamfield Estates was misidentified as the Van Dyke Spinney PDD. Both proposals were on the town board agenda for Wednesday, May 14, but the article was referring to Dreamfield Estates, not the Spinney development. *The Spotlight* regrets the mistake.

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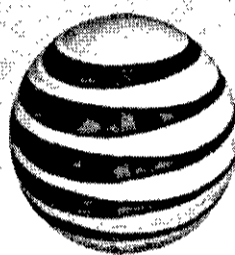
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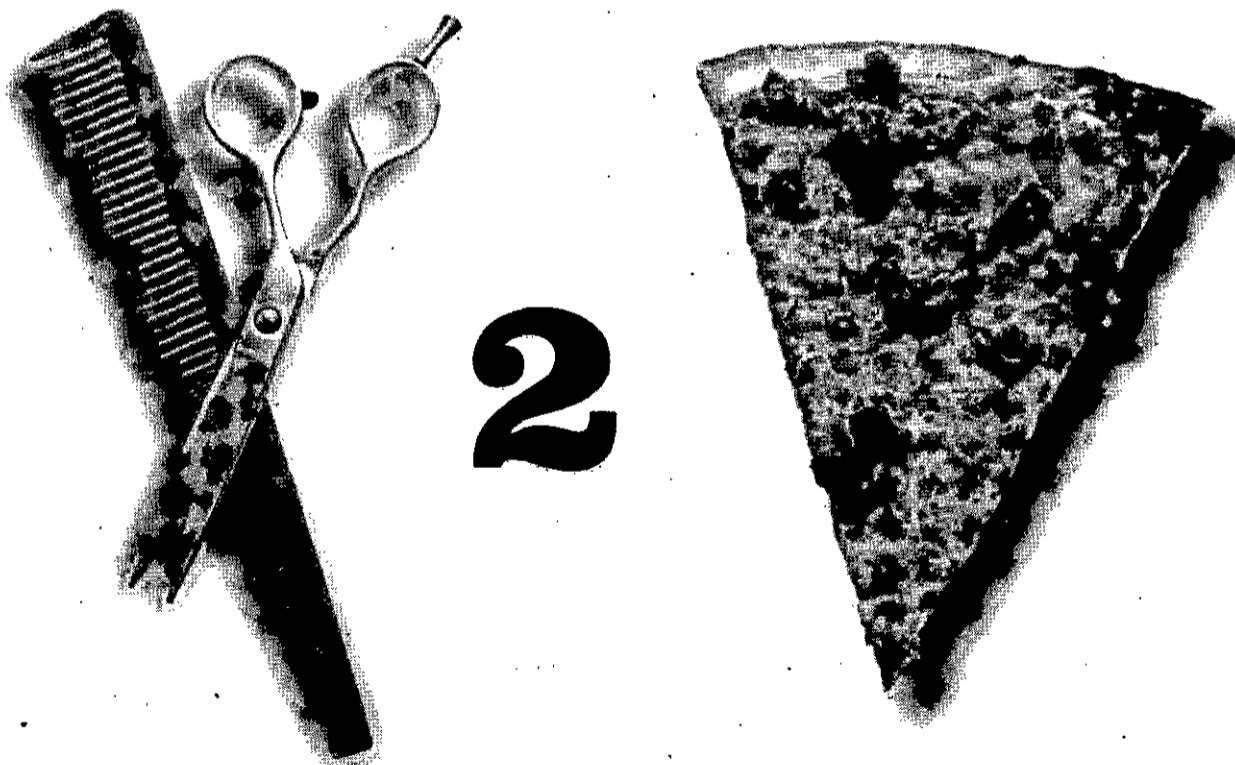
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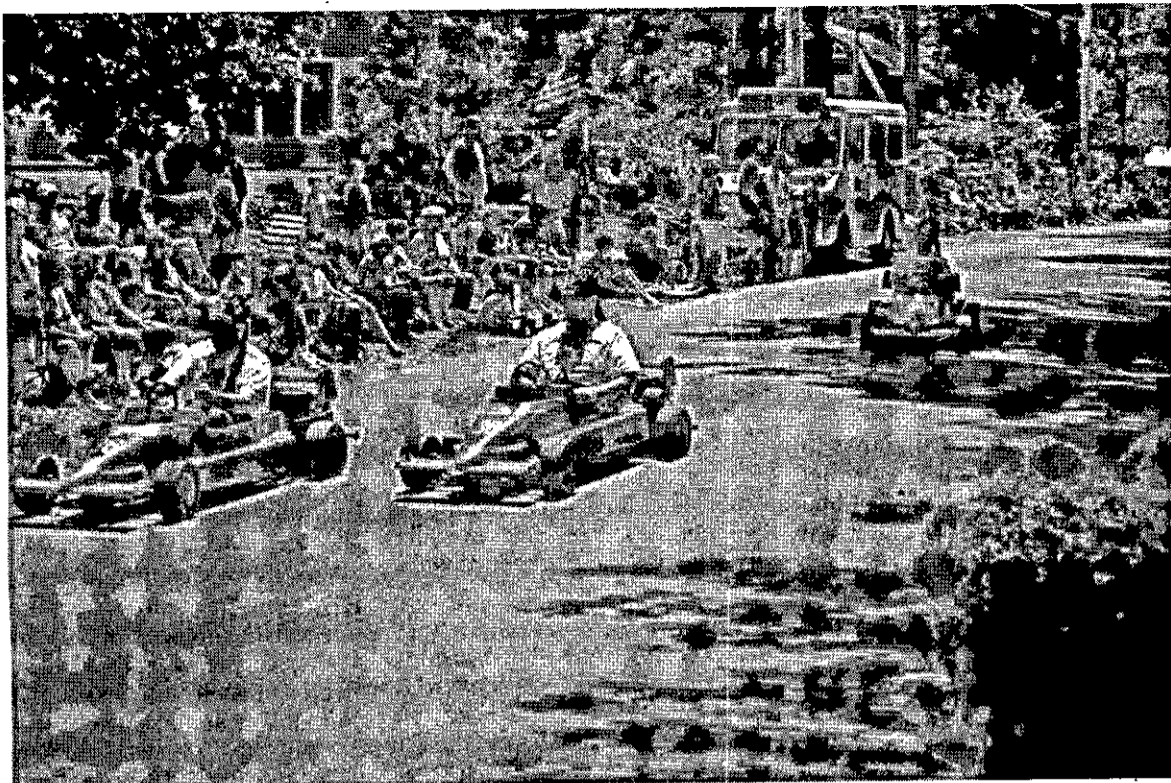
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Shriners on go-karts, area fire departments, and the BCHS band participate in the Bethlehem annual Memorial Day parade Monday, May 26.

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Helping a hero

Fundraiser to benefit family of young girl as she recovers from illness

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Blood truly is thicker than water as one Bethlehem family has discovered.

A parent's worst nightmare has turned into a miracle for the Okoniewski family when their 4-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder and her older brother donated life-saving bone marrow that has given the little girl a new lease on life.

In response, the Bethlehem community has stepped up by raising money for the Okoniewskis and will be holding a fundraiser called "Heroes for Hope" on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church.

"It's called Myelodysplasia Syndrome. It's a kind of leukemia," said Arlene Okoniewski. "We caught it in time. ... It was actually caught by accident when she had some wheezing in the chest area."

Okoniewski said her daughter, Serena, was 3 when they took her to the doctors to check on what she thought may have been asthma and also to check her blood levels for lead following national toy recalls from Chinese manufacturing plants.

She wasn't prepared, however, when the doctors said there was no lead in Serena's system but that there were "abnormalities" in her blood.

The Myelodysplastic Syndrome, or MDS, was formerly known as "pre-leukemia." It is a variety of blood, bone marrow, and lymph node conditions united by ineffective production of blood cells and has varying risks of transforming into acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

Approximately one-third of patients with MDS progress to AML within months to a few years.

In a majority of cases, the disease's course is chronic with degenerative affects, and Serena's case is extremely rare because the median age at diagnosis is between 60 and 75, and males are slightly more commonly affected than females are.

"We were scared and we all got tested as possible bone marrow donors," Okoniewski said. "None of us matched except our 10-year-old son, Steven. He was a perfect match."

But there were still a lot of obstacles ahead of little Serena, according to her mother.

"Before you get the transplant you have to totally wipe out the immune system," Okoniewski said, so the new marrow isn't affected or contaminated by any remnants of the disease.

Without an immune system, Serena could succumb to a simple cold or infection and die. That was also a lot of pressure for 10-year-old Steven if something went wrong with his sister's procedure, said Okoniewski.

"That's a lot of responsibility for a little boy. ... We tried to stress to him that the outcome was not his fault," she said of the possibility of Serena not surviving. "Even his teachers all told him that he couldn't blame himself if it didn't work."

In the end, the Okoniewskis went to Boston Children's Hospital, and the transplant was a success.

"He's basically the hero of our family," Okoniewski said of her son.

There were some complications during the recovery when Serena got an infection and had to be re-hospitalized for a few more weeks, but according to Okoniewski, the expert staff at Boston Children's Hospital came through for her daughter in more ways than one.

"They were just great to her there," she said. "They had a big birthday party for her while she was there ... to her she was like on vacation."

Serena now faces a yearlong recovery and is finally back home, but Okoniewski said, with such a weakened immune system, she can't go outside and no one can come into the house. A long list of precautions surrounds Serena's care, including having a strict diet and not being able to share food with anyone.

"We have to meet people outside if they come over to visit," Okoniewski said, but added that Serena seems to be handling the situation well.

The fundraiser was set up to help relieve some of the financial burden of the Okoniewskis' medical emergency.

Veronica Roddy put the event together because she is a part of a babysitting co-op in Bethlehem along with Okoniewski, and as a nurse herself, knows the costs associated with such a procedure.

"They are a private family, and I knew we had to do something because they weren't comfortable asking for help," Roddy said. "Arlene called me up and told me she wouldn't be able to be a part of the co-op any longer because of a family emergency, and I wasn't going to let that happen ... so we started sending meals over to the house."

Roddy went door-to-door to area businesses to get sponsors for the fundraising event, and said the response has been phenomenal and is a true showing of neighbors helping neighbors.

Heroes for Hope will take place on June 7, at the Delmar Reformed Church, at 386 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

It will include a community yard sale; a garden center; food concessions; a raffle center; a direct donations center; a blanket sale; inflatable bounce equipment; face painting; a craft area, and a hairstyle area; as well as chair massages.

Roddy said daycare will be provided to volunteers.

Donations of goods to be raffled off or be in the yard sale, to volunteer, or for any other information on the event, contact Roddy at 478-2232 or vroddy@nycapp.rr.com.

Monetary donations can also be made to the "Heroes for Hope Fund" at any local SEFCU branch, Roddy said.

Okoniewski, who has lived in Bethlehem for the past 20 years and is raising four children, said she's overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support.

"We are so touched and so pleased to live in such a caring community. It's been rather uplifting for us," she said. "We are very fortunate."

Community cheers parade

Popular Memorial Day event draws crowds

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The Town of Bethlehem's annual Memorial Day Parade held Monday, May 26, once again drew large numbers out into the sun to support local police, fire departments, servicemen and community organizations.

As one of the few remaining parades in the area held on Memorial Day, the Bethlehem event outshined shopping mall sales with Shriners, marching bands, servicemen and women, Little Leaguers and hockey club members as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts proudly showed off their troops' symbols. Fire companies, police officers and military personnel walked in unison past onlookers who cheered them for their service.

Some onlookers said the community interaction in the parade is what keeps people coming back year after year to support their neighbors and friends.

Barb Turi, whose son, Mike, marched with the Boy Scouts, and daughter, Gabi, marched with the Bethlehem Tomboys was there to watch both of them.

"The purpose [to keep the parade on Monday] is what it's meant to be for, not just for the kids to march," said Turi.

DeLaney said she believes the turnout at the event shows that the town has not forgotten what Memorial Day is about.

"[Memorial Day] is to remember, to remember everyone who has died in the past in service of our country," DeLaney said.

seventh day living in the area by going to the parade. The Crotts said they were surprised by the amount of participation and the turnout, saying that it was huge compared to what goes on in Florida.

The parade's 65 groups filled the streets, throwing candy and handing out flags.

Marty DeLaney, president of the Chamber of Commerce, points to the tight knit community and

volunteer participation in Bethlehem as a major part of the repeated success of the parade every year. Citing the Bethlehem High School band as a group that is "so heartwarming it gives me chills," because of band members' dedication to the event. DeLaney also points out that, unlike other communities, Bethlehem still has a traditional main street with people viewing the Four Corners as the historical business section of Bethlehem.

Kelly Nisiewicz, owner of the Closet Shop in Delmar, has lived in the area for 10 years and has a son who marches with the Tri-Valley Little League. Nisiewicz



Robert Kahnle was the 2008 Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade grand marshal.

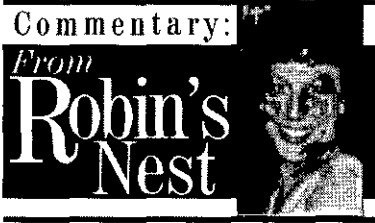
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Window treatments deserve a second opinion

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I hesitate to sound like Amelia Bedelia, but could someone please explain why windows need treatments? Is it to prevent window sickness?

Maybe windows have a self-esteem issue. They feel like they are being looked at all the time. Other times they feel like people just look right through them as if they are not even there. It's tough not knowing whether you'll be scrutinized or ignored on any given day.

I'm guessing that a group of interior designers, fabric manufacturers, and scientists came up with the concept of window treatments.

Before window treatments there were "window coverings," also known as curtains. Some window coverings included bed sheets slung over a rod. These primitive sheet-based window coverings are still used in modern times by college students, people who have just moved into a new home and anyone who does not want to go into debt.

Window treatments are expensive and they are not covered under any insurance plan.

I cut down on costs by waiting for other people to tire of their window treatments. This can take years.

When we bought our house the sellers were kind enough to leave shades or mini blinds in all of the upstairs rooms, shades in the living room and dining room, and drapes in the family room. A few years later my sister updated her living room and passed along the lovely valances that now hang in my dining room.

The valances in our master bedroom also came from my sister's house, along with a matching comforter/dust ruffle set I had coveted for some time. Though her bedroom windows had been well treated for many years, they did not survive a renovation. Alas, the old valances did not fit the replacement windows. Meanwhile, my windows, untreated for nearly a decade, finally received some decoration.

Aside from the expense, picking out window treatments is daunting because there are so many choices: Valances, balloon valances, sashes, drapes, curtains, panels, tab-top panels and scarves. Or you can do blinds, mini-blinds,

vertical blinds, horizontal blinds, plastic shades, fabric shades, or accordion shades that look like mini blinds.

In our house we have mostly valances and shades. We also dress our windowpanes with vinyl decorations that cling to the glass. Depending on the time of year the clings are in the shape of autumn leaves or snowflakes or tulips. So if we can't get close enough to actually look out the window, at least we have an idea what season it is.

Some people have seasonal window treatments: one set for spring and summer and another for fall and winter. That's probably a good way to avoid getting bored. Also, once the curtains are down you can clean them. For me, that's another reason to keep them hanging.

Poofy valances (ones stuffed with paper) and pleated curtains are a real challenge to maintain. They never look exactly like they do in the catalogue or the photograph on the front of the package. If you wash them they may not look right when you hang them back up. I think some people have their curtains dry-cleaned, which is like treating your window treatments to a day at the spa. Those people need to hope their window treatments don't get lost at the dry cleaners.

Dusting mini blinds takes

forever, especially when you do it infrequently. If you use the brush attachment to your vacuum, be careful; blinds are delicate. One wrong move and all the slats will be forever misaligned. The little pull string that raises and lowers the blinds gives out over time and loses control of the slats. Eventually, only one side of the slats will move at a time, resulting in a slanted window covering. Or, the slats will insist on unrolling their full length until the entire window and the wall underneath are covered down to the floor. Operating blinds is mighty tricky.

I like plain old shades, although they can be as sensitive as the mini-blinds. You need to learn the assorted secret "tugs" that signal the shade to go up or down a notch. Apply the wrong amount of pressure and the shade either refuses to go up or violently snaps out of your hand and quickly rolls into a tube.

I've had good luck with my living room shades. Usually I just leave them alone. I like the shades up so that sunlight can stream into the room. I only pull them down to avoid subjecting passers-by to my aerobic exercise routines. Those are infrequent, so neither my shades nor I get much of a workout.

I had a difficult time figuring out what to do with my living room windows. I looked through countless catalogues, spent hours in the department stores, and examined the window treatments in other people's houses. I even went to the fabric stores with my sewing sisters-in-law (one local, and one in from out of town) who have the talent to create curtains.

After much research I determined I could get sheer panels that would block the view but allow light through. The sheer panels would be hung under curtains. The curtains would be tied back to reveal the sheers. To darken the room, the curtains would be released.

Each of the four windows would need two sheer panels and two curtains plus the rods, tiebacks and miscellaneous

hardware. Oh, and a valance for the top. Or two valances for each window if I wanted an extra poofy look. Or four valances per window for a layered, poofy look.

Although I thought I had come to a window treatment decision, I realized that I really didn't want to cover the windows. I liked the look of the windows and I enjoyed having the ability to look out the entire window. I also didn't need yards of dust-collecting fabric.

Also, there was the matter of the green shag carpeting that came with the house. Not the type or color carpeting I would have selected myself, mind you, but one that was still in good shape. And after the expense of the new roof, new siding and new windows, replacing functional carpeting has never been a high priority. Plus, it's the kind of carpet where you don't need to worry about spills or dirty shoes.

Ultimately I decided to hang a simple floral pattern valance over each window. I was able to find reasonably priced valances with a similar color scheme to the wallpaper in the adjacent dining room, thus providing a sort of continuity of design.

Recently a friend and I were talking about window treatments. I told her the history of my living room valances. She said, "With that carpeting you've got, I couldn't have even told you if there was drapery in the room. No offense, but you walk into that room and it's like it's 1973."

Boy was I relieved that I didn't spend a bundle dressing each window only to have them rendered invisible by that '70s carpeting. I guess I could have skipped the valances too.

With my shag carpeting and vinyl window clings, I'm not worried about Better Homes and Garden stopping by for a photo shoot.

And unlike the storybook Mrs. Rogers, if I hired Amelia Bedelia to "Draw the curtains when the sun comes into the living room" I wouldn't be upset to come home to an illustration of my window treatments.



IN BRIEF

Program lets people sponsor cats

Under the Whiskers Animal Benevolent League's new "Sponsor a Cat" program, animal lovers can sponsor one of the cats at Whiskers through a tax-deductible contribution of \$25 (or more if you'd like) which will help to provide shelter, food and medical care. Vet bills alone are more than \$10,000 per month, according to the league.

Sponsors can choose from several categories of cats, including those that are not easily adoptable and don't handle adoption clinics well. These cats have special medical needs, have come from deplorable abuse or cat hoarder conditions and/or have sassy temperaments.

The not-for-profit Whiskers was established in 1982 to provide a safe, caring home for abandoned, abused and special needs cats while they wait to be adopted, and is also involved in rescue efforts and trap, neuter and release programs.

For information, call 448-9565.

UPS Stores holding race tickets raffle

The UPS Store locations in the Capital District and around the nation have teamed up with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation for a year-round initiative; the Toys for Tots Literacy Program.

To help raise money and awareness for the program, local Capital District UPS Stores are giving away four pairs of tickets to the upcoming Belmont Stakes. While no purchase is necessary to enter the drawing, stores are asking for a minimum \$1 donation for the Literacy Program.

The Belmont Stakes is Saturday, June 7, in Elmont and the drawings will be held Wednesday, June 4.

Republican has eyes on Assembly seat

Steve McLaughlin to challenge Gordon in 108th

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Republican Steve McLaughlin is challenging first-term Democrat Tim Gordon for the 108th Assembly District.

McLaughlin, R-Melrose, made his announcement on Thursday,



Steve McLaughlin

May 29, at a Hess gas station on Hoosick Street in Troy. A banker and former airline pilot, he told reporters that he is running to ease the financial burden on the middle class caused by soaring gas prices and ever-rising property taxes.

Running for his first political office, McLaughlin said the state's Assembly is being unfairly controlled by Downstate Democrats and that he is challenging Gordon, the Independence Party chairman

in Bethlehem, for stepping in line with Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, D-Manhattan, and other downstate Democrats.

"Upstate is getting pounded by the Downstate," McLaughlin said. "Let Downstate pick up the tab a little bit."

Contending that Upstaters have "at least one, and even two or three cars," because of being physically spread out, McLaughlin said that gas prices are causing a financial crisis in Capital District communities. With the mass transit alternatives available to downstate citizens, McLaughlin said, their influential representatives in the state Legislature are ignoring the problems of Upstate.

As a businessman, he said, the state should be run like a business.

"There are industries that do not bother to come to New York ... because of the regulations," McLaughlin said. "Since 2000, 1.2 million New Yorkers have left New York state. They didn't say, 'I love New York,' they said, 'I left New York.'"

McLaughlin and his wife of 17 years, Maggie, have an 11-year-old son, Sean, and a 12-year-old son, Danny, who both attend Hoosick Valley schools. He was a commercial pilot in Albany and

was also a corporate pilot for KeyBank, and has maintained "a perfect safety record" with more than 12,000 hours of flight time.

He questioned exactly what Gordon has done in the Assembly in the past year-and-a-half, and said that his strong work ethic and vocal opinions will help him as minority member of the Assembly.

"I think loud and clear; I can tell you there's two people who don't want to see me get elected, and that's Tim Gordon and Shelly Silver," McLaughlin said. "Because I can be the thorn in the side of Shelly Silver ... and I think break the iron grip on that Assembly. I think we do it one district at a time with good candidates and a positive message of hope and help."

McLaughlin said Gordon was "a nice enough guy," but wasn't getting the job done and simply follows Silver and other downstate legislators.

Gordon didn't respond to McLaughlin's accusations, saying that he "was focused on finishing

the rest of the session."

He has yet to make an announcement about whether he will seek re-election, but it is widely anticipated that Gordon will run for a second term in the fall.

McLaughlin will be running on the Republican and Conservative lines and was endorsed by former 108th District Assemblyman Pat Casale, R-Speigletown.

He said his campaign would be focused on capping property and gas taxes, keeping businesses in New York and attracting new ones, and to bring upstate issues back into statewide discussions.

He thanked his family for standing by his decision to run for office during the press conference.

"My sons only had one real question. They asked, 'Dad, if you win, do we get bodyguards?'" McLaughlin joked. "I told them that I was running for the Assembly, not for president."

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

No-way hikes

Most people, whether they pound away behind an office desk, dig ditches or shovel french fries, realize that often the reward for their hard work is ... more hard work.

New York's motorists are learning a similar lesson.

People have cruised the New York State Thruway since 1954, and have gone through various toll hikes and the institution of the E-ZPass system. Even after the Thruway's original construction bonds were paid off in the '90s, commuters continued to pony up because a bipartisan state advisory council decided in 1991 that the Thruway should be funded mainly by those who use it, and that means tolls.

The argument could be made that maintenance and improvements to New York's toll roads need to be paid for somehow, and if it's not done through tolls, it will be done through taxation. True enough, but more than a few New Yorkers — and a surprising number of New York's legislators — are worried less about the deteriorating condition of the state's blacktop than they are about the deteriorated condition of the entity that oversees it.

The New York State Thruway Authority was first created in 1950 to finance, construct and operate the roadways of the Thruway system.

Established as an independent public benefit corporation, the Authority's responsibilities were expanded, which made the Authority responsible for two toll-free state highways, Interstate 287 and Interstate 87 (the Northway); the New York State Canal System; and other mandated economic development projects.

The problem is, the six board members and executive director that weigh in on the toll increases are not elected and largely unchecked and unsupervised. In speaking against the most recent round of toll hikes, state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli said there had not been a "comprehensive effort to cut costs" and that a "toll hike should be the last resort."

You don't ask a pig to trim its own fat, and you can't expect an autonomous quasi-government agency to cut costs or jobs when it isn't beholden to the taxpayer or any existing legislation, for that matter.

So, cue the sudden outpour of legislation.

Assemblyman Tim Gordon, I-Bethlehem, and Assembly Minority Leader Jim Tedisco, R-Schenectady, recently passed a bill that would remove the current Thruway Authority Board.

Assemblyman Mark Schroeder, D-Buffalo, went one step further in introducing a bill that would abolish the Thruway Authority and replace it with a temporary 15-member bipartisan committee appointed by the governor and the legislature that would be responsible for transferring the Authority's responsibilities to state agencies.

Good luck with that. Addressing the Authority's problems will take years, maybe a decade — maybe it won't happen at all.

In the meantime, enjoy your reward for years of faithful toll-paying commutes: more tolls.

Editorial

Balancing writing and running

By SEAN AHERN
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The writer is a summer intern for Spotlight Newspapers' news department, entering his senior year at Colby-Sawyer College.

At Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., one of the requirements for all majors is the completion of a summer internship between junior and senior years.

This, of course, became a problem that my coach and I had to talk about as it would interfere with the time I would have to spend to work out and get ready for my final season on his illustrious Division III men's track and field team.

I am currently working as the editorial intern at *Spotlight Newspapers*, and when I am not trying to forward my career and understanding of what it means to be a reporter, I find myself running, jumping and throwing as a decathlete on my college track team.

For those of you not familiar with the decathlon, it comes from the Greek word meaning "hell incarnate." For two days, twice a year, if I make New England's event, I run a gantlet of races and events that would make a normal college student cry, "don't race me, bro!" Over the two days, I compete in 10 different events. The first day consists of the 100-meter dash, the long jump, shot put, high jump and the 400-meter dash. The second day adds 110-meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin, and the 1,500-meter run into the fray. For each event, I am awarded points, and after the 10 events, the total of those points decides if I qualify for any post-season activities, such as the NCAA Championships in Oshkosh, Wis., or more likely New England's, which were held this year at the Coast Guard Academy in New Haven, Conn. My current personal best

Point of View

for this event is somewhere around 4,630 points, which to the average person is above and beyond the call of duty and a feat of fitness. But to my coach, it is not good enough. A man who prides himself on breeding National All Americans in the sport (most notably a two-time female Javelin thrower last year and an All American decathlete a year before I entered college), he believes that the right amount of screaming, lifting, and overall breaking of a person's will mold that person into a great work of athletic art for the world to see.

In the summers after my freshmen and sophomore years, I spent my time tediously training and honing my skills in hurdles, long jump, and the mile to make myself stronger and proficient at what I was doing as an athlete. And every year I improved.

I pride myself on my lack of beer gut and my ability to do 200 sit-ups in less than 15 minutes, but sadly that is not good enough for the life of a college athlete on the off season, where you have to train so that the other guy can't beat you at your own game. This has been a problem as of late because I find myself balancing my time between my internship here, working at Price Chopper to make a quick summer buck, and seeing the few friends who are still around in good ol' Bethlehem from my high school days. When I have time and the energy to go out to the high school track for a few laps, I know it's not enough since it's hard to stay focused after a full day of activities. I can still run a 400 meter (one lap around a track) in under 52 seconds, and I can run a strong and steady mile in around five minutes and some change, but those times won't cut it as I get ready for next season even though I can outrun most of my friends.

My coach wants me to join a gym, put on muscle weight, bring my 400 meter time down as close to 50 seconds as possible, jump 20 feet in long jump, go 5-foot-5-inches in high jump and miraculously run a 4-minute, 45 second mile on time, every time.

Now I know some parents

would give and sacrifice for their child's athletic achievements, even pay for their gym membership to help them get said speed and strength to appease a coach, but the fact of the matter is that gas and milk are not cheap this year, and I would rather use my \$4 a gallon to get to my internship to further my academic and future goals than use it to send myself to a gym every day to bench press 155 pounds and watch my brain cells wither away. Last time I checked, I had about \$75 to my name in my bank account, and Planet Fitness memberships don't come cheap.

Since the age of 6, I have been told that academics and school work in general outweighs any sort of physical activity. This is not to say my parents are nerds who were picked last on the kickball team, but sensible people who believe in knowledge over brute strength. Unlike my coach, whose background is German literature and who was on a scholarship to play soccer for the University of Maryland.

There comes a time in every young man's life when he must choose what is more important: Throwing a javelin 120 feet or figuring out the best way to corner a school superintendent after a board meeting. Even though I believe that one hand helps the other in this case, since a javelin is of course the best way to get anyone's attention, I won't be going to the Olympics for my prowess in spear-chucking.

So when I told my coach that working out this summer would be tough with my schedule and my zealot-like devotion to my internship, he used the most overused line in human history.

"Life's tough."

And he's right. As much as it pains me to say it, he's right. Balancing your athletic activities and your future job studies is hard but it's something you have to deal with in the real world. If I want to get better and appease my coach, I have to work at it just like the credits I'm working toward with this internship. Even though my academics come first, I should know that if I want to get good at something it's going to take some practice.

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For information on submitting a Point of View, e-mail Executive Editor Tim Mulligan at mulligan@spotlightnews.com or call 439-4949.

Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Support Garden Club's tour and plant sale

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

It's that time of year again when the Bethlehem Garden Club hosts its annual Garden Tour and Perennial Plant Sale.

Last year, we had the great honor of being a tour host by opening up our home and gardens to the public. There were six beautiful gardens featured throughout the Town of Bethlehem. These gardens were presented in many shapes and sizes.

All gardeners and viewers can find so many varieties, textures, and color in plant material. These gardens are filled with ideas that you can take home with you to use in your own gardens. You don't have to be an expert.

The Bethlehem Garden Club is a non-profit organization and the annual garden tour is its primary fundraiser. The money is used to beautify the community, in addition to helping the environment.

By taking an active role in designating green spaces, propagation, pollution control,

and attracting beautiful birds, bees, and other wildlife, the Bethlehem Garden Club contributes to the health of our environment and fulfills the Garden Club's mission.

This year's Garden Tour will be held on Wednesday, June 11, from 4 to 8 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets are available that day beginning at 4 p.m. at the Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza parking lot and the Glenmont Price Chopper parking lot.

The plant sale will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library grounds located at Borthwick Avenue. Plant sale proceeds go to education grants awarded to local elementary schools.

Thank you to the Bethlehem Garden Club committee members who put so much time, effort and organization into this wonderful event.

Please come out and visit these beautiful gardens.

Charles and Louise
Kavanaugh
Delmar

Clearing up the shelter situation

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I'm writing this letter to help clarify some misconceptions that the public might have about Reigning Cats and Dogs role as a shelter for the Town of Bethlehem.

Reigning Cats and Dogs serves as the municipal shelter for the Town of Bethlehem. We are approved by the state Department of Agriculture and Markets to serve in this capacity.

Dogs brought to us are housed in a separate kennel area from our boarding and grooming customers. Dogs that are determined by the town's animal control officer to be sick

or dangerous are brought to the shelter in Menands.

We are not, and have never been, an adoption agency, nor are we a shelter that takes in animals privately. We only serve as the "holding" spot for dogs picked up by the Town of Bethlehem's animal control officers.

We do help facilitate adoptions for the Town of Bethlehem; however we do not adopt dogs out on our own. Those who do adopt use the Town of Bethlehem contract, and any adoption fees collected by us are used to help cover the town's expenses for sheltering an animal.

It is important (and also the law) for all dog owners to

have their dog(s) licensed in the municipality in which they reside.

If your pet is lost this will help facilitate their return. Dog licenses are good for one year, and must be renewed yearly. Stop by your local town hall with a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination to obtain a license.

Finally, we invite anyone in the Town of Bethlehem who believes that their dog may have been picked up by animal control to give us a call at 767-9718 and we will be glad to assist you.

Stephanie Slingerland
manager
Reigning Cats and Dogs

Town needs safer roads for cyclists

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am in full support of biking to work, as well as walking, jogging and running in the Town of Bethlehem.

Before that can safely happen, the town needs bike paths on wider roads and more sidewalks.

I would be seriously risking my life if I were to bicycle along Feura Bush Road.

I have seen pedestrians nearly hit along this road, and yet the road is one of the only connections to the only shopping area in Glenmont.

Bike to Work and Bike

Rodeo events are great, but we need a safe place to ride.

Susan Kambrich
Glenmont

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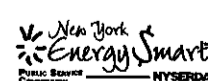
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Cookbooks can help turn local foods into great meals

Our area is rich with strawberries, sweet corn, tomatoes and more, and the season is approaching when we begin our quest for fresh local produce and ideas for how to prepare it. Luckily, VPL is ready to help you.

Farmer's markets typically open in late June and run through October. One very handy market to visit is the Altamont Farmers Market in Orsini Park (corner of Main and Maple) every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning July 1. Other locations of local growers and sellers can be found here:

•Times Union Eat Local blog:



www.timesunion.com/eatlocal
 • Farmers' Market Federation of New York: www.nyfarmersmarket.com

• Local Harvest: www.localharvest.org

Our librarians have suggestions for good cookbooks to follow to prepare your garden bounty, as well as interesting reads in the area of natural and processed foods. Take a look at

"The Omnivore's Dilemma" by Michael Pollan; "Plenty: One Man, One Woman," and "A Raucous Year of Eating Locally" by Smith and MacKinnon; "Eat Here: Homegrown Pleasures in a Global Supermarket" by Brian Halweil and "How to Pick a Peach: The Search for Flavor from Farm to Table" by Russ Parsons. Fruit and vegetable cookbooks abound - ask for recommendations.

area. The entire staff fessed up to their favorite escapist reading, resulting in a wide variety of books. Tough guys, spies, private eyes, "girl detectives" of any age, tales of travel, talking animals, scary stories, medieval monks, gardeners, ghosts, shopaholics in the city - you name it; there is something for everyone in this collection. Stop by and choose your vacation from reality today.

bear stories on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up, please.

Nonfiction discussion

The group meets on July 14 to discuss "Nixon and Mao: the Week that Changed the World" by Margaret Macmillan. Sign up at the reference desk and receive a copy of the book.

Barbara Vink

•All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Family evening stories

Teddy Bears' Picnic is the theme, so bring a blanket to sit on, a teddy to hug and we'll have a picnic on the lawn with lots of

Summer reading

Our annual display of packable, portable paperbacks is now set up in the library's magazine

IN BRIEF

Town plans trip to see show

The Town of New Scotland Recreation Committee is sponsoring a trip to New York City to see the Broadway play "Jersey Boys" on Friday, Oct. 17, for the 8 p.m. show. Tickets are on sale at New Scotland Town Hall. There will be a four-ticket limit per person. The \$165 cost includes bus, show and gratuity for bus driver.

Call Pat Geurtze at 475-0385 for information.

Host families needed for students

Host families are needed for 25 foreign exchange

students from the Basque region of Spain. All kinds of families are encouraged to participate.

The students arrive on Thursday, June 26, and depart at the end of July. They have medical insurance, spending money and have to pass an English proficiency exam to participate.

They require a bed and meals, but they can share a bedroom with another minor. They expect to be treated as one of the family with rules and chores. They will have several field trips to New York City, Lake George, etc. Families will be invited to participate in all field trips.

For information, contact Tracy at Gosouth00@aol.com.

Local teacher to attend national seminar

Bethlehem Central High School teacher James Yeara has been selected from a national applicant pool to attend one of 27 summer study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Yeara will participate in a seminar titled, "Religion in English History and Literature through 'The Canterbury Tales' Through 'Pilgrim's Progress.'" The four-week program will be held at Ohio State University and directed by John N. King.

The endowment is a federal agency that each summer supports seminars and institutes at colleges and universities so that teachers can study with experts in the humanities disciplines.

The 15 teachers selected to

participate in this program each receive a stipend of \$3,000 to cover their travel, study and living expenses.

Topics for the 27 seminars and institutes offered for teachers this summer include the works of Shakespeare, Chaucer and Petrarch; Latin, Spanish and Arabic literature; Himalayan

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IN BRIEF

Soares to speak at Chamber event

Alany County District Attorney David Soares will speak at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Buisness for Breakfast event on Thursday, June 5, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

Reservations are required and a donation of \$5 per person is suggested.

For information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 439-0512 or e-mail at info@bethlehemchamber.com.

Maria plans Open Acceptance Day

Anyone looking to start a two-year degree can come to the Maria College Application Acceptance Day on Thursday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Maria College, 700 New Scotland Ave.

Participants can learn about the college by talking with students, faculty and advisors, and with their transcript, immediate acceptance is possible.

For information, contact Maria College at 438-3111 or visit www.mariacollege.edu.

Board of education to meet

The next meeting for the Voorheesville Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Concert set for tonight

There will be a band concert at Voorheesville high school this evening at 7 in the Performing Arts Center. There will also be a spring concert for grades seven and eight on Thursday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Everyone is invited to attend these free concerts.

Town board to meet

The next meeting for the Town of New Scotland will be held on Wednesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall on Route 85, in Slingerlands. All are welcome.

Defensive driving program planned

A two-day defensive driving program will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The program is open to all valid drivers' license holders and costs \$10 for materials, payable upon signup at the Town Hall. Checks should be made payable to AARP. Class size will be limited to 30

NEWS NOTES

Voorheesville
Betsy Glath
765-4415



telescope and learn about what is visible in night sky with Albany Area Amateur Astronomers members. Meet in the field near the Nature Center parking area. Cloudy skies will cancel the program.

For information or to check the status of the program, call 872-0800.

On Sunday, June 8, Thacher will host "Invasive Shrub Removal" from 1 to 4 p.m.

This project is great for families, scout groups and anyone who just wants to get outside and do something. These plants invade our yards and woodlands. Enjoy a fresh strawberry dessert after the work is done.

For information or to register, call 872-0800.

people.

For information or to register, call the Town of New Scotland clerk's office at 439-4865.

Seniors set to meet

The next meeting for the New Scotland Seniors will be held on Wednesday, June 4, at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center.

Thacher to hold spring events

Participate in the National Trails Day program at Thacher Nature Center on Saturday, June 7, at 9 a.m. and help to trim back trails and reroute some sections of the Long Path. Tools will be provided or you can bring your own. Plan to meet at the nature center at 9 a.m. and work until noon, followed by a complementary barbecue lunch.

For information or to register for the lunch, call 872-0800.

On Saturday, June 7, at 8:30 p.m., come to Thacher Nature Center and view the stars and planets through a powerful

Red Cross to hold blood drive

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville on Saturday, June 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information or to make an appointment call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

The American Red Cross is also looking for blood drive sponsors, businesses, schools and community groups are urged to participate. To learn more about how to sponsor a blood drive, contact Sonja at 800-514-4319.

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IN BRIEF

Benefit to help Katrina victims

The outreach volunteers of the Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, have planned a concert to help volunteers from the church to buy building supplies when helping the Katrina survivors on Sunday, June 8, at 3 p.m. The program will feature George Smith on alto saxophone and Bill Jones on piano playing music from Chopin and Rachmanoff.

A free offering will be taken afterwards for the supplies.

Senior celebration planners need help

If you're the parent of a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, the Senior Celebration committee needs you.

The committee is seeking 67 more volunteers to work a shift at the post-graduation party scheduled from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday, June 27. Shifts are scheduled from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. or 2 to 5 a.m.

Volunteers can facilitate games or serve food.

To volunteer, call Karen Gloeckler at 439-2164 or e-mail LGKGx2@aol.com, or call Gloria Foley at 478-9858.

Church to hold strawberry dinner

On Saturday, June 9, the Unionville Reformed Church will hold a strawberry dinner with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Donations for the event are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children from 5 to 12 years of age. Children under 5 eat for free. Take out orders will be available at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

Reservations and take out orders can be reserved by calling 768-2183.

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Tour to spotlight Bethlehem gardens

If you admire and appreciate beautiful gardens, why not spend an evening enjoying the Bethlehem Garden Club's 12th annual Garden Tour on Wednesday, June 11, from 4 to 8 p.m.? This year's tour includes six gardens at private homes.

Garden tour tickets are \$15 and will be sold beginning at 4 p.m. in the Price Chopper parking lots in Glenmont and Slingerlands. The Garden Club will use proceeds for worthwhile purposes, which include creating and improving a variety of public gardens in Bethlehem.

The club will also have a plant sale and fine gardening raffle on Wednesday, June 11, on the Bethlehem Public Library lawn on Borthwick Avenue from 4 to 8 p.m. Proceeds from the plant sale will be used for an annual educational grant to an elementary school teacher in local districts.

You don't have to be an avid gardener to participate in these special events, but you probably should wear comfortable shoes, and keep in mind that surfaces may be uneven in places.

Upcoming program highlights

Saturday, June 7

• Chicken and biscuits and strawberry shortcake dinner at the Unionville Reformed Church, 4:30 p.m. (\$9 at the door). Bethlehem Senior transportation leaves Town



June 7 to 13

Hall at 3 to 3:30 p.m. with home pick-up available on a pre-arranged basis. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Sunday, June 8

• "7 Brides for 7 Brothers" matinee at the Mac-Haydn Theater in Chatham and dinner out at the White Stone Café in Ghent, 2 p.m. \$39 includes show and dinner. Only wait-listed tickets are available at this time. For information, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Monday, June 9

• Legal Aid Society and Albany County Department of Social Services Medicaid representatives will be available at Bethlehem Town Hall to answer food stamp questions and assist with applications. Appointments necessary. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Tuesday, June 10

• Seniors in Motion: A low-level aerobic exercise class in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. \$3 fee per class.

Wednesday, June 11

• Bethlehem Garden Club's garden tour and plant sale, 4

to 8 p.m. Tour tickets (\$15) sold beginning at 4 p.m. in Price Chopper parking lots in Slingerlands and Glenmont. Plant sale and fine gardening raffle on the Bethlehem Public Library lawn, Borthwick Ave., Delmar.

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, June 12

• Free Senior Legal Services Program for Albany County residents 60 years or older, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Appointment necessary. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Parkinson's support group: Generally held the second Thursday of each month, this group provides support, education, encouragement and information to people with Parkinson's disease and to their families, friends and neighbors. The Terrace at Beverwyck, Autumn Drive, Slingerlands, 7 p.m. For information and to confirm meeting date and time, call Wolfgang Wehman, 439-5252.

• Seniors grocery shopping

for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Friday, June 13

• Lunch at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands (cost on your own) followed by "A Century of American Musical Highlights," a video-lecture presentation by Richard Feldman at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Bethlehem Senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. with home pick-up available on a pre-arranged basis. The program is sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects Inc. and the Bethlehem Public Library. Donations are appreciated. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Seniors in Motion (see Tuesday's activities for details)

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Doris Davis,

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For information on the above or a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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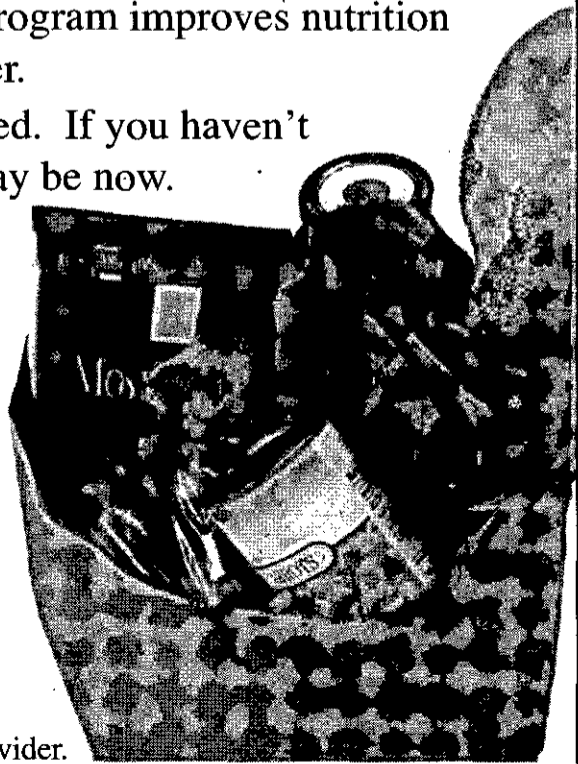
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IN BRIEF

Church changes clothing closet hours

Clarksville Community Church on Route 443 is changing the hours of its clothing closet service, which provides clothing for those in need. The new hours are Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.

For information, call 768-2916 or 439-5400.

Idea practitioner to hold meetings

Melody Burns, idea practitioner LLC, is holding two business meetings in Bethlehem to help local business owners.

On Thursday, June 5, "Finding Your Inner Superhero" will be held from 7:30 to 9:50 a.m. at a location that will be given at registration.

On Thursday, June 12, "My Business is Different than Your Business" will be held from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.

For information, contact Burns at melody@melodyburns.com.

Golf tournament to help food pantry

Sponsors are needed for this year's golf event on Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Colonie Golf and Country Club in Voorheesville. Sponsorships help the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

Registration and lunch are at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., with cocktails and dinner after golf.

For information, call 439-0512 or e-mail info@bethlehemchamber.com.

Group to meet at Delmar church

Q.U.I.L.T Inc. will meet on Friday, June 13, at 9:45 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. and a \$5 donation for non-members is requested. For information, call 439-1194 or go online at www.timesunion.com/communities/quilt for details.

Summer reading program has something for everyone

We're putting the final touches on this year's summer reading programs, and we have something for everyone.

The New York State Summer Reading Program theme this year is "Catch the Reading Bug," with no shortage of fun and opportunity for preschoolers, school age kids and teens. In addition to weekly prizes, goal prizes, and our annual bookmark contest, we've got a variety of really cool special events planned. The July/August edition of our newsletter will have the details.

Summer reading program signup begins Monday, June 23, and is ongoing. Sign up at the library or online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Reporting begins Monday, June 30, in the library, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Kids in grade K and up can maintain their personal reading logs online; preschoolers can pick up their reading record sheet at the library.



Basking in books

Our third annual summer reading program for adults and high school students also begins on Monday, June 30. Comment slips will be available at the information desk; fill one out for each book you read. Slips will be collected in a binder so that comments can be shared with other readers.

Your slip will also be entered in a weekly drawing for prizes: CertifiChecks donated by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Look for the bright yellow sign.

Teen volunteer opportunities

If you're in grades six to 12, you can volunteer for summer service at the library. Teen volunteers staff the summer reading desk, help with online submissions, lend a hand at events and activities, read to children, and assist library pages.

Applications are available

until Thursday, June 19, at the library or online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

All volunteers must attend an orientation session and work at least six hours between June 30 and Aug. 23.

Choose one orientation date: Thursday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. or Friday, June 27, at 11 a.m.

If you're interested in reading aloud to children and you'd like to learn the ropes, plan on coming to our teen story-reader training session on Tuesday, July 8, at 10 a.m.

Italy preview reminder

To find out more about the 2009 "Italian Masterpieces" tour sponsored by our library Friends, attend a preview and slide show Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium. Tour brochures with full itinerary are available in the library lobby, or go to friends.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Louise Grieco

• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

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Toll

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way is the best deal on the fair — even with the toll hikes.

"I go from Exit 23 to 25 round trip ... and I'm on a permit plan," said Don Roberts, a Delmar resident. "To me, quite honestly, I think the Thruway is one of the biggest bargains."

Roberts pays \$80 a year for his plan, and after using the Thruway for "over 40 years" to commute to work and back, he doesn't mind paying a little more.

When he was younger, Roberts said he worked up to 11 hours a day or more and had to drive in the dark quite often. He added that the Thruway is the safest route to drive in limited visibility and is also the most convenient.

Roberts admitted that he did try alternate routes "years ago," but that he has remained, and will remain, a Thruway regular.

Many legislators from both sides of aisle who are critical of the Thruway Authority point to an audit by Democratic State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli that cites poor financial practices and sparsely documented revenue projections.

DiNapoli issued a list of 10 recommendations in his Jan. 27, audit that the Thruway Authority should implement before increasing tolls, saying, "We urge the Authority's Board of Directors not to approve these proposed toll increases until it has considered the findings and recommendations contained in this audit report and has determined the extent to which the increases can be eliminated, reduced or postponed."

The Authority passed the toll

hikes on April 25.

"The actual, stated audit conclusion is that the proposed toll increases for July 2008 through January 2010, may not be necessary as presently envisioned," according to the comptroller's report. "We arrived at this conclusion based on our audit findings that the Authority has not made every reasonable effort to accurately estimate federal funding, prioritize its capital needs, reduce its operating costs, and maximize its revenues."

Assemblyman Tim Gordon, I-Bethlehem, who sponsored the bill to oust the current Thruway

to oust the current Thruway board was passed Tuesday, May 27, with bipartisan support, including Assembly Minority Leader James Tedisco, R-Schenectady, who has been an outspoken critic of the toll hike.

"He voted for it. ... He's been in strong and vocal opposition to it," said Tedisco's spokesman, Joshua Fitzpatrick. "[Tedisco] wants the Authority's responsibilities taken away and given to the ... elected representatives."

Thruway Authority representatives declined to comment on the passed Assembly bill or the pending Senate bill. The Authority also failed to respond to inquiries from *Spotlight Newspapers* on the matter over the course of several days.

The New York State Thruway opened to traffic in 1954 and is the longest toll super-highway system in the United States. The Thruway is a self-supporting operation, which means its costs are intended to be covered by its tolls and miscellaneous income. An independent public benefit corporation, the New York State Thruway Authority, was first created in 1950 to finance, construct, and operate the roadways of the Thruway system.

The Authority's responsibilities were expanded through a series of state laws in the early 1990s, which made the Authority additionally responsible for two toll-free state highways, Interstate 287 and Interstate 87 (the Northway); the New York State Canal System; and other mandated economic development projects.

The associated costs of operating the state's canal system is often cited by the Authority as

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Don Roberts

board, said that although there was a lengthy debate over the bill, only about 15 legislators opposed it in the Assembly.

"Basically ... I want to see the Thruway Authority Board replaced," Gordon said, but added that it most likely won't go through the Senate.

"I do ultimately think it will be a one-house bill," he said.

Gordon cited what he saw as several problems with the Thruway Authority, including that it had "no plan in place to collect delinquent E-ZPass payments," and that its "fiscally irresponsible" practices were forcing commuters into alternate routes in communities along the Thruway.

The added traffic would result in an increased cost for local highway maintenance to town and county taxpayers.

The Assembly bill, A.10286,

Toll or no toll — that is the question

Albany and Schenectady commuters can chart alternative routes

By JARRETT CARROLL
Spotlight Newspapers
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If you're driving along in your automobile in the Capital District and have to pay a toll each way between Albany and Schenectady, is it quicker and cheaper to take the Thruway or go off the beaten path and take the road less traveled?

Although this sounds more like the beginning of an Algebra problem, *Spotlight Newspapers* decided to take the voyage for itself.

Beginning where many of us begin our mornings, at a pair of chain coffee houses, the starting point was at 2500 Watt St., directly off of Route 7 in Rotterdam. Continuing onto a 2-mile stretch of Interstate 890 and eventually on to 5 miles of the Thruway off of Exit 25, the end point was 30 cents later, past the Albany Exit 24 interchange to the Interstate 90 exit for the University at Albany campus.

It is a daily commute taken by thousands of drivers who pay the toll each day.

For those who opt out of the Thruway system, we found an-

other route from Watt Street. Taking a right onto Route 7, a driver could take the nearby exit for Route 5 in downtown Schenectady and drive east along State Street for about 5 miles into Albany. Taking a right onto New Karner Road, Route 155, and driving to Washington Avenue Extension, the driver would then turn left and continue driving for more than 3 miles before the road turns into Washington Avenue and the university entrance appears.

The biggest difference between the two routes was the driving time during non-peak hours. However, the routes become comparable in time when making the rush-hour commute.

From beginning to end, the Thruway route is approximately 11.2 miles long. During non-peak hours the drive ended in a relatively quick 14 minutes, but jumped up to a 22-minute drive during rush hours.

A six-minute difference.

The no-toll, State Street route, is slightly less mileage being approximately 10.8 miles long between the two destinations. The non-peak driving time came in at 21 minutes, while the peak-time drive finished at 25 minutes even.

A four-minute difference.

It appears to all come down to your work schedule and

preference since the 9-to-5 gig may not be as common as it once was.

How gas prices will affect which route is cheaper is not as clear-cut, as the flow of traffic, your speed, your driving style, and your fuel efficiency would all be variables in figuring out the problem and would vary between peak-hours and non-peak-hours.

While the round-trip Thruway commute at its current 60-cent cost will average out to \$150 a year for a 50-week work year, the Thruway does offer discounted E-ZPass and annual permit rates to bring down these costs.

The E-ZPass rate for the same Thruway route is currently 46 cents roundtrip, but will rise to 58 cents in July of this year as part of the toll hikes. The 5 percent toll increases in 2009 and 2010 will not affect the Exit 24 and 25 commuter's cash rate, and it will remain 30 cents each way.

The annual commuter rate plan will increase however, rising from \$80 to \$84 in January of 2009 and eventually up to \$88 in 2010. The plan allows drivers to commute locally up to 30 miles each way without additional charges.

The plan saves drivers half of the cost of paying in cash each day, but requires an up front lump sum fee.

The increased tolls passed by the Thruway Authority in April go as follows:

- Effective June 29: E-ZPass discounts would be modified to 5 percent for all vehicle classes, as opposed to the current 10 percent discount off the 2005 cash rates for passenger cars and 5 percent discount off the 2005 cash rates for commercial vehicles. The Authority said a 10 percent additional discount would continue to be offered to customers driving certain high fuel efficiency and low emission vehicles and meet the eligibility requirements for the "Green Pass."

- January 2009: A general 5 percent increase to all Thruway rates will be implemented with comparable increases at the barriers of either 25 cents or 50 cents (except at the Grand Island Bridges). The 5 percent increase would also apply to most commuter rates and to monthly minimums.

- July 2009: Eligibility requirements will be modified for the special additional temporary "S" discount afforded to some commercial vehicle customers. These customers will be required to have an E-ZPass account with one of the Authorities served by the New York Customer Service Center (NYCSC), such as the Thruway Authority, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, or MTA Bridges and Tunnels, in order to continue to get the additional discount.

- January 2010: A general 5 percent increase to all Thruway rates, but there will be no changes to cash or E-ZPass rates at the Harriman, Yonkers and New Rochelle barriers or Grand Island Bridges. Tolls for passenger vehicles with a trailer and commercial vehicles at the Tappan Zee Bridge and Spring Valley Barrier will also increase by 5 percent. The monthly minimums for commuter and the annual permits plan would increase 5 percent, except at the Tappan Zee Bridge where the monthly minimums would remain \$60.

— Source: Thruway Authority Web site

a "mandated" burden, which results in Thruway funds being diverted from the roadways. Since 1990, the Authority reports that it has spent more than \$1 billion in Thruway revenue on these non-Thruway activities.

The new increase marks the seventh general toll increases instituted on the Thruway since its creation. The first was in 1959 and the sixth increase was approved in 2005 and implemented in January. The Authority is estimating that this new round of toll increases will generate a total of \$520 million in additional revenue between

2008 and 2012.

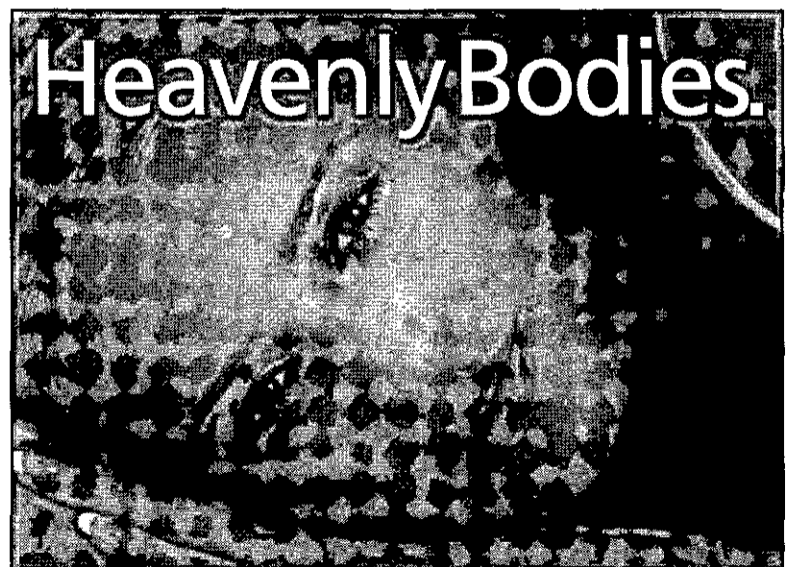
In a letter to Gov. David Paterson, dated April 24, the Thruway Authority wrote, "It is important to note that 638 of the Thruway's 807 bridges and 500 of the 570 miles of roadway currently over 50 years old and major investments are required to maintain current levels of safety and service."

"It is imperative that the Authority receive additional revenues, whether from tolls and/or additional federal aid," the letter concluded. "Or is relieved of mandated expenditures (such as the Canal System)."

There are many ways to chart a course these days, ranging from Mapquest, to GPS units, and cell phone devices, to the more traditional road maps and atlases available at most service stations.

So Capital District drivers,

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New candidate enters the 21st District race

Joseph P. Sullivan is ninth Dem to run for Congress

Joseph P. Sullivan, a recently enrolled Albany City Democrat, announced he is running for Congress in the 21st District as a Conservative Democrat in the Sept. 9 Democratic Primary.

Sullivan said some of his top priorities include national security; emergency/disaster preparedness; securing national borders; dealing with "tens of millions of illegal aliens who have violated our national sovereignty;" and combating terrorism.

"National security is the priority issue. If we are not safe, and if we cannot assure the continued availability of affordably priced oil, our economy will collapse, our way of life will disappear and our country will cease to exist," according to his campaign press release. "All the other issues

being focused on in various local, state and national elections won't matter."

A Navy veteran, Sullivan has a bachelor's degree in geography, which he received on the Korean GI Bill, and a master's degree in geography that he attended on a National Fellowship. Sullivan, a former Albany Republican committee member and former party chairman for the city, lives in Albany with his wife, Margaret, and has four grown children. He ran unsuccessfully on the Republican ticket against Gerald Jennings for Albany mayor in 2005.

Sullivan is currently retired and serves as president for the Buckingham Pond/Crestwood Neighborhood Association in Albany.

In his release, Sullivan said he would, "rather stay home with his two Australian shepherds, Red Paddy and Spotted Mick. However, duty calls."

—Jarrett Carroll

Loomis

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All kidding aside, there was no shortage of praise for Loomis and his family over what was described by many as a distinguished career and a legacy of leadership.

Included in the audience were several of the town's most prominent politicians such as Albany County Executive Michael Breslin; state Sen. Neil Breslin; Assemblyman Tim Gordon; and Supervisor Jack Cunningham.

All came to the event toting proclamations for Loomis.

"I represent 13 different school districts, and no one knew the issues or the intricacies of funding and how do you deal with the school district better than Les," Breslin told the crowd. "And he was always on top of his game. ... Les knew the issues, knew how to get to the issues, knew how to interact with the Legislature ... and Les was the best at it."

Gordon spoke next.

"This is truly a great celebration," Gordon said. "Ten years

from now, Bethlehem Central graduates who have been touched by Dr. Loomis, they themselves will have multiplied that gift in so many ways, and that's just so great."

Gordon thanked Loomis for being a trusted resource during his first term in the state Assembly and gave him a New York state proclamation from the Assembly acknowledging his years of service to the community.

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Neil Breslin

"You know, maybe he'll come back and visit us," Gordon joked, "although he didn't exactly indicate that."

Cunningham thanked Loomis next for his long years of community service.

"I think we all know many of the accomplishments that Dr. Loomis has had during his tenure as superintendent," Cunningham said. "Les has worked very hard and brought many of us kicking and screaming to the polls to vote for budgets and to vote for bond issues, but they were the right thing to do for our community and the right thing to do for our students; they were investments in our future, and we have Dr. Loomis to thank for that."

Diane Reagan, new principal of Eagle Elementary, played a video montage put to music that showed pictures of a much

younger Loomis with his family. Photos faded to black and white as written messages from people around the community scrolled across the screen.

"I have to admit I'm a little disappointed because after I heard 'vignette,' I thought we were doing wine sampling," Rounds joked after seeing the montage. "And after seeing the photos ... of a shirtless Les, I was praying to God that we were doing shots of everything the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms has banned for the last five years."

The man replacing Loomis as the district's superintendent, Michael Tebbano, also spoke during the event, joking that "As the president of the assistant superintendents that have worked with you over the years ... we have a lot of stories to tell about you, but not while you're here."

"You are the dynamic manager, that inspiring leader, you started an entire movement of continuous improvement," Tebbano said. "You have moved the district forward to be better, to develop stronger, and taught us to confront our future head-on in a collaborative way."

Lynne L. Lenhardt, a Bethlehem board of education member since 1988, was very instrumental in arranging and putting together Loomis's party. After recognizing some of the original board members who voted to hire Loomis, she thanked the countless people in attendance.

"I want thank everyone for all of these kind words ... thanks to all of you for attending," Lenhardt said. "This is wonderful. Certainly Les really deserves all of this."

Town forms farmland panel

The Bethlehem Town Board unanimously appointed a new Agricultural and Farmland Study Advisory Committee during its Wednesday, June 28, meeting.

The request came from Supervisor Jack Cunningham and the town's senior planner to create the committee, which will make recommendations to the town board in creating a farmland protection plan.

The following members were appointed: Lynn Dente; Nancy Neff; Tom Gallagher; Chuck Preska; Paul Kleinke; Tim Stant; George Leveille; Bob Verstandig Jr.; Stuart Lyman; and Giles

Wagoner.

"Their function is going to be to help create a farmland protection plan for the town," Cunningham said of the appointments. The committee will work in conjunction with the Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation, which is working on the town's open space plan.

However, Cunningham stressed that the two different committees will be working on two different plans.

"The people who are interested in each committee are interested in their own specific reasons," Cunningham said.

The committee is expected to meet and discuss a potential plan for between 12 and 18 months before giving its final recommendations to the Town Board.

The supervisor said that the town specifically contacted individuals involved in farming and other agricultural industries, as well as some town officials and appointees.

—Jarrett Carroll

Noise

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with a proposed draft noise ordinance.

Councilman Sam Messina was the town board's liaison for the task, which also included community representatives Jennifer DeFranco and Robert Jasinski; Bethlehem Deputy Police Chief Tim Beebe; and town code enforcer, Gil Boucher.

Messina said that the town's supervisor and board members have received numerous noise complaints and suggestions to create a noise ordinance over the years, and he pointed out that Bethlehem was one of the last remaining communities in the county not to have an ordinance in place.

"Of the 20 most populous communities around us in the Capital Region, 18 have noise ordinances. Bethlehem and one other community does not," Messina said at the meeting. "That doesn't mean that a noise ordinance is right for us, but it's a fact to consider in terms of why did they think it was. It is certainly reasonable to assess that."

Beebe said that the task force looked at the Guilderland sound ordinance as a comprehensive model because it is relatively new. However, the task force stressed that Bethlehem would be creating its own noise law to fit its own needs.

"We really looked at Guilderland's because of the way Guilderland is pretty much like our town. It has pretty much the same areas of commercial ...

and also residential. So its kind of set up like our town," said Beebe. "They kind of looked at the current issues going on."

Many issues were discussed at the meeting, ranging from enforcement and the cost of enforcement equipment, such as decibel readers, and man hours that would have to be implemented in the plan and what exemptions would be included.

Resident Steve DeFranco told the board of the evening when he described how his neighbor was using loud music "as a weapon."

"It started with them just playing loud music when they were outside, and many of the neighbors asked them very nicely to please to lower the volume, and that went on for about a summer," DeFranco said. "Then the next summer it happened again. ... They obviously made the decision to start using it as a weapon and they would start turning it up, and it got to the point that it is now that whenever anyone goes outside to enjoy their property, even when they're (the neighbors playing loud music) not outside."

DeFranco cited examples of the offensive noise, such as last summer when his neighbors on the other side of the house had a backyard birthday party full of 5 and 6 year olds when the "the most vulgar of rap music was blaring at this group of kids ... so they could clearly hear every word. If I were asked to repeat the words I would be escorted out ... but there was nothing that could be done."

DeFranco shared several other similar stories and claimed the noisy resident even told police,

"This is the town of Bethlehem, there is no noise ordinance."

Many other residents told stories of varying degrees of noise problem and all said they wanted a town law to be able to take action.

There were some dissenting comments, however, saying the town should air on the side of caution and to make sure people's rights were protected.

Messina told residents that sound equipment would be used and that police and code enforcement officers were already responding to noise calls but had no way to quantitatively measure the offensive noises.

Linda Jasinski, who lives in more rural southern Bethlehem, said she was against the noise law, or at the very least it should be tied to zoning where there is a more dense population density.

"I don't think we need a noise ordinance where we are, but I won't speak for the town," Jasinski said, pointing out that most of those in favor were from Delmar, Slingerlands and Glenmont. "We live differently. We live a rural lifestyle."

She said, for example, someone who works long hours and had to start working on his or her roof early in the morning before the rain started shouldn't be punished or fined.

"You know, the birds at 4 o'clock in the morning bothers me," Jasinski said. "But I can't stop that."

Task force members told residents that clear exemptions to the sound ordinance would be included as the policy takes shape.

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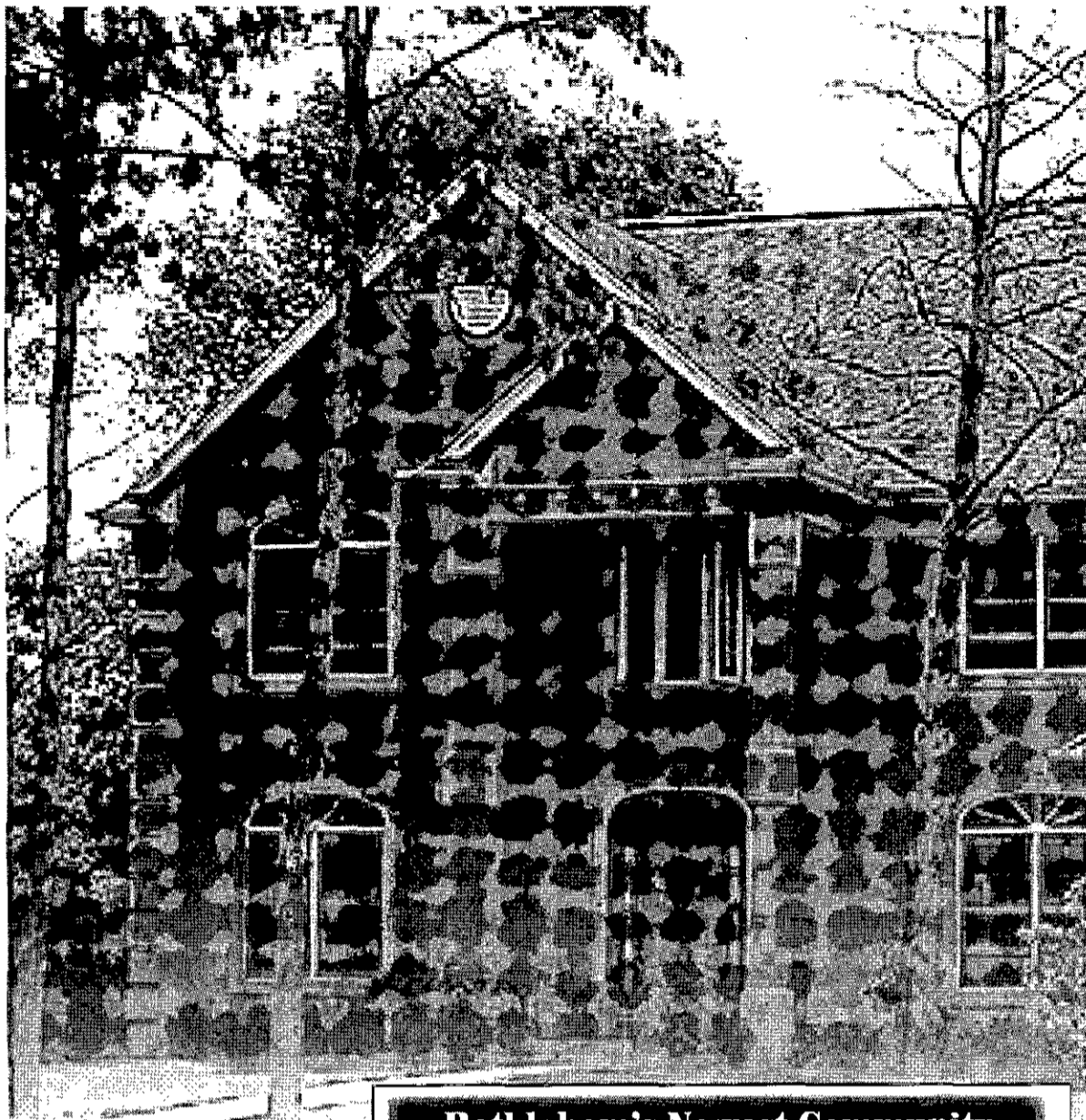
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- Ms. Altamont Fair: ages 22 and up, married or single
- Miss Altamont Fair: ages 16 to 21
- Junior Miss Altamont Fair: ages 12 to 15
- Young Miss Altamont Fair: ages 8 to 11
- Little Miss Altamont Fair: ages 5 to 7

There will be a pageant clinic on Saturday, Aug. 2. It will cover proper attire, hair and makeup. Anyone interested in the pageant may attend. The clinic will start

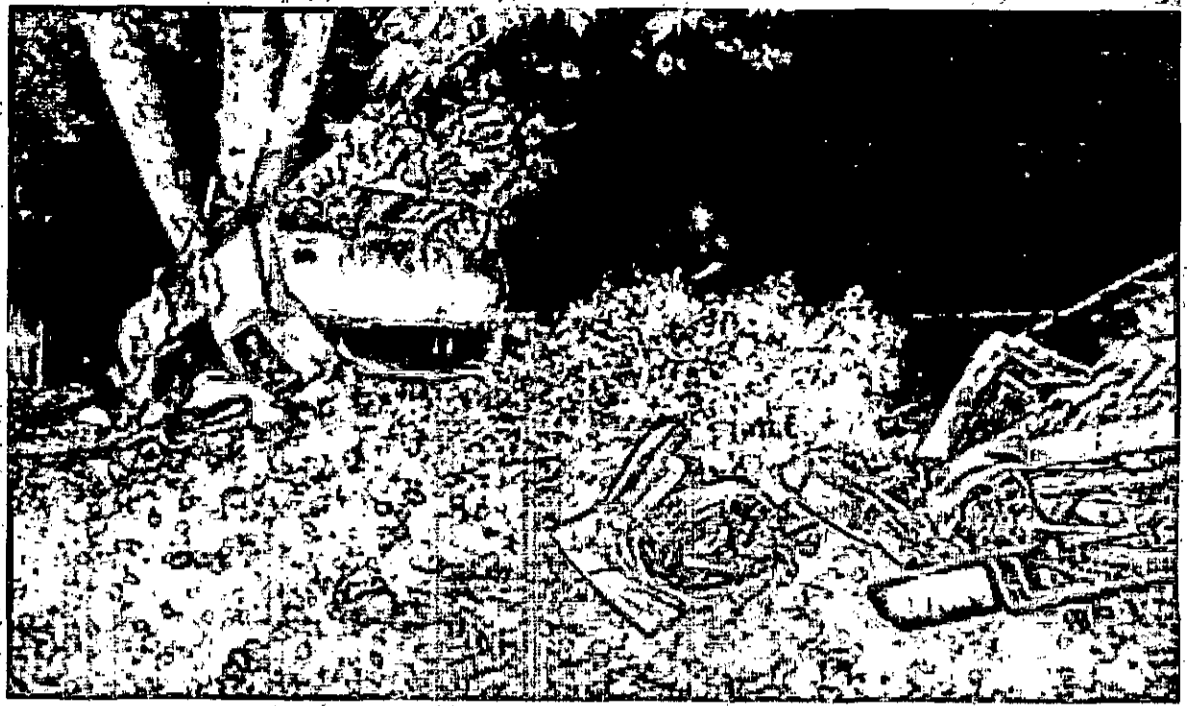
at 11 a.m. at the Reid Northrup stage, near gate 3 at the Altamont Fair Grounds.

Applications and fees must be submitted by Wednesday, Aug. 6. Applications are available at www.AltamontFair.com or by contacting the fair office at 861-6671 or Shirley Fronk, pageant director, at 872-7035.

Senior talent show slated

The third annual "Senior Idol" variety show is set to take place on Wednesday, June 18, at 3:30 p.m. at the Louise Corning Center, 25 Delaware Ave. The show will present 20 acts displaying the talents of seniors of Capital District. Tickets are \$10.

For information, call Senior Services of Albany at 465-3325.



A Coeymans man was hurt in this crash off Feura Bush Road on Saturday, May 24.

Coeymans fire chief hurt in crash

Bethlehem police officers and the Coeymans Fire Department responded to a severe car crash involving the Coeymans fire chief off Feura Bush Road on Saturday, May 24.

Police said they discovered that Robert C. Prior, 30, of Coeymans went off the roadway in his 2005 Ford pickup truck near East

Bayberry Road near the Colonial Acres development after he lost control of the vehicle.

Speed was a contributing factor, according to the accident report, which stated Prior "left the roadway sideways ... struck a tree on the right side of the box ... flipping upward where it struck a second tree before

dropping to the ground on its roof."

The truck "separated into two sections" and landed 60 feet away, the report stated, and Prior had to be removed from the vehicle and transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Lt. Thomas Heffernan said that the case was under investigation, but that Prior would most likely be given citations for speeding and not wearing a seatbelt. Pending a toxicology report, Heffernan said, he may also be facing possible alcohol-related charges.

The incident report also stated the property damage involved with the accident included a mailbox post, a lawn, trees and bushes.

Prior was listed in critical condition at Albany Medical, but Heffernan said he has since been stabilized, but remains in an induced coma. He is suffering from severe back injuries resulting from what Heffernan described as "a very bad crash."

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- If I am divorced, can I qualify for Social Security benefits under my ex-spouse's Social Security?
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Delmar mom finalist in Olympics contest

Delmar resident Tina Barach has been selected by Tyson Foods as one of the top 25 finalists eligible to be selected as Tyson's Gold Medal Mom and win a trip for two to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Tyson's Gold Medal Mom contest is a nationwide search for that one special mom worthy of gold-medal recognition. Among thousands of entries, Barach stood out as an inspirational woman whose selfless dedication has helped others to live their dreams.

She was nominated by her daughter, Eliza, who said her mother knows the true meaning of dedication and sacrifice. Eliza's entry was titled, "A real gold medalist," and described the sacrifices Barach has made for her daughter.

Barach's daughter has been a gymnast since the age of 5 when her dreams of competing at the NCAA level and going to the Olympics began. A few years ago, in the midst of her daughter's rigorous training, Barach lost her job and couldn't afford to pay the gymnastics tuition. In order to pay the bill, Barach took a night job cleaning the gym and continues to work there in order to keep her daughter's gold-medal dreams alive.

"My Mom has always been my biggest supporter," Eliza Barach wrote. "She has never missed a competition of mine. She cheers

"Whether I win or not, in my heart I have already won the best prize ever, being a mom to three awesome children."

Tina Barach

until her voice is gone, not just for me but for all my team as well."

Tina Barach said words can't describe how touched she is to be nominated and to be selected as one of Tyson's Gold Medal Mom finalists.

"Being nominated as a finalist is unbelievable. I was so surprised. Eliza's essay made me feel so proud to be her mom. She is such an amazing child I would do what ever it takes for her to continue her chosen sport," said Barach. "Knowing that she feels the way she does is what makes being a parent not a job but a gift. It would be my honor to sit with Eliza at the 2008 summer Olympics. Whether I win or not, in my heart I have already won the best prize ever, being a mom to three awesome children."

Voting in the Tyson Foods Gold Medal Mom contest is open until June 11, and can be done at www.goldmedalmom.com. The winner will be announced June 18.

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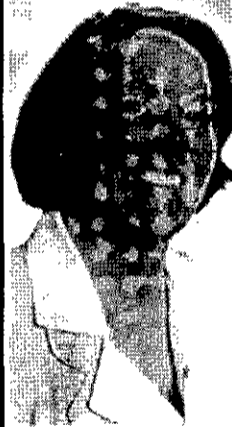


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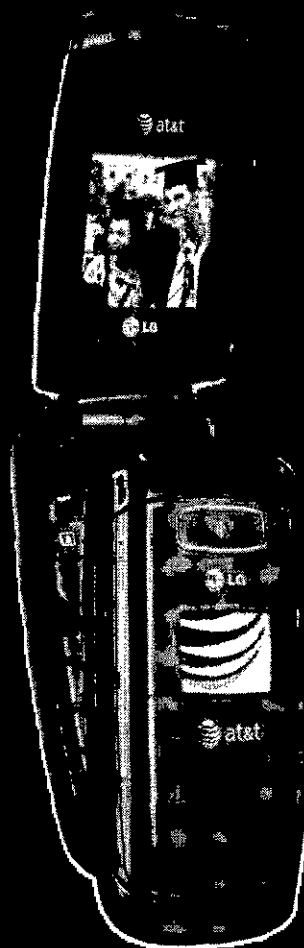
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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

William Fanshawe

William J. Fanshawe Jr., 82, of Slingerlands, died Thursday, May 22, at St. Peter's Hospital.

Growing up in Mineola, he served in the Navy during World War II. After the war, Mr. Fanshawe attended St. John's University and became a research chemist after graduating, continuing in that profession for over 40 years at Lederle Laboratories (now Wyeth) in Pearl River.

He developed numerous compounds that contributed significantly to the advancement of modern pharmacological medicine. He raised his family in Pearl River, where he was involved in numerous athletic and community activities.

Mr. Fanshawe was an avid skier, hiker and golfer, which were activities he shared with his children.

He and his wife of 25 years, Renee, moved to the Albany area, where they were communicants of the Church of Christ the King and members of the Albany Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Renee Mansell Fanshawe; four daughters, Helen (Gerard) Conway, and Janet (Edward) Bortz, Colleen (Stephen) Thacker, Maureen (Craig) Treankler; four sons, George (Barbara) Fanshawe, William (Deborah) Fanshawe III, Frank (Shannon) Fanshawe, and John (Julie) Fanshawe; stepchildren, William Sappington, Victoria (Donald) Denny, Pamela McPheron and Roberta (Richard) Moore; a sister, Marion Waswo; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and services were from

Christ the King Church in Guilderland.

A private burial took place on Tuesday at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Eugene Spanswick

Eugene E. Spanswick Jr., 51, of Voorheesville, died Thursday, May 22, at his home.

Born in Troy, he lived in Voorheesville for the past 27 years and, since 1999, Mr. Spanswick had been employed at Retail Service Associates.

He enjoyed golfing, and his family was very important to him.

His mother, Mary Lou Spanswick, died before him.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Laverty Spanswick; a daughter, Jaime (Mark) Tornquist Bonovita of Guilderland; two sons, Ryan and Eric Spanswick, both of Albany; three grandchildren; his father, Eugene E. Spanswick Sr. of Watervliet; two sisters, Cathy Bowen, and Susan (David) Vartigian; and a brother Robert Spanswick.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and burial will

be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

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

Margaret Hughes

Margaret P. Hughes, 88, of Brant Lake, died at her home on Saturday, May 24.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Hughes was a retired first-grade school teacher at Glenmont Elementary School, and she started her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Glenmont.

She and her husband, John, owned and operated Brant Lake Supply for 13 years.

"She enjoyed camping and traveling. Margaret instilled in her family an appreciation of nature," her family wrote in a tribute. "She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother."

She was the daughter of the late Franklin P. and Jessie (Abrams) Plume.

Her husband of 63 years, John M. Hughes Jr., died before her.

Survivors include four sons, John M. (Joyce) Hughes III of Chestertown, Alan B. (Lucille)

Hughes of Delmar, Thomas O. (Millie) Hughes of Brant Lake, James P. (Bonnie) Hughes of Chestertown; a daughter, Carol (Lewis Rems) A. Hughes of Bend, Ore.; two sisters, Harriet Renison of Brant Lake, and Ruth Plume of Brant Lake; two sisters-in-law, Joyce Plume of Colonie, Jean Plume of Rennselaer; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 30, in Memory's Garden Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Seagle Music Colony, P.O. Box 366, Schroon Lake 12870, or at seaglecolony.com.

Arrangements were by Barton-McDermott Funeral Home in Chestertown.

Lois J. Hotaling

Lois J. Hotaling, 74, died on Saturday, May 24, on the Outer Banks of North Carolina at Britthaven of Nags Head.

Born in Albany, she was the daughter of the late John and Sara (Burckhard) Goettel. Ms. Hotaling worked for the New York State Department of Labor and had retired eight years ago.

She lived in Slingerlands for 66 years, only having moved to Manteo, N.C., after retirement.

Survivors include a son, Ward D. (Connie M.) Hotaling of Voorheesville; a daughter, Michele Sola; two granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; a brother, John (Ethel) Goettel; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Guildershaven Animal Shelter, 6655 Route 158, Altamont 12009.

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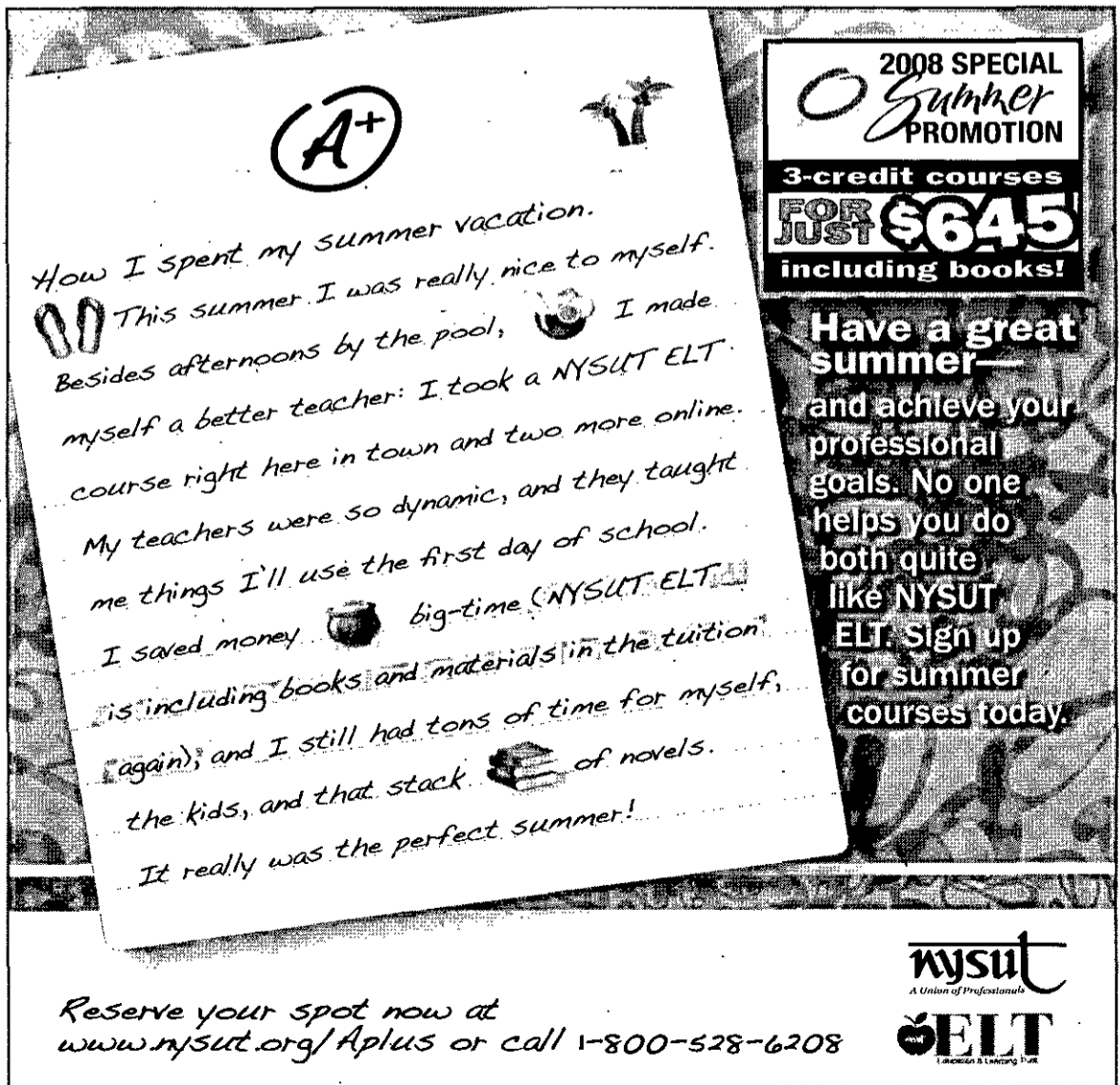
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Garry L. Veeder

Garry L. Veeder, 58, of Voorheesville, died Friday, May 23.

Born and educated in Niskayuna, he worked for the New York State Police as a forensic scientist for over 34 years. Mr. Veeder was a wildlife and nature enthusiast; a member of the Microscopy Association; the Audubon Society; the Blue Bird Society; a history buff; an avid hockey and River Rats fan; and a member of the Society for the Preservation of the Adirondacks.

He had developed the largest Tree Swallow colony in the Adirondack Park, which was published as an important area.

He was the son of the late Loisanna Veeder.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Donna M. (LaCasse) Veeder; daughters, Darcy (Daniel) N. Brunick of Alabama, and Stacy R. Veeder of Voorheesville; a son, Brendan Veeder of Voorheesville; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held privately at the convenience of the family and arrangements were by the Bond Funeral Home in Schenectady.

Contributions may be made to the Garry Veeder Memorial Fund at any Key Bank branch.

Shirley J. Johnson

Shirley J. Johnson, 85, of Delmar, died Thursday, May 29, at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Utica, Mrs. Johnson graduated from Cornell University in 1943 and taught in Andes and Pulaski.

In 1945, she married Mauritz Johnson and became his widow in 2000.

Mr. Johnson was a communicant of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and was active in the altar guild. She was also a member of the Bethlehem Garden Club and her hobbies included gardening, rug

hooking and sewing.

She was the daughter of the late Norman and Agatha Busacker.

Survivors include two sons, William R. (Sarah) Johnson of Charlottesville, Va., David C. Johnson of Mariaville; two daughters, Linnea M. (Frank) Johnson of Linnea, Utah, and Elizabeth A. (John) Flanagan of Holbrook, Mass.; two brothers, William Busacker of Little Falls, and Richard (Geraldine) Busacker of San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Janet (Elmer) Mathews of Westford; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made to Schenectady A.R.C., 214 State St., P.O. Box 2236, Schenectady 12301.

James C. Kearney

James Clement Kearney, 47, of Delmar, died Thursday, May 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Summit, NJ, he was the seventh of nine children of Dr. Paul A. and Mary Ann Kearney.

After graduating from Millburn High School, Mr. Kearney attended Providence College and Columbia University, where he received a degree in engineering.

He also attained a master's degree in business at the

University of Chicago.

Mr. Kearney enjoyed discussing market strategies and monetary policies as much as he liked dismantling machines and motors and working with wood. He loved the outdoors and left behind beautiful memories of time spent on ambitious hiking and ski trails with his wife of nearly 17 years, Nancy, and long sunny days on the beach with their young children.

"Jim possessed the warmest of smiles and the largest of hearts, always taking time to help others. Most of all, Jim loved his wife and cherished his four children," his family wrote in a tribute. "He loved to laugh with them and to share stories about them. He was immensely proud of all their accomplishments and awed by their ever-growing abilities."

His father, Dr. Paul Kearney, died before him.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy (Shine); two daughters, Jacqueline and Samantha; two sons, James C. Jr. and Liam; his mother, Mary Ann, of Morristown, N.J.; four brothers, Tony, John, Robert and Andy; and four sisters, Mary Ann Graham, Margaret Sullivan, Kelly Gibbons and Patricia Kologlu.

Services were from the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in Albany, and arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Center of AMC, 47 New Scotland Ave., MC 65, Albany 12208.

Milestones

Palmers celebrate 60 years of marriage

Oliver and Barbara Maguire Palmer of Elsmere celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 30 at the Golden Arrow in Lake Placid.

The couple met at the Rollatorium Skating Rink in McKownville in 1942. They were married April 30, 1948.

Oliver worked for Tobin Packing Co. for 34 years and then for the Town of Bethlehem until he retired. Barbara was a beautician for 57 years.

The Palmers have two children: Terri (David) Mirabile of Knox, and Cynthia Jo (Donald) Maclutsky of Delmar. They also have two grandchildren.



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Lifestyles *in the* Spotlight

Times are lean in the land of plenty

How to keep the grocery bill in check as food prices soar

We have to eat, but what if you had to choose between gas for your car and extra food for your family? With soaring prices, that's the reality faced by some lower- and middle-income families.

Daily you hear about the credit squeeze, foreclosures, lost jobs and stagnant wages. The economic forecast is gloomy, and as I pick up the paper or watch news reports, I feel gray and gloomy, too. Even as my favorite season – summer – is around the corner, who can afford to go anywhere with gas hitting \$4 a gallon?

It's inconceivable there is hunger in the United States in 2008, yet government officials project 28 million Americans (1 in 10) will receive food stamps by the end of the year. And there's a new face to hunger: many former middle-income earners who have lost jobs, fallen into debt and had their homes repossessed are swelling the ranks of the working poor.

Food stamp benefits average about \$1 per person per meal in 2007, but according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food prices rose 4 percent in 2007, compared with an average 2.5 percent annual increase for the past 15 years. And 2008 could be worse, with a rise of as much as 4.5 to 5.5 percent. The reality is food stamp benefits don't

keep pace with the rate of inflation and with current soaring prices, many families run out of food mid-month and have to rely on food banks.

Staples you buy each week can't be taken for granted any more. As per the U.S. Department of Agriculture, certain foods have seen dramatic spikes in prices – eggs are 30 percent more expensive than in 2007, milk 13 percent and cereals nearly 9 percent.

Dramatic price increases don't just affect food at home, but also the apple pie you buy at the local bakery, the half-pound of chocolate at the candy store or that plate of pasta at your favorite Italian restaurant. The cost for food away from home is forecast to increase 3.5 to 4.5 percent in 2008.

Rice is one staple I have an intimate relationship with, being of Hong Kong Chinese descent. It has such an important place in the Chinese culture that a popular greeting is translated as "Have you eaten rice yet?" Meaning, "Have you eaten yet?"

Rice is central to the diet of more than half the world's population, and with shortages and prices rising to a 19-year high in March, according to the World Bank, you can understand the United Nations setting up a task force to deal with the looming threat to growth and stability as 100 million people globally may be pushed into hunger if stocks remain low and prices continue to climb. Already shortages and high costs have sparked political instability, riots and protests.

Rice producers, such as Bangladesh, India and Vietnam, among others, have imposed tariffs or export bans, as they need to keep enough stock for their own populations and costs in check.

Should I be hoarding rice?

Experts say there are no domestic food shortages, although stocks of basics, such as wheat and soybean are uncommonly low. However, "The era of cheap food is over," say many officials, including Robert Zoellick, World Bank president.

Whether you attribute food prices to the weak dollar; a growing middle-class in developing countries buying more food; more crops planted for ethanol;

high oil prices or drought in Australia – a big food exporter – the fact remains, it affects what you put into your shopping baskets.

The one money-saving tip I can share is buy seasonal produce at farm stands or farmers' markets for quality, taste and cost. I've become a "localvore" – someone who buys locally grown foods that support a healthier environment and lifestyle, part of the "ethical eating" trend in 2008.

OK, I'm not making my own detergent from natural soap, Borax, baking soda and essential oils, as suggested by one mom online when researching for money-saving tips, but I can certainly make my own pizza for less than half the cost of a delivered one.

I surveyed my friends in the Capital District and elsewhere on their groceries, and everyone is feeling the pinch at the stores. They're paying \$5 to \$50 more on their weekly shopping bill compared to last year. All are concerned about the higher costs for dairy; eggs; produce; rice; bread; pastas; cereals and orange juice, and can't see an end in sight.

They offer several money-saving ideas:

- Plan meals and buy only for the week. One big shop per week and that's it.
- Shop around stores for better prices.
- Buy generic and "specials," and use coupons, but check price per unit.
- Buy fewer packaged foods and cut "indulgences," such as cookies and soda.
- Buy less meat and deli meat and substitute cheaper ingredients in recipes.
- Buy frozen vegetables for versatility and cost.
- Buy locally grown produce in season.
- Cook more.
- Use up foods in cupboards.
- Cook inexpensive and healthy beans.
- Cook cheaper "breakfast" items for dinner.
- Eat leftovers.
- Take packed lunches.
- Don't complain about the same meals!

Some of these things you may be doing already, but if anything people are now more conscious of food. More are buying and using it wisely and definitely not wasting it.

Sobering lessons in a country regarded by many across the world as the land of plenty.

Thanks to Anthony, Arlyn, Carmelina, Doohee, Elaine, Melissa and Teena for their input.

The writer is a transplant from London, England, via a short spell in Florida. She lives in Guilderland with her family and is currently on a career break to raise two young children. Comment on this story at her Coffee Mates blog at spotlightnews.com.

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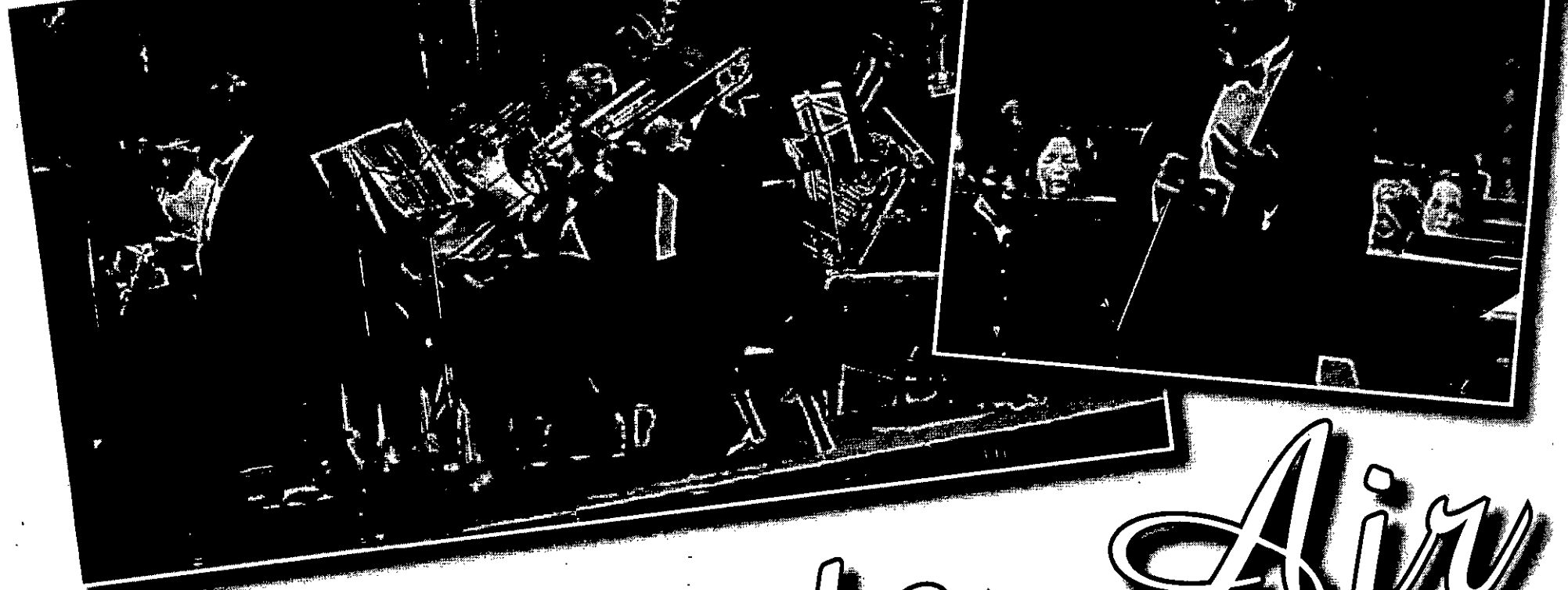
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

The Capital Region Wind Ensemble performs throughout the Capital District. In this picture, it puts on a concert in Glens Falls.

Brett Wery is the Capital Region Wind Ensemble's music director and conductor.



Intricate Air

Wind Ensemble performs complex pieces to the delight of local audiences

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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About 15 years ago, Joe Miller realized he was hearing a common complaint from fellow professional musicians

around the Capital District: They missed playing complex, involved pieces like they had when they were studying in college.

So Miller launched the Capital Region Wind Ensemble. He wasn't a stranger to community music groups; his dad, Chris Miller, was heavily involved with the Mechanicville City Band, and Miller essentially found his love of music among the members there.

From the beginning, though, the wind ensemble differentiated itself from other groups in the area.

The 45 members are largely current and retired music educators, and their focus extends beyond typical town band fare such as patriotic marches and medleys to classical and contemporary band literature.

Residents can hear the difference for themselves at the wind ensemble's third concert of the season on Sunday, June 8, at Schenectady County Community College. Slated for 3 p.m. in the college's Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium, the show will feature numbers such as Brehmer's "Early Light" and Tichelli's "Sun Dance."

Brett Wery, who conducts the wind ensemble at SCCC, joined the Capital Region Wind Ensemble in 1996, two years after its founding. He played the E flat clarinet — a terrible instrument, he joked, that is "high and squeaking."

Like other members, though, Wery is serious about his music, and he found the wind ensemble was a great place to immerse himself in the kind of elaborate compositions he didn't get a chance to regularly play.

"It started with a lot of like-minded people," Wery said. "I think it's the love of literature that makes it work."

The fondness for the music isn't all the members have in common. Wery said the group is one of the closest he's ever played in, with members thinking of one another like family.

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So when Miller, who retired from teaching music in the Shenendehowa school district, announced a few years ago that he was moving to Florida, members were determined to keep the wind ensemble going despite his absence.

"Everyone in the group was having a great time," Wery said. "We're all great friends."

Miller tapped Wery to take over as music director and conductor. The two keep in regular touch via e-mail, and Wery never hesitates to bounce ideas and brainstorm off Miller.

"He's still connected to the group in a meaningful way," Wery said.

Because of Wery's affiliation with SCCC, the group was able

to start practicing there, and it's now SCCC's wind ensemble in residence. It puts on three shows a year; the first features a smaller group of only about a dozen musicians, the second incorporates high school students, and the third, which is what Sunday's show will be, tends to be a little "lighter," according to Wery. That means that in addition to the deeper literature pieces, there are some tunes that the audience should recognize.

"We're always going to have music that's familiar," Wery said.

The ensemble stages only three practices per concert, which Wery said is possible because of the passion they have for their craft.

"They're doing this out of the love for the music," he said. "I can trust them to come, really prepared."

As for the audience, Wery just asks that people come to the concerts with an open mind.

"I've had a lot of people tell me, 'I didn't think I was going to like that kind of music,'" he said. But the ensemble surprises them by putting on an "informative, highly entertaining show," he said.

"It's just a thrilling sound," he said. "It's so athletic to hear it go down. You can really see individuals making it happen."

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"Focus on Five," works by Sharon Bates, Alien Grindie, Phillis Kulmatisky, Harold Lohner and Michael Oatman, through Aug. 3, plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute

of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Locally Grown," a celebration of the Art & Culture Program's 10th anniversary, through Sept. 7; "Repetitive Nature," in Concourse A gallery; "Air Craft," photos by Jeffrey Milstein; plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, as well as installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Spring Fever," a Colonie Art League members' show, through July 31, 961 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Dawn of Modern Dance: Music, Myth and Movement," exhibit chronicling the careers of Ruth St. Denis and Isadora Duncan, plus ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

"Worth a Thousand Muskets: Civil War Field Artillery," "Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "World War II: United for Victory," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 581-5100.

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"Chica-Boom," through June 27, 71 Fourth Street, Troy. Information, 272-1918.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Focus on Modernism," through Sept. 14, 161 North Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Framing Colonial Albany," through July 6; "Pictorial Vision: American and European Photography," through Aug. 17; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Joseph Grigely: St. Cecilia," through June 8; "Dean Snyder: Almost Blue," through Aug. 31, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Immigration, Politics and Caricature: Ethnic and Political Images from the Appel, Arkell and Zim House Collections," through June 8; "Famous and Fabulous Portraits: From George Washington to the Golden Girl," through July 20; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

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- 3 Inscrutable
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- 7 Sicilian city
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- 10 New York
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- 12 Appear
- 13 Singer Horne
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Albany County based Feinberg Environmental Services LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/24/2008. SSNY is agent upon whom processes are served. Service address: 97 Brockley Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18722 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 203
1. The name of the limited liability company is Eggison Property Management, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was April 10, 2008.
3. The County in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as the 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: PO Box 6403, Albany, New York 12206.
5. 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-18725 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
The Albany Agency, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on April 16, 2008. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 8 Southwoods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. The street address of the principal business location is 8 Southwoods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-18727 (June 4, 2008)

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Articles of Organization for Lawrence D. Jones & Associates, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 31, 2008, under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law. Office location is Albany County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon which process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, New York 12054. Registered Agent of the LLC on whom and at which process against the LLC can be served is: Friedman and Molinsek, P.C., 2 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Real Estate Transactions, Executive Recruiting and Consulting LD-18732 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

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COMPANY. NAME: 145-66 229th STREET REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/11/08. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2107. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Rutha Ash, 144-28 221st Street, Springfield Gardens, New York 11413. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18740 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FORT GREENE BUILDERS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/29/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 42-40 204th Street, Bayside, New York 11361. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18741 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/21/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 858 Maxwell Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18742 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 163 W 80 MEMBER LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/21/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 245 Park Avenue, 39th Floor, New York, New York 10167. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18743 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: D.P. PRATER STUDIO L.L.C.. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/24/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 227 E. 14th Street, #3E, New York, New York 10003. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18744 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FLAVIA SOUZA STUDIOS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/23/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of

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process to the LLC, 227 East 14th Street, #3A, New York, New York 10003. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18745 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PRETTY DORM SIMPLE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/03/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Law Offices of Howard Leder, 261 Madison Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18746 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ALL SAFE SELF STORAGE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/09/08. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2107. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Post Office Box 274, Hannacroix, New York 12087-0274. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18747 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: DIMAIO MRUK ARCHITECTS PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/25/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 132 Myrtle Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey 07041. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Architecture. LD-18748 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ORATION GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/26/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 80 North Moore Street, #39C, New York, New York 10013. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18749 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SPANISH MOON, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/24/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ronald H. Gitter, Esq., 110 East 59th Street, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10022. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18750 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RALSTON CONTRACTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/31/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Post Office Box 12095, Albany, New York 12212. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18751 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WHITE-COT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/22/08. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2107. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Two Bay Club Drive, #19R, Bayside, New York 11360. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18752 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WS CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1430 47th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18753 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JDR PARTNERS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/23/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o David Brownstein, 111 Bedford Street, New York, New York 10014. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18754 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of Long Dock Beacon Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/08. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/8/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Foss Group Beacon, 163 Delaware Ave., Ate. 102, Delmar, NY 12054. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-18755 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of 74 Leonard St., LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/08. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/15/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against

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it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Stacey L. Sokol, 2029 Century Park East, Ste. 900, Los Angeles, CA 90067. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o RASI, 32 W. Lookerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-18756 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of 74 Leonard St. Associates, L.P. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/21/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Stacy L. Sokoi, 2029 Century Park East, Ste. 900, Los Angeles, CA 90067. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Term: until 12/31/2038. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-18757 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of 74 Leonard St. Ventures, L.P. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/21/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Stacy L. Sokoi, 2029 Century Park East, Ste. 900, Los Angeles, CA 90067. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Term: until 12/31/2038. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-18758 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Ambient New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/9/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1801 N. Lamar St., Ste. 200, Dallas, TX 75202. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18759 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of Laminar Technologies, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/18/08. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Wisconsin (WI) on 2/12/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 11 W. Illinois St., 3rd Fl., Chicago, IL 60610. Arts. of Org. filed with WI Secy. of State, 345 W. Washington Ave., 3rd Fl., Madison, WI 53703. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18760 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of MAX MORTGAGE, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/17/08. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: One Home Campus, Mac# X2401-049; Des Moines, IA 50328. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/1/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: to provide residential mortgage lending LD-18761 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Wawayanda Acquisition, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/22/08. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-18762 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of NEC Financial Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/23/2008. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 395 North Service Road, Ste. 407, Melville, NY 11747. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/27/1984. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18763 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of formation of Segal and Baskin, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/2008. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The Segal and Baskin, LLC, 1738 New Scotland Ave, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-18764 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of Imperial Life Settlements, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/18/08. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/28/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-18766 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Marlin Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/21/08. Office location: Albany County. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: 76 Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-18768 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of a domestic Professional Service Limited Liability Company (PLLC). Name: Giombetti & Brady Pediatrics, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/11/08. NY Office location: Albany County. Principal Business Location: 208 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom

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process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PLLC, 208 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: to engage in the practice of medicine. LD-18769 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Articles of Organization for LEWIS PLACE LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 29, 2007. Office located in Saratoga County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lauryann Scott Irish, 26A Coachman Drive, Clifton Park, New York 12065. Purpose: for any lawful activity. LD-18771 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of HMM Estate One, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 03/03/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18779 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of 2668 30th Street LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 04/02/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18780 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Fung Ying Development, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 04/23/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18781 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of DKB Holdings, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 04/15/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18782 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of 4901 Church Ave, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 04/09/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-18783 (June 4, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Ita Solutions, LLC. Arts Of Org.

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CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. MD and principal business address: 9006 Yellow Brick Rd., Suite F, Baltimore, MD 21237. Arts. of Org. filed with MD Secy. of State, 301 W. Preston St., Room 801, Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: any lawful activity. Sec. 802 LD-18896 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WOODFIELD ROAD PARTNERS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/20/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 836 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, New York 11552. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Sec. 206 LD-18897 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 535 ASP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/05/08. The name was amended to 535 WEST END AVENUE LLC on 05/20/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Andrew Penson, c/o Argent Ventures, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10176. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Sec. 206 LD-18898 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ROHMAN DEVELOPMENT LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/03/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o David Goldman, Esq., 555 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Sec. 206 LD-18899 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: NORTH FRONT PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/21/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a

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copy of process to the LLC, 26 Avenue B, Port Washington, New York 11050. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Sec. 206 LD-18900 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: HEALTH EQUITY MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 216 South Street, Oyster Bay, New York 11771. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Sec. 206 LD-18901 (June 4, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PROPERTY ROSTER LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/17/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 342 East 119th Street, Apartment 2D, New York, New York 10035. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Sec. 206 LD-18902 (June 4, 2008)

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Lloyd leads 'Birds to Class CC track title

Mackey Lloyd won two individual events to help the Voorheesville boys track and field team take the overall title at Saturday's Section II, Class CC meet.

Lloyd finished first in the 3,200-meter race and the 3,000-meter steeplechase to account for 20 of the Blackbirds' 129 points. He ran a time of 9:59.76 to win the 3,200 and completed the steeplechase in a time of 10:43.61.

Lloyd also finished second in the 1,600-meter race and was part of Voorheesville's first-place 3,200-meter relay team to add 18 points. He teamed up with Ryan Allison, Nathan Bub and Ian Powell to win the 3,200 relay in a

time of 8:25.76.

Anthony Loccisano added a victory in the triple jump for the Blackbirds, who outdistanced Berne-Knox-Westerlo by 40 points for the team title.

The Voorheesville girls team placed second at the Class CC meet with 118 points, 22 points behind first-place Lake George.

Hillary Edmunds won the 800 and 1,500 to lead the Blackbirds. Caitlin Ableseth (200 dash), Carie Gorka (400 dash) and Seneca Gray (100 hurdles) also won individual track events.

Voorheesville's 400 and 1,600 relay teams added victories. The 400 relay team won in a time of 52.24 seconds, and the 1,600 relay team won with a time of 4:13.42.

Week

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to beat the Blue Jays 13-10 to win their 10th national championship, with Leveille contributing a goal and two assists.

"They were trying to shut me off, so I tried not to do too much and pick my spots," said Leveille.

Leveille's parents made the trip from Delmar to be part of the nearly 50,000 people that witnessed the May 26 national title game.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Leveille's father, George. "So to be there to enjoy the scenery and see the turnout was very exciting."

The NCAA tournament committee rewarded Leveille's efforts during the semifinals and finals (six goals, four assists) by naming him the Most Outstanding Player. It wouldn't be the only award Leveille would receive that week. Three days later in Washington, he accepted the Tewaaron Trophy - lacrosse's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

"It certainly is a tremendous honor, but it was the team's success that allowed me to do what I did," said Leveille.

Leveille was hoping his neighbor and fellow Syracuse University student, Katie Rowan, would win the women's Tewaaron Trophy that night, but the committee gave the award to Northwestern's Hannah Nielsen after the Wildcats won their fourth consecutive national title.

"I thought she was deserving of that," Leveille said of Rowan, who led the nation in scoring with 142 points. "She had a tremendous year, and she's a tremendous player."

Between the national championship game and the Tewaaron ceremony, Leveille stopped in New York City for the MLL draft. He was hoping to be picked by Chicago, where his older brother, Kevin, plays. But before the Machine could grab him, New Jersey selected Leveille with the third overall pick.

Leveille might have remained a member of the New Jersey Pride had not a deal been made between New Jersey and Chicago. At the start of the third round, Leveille was traded to Chicago for a player and two draft picks.

"There was a lot going on behind the scenes," said Leveille. "Kevin worked hard to get Chicago to draft me. Then, New Jersey kind of pulled a fast one and picked me, but I'm glad it all got worked out so I could play

with Kevin."

Leveille's pro debut was a good one, despite Chicago's 18-14 loss to Washington. He scored two goals and assisted on two of Kevin's team-high five goals.

"It was a different experience. I didn't know what to expect," said Leveille. "There was a lot of transition and odd-man rushes."

Leveille will have plenty of time to adjust to the MLL game. The regular season runs through the middle of August - after which he can shift his focus to his day job as an accountant for New York City firm KPMG, which he starts in September.

In the meantime, Leveille plans to commute between Delmar and Chicago and enjoy every moment he gets to play pro lacrosse.

"Regardless of the crowd size ... and how young the league is, it's still going out and being paid to play a sport you love. It's pretty great," said Leveille.

Those last three words could easily sum up Mike Leveille's whole week.

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The cost is \$100 per person. Checks should be made payable to Bethlehem Central High School girls basketball coach Mark Nealon and mailed to 6 Terrace Place, Troy 12180. For information, call 273-1184.

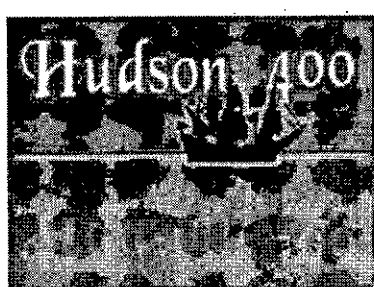
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three of the final four teams are from the Suburban Council. The Suburban Council is better from top to bottom than the Big 10.

However, no one should be surprised if LaSalle winds up winning Sectionals. Jesse Braverman's Cadets have one of the best pitching staffs in Class AA with Kyle Charron, Dave Roseboom and reliever Brian Beaury, and the offense has been piling up runs all season.

I don't usually tell people I went to Shaker High School, but I was proud to see that my alma mater's boys lacrosse team beat second-seeded Guilderland 7-6 in the Sectional quarterfinals last week. It's high time that the Blue Bison actually won a one-goal game after going 1-8 in their previous nine one-goal contests this season, which would explain the team's 3-14 regular season record.

"You've got to give them credit," said Shaker coach Shawn Hennessey. "A lot of teams might have given up after losing as many close games as we did, but we never gave up on ourselves."

The folks at Guilderland High School shouldn't feel too bad, though. After all, the school's girls lacrosse team is back in the regional semifinals after winning its second consecutive Sectional title - over Shaker, I might add. And with one of the most prolific offenses I've seen since the heyday of Katie Rowan, Halley Quillinan and Tee Ladouceur at Bethlehem, I think there's a good chance of the Lady Dutch getting to the state semifinals.

Somehow, I doubt Shaker's boys team will get to the regionals. But, at least the Blue Bison will

have a nice win to hang their hats on if that's the last one they get.

On a related topic, Rowan should have won the Tewaaron Trophy as the nation's top women's lacrosse player. Even if she couldn't lead Syracuse to the national championship game, she still was far and away the nation's best point producer with 142 points (73 goals, 69 assists). Only three other NCAA Division I players reached 100 points this season, and none of them were in Rowan's ballpark.

Had Rowan won the Tewaaron for women's lacrosse, Gladwish Road in Delmar might have been renamed Lacrosse Alley. That's because Rowan grew up three houses away from male Tewaaron Trophy winner Mike Leveille.

(I don't have it on any authority that Gladwish Road would have been renamed Lacrosse Alley. I just like the idea of it.)

Here's your Section II softball update: Shenendehowa is going to win the class AA title for the sixth consecutive year. That doesn't necessarily mean the Plainsmen are going to have an easy time of it. I'm just saying they're going to find a way to win it. That's what they've done all season when challenged by the likes of Colonie, Saratoga and Bethlehem, and that's what they'll do in the playoffs.

Colonie's Veeder Park has supplanted Clifton Common as my favorite softball venue. Perhaps it's because you don't

have to park a mile away from the softball fields or have to battle rush hour traffic on the Northway all the way past the Twin Bridges to get there.

Every time I see the new football stadium being built at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, I keep thinking, "This is going to supplant Kingston's Dietz Stadium as eastern New York's premiere site for high school football and lacrosse."

Those of you going to Friday's boys lacrosse finals at RPI's Harkness Field should take a look at the skeleton for the new stadium's grandstand to see what I'm talking about. The skeleton alone looks better than anything Union College, Siena College and the University at Albany currently offers.

Of course, UAlbany has its sights set on its own new facility. But since the school has to rely on state money for that project, it may be a long time before it opens a new stadium. RPI will have its new stadium operational by next year, thanks to private funding.

Hey, money does make the world go around. And in this case, it makes RPI a more desired destination for playoff games than UAlbany.

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BC faces familiar foe in Sectional semis

By ROB JONAS

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There will be no secrets when Bethlehem and LaSalle meet in Wednesday's Section II, Class AA baseball semifinals at Joe Bruno Stadium in Troy.

The two teams often trained together during the winter, and Bethlehem coach Rob Helm is friends with LaSalle coach and Bethlehem resident Jesse Braverman.

"Jesse and I probably talk to each other pretty much every other day," said Helm. "We pretty much know each other's teams."

Both teams will be well rested entering Wednesday's showdown. Bethlehem (18-5) and LaSalle (24-0) last played Saturday when they won their quarterfinal games, and both teams used only one pitcher to get through to the semifinals. Bethlehem's Matt Nash tossed a complete-game five-hitter in a 6-1 victory over Shaker, while LaSalle's Dave Roseboom limited Guilderland to three hits in an 8-1 victory.

"I'm very confident with the three pitchers I can go with," said Helm. "Those guys are very

capable of beating LaSalle, and I think that's what you need to go deep in the playoffs. You can't get by with one or two pitchers. You really need three or four quality pitchers."

Bethlehem will also have assistant coach Pete Dorwaldt on the bench for Wednesday's semifinal game. Dorwaldt has missed most of the season while battling cancer, but he's made a couple of games including Saturday's quarterfinal win against Shaker.

"He motivates them because he's there, and he'll be there Wednesday," said Helm.

Wednesday's Bethlehem-LaSalle game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. as the nightcap of a Class AA doubleheader at Joe Bruno Stadium. The early game pits Niskayuna against Columbia. The winners of those two games meet in Friday's Class AA final at 8 p.m. at Joe Bruno Stadium.

Elsewhere, Voorheesville advanced to the Class CC semifinals with a 15-4 victory over Schoharie Saturday. The fourth-seeded Blackbirds met top-seeded Lake George in Tuesday's semifinal at Clifton Common.

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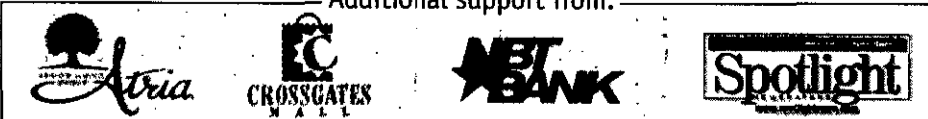
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Smith wins pentathlon

Bethlehem sophomore Sam Smith won the pentathlon at last week's Section II, Class A boys track and field championships in Guilderland.

Smith won three of the five events to take the title with 3,164 points.

He finished first in the 110-meter high hurdles in a time of 15.91 seconds, took first place in the shot put with a throw of 40 feet, 5 inches and won the high jump by clearing 5 feet, 9.75 inches.

TU schedules June meeting

Salmon River Riverkeeper Fran Verdoliva is the guest speaker at Trout Unlimited Clearwater Chapter's next meeting June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel on Western Avenue in Albany.

Verdoliva will update chapter members on the latest fishing, especially Atlantic Salmon. There will also be a fly tying demonstration by Ed Andrejko.

For information, contact Dick Hermida at 399-6272 or John Morette at 393-6443.

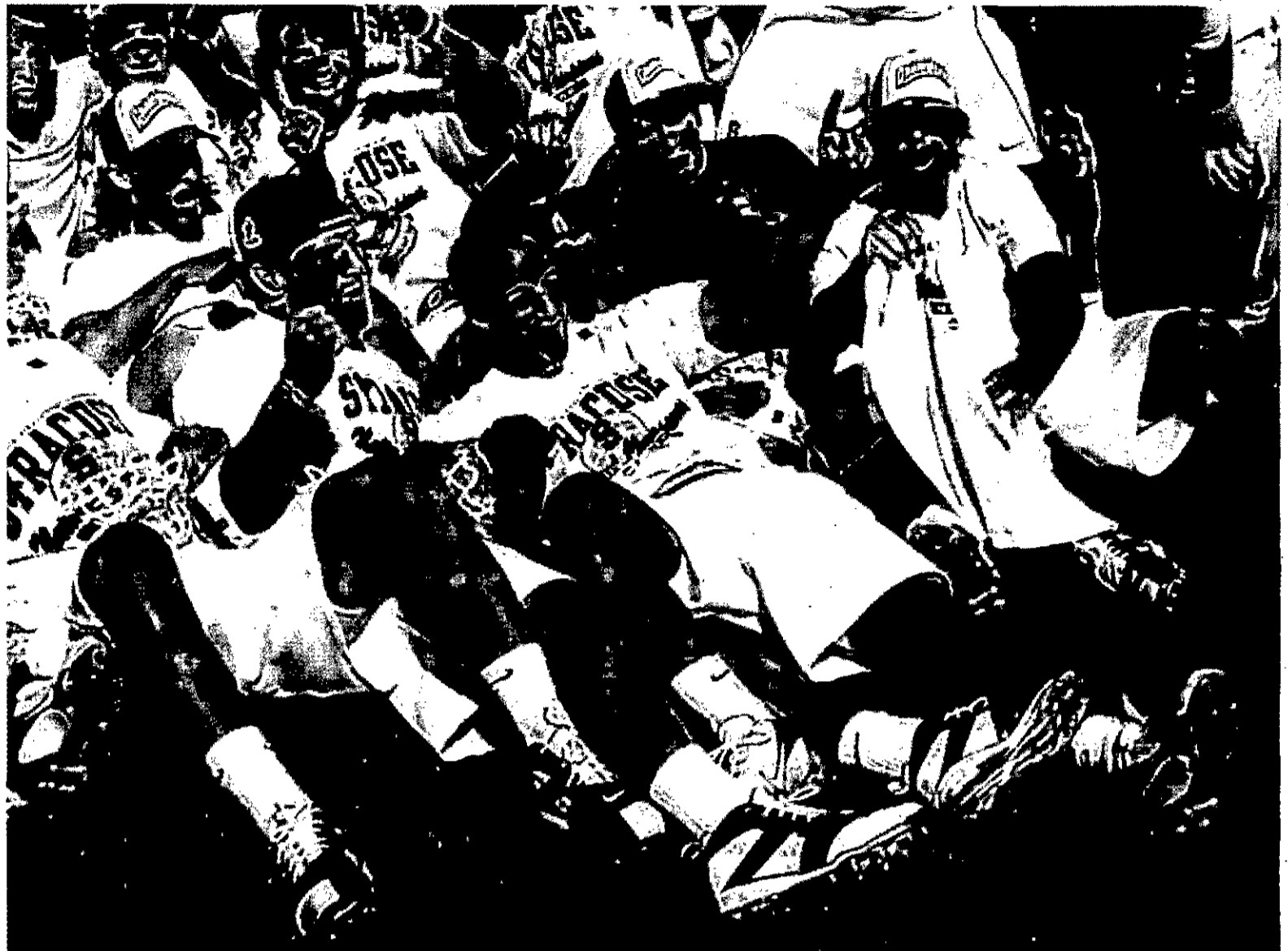
Klopfers earns two awards

Voorheesville High School graduate Greg Klopfers was named SUNY Cobleskill's most valuable player in men's soccer and men's tennis last month.

Klopfers scored five goals and added three assists for the Fighting Tigers during the men's soccer season, and he posted a 10-1 record in singles for the men's tennis team.

Correction

In an article on the Bethlehem Soccer tournament May 28, the Under 17 Boys B division sportsmanship award went to the Bethlehem Fireballs.



Delmar native Mike Leveille, front row center, celebrates with his Syracuse University teammates following his team's 13-10 victory over Johns Hopkins in the NCAA Division I Championships May 26 in Foxborough, Mass. Leveille was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

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An unforgettable week

Leveille picks up national title and a major award

By ROB JONAS
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Chicago Machine midfielder Mike Leveille hasn't stood still in more than a week.

The Delmar native and newly minted Major League Lacrosse player traveled from Foxborough, Mass., to Chicago with stops in Syracuse, New York City and Washington, D.C., in between.

With a schedule like that, it's not hard to believe that Leveille hasn't had any time to digest what's happened during that stretch - winning the NCAA Division I national title with Syracuse, being named the Tewaaron Trophy winner and getting drafted into MLL.

"This week has been crazy, and it hasn't all sunk in yet," said

Leveille hours after he made his Machine debut in an 18-14 loss to Washington Sunday in Chicago. "I'm just glad I was able to help my team win a national title and be part of the tradition at Syracuse."

The trip began May 24 in Foxborough when Leveille led one of the biggest comebacks for Syracuse this season. He scored five goals, including the tying goal late in the fourth

quarter and the game winner in the second overtime, as the Orange overcame a 9-4 deficit and beat Virginia 12-11 in the NCAA Tournament semifinals.

"We'd been in similar situations earlier in the year - not necessarily that bad," said Leveille. "We just told ourselves to hang in there and keep going."

Leveille said his winning goal was a case of throwing the ball on net and getting a good bounce off

the Gillette Stadium turf.

"I got to the middle of the field and tried to get one on net," he said. "Fortunately, it found its way to the back of the net."

Leveille and his Syracuse teammates had less than 48 hours to recover from that game and face defending champion Johns Hopkins in the finals. This time, the Orange used a balanced attack

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Turnarounds abound in Section II

Another round of quick hits from the world of Section II sports ...

• Forget Albany's 5-2 opening round loss to Colonie in the Section II, Class AA baseball playoffs last week. What Shaker High School graduate Joey DiPiazza has done in three years as the 'Falcons' manager is amazing.

DiPiazza turned a moribund

program that struggled for any victories into the second-best team in the Big 10 this year by insisting that his players be dedicated to hard work and playing within his system.

"When I came in three years ago, I cut every starter and kept every kid who I knew was going to work hard," said DiPiazza.

The hard work paid off as Albany made the playoffs for the first time in several years after finishing the Big 10 season with a 13-3 league record and a 17-7 overall mark.

"When you get good pitching, some timely hitting and good defense, you're going to win a lot of games," said DiPiazza.

Albany had two facets of its game working against Colonie in last Thursday's opening round game - getting good pitching from Mike Hughes and Patrick Landers and using some aggressive base running

to generate runs. The Falcons simply had the misfortune of facing Garnet Raiders ace Derek Zielinski, who limited Albany to five hits and struck out 12 in a complete-game performance.

So DiPiazza couldn't guide Albany into the Sectional quarterfinals, but that doesn't diminish what the Falcons accomplished this season.

"The goal going into this year was to make Sectionals, and we did," said DiPiazza.

• Staying with the Class AA baseball playoffs for a moment, no one should be surprised that

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