Fountain of youth

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A proposed law to require residential developers to set aside land in their developments for public parks—or to pay the town a fee for the purchase of suitable land elsewhere—was adopted by the Bethlehem town board at its June 13 meeting.

"The bottom line is, we're running out of parkland, and we need additional lands to support the standards that have been set," said Councilwoman Doris Davis after the unanimous vote.

"We're a growing community, and we need additional parkland as we grow," she added.

First presented for the board's consideration in January and the subject of a Feb. 14 public hearing, the draft Local Law No. 8 for 2001 was scheduled for board action twice since then. It was tabled during the May 9 meeting to clear the agenda for discussion of the proposed Bethlehem Town Center project, and postponed again on May 23 due to the illness of draft law's architect, town planner Jeff Lipnicki.

With Lipnicki on hand for last week's meeting, board members sought clarification of several points of the proposal, which will establish a mechanism to link residential development to meeting the demand for public park facilities that development helps to create.

The law will require developers to set aside a specific percentage or portion of each development for public park use. At the planning board's discretion, they could alternatively pay a fee in lieu of such set-aside if the amount of land involved is not large enough or suitable for a new park.

The law establishes a schedule of set-asides or fees corresponding to different types of residential development, ranging from 925 square feet, or $925, per multifamily unit to 1,550 square feet or $1,550 per single-family detached unit. Any current or future project not yet holding conditional final approval from the planning board would be subject to the new law, Lipnicki said.

Questions centered on how the determination would be made whether a developer would be required to set aside land or pay a fee, and how those funds would be administered.

Davis expressed concern about a proliferation of small, difficult-to-administer or unsuitable park sites around town if the choice were left in developers' hands.

Town attorney Robert Alessi explained that the determination would rest with the planning board and "very seldom as a practical matter does a planning board determine that there is suitable land within a (given) subdivision," Alessi said. "Landowners themselves don't want to set aside (developable) land. They'd rather pay the fee."

The fees would revert to a dedicated land trust to be used exclusively for the

Board adopts law for park set-asides

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Longtime BCMS teacher to retire

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Thirty-five years and about 3,850 kids later, social studies teacher Donna Varriale will retire from Bethlehem Central Middle School later this month.

I wanted to be a lawyer, but that wasn't really an option when I was in school," Varriale said, "so I went into the next best field."

A native of Ephratah, Fulton County, she graduated from SUNY Oneonta in 1966, and through the social studies chair there, found out about the job at Bethlehem.

"There wasn't as much competition for teaching jobs then," Varriale said.

"You worked through contacts, and shared names."

It must have been more than contacts, though, for Varriale received four job offers.

Bethlehem's good reputation attracted her, and she taught seventh grade, then seventh and eighth grade, before settling in to the eighth-grade American history she has mainly taught during her tenure in the district.

"The kids make the job," Varriale said. "Eighth-graders are a little mature, and they are concerned about the future. They're young enough to be enthusiastic, open-minded, and easy to work with. As a group, they're great."

So great, in fact, that Varriale couldn't really come up with things that had been
Police arrest 2 for drunken driving

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police arrested two individuals last week and charged them with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

A former DWI offender, charged on May 10, led to a plea of guilt to a misdemeanor DWI charge by Mark Stewart Bianco, 35, of 13 Forestwood Ave. in Delmar. Bianco was fined $5500 and had his license revoked for six months.

Thomas J. Collins, 38, of 17 Garland Court, Albany, also pleaded guilty to DWI in his April 14 arrest, and was fined $350 and a $50 court surcharge and had his license revoked for six months.

Both Christopher Paul Urga, 27, of 88 Frearson Ave. Delmar, arrested May 10, and Richard Christopher John Webster, 30, of 285 Columbia St. Cohoes, arrested May 19, pleaded guilty to driving while ability impaired, and each was fined $500 and a $50 surcharge and had their license suspensions.

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In addition to standing water found in New York state infected, Superintendent Will Smith has to curb West Nile virus was also been acquainted with the County outbreak of the virus. Briquettes have an estimated life by mid-September in the face of late in the season if deemed necessary, he said.

Meanwhile, a public "Fight the Breite" campaign coordinated by state health officials is focusing on reducing backyard standing water that provides mosquitoes a place to breed — in rain barrels, discarded tires and drained roof gutters, near leaky faucets, in garden watering cans and plastic pooling pools.

Public health officials also urge that water in bird baths and pet dishes be changed frequently and that hot tubs proper chlorinated and maintained and dead birds, particularly crows and related species like blue jays, be reported to the county environmental health unit at 447-4620.

"Nothing is set yet, but we have no plans for an adulticide campaign," Peck said. "We would certainly have to see human cases occur before an adulticide is applied. And even with a human case, there's no proof that it would be effective. It's not even a consideration at this point."

Despite the many bird and bat concerns, water issues from last year's human cases were reported north of Westchester, so health officials are likely to consider the risk of human infection to be low.

The virus, first identified two summers ago in the New York metropolitan area, can cause encephalitis, a potentially fatal swelling of the brain and spinal chord. But in most cases, West Nile infection causes mild flu-like symptoms including fever, fatigue, skin rashes, and body aches within five days of exposure, generally through a mosquito bite.

In addition to standing water reduction measures, county health officials urge the public to take normal personal prevention steps like those used to combat Lyme disease and other insect-borne infections.

These include wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks; the sparing use of personal insect repellent — checking doors, windows and screens at home for holes and painting "adulticide" over a broader area — but mental health unit at 447-4620.

"Come Celebrate" folk Masses was their church on Saturday nights. The tone of the service is more contemporary, Mojallali said, although "The Lord's Prayer" still serves as the basis for the service.

"During the sermon," Mojallali said, "I might ask a question, and if people don't answer, I'll remind them of the case."

In a recent Gospel reading, Mojallali said Jesus was calling on people to address their fear. By asking how many people in the room had experienced fear, Mojallali said he was able to help people gain a sense of identification with the Gospel.

During the petitions, or prayers of the people, Mojallali invites people to offer their own petitions.

"People voice their own concerns, or look for support, or offer things that might draw laughter," he said.

Mojallali said the service has been well-received, with an average attendance of about 30 people.

"About half of those had been attending services and the other half had been on the margins," Mojallali said.

He expected a primarily younger crowd to attend the services, but has found that's not the case.

"There's one man in his mid- to late 80s who comes regularly," Mojallali said.

Thirty-nine-year-old Gus Calvo of Raveson is one of the musicians at the Saturday service, which he and his wife Noel (who runs the "overhead projector" found when they were looking for a folk Mass that he knew only to the 90s.

"What we always liked about the folk Masses was their spontaneous," Calvo said. "We were moved by the Saturday services at St. Stephen's. For me, it's a middle point, a meeting between now and old. It's not just us playing music, but the spirit of folk music is that it gets everybody involved. Music gets you into the spirit of being ready to listen."

Mojallali said the Saturday service is not meant to take anything away from Sunday services, noting that Celebrate is a reverent service at the same time that it's informal.

"We don't make light of the Sunday services," Mojallali said. "It's clear that there's reverence, and when I preach, people are attentive. Some of our concerns were that this would make the services smaller, but it hasn't really happened."

Average Sunday church attendance in the parish of 325 families is about 200, Mojallali said. He thinks people are responding to the services on a few different levels.

"This is a time when we all have very busy lives," Mojallali said. "People like to have Sunday morning with their spouses or families. At another level, this service is for people who feel uncomfortable or stiff in a traditional service. We had a young woman with a child who was fussing once, for instance, and I told her last to walk around with her child. Another time, we had a 1-year-old squawking during the Eucharist and I just picked the child up. People don't have to be on their best behavior during the service, but there does have to be reverence."

Mojallali is pleased to see the success of "Come Celebrate."

"It's been a blessing to discover that this kind of worship brings people closer to God," he said. "I'm trying to evoke a response, and that's what God is trying to do, to engage us. It's been a delight for me to do this service and to see it prosper."
Summertime – will the livin’ be nice and easy?

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

This is it, the last week of school. It will be a welcome change to step out of school; to not have to harangue children to do homework; to not have to sign what seems like a score of forms every week; to not have to pack snack, lunches, homework and library books every morning. It will be great to have more time with the kids, to hang out at the pool, to be able to sit and do nothing. This is it, the last week of school.

Without the kids, to hang out at the pool, to be able to sit and do nothing. All of that assumes a best-case scenario, but alas, Jeff Goldblum’s time with the kids, to hang out at the pool, to be able to sit and do nothing. Instead, we are delighted to see them running, screaming and yelling, "Oh, sure, it’s all oozing and shilling now," he says knowingly, "but later, there’s screaming and running."

That’s exactly the way it is as our children stop terrorizing teachers, principals and lunch aides, and return to spend more time in the family nest.

We are delighted to see them — how they’ve grown, they’re so much older, more mature, where is the time going? By late August, we will be casting longing glances at their schools, wondering if year-round education isn’t really the right thing.

In June, though, I envision that my darling boys and I will spend the summer reveling in each other’s company and doing wonderful things that will enrich our hearts, minds and souls. Hiking, touring historic sites, swimming, both at the town pool and in local lakes, fishing, and trips to the library are just part of the great fun we will have.

Maybe even a precious week sometime this summer, there is a more ambitious list — Blue Mountain Lake, Plimoth Plantation, New York City, Niagara Falls, maybe even Canada.

The boys’ list is much shorter — watch TV, go to the pool whenever Mom begins the harangue us about not spending every second inside, try to buy a lot of junk food at the snack bar. For a change of pace, go to the movies where we can also buy a lot of junk food. Their excursion list has brevity.

"Jurassic Park" movie, when he returns to the prehistoric island and watches the dinosaurs, also comes to mind.

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Ernest Hemingway would admire: go to the Great Escape. My fantasy of great enthusiasm over new and different things will yield then to great negotiations, as I seek to further enrich my children’s lives, and they crave what modern American society seems to disrespect — unstructured time.

They are real good readers and will settle down with a book at nearly any moment of any day. Still, as great as they are at amusing themselves, every parent knows that too little structure leads to the sort of bickering, name-calling and "I was only giving him a heart attack" fighting that wear even the most loving mother’s patience thin. I can always get them to walk the dog, although those walks seem to end magnetically at the toy store or the ice-cream stand, leaving me to feel like we need a bank loan to finance our summer.

It is wonderful, as long as their imaginations don’t lead them to using the tree house pulley to hoist each other up with a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied around his waist, or a rope tied a
Board sets public hearing on Klersy zoning change

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Only part of this story was included in last week's issue. What follows is a complete version of the story, revised to reflect last week's events. We regret the error.

The Bethlehem town board has set a public hearing for Wednesday, July 11, on whether to rescind its previous rezoning of a 6.7-acre property on Delaware Avenue, targeted for construction of a senior assistive-living facility.

The request came from Henry Klersy, owner of the site of the CMI Senior Healthcare facility proposed by Epoch Senior Living Associates of Massachusetts. But Epoch officials were absent from the June 13 town board meeting — and whether Epoch remains on board for the project is an open question.

"We're wondering, and of course it's none of our business, but who will the builder be? And if a new buyer were to pick up where Epoch left off, without making any changes to the approved site plan, "They would not have to come back for further review or public hearings," Lipnicky said.

All they would need to do is note the change of developer, as was done when Epoch acquired CMI. But any substantive changes would require a reopening of the public review process, he said.

"It will come to pass, but it's going to take some time," said Klersy, blaming the unsuccessful lawsuit for any uncertainty about the project's future.

"They held me up for two years," he said. "I'm just trying to get some of that back and put the pieces together."

McDermott and her neighbors told you they will be there at the public hearing. "We do want to know who the builder will be," she said. "Curiosity is going to get the best of me."

Elks Lodge plans indoor flea markets

An indoor flea market and craft fair will be held at Bethlehem Elks Lodge, 1016 River Road, Selkirk, every fourth Sunday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The kitchen will open at 8 a.m. Vendors are wanted; the lodge will provide tables and chairs.

For information, call 797-2066.

Group seeks members

The Delmar Writers Group, an organization for published and soon-to-be-published writers of fiction, nonfiction and poetry, has openings for new members.

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Graduation: A senior's perspective

By MARK SHAWHAN

The writer will graduate from Bethlehem Central High School on Friday.

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Business owners should respect their neighbors

Editor, The Spotlight:
I would like to add my voice to those decrying the destriction of the stand of beautiful trees along Delaware Avenue by the underpass.

Residents of the adjacent section of Herber Avenue have lost their only protection from the sights, noise and traffic of Delaware Avenue.

Because we don’t see why this is being done, the loss appears tragic and avoidable, yet another example of the insensitivity of commercial property owners to their resident neighbors.

Many Bethlehem residents, in particular those living in the older neighborhoods close to the commercial center, have developed a strong distrust of the business interests in town.

This is because it seems too often commercial decisions are made without attention to residents.

Another example is the inadequate buffer Main Square provides from lights and noise for the homes adjacent to the parking lot. The outside dining at Main Square is in the back, in sight of the dumpsters and parking lot, and subjects the neighbors to added noise and lights in the evening.

There was also a missed opportunity in the sitting of the deck.

Had the outside deck been placed on the Delaware Avenue side of Main Square, it would have been a much more social and festive atmosphere.

A street-side advertising for the businesses themselves, and at the same time would have protected residential neighbors from more disruption.

There’s a good reason why outdoor cafes in other cities are not located in the alleys behind the restaurants but in front for all to see and enjoy.

I believe that business decisions that respect the needs of residential neighbors of the businesses will be good decisions.

Wendy Leahmush
Delmar

PSEG settlement makes sense

Editor, The Spotlight:
I would like to applaud Supervisor Sheila Fuller and the town IDA for the responsible settlement with PSEG, which avoided a frightening legal judgment against the town.

Our representatives resolved a decade-long lawsuit that could have cost the taxpayers significantly more than it will.

Bethlehem had faced complic-ated lawsuits that challenge property assessments going back nine years. This situation, initiated by Niagara Mohawk, has been carried over since PSEG purchased the existing power plant, and exposed the town to as much as $60 million in refunds.

What’s more, PSEG has promised to redevelop the site so it will be a more modern and cleaner neighbor.

BOU supports early learning

Editor, The Spotlight:
I am writing on behalf of the Early Learning Center to thank Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) for its continued support of our early childhood intervention efforts.

This year, BOU funded a summer activities calendar, created by teachers at the ELC, to be sent to all children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old that reside in the school district.

The calendar suggested act-ivities that parents can do with their preschoolers that will nurture readiness skills, motor skills and be fun to do together.

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Helen Salamone
Early Learning Center supervisor

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"Be more than Never"
The Republican Conference of the Albany County Legislature released a plan on June 11 that would change the distribution formula for sales and compensating use taxes collected by the county. The new formula would result in increased revenues for county municipalities by providing them with 50 percent of the sales tax revenues up from their current 40 percent. Based on 2000 sales tax revenue, sharing an additional 10 percent of the sales tax revenues would mean almost $5 million in additional revenue for municipalities.

Because allocation has always depended on population, towns like Bethlehem which grew according to the 2000 Census, would receive an even larger piece of the pie. Last year, based on 1990 Census, Bethlehem received $1,835,628 from the sales tax. Under the proposed plan and using 2000 Census data, this amount would rise to $2,583,541.00, which is approximately a town that is losing revenue due to the PSEG settlement.

Here's where it gets interesting. Forty-eight hours after the Republicans introduced the allocation plan, which was ignored by some media, County Executive Michael Breslin and Legislature Majority Leader Frank Commisso announced their plan to provide more tax revenues to the municipalities, and suddenly it's front-page news.

Unfortunately, unlike the Republican plan which is based on population data, the whole point of the Democratic plan is to funnel money to the Democratic City of Albany — it does nothing to help Republican towns like Bethlehem.

The Democratic plan is all about helping Mayor Jerry Jennings, and in a way that's rather questionable — taking general fund dollars and simply giving it to the city.

The Republican plan, which would have given the city an additional $1.7 million, was fair to all the municipalities.

Clearly Breslin is responding to all the complaints from Jennings about losing sales tax revenue because of reduced population in the city.

But where was Breslin when Bethlehem was faced with possible double-digit school tax hikes as a result of the Niagara Mohawk/PSEG litigation against the town?

Fortunately, Michael Tucker, chairman of the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency, recently announced the end of the dispute over legal challenges to the Niagara Mohawk and PSEG regarding the assessment of the power generating facility in Glenmont, now owned by PSEG.

Tucker deserves a tremendous thank-you from all of us for his outstanding effort to settle this matter and stave off a potentially disastrous situation.

The PSEG settlement will still cost taxpayers in the form of increased school taxes due to PSEG's reduced assessment. The recent proposal by the Republican Conference was designed to aid all towns, and certainly Bethlehem which needs the help to offset the impact of the PSEG settlement.

The sales tax reallocation plan that the Republican minority introduced would take effect immediately and last until the end of the year when the Legislature will vote on whether to continue the 8 percent sales tax.

All municipalities should receive a greater piece of the sales tax pie. For Bethlehem, the increased revenues are sorely needed.

At a time when Bethlehem taxpayers are faced with having to make up for millions of dollars in lost revenues from PSEG, county Republicans have acted for the greater good of all its local governments, the city included.

Here in Bethlehem, I believe we have to do our part to reduce the impact of the PSEG settlement. The response we got from the county executive and Democratic legislators is quite different and wholly unfair.

I encourage people to reach out to their county legislators and urge them to vote against the Democrats' self-serving tax allocation plan.

David Young
Albany County Legislature
Delmar
Lottery Announces Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Winners

Under the leadership of Governor George E. Pataki, the New York Lottery recently announced the winners of the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) scholarships. Launched last year by the New York Lottery, the scholarships recognize high school seniors with demonstrated leadership skills and community service. This year, 1,200 scholarships are being awarded, each worth $4,700, in increments and applied toward tuition costs at an accredited New York college, university, community college or trade school. Awards this year represent a commitment of more than $4.7 million by the New York Lottery.

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What's another word for personality?

or what's the French definition of charm?

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And the rest of the world has come to recognize this. The London-based trends and lifestyle magazine Wallpaper lauds Montreal as "up there in the international big leagues" and describes the city as "cosmopolitan, nice to look at, and more fun than Toronto" and "serious about its food."

Aply described...

There's more to Montreal than beautiful women and famous bagels.

And speaking of Toronto ... in a recent quality of life survey Montreal ranked 19th among 215 cities worldwide – and tied with arch-rivals Toronto, and Luxembourg and Tokyo.

Montreal is charming, and definitely exudes a personality all its own, and is enjoying a resurgence of popularity. People are recognizing that it's fun to have a North American French-speaking city.

As it has been said, "There's such a nice joie de vivre" in Montreal.

And when you visit, one thing you will notice immediately is that Montrealers are extremely proud of their city, and vehemently protest any perceived slight to their city. Residents and visitors alike have a warm and fuzzy feeling about Montreal.

Montreal offers, and delivers, top-quality everything that visitors from around the world, and as close as Albany, want in a city.

The city, though, is quite unique: it maintains a rich European charm, North American modernities, quality tourism activities year-round, and world-class annual events like the International Jazz Festival and Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Montreal is home to more than three million residents that comprise some 80 different ethnic groups, and therefore, has an impressive array of annual cultural events and fabulous festivals. It's also renowned for its nightlife and restaurants.

The city has had more than 350 years of developing a lifestyle. Founded in 1642, traces of the city's historical past are everywhere. It was Jacques Cartier in 1535 who named Mount Royal, and Samuel de Champlain, in 1611, cleared a site near what is now the Old Port.

Montreal, by the way, was at one time called Ville Marie, and when you visit, you will often hear a reference to Place Ville Marie, an office and shopping complex in the downtown core.

Take a moment and, from a cobbledstone street in Old Montreal when you are standing alongside an old Victorian manor, glance up and see the sun reflecting off a post-modern skyscraper. One can distinguish and appreciate the contrasting nature of the city.

When you are there, especially now that the weather is becoming nice for walking, expect streets full of activity by day and bustling by night. People in the city are full of life and seem to like nothing better than to celebrate. Be sure to walk along Crescent, St. Denis and St. Laurent. Each street is full of outdoor cafes, jazz bars and restos.

Montreal ranks as one of, if not the, culinary capital of North America. One can find, in any category of dining establishment, any type of food one desires. There co-exist some 5,000 restaurants of every size, shape and description.

We are running out of space ... So come to Montreal and visit. The cultural activities, arts, festivals, museums and galleries, sports (both professional and annual events), architecture, churches and cathedrals combine to attract more than 10 million people each year to this inspirational city.

Vive Montreal!
Your money’s worth more, so come on up!

The Canadian dollar has again lost some value. In fact, it’s at almost an historical low. A U.S. dollar is now worth about $1.54 so, if an item costs $1 CDN, it costs only about 65 cents U.S.

Loonie diagnosis: Analysts say the dollar may slide even lower. In the somewhat complicated world of currency exchange rates and values, you need to know just one thing: the U.S. dollar in Canada is worth even more now. Which means that an American visitor can stay, shop, dine and be entertained for even less money. Economists and financial analysts—the folks who figure these things out—predict these rates of exchange may last for a year. But, who knows?

It is financially beneficial to purchase Canadian funds at a bank, especially in Montreal where exchanging U.S. funds for Canadian cash is quite routine. You can use credit cards, which also offer a fair exchange rate, for other purchases like accommodations and shopping. If you use U.S. cash for dining or shopping, some restaurants and retailers offer an exchange rate as high as $1.50; others as low as $1.40.

Save receipts to get a tax refund

Also, as a visitor to Canada, you are eligible for a tax refund on the GST charged on hotel accommodation and goods that you take back home with you. The Provincial Sales Tax is 7.5%, and the Federal Tax—the GST—is 7%, but you can get a GST rebate on purchases of $50 and more.

To qualify, pre-tax purchases (including accommodations) must total at least $200 CDN, and each individual purchase must be at least $50. Be sure to keep all your original receipts. When travelling by car or charter bus, you have receipts validated by Canadian customs officials or by staff at participating duty free shops.

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The Parc des Écluses presents The Magician’s Garden, 2001. Giant floral sculptures will again grace the edges of the mighty St. Lawrence River for the second year.

The Parc des Écluses assumes a new personality as Mosai’cultures Internationales Montréal presents The Magician’s Garden. Giant floral sculptures will again grace the edges of the mighty St. Lawrence River for the second year.

Mosai’cultures Internationales Montréal spans 14 hectares of rich soil located in the Old Port of Montreal, which runs over a mile along the banks of the St. Lawrence River.

The floral sculptures are in bas-relief, their vibrant colours bringing life and passion to the park. Plants are very carefully selected for their intended purpose, as design specifications are precise in order to make the sculptures as realistic as possible. Great consideration has to be given to the stability of the structure, weight of the foliage, humidity of the soil and the effects of the elements. Depending upon the complexity of the structure, the volume of water required varies, so auto irrigation becomes necessary. It takes somewhere in the range of three million plants to create these 100 floral sculptures.

Last year 730,000 visitors to the west end of this historic port marvelled at giant floral structures, some 50 feet high. Perhaps one of the most amazing works of living art were the Mollusks Taking Off. Three of these ducks appeared to be flying so low that their feet just skimmed a pond. Their wing spans were close to three feet long.

This event was obviously a hit last year, as it won the Ulysses Prize for the Event of the Year 2000 in Montreal. The New England Spring Flower Show of Boston voted Mosai’cultures Internationales Montréal the Gold Medal for “Something out of the ordinary but displaying horticultural skill and beauty.”

Tickets can be purchased on site at the park entrance. Discounted rates are available for groups of 15 or more. The park is open daily from 9 AM to sunset and is wheelchair accessible.

The Old Port of Montreal is located at the foot of McGill Street. For further information, call 1 888 868 9999 or visit the Mosai’cultures Internationales Montréal Web site at www.mosaique.ca.
How do you take your music? With Passion!

Not only will the hills be alive with the sounds of music this summer, but so will the streets, bars, clubs and churches in Montreal. The city's annual Montreal Chamber Music Festival, getting bigger and better with each passing year, will this year pay homage to Jascha Heifetz, the legendary violinist who lived from 1901 to 1987. During the festival, from June 2 to 16, Artistic Director and cellist Denis Brott will be joined by a bevy of world-class musicians.

Seven Connoisseur Concerts will take place at the Chateau de la Montagne, a delightful 24-story Mount-Royal, one of the city's historical sites. S"o Romantic Strings" and "Baroque", a new Baroque series, will be held at the Chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Beau-SECOURS. Located in Old Montreal, the Chapelle will be the site of concerts in a 17th century building. As in previous years, "Concerts in the Streets" will delight passers-by at noon.

The 2001 Festival will feature 25 concerts over a 16-day period. For more information about this annual event, call 514 489 7444 or visit the festival website at www.festivalmontreal.org.

If the strains of a violin aren't music to your ears, then a good dose of jazz may perk you up. The Montreal International Jazz Festival has become an event many consider worthy of planning their vacations around. Now into its 22nd year, the festival offers jazz lovers of every ilk a musical treat and thousands jump in response. From mellow to acid, this music form covers a wide spectrum of jazz styles. Aficionados take in the tunes while sitting back in a cosy bistro, music spilling out onto the streets of the city through the open windows. If joining the masses is more your thing, be one of many adoring fans at Place-des-Arts, with its huge outdoor stage.

Keep June 28 to July 8 marked on your calendar if you want to get all jazzed up! More than 450 performers will bring their individual flavour of jazz to the stage. The ticketed event lineup has been announced and tickets are on sale now. A list of free shows is also available. Call 1 888 515 0015 for information, or visit the Jazz Festival Web site at www.montrealjazzfest.com.

Don't be confused...

One's a dome, One's a sphere and they're each bio!

At first glance one could confuse the two, but each have their own personality and raison d'être.

Both attractions are focused on the world we live in. Brimming with a myriad of learning opportunities, the two Montreal attractions offer visitors a chance to stop and take a fresh look at the world around them.

Montreal's Biodôme is a "house of life". This environmental museum and collection of natural ecosystems is located in the heart of Montreal. Open daily year round, nature lovers can take self-guided tours using interpretation panels to learn as they go. Visitors can take questions to the Eco-Espace desk or ask nature interpreters in the various ecosystems.

A Tropical Forest, Laurentian Forest, St. Lawrence Marine Ecosystem and the Polar Worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic teach young and old about the wonders of the world. Their 120,000-square feet use hydraulics, power, heating, lighting, monitoring and control to create and maintain the four ecosystems.

A Naturia discovery room and educational activities will reinforce the importance of living responsibly in each of the four ecosystems. Nationally and internationally, the Montreal Biodôme participates in a multitude of programs designed to reproduce endangered species and to keep a watchful eye on fragile natural habitats.

Nature-themed games, glassware, books, fossils and plush animals are a sampling of the contents in the on-site gift shop.

The Montreal Biosphère is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM - 7 PM during the summer. Parking is available. Wheelchair accessible. www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/biodome 514 888 3000.

The Biosphère. You'll never look at or drink water the same way again! Known as the "museum without walls", this Buckminster Fuller geodesic dome is the largest dome in the world. Originally designed to be the Expo '67 American pavillion, Canada took this architectural masterpiece and transformed it into a testament to H2O.

While we often take our supplies and the quality of our water for granted, the Biosphère is dedicated to educating visitors about its importance. The St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes are the main focus at the Ecowatch Centre.

Like Montreal's Biodôme, the Biosphère has four exhibition halls. You will learn all sorts of interesting facts about this essential resource through multimedia presentations, interactive technology and hyper-modern museography. Since knowledge is a source of power, the more you learn about water, the better equipped you are to be responsible. Educated visitors then use this information to help educate others.

Everyone benefits from a visit to the Biosphère, so try to set aside a couple of hours for a visit.

There is of course an admission fee, but with the purchase of admission, you get a couple of hours for a visit.

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Finding interesting and even educational ways to keep the little ones occupied while in another city can sometimes be a challenge, but not in Montreal. In fact, coming to Montreal specifically for the benefit of the kids can be quite rewarding. There are many attractions and events that are family oriented. Here are some suggestions ...

First, plan on staying in a kid-friendly hotel. There are several hotels in the downtown core that provide family-oriented facilities, as children's recreational facilities may be an important factor during the time you are in the hotel.

For example, at this time of year an outdoor or indoor pool is always popular, so it's a good idea to ensure that you choose a hotel that has such – and of course, being bathing suits. Some hotels will provide for pre-arranged children's activities while you are out doing adult things.

Check theatre listings and, if possible, reserve tickets in advance (although you can sometimes buy tickets the day of the performance). These are just a few of the interesting things to think about when in Montreal ...

Visit the Canadian Railway Museum at Debson. The museum has a grand collection of more than 130 vehicles. Kids are sure to be fascinated and rides are available.

The Dolls and Treasures Museum in Old Montreal is always an intriguing place to visit – whatever your age. The museum, as you can surmise, is dedicated entirely to dolls, and has a collection that spans 100 years. 514 866 0110.

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Visit a museum ... or take a pass

Montreal, which provides visitors with an opportunity to browse through a variety of distinctive -- some very unusual -- museums, has come up with a very user-friendly idea: a museum pass.

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For information on the Montreal Museum Pass, call 1 877 266 5687 or 514 873 2015.

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The Delta Montreal seems to be all about convenience. Everything about the hotel seems to be convenient – from the location to the layout. Which explains the unusually high rate of well satisfied and repeat guests.

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However, inside the hotel is where you will find the facilities most conveniently accessible, from the indoor pool area to the location of the dining room and lounge. Sufficient to say that all the facilities are very well situated.

The Delta Montreal (not to be confused with the Delta Centre Ville) has been a Delta property for some 15 years, which is unusual these days as many hotels change names and ownership every so often.

The hotel has achieved a level of success by not only being in an excellent location but also providing guests with unusually exceptional facilities. It accommodates families (and excess luggage) very well. Even small pets are welcome. The hotel staff is exceptionally friendly and accommodating and Delta Montreal has well developed and well thought out programs and packages.

The rooms are all unique, all the amenities one would expect to find in a deluxe hotel, from coffee makers to hair dryers and – ladies pay attention – the rooms also have full length and magnifying mirrors. Nice touch when you are dressing for a special occasion. Most rooms also have balconies and from many of the rooms the views of Montreal are exceptional.

The hotel has 453 deluxe, oversized rooms, guest suites, including suites, and guests can choose King or double accommodations. There are several wheelchair accessible rooms, and several floors are designated non-smoking. The hotel also offers guests Delta Signature Club service, which provides upgraded services and amenities on two limited-access floors and also includes complimentary continental breakfast and bars d’oeuvres in a private lounge.

Delta Montreal has a sports club which includes an indoor pool, a very well equipped fitness centre, two squash courts, a sauna and a full service spa and beauty center for women and men called Atmosphere, and a children’s creative centre. If you forget to pack bathing suits or your squash racquets, the sports club has a complete line of accessories to purchase, or guests can rent squash racquets.

Children are treated as V.I.P. guests at the hotel. There is a separate check-in for kids, which is a fun family friendly game to keep kids occupied while parents check-in for real.

The hotel has perhaps two of the best dining/lounge facilities to be found in any of Montreal’s hotels. Le Bouquet Restaurant is comfortable and decorative and 19th Century, which is devoted to the work of its namesake, one of Quebec’s best-known painters.

By way of entertainment, the hotel has two limited-access floors that are perfect for those looking for a bit of action. Two limited-access floors that are perfect for those looking for a bit of action.

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If your idea of history and culture leans more towards art galleries and museums, Old Montreal will keep you intrigued. Museums include the Chateau Ramezay Museum, a former Governor’s residence from the 18th century, Maryse Bourgeois, Museum, depicting life in 17th-century Montreal through the eyes of a violin woman and the Bank of Montreal Museum – Canada’s first bank built in 1817. The Pointe-a-Caillière, Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History is here as is the Marc-Aurèle Forain Museum, which is devoted to the work of its namesake, one of Quebec’s best-known painters.

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Montreal's underground

By Ronald T. Harvie

For native Montrealers, on their daily rounds through the city's famous 11-kilometre (6.8 miles) underground network of malls, office complexes, museums and even the metro, there's often a moment of truth: a challenge that stops them in their tracks.

Standing in front of them is a tourist, map in hand and an awe-struck look on his face, asking a simple question: "How do you get to (shop) downtown?"

What seems so natural to the native familiar with the maze of tunnels, passageways and platforms that make up the underground city is sometimes not quite so easy to understand for the visitor.

The proximity to several large cities accounts for another reason that Montreal is so popular as a group destination. It's the team's colourful mascot. For group rates and information call! 800-888-3425. Montreal's underground.

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Strolling through another busy connector-mall, we arrive in the Eaton Centre, another multi-level shopping complex. Here you can go in one direction to the Promenades Cathédrale and The Bay department store, or the McGill Metro station. In the case of one tour, we'll head south through a different tunnel though, because it brings us to Place Ville Marie. This is the beginning of it all. The original-and still-tickling-heart of the underground city.

First planned in the 1950s by architect L.M. Pet, and inspired by New York's Rockefeller Centre, it opened in 1962. A 45-storey, 285,000-square-metre office tower rises above an equal amount of shopping and eating space.

Place Ville Marie is legendary, not only in Montreal but also across Canada, because it led the way into a renaissance of urban development and a rethinking of how business could be conducted.

Directly connected to Place Ville Marie is Montreal's Central Station, the main public plaza of the underground city. It's three stores tall, 350 feet long and over 100 feet wide. Yet for all its vastness, it feels somehow human and intimate. Over 50,000 people pass through it every day.

But one of the glories of Central Station adorns the end walkways of the concourse. Two monumental bas-relief frasce done by Charles Comfort in the early 1950s, depict, in the artist's words, "the daily life of Canadians, their hopes and, to some extent, their environment."

OK. By now, you've walked some 26 kilometres - all without going outside. You've "solved" the maze of the underground city.

FIRST OF A SERIES

From the station, we'll go into the first major hub, Les Cours Mont-Royal. This was once the Mount Royal Hotel, built in 1922, and for many years one of the hotspots of Montreal's infamous nightlife. All the big bands and big stars of the 30s and 40s played here - and its new, refurbished atmosphere maintains an echo of those glorious years.

From Les Cours Mont-Royal, a passageway leads to a Paramount cinema - the busiest movie house in town - and an equally fashionable "boutique" department store called Simons.

Atop the roof, the terrace offers views of the city's tallest skyscrapers and the city's skyline. From here, you can see the city's two main railway terminals, the VIA and the Central Station.

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Students do well on tests

A number of local fifth- and sixth-grade students recently received recognition for their high performance on Johns Hopkins University's Center For Talented Youth Talent Search. Recognized were Steven Busch of Ravena, Michael Ernst of Delmar, Hannah Gibson of Busch of Ravena, Michael Ernst Teevan of Delmar, and Stacey Tosland of Selkirk.

Five Rivers slates fishing event

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will host a program on fish and fishing on Thursday, June 23, at 10 a.m. The program will give participants a grounding in the basics of fishing.

Participants in this free program should dress for the outdoors, and will rig poles, cast lines, and may be able to catch and release a fish.

Different poles, reels, hooks and lures will be also discussed in the program.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, June 20. For information or to pre-register, call Five Rivers at 475-6291.

Library seeks young volunteers

Middle school students can volunteer for summer service at Bethlehem Public Library. Volunteer workshops will be held on Friday, June 22, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, June 26, at 7 p.m.

Volunteers must complete one of the workshops and commit to at least six hours of service, aiding during the summer reading club program. Call 439-8314 for information or to pre-register.
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DOUG STONER
Glenmont's college lacrosse career is over, but her involvement in collegiate sports is not.

The 1997 Bethlehem Central High School graduate was recently elected chair of the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee after serving one year as the vice chair.

"I'm extremely honored to be elected chair," said Stevens, who graduated from SUNY-Cortland last month with a degree in recreation management. "I absolutely love the work I do."

Stevens had been involved with the committee since her sophomore year of college.

"I kind of fell into it through my school's athletics advisory committee," Stevens said in a phone interview from Long Island, where she is interning at the Women's Sports Foundation.

Stevens said that Cortland's associate athletic director submitted her name to the committee, and she was honored when she was accepted.

"One of the first things you realize is that you're 24 people (on the committee) representing 127,000 people," Stevens said.

"So, you realize that your opinion is very powerful and that you can be a leader just by being there."

Stevens said the committee tries to be proactive in discussing issues that affect Division III athletes.

"We look through all of the rules at our November meeting and find issues that we're interested in," Stevens said. "It's the little issues that turn into the big issues. So, we try to look at everything on a large scale."

One issue that was recently resolved by the committee was when Division III teams can continue to play "non-traditional" seasons. In the past, teams have been allowed to hold practices and play games outside of their usual seasons.

The NCAA wanted to eliminate non-traditional seasons, but the Division III Student Athlete Advisory Committee heard a different message from some of its athletes.

"The student athletes we heard from basically didn't want to see non-traditional seasons end," Stevens said.

The issue was eventually resolved to keep non-traditional seasons for Division III teams, but the competition period can only last five weeks.

Stevens said that student athletes need to continue to communicate their concerns in order for the committee to be effective.

"We're still trying to raise awareness that is not accessible and that if you have a concern, you can e-mail us," Stevens said.

Stevens' work on the committee made her work-life more hectic, but she still managed to find the time to do her schoolwork and play women's lacrosse at Cortland.

"I was definitely very busy," said Stevens, who was among the leading scorers on the Red Dragons with 39 goals and 14 assists this past season. "College is all about time management. I knew going in that athletics would take up a lot of my time, so I did the best I could to manage my time."

The majority of Stevens' time is now taken up with her internship and her search for a graduate school.

"At this point, it's very, very open," Stevens said. "I do know that I want to continue being involved in sports the rest of my life."

Just because schools are out of session for the summer doesn't mean that Stevens will take time off from the committee, though.

She will be meeting with the other representatives in less than two weeks to wrap up the past year and begin looking toward the fall.

"We won't discuss a lot of issues," Stevens said. "Those are usually reserved for the fall."
Beginnings players earn all-league honors

Second baseman Chris Spina, third baseman Collin Adalian and designated hitter Kevin Vanderwerker of the Voorheesville baseball team were named first-team all-stars by the Colonial Council. Vanderwerker led the Colonial Council with a .509 batting average. The junior had 27 hits in 53 at-bats, including six extra-base hits, and drove in 19 runs. Vanderwerker also had a 3-1 record as a pitcher against league opponents with a 2.74 earned run average.

Spina batted .423, led the league in walks with 22, stole 13 bases and scored 26 runs. He also had a 5-2 record as a pitcher with a 2.76 ERA against Colonial Council opponents.

Adalian batted .415 and led the Colonial Council with 28 runs batted in. The senior also had 10 extra-base hits, including three triples and two home runs.

Junior Kevin Massarotti was an all-Colonial Council honorable mention.

Blanchard beats Watervliet

The Blanchard Post 1046 baseball team won its first American Legion league game of the season last Friday with a 7-4 victory over Legnan curtin Post of Water-

Vliet. Blanchard Post (1-4) trailed after six innings before scoring six runs in the bottom of the seventh, highlighted by John Vanderwarker’s three-run home run.

"The importance of the game is nobody expected us to win be-

cause Watervliet was undefeated at the time," Blanchard coach Matt Dwyer said. Jon Glisson contributed a pair of hits in support of Blanchard pitcher Chris McAmber.

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don't know," Lipnicky said. "Can
it be used to build a new pool?
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can be used for maintenance." But
town parks administrator David
Austin indicated his intention to
use the fund solely for expansion
and new facility development.
Board member George Len-
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their property for an heir, and was
assured by Lipnicky that a single-
lot division of this sort would not
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Reflecting the views expressed
by several developers at the
public hearing, board member Dan
Pinnacker said, "I've heard
some criticism from people who
thing it's important to
development by doing this. We
aren't trying to control develop-
ment. We may be shaping it, but
only in a positive way."
You've got an office meeting at 10 am, a doctor appointment for your toddler at noon, an important client to meet at 2:30 and kids to bring to soccer and dance after school. Sound familiar?

You aren't alone. Working parents struggle with issues of dealing with work and family every day.

"The key is to keep it all balanced and know what your limits are," said Heather Tangora of Tangora Technologies located in Delmar. But even Tangora admits that balance isn't always easy achieved. Five years ago, when Tangora and her husband Michael decided to open their own business it was just the two of them. Over the years the business has expanded from heating and cooling service and installation to adding high-end home automation systems, custom designed home theater, structured wiring, Beam central control device.

From a humble start with the just two of them, they now have 10 employees. As the business has grown, so have the techniques the Tangoras have used to keep their schedule under control. Tangora relies on her ability to be able to work from home as well as at the business location. Her telecommuting helps her keep a focus on her two young children while still being a productive partner in developing and growing Tangora Technologies.

The "how to" of achieving what families want for personal, family and financial growth has everyone from college professors to Oprah looking to supply answers.

Stephen Covey, the guru of effective living and the author of The 7 Traits of Highly Effective People, said in a recent article "I have always believed that we should govern our lives by our compass rather than our watch. For most of us, the trick is not to cram one more task into an over-stuffed life but to make our choices based on our enduring principles."

Covey recommends that couples make a personal and family mission statement.

"Your mission might be a few words scribbled on a restaurant napkin," Covey said. "Or it might be a family constitution you have crafted and refined over the years. A mission statement teaches us when to say no and how to say yes." While making a mission statement may seem to be going a little too far for some, a simple plan of what your family priorities are will stop you from being pushed and pulled into too many directions.

Karen Heath, owner of The Top Chest in Slingerlands and mother to two toddlers, often finds herself playing the work-to-home shuffle.

"With kids you have one going here and one going there and have to look at a calendar everyday," Heath said. "The biggest challenge is making my children's school functions being held during the day or if my kids are sick." Both Heath and Tangora said that having a supportive husband is a major factor in being able to run a business and still be available for the children.

"I depend a lot on my husband, John," said Heath. "He takes the kids to after school activities, he comes in to work for me, and he has a full time job too."

Tangora and her husband find that communication is a key to being partners in marriage, parenting and work.

"I have a very supportive husband," Tangora said. "We spend a lot of time planning and communicating. There are sacrifices on a personal level - we are not home all the time - but we support each other because we want the business to survive."

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Stephen Duncan of the Montana State University department of Health and Human Development recommends that families work on making the most of the limited time they have. He suggests:

Make a to do list. Incorporate tasks like planning the day, while commuting, cooking while talking on the phone, exercising or while watching TV. Encourage the help of other family members.

Assign age-appropriate tasks to others and involve all family members with household tasks. Notice when you are at your

Balancing Act

Women juggle home and business
Local businesswomen share passion for success

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

D ogs, eyelash extensions, organization and high-quality crystal might not seem to have much in common, but they’re all businesses that local women have started and continue to run. In every case, this sample of women business owners from the Capital District has matched their skills with their passion — a dynamic formula that has led to success.

Helen Volk, who celebrated the 10th anniversary of her business Beyond Clutter this May, offered some thoughts on why women are succeeding in business.

“This is the way business is going, run by one person, by entrepreneurs,” she said. “For women, we have a wonderful future this way. Women tend to be very personable, outgoing and very result-oriented. We know what good service is, we’ve worked with service people all our lives, getting this fixed, getting that fixed. As consumers of services, we have a good sense of what offering a service is all about, and we know as women that sometimes we don’t like how we’re treated, especially by certain industries. Women are better at relating to all kinds of people in all walks of life.”

Volk founded Beyond Clutter, a business that helps people declutter and de-stress their lives, after a series of changes in her own life.

“I was a pack-rat,” Volk said. “I was raised by packrats, and things were always cluttered. In the 1980s, I chose to unclutter my life, and live more simply. I sold a 12-room house and moved to a five-room condo, and I got out of debt.

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With the money she saved by not buying things, she was able to quit her job as a lawyer for the state Department of Education, and she “got lost” for nearly two years.

“When she returned from her sojourn, she found herself talking to people about what she should do, and friends recommended she share her experience of living more simply and with more organization.”

“Since she had taught before she became a lawyer, Volk drew on those skills and contacted the Knowledge Network, where she offered a workshop on how to unclutter life.”

“The business started on its own,” she said. “It didn’t require capital, and I didn’t need to borrow money.”

Volk joined the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and printed up some business cards. From those initial workshops, more classes evolved, and people started calling Volk for personal help.

“Both the business and kind of on its own, primarily because people know I practice what I teach,” Volk noted.

Volk has also spent a lot of time educating people as to what professional organizers do, giving speeches and seminars, and doing hands-on professional organizing, for homes and businesses.

“Most of the main benefit of owning your own business, Volk said, is the flexibility, and being in charge of your own schedule. The hard part was learning a business from the bottom up. "Early on, I didn’t follow up on things, and didn’t recognize opportunities, " Volk said.

Ten years into it, Beyond Clutter is profitable, and the 80 hours a week she worked at the beginning, but it’s — Volk said she no longer needs to work all year long.

Diana Campion, after 20 years at CSEA, started her own organizing business two years ago, after buying her own home in Slingerlands, Campion offers professional organizing for residences and businesses, as well as training, coaching and consulting.

“I was contemplating retirement from CSEA,” Campion said, “I decided I wanted to create the kind of job that I could utilize the best aspects of my job and shed those I wasn’t fond of.

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"The reason most great small businesses do not stay in business is because the initial run is tough," Travis said. "It costs so much to stay in front of the public eye.

"I've said my past marketing experience helped me figure out a marketing strategy. Another challenge is convincing people that they should come to Shampoodle to wash their dogs, instead of doing it at home in their own tubs.

"If I ever have to make life convenient, comfortable and affordable," Travis said. "With my kids, work and regular house chores, I wanted to do is wash my dog in the tub, with the cleanup, backache, etc.

The best part of Shampoodle, she said, is watching people relax and bond with their dogs, as the animals step into into the washi-high purple tubs and get soaped down. "People are already on the verge of relaxing in their old comfy clothes and accompanying their sticky best pal," Travis said. "After they get the hang of things, the relaxation, fun and bonding takes over. I love to see the smiles and happiness after a successful run."

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Campbell, Kasarjian to wed

Patricia Campbell of Colonie, and John Kasarjian of Colonie, formerly of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The future bride-to-be is a graduate of Troy High School. She is a sales associate at Goldstein Buick of Albany in Colonie. Patricia Kasarjian to wed

John Kasarjian, of Delmar, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a luncheon held at the Best Western Albany Airport Inn given by their children.

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Albert Mead

Albert H. Mead, 90, of Mead's Lane in Delmar died Monday, June 11, at his home.

Born in Bethlehem, Mr. Mead owned and operated Mead's Dairy in Delmar for many years. He was the oldest living member of Unionville Reformed Church.

He was husband of the late Rhea Mead.

Survivors include two sons, John Mead of Delmar and James Mead of West Berne; a daughter, Virginia Mead of Delmar; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from Unionville Reformed Church.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Unionville.

In memory of...
Tradition continues with Old Songs

By JOHN BRENT

"F
till music has no
beginning and no end," said Andy Spence, organizer of the Old Songs Festival this weekend in Altamont. "It's a continuum. It evolves. The music is passed on from one person to another ... from one generation to the next."

Spence should know. She and her husband have been putting the festival together for over two decades. 2001 marks the 21st year of the event. Approximately 5,000 people will head for the Altamont Fairgrounds beginning on Friday and continuing through Sunday to attend the three-day event which features performers, not only from around the United States but from other countries as well.

“We have a strong contingent from the British Isles this year," said Spence. "We have some people from Canada and some music from Eastern Europe, too.”

All in all, more than 80 individual performers and groups will be on site to present folk and traditional music from many lands and cultures of the world and from many regions of the U.S. including the Northeast and New York state.

Unlike other venues where a performer shows up, does a gig and then leaves, the talent at Old Songs stay throughout the weekend and during the day they participate in workshops where people attending the festival can have some hands on training and interaction with the artists.

The festival gets under way on Friday afternoon with nine in-depth, two hour classes taking place from 3 to 5 p.m. Covering a wide range of subjects, the classes include Shape- Note Singing with Peter Amidon, Beginning Penwhisle with George Ward, Advanced Penwhisle with Ray Wall, Arranging for Ensemble Playing with Simple Gifts, Voice as a Meditative Instrument with Akire Bobar, Swing Guitar for Folks with Joe L. Mabus, 5-String Banjo with Bob Zente, Songs and Ballads with Sara Grey. Harmonica with Rick Epping and a class called Great Groove Band which is a participatory dance band for young people. The cost to take one of the classes is $10.

At 7 p.m. on Friday the first concert takes place and features Simple Gifts (an eclectic, multi-ethnic trio), Mamadou Diabate (a West African kora player), Silk City (newgrass), Arrogant Worms (performing outrageous novelty songs), Laura Raff (playing Celtic harp), Finest Kind (featuring songs from Canada and England), Tom Spires & Allison MacMorland (with Scottish traditional songs) and The Sevens (a contemporary Celtic ensemble).

"Each artist takes the stage for about 25 minutes," said Spence. "All the performers are of equal weight," she said. "We don't book headliners or big names in that sense. Each performer brings something different to the festival.

Spence is very proud of this year's talent lineup. 'There isn't a dud in the bunch,' she said.

Following the Friday concert will be a Contra-dance beginning at 11:30 p.m. with music by The SEvens and Fred Breunig serving as caller.

During the day on Saturday and Sunday, patrons are invited to participate in the various workshops that will be taking place at a number of different areas around the fairgrounds. Performing artists will conduct the sessions on a wide range of topics. Just a sampling of the subjects covered include: Irish Music, French Canadian Tune Sequencing, Mountain Ballads, Gypsy Music, Gospel Sing, Songs of Social Justice and Storytelling.

For those interested in a particular instrument there are workshops entitled, Old Time Fiddle Styles, Learn to Play the Clawhammer Banjo, Learn About the Torza, Harmonica, Celtic Harp, Mandolin and a Hammered Dulcimer Jam Session.

Both the Saturday and Sunday schedule are packed with the workshops. For which patrons can pick and choose those most suited to their interests.

"We put various performers with common interests together to conduct the workshops," said Spence. "Sometimes they don't even know each other until they do it. But it's interesting. Good things always come out of it."

In addition to the workshops geared to a more adult taste, there are two areas — the Family Performance Area and the Children's Corral where younger patrons are the focus. With themes like Silly and Singable Songs, Songs to Move and Shake To and Story Stew there should be plenty to please the kids. There will also be jugglers and for the first-time this year, the Ithaca League of Silent Walkers will be on hand to entertain and conduct workshops for children in stillwalking.

"They are amazing," said Spence of the stillwalkers. "They're really up there — so tall." Spence is quick to reassure parents, "Of course for the workshops the stilts will be much shorter," she said.

On of the most impressive events of the weekend will be the Shape Note and Sacred Harp Sing beginning at 9 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. About two or three hundred people will join in a singing session with four part harmony. "It really gives you goosebumps to hear it," said Spence.

The Main Stage Concert on Saturday begins at 7 p.m. and features Harakhina (with music of Eastern Europe), Tom, Brad and Alice (old time music), Martin Carthy & Norma Waterson (English songs and ballads), Artisan (an English a cappella trio), Montcorbier (French and Breton music), Sally Rogers & Howe Burner (traditional and original songs), Karen Casey (Irish Songs and Ballads), and Joe L. Mabus (singer/songwriter).

The Saturday concert is followed by a Contra-dance beginning at 11:30 p.m. with music by Beverwyck Swing Band and caller David Kaynor.

The Sunday Concert begins at 3:30 and includes Stillhouse Rounders (an old time string band), Mark Ross (songs of Montana and the West), Scottribe (seaforing songs), Ben Murray & Stephen Gun (Celtic and Blues), Sara Grey (ballads), Ruth Felham (songs) and Breunig Family Performance Area.

Ticket prices are as follows: All weekend tickets are $75 for adults and $50 for you ng people (ages 13 to 18). Friday evening (concert & dance) $20, Saturday all day $40, Saturday evening $25, Sunday all day (including afternoon) $30.

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- There is a children's area with games and activities provided by the venue.
- Parking is available on the street and in the adjacent garage.
- The event is family-friendly, with entertainment for all ages.
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**TIQUES DISCUSSION**
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**SUNDAY MEETINGS**

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bany, State of New York has on the 13th day of June, 2001, duly adopted, subject to a permissive refer-
mend, a resolution as fol-

lows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has de-

termined that it is necessary to replace certain pieces of Highway Department equipment which

will have a cost of said equipment of approximately $220,000; WHEREAS, the Town Board of

Bethlehem, New York will file with the Secretary of State of New York an application for the

purposes of organized in Delaware (DE) on 4/16/01. NY office location: Albany County. LLC des-

ignated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The address of each general partner

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who will receive and forward any process against it may be served. The principal office of the limited

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SPORT FLOOR, LLC, 44 Elet Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061. The purposes of the limited liability

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

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Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Dempf will work on developing "overlays" to the rural character zones that would incorporate standards regarding signage and construction. "I think we can keep it at the level of a conceptual overview," Pofti said. "We don’t need to reopen the zoning law.

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