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WMHT weathers the storm

By Ann Treadway

When it was revealed early this summer that local public television station WMHT had a reserve fund of almost \$6 million, a lot of people were shocked — occasional viewers, members and even station volunteers, people who had donated many hours to fund-raising efforts.

And the issue hasn't died — partially because it has been kept alive in the press. By now, there are few people, even non-TV watchers, who aren't aware of the controversy surrounding WMHT and its millions held "in reserve." The *Times Union* made sure of that.

Just how damaging were the revelations? Had WMHT been up to something questionable, or was the station simply guilty of poor public relations? And — most important to public television, which must go periodically hat-in-hand to its viewers for support — what did it all mean in terms of fund raising?

William E. Haley Jr., vice president and general manager of the station, is sorry about the way people learned about WMHT's surplus, but not overly concerned that the negative public reaction the news generated will harm the station's future. He said recently that that a survey he commissioned in the wake of what has been called



a "public relations nightmare" showed that "the vast majority of members are planning to renew."

Haley plans, for his part, to keep WMHT members and supporters better informed about its finances in the future, calling it "a very positive thing that's been cast in a bad light." The new station executive, who came to WMHT early this year, said he'd been planning all along to start sending station members an annual financial report.

This will be done for the first time early in 1988, he said, after the required annual audit is conducted this fall. WMHT is already sending out copies of last year's financial report to anyone who asks, and has included information on the station's financial situation — as well as an admission by Haley that "we have not been good communicators, in some respects" — in its current member newsletter, the *WMHT Portfolio*.

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Will Hahn victory end GOP strife?

By Tom McPheeters

Both sides are talking reconciliation following Kenneth Hahn's stunning victory in last week's Bethlehem Republican primary for receiver of taxes.

And there should be some early clues as to whether the party regulars are ready to take Hahn and his ally, Gary Swan, back into the fold. Nevertheless, the primary leaves a residue of bad feeling on both sides that will have to be overcome, and Hahn made it clear that unless the party accepts Swan as well, there won't be any lasting peace.

Hahn, the incumbent who has cultivated town Republican and Conservative voters for 24 years, and Swan, the state assembly official whose candidacy in last year's Republican primary for the state legislature precipitated the split, engineered a smashing defeat of the Bethlehem Republican leadership in the Sept. 15 primary. Backed by the full party apparatus, challenger Charles Fritts could win only one of 27 election districts —



Kenneth Hahn

his own, narrowly — as Hahn swept to a 2,286 to 1,050 victory. Hahn also won the Conservative primary, 27 to 4.

"They (the voters) certainly were sending us a message, and we got it, loud and clear," said Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz following the vote.

"Kenny's the candidate and I'm going to support him 100 percent," said Fritts.

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The Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Convention is celebrated as the Voorheesville Fire Dept., that is having its 85th anniversary this year, steps off Saturday, above right. At the carnival, that was enjoyed by all, Joey Guastella



throws a dart at a ballon as his mother, Julia, watches. *On the cover:* Celebrating Voorheesville Fire Dept.'s 85 years at the Mardi Gras parade Friday night.

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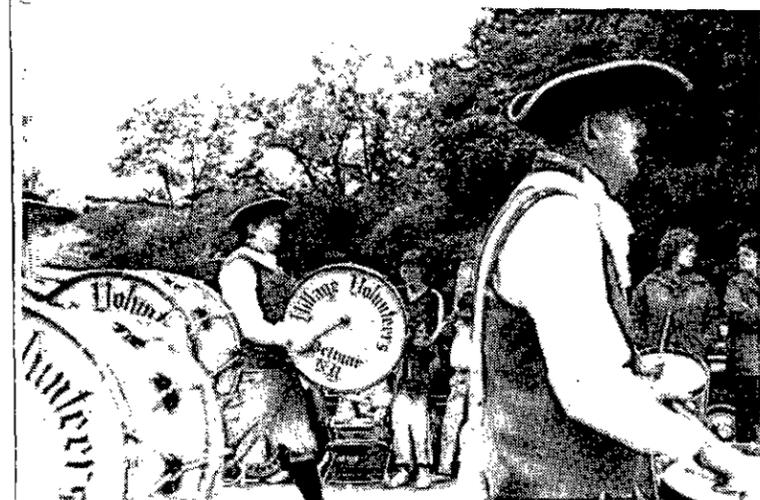
On parade

By Lyn Stapf

Although rain soaked the Village of Voorheesville it didn't dampen the spirit of the thousands who came for the two parades and accompanying carnival and casino, as the Voorheesville Fire Department hosted the annual Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Convention last weekend.

The fun-filled Mardi Gras Parade stepped off from the Grand Union Parking lot at 7 p.m. on Friday amid a slight drizzle, but wound up in a downpour a half hour later. Yet the streets were lined with umbrella sporting spectators who totally

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The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Delmar step off for the dress parade Saturday.



The Slingerlands Fire Dept. has a game of their own — the Wheel of Prevention.

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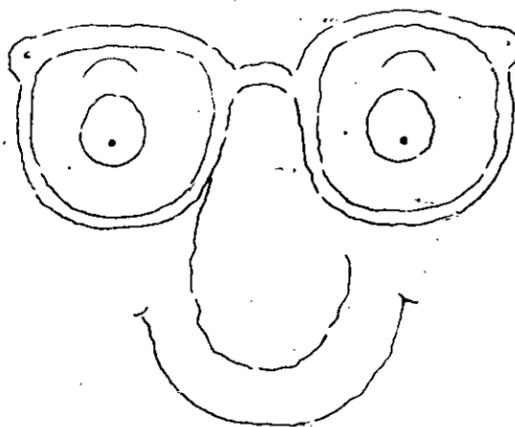
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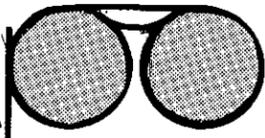
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Legislators want airport facts

By Patricia Dumas

If they are going to vote on expenditures for airport improvements, Albany County legislators want to be thoroughly informed on the entire airport development program.

Republican legislator's voiced that opinion last week during debate before the legislature approved contracts for airport-related traffic studies, land appraisals and construction.

Under the contracts, the county will pay up to \$25,000 to the Capital District Transportation Authority to find out the traffic impact from airport development, \$213,000 to Hennessy Associates of Albany for appraisal services needed before the county can be reimbursed for buying residential property affected by airport noise, and a total of \$1,707,022 to various firms for work on roads, taxiways, fencing and asbestos removal.

To finance construction of holding aprons at the airport, the legislature also agreed to let the county borrow \$1,187,180 with 94 percent of that sum to be reimbursed through state and federal funding.

All that spending, reimbursed or not, should be approached cautiously, according to the Republican minority.

"Some people think we have to get the whole development program accomplished before Election Day," Republican Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris declared. He pointed out that his fellow legislator from Bethlehem, Republican Robert W. Hoffmeister, two months ago called for a legislative committee to oversee the airport development plans. Hoffmeister's suggestion was turned down because the Democratic majority claims that an existing legislative unit, the Mass Transit Committee, is ably qualified to deal with the development.

Another Bethlehem Republican, James C. Ross, said the airport development director and the county economic development director should provide the legislature with "a brief scenario" on the airport development plans.

"I'm at a loss to know what's to be done. Could we have some scenario on what they plan to do, the time involved, and the total cost to the taxpayer?" he asked.

Noting that the resolutions that were voted upon came out of legislative committee meetings, Hoffmeister said the entire legislature should be educated about the plans.

"Many elements are missing. It is disappointing to hear only the results of what the economic

Albany County

director recommends without having the benefit of hearing what else might be considered and dismissed," he said.

The chairman of the legislature's Mass Transit Committee, David Torncello of Watervliet, retorted that a report made to his committee by Airport Development Director Howard Goldstock "was in generalities."

"We have no proposals at this time. We're waiting for them to come in. Then we'll act on them," he said.

County Attorney William Conboy, saying he wanted "to clear up confusion," reminded the legislators that "all this has been going on for some time. It's all part of this body's continuing effort to keep the airport in good condition."

When Torncello said all the development is part of the 1975 master plan for the airport, Morris replied that "it's good to see that the resolution represents long-range planning but we haven't seen any reports on what we now hear has been going on for some time."

Republican Paul Scaringe said he "would hate to see money thrown away now when the plans might be changed."

The traffic study involves an area bounded by Rt. 7 on the north, the Northway on the east, New Karner Road on the west and Central Ave. on the south.

The legislative resolution to hire Hennessy Associates to help with land appraisals also drew criticism from some Republicans. Morris complained that "we're now discovering after seven years that we need services of this firm to collect money due us since 1980 (when the legislature began buying up lands affected by airport noise.)"

But Conboy explained that federal aviation regulations governing reimbursement "are stringent and detailed" and said nobody on the county staff is qualified to handle the appraisal work under such regulations.

The other authorized contracts went to:

- Hudson River Construction Co., \$1,088,679 for airplane parking aprons.
- Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem, \$371,561 for construction of an access road near the perimeter of the airport.
- Hudson River Construction Co, \$111,480 for construction of a new taxiway.



Studying posters on the United States' Constitution in honor of its 200th anniversary are St. Thomas students, from top, Robert Smith, Joshua Callahan, Jennifer Thomas and Hadley Fitzpatrick. The eighth graders put the

display together last year under social studies teacher Jane Thorp, and it is a collection of different aspects of the document, complete with reports on the posters. Patricia Mitchell

- Fremont Fence Inc. of Syracuse, \$58,582 for installation of security fencing.

- AAC Contracting of Rochester, \$76,720 for removal of asbestos from an old hangar.

The legislature also approved work change orders for the county civic center to make room for an estimated 20,000 square feet of retail space. When the proposal for the work came before the legislature's civic center committee two weeks ago, committee chairman Harold Joyce emphasized that it does not involve substantial changes to the civic center project — only a redesign of the front entrance.

The additional space is needed, Joyce explained, because escalators and stairwells are taking up space originally planned for the retail stores.

Conboy told the legislators that the anticipated income from the business firms "ultimately will result in the county reaping sizeable benefits."

Window damaged

The windshield of a Beaver Dam Rd., Selkirk, man's car was shot with a BB gun between Sept. 6 and Wednesday, causing \$300 in damages, Bethlehem Police said.

Voorheesville, teachers have tentative agreement

The Voorheesville Teachers Association and the school district have reached a tentative agreement in their contract negotiations.

Teachers in the Voorheesville Central School District have been without a contract since July.

The tentative agreement was reached after an all-night negotiating session Wednesday, said Superintendent Louise Gonan. She declined to release details until after a contract is ratified.

VTA President Reichard Mele would not return telephone calls on Friday or Monday for comment on the tentative agreement. More than 25 teachers picketed at last Monday's school board meeting, with Mele appealing to the board for a settlement.

The teachers are expected to meet on Wednesday (today) to ratify the contract, and then it would be turned over to the board of education to ratify, Gonan said.

BC'52 seeks members, plans Oct. 10 reunion

The Class of 1952 of the Bethlehem Central High School is looking for class members for their 35th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Information or addresses needed on the following class members include: John Adams, Barbara Allen, Elaine Benson, David Braun, Janis Calderwood, Carl Craw, Anne Emmons Campbell, Evelyn Venus Coughtry, Fred Daingerfield, Preston Dawes, Joanne Denniston Laffer, Jean Hanrahan, Bill Larson and

Gerald Lather. Also, Richard Morgan, Robert Murray, Ruth Noble, John Parker, Priscilla Ingraham Pultz, Ralph Reynolds, Richard Steffan, Russell Steinke, Bob Sundell and Doris Wilson Wendt.

The reunion will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar. For information on the reunion or on class members, call Audrey Overbaugh Garcia at 283-7328.

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WMHT's volunteers react

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In another effort to improve its public relations, the station will continue to schedule call-in shows about once a month to give people a chance to question Channel 17 personnel directly about policies and programming.

The first such program, called "Open Air," was held on July 21 in direct response to the media attention caused by revelation of WMHT's healthy financial condition. This came in the form of an article that appeared in the June 14 Sunday *Times-Union*, written by Jonathan Miles, news director of WUSV, Channel 45, which WMHT had just purchased, reporting for the first time on the \$6 million reserve.

According to a *Times-Union* article published on July 9, Haley and other WMHT officials were characterizing Miles as "a disgruntled employee," but they did not challenge the information in his article.

Only three callers to the first "Open Air" forum complained about the financial news, however. Two said they were "disappointed"

to find out how much money the station had, since they had been contributing to it in the belief their donations were badly needed. The third was more vitriolic; he said WMHT was "in unprincipled hands" and all its officers should be replaced.

That strong criticism prompted quick reaction from a number of loyal viewers, who called to defend the station. One of the defenders, pledging "undying support," also labeled *Times-Union* columnist Fred Lebrun's continuing coverage of the matter "a vicious attack."

On the show, management's explanation of the fund consisted of a series of charts and graphs showing how the \$6 million is allocated. A portion of the money, about \$1.8 million, will go to purchase Channel 45, and most of the remainder is in various special funds as reserves for such possible needs as replacing the station's transmitter and buying new equipment. Except for the Channel 45 purchase, no specific plans for using the money were offered.

All the other calls on the hour-

long program that night dealt with programming questions and opinions that also dominated the Aug. 25 version of "Open Air." "We did get a few questions on the August show about our acquisition of Channel 45 which were entirely appropriate," Haley said.

The next "Open Air" is scheduled for early October. For the time being, however, Haley and his station colleagues were devoting most of their attention to preparing for the live premiere of Channel 45 that took place Monday.

Charles Touhey of Albany, who was on the WMHT Board of Directors a number of years ago and rejoined it four months ago, told *The Spotlight* he thinks the station's financial condition was "blown out of proportion" by the Capital Newspapers.

"There are legitimate reasons to develop such a cushion," he said. "In this high-tech world, things like transmitters are very expensive." Touhey also believes it "makes sense" to prepare for possible cuts in government funding — especially with President Reagan still in office.

But Touhey, a dissident Albany Democrat with a reputation as a social activist, said WMHT management overreacted to the bad press it received. At the board's July meeting, a letter that had been drafted to be sent to all station members was killed, at his urging, because he found it "rambling and defensive."

He said the development, over



Planning their trip Disneyland in Florida is the Scherer family of Delmar, from left, Shannon, Happy, Robyn and Harvey.

Patricia Mitchell

recent years, of the sizeable surplus fund was "cumulative, not rapacious," but the publicity about it has provided "a good lesson" for the station. "They'll be much more accountable now, and that will be good for everyone," he said.

WMHT's public relations director, Gloria Lamere, seemed initially to disparage the station's critics. "Being financially secure is not a crime," she said firmly.

Lamere then softened her stance, though, and went on to explain: "You get into a mode of always pitching for money and talking about the need because that's the

way things started out. At one time, we had to borrow money to meet the payroll." She expressed regret that "a lot of people who are backing us now feel resentment" because they wish they'd been told the financial facts.

Happy Scherer of Delmar, who has been a WMHT volunteer for years and has recruited other fundraising volunteers, just wishes there had been some recent communication about the financial news from the station management to people like herself. "I know nothing more than what I've read in the papers," she said.

While hurt at being ignored during the controversy, Scherer said her commitment won't change. "I believe in public TV," she said. She's such a supporter, in fact, that she and her husband were the high bidders for a trip to Disney World offered at the WMHT auction last spring, even though the trip package wasn't exactly what they would have chosen themselves. The Scherer family flew to Florida last week, with WMHT getting their vacation payment.

A Slingerlands woman who is an auction chairperson, Cheryl Mesick,

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also will continue her own volunteer work for the station, but admitted she was "quite shocked" to find out the extent of the financial reserves. "We should have been told," she said.

She thinks it will be more difficult this year to get people to donate to the auction because viewers may feel WMHT doesn't really need the money. Mesick also said she believes station employees deserve raises.

While it is known that WMHT employee wages are low, which many consider appropriate for a public TV station, president Donald Schein's annual salary, according to the Miles article, is \$92,500 — another financial revelation that some people found disturbing. Schein, who has been on a half-pay leave of absence since before the controversy erupted, was vigorously praised on the July "Open Air" program as deserving of "the lion's share of credit" for the station's success over the past 25 years.

Another volunteer from Slingerlands, Elaine Smith, said she had

been "very upset" — not at WMHT, but because of what she considered "slanted newspaper coverage" of the station's operations. "Any healthy business should have funds earmarked for catastrophes," Smith said.

Two Bethlehem School District librarians, Peg Lewis and Marie Musgrove, have volunteered their services at the annual fund-raising auctions. Lewis for one, hopes the new awareness of WMHT's sound financial status will cut down on the number of on-air pitches that are made.

"When I turn Channel 17 on, it seems that more times than not they're fund-raising," she said.

As a member of the Delmar Kiwanis Club, Dave Sawyer has also been a volunteer helper at the auctions. He said recently he was "very disappointed that WMHT hasn't been more forthcoming" about its finances.

But like all the other volunteers questioned for this article, Sawyer expressed more concern about the

effect this might have on others than on himself. "We're very fortunate to have WMHT, and I hope this whole thing doesn't hurt public TV," he said.

WMHT General Manager Haley, who served as general manager of WPBY in Huntington, W. Va., for seven years and before that worked for a public TV station in Rochester, does concede that "the old fund-raising techniques" should have been stopped earlier at WMHT.

He said the renewal notices sent to some members recently which stated "we anticipate a deficit" should have said "membership shortfall" rather than "deficit." ("Shortfall" apparently means less than the amount the station management had budgeted as income from memberships.)

Semantics aside, Haley agreed that the message — "if you don't give, we'll go under" — is long since an inaccurate reflection of the financial condition of WMHT. But he is upbeat now about the station's long, hot summer.

"I have seen a more intense interest in the station than we ever realized was out there," he said. "Overwhelmingly, people approve of our fund-raising — they just want to be kept informed."

Beneficial arrangement

All members of WMHT are mailed monthly copies of *Capital Region* magazine, which prints the public TV station's program guide in its back pages. This arrangement came about with no money exchanging hands, because it was seen as mutually beneficial.

The glossy magazine, now less than two years old, got an initial subscription list of about 33,000 people. (All contributors to WMHT become members, regardless of the amount given.) It was thus able to charge advertising rates based on this high — and presumably high quality — number of readers.

The television station gets, in return, its program listings published and distributed every month.

WMHT general manager William Haley said he's had "excellent feedback" about the magazine and the station's relationship to it. He said a "new agreement" will soon go into effect with the magazine for the monthly printing of four more pages, to accommodate added program listings for Channel 45. This agreement will call for "some payment" by the station to the magazine, yet to be determined, he said.

Capital Region can also be subscribed to separately at a cost of \$9.95 per year for 12 issues. Tear-off subscription coupons are available in each issue. A spokesperson for the magazine said in July that some angry calls were being received, as a result of the news about WMHT's

large reserve fund. The callers were informed that the magazine "is not getting any of that money" and that they could subscribe to it without being a WMHT member.

"We never suggested that," the spokesperson stressed, "but simply pointed it out." *Ann Treadway*

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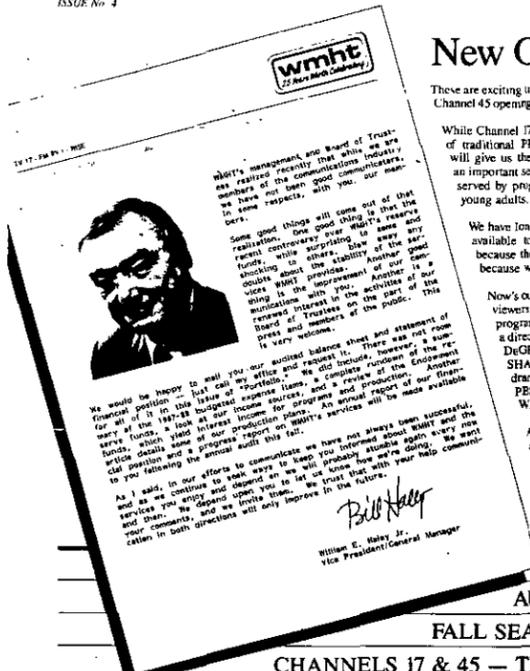
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Now's our chance! As we unveil our plans for 45, viewers will have a look at some innovative new programs such as THE RUSSIAN PROJECT, a direct look via satellite at Russian television; DeGRASSI JUNIOR HIGH, a teen drama; SHAKA ZULU and HEIMAT, historical dramatizations; TRYING TIMES, the new PBS comedy series; and GAME OF THE WEEK, our own coverage of area sports.

All this and 17 too, as WMHT carries on a tradition of bringing to our members much more TV worth watching.

—Gloria Lamere
Director of Public Relations

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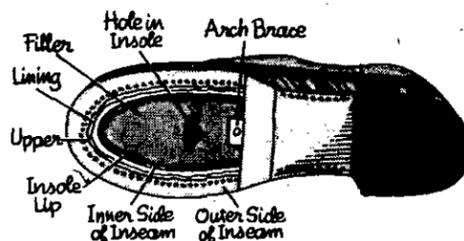
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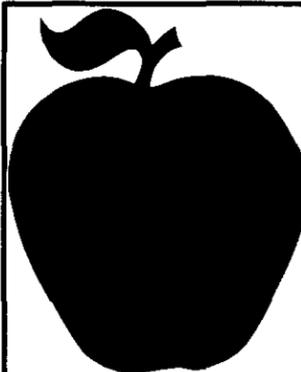
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Shared drive concerns board

By Ruth Fein Wallens

The issue of shared driveways came before the Bethlehem Board of Appeals last Wednesday during a public hearing adjourned with unanswered questions.

Charles B. Buchanan of Loudonville is requesting he be able to share a common 1,000-foot driveway with a neighbor on Van Wies Point Road in Glenmont, rather than constructing a driveway on his own property with public road access, as the zoning ordinance requires.

The problem, according to Buchanan, is that if he abides by the stipulations under which his parcel of land was subdivided — namely, clearly shown highway access not over another's property — he will have to build a driveway on an incline that he and his architect-engineer, Michael Ruden, feel is too steep.

Board of Appeals Chairman Charles Fritts said he sees a

Bethlehem

problem with emergency vehicle access, and that the town moved away from shared driveways for this safety reason.

The driveway exists on property owned by Stephen and Barbara Wiley of Delmar, who are currently building a home on the site. The public hearing was for a variance needed for the Buchanans to build a driveway from their home to the Wiley's driveway, rather than to the road. Board members said this makes the common shared driveway "a road" in their eyes, and may therefore be subject to standards for town roads.

The two property owners previously agreed to share capital costs of creating the driveway, now just a dirt road, and for maintaining it.

The board requested more

documentation from Buchanan, including a study by Ruden's firm showing the shared driveway as the best alternative plan, after ruling out options possible within the existing zoning ordinances.

An approval of the driveway by the town's highway superintendent also was requested by the board. This may necessitate widening the driveway beyond its original 12 feet for easier emergency vehicle access, and to allow for two cars to pass simultaneously. The surface of the road also may be in question since, according to Fritts, a fully-weighted fire truck might have a problem on the gravel road proposed.

The board will reopen the hearing at a later date after this material is provided.

The board of appeals also:

- Informally granted two separate variances to the Buchanans that allow them to construct a seasonal use gazebo on the other side of Van Wies Point Road, overlooking the Hudson River, prior to the building of their home across the road.

- Granted informal approval for the Klersy Building Corp to install a six-foot fence along their rear property line on Feura Bush Road in Delmar. The fence (which is permitted at a maximum of four feet) will provide privacy and safety for homeowners behind the Klersy property.

- Granted informal approval for a side yard variance at 200 Kenwood Avenue, Elsmere. The variance allows for a second floor addition with an overhang that infringes on the side yard requirements in one corner of the house.

- Passed a resolution to allow Bruce L. Weber to keep a six foot stockade fence he constructed over



Albany Academy students get ready for a year-long celebration of the school's 175th anniversary. Kicking off the start of the year are, center front, Harish Mehta of Feura Bush; second row, from left, Colin Donnaruma, Sean Fox, Shanaka Peiris and Aaron Moskowicz, all of Delmar; and third row, Roberto Range, Jason Dill and Kevin Kermani, also of Delmar. *Spotlight*

a three to four foot berm on his Elm Ave., Selkirk, property.

- Scheduled public hearings for the next meeting of the board of appeals, Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m.

Math refresher workshops at CSR

The College of St. Rose will host several weekend math refresher workshops beginning Saturday, Sept. 19. Additional workshops will be held Sept. 26, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24. The workshops run from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Khalid Mehtabdin will teach the workshops addressing the needs of those who may be returning to school or students whose math skills are out of date. The workshop will cost \$55, including books.

For information call 454-5144.

Taken at Town Hall

A Borthwick Ave., Delmar, girl's bicycle was taken from the racks at the Bethlehem Town Hall between Sept. 12 and Tuesday, Bethlehem Police said. The girl's red 10-speed bicycle is valued at \$139.

Parent support group forming in Delmar

Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited are sponsoring a parent support group open to all parents of adolescents in the community. The group will meet on Wednesdays in the First United Methodist Church, Delmar from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The meetings provide parents with an opportunity to share ideas, joys and frustrations of raising children. It is not necessary to have a child enrolled in Project Hope's program to attend the meetings. For information call 767-2445.

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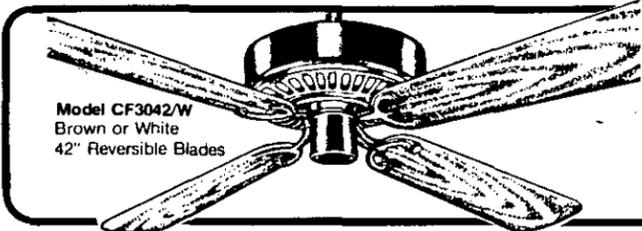
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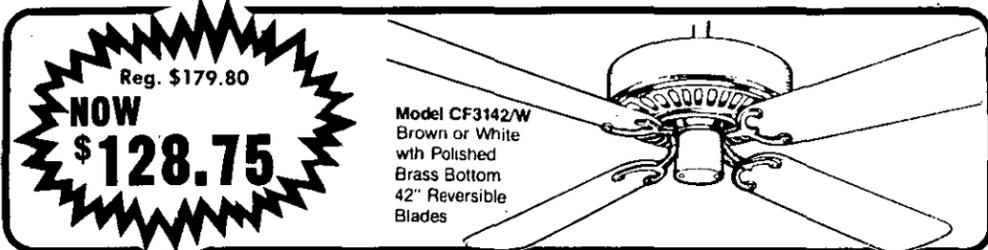


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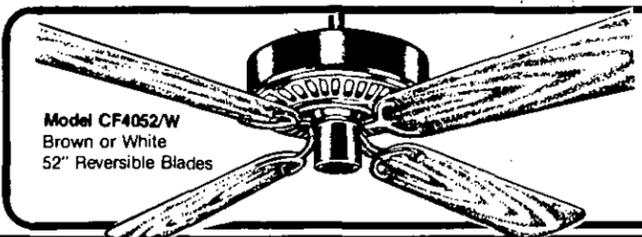
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Dr. Frank Rhoad of Delmar gets ready to cut a cake in honor of his 100th birthday at a celebration by the Delmar Kiwanis Club. *Spotlight*

Celebrates 100 years

Dr. Frank T. Rhoad of Delmar celebrated his 100th birthday Tuesday night at a surprise party hosted by the Delmar Kiwanis Club.

Officers of several area Kiwanis Clubs and the lieutenant governors of the Capital District Kiwanis and Key Club were among the more than 60 present at the Star-Lite Restaurant in Glenmont.

Master of Ceremonies Gary Swan read letters of congratulation from President Ronald Reagan, Gov. Mario Cuomo and Rep. Sam Stratton. The benediction was given by the Rev Gregory Pike of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Rhoad, a retired minister, has been an active member of Kiwanis for 66 years and has just completed a manuscript for publication, "Essays, Reflections of a Centenarian."

□ Hahn's victory

(From Page 1)

"Right now, the most important thing by far is for the Republicans to unite and work together this fall," Kaplowitz said. He said he called Hahn the night of the primary and congratulated him, and said he would like to get together with Hahn soon to discuss the fall election.

After the primary, the Republicans may have trouble keeping up interest in the general election. The Bethlehem Democrats have apparently decided to field only one candidate in the town elections — Robert Burns of Glenmont, the party's vice chairman who reportedly has decided to run for one of the two town board seats now held by Fred Webster and Ruth Bickel, who is not seeking reelection. Earlier, Burns had been eyeing the seat held by Dennis Corrigan.

Kaplowitz said Saturday that he is waiting to make sure he knows what the Democrats are doing before holding his meeting with Hahn. The Democrats must file their slate with the county Board of elections by Tuesday. The Republican Committee has scheduled a caucus for Thursday night; both Hahn and Swan are committeemen.

Hahn also was talking reconciliation. He said he is "looking forward to working again as a team for the November election and for the next four years serving the public with the same energy as we have in the past, with room for improvement."

"I'm just overwhelmed by the trust of the Republican voters," Hahn said. He added that he is "honored to again receive the trust" of the Conservative voters, who he has worked with in the past and with whom he feels "a very close kinship."

The contest had been expected to hinge on regional patterns — Hahn is a North Bethlehem committeeman who has a strong base in that area; Fritts and Swan are both from Glenmont, which has shown the most independent voting patterns in recent years. But whatever regional differences existed were submerged by the Hahn landslide.

Hahn's campaign effectively cast him in the role of the victim. Through the use of hard-hitting ads and letters, as well as news coverage, he got across the message that he had been denied the party's nomination because of his refusal to back Kaplowitz in last fall's state legislature primary. The party response that Hahn was no longer a "team player" apparently didn't wash, and Hahn said he found himself in the unfamiliar position of receiving voluntary offers of help from people who had no political background.

Even so, Hahn said, he had been unsure what to expect until the last week of the campaign, when he went to campaign in Fritts' Glenmont district — a necessary project he had been putting off with some dread. After the reception there, Hahn said, "I knew he was in trouble." The fifth district was the only one that Fritts won, 116-91.

The vote total, 3,336, was only a shade less than the 3,673 total in last year's primary — 46 percent of the registered Republicans — in which four candidates spent most of the summer wooing GOP voters.

Hahn said he had about 60 people making calls the day of the primary, knowing that he had to have a strong turnout. He went out of his way to acknowledge Swan as a major force in the campaign: "my architect of victory."

What about Swan? He said Monday he also is "interested in putting this behind us" and anxious to work for the party in the fall campaign. He also said that while he has no plans to run for office again, he is very interested in retaining his seat on the Bethlehem Board of Appeals.

Swan's seat on the board, which is chaired by Fritts, expires at the end of this year. His reappointment would normally be considered by the Town Board at its organizational meeting in January.

Fritts, who plans to retire at the end of the year as a warrant officer in the Army Reserve, said he plans to stay on as chairman of the board of appeals.

BOU to meet

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will hold an open meeting Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m. at 64 Winne Rd., Delmar. The meeting will be followed by a pot luck supper. For information call 439-6885.

Correction

Times for worship services at three local churches were listed incorrectly in last week's *Spotlight* Calendar.

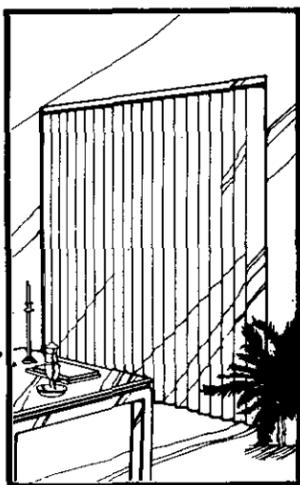
At Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, church school and nursery starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Coffee hour is 11:30 a.m.

At the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship and nursery care for children starts at 9:30 a.m., children's Christian Fellowship starts at 9:45 a.m. and church school and adult education begins at 11 a.m.

At Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands, worship service, church school and youth forum begins at 10 a.m. and coffee hour, junior and cherub choir rehearsal begins at 11 a.m.

Pine Bush program

A slide program, "Saving the Pine Bush," presented by Mrs. Robert Weatherby will be shown Wednesday, Sept. 30 at the Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. For information call 439-9314.



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What village wants to help Orchard Park

By Patricia Mitchell

For Orchard Park residents to get village water temporarily, the town will have to offer something in return, and that something could be a system that connects the village to the town and its water supplies.

Those trade-offs, and several others, were discussed in an informal meeting of the New Scotland Town Board and the Voorheesville Village Board last Tuesday. The meeting was called at the request of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association to help find alternatives to their well water that is contaminated with methane and sodium and has other problems.

"We are afraid for our homes and our kids," said Pat Bulgaro, president of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, of the methane contamination. "There are people who are afraid."

Members of the village board wanted to know what the village could get in return if it agrees to a temporary water supply, and seemed most interested in an interconnection with the town. While the town has no water supply of its own, as Voorheesville does, it does receive water from Bethlehem and Albany, and those suppliers could also be the village's suppliers if the interconnection is made.

The town board may discuss the possibility of an interconnection and an engineering study to

Voorheesville

accomplish it at its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7, said Town Attorney Fred Riester.

Even though Orchard Park residents said they were concerned with the seriousness of the situation, especially with methane gas, and urged both boards to come to a solution, Robert Cook, chairman of the town's water resources commission, said even if an agreement was made at the meeting, it would take about a year before they could be hooked up.

Most of the two-hour-plus meeting contained claims by the village board that it had been "burned" in the past when it extended its water lines. Board members also claimed the village's water supply is limited and it had an obligation its to residents first. In a letter to Town Supervisor Stephen Wallace, who was absent, Mayor Edward Clark said while the village is willing to talk about the situation, the board needs something to compensate.

Orchard Park residents acted as the moderator for the meeting, trying to draw out what the village would consider to make its system less fragile in return for a temporary water supply and trying to get the town board to agree to the village's interests. However, when

Councilman Herbert Reilly, who is running for supervisor in November's election, said the town's engineer could talk to the village engineer on the interconnection, Riester reminded the boards they could make no decision because they were not at a formal meeting.

At one point Town Councilman Allyn Moak said the two boards were just blowing smoke. There were nine people on the two boards who were on the spot, he said. The town board was asked to talk to the village about giving residents water temporarily and he said the village has been put on the spot. That night was the first he had heard of Clark's request, and Moak said he didn't know what was needed to

strengthen the village's system.

Bulgaro said the residents did not mean to put the officials on the spot. The association has started a legal defense fund and is looking for an attorney, but he said that was not a threat, and claimed that a newspaper's story quoting him as saying they could sue the village was false.

The exchange became heated when Riester said they could sue him, and Bulgaro said they would.

Village board members said they could be interested in hearing proposals to improve the village's water system to justify the added burden of 70 homes in Orchard Park and wanted a promise from

the town that it would be the last time. Most said they were interested in the idea of an interconnection. Clark said he feels the village's water source could be a weak spot in the system, and it has to be protected.

Riester said that the town has in the past offered an interconnection to the village, along with other proposals. However, Clark said at those times the village wasn't looking for anything.

Other ideas discussed at the meeting included a loop through the Swift Rd. park to connect town lines with the village, a new water line under Maple Ave., and an engineering study of the village's system.

Developer wants land in village

About 14 acres of land could be added to the Village of Voorheesville if the village board and the New Scotland Town Board agree to the land owner's request.

The land is part of a 62-acre parcel located on Voorheesville Ave. in back of C and R Drywall. About 14 acres lies in the town and the remainder in the village.

The two boards heard the request for the annexation last Tuesday. They will have 90 days to decide on the request.

Albany Attorney John Garry, who made the request to the boards for the annexation, said his family had owned the land for 17 years. However, it was recently sold to Basil Development Corp. with Voorheesville developer Peter Baltis as a principal. As one of the terms of the contract, Garry said, the sellers had to apply for the annexation. Garry said Basil Development would like the whole parcel under one municipality to make it easier to develop.

The new owners have no immediate plans to develop the land, Garry said. It will be for residential use and the acreage that belongs in the town that is wetlands will probably be left alone, he said.

Asked whether the purpose of annexation is to be eligible for village water, Garry said the developers would like to deal with one source of utilities from one municipality, with water being one of those utilities. But, he said, the land will probably be developed even if the 14 acres are not annexed.

Village board members said if the annexation is approved, it does not indicate approval for development. The land that is now in the village is zoned for one house per acre.

Some village residents at the hearing were concerned about the impact on the village water supply. Vincent Matrese of Maple Ave. pointed to the new subdivision on Maple Ave. across from the Mobil Station, and a request from Orchard Park residents for a

temporary water supply from the village. "How far can we spread this water?" he said.

Village Mayor Edward Clark said about 50 percent of land in the village is undeveloped, a fact that should be considered when the boards decide on the request since the village has an obligation to supply water within its boundaries. The slightest breakdown could put the whole village out of water, Clark said.

Another matter both boards should consider is the advantage of the annexation, and Clark said he does not see any benefits to the village.

Garry said there would be an economic advantage because houses valued at \$100,000 to \$125,000 would be built on the land.

Even though a small strip of land owned by the Sisters of Mercy would still be between the village boundary and the town line, Town Councilman Herbert Reilly said he was concerned over how close the town line comes to the village.

The boards should consider the heavy traffic situation on Voorheesville Ave. when considering the request, said Lance Moore of Voorheesville Ave.

John Sgarlata of Smith La. in the town, a Democratic candidate for the town board this November, said the boards should ask Baltis to come in and explain his plans.

Patricia Mitchell

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Chicken Barbecue

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Proceeds from the annual fund raiser go to support the many community activities sponsored by the local men's organization, including monthly blood pressure clinics, youth baseball, softball, soccer and wrestling, summer band, holiday baskets for those in need, children's Halloween party and the Memorial Day races for children.

All are welcome to attend.

Parent's Nights

The Voorheesville Elementary School will welcome parents next week to its annual parent's nights. On Tuesday, Sept. 29, parents of those in second and fourth grades will meet from 6:45 until 8 p.m., Grade 3 and 6 parents will meet from 8:15 until 9:30 p.m. On Wednesday, parents of those in kindergarten, the Resource Room, the Learning Lab, and the Gifted and Talented Program will meet from 6:45 until 8 p.m. while parents of those in grades 1 and 5 will meet from 8:15 until 9:30 p.m.

Special subject teachers will also be on hand to explain the physical education, art, music and library programs.

Open house programs will be held on Oct. 15 for those with students in the high school and Oct. 21 for those parents of junior high students.

Nursery School Parent's Night

The Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold a parents meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Teacher-director Rosemarie Pakenas will be available to answer questions about the program for 4 year olds. Members of the executive board will be on hand as well. They include President Andy Bell; Secretary Karen Petersen; Treasurer Portia Hubert; parent participation, Carrie Wehren; refreshments and publicity, Nancy Cozzy; house-keeping, Melissa Hale-Spencer and registration, Patty Cavalieri.

Parents are reminded that set up will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, and will be handled by PM parents. AM parents will clean up in May. The first day of school will be Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Auction-Bazaar Donations

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville is issuing a final call for items to sell at its annual auction-bazaar to be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church on Maple Ave.

Items may be left in the vestibule of the church social hall. Those wishing to donate larger items for the auction may contact chairman Dick Freyer at 765-2555.

Community Basketball Sign-ups

The Voorheesville Community Basketball program will hold sign-ups during the next few weeks. According to coordinator Bob Burns, the program offers a pee wee team for those in Grades 3 and 4 and a bidy program for those in Grades 5 and 6. The only eligibility requirement besides age is that the child live within the Voorheesville School District.

Registration forms may be obtained in the grade school office and should be returned to that office no later than Oct. 12. Those

having any questions may contact Burns at 765-4299.

High School Advisory Committee

The High School Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m. in the high school library. The committee, which is composed of parents, students, teachers, administrators and a board of education member, deals with concerns of the high school and makes recommendations to the principal concerning policy changes.

Community members wishing to volunteer to participate on the committee may call the high school office at 765-3314.

The Commencement Committee is also forming at the high school to begin planning the 1988 graduation ceremony at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. Those interested in joining the committee may contact the high school.

PTSA Apple-Fest

Fall is here and the Voorheesville PTSA is gearing up for its annual Fall Apple Fest to be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the elementary school. Aileen Lukowski, who is chairing the event, is looking for interested participants to assist with the many facets of the fun-filled family fest. Those wishing to help by working on food or game booths, providing musical entertainment or baking may contact her at 765-2406.

Speaking of PTSA, those wishing to join the PTSA may do so at the up-coming parent's night programs. PTSA meetings will be held on the

first Tuesday of each month in the grade school library and all are welcome to attend to share their ideas.

Those serving as PTSA officers this year are Deb Baron, president; Elaine Burns, assistant president; Jeanne Knouse, first vice president; Dorothy Patashnick, second vice president; Molly Getnick, treasurer; Chris Burns and Pam Seh, corresponding secretaries and Michele Krajewski, recording secretary.

Water Bills Due

A final reminder that water bills for residents of the Village of Voorheesville must be paid by Sept. 30. After that time an interest charge will be added to the amount due. Anyone having question should contact the village office at 765-2692.

Heldeberg Workshop offers fall program

The Heldeberg Workshop in Voorheesville has announced its fall program, which will begin Sept. 26. Courses begin at 10 a.m. and last approximately three hours.

A fall nature walk will be offered for everyone from preschool age children to adults. The Workshop will offer an introduction to caving course for children in grade four through adult. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The course will explore caves in Clarksville.

Other courses offered include introduction to maps and mapmaking and introduction to drawing and painting. Fees will be charged for the classes. For information call 765-2777.

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Board discusses decline in high school enrollment

By Sal Prividera

In the face of declining enrollment, can Voorheesville High School afford to continue offering as many elective classes?

In its first meeting since the start of the school year the Voorheesville Central School District Board of Education last week heard reports on enrollment and pondered that question.

The board received reports from both school principals on opening day and current enrollments. District Superintendent Louise Gonan commented that opening day was "excellent."

High School Principal O. Peter Griffin concurred that opening day went smoothly and reported to the board that 608 students were enrolled in Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. Board member John McKenna said he was concerned about declining enrollment and thought the district should "look ahead at how many electives it can offer."

Gonan, also concerned about decreasing enrollment, posed a question to the meeting: "Do we run a class with four or five students?" The board agreed that there is a need to consider the enrollment issue and its impact on future programs.

There are 631 students in the elementary school, Principal Donna Grant Canavan said. Included in the total were 35 students who moved into the district over the summer vacation. Canavan also said that the BOCES program has 43 students in four of the school's classrooms.

The Board of Education's budget research group, charged with studying a program approach to the budget process, reported to the board. Board members David Teuten, Joseph Fernandez and Steve Schreiber are researching the budget process. They met with Gonan to discuss the program approach and hope to look at two or three budget areas to try to develop an entire system. Teuten said that it was an "ambitious and long-term project." He added that the group should "get a sense on the way to go in the near future."

In other business, the board:

- Approved with changes the 1987-88 swim team agreement with the Guilderland Central School District.
- Granted probationary appointments to George Reilly, a physical education teacher, and Susan Lauraine, a home and career skills teacher.
- Appointed board member Judith

Shearer the board's delegate to the New York State School Board Association.

- Granted parental leave to district treasurer Sarita Winchell, effective Nov. 2.

Conservatives tap Reilly, Connolly

Herbert Reilly, Democratic candidate for supervisor, and Kenneth Connolly, Republican candidate for town justice, have won the right to run on the Conservative line in this fall's New Scotland town election.

In last Tuesday's Conservative primary, Reilly received 19 votes to Republican Corinne Cossac's 16 votes. Cossac is town clerk and Reilly is a town councilman.

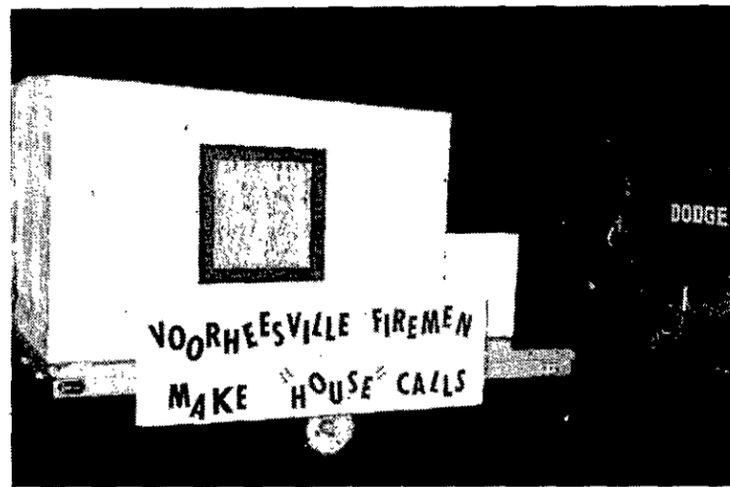
Connolly received 22 Conservative votes compared to 12 for incumbent Town Justice Cynthia LaFave, a Democrat.

Connolly is Voorheesville Village justice and served as town justice for one term until LaFave won the seat from him four years ago.

FHA meeting planned

A Farmers Home Administration information meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the Albany County Cooperative Extension on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville.

For further information, call Dottie Flansburg at the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc. at 765-2425.



Serving the community for 85 years, the Voorheesville Fire Dept. says they make house calls. Lyn Staff

Village on parade

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enjoyed the ingenious Belly People from Knox, the roaring 20's style float from McKownville and the Raisinettes from New Salem, as ambassadors of good will from each fire company and department wove through the crowds in costumes handing or tossing candy to the youngsters. At the end of the parade a good number barred the elements to visit the fire house grounds where the merriment continued.

Winner of the Mardi gras Trophies were announced with the Belly People from Knox winning the Most Original, Ravena taking the Best Fire Prevention, New Salem, walking off with the Best Appearing the McKownville as the Most Comical.

On Saturday, fun was traded for formality as the gigantic dress parade snaked through the Scotch-

pine sub-division before the 1 p.m. kick-off. The rain held off until the parade, lasting almost two hours, wound its way to the fire house along Maple Ave. Over 40 companies with fire trucks of every shape, size and color rolled through the streets, accompanied by marchers in their spit-and-polish best. Marching bands, government officials and thousands of volunteer firemen and auxiliary members kept an air of pomp and circumstance.

At 8 p.m. in an air of celebration the coveted trophies for the dress parade were announced:

- Best Appearing Company, 24 or less, Coeymans Hollow; 25 or more, Coeymans.
- Best Appearing Department, 24 or less, Slingerlands; 25 or more, West Albany.
- Most Men In Line, company, Coeymans; department, Selkirk.
- Best Appearing Ladies Auxiliary Company, 14 or less, Menands; 15 or more, Coeymans.
- Best Appearing Ladies Auxiliary Department, 14 or less, West Albany; 15 or more, none qualifying.
- Most Ladies In Line, company, Coeymans; department, Midway.
- Best Appearing Out Of County Firemen, Cornell Hook and Ladder from New Baltimore.
- Best Appearing Band, Albany Police Bagpipers.
- Best Appearing Drum and Bugle Corps, Allen Residential Drum Corps.
- Best Appearing Fife and Drum Corps, Village Volunteers of Delmar.

DWI on Delaware Ave.

A 43-year-old Albany woman has been charged with driving while intoxicated after she was stopped for speeding Saturday on Delaware Ave. near Howard Place, Bethlehem Police said.

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So far in this fiscal year New York's Lottery is earning almost eight times that amount—on average \$1.9 million a day.

For September, 1976, through September, 1987, New York's Lottery is able to report:

- \$7662 billion in sales.
- \$3.5 billion earned for New York State.
- Prizes valued at \$4.1 billion awarded.
- 547 winners of prizes of a million dollars or more.
- \$460 million in commissions to ticket sellers.

On average, over the 11 years between September, 1976, and September, 1987, the Lottery has earned for New York State:

- \$320 million a year.
- \$26.6 million a month.
- \$6.1 million a week.
- \$880,000 a day.

Sales and revenues for 1976 to 1987 are shown below:
(in millions of dollars)

FISCAL YEAR	SALES	REVENUES EARNED FOR NEW YORK STATE
1976-77	\$ 196.5	\$ 94.8
1977-78	195.8	91.2
1978-79	188.1	90.9
1979-80	184.6	85.6
1980-81	236.2	103.0
1981-82	424.9	179.8
1982-83	645.0	275.2
1983-84	890.3	390.5
1984-85	1,271.2	600.0
1985-86	1,317.0	607.8
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The \$30 million LOTTO 48 Prize won by Pasquale Consalvo, a Staten Island mason, on January 18, 1986, was the largest prize ever won by an individual in the New York State Lottery.

547 persons had won prizes of a million dollars or more by September, 1987.

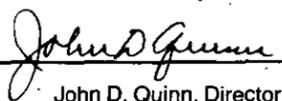
HOW WE HELP

Lottery earnings help pay the State's share of the cost of our elementary and secondary schools. At the same time, Lottery operations provide economic benefits by making it possible for businesses across the State, many of them small mom and pop stores, to be economically successful through commissions earned by selling Lottery products. The Lottery also infuses many millions of dollars more into the private sector and, as a result, creates jobs.

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The success of the New York State Lottery over the years has to be credited to the people of New York State, who have expressed their confidence and trust by purchasing Lottery tickets in ever increasing numbers. With your support, the past eleven years have been good for us at the Lottery, good for the schools who benefit from Lottery earnings and good for the State. Thank you for eleven great years.

Sincerely,


John D. Quinn, Director



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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED ABOUT NEW YORK'S LOTTERY

Q. Why different LOTTO Games?

A. The Lottery constantly tries to provide Lottery players with the games and prize levels they like best. Sales data, information from our customers and agents tell us that the two most preferred LOTTO features are bigger jackpots and more money allocated to the lower level prizes. LOTTO 48 is the best able to offer big jackpots along with the potential for even bigger jackpots. CASH 40 responds to those players who want a greater share of the prize money pool allocated to second and third prizes and also want to receive their prize in a single, cash payment.

Q. Where does the Lottery money go?

A. By law, Lottery proceeds must go to help fund the State's financial assistance to local school districts. Since 1976 there have been two exceptions to this: The first was in 1976/77 when legislation directed that the Lottery proceeds (\$90.7 million) be used to help balance the State budget. And, from 1978-80, legislation directed that about \$4 million of the proceeds from the Olympic Lottery be distributed to the Winter Olympic Trust Fund for the benefit of winter sports education in New York. All the rest of the revenue earned to date has gone, or will go, to local school districts in New York as part of the State aid they receive each year.

Q. How much goes to the State from each game?

A. Not less than 45 percent of the revenue from the Lotto 48, Cash 40, Win-10 and Instant games must go to the State for education. From the Daily Numbers and Win-4 games, not less than 35 percent.

Q. If the Lottery is earning so much money for education, and it's really going there, how come my taxes keep going up?

A. Lottery revenues indeed help education in New York State. Lottery revenues help fund the State's financial assistance to local school districts. But keep in mind that Lottery aid is not in addition to, but rather, part of the State money used to help local school districts. It has risen from about three cents of every State aid dollar to about ten cents of every State aid dollar to local schools.

Q. How much goes to prizes?

A. Prizes in Instant games, Win-10, Lotto 48 and Cash 40 are limited to not more than 40 percent and not more than 50 percent in Daily Numbers and Win-4.

Q. Why are big prizes paid over 20 years?

A. The law gives the Lottery Director the authority to determine how prizes are paid. We have chosen to pay them over several years (usually 20) because:

- Lottery prizes are taxed at both state and federal level. If large prizes were paid out in a lump sum, a lot of the money (under current federal and state law) would immediately be lost in taxes.
- It enables the Lottery to pay large prizes. Part of the money received over a 20-year period by a winner represents interest earned on that investment as well as the original principal available for the prize. For example, on January 17, 1987, a New Yorker won \$3 million. The winner received an initial payment of \$142,800 less Federal withholding and will receive 20 annual payments of \$142,860 over the next 20 years. Without the interest earnings, the prize would have been \$1,600,000.
- Most winners of large Lottery prizes have not handled sums of money like one million dollars or more. By paying over time, they have an opportunity to plan and use the money more effectively.

Q. If I win big, can I collect a lump sum?

A. Only in the Cash 40 game and Win-10 game.

Q. If I die before the 20 years are up, who gets the money?

A. In such cases, payment is made to the estate of the winner. The State does not get the unpaid balance.

Q. Does Lottery prize money earn interest pending payment of the prizes to the winners?

A. Yes. There are several categories of accounts for prize funds (Numbers Reserve Fund, Lotto Reserve Fund, Annuity Guarantee Reserve Fund, Special Prize Fund) and all are interest-bearing accounts. Interest received on prize payment funds is ultimately used by the Lottery for payment of additional prizes.

Q. What about unclaimed prizes?

A. By law, winners have one year to claim their prizes. After one year any unclaimed prize money reverts to the State. From September 1976 to March 1987 that has amounted to over \$63.8 million. The Lottery has supported and will continue to support legislation to return unclaimed prize money to players in the form of more prizes. So far we have not been successful.

Q. Why are Lottery prizes taxed?

A. Because federal and state laws require it. The Lottery has tried to have the State and Federal taxation on prizes removed, but thus far we have been unsuccessful.

Q. If I win \$1 million, how much will I have to pay in taxes?

A. A lot. Lottery winnings are subject to income taxes, along with whatever other income you may have. Liability depends on total income as well as number and type of exemptions authorized, current local, state and federal tax laws, city and county of residence, number of dependents, how returns are filed, etc. Because of these variables, it is not possible to give a precise percentage.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

Bethlehem Landfill open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

New Scotland Landfill open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at town hall.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

Project Hope, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

Project Equinox, Delmar Satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

American Legion, meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

AARP, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, are offering free tax counseling for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

Feura Bush Funsters, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

Bethlehem Archaeological Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day on Monday and Wednesday and on Saturday Mornings. Information, 439-4258.

Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

Farmers' Market, Wednesdays through October, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, followed by plant diagnostic clinic, 3-6 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, instruction on stenciling on wood, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations, 439-9440.

Housing Talk, "Housing Options for Seniors Today," Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, junior Bell Choir, 6 p.m., adult choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

Course on Liturgy, "Deepening our Understanding of Liturgy," St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar. Information, 439-6111.

Parent Support Group, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

Mother's Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Elsmere Fire Company, meets last Thursday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

Softball Games, sponsored by the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4986.

Bowling, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

Meeting, Chabad of Delmar, Rosh Hashana services, Chabad Center, Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Recovery, Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Farmers' Market, St. Thomas Church parking lot, Fridays through October, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Meeting, Chabad of Delmar, Rosh Hashana services, Chabad Center, Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

Dinner Dance, Bethlehem Central High School Football Boosters Club, open golf tournament, Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar. Information, 439-4921.

South Bethlehem Methodist Church, 10th annual Fall Festival, giant flea market, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, 10 a.m. Information 767-3384.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, annual village mart, food, craft items, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Light Bulb Sale, Bethlehem Lions Club, benefits Lions' programs including "Our Sight." Information, 439-2949.

Helderberg Workshop, fall program, nature walk, introduction to caving, to maps and map making and drawing and painting, Helderberg Workshop, Voorheesville, \$10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 765-2777.

Chicken Barbecue, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis Club, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, \$6 adults, \$3.75 children, 4-7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6454.

Fall Festival, nature walks, activities and demonstrations, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, noon-4 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATRE

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Mac-Hayden Theatre, Chatham, through Sept. 27, Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 5 and 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets, 392-9292.

"Song and Dance," with Melissa Manchester, Proctors Theater, Schenectady, through Sept. 27, Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m.; Sunday 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets, 346-2465.

"Carnival," ESIPA at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Sept. 26 through Oct. 9, Sept. 26, Oct. 2, 3, 9, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Sept. 28, 29 and Oct. 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10 a.m. Tickets, 443-5111.

"Charlie's Aunt," South Church St. Theater, Schenectady, Sept. 25 through Oct. 4, Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday 2:30 p.m. Tickets, 382-2081.

"The Tempest," Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, Sept. 30, 8 p.m. Tickets, 783-2527.

MUSIC

The International Festival of Chamber Music, Union College, Schenectady, Sept. 30, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Schenectady Symphony Showcase of Chamber Music, Union College, Schenectady, Sept. 27, 2 p.m. Information, 869-5685.

Yo-Yo Ma, cellist, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-3884.

FOLK

Steve Gillette, folksinger, Cafe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Sept. 26, 27, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Comhaltas on Tour, traditional Irish Ensemble, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Sept. 29, 7 p.m. Tickets, 382-3884.

ART

"American Paintings, Furniture and Decorative Arts of the 18th and 19th Centuries," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct. 11, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

"Dinosaurs Alive," features seven near life-size prehistoric creatures, New York State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 28, daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877 or 474-5842.

Works of Yugoslavian Artist Biljana Vukovic, Picotte Gallery, College of Saint Rose, Albany, through Sept. 27. Information, 454-5185.

"Silk Screens," unique works of Willie Marlow and Thom O'Connor, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, through Oct. 1, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

Twentieth Anniversary Exhibition, featuring "Edward Cowley: 35 Year Retrospective" and "Donald Mochon Remembered," University Art Gallery, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct. 11, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday until 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Information, 442-4035.

Gallery Exhibit, paintings and photography, Junior College of Albany, New Scotland Ave. Albany, through Oct. 9, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 6-8 p.m.

"Diamonds are Forever: Artists and Writers on Baseball," over 100 works including paintings, drawings and prints, State Museum, Albany, through November. Works of Scott Brodie and Carol Luce, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Oct. 11, Tuesday through Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

"Portraiture in Dance: Photographs by Kenn Duncan," National Museum of Dance, Saratoga, through Dec. 20, \$2, Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 584-2225.

"The Arrow Man: Collar City Chic," gallery exhibit, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Oct. 11, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Paintings and drawings of Kim Jordan, Anne Rourke-Hilt and Grace McKendry, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through Oct. 11, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

"Moments of Splendor," photographic exhibition by Kathy M. Schatz, Sheinutt Gallery, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, through Oct. 6, Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Stoneware sculpture by Tom Schottman, media works by Anita Witten, Valley Artisans Market, 25 East Main St., Cambridge, through Oct. 15, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 677-2765.

"Spirit of Democracy: Celebrating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution," exhibit, focus on the creation of the constitution, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Nov. 15, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Paintings of James C. Litz, Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Oct. 8, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 474-5987.

Poet Gwendolyn Brooks reading her works, Union College, Schenectady, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

FILM

"Persona," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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Delmar Presbyterian Church, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; children's Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Bethlehem Community Church, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school, 9 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

Onesquethaw Church, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, worship service, church school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour, Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Steak Roast, New Scotland Republican Committee, dinner and door prizes, Picard's Grove, New Salem, \$27.50, 1-9 p.m. Registrator, 439-6179.

— Correction —

Delmar Presbyterian Church
The starting times previously reported in The Spotlight are incorrect.

**Sunday Worship
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10:30 a.m.

For information on adult education, youth fellowships and other programs, please call...
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**MONDAY 28
SEPTEMBER**

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-441C.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

Lecture, preserving family records, by Glenn Butterfield, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Meeting, Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, fall agenda, Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, 7:30 p.m.

Information Meeting, Farmers Home Administration, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 9:30 a.m. Information, 765-2425.



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**TUESDAY 29
SEPTEMBER**

Meeting, Albany Area Retired Teachers Association, lecture, "Women in Shakespeare," Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, confirmation class meeting, Elm Ave., Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-5264.

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

Parents' Night, Voorheesville Elementary School, grades 2 and 4, 6:45-8 p.m.; grades 3 and 6, 8:15-9:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 30
SEPTEMBER**

Course on Liturgy, "Deepening our Understanding of Liturgy," St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar. Information, 439-6111.

Delmar Progress Club, instruction on stenciling on wood, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations, 439-9440.

Slide Program, "Saving the Pine Bush," by Mrs. Robert Weatherby, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Parent Support Group, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

Open Meeting, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, pot luck supper, 64 Winne Rd., Delmar, 4 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

Parents' Night, Voorheesville Elementary School Kindergarten, learning lab, gifted and talented, 6:45-8 p.m.; grades 1 and 5, 8-9:30 p.m.

Meeting, Albany County League of Women Voters, "Bullets and Ballots," program on Guatemala, babysitting available, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 9:15 a.m. Information, 756-2976.

**THURSDAY 1
OCTOBER**

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.



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Softball Games, sponsored by the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4986.

Bowling, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

**FRIDAY 2
OCTOBER**

Recovery, Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

Free Legal Clinic, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Farmers' Market, St. Thomas Church parking lot, Fridays through October, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Preschool Films, "Dragon Castle" and "The 3 Robbers," Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**SATURDAY 3
OCTOBER**

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

Field Trip, to Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, Albany County Audubon Society, see fall foliage. Information, 877-8678.

Fall Carnival, games, prizes, flea market, Clarksville Elementary School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 768-2318.

Bazaar and Auction, crafts, food, games, First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 765-2895.

**SUNDAY 4
OCTOBER**

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; children's Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Bethlehem Community Church, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

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Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, worship service, church school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour and Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

Open House, The Village Stage at the home of Garrett Dillenback, 1511 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 3-6 p.m.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, 7.1 mile run, New Scotland Town Park, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2346.

Overture Music Series, lecture and demonstration by Susan Martula, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MONDAY 5
OCTOBER

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Temple Chapter 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

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

A.C. Sparkplugs Dance, modern western square dancing featuring mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

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Microwave Cooking Class, preparation of a wide range of foods, William Rice Extension Center, Voorheesville, \$4, 6:30-9 p.m. Information, 765-3550.

Movie Break, "Bruce Lacey" and "The Stonecarvers" Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TUESDAY 6
OCTOBER

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

Cruise Vacationing Program, film and talk by Diane Schneider, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY 7
OCTOBER

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.



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Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

Farmers' Market, Wednesdays through October, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, followed by plant diagnostic clinic, 3-6 p.m.

Parent Support Group, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

Course on Liturgy, "Deepening Our Understanding of Liturgy," by Fr. James D. Daley, St. Thomas the Apostle Church Rectory, Delmar. Information, 439-6111.

Discussion, on "The Way of All Flesh" by Samuel Butler, led by Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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87th Infantry Division Reunion, members of division during World Wars I and II, Turf Inn, Albany. Information, 439-3436.

September Business Blender, sample holiday foods, Sweet Tooth's Catered Affair, 1624 Union St. Schenectady, 5-7 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

Lecture, on biomedical technology and human values, Russell Sage College, Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

THURSDAY 24
SEPTEMBER

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group meeting for parents of substance abusers, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Reading and Discussion Course, for volunteers and teachers planning to conduct Great Books Foundation reading and discussion groups, Saratoga-Warren BOCES, Saratoga Springs, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 584-3239.

Auditions, for Empire State Jazz Ensemble 1987-88 season, College of St. Rose, Albany, 6-8 p.m. Registration, 454-5195.

FRIDAY 25
SEPTEMBER

Reading and Discussion Course, for volunteers and teachers planning to conduct Great Books Foundation reading and discussion groups, Saratoga-Warren BOCES, Saratoga Springs, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 584-3239.

After 50 Workshop Conference, "Good Health and Fitness For All," seminars, workshops, demonstrations, Center for the Study of the Aging, 706 Madison Ave., Albany, \$95. Information, 465-6945.

Memorial Service, for Emil Peters, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, noon.

Information Session, on the Empire State College's degree programs, Capital District Regional Center, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 447-6746.

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Recognition Night, Albany Citizens Council on Alcoholism, guest speaker, Dr. Riley Regan, presentation of awards, Century House, Latham, 6 p.m. Information, 861-5147.

SATURDAY 26
SEPTEMBER

After 50 Workshop Conference, "Good Health and Fitness For All," seminars, workshops, demonstrations, Center for the Study of the Aging, 706 Madison Ave., Albany, \$95. Information, 465-6945.

Bicentennial Dinner, Medusa Firehouse and Memorial Park, Town of Rensselaerville, 7:30 p.m.

Apple Festival, apples, cider, entertainment including Billy Montana and the Longshots, Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 482-8986.

Meeting, Capital District Subcouncil of the Ft. Drum, U.S. Army, Retire Council, Communications Building, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-4417.

Sagefest, block party, arts and crafts, entertainment, Russell Sage College, Troy, noon-6 p.m. Information, 270-2297.

Summer Cruising, 50's and 60's rock and roll, prizes, Catskill Dairy Queen, Rt. 9W. Information, 662-3430.

Cheese Making, instruction in mozzarella, ricotta, cottage, cream and chevre cheese, Hubbard Hall, 25 East Main St., Cambridge, \$10, 1-4 p.m. Information, 677-2495.

Benefit Golf Tournament, for state Firemen's Home, prizes, dinner, refreshments, Rainbow Golf Club, Greenville, noon. Information, 966-5343

German Language Classes, for all ages and levels, German Language School of Albany, McKnownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-6900.

Neighborhood Festival, Coeymans Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, crafts, food, games, Coeymans Civic Center, Civil Ave., Coeymans, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sock hop, 7-11 p.m. Information, 767-2184.

Field Trip, Wellborn Woods Conservancy, Saratoga County, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 869-0453.

Garage Sale Adventure Day, maps to various Catskill garage sales, Catskill Jamesway, Rt. 9W. Information, 943-3266.

SUNDAY 27
SEPTEMBER

After 50 Workshop Conference, "Good Health and Fitness For All," seminars, workshops, demonstrations, Center for the Study of the Aging, 706 Madison Ave., Albany, \$95. Information, 465-6945.

Doll Show and Sale, variety of antique and collectable dolls, Shaker Doll Club, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. Information, 438-7671.

Information Meeting, on Gallery Tour of East Africa, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Anniversary Races, Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, 2.8 or 5.6 mile events, state University at Albany Physical Education Building, \$1.9 a.m. Information, 371-8280.

Field Trip, to Sterling and Francine Clark Art Museum, buffet lunch, state Museum, Albany, \$31. Registration, 474-5801.

Coeymans Reformed Church, homecoming celebration, church service, coffee hour, 10 a.m. Information, 756-8203.

MONDAY 28
SEPTEMBER

Information Session, on the Empire State College's graduate degree programs, Capital District Regional Center, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 447-6746.

Public Hearing, on draft regulations for the future selection of a site for a disposal facility for low-level radioactive wastes, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany Public Library, Main Branch, Washington Ave., Albany, 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 457-5915.

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Educational Program, on sex, drugs, and AIDS, sponsored by Parents without Partners, American Red Cross, Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 482-7932.

Gateway Tour, of production facilities of Sterling Drugs, \$5, 1 p.m. Registration, 274-5267.

CDPC Mental Health Players, performance of "Falling Through the Cracks," Capital District Psychiatric Center, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 447-9611.

Inter-Faith Service, "An Inter-Faith Service for the Worship of God: Seeking Healing and Reconciliation in the AIDS Crisis," First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-0894.

Meeting, Eastern Zone of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, speaker, luncheon, Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown, 10 a.m. Information, 374-2964.

Hobby and Craft Show, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

Lecture, issues surrounding AIDS, by Roger E. Echols, M.D., College of St. Rose, Western Ave., Albany, 2:45-4 p.m. Information, 454-5285.

"The United States Constitution: Alive or Dead?" talk by Hon. Lawrence Kahn, state Supreme Court Justice, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross, Albany College of Pharmacy, 106 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, celebration of past, present and future to benefit camp facilities, entertainment, Norstar Plaza, Albany. Information, 439-4936.

Meeting, state University at Albany, Women's Club, guest speaker Alan Chartock, Campus Center, state University at Albany, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-3123.

Dream Seminar Workshop, learn how to unlock the meanings of dreams, Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., Albany, \$90, 7 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

TUESDAY 29
SEPTEMBER

Meeting, Albany County League of Women Voters, "Bullets and Ballots," program on Guatemala, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 756-2976.

German Language Classes, for all ages and levels, German Language School of Albany, McKnownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-6900.

Nursing Seminar, for licensed practical nurses interested in becoming registered nurses, Maria College, 700 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 4:30 p.m. Registration, 438-3111.

Film Discussion, on the films of Ingmar Bergman, by Frank Gado, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Alzheimer's Disease Workshop, presentation by Dr. Joan Glickstein, sponsored by Hudson Valley Community College, Day's Inn, Menands, \$30. Registration, 270-7338.

WEDNESDAY 30
SEPTEMBER

Dance Meeting, Schenectady Folk Dancers, introductory dance class and party, YMCA, 44 Washington Ave., Schenectady, \$1, 7:30-10:15 p.m. Information, 439-0414.

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New Teachers at RCS.

Three additional teachers have joined the staff at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Schools too late to be included in the district's newsletter, *The Chalkboard*.

To introduce them to the community they are: Signe Edvar, who will be teaching science at the senior high. She received her B.S. from Penn State University and has done additional work at Russell Sage and Smith College. She completed her student teaching at Smith College.

Vicky Van Nortwick will be the teacher of the skills development class at P.B. Coeymans School. She received her B.S. in special education at the State University at Plattsburgh. She is currently working on her masters degree in reading at the State University at Albany. She previously taught in the Canastota School District.

Michelle Winnie will be teaching science at the junior high. She received her B.S. at the State University at Brockport and has completed additional work at the state universities at Buffalo, Albany and New Paltz. Winnie previously taught at the Cheektowaga School District.

Woodrow Wilson Summer Institute Scholar

Elaine M. Jetty, a science teacher at the RCS high school was among 50 outstanding chemistry teachers chosen from over 200 applicants to attend the 1987 Woodrow Wilson Summer Institute on High School Chemistry.

The institute, held for four weeks at Princeton University, included a series of lectures and workshops given by the staff and gave participating teachers the opportunity to support one another in finding ways to enrich the classroom experience for both themselves and their students.

Becker Activities

The PTA of A.W. Becker Elementary School held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and announced an outline of activities planned for the coming school year.

In the fall, the Robin Hood Players will be performing. In March, the students will see Dan Butterworth and his Marionettes in a program that includes mime, masks, modern dance, classical works and rock and roll. May will see students traveling to an ESIPA production of Peter Pan at The Egg in Albany.

Students enjoyed the PTA sponsored program of folk singer-song writer Ruth Pelham on Sept. 18. Her arts-in-education programs are designed to broaden children's experience and appreciation of music and the world around them.

APTA meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. with the next one scheduled for Oct. 13. Parents with children new to the Becker School are encouraged to come and get acquainted.

RCS Academic Awards

A program announcing academic



The current and past presidents of the Capital District Chapter of the Embroiders Guild of America gathered Wednesday for its 20th anniversary at the United Methodist Church. Displaying some of the guild's works are, from

left, Margaret Hay, Helen Hawn, Harriet DeGraff, Barbara Cohen, Gladys Amus, Dorothy Smiley, Myra Rynclerman, current president, Betty Vanderbilt and Jane Gabriels.

Thomas Knight

awards for 1986-87 was held at the RCS senior high on Sept. 15.

Some of those students honored include: for highest average; Grade 9, Nina DeCocco (94.33); Grade 10, Erika Warnstadt (95.33); Grade 11, Jill Burrows (95.5). English awards sponsored by Blue Circle Atlantic Cement went to Nina DeCocco, Melissa DeFlumer, Ami Wilber, Erika Warnstadt, Barbara Boehm, Dora Sterritt, Jeanne Frese, Michelle Olson, Jill Burrows, Lisa Pass, Jennifer Bolen, Roger Wilber, George DeLude and Miquel Colon. These students led each of their sections.

Social studies leaders were Nina DeCocco, Sara Ayers, Ami Wilber, Barbara Boehm, Erika Warnstadt, Jennifer Bolen, Craig Weidman, Jill Burrows, John McKiernan, Darlene Allard and Michael Pyle. Awards were sponsored by the F.M. Stolz Insurance Agency.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Richard L. Bailey, the son of Dr. Thomas A. and Maxine L. Bailey of Slingerlands, has completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Ky.

Camp Challenge is designed to give college juniors and sophomores who have not taken ROTC courses a chance to enter the program. The camp also qualifies high school graduates for the ROTC program at any of the nation's six military junior colleges. During the encampment, Bailey received training in basic rifle marksmanship, military drill and ceremonies, communications and individual and small unit tactics.

Bailey plans to enter the ROTC program at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. He is a student at Ithaca College.

Mr. 2nd Lt. Daniel C. Gleason, whose wife, Linda, is the daughter of George and Jean M. Kass of Glenmont, recently reported for duty with 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa.

Rodrick A. Willi, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Willi, Delmar, has enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Willi is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School.

He is scheduled to receive Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Advanced Individual Training as a signal security specialist at Fort Huachuca, Az.

Cadet Frederick A. Eckel, son of Frederick W. Eckel and Judith E. Gallagher, both of Delmar, has completed a U.S. Air Force ROTC field training encampment at Plattsburgh Air Force Base.

Eckel is a student at State University of New York, Cortland, and attending ROTC at Cornell University.

Airman James M. Smith, son of Brian R. Smith of Selkirk and Kathy M. Smith of Schenectady, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force electronic warfare countermeasures specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Burglars get jewelry from Elsmere homes

Bethlehem police are investigating three burglaries from homes in Elsmere during the last two weeks.

Jewelry valued at about \$900 was taken from a Montrose Dr., Elsmere, home some time last week, police said.

Sometime between Monday and Sunday, an intruder went into the garage from an open door, then into the house and removed the jewelry, police said.

Jewelry was taken and the front door molding of an Elsmere Ave., Elsmere, home was damaged when it was burglarized Sept. 12 or 13, police said.

In a report filed with police on Monday, the owner said the front door of the home was pried and forced open. Taken in the burglary were a string of pearls and two rings, police said.

An Elsmere Ave., Elsmere, home was burglarized between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, when a walkman stereo and \$50 cash were taken, police said.

The intruder entered the garage through an unlocked garage door and then the home through an unlocked door, police said.

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Home Improvement Section

The joys, and perils, of doing it yourself

One family's experience building their own home

By Katie Biggerstaff

The scrapbook stays within easy reach in the living room in Bob and Jeanne Salisbury's comfortable two-story home at 28 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. The pictures in it chronicle the building of their home. The workers in the pictures are themselves. Bob and Jeanne built their own home, and they make it sound easy.

"It really wasn't that big a project," says Bob. "After the foundation and the framing up was done by the sub-contractors, the work we did ourselves was done in four months." Jeanne admits, however, that Bob has quite an aptitude for this sort of work, and she is obviously a willing and able assistant for him. The two of them have several advantages that made their self-help building project such a success.

First and foremost of these advantages is the large extended family whose members appear regularly in the pictures of Jeanne's scrapbook. Bob's parents, Bob Senior and Rose Salisbury live next door to the younger Salisburys' yellow house with the profusion of

flowers surrounding the trees in the front yard. Bob Senior and Rose were a great support to the Salisburys during the months they were building their home. Bob Senior helped with the carpentry. Rose provided the food, drink and emotional support from next door.

"They'd cook for us every weekend," Jeanne says. "Rose would see we were getting tired and tell us to come over for iced tea and sandwiches."

Bob's brothers and sisters were willing to work, too. And it didn't hurt that Jeanne and Bob have an easy relationship between them. They were already used to working together in the appliance repair business Bob runs in Albany.

Even so, Bob refuses to see what would seem to be the enormous task of building his own home as overwhelmingly difficult for anyone.

"You could do it without the friends and family we had," he says. "It would just take a lot longer and be a lot harder."

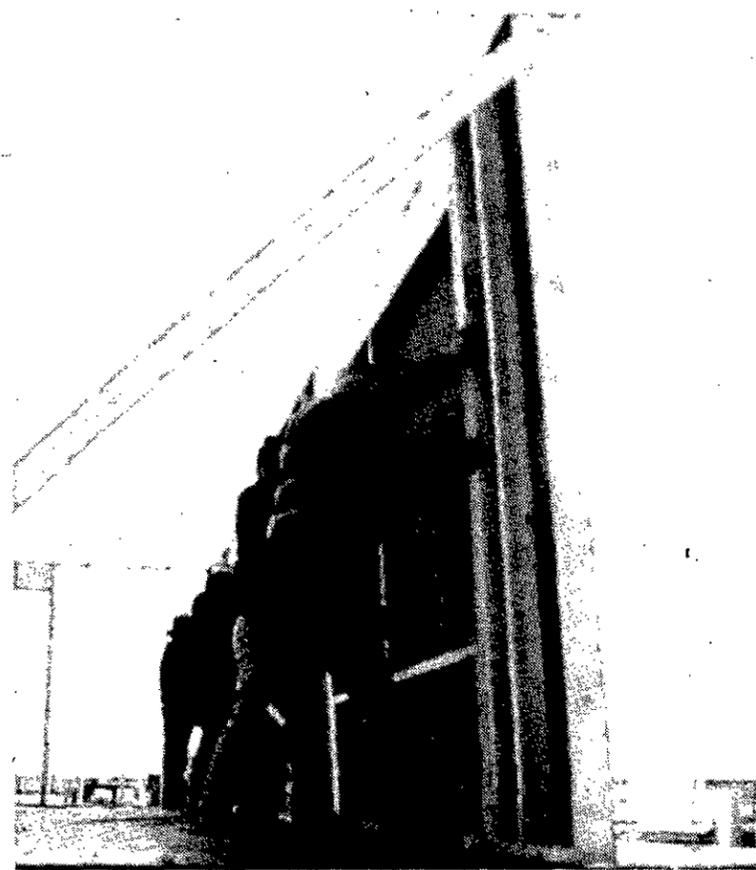
Miles Homes of Schenectady provided the materials for the Salisbury home. Rick Gomez,

manager of the local office, admires the Salisburys and the other 60 to 80 families in the area who take on a similar project each calendar year. "With the 'sweat equity' they put into their home," Gomez says, "Jeanne and Bob have ended up with a \$115,000 home and a mortgage for only about \$60,000. The customers who buy our materials usually do so well its unbelievable."

Gomez believes so completely in his product, he is planning to do it himself. "I've bought three and a half acres in Duanesburg" he says, "and will be building in the spring."

Miles Homes won't send out the lumber and other materials for the home without a picture of the foundation, dug and ready to go, shown to them. Then the lumber arrives. Jeanne remembers that day, Dec. 5, 1985, as one of the real 'up' moments of the whole experience.

She admits to some "down" days, too, when she wondered why she was spending hours shovelling



Bob Salisbury, family members and friends put the first exterior wall in place at their owner-built home-to-be in Delmar.

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Finding best mortgage takes savvy, patience

By David Vigoda

In the old days mortgages were simple. No longer. These days we're faced with some very difficult decisions.

The first one might be whether it's better to borrow the most you can afford or the least you need.

HOW MUCH? If you don't need a maximum mortgage, then the borrowing decision hinges mainly on the answer to this: Where will you get the better return on your investment — in your new home or elsewhere? And is that return greater than the cost of borrowing?

It doesn't make sense to take a mortgage at 7 percent so you can invest at 6 percent, but the opposite does. Note that you must figure all amounts after taxes and include financing costs, which can run as high as 8 percent of the borrowed amount.

WHAT KIND? The next decision is what kind of mortgage. Brace yourself.

There are fixed and variable rates, shorter and longer terms, payments that pay down the principal and ones that don't (for a while), several rate/point combinations, and other variables. You have to find the one that's right for you. Here's some help:

FIXED OR VARIABLE? Variable rates are initially lower than fixed, so you only select a fixed rate if 1) you expect rates to rise and 2) you plan to keep the home long enough

so a fixed rate comes out cheaper. Note, if you expect to be moving in a few years, a variable rate can be cheaper even if rates rise. Right now it would be prudent to assume that rates are headed up, so for the typical homeowner the fixed rate should be considered, despite the higher initial cost.

As example: An area bank is currently offering a 10.625 percent fixed mortgage and an 8.25 percent variable (both with 2 points) with an annual adjustment up to 2 percent. Which is better? If rates rise 2 percent in the next two years — a real possibility — and then remain level, the fixed rate becomes cheaper if you keep the mortgage longer than about 5 years. (Again, it's best to state rates after taxes). Rule of thumb: I haven't seen a variable rate beat a fixed for periods over eight years, assuming rising rates.

TERM: The monthly payments tend to go down as the term gets longer, but the total interest cost goes way up. So your best bet is usually to select the shortest term you can afford. For example, an area bank charges 10.5 percent on 15-year mortgages and 11 percent on 25-years. Assuming a \$50,000 loan, you pay \$63 less per month with the longer term, but a whopping \$47,335 more in total interest.

WHAT KIND? In the old days we took a mortgage, made monthly

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Leaving old friends and moving to a new city, where you don't even know your next-door neighbor, let alone directions to the nearest supermarket, never is easy. Yet one American family in five pulls up stakes every year.

One of the most difficult parts of these relocations is the logistics. Emotional turmoil aside, it's tough getting a family and all its possessions from one home to another.

Whether you're moving yourself to a house on the other side of the development, or using professionals to transport your belongings

halfway across the country, it pays to shop around for the best deal, considering both price and services before choosing a carrier or moving equipment.

To help take some of the trauma out of your next move, we've compiled some suggestions from representatives of several moving companies:

Not only will you save your back by employing a carrier to handle your move, but also your possessions — right down to Grandma's china teapot — will be safer if they're packed by experts and insured. You'll also save yourself the hassle of carting everything from the old house to the new one, and most carriers also offer unpacking service. When looking for a good carrier:

- Always check with your friends first. Go with names you recognize so you know they're established companies.

- Get two or three estimates from different companies. It's best to have each estimator come to your home and give you a written estimate since it's hard to get an accurate figure from the information exchanged in a phone conversation.

Remember, too, that a written estimate often is not binding — you'll still have to pay according to weight. So the lowest bid doesn't necessarily mean the lowest price.

- Check to see the number of moves a company makes in a month, and make sure it hires only permanent, experienced movers. If you are moving across state lines, you can check a company's performance record through the Interstate Commerce Commission.

- Remember that rates generally are figured by weight and mileage on moves of more than 50 miles and by the hour on local moves, but prices can vary substantially.

- Always read the small print of the contracts so that you know what damage the mover is liable for, whether the insurer can limit the amount paid for goods lost, stolen or damaged and extra costs.

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Erasing A Problem

Framed pictures on the wall won't stay straight? Here's a simple solution: Cut a pencil eraser in two and glue half of it to one bottom corner of the frame and the other half to the other.

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payments, and retired owning our home. Now we can take a mortgage, make monthly payments, and retire owing 5 times as much as we paid for the house. Is this good? With one hand on your pulse ask yourself how this prospect makes you feel — that's your answer. You can get a home equity loan with interest-only payments for up to 20 years, after which the loan must be paid off over a shorter term. Handle with care. If you can't afford to pay down a loan, you may be borrowing too much.

POINTS: An area bank is offering fixed rates at 11.125 percent with no points and 10.50 percent with three points. Which is better? Points are a financing cost and when comparing loans with different costs we have to figure the costs over the holding period of the loan. The holding period is the key, because you pay the points once, but interest every month. For example, paying 10.5 percent and three points is cheaper than 11.125 percent and no points if you pay longer than about 5 years.

WHICH BANK? You only have one big decision left: where to go for your mortgage. Advice: shop around. You could save a lot of money. For example, right now on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages with 2 points you can pay 10.5 percent or 11.25 percent. On a \$50,000 loan the monthly difference is only \$23, but over a 10-year period the additional interest is \$2,540.

David Vigoda, a Delmar resident, is an independent financial consultant.

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The average life of a piano is about 40 years, often with little depreciation.

snow off the floors of the unroofed bedrooms, or when she had to drive home wearing garbage bags after being tarred inadvertently by an enthusiastic friend who was supposed to be tarring the foundation.

Sometimes it was just plain hard work; the 'sweat equity' the people at Miles Homes refer to.

"Every bit of money and time went into the house," Jeanne says, "every week-end and every night. We would work until it got too dark and sometimes later. I liked to say that the only time we went out to eat was when we took the pizza outside."

Those days seem distant and somehow unreal on this morning as Jeanne sits in the sunny breakfast nook off the kitchen with the newest family member, a tiny black kitten named Buddy, clawing at her shirt. Upstairs in their finished dream house Bob Junior's bunk beds dominate the 11-year-old's room, daughter Tammy's pink bedroom is fit for any teen-aged girl, and the stained glass window at the top of the carpeted stairway is there to remind Jeanne daily of a favorite aunt from her childhood.

"We wanted a nice home for our family," Jeanne says, "but we wanted to keep our mortgage at a level that would let us raise our kids." By using themselves for labor, Bob and Jeanne have their home and their cash flow, too.

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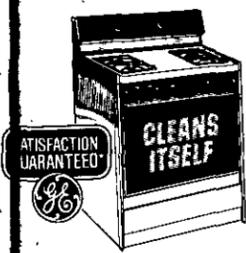
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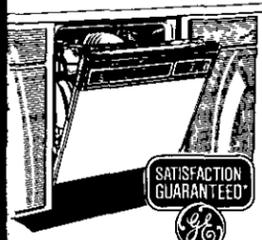
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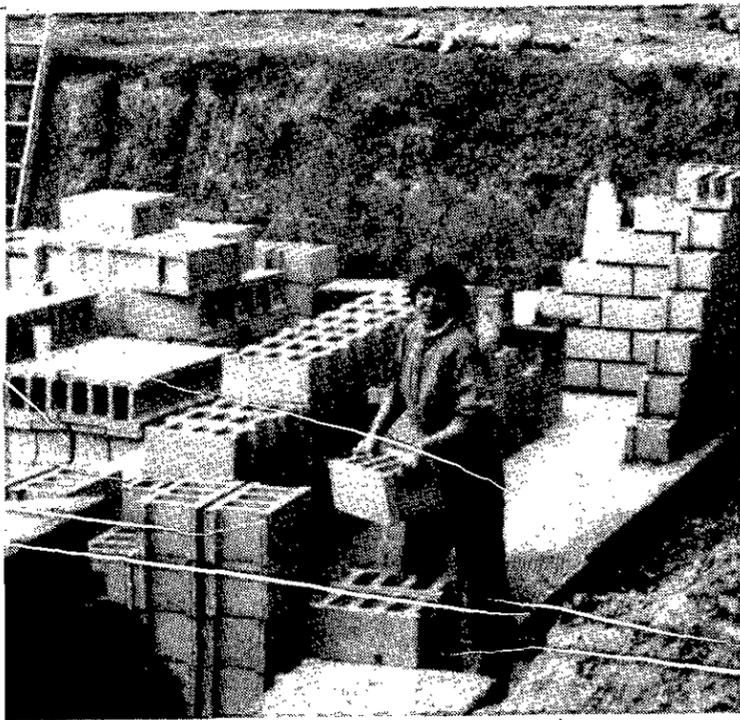
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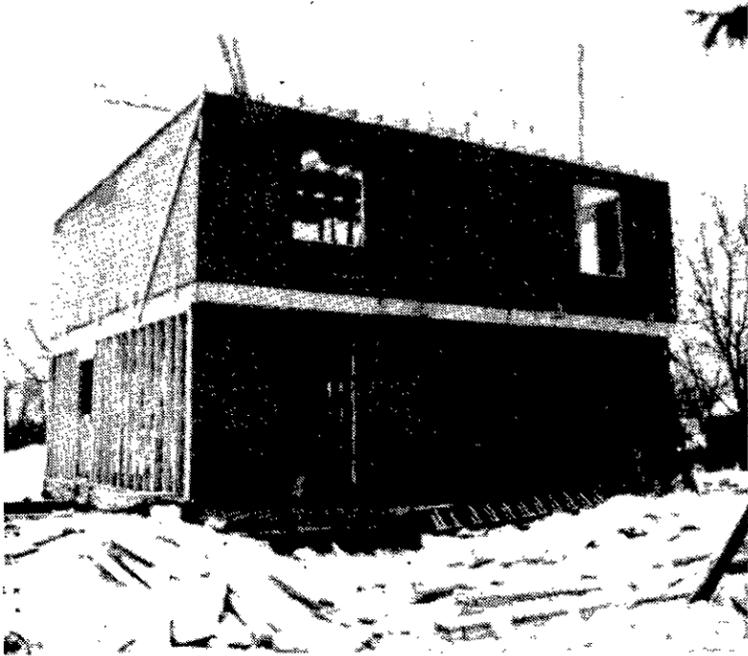
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The Salisburys took lots of pictures to mark the progress of their home building project. Starting at top left, Jeanne Salisbury helps in laying the foundation of her home-to-be at 28 Kenwood Ave. Counterclockwise, the framing nears completion; Bob Salisbury checks the progress of the interior walls; family and friends celebrate the house's completion; and the finished product as it appears today.



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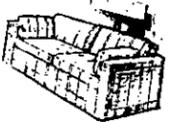
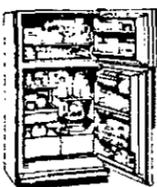
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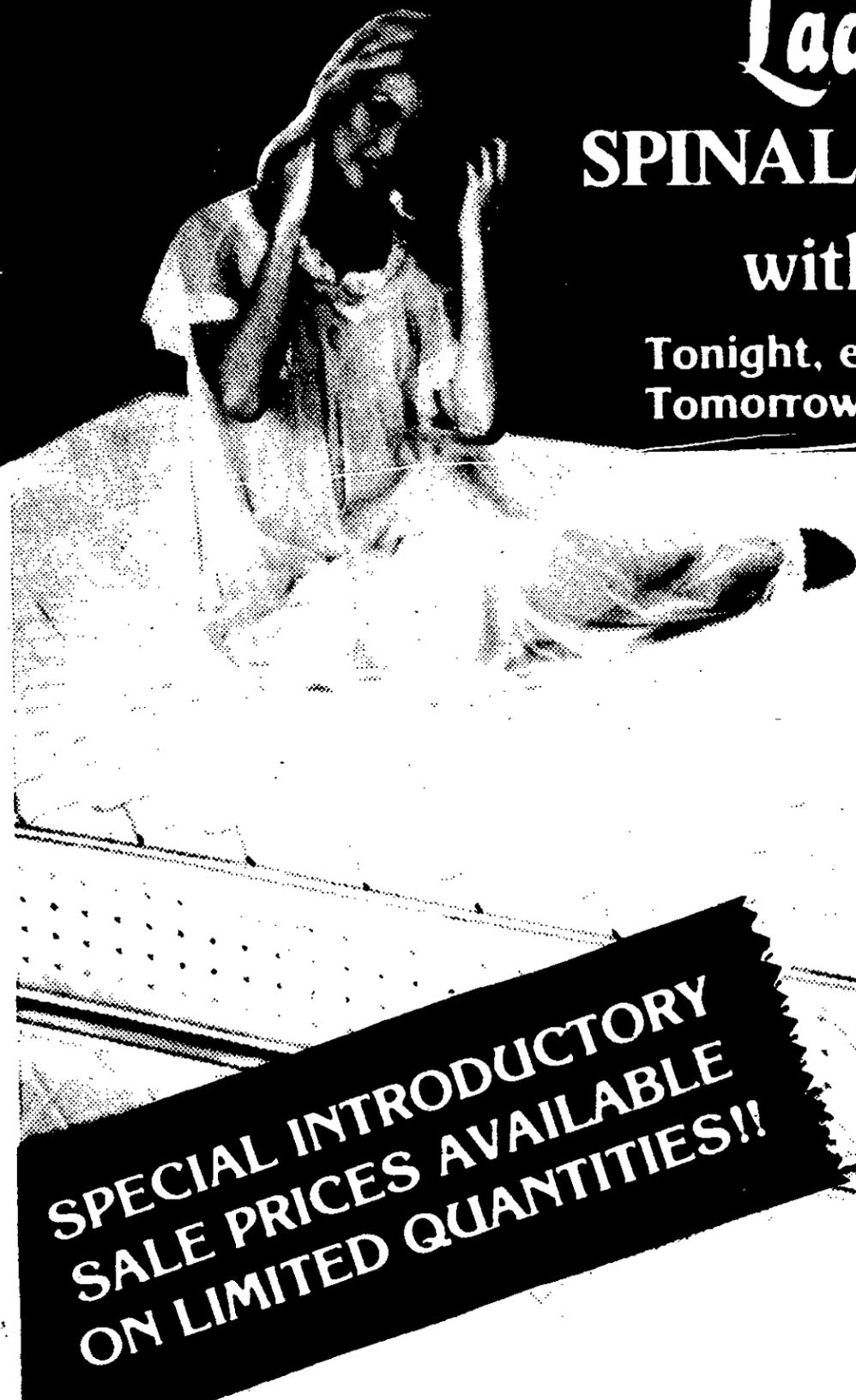
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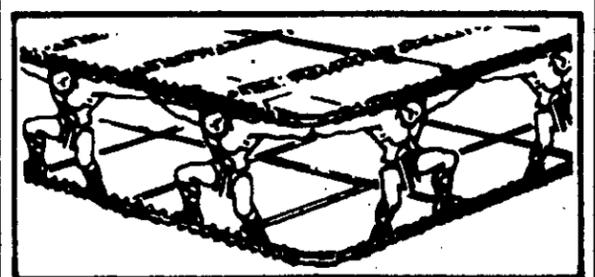
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Contacting, hiring a professional for remodeling

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There are two ways to hire professionals to remodel your home: you can act as the contractor and hire subcontractors — plumbers, carpenters, etc. — or you can hire a remodeling firm or general contractor to organize and supervise everything.

If you act as your own contractor, in effect, you are the "owner/builder," assuming responsibility for the overall job. This can include such things as state and federal taxes, workman's compensation and other legal liabilities. Unless you are experienced in construction, it is best to leave these matters to a contractor.

The significant savings of being your own contractor should be weighed against liability risks, the time you'd have to spend on the site and your confidence in your ability.

Some professionals specialize in specific jobs, such as tiling, plumbing or painting. If they work directly for you, the owner, then they are considered the prime contractor.

If somebody you know has had a good experience with a contractor



for the same kind of job, it's a good idea to follow his recommendation.

Otherwise, check the Yellow Pages or newspaper advertisements under Contractors or a specific profession such as plumbing or electrical. In all cases, however, pay careful attention to the safeguards outlined below.

The more information you can give the contractor about your present house, and what you'd like done, the better the contractor can assist you.

Even if you take exact plans (including specific measurements), don't be surprised if the contractor suggests alternatives. For example, you may not be aware of the city or county building codes,

but the licensed contractor will.

A good contractor also will be able to help develop your plans so the finished product is most efficient and pleases you.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (a non-profit group with more than 50 years' experience) represents all segments of the professional remodeling service industry. They suggest that you "draw a simple floor plan using graph paper and patterns of your furniture cut to scale. Then lay out your room arrangement, being sure to keep in mind traffic areas; a center of interest such as the television set or sound system; furniture groupings; storage space; and adequate lighting."

Once you've got an idea about what you want done, the association suggests that you employ a contractor in your area, one with an established business. As tax-paying members of your community, licensed contractors are compelled to do the work according to the standards of the industry in order for them to remain licensed and in order for their business to survive.

It's a good idea to check the Better Business Bureau to see if there are complaints on record about the contractor.

Select two or three bids for the work you need and do not blindly accept the lowest. Ask a contractor why the bid is so low or so high. Sometimes a higher price may be worth it. Have a thorough understanding of the type and quality of materials and the workmanship required.

After you're narrowed the selection of contractors or remodeling firms:

- Call your Contractors State

Licensing Board office to ask if the contractor is properly licensed in the proper classification and if the license is in good standing.

- Ask the contractors you're considering for a list of jobs they have recently completed in your area.

- Inspect those jobs and ask whether they were happy with the work. Did the contractor stick to schedule? Did he listen when they had a problem? Was it resolved? Also request any specific suggestions the person can furnish. Most people are more than happy to help and are proud of the remodeling of their home.

- If you're still unsure, obtain references from the contractor's material suppliers, subcontractors and financial institutions to determine whether the contractor is financially responsible.

Finally, watch what you sign, because sometimes when you

think you are only signing a bid, it could actually be a binding contract. And, don't sign anything until you completely understand what you are signing and agree to all the terms.

Assume nothing. If a point about the remodel was worth talking about, it should be in writing. Remember that a contract in most instances is a meeting of the minds, and is legal and binding. Therefore if changes are made, then the same parties should agree to the changes in writing.

Once you've chosen the contractor, it may be possible — if both parties agree — to alter the bid before you enter into the contract, but the contract will be the final agreement to the work you want done.

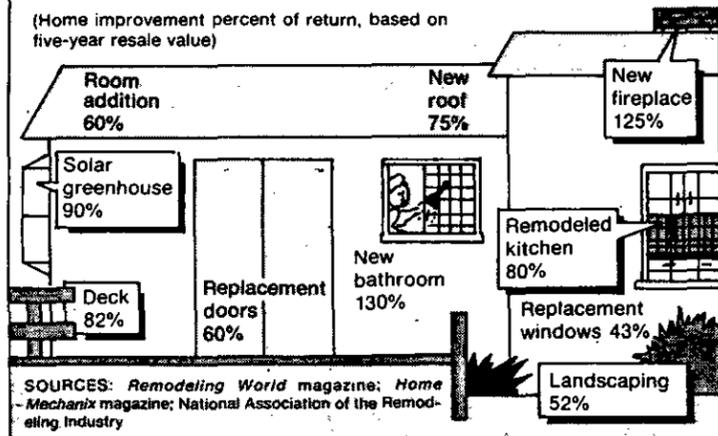
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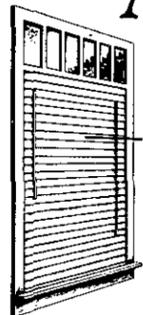
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If you suspect indoor pollution, the best thing to do is to remove or isolate the source and increase ventilation.

You also might be able to alleviate some of the harmful effects by installing air conditioners, air cleaners or ionizers in your home.

Dr. Ronald Simon of Scripps Clinic in San Diego says air conditioners take out at least 75 percent of the pollen in the air. But, if they're not kept clean, they can become harbors for biological contaminants, creating more problems than they correct.

Simon also believes high-efficiency, particulate air cleaners might be helpful. They're more efficient than the electrostatic type, and they don't leave any irritating ozone. Still, he says, such cleaners don't eliminate gases such as formaldehyde or cigarette smoke. A charcoal filter helps to eliminate cigarette smoke, and a chemical filter may work to neutralize formaldehyde.

Green-leaf plants, too, have been shown to clean the air of many impurities. In one 24-hour test, spider plants reduced formaldehyde by 85 percent. Research scientist Bill Wolverton says 15 to 20 houseplants are enough to purify the air in an 1,800-square-foot energy-efficient home.

For those who don't have a green thumb, here are some suggestions for ridding your house of potential pollutants:

FORMALDEHYDE

If new, pressed-wood furniture seems to be giving off irritating fumes, Tony Manoguerra, director of the San Diego Regional Poison Control Center, suggests you put the furniture outside and allow it to "vent off" for a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, he says, the insides of mobile homes, which often contain high levels of formaldehyde, can't be put outside to air.

Another way to contain the compound is to use a sealer paint or finish or to cover walls with vinyl wallpaper.

ASBESTOS

Avoid products that contain asbestos and discard items around the house that you suspect may contain it. It is generally best not to disturb undamaged materials. Additionally, experts warn home owners not to remove the product themselves, but to seek professional help.

CHEMICALS

To safeguard your family, Manoguerra suggests you buy such potentially dangerous products as drain cleaners in small containers, use them only once, rinse the containers and discard. It's also vital that you follow label directions precisely and wear gloves and, perhaps, goggles; do not use a plunger.

CONSUMER PRODUCTS

To prevent problems, maintain all consumer products in perfect working condition and follow manufacturer's directions, cautions Lori Saltzman of the U.S. Government Consumer Product



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Because foam and down pillows are popular hiding places, Sirton suggests patients bothered by dust switch to polyester. "The fiber doesn't decompose quickly, and it doesn't trap moisture." He recommends buying inexpensive pillows and replacing them every six months.

Because mattresses also harbor mites, the doctor suggests patients cover their mattresses with plastic to trap the old organisms and prevent new ones from getting in. He also says it's important to wash bedding weekly and blankets once a month.

Carpeting also can harbor mites and mold. Shorter, tighter weaves are best, Simon says. Or, better yet, use tile or linoleum and throw rugs, which are easily cleaned.

Heavily padded furniture is another breeding ground, because dust collects in it. Whatever kind of furniture you choose, Simon says, "Make sure to clean underneath it."

MOLD AND MILDEW

Improving ventilation and lighting can cut down on mold and mildew. Also, Simon cautions home owners not to let plants sit in water. If you suspect you're allergic to mold, he suggests hiring someone else to clean it up. If you must do it yourself, wear a mask.

PLASTIC PIPES

If pipes have not been used for two to three days, flush them out by running both faucets for five minutes. Periodic flushings also are advisable.

AEROSOL SPRAYS

When possible, the Department of Consumer Affairs suggests you use non-aerosol products, such as creams, solids, liquids and pump sprays, instead. If you do use aerosols, do not inhale them.

PESTICIDES

Inherently dangerous, pesticides should always be used in

well-ventilated areas. The best way to avoid problems, the EPA suggests, is to use non-toxic alternatives.

SHOE POLISH

Don't use shoe polish that doesn't list the contents on the label, warns the Department of Consumer Affairs. And don't use products that contain trichloroethylene, methylene chloride or nitrobenzene. Make certain shoes are dry before you wear them.

OVEN CLEANERS

You can cut down on heavy cleaning if you wipe out the oven after each use. Instead of using cleaners that contain lye or other strong, irritating chemicals, the Department of Consumer Affairs suggests using a homemade solution of ammonia or baking soda dissolved in water.

AIR FRESHENERS

Instead of using irritating commercial fresheners, the Department of Consumer Affairs suggests you try several alternatives: Open windows, place a dish of hot vinegar in the center of the room, decorate with fresh, aromatic flowers and use a box of baking soda in the refrigerator.

MORE TIPS:

■ Gas ranges should include hoods

vented to the outside, and the kitchen should have an exhaust fan. Flames should burn blue, not orange or yellow. When you replace your gas stove, consider a model that doesn't need a pilot light. Gas ranges should be used only for cooking — not heating.

■ Furnaces, gas water heaters and clothes dryers should be inspected regularly.

■ Never cook inside the house with charcoal.

■ Consider giving up cigarettes and prohibiting smoking in your home.

■ Don't use your microwave oven if the door doesn't close securely.

■ Don't leave a car or lawn mower running in your garage.

■ Follow the directions on all labels carefully.

■ Close tightly all cans containing chemicals.

■ Clean air-conditioning filters and replace humidifier drain pans, wet carpeting and moldy ceiling tiles.

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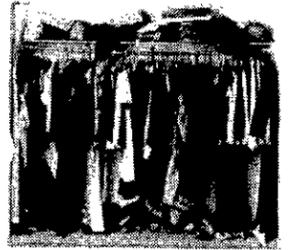
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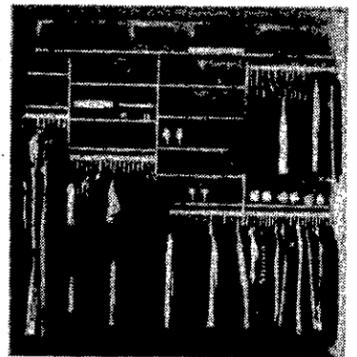
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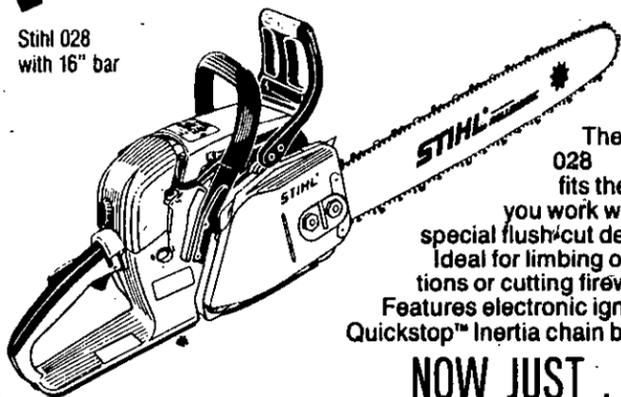
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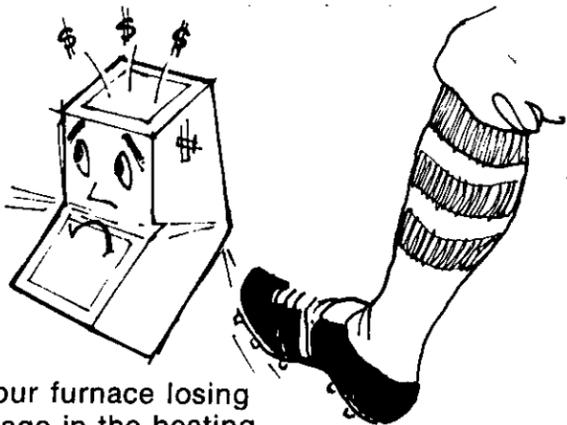
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Never mind a few hundred years in European and American history when kitchens were detached from castles, mansions and plantation homes to protect the main house from fire. All of that changed with the advent of urban living and better ovens.

For modern cave dwellers, kitchens are more than ever the center of homes and vary in design and style from the ever-popular quaint traditional look of oak cabinets and ceramic tile counters to increasingly seen high-tech creations of sleek laminate or high-gloss polyester cabinetry trimmed with glass and chrome.

Americans are obsessed with kitchens and are willing to spend vast amounts to have the best.

According to *Kitchen and Bath Design News*, an industry trade magazine, Americans will spend

\$26 billion this year remodeling their kitchens. Another \$13 billion will go toward revamped bathrooms.

Elliott Sefrin, associate editor of the magazine, says the average cost of redoing a kitchen will be \$15,000 this year. Some creations will cost as little as \$3,000 or as much as \$40,000.

"A lot of people feel a kitchen is the social center of their home rather than just a cooking and eating area," Sefrin says. "Putting money down for a good kitchen, one that will last, is a good investment."

Doug Burns, owner of a kitchen design center, says kitchens came into prominence in America in the mid-1960s.

"Ever since then, they've been like fashion. What's in this year may not be the next," he says.

When it comes to home remodeling or improvement, doing the kitchen is an undertaking not to be done hastily, industry leaders say. The task is even more important when designing a kitchen in a new home.

In older homes, there are some people who opt for quick and cheaper cosmetic kitchen upgrading such as painting, wallpapering and the refacing of old cabinets. Others contract to have new doors and drawer faces installed over existing cabinets and drawers.

"Refacing really isn't that cheap," says Barbara Durbin, owner of a kitchen design center. "If you took the money you spent on refacing and added it to rebuilding a kitchen, you could have a better-built kitchen that would last longer."

Durbin designs her kitchens according to the amount of money a home owner wants to spend. "They give me their budget and I tell them what I can do for them with that."

The average size of a kitchen is 10 feet by 12 feet, she says.

"That's really not a lot of room, and that's what people are looking for, more counter space to do their cooking. That's a challenge. The way to get that desired space is by stacking appliances, like the microwave over the oven."

Many home owners rely on building contractors to come into their homes and make all the decisions on the types of cabinets and appliances that will be installed in matter of two to three weeks.

"Those are rush jobs," says Durbin, whose work usually takes three months of planning, ordering of materials and installation. "A kitchen isn't like a bedroom that can be painted in a day."

Designers say home owners often have to be reminded that a kitchen has to be functional and should not be cluttered with every convenience imaginable.

True, technological advances have spurred revolutionary changes in a kitchen's function. Two decades ago only a few appliances and gadgets were "must items" in a kitchen.

"It was a garbage disposal, an oven, a fridge and a dishwasher," one builder says. "Now it's those things plus a microwave, an automatic can opener, knife sharpener, coffee maker, coffee grinder, food processor, trash compactor and more."

Other features that can increase cost are concealed items such as lazy Susans, appliance garages and roll-out drawers.

Conveniences aside, it's the aesthetic look that consumers also desire in their kitchens. These days, a kitchen's ceiling, floor, lighting and windows are considered vital elements of design.

The most popular trend in overall design is to have laminate cabinets and counters. White, off-white and whitewash are the most popular colors or tones in this product line, the best-known brand name being Formica.

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Designers say hardwood — traditional blonde and walnut as well as pickled white — are "in" as kitchen floors. For best protection and wear, the wood floors are coated with polyurethane.

Cabinets and counters are what really make or break the cost of a new kitchen. Corian counters are considered top-of-the-line, designers say.

Good, domestically built cabinets range between \$160 to \$250 a line foot. More costly cabinets are built in Europe.

Three German-made lines of cabinets that are far from cheap are SieMatic, Almilmo and Pogonpol. For many consumers, the most stylish and appealing is SieMatic, a line that features all-round dust seals, easy-opening doors, built-in sliding drawers and easily adjustable shelves. Door hinges are inside cabinets. SieMatic costs from \$300 to nearly \$1,000 a line foot.

"We've found that 30 percent to 60 percent of a new kitchen's cost is in cabinetry alone," Burns says. "The rest of the cost includes counters, appliances, floors and lighting."

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Bunk bed injuries show sharp rise

More Americans are being injured and killed in bunk bed-related accidents. In seven years, such injuries requiring hospital emergency room treatment rose 75 percent, to 31,727 in 1985. Most involved falls.

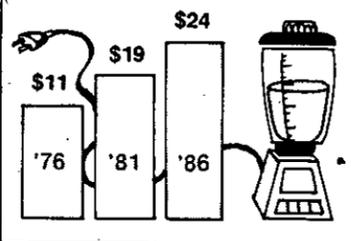
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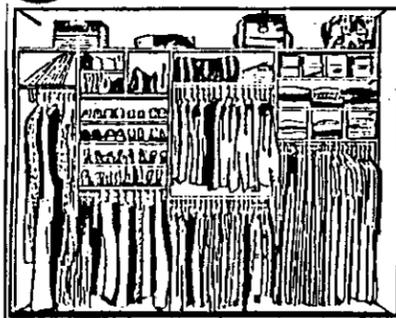


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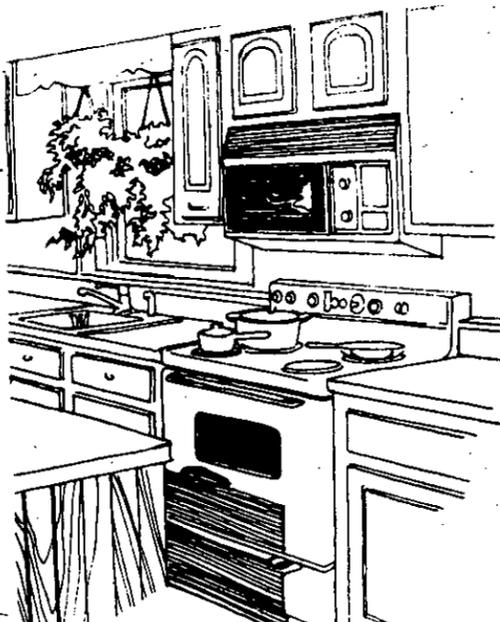
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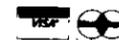
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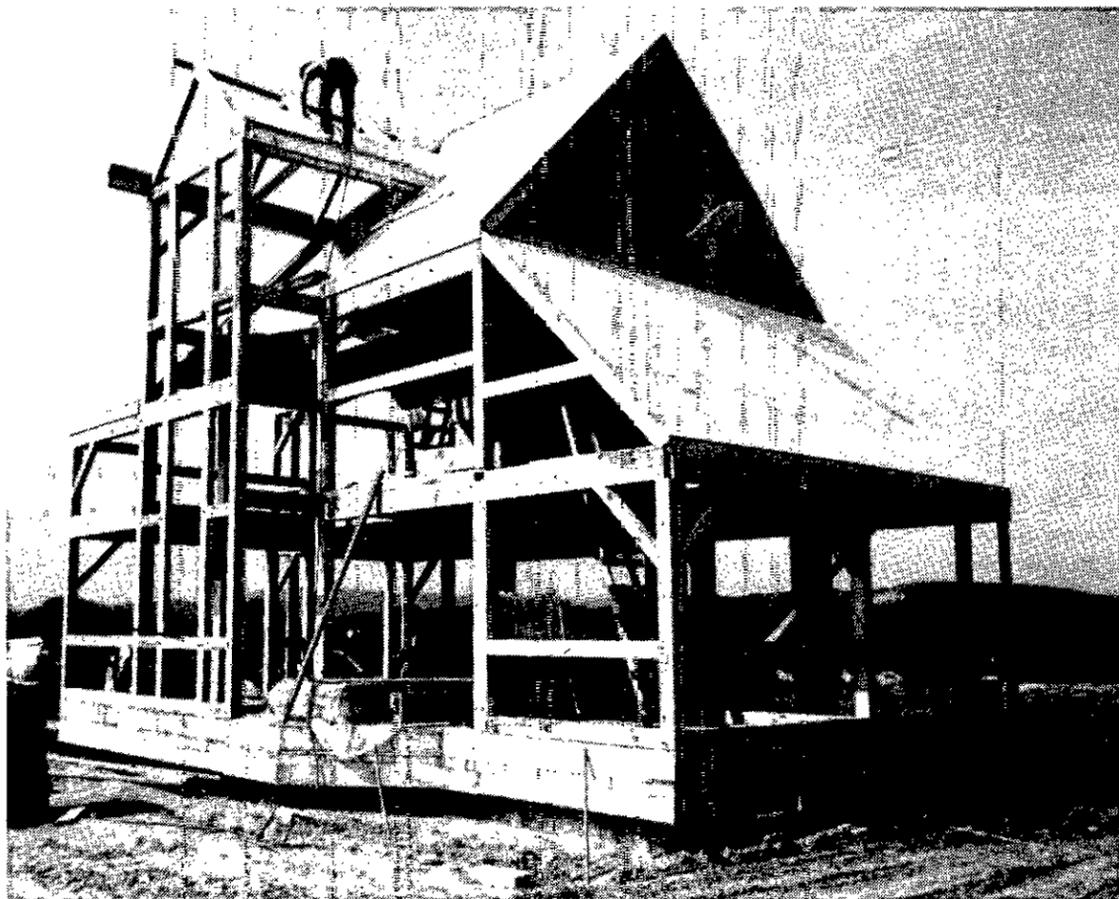


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The frame is built of solid timbers of Eastern white pine.

Unusual home construction

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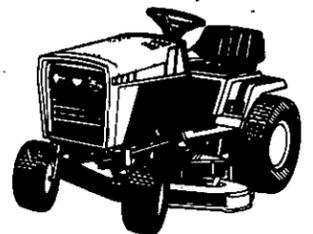
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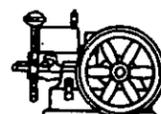
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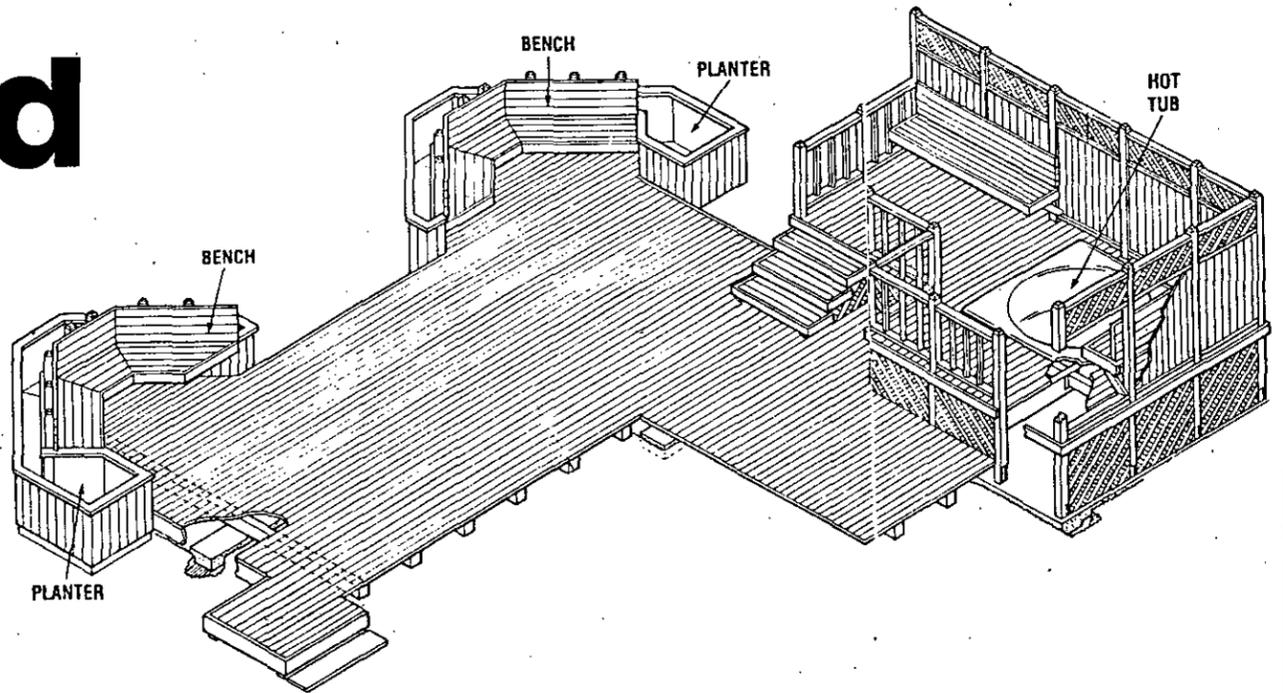
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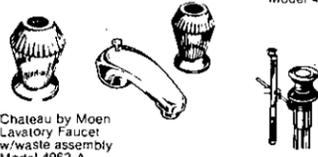
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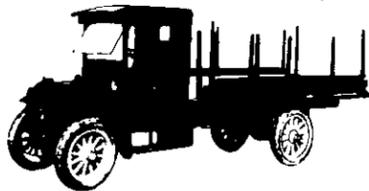
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Real estate agents to escrow: the process of buying a home

Making a major purchase such as a car is not easy, especially when you have to dicker with the salesman over the price. But nothing rankles the nerves like purchasing a home.

"For most people, there is nothing more complicated than a real estate transaction," says real estate author Peter G. Miller, who has written a book called "The Common-Sense Guide to Successful Real Estate Negotiations." "It involves a lot of money, deeds, contracts, surveys and appraisals. And it also involves ego. Rather than trying to simplify the process and trying to get rid of the complications, it's much better to understand them."

It is possible to decipher the home-buying process — if you approach the transaction as a number of relatively straightforward steps.

Most prospective home owners start by counting their pennies to see if they can afford to buy. They look at what they can offer for a down payment and monthly mortgage payments. Next is a visit to a

lender to determine how much the prospective home owner can borrow.

"Before you go house hunting," says real estate agent Doris Washington, "call a couple of lenders and say, 'I'm looking for a house. In general terms, what do you think I might be able to afford?'"

"The first thing (to) do is figure out whether you have the down payment," she says. "Then go sit down in a chair and talk to a lender. After that, (you) can drive neighborhoods."

But other real estate agents disagree, and say talking to a lender can wait. They contend that home buyers first should choose a neighborhood. How? Compare newspaper advertisements on homes and home prices, ask the advice of friends and take frequent Sunday house-hunting drives.

"Try visiting some open houses," says real estate agent Betty Marler. "One thing you can do is call an (agent) and ask the price range of houses (in a specific neighborhood)."

Once you have found a suitable

neighborhood, the next step is to find an agent.

The old story is drive through neighborhoods, find an agent's name repeatedly on "For Sale" signs, and then make a call. "But some companies have 450 agents and some have only 38. I think when you see a good company and you recognize the name, go in and start talking. If you feel you have some rapport, OK," Washington says — you've found your agent.

Another method is to visit open houses and talk to the agents there. "If the agent seems like a good person, you can start asking questions," she says. "Agents get a lot of business that way."

What do you do once you've found an agent? The basic rule is to stop looking... for an agent.

Most real estate agents refuse to compete and usually insist on being the sole agent looking for a house.

"We use an employment agreement," says Derf Fredericks, a California agent. "We want the buyers to (agree) that they will work with us exclusively for X number of days so that we aren't out there with a half-dozen other agents."

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These negotiations probably are the most difficult and important aspect of the entire home-buying

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"The broker has an obligation to get the best terms for the client," says Miller.

Miller's answer sounds simple enough. Except, he says, the real estate agent who found your dream house isn't being paid by you. Instead, he will get paid a commission by the home seller (the two agents typically split about 6 percent of the purchase price).

Therefore, he says, neither agent actually is representing the home buyer.

"It's something people should be aware of," Miller says. "If the agent is working for the seller, by definition he or she can't negotiate (for the buyer). What the agent does is transmit your offer to the seller."

Given that fact, it is essential you know how the negotiating process works.

Everything going into the contract has to be studied and thought out carefully.

If you as the buyer say you want a roof inspection, the sellers will write that into the contract. But that's different from saying you want the inspection conducted by an inspector of your choice. Or if the roof fails inspection, you have the right to pull out of the deal.

"Here are two people getting roof inspections, yet they are very different," he says. "If you are a buyer, you would much prefer the latter language."

If all this sounds a bit troublesome, you might consider taking Miller's advice of consulting an attorney while mulling over the contract.

"Real estate is becoming increasingly complex," Miller says. "The specialties of lawyers and

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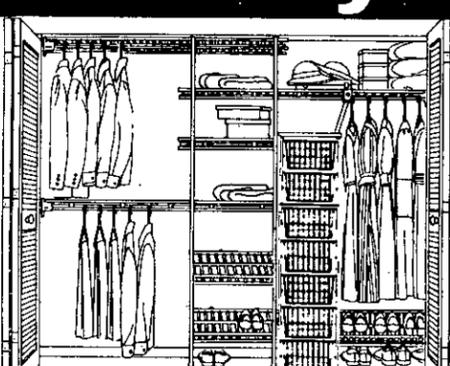
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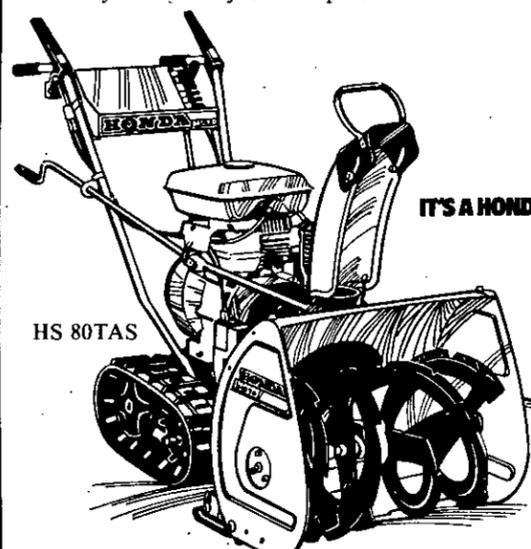
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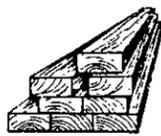
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Updating old design formulas

All that noise in the interior design studio is the sound of molds breaking. The old formulas for perfect rooms are being tossed out as designers experiment with new combinations of furnishings and colors.

Design professionals are responding to a new breed of home owner. While possibly just as house-proud as their parents, they're impatient with decorating rules and they're ready to mix-and-match styles and periods to achieve a thoroughly individual look. Which is why designers have turned a fresh eye on some classic decorating styles.

TRADITION WITH A TWIST

The traditional room gains much of its time-honored stateliness from an attention to balanced arrangement. Facing love seats, for example, are accompanied by mirror-image end tables and lamps. Or matching brass wall sconces serve as a framing device on either side of a fireplace. Often, too, one will find beneath well-crafted cabriole legs the bold blues and reds of a symmetrically patterned Persian carpet. Save for the swish of silk curtains and the ticking of antique timepieces, here in the classic traditional room, all is quiet.

Too quiet, think some designers, who see the look as long on dignity, but short on welcome. Antiques can be intimidating, they say. Also, today, pedigreed furniture can be impossibly expensive.

That's the reason for the innova-



More home owners are walking on wood these days. According to industry sources, almost 23 percent of U.S. households now have wooden floors in one or more rooms.

tive spirit that design professionals now bring to the traditional look. Instead of the seriousness one expects in a museum, one now finds an occasional touch of whimsy — tiger-stripe patterns, for example, painted on the proper frames of a Regency-style chair. And solidly constructed, but less-than-distinguished, furniture gets new attention: A reproduction *fau-teuil* (French armchair) can be dressed up in a snappy contemporary plaid.

The overall formal feeling of a traditional room often is lightened by simply removing the Persian carpet, replacing it with a more casual sisal rug. At the same time, upholstered pieces are swaddled in loose-fitting white canvas slipcovers (they are meant to look a little ruffled). Still lending their

luster to the traditional look of the '80s are rich background colors, such as forest green, teal blue and Chinese red. Now, though, you may find these gemstone colors acting as foil for a singularly bright piece of contemporary metal sculpture.

The updated idea for the traditional look is to blend a few period pieces of excellent quality — an antique armoire, perhaps, or an heirloom writing desk — within a neatly balanced setting, and still make room for surprises.

WARMING UP CONTEMPORARY

Contemporary design always has admired uncluttered surfaces and lots of empty spaces between clean-lined furnishings. This is the minimalist spirit that underlies

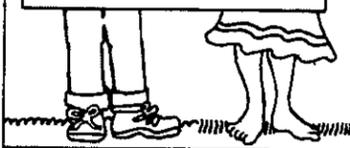
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the classic look. "Sleek," some have called it. "Cold" and "uncomfortable," say the critics.

Now there comes a welcome infusion of color and warmth to contemporary design, as well as a mending off of usually hard, geometric edges. Updated for the '80s, contemporary rooms now offer all places to sit, such as a 19th century armchair, with its wood frame stripped and pickled, the upholstery covered in raw silk of white, pale gray or the palest ecru. Or imagine the surprise of a melonback sofa, its curving outline covered in the plainest off-white canvas. These pared-down upholstered seating pieces look completely at home with international style classics — Wassily chairs or an elegant, square-topped glass coffee table. And, today, the furniture will perch on something other than gray industrial carpeting — bleached floorboards, perhaps, or a kilim or dhurrie rug.

What's gone is the glitz; what's new is the hint of warming color. Most expanses of plain, white walls still are the favored background for the contemporary look. Watch for the sculptural flash of bright green apples passed in a glass bowl.

COUNTRY IS MORE

The seductive charm of the country look stems from luxuriously comfortable seating pieces. Overstuffed sofas are sprinkled

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with pillows, and cushy club chairs are paired with ottomans. They all invite the visitor to sink into a downy embrace.

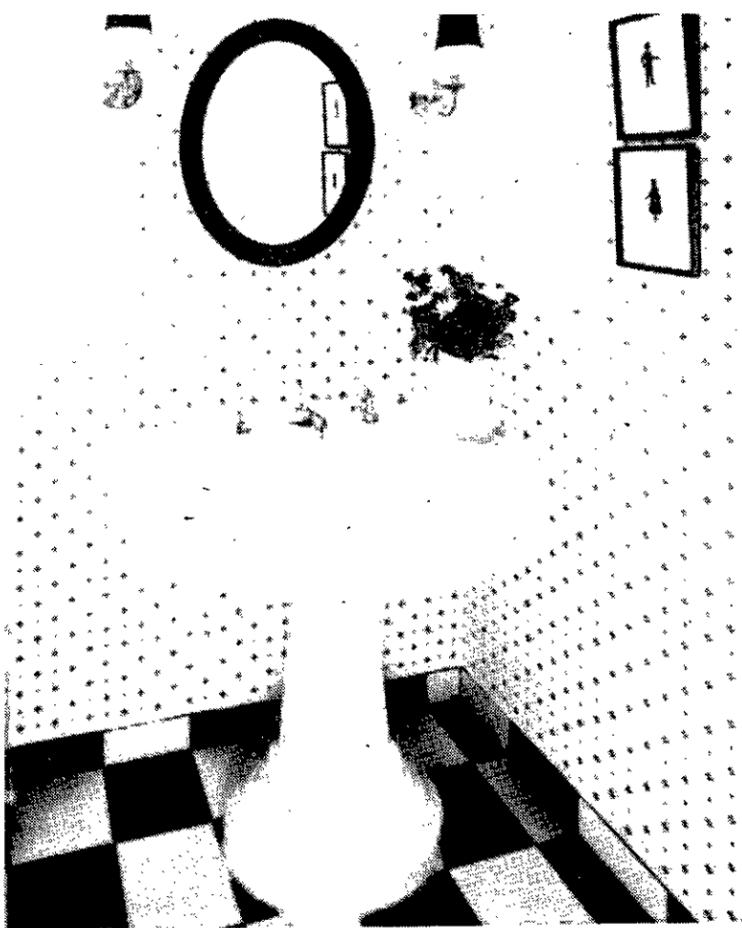
This sense of mid-Victorian verabundance continues in a wealth of garden colors (pinks, blues, greens), repeated in needlepoint carpets, flounced table skirts and slipcovers. And the colors come in a sometimes dizzying array of fabric patterns — cabbage-rose chintz, coral-ribbon chintz, striped linen and plaid taffeta. At its best, country-look combinations seem artless, as if it all just grew together, in layers, the generation borrowing from another.

This generation, though, is calling for a bit of relief from the determined clutter so popular just a few years ago. In the demanding, busy '80s, designers are packing away some of the overflow of oriental drawings and majolica trinkets that threatened to fill every inch of shelf and tabletop.

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Today's bathrooms are luxurious and personal. Home owners can choose anything from old-fashioned fixtures, such as this vintage pedestal sink, to ultra-modern designs that double as art.

Simple, down-home comfort — the country look's reason for being — now seeks a subtle restraint in accessorizing. A simple brass floor lamp works just as well as (and costs far less than) a painted milk can wired for light and topped with a fussy shade.

Best of all, this new design temperance makes way (aesthetically and economically) for one or two primitive wood pieces — the newest trend in the country-look frontier.

POSTMODERN'S CUTTING EDGE

Taking their fanciful cue from the postmodern architects, young, sophisticated designers strive for an ever-changing, always "new" look that is on the cutting edge of

design. There's a certain "undecorated" feeling to these sophisticated rooms, but they're really quite thoroughly thought out — right down to the scrubbed, bare floors, which, to hide defects, may be faux-painted to resemble marble or tile.

For the postmodern, youthful economy has gone upscale. That means an investment in stainless steel metro shelving, rather than making do with cinder-block and wood-plank bookcases. And the youthful innovators have bypassed decorative fads (out with last year's freestanding columns) to concentrate on fundamentals.

Bargain basement furniture is the penny-wise thing of the moment, and it comes dressed up

in vibrant Mediterranean colors — hot pink, aqua, tangerine — and in wild, lush fabrics. An old metal porch glider, for example, is revamped with a coat of sunny yellow paint; its cushions are covered in a large tropical print. Pulled up to this postmodern's "sofa" are a pair of metal lawn chairs, painted bright green to pick up the color of palm fronds in the cushion fabric. A coffee table may be a stainless steel two-shelf pushcart from a restaurant supply house, or a galvanized tin washtub, overturned and topped with a round of glass. This is thrift-shop chic at its best. And it's almost always surrounded by an interior shell that's been given a playful color treatment — plain white walls, perhaps, with woodwork and window trim outlined in bright blue or mustard yellow.

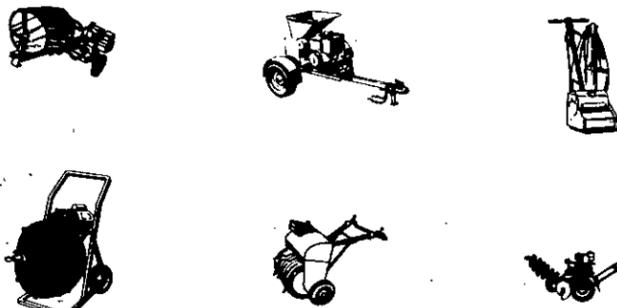
With just a hint of studied nonchalance, the postmoderns are

quick to borrow and domesticate the exotic allure of distant cultures and ethnic style. They will appropriate Mexican *equipales* chairs or Middle Eastern fabrics — whatever seems to be the newest and latest. They are just as quick to abandon a trend and move on. Next month, blond wood furniture from the '50s?

The look is undeniably urban, yet it can be just as happily at home in a beach cottage or a suburban ranch house. Wherever they're found, postmodern rooms share a close attention to scale and proportion, so that disparate pieces work well together. And there's an emphasis on bold, but coordinating colors to aid visual unity.

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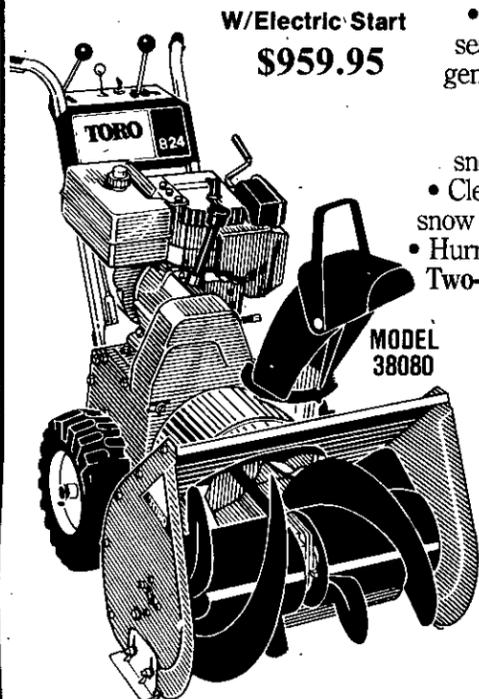
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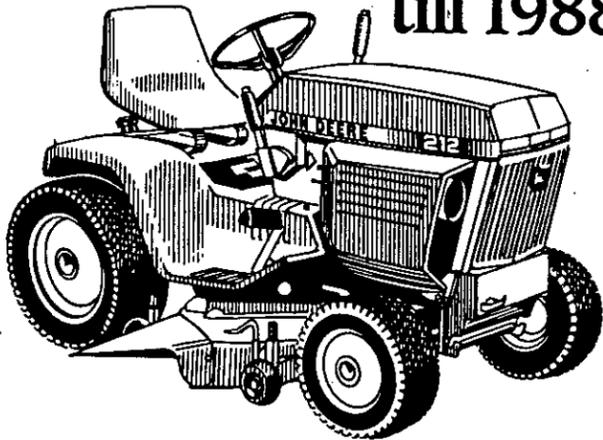
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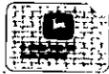
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Just moved? Invite the neighbors

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With home buying on the increase throughout the country this year, many more people have reasons to celebrate. And experienced party-givers and entertainment experts have plenty of tips to help even the most insecure host.

The results can be rewarding, and even productive, as one group discovered at what proved to be a blockbuster of a block party.

The party organizers had a sign-up sheet for people interested in forming a baby-sitting co-op, another to start a Neighborhood Watch group and a third for "work parties." The work parties were groups of residents willing to help neighbors undertake some task such as patio-building for free. One man offered his services as an electrician, and another as a pool serviceman.

"It was a great way to get to know our neighbors," recalled Kathy Day, one of the party organizers. "We have a great neighborhood. We're so close, partly because of that."

A housewarming party — where almost anything goes — might be more your style. As "Amy Vanderbilt's Complete Book of Etiquette" points out, a housewarming is

merely a cocktail party with a purpose.

Who you are and how you fit into the community may set the tone for your housewarming.

For newcomers to the community, a housewarming party is one way to meet the people who live in your neck of the woods. Invite all of your neighbors on the street and the few others you have met, such as your pastor or rabbi, your children's teachers, your family doctor and their families.

Owners of a new tract home who host a party might consider enlisting the developer, who may be only too glad to help roll out the welcome mat. Developers often sponsor their own parties for new buyers so they can meet their new neighbors and as a way to say "thanks."

If you already are known in your community and have simply changed houses or apartments, your housewarming is the chance to invite your friends and show off your new house.

If you haven't moved at all but have just remodeled your house, an open house is in order to let your friends see what improvements you have made.

"I think the important thing is preparation," said Donna Luedke, who held a patio party after she added a new patio to her home. "I start a week ahead of time and do all the things I can."

Invitations for housewarmings can be extended by telephone, by an informal note or by printed in-

itations. Entire families can be invited, so children can meet and mingle, too.

Your invitation should give a clue about the nature of the party. For example, if you will be entertaining around the pool, add that it is a pool party, so guests know to bring swimsuits and towels.

Successful parties often include a mix of ages, personality types, professions, and new and old friends. Housewarmings usually work best on weekends, starting anytime between noon and 9 p.m. On weekdays, a housewarming works well if held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., as sort of a cocktail hour.

Starting to feel overwhelmed by the guest list? Since the object of a housewarming is to show off your new house, it may be easier to have two or three small parties than one big one.

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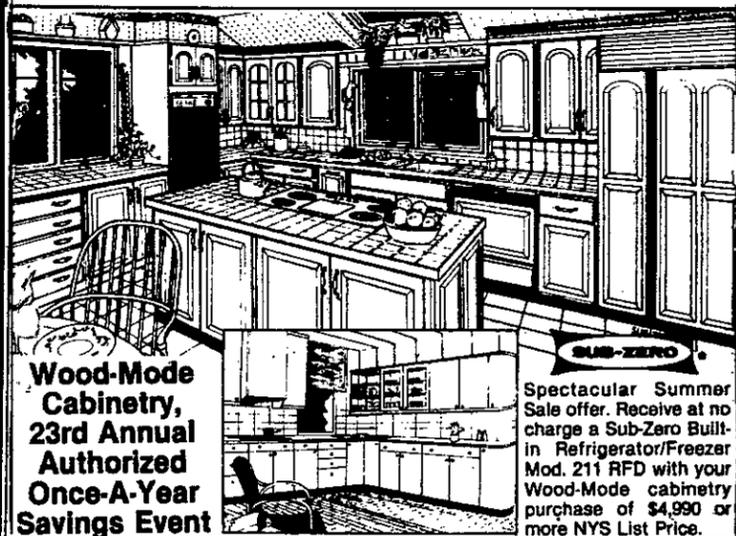
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Cutting ribbons



Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick found himself busy with the scissors Saturday morning. At the grand opening of the new Delmar Court Complex at 266 Delaware Ave. owners of the new stores assist building developer Walter Lotz, left, and Hendrick, center, in the ceremonial ribbon cutting. From left, standing next to Lotz, are Rocky and Ellie Vignola, owners of the Total Look Unisex Salon; Phil Machlowski, manager of DiNapoli Opticians; and Joe and Maria Immediato, owners of Capital District Photo. *Spotlight*



Getting ready to cut the ribbon of McDonald's of Delmar's new drive through with Ronald McDonald, are, from left, Linda Sinuc, vice president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Holly Billings, president of BOU, Supervisor Robert Hendrick, Ken Ringler, president of the Chamber of Commerce, David Wurthman, manager of the restaurant, and Dan Formica, owner. The ribbon contained 100 \$1 bills that were donated to BOU to support its activities. *Spotlight*

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4-H duo learn modeling tricks the hard way at state fair

By Renee Hunter

Brooke Shields probably never has to contend with people trying to steal her shoes while she was modeling. Deanna Greer and Wendy Kleinke wish that they could say the same.

Representing Albany County 4-H at the New York State Fair over Labor Day weekend, the duo from Delmar participated in the 4-H Fashion Show. Greer and Kleinke were in two clothing revues and mannequin modeled each of their three days.

According to Greer, the whole experience was fun. "I enjoyed meeting teens from across the state," the 16-year-old said. Approximately 50 teens from across the state took part in the program.

As they learned, mannequin modeling is not easy. Both Kleinke and Greer found that staring at one particular spot on the floor worked best for holding their concentration.

Each day the girls had to be living statues for one hour. Working in teams of two, the 4-H'ers stood on small platforms in the Youth Building and the Arts and Home Center over a period of two hours. One partner modeled while the other attempted to keep the public from being a nuisance. Also, the time was kept as every 15 minutes the team members traded jobs.

Putting up with the public was the most difficult part of their duties, according to Greer and Kleinke. Often passersby would try to get them to snap out of their concentration. Whether it was by cracking a joke, waving money under their noses, stealing shoes off their feet, or just plain talking to them, the fairgoers were often successful. Many people, especially young children, brushed up against the models in order to satisfy their curiosity whether or not Greer and Kleinke were alive.

In order to fulfill the other half of

their duties, Greer and Kleinke were in formal revues daily. They modeled their outfits on stages around the fairgrounds. As they strutted across the stage, a commentary was read with information about the garments as well as the individual.

In order to be a part of the 4-H fashion show, individuals must first be 4-H members at least 14 years old. According to Bob Eastman, a 4-H agent for Albany County, the candidates sew a complete outfit. For Greer this meant sewing a denim jacket, pants, skirt and a shirt. Kleinke constructed a prom gown. Then, at a county evaluation, the garments are judged on construction and fit. At the county wide fashion show held in the spring at Northway Mall, the teens are judged on their stage presence while modeling their garments. Finally, the judges choose two individuals to represent Albany County.

What to tell dispatcher

Bethlehem Police Dispatchers say when they ask for information from a caller in an emergency it is not a waste of time — the information could make a difference in time when responding to the call.

When Bethlehem residents call the police department for fire, medical or police emergency services, certain information is needed to get help on the way quickly and efficiently. Dispatcher Maureen Bartkus said information usually includes name, address, telephone number and a cross street or landmark. If no house number is available, she said, a house description or landmarks are also required.

Bartkus also said callers should not be the first to hang up because the dispatcher may need more information. And a dispatcher can

also talk to the caller to help keep the caller calm.

The extra 10 seconds spent with a dispatcher giving the needed information can save three minutes for emergency responders to find the proper address, said dispatcher Mark Becker.

Planning a cruise?

The Bethlehem Public Library will present a program on cruise vacationing by cruise consultant Diane Schneider Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include a film and a talk on cruise vacationing. Schneider will cover areas such as cost, length of itineraries, what to pack and on-board activities.

For information call 439-9314.

Bird seed, feeders on sale for 5 Rivers

Bird seed, suet cakes and bird feeders for the backyard bird watcher are offered in a fundraising sale for the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center through Oct. 2.

A variety of seed mixtures, suet cakes and bird feeders are available through this special sale, along with information on bird feeding.

Order blanks for the sale, which must be received by Oct. 2, can be picked up or requested by mail by calling 453-1806. Bird seed must be picked up at the center on Saturday, Oct. 17, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Remembering life in Berne at turn of century

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If you plan an excursion from the Tri-Village area, turn your steering wheel to Route 443 (Delaware Turnpike) and pass through Unionville with its Dutch Reformed Church built in 1825. From here the road begins a gentle ascent toward Clarksville where one bears right on Route 85 just beyond the village. It is no gentle ascent from here on. You are climbing the foothills of the Helderberg escarpment up what was well-known in former times as



TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett

"the letter S." With the high powered cars of today, that dreaded hill climb has been almost forgotten. Passing Helderberg Lake, the road bears left again en route to Rensselaerville, a village that has all the reminders of an old New England town and is well worth visiting. However, for this time we shall continue along Route 85 until we come to a prominent crossroad intersection of Route 1. Here we want to turn right and follow Route 1 into the little hamlet of South Berne.

It is easy to miss the village, so look for the sign on the right that says "cemetery" and follow it, for

the village is located along the old road, just off the present Rt. 1. Here life goes on peacefully today. There are only a few older houses left to remind us that this was once a very busy village with two grocery stores, a blacksmith shop, a sawmill and a creamery, as well as a church and schoolhouse. Residing in a house near the church is 93-years-young Nettie Filkins, who could pass for 15 years younger than her age. Mrs. Filkins still does her own housework and drives her car to Berne and Westerlo to visit her daughter and son and a 91-year-old sister. During her career, she worked for some time at the John G. Myers Department Store in Albany before returning to her profession of school teaching for some years at Westerlo and the Berne-Knox Central School. Her husband, now deceased for some 50 years, had an auto repair shop in a barn on their property. He also purchased sheep and cows around the county for his extensive butchering business.

Nettie Filkins knew not only Cora Salisbury Filkins, but other relatives of the family as well that were mentioned in the *Belle Salisbury Diary* story, published on April 8, 1987 in *The Spotlight*.

Both of the Filkins were born and brought up on Filkins Hill, between East and South Berne. South Berne was the shopping center when they were young and since the town also was nicknamed "Mud Hollow", they often spoke of "going to the Holler." The Filkins family still has many descendants in the area, since Richard Filkins, the settler who came to Berne, was married twice and had six children by his first wife and 16 by his second wife. Richard was descended from Lt. Colonel Henry Filkin, one of the Nine Partners Patentees in Dutchess County, near Poughkeepsie. This patent was granted by colonial governors on May 27, 1697. Lt. Colonel Filkin was born on May 26, 1651 of English descent. The "s" was not used on the name in the early years. The Colonel's great grandson, Richard, came from Dutchess County to the Camp Woodstock area of Berne in the beginning of the 19th century and he died there in 1841.

Mrs. Filkins recounted that at one time there were three churches in the little town, the present Congregational Christian Church, a Methodist Church and before that a Methodist chapel that stood just west of the house in which she now resides.

The land then looked much more open than it does now. Nearly everyone was a farmer and had cows that ate the greenery from the pastures. The fields were ploughed and planted; and, and wood lots



Nettie Filkins, 93 years young, relaxes in her home in South Berne.

were cleaned to provide firewood for the many fireplaces and wood burning stoves. The farmers took their surplus milk to the creamery where it was made into butter and cheese or loaded onto wagons and hauled the 25 miles into the City of Albany.

Today these idle fields have become overgrown with brush and scrub trees since the plough and the axe no longer are used on them. Camp Woodstock, up the hill from the village on Woodstock Road, is a former CCC camp that is now a residential work camp for delinquent boys.

The quaint little village church was built in the Greek Revival style in 1850. The present pastor, who treated the author to a tour of the building, said it was originally built as a Quaker meeting house but has been in the Congregational Christian denomination for many years. There is a membership of about 65 people, with an average Sunday attendance of 35 people. The Sunday school enrolls about 35 children. The building has its original pine floors and the original pews and pulpit. Huge Oak pillars hold up the balcony to the rear. The woodwork is oak, that has been painted and then wiped with comb to simulate wood graining as was often done years ago. Pastor Ross Edmunds has taken the old paint off the original front doors and plans to put on a sealer to protect them.

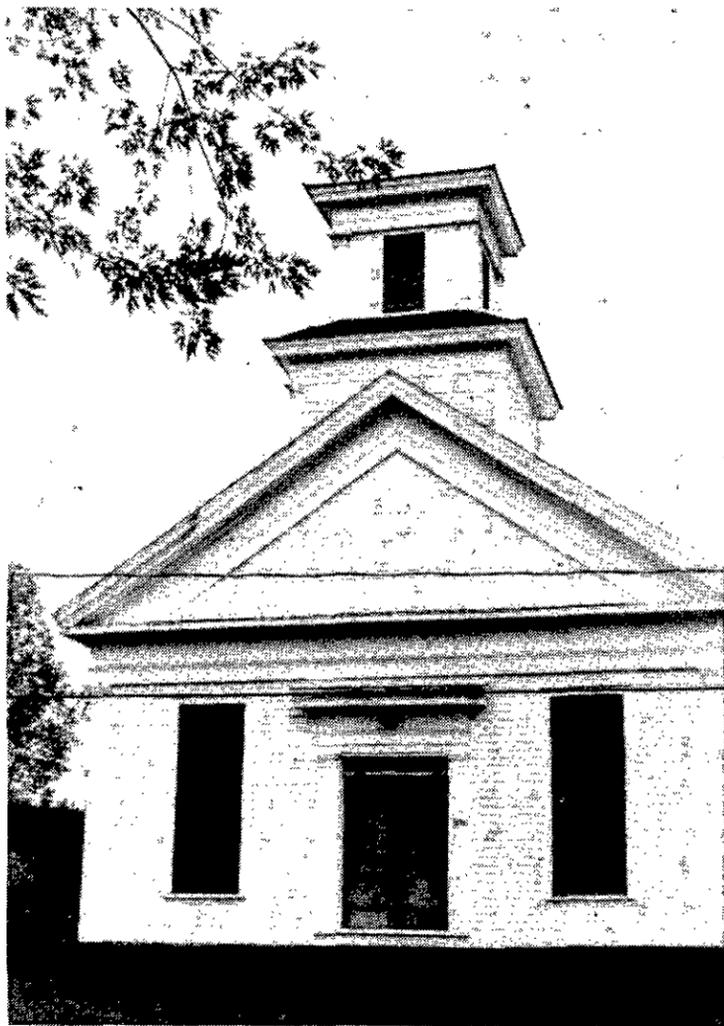
Rev. Edmunds was one of four

ministers who each came once a month to preach on Sunday. He traveled quite a distance from Clifton Park for each service. The other ministers became elderly and wanted to retire from their stint of preaching. The church called Rev. Edmunds to become their full-time pastor and minister to the congregation. Since the membership extends from Clarksville to Berne, the pastor covers many miles making sick and house calls during the week. The congregation makes up in enthusiasm what it lacks in size. They have stakes out to mark the perimeters of what is soon to be a new fellowship hall that will be attached to the church. The proposed simple style will in no way detract from the early church. A new furnace will replace the two oil-burning stoves that now are lit only on Saturday night to provide heat for Sunday morning service. After the plaster cracks are patched in the Sanctuary, the church will be redecorated with a fresh coat of paint. The interior is starkly simple, with a half round niche behind the altar platform. The modest little house of worship sitting on a hillside is a landmark that has beckoned visitors over the years.

After your visit to South Berne, you can continue up Route 1 westward until you reach Route 9 near the present village of Berne and then pick up Rt. 443 again through East Berne and home. Or you can decide to go westward along Route 1 just a short distance and turn right onto Bushnell Road, which will run into Woodstock Road and past Camp Woodstock and back into Route 85, or you can take the intersection of Woodstock Road and Route 2, and come out to Route 443 over Cole Hill Road, near Warners Lake. Trekking over the back roads of the Town of Berne is certainly a relaxing ride. Even if you do get lost, just keep going and sooner or later you are sure to come out to some road that you have been on many times before.

Performing with youth orchestra

Three students from Bethlehem Central have been added to the list of those performing this season with the Empire State Youth Orchestra. Jeremy Williams of Delmar, Meg Bragle of Slingerlands and John Esmond of Delmar are the selected student musicians.



The Congregational Christian Church in South Berne was built originally as a Quaker Meeting House in 1850.

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The Delmar Rotary has donated \$100 to the support the Bethlehem Festival and its activities. Robert Evans, left, president of the Rotary, presents the check to Richard Haverly, right, president of the Bethlehem Festival, as Greg Jackson, treasurer of the festival and Sue DiMuria, school social worker, look on.
Patricia Mitchell

Independent line issue to be settled in court

A decision on whether six Democratic candidates running on the Independent line in New Scotland's November election could come by the end of this month.

After oral arguments Sept. 11 in state Supreme Court, the Democrats' attorney Alan Joseph said he was granted an additional week for further research and to file papers.

After the papers are filed, the attorney challenging the petitions, Albany attorney Thomas Spargo, will have a few days to respond, and Joseph said he expects a decision on the petitions by the end of September.

The suit, filed by two New Scotland residents, challenges the validity of the Independent petitions of six Democratic candidates on a variety of complaints. The suit only challenges the Independent line in November's election and not their Democratic candidacy.

Charges include allegations that the bottoms of petitions are not dated, that the cover sheet of three candidates' petitions are not include with the number of pages listed, that the total number of signatures is not listed on the cover

Library shows movies on Mondays

The Bethlehem Public Library's Monday Movie Break fall series will present films about contemporary artists and their works. Scheduled to be shown at 2 p.m. Monday Oct. 5, are "Bruce Lacey," and "The Stonecarvers."

"Bruce Lacey" shows how a British artist's creative output and lifestyle are a counterpoint to the world's lunacy.

The "Stonecarvers" is a documentary about the last remaining Italian-American stone workers. It won an American Film Festival Award in 1985.

Refreshments will be served during this free, hour-long program.

2 injured in crash in Feura Bush

Two people were taken to an area hospital Friday after one woman lost control of her car as she rounded a bend on County Rt. 54, Bethlehem Police said.

Treated for head injuries and later released from Albany Medical Center Hospital were Darlene Allard, 17, of Currey Ave. in Selkirk, and James Egan, 39, of New Paltz, a hospital spokesman said.

Allard was going around a bend on County Rt. 54, Bell Crossing Rd., at the intersection of County Rt. 53 at about 4:30 p.m., when she lost control of her car and slid sideways into the path of Egan's car, police said.

Obituaries

Leonard Johnson

Leonard Johnson, 73, of Village Drive Apartments in Delmar, a retired millwright, died Saturday, Sept. 19, in St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness.

A resident of Delmar for a number of years, he was born in Waterford and lived in the Capital District all his life.

He retired five years ago as a millwright at the Iroquois Mill Works in Albany, where he worked for 36 years.

He was a veteran of the Army, having served in Europe during World War II.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post.

He was the husband of the late Mary Ward Johnson.

He is survived by a daughter, Lynda Nuttall of Delmar; a son, Wayne Johnson of Atlanta, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Troy. Arrangements were by the Leahy Funeral Home in Troy.

Contributions can be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

William Ehrcke

William Ehrcke, 85, of Mason Rd., Delmar, a contractor, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Albany

Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

He was a resident of Delmar for 36 years and he was born in Albany.

He worked as a self-employed contractor.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany, where he was also a member of the vestry for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Strohmaier Ehrcke; four daughters, Mary Reid of Delmar, Joan Fleming of Saratoga Springs, Judith Matthews of Ballston Spa, and Barbara Molure of Los Angeles; two sons, George Ehrcke of Delmar, and William Ehrcke of Vancouver, Canada; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery in Glenmont and arrangements were by the Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home of Albany.

Contributions can be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

William Flansburg

William Flansburg, 57, of Slingerlands, an employee of the state Department of Transportation, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born in Voorheesville.

He had worked at the state Department of Transportation out of the Voorheesville garage.

He was an Army veteran.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Flansburg; three brothers, Francis Powell of Scotia, Gary Flansburg of Westerlo and David Flansburg of Greenville; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Private arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Bessie Blanchard

Bessie Lillian Player Blanchard, 87, of Delmar, died Tuesday, Sept. 15.

She was a longtime resident of Delmar and she was a housewife.

She is survived by her husband, Nathaniel Blanchard, and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Burial was in Pine Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Pine Lawn. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Clarksville carnival

The Clarksville Elementary School will hold its Fall Carnival Saturday, Oct. 3, at the school from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The carnival will be held rain or shine and will include games, prizes, crafts and a flea market. There will also be a bicycle raffle.

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sheet and that people signing some of the petitions did not state the town or city where they live.

The petitions being challenged are for Town Councilman Herbert Reilly, running for supervisor, town council candidates David Teuten and John Sgarlata, incumbent Justice Cynthia LaFave, town clerk candidate Gloria Ozimek and tax collector candidate Chester Boehlke.

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Birds bowl over the Cannoneers

In this season of great promise, Voorheesville's varsity football team jumps from one perilous spot to another. Last week Pete Douglas's stalwarts got past Watervliet safely. Now it's Albany Academy, like the Blackbirds, undefeated after the first two weeks, and always dangerous.

It's been four years since Academy has beaten Voorheesville, and the Cadets are smarting. They would rather knock off the Blackbirds than any other team in the Capital Conference. Fans of both schools know that when these two rivals collide, there will be plenty of action and an abundance of crunching hits. When these guys take the field for a 1:30 kickoff Saturday at Buckley Field, you can throw away team records and live for the present.

The Blackbirds came home from Watervliet last week with a convincing 20-6 scalp and a clean medical report. John Meacham is on the mend, as witnessed by a sparkling 8-for-14 day in the air and 16 carries for 69 yards on the ground, which leaves only Jimmy Gianatasio on the disabled list.

The Blackbirds employed a balanced attack to dominate their old tormentors at Watervliet. They mixed John Traudt's running and Meacham's passing for a 13-play, 62-yard touchdown drive on their first possession. In the second quarter Bruce Kinisky pinned the Cannoneers deep with a punt to the 5-yard line, setting up another score.

That drive was short. The Cannoneers couldn't get out of the hole, and punted to Bill Connell, who returned 14 yards to the Watervliet 25. Meacham stayed on the ground this time, handing off to Traudt or keeping it himself. Traudt carried the final one-yard, and when Darrin Duncan threw a two-point conversion to Marty Gordinier, it was 14-zip.

When another Blackbird drive ran out of gas on the Watervliet 20 shortly before intermission, Matt Cillis booted a 37-yard field goal to make it 17-0. That was a nice number for Blackbird fans, but what was even more significant was the discovery by statisticians that the home team had showed a net of minus-5 yards rushing in the first half.

Part of that was due to the loss of Tony Fruscio, one of the league's premier ball-carriers, in the opening period. Fruscio suffered a separated shoulder on defensive duty, and presumably is lost for the season.

The people primarily responsible for that statistic were the Voorheesville defensive units, notably Jayson White, the 185-pound senior nose-guard, and the defensive ends, Kinisky and Craig Lapinski. The "ski troops" spent most of the afternoon sliding around the Watervliet backfield messing things up.

"Jayson played his best game in two years, and the whole interior line was really tremendous," said Douglas. "(Harold) Gosling had a strong game, and the linebackers and defensive backs shut down their (Watervliet's) running game."

Traudt and Gordinier are the linebackers in Douglas's 7-2-4 format. If the enemy can get by them, they have to contend with the likes of Cillis, Connell and Duncan in the secondary.

The passing game showed a big improvement. Meacham had his best day since mid-season '86. The Cannoneers restricted the slippery Ed Sapienza to one catch, but they couldn't handle Gordinier, who had four receptions, including two in the first-period scoring drive, and Kinisky, who caught three. Several of these grabs were at critical times and kept a drive alive.

The kicking game also played a major role. Cillis added a 21-yard field goal in the fourth quarter for a 20-0 lead before Watervliet got a consolation touchdown late in the game. Tamba Bissell was consistent in booting kickoffs inside the opponent's 20, and Kinisky was his usual self in the punting department, which is to say, first class.

With the Cadets in town this week, Douglas plans no operational changes. That means the usual disciplined drills, emphasizing execution and timing on offense, and bumping techniques on defense.

"There'll be no letting down," says Douglas. "We've got a long way to go, and we can't afford to look beyond Academy."

Nat Boynton

Delmar burglary reported to police

Over \$1,000 in items were taken from a Pheasant La., Delmar, home between March and Sept. 7, Bethlehem Police said.

In a report made to police on Thursday, the home owner said items taken include an air conditioning unit, two rakes and a box of sheet music with 300 pieces. Police said the items were taken from a garage attached to the house.



Voorheesville running back Matt Cillis, top, heads up field into an awaiting Watervliet defender while quarterback John Meacham watches. Voorheesville also mounted an air attack behind the arm of John Meacham,

center. Last week the Voorheesville defense only allowed 6 points, Jayson White, bottom, stops a Watervliet running back near the line of scrimmage.

David Chambers photos

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Harriers have 2 good runs

By Renee Hunter

The Blackbirds can run just as well as they can fly, or at least it seemed that way this week as the cross country teams made respectable showings in two meets.

First, last Tuesday the Voorheesville runners had a dual meet with neighboring Berne-Knox-Westerloo. Coach Ken Kirik couldn't have asked for more. Both the boys' and the girls' teams had shutouts; the Blackbird runners came across the line in the first five slots of each race. Each team compiled a score of 15, which is the best possible.

Saturday brought the Great Dane Invitational at the State University at Albany campus. There was plenty of competition for Voorheesville. The girls were up against 17 teams while the boys ran against 18 schools.

Led by Kim Sullivan, the Voorheesville girls game in fourth as a team. Coach Kirik was rather proud of Sullivan as this was the first time that she placed first among the Voorheesville girls.

Cross Country

Usual team winner Dorinda Gifford crossed the line second, followed by Cortney Langford, Carey Donohue and Jill Decatur. According to Kirik, the team made an improvement over last year's eighth placing in the same meet.

For the male half of the Voorheesville runners things were not quite as bright, although they could have been worse. Neither the freshmen nor the JVs were able to field a complete team. However, Joe Genovesi and Bob Sarr both were in the top ten and therefore trophy winners in the frosh race. For the JV Bill Wranken placed second while teammate Dan Coons came in fourth.

Kirik was slightly disappointed as far as the boys varsity race went. The team came in fifth out of the 18 teams. Senior John Decatur won the whole race while Jason Eberhardt

came in tenth. Dan Reilly, Chris Stevens, and Derek Moak rounded out the Voorheesville top five.

Kirik expects better showings from Eberhardt as the season progresses. This is something the Blackbird boys will need in order to stay towards the top. Yesterday (Tuesday) both the girls and the boys met Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk. According to their coach, Voorheesville was in for some competition as he predicts the strong RCS teams to be a tough match. Kirik regrets having such a tough meet so early in the season. Probably the outcome of yesterday's meet will foreshadow who the league winner will be. In addition to RCS, the girls will also be running with the cross country team of the Academy of the Holy Names.

On Saturday the Blackbirds will run at the Guilderland International Invitational at Tawasentha Park. Eight states as well as two Canadian Provinces will be represented. In a meet as large as this, it is too difficult to set any goals as far as placing goes. According to Kirik, this is a fun meet especially since there are no class divisions, which means that the Voorheesville runners will be up against all different sized schools. As Kirik stated, "You just hope that you place respectably."

Rain limits tennis; team shuts out 'Vliet

By Matt Bates

What was supposed to be one of the busiest weeks in the season for the Voorheesville girls' tennis team turned out to be a total washout as they were only able to complete one of their four matches last week due to the persistent rain.

The Birds did make the best of their opportunity, though, as they pounded Watervliet, 7-0. In fact, the win was so one-sided that the team only yielded one set to the Cannoneers.

There were no seed changes throughout the week. Paige Hotaling stayed undefeated with a 6-4, 6-0 win. Jen Tarullo followed suit in an easy 6-2, 6-0 victory. Michelle Petre also won, posting a 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, triumph. Kris Flanders and Denise

Hoagland each won impressively with 6-0, 6-1 wins. The doubles team of Dee Gobeille and Jen Toritto won 6-1, 6-2, while Chris LaBelle and Jen Zeh rounded out the action with a 6-2, 6-3 victory.

This week, the Birds will try to make up for lost time with numerous matches.

Wins scholarship

Peter McMillen of Voorheesville has been awarded the Louis Lombardi Memorial Scholarship for 1987-88 at Siena College. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a senior accounting major residing in the Capital District. The recipient must have a grade point average higher than 3.0.

Soccer team tops Ichabod Crane, 3-1

By Rick Leach

It was a rather light week for the Voorheesville varsity soccer team as they had just one non-league victory and one scrimmage with another game being cancelled. However, the Birds didn't take the practices lightly as they prepared for the opening game of the Colonial Council season.

The only game of the week was an exciting one against Ichabod Crane. Ichabod struck first when they capitalized on a Voorheesville defensive lapse and put the ball by goalkeeper Kevin Davis. Less than five minutes later, Andy Rockmore took a feed from Jeff Smolen and poked it into the left corner of the goal.

"The goalie never had a chance," Bird coach Bob Crandall said. Although Voorheesville seemed to

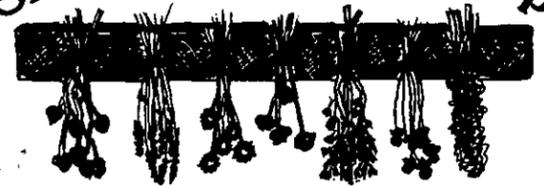
dominate the rest of the game, they just couldn't break the tie. "We had some close calls," Crandall noted. "Mike (Race) put one just over the bar. Not putting the ball in the net has been the Blackbird's problem all season, but that problem ended in the first overtime when Race fielded a beautiful pass from Akihiro Myachi and booted it in to give Voorheesville the lead. In the second overtime, Voorheesville spread out its offense when freshman Chris Clark scored his first varsity goal and locked up the 3-1 victory.

This week the Birds opened their league schedule against Mechanicville on Monday. Following that will be Waterford on Wednesday and Watervliet on Friday as they go for their first ever Colonial Council championship.

Car hit by deer

A deer ran into the side of a Grantwood Rd., Delmar, man's car when he was driving west on Rt. 32 at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Bethlehem Police said.

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Eagles stick to ground, grind up Colonie

By John Bellizzi III

The weather Friday night was miserable, but didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the Bethlehem Central varsity football team, who defeated Colonie 17-12 to pick up their first win of the 1987 season. After two weeks of play, BC and Burnt Hills are tied for first place in the Gold Division of the Suburban Council with 1-1 records. From here, the Eagles go to East Field in Saratoga this Friday to face the Saratoga Blue Streaks at 7:30.

The BC coaching staff has been following 2-0 Saratoga carefully during their first two weeks of play, and head coach John Sodergren has a fairly good idea of what to expect based on the Blue Streaks' performances in their victories over Burnt Hills and Colonie. "They're great in the second half," said Sodergren. "They're also very big. They have the biggest front line, maybe, in the whole area. We're talking about high school players who are 6 feet 7 and 305 pounds, if you can imagine that. They completely wore down Colonie and Burnt Hills in the second half. They're a formidable opponent, but I think they can be had."

One of the big questions BC fans have is whether or not Mike Hodge will be playing quarterback for the Eagles on Friday. The senior co-captain did get in some time on defense in the Colonie win, but Sodergren still labels his condition as "questionable." "We'll know more early in the week," Sodergren explained, "but we'll work both Mike and Lance (Sprinkle)." Sprinkle has delivered exceptional performances at quarterback in Bethlehem's first two games, and



David Sodergren intercepts a Colonie pass to setup Bethlehem's second touchdown in the third quarter. R.H. Davis

his kicking abilities make him of even greater value to the team.

"The first win is always a big one," commented Sodergren about the Colonie game. "It should help set the tone for the next game. Beating a Blue Division team was a plus. It was a good team effort overall. We always got the big play when we needed it, on offense or defense."

The Eagles kicked off to Colonie to start Friday night's game. Soon after the Raiders gave up the ball on

BC's 33 yard line, halfback Mike Mosley started off Bethlehem's first scoring drive by picking up a first down. Mosley then sprinted over 40 yards downfield to bring BC within 10 yards of the goal line six minutes and ten seconds into the first quarter. Sprinkle brought in the extra point. "We established ourselves early, and that was instrumental in the flow of the rest of the game," explained Sodergren. Later in the quarter, with two minutes remaining on the clock, the Raiders had the ball on Bethlehem's 27 when Bob Dillon intercepted a Colonie pass at the 15 and ran it back to the Eagles' 40, the first of three Eagle interceptions that evening.

Not long into the second quarter, Colonie had possession on the Eagle three yard line. Bethlehem's powerful defensive squad held their ground and prevented a score. They got a little help by way of a five-yard

penalty against the Raiders, which set them up at first and goal from the BC 8. The Eagles pushed them back three yards on the next play. Colonie running back Chuck Dukes broke through on the next one, and was pulled down at the one. The Raiders were stopped at the line of scrimmage on the next play, and on their fourth down on the one yard line, linebacker Gary Mendel sacked Colonie QB Tony Valente eight yards behind the line of scrimmage to give BC possession on their own 11. The Raiders did finally make it onto the board during this quarter, with an eight yard touchdown pass 35 seconds before the close of the half. The halftime score was 7-6.

Bethlehem's third period scoring drive began when Dave Sodergren intercepted a Colonie pass and took it to the BC 42. Bethlehem picked up a first down on their third play from scrimmage on a tight end dump

pass from Sprinkle to Pete Coccozza. Four plays later, Bethlehem was still held up around Colonie's 37. Coccozza came in and punted, but there was a flag on the play, giving the Eagles 15 yards and a first down on a call of roughing the kicker. Starting from the Colonie 22, Dillon gained seven yards on the first play, and Gary followed with a six-yard dive to pick up another BC first down on the nine yard line. Dillon ran the ball in from the four to add six more for BC, and Sprinkle's kick was again successful. Sprinkle added three more for BC with a 28 yard field goal in the fourth period with 10:02 left in the game. Even another Raiders touchdown, which came on a 35 yard pass with three and a half minutes left in the game, wasn't enough to top the Eagles, who stopped the two-point conversion attempt.

The weather and field conditions Friday evening were much better suited to the running plays that dominate Bethlehem's wishbone offense than Colonie's usually strong passing game. BC rushed 43 times for a total of 154 yards, compared to Colonie's 94 yards on 26 rushes. Colonie managed to complete 11 passes out of 22 attempts for a total of 133 yards, while Sprinkle's only complete pass out of three attempts was the one to Coccozza that picked up ten yards. Bethlehem actually caught more Colonie passes than they did Bethlehem passes; Sodergren, Dillon and Mendel each had an interception. "We recovered a fumble and had three interceptions — that was a real plus," said Sodergren. "We only turned the ball over once, as opposed to seven times in the Shaker game. The turnover factor was a big plus."

Mendel was named the player of the week by the coaching staff, as



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Lee scores 3 in Colonie win

By Lisa D'Ambrosi

The outlook appears bright for the Bethlehem Boys' Varsity Soccer team. They won their first league game against Colonie 4-0.

Within the first 25 seconds, assisted by Sean McDermott, Eric Lee scored the first goal. This goal, plus two others, made up both Lee's and the team's first "hat trick" of the season. A tripping foul in the fourth quarter gave the Eagles an extra shot to secure the win. With only ten seconds left in the game, McDermott scored the last goal on a direct free kick.

Coach Gene Lewis said he felt his team "played well" despite the fact they were playing against an off-side trap defense, something he said his team isn't accustomed to. But Coach Lewis considered it "a good learning experience... it put pressure on us."

The Eagles were able to overcome their opponent's defense through patience, and by using Lee's speed to penetrate Colonie's defensive line. At one point in the game it appeared Colonie was coming back. All in one series, Colonie hit the

Soccer

crosspiece, hit the goal post, had the ball deflected outside, and then went for another shot and just missed the outside goal. Coach Lewis also credits the win to outstanding play by the goalies; Blake Hannan, who played the first half and Mike Carlson, who played the second.

With one win already under their belts, the Eagles went on to play Mohanasen, and won again, 10-0. In the first 15 minutes the first goal was scored, and in less than one minute afterwards, the next two. McDermott had his first "hat trick" of the season, Lee had two goals and Jason DeWitt also scored three. With Mark Petherbridge assisting, Dave Belfort scored one and Tim McDermott and Greg Krystallis each had singles. McDermott had four assists this game, making him the leading assister. Belfort scored his goal with only six seconds left in the first half, making the score 7-0 by halftime. Mohanasen's goalie had 34 saves while Hannan and Carlson shut out seven shots on goal.

Coach Lewis says his team is playing well," despite the fact that they haven't met their tougher competition yet. As long as the team tries to "play smart" and "not get frustrated," said Coach Lewis, he thinks the Eagles could be the team to beat.

Bethlehem plays Columbia on Monday, Scotia on Wednesday and Guilderland at home on Saturday.

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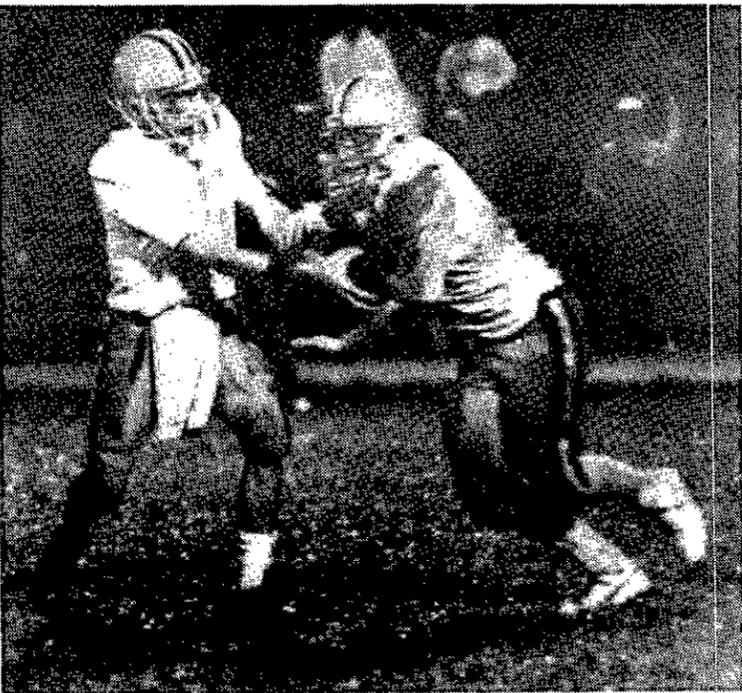
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Bethlehem quarterback Lance Sprinkle hands off to Mike Mosley. R.H. Davis

well as the defensive lineman of the week. Mosley was the offensive back, John Reagan and Eric Heathwaite were the offensive linemen, Hodge was the defensive back, and Sprinkle was the specialist. The bench player of the week, a non-starter who comes in and makes a significant contribution, was Henry Klein.

While the varsity team picked up their first victory of the young season at home Friday evening, the JV team got theirs at Colonie Saturday morning, when they demolished the Raiders 39-6. Coaches Chris Rutschmann and Mark Chmielinski were understandably pleased with their small squad's quality performance. Run-

ning backs Benjamin Acquario, Pete Klein and Steve Connolly scored Bethlehem's three touchdowns in the first half, each followed by a successful two point conversion. With one second remaining in the half, Scott Hodge kicked a field goal. In the third quarter, Acquario scored again for Bethlehem. Linebacker Al Greenhalgh intercepted a Raider pass at the 40 and ran it back for a touchdown to complete the Eagles' victory. The junior varsity team plays Saratoga at home Saturday morning at 9:30.

The freshman football team, coached by John DeMeo and Mike DeAngelis, will play their first game at home on Friday against Saratoga, with a 4 p.m. starting time.

Girls tie Colonie, beat Mohanasen

By Jacqui Steadman

The Bethlehem girls soccer team began its season last week in fine style. The team, consisting of 13 seniors, five juniors, and one sophomore, carried over its pre-season success into the first two games. They were 2-1 in pre-season scrimmages, beating Ravena 7-1 and Chatham 2-0. Columbia defeated the Bethlehem girls 4-2, but Coach Kelly Keller was pleased with the game because the only sophomore on the team, Britt Wehmann, scored both of BC's goals.

The season officially began last Tuesday as Bethlehem tied Colonie 1-1. BC's goal was scored in the first half by Lynette Stracke, one of the tri-captains of the team. The other two captains are Shelley Miller and Caroline Jaczko. The game was a very aggressive one as Colonie was

called for 14 pushing or charging calls and Bethlehem was called for 13. Julie Frances had an excellent game in goal with 31 saves. Thursday, BC met Mohanasen under the lights. The Eagles came out on top, beating Mohanasen 3-1. The goals were scored by Cindy Riegel, Lynette Stracke and Alison Dorman. Riegel and Marybeth Cook each came away with an assist. Coach Keller commented that Bethlehem "dominated the game and the midfielders did an excellent job in getting the ball up the field." Defensively, BC played very well with both Nancy Fratura and Rose Doctuer having outstanding games.

With experience and optimism on their side, BC looks very good. They will face Guilderland away this Friday and the Columbia game that was rained out last Saturday will be played Monday, the 28.

Midgets win, Juniors lose, both at .500 mark

In Pop Warner Football play this week, two teams reached .500 for the season, one on a positive note, the other with a hard fought loss.

The Midget squad, playing their home opener against an always tough Albany, scored first on Brent Kosoc's run with the winning margin extra point scored by Chris Hansen. Chris also blocked the two point extra point attempt in the Eagles 7-6 victory. Adam Trent's fumble recovery highlighted a defensive game for both teams.

The Junior Midgets, who also had their home opener, lost to Troy 12-6 in yet another defensive game. Bethlehem only score came from the defense, a 50 yard interception by Mike Gambelunghe. Andrew Black and Josh Formica combined for 19 tackles to lead the defense.

In the Pee Wee's 13-0 loss to North Colonie, the game was played on an alternate field due to the near record rains. Jeff Hoefs, Mike Ryan,

Brian Fryer and Josh Devoe played excellent defense in keeping the score close.

Next week the Junior Midgets draw a bye with the Pee Wees and Midgets traveling to Troy and North Colonie.

Bicycle gone

Bethlehem Police said a boy's blue bicycle, valued at \$300, was taken from a Woodmont Dr., Delmar, home between Tuesday and Wednesday.

Delmar square dance

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Indians shake loose, BC harriers win first dual meet run over Mohonasen

By Sal Prividera

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians evened their season record at 1-1 with a 26-6 victory over Mohonasen in their first home game.

The Indians set the tempo of the game on their second possession of the game, when Tim Barnska ran 82 yards for a touchdown. The conversion was kicked by Harold Folmsbee, giving RCS an early 7 point lead.

Baranska scored again in the first quarter on a one-yard run that was set up by a Steve Deitz interception. The scoring drive covered 31 yards on three plays. The kick attempt failed. Neither team could mount a scoring drive in the remainder of the first half, which ended with RCS ahead 13-0.

On the first play of the second half, the Indians added to their score, again using the run as Arthur Burnettrambled 57 yards for a touchdown. The passing conversion attempt was unsuccessful leaving the Indians with a 19-0 lead.

Mohonasen spoiled the Indians hopes of a shutout later in the third quarter with a 51-yard pass for a touchdown. John McKiernan blocked Mohonasen's extra point kick attempt.

The final score of the game was set up when the Indians' Joe Dillberg recovered a Mohonasen fumble deep in Mohonasen territory. The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Kurt VanDerzee to Dave Westervelt. Folsbee's kick was good and the final score was 26-6.

Football

The Indians ground attack was a key to their victory, accounting for 253 yards on 39 carries. Baranska had 132 yards on 15 carries and Burnett had 98 yards on 12 runs. Bob O'Neil added 28 yards to the RCS total with 6 carries.

The offensive line opened up some real big holes," said Indians Coach Gary VanDerzee.

Quarterback Kurt VanDerzee completed 50 percent of his passes (4 of 8) for 19 yards and six points. The Indians' offense gave up two fumbles in the game.

The Indian defense played "super," said Coach VanDerzee. They held Mohonasen's running game to a net total of minus two yards, but did allow 146 passing yards. Deitz lead the defense with nine tackles, Baranska had eight, including a quarterback sack, and Bob Travis had seven with a sack. The defensive line pressured the Mohonasen quarterback, said VanDerzee.

The victory gives RCS a 1-0 record in the Colonial division. This weekend the Indians will play another division game against Lansingburgh (1-0).

STAR BOWLERS

Star bowlers at Del Lanes for the week of Sept. 13 are:

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Prep Girls — JoAnne Hoffman, 175, 414.

Bantam Girls — Andrea Kachidurian, 121, 337.

Jr. Classic Boys (4 games) — Mike Aylward, 234, 755; Mike Peters, 208, 788; Brian Almindo, 266, 886; Steve O'Brien, 234, 826.

Jr. Classic Girls — Amy Aylward, 192; Suzanne Brown, 207; Ann Fedele, 195.

By Bill Dixon

The Bethlehem Central Cross Country team started off yet another impressive week Tuesday with their first dual meet at Burnt Hills. Both the women's and the men's teams came home victorious, with the women beating their opponents 24-50 and the men taking the honors with a score of 17-40.

In the women's race, Becky Arenson, a freshman this year, came in first, with Julie Hammer, a returning member of last years team, following in at a close second. Eighth grader Amy Smith finished fifth while Kathy Saba came in at seventh. Team captain Christie Walter placed ninth. Becky Biggerstaff and Debbie Cousins, both new to this year's varsity team, finished tenth and eleventh, respectively.

The Burnt Hills men's team, while admittedly possessing a bit more talent than their women's team, were still unable to offer their BC counterparts any genuine competition. The Eagles took places one through four in men's race. Team captain Craig Isenberg led the way, coming in first, with Brendan Kearse, Brendan Mitchell and Tom Nyilis finishing just behind. Sophomore and new member of this year's team, Michael Kimelberg, came in at seventh. Juniors Jason Dubois and Eric Brown placed at ninth and tenth. Though the Burnt Hills meet was generally seen by the team as an easy victory, it was also, for the men's team, an extremely expensive one. Dubois, ranked sixth on the men's team, fell victim to a stress fracture on the foot during the race. This will put Dubois out of competition for some three weeks.

"Our first four runners can compete with anyone in the Section, and our fifth (Michael Kimelberg) is getting closer to the other four every day," said Isenberg of this year's men's team. Clearly, his analysis does seem to reflect a certain degree of accuracy when applied to the team's running of the Johnstown Cross Country Invitational Saturday. Even before the race, both teams were sure that they would need to use every ounce of skill they could muster if they were to challenge their respective rivals; for the men, Johnstown and Belmore JFK, and for the women, Linton. But even more threatening to both teams was their surprise common rival, Saratoga.

In the men's race, defending Johnstown Invitational champion and last years course record holder, Tom Nyilis, led the Eagles by placing second. Isenberg finished seventh followed by Mitchell at sixteenth. Kearse came in at a twenty-second while Michael Kimelberg finished a strong thirtieth.

Though the team worked as hard as ever at defeating JFK, they were unable to beat either Johnstown or Saratoga. The team placed third.

The women's team also put out a strong effort at the Invitational. The much-improved Arenson once more placed first for the Eagles, doing her best to break the grip held by the Saratoga team on places one through three. Arenson's attempt, unsuccessful as it was, put her in ninth place. Hammer finished sixteenth, followed by Saba at seventeenth and Smith at nineteenth. Walter crossed the line at thirty-sixth, while Biggerstaff came in thirty-ninth. The large gap between Smith and Walter could have been responsible for the team's ranking fourth out of the six teams who raced (a ranking that the 1986 Sectional champions are by no means used to).

Nevertheless, the Eagles did manage to endure the treacherous conditions of a muddy, wet course and bring home two trophies; one for the men and one for the men and women combined. "Our goals are still the same. We plan to win everything," says Coach John Nyilis. "It's not impossible; but we're going to have to work. We have to be the best team we can be."

With such an attitude fixed firmly in place, the team will meet this week's challenges with even more confidence. Tuesday the former Suburban Council champions will be having a dual meet against Scotia and Columbia. Both schools, while not offering too much of a challenge, will certainly provide the Eagles with ample opportunity to test themselves once more on the course.

BC netters notch 3 straight wins

By Lisa D'Ambrosio

It looks like another winning season for the Bethlehem Girls Varsity Tennis team. The Eagles started off the season by winning three straight matches in a row. They defeated Guilderland 8-1, Colonie 9-0, and Scotia 9-0. Second-ranked junior Julie Hart beat her opponent from Scotia in a grueling three set duel. Her opponent had previously beaten an undefeated player from perennial champions Niskayuna.

According to Coach Grace Franze, her team is playing "very well" and, thus far, have won their matches easily. Coach Franze also said she has a "good, young team," who are "very cooperative" despite recent bad weather conditions and the

constant change in locations for practice.

Coach Franze commented that the turnout this year was very good; a total of 45 players, JV and varsity combined. The junior varsity team won one match against Guilderland under Coach Bob Freedman.

Bethlehem meets Burnt Hills Tuesday and plays Saratoga on Friday. Both are home matches. The match with Saratoga "could be the difference" between second or third place behind Niskayuna, said Franze. At the match with Saratoga, first-ranked sophomore Kristen Jones will face Jenny Whalen, section two champion of the Suburban Council.

Captains this season are junior Sue Shayegani and Kristi Burkart.

Swimmers tune for Troy

By Sarah Scott

Bethlehem Central's girls varsity swim team started out strong last week at an invitational meet against Shaker, Troy and Albany High. Coach Ken Neff said "the whole team swam well, and most of the swimmers swam in 'off' events." At an invitational, the score and places of finish are not kept, and this allows swimmers to compete in events that they usually don't enter. Coach Neff used the meet to see which girls could fill in to swim in certain events.

The team is small with only 15 swimmers, and needs more people to fill the events in each meet. "Even though the team is small," Coach Neff declares, "they are a group of extremely strong swimmers."

Wednesday (today) the team will swim against Troy at a "home" meet, which will be held at Troy because of the Bethlehem pool and diving situation. It will be a challenging meet since Troy is a fine, strong team. Instead of eliminating a diving team because they wouldn't be able to practice, Neff made arrangements for the divers to practice at Shaker High four days a week. This is a good opportunity, but does separate the team, because swimmers and divers usually practice together.

The varsity team is practicing at the middle school, and it is more of a hassle than a problem. Coach Neff states "when you have your own pool, you feel like you have a true "home base," but when you use someone else's pool, you feel like you are intruding." He also said that the team is lucky to have a pool in the district because many other teams practice in borrowed pools.

Coach Neff is looking forward to a good season with the toughest competition coming from Scotia and "Guilderville", a combination of Guilderland and Voorheesville. Bethlehem swimmers are working hard to prepare to meet these two teams later in the season.

THE HOME TEAM



By Tom Kuck

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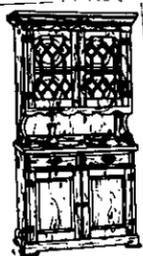
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Lions Club holds light bulb sale.

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New Siena officers.

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Recently elected were: president, John J. Cahill III, of Albany, an attorney with Messina and Cahill of Slingerlands; treasurer Douglas H. Engels of Slingerland; and board member Mark S. Pelersi of Delmar.

Shelia Meers of North Bethlehem Auxiliary has been elected president of the Albany County Volunteer Fireman's Association's Ladies Auxiliary.

Despite the rain, the participants and spectators had a very enjoyable time at the Mardi Gras Parade in Voorheesville. Fortunately the rain held off during the full dress parade on Saturday.

RCS girls still getting feet wet on the courts

By Dawn Dinardi

The RCS girls tennis team opened its season with two losses, but Coach John Dunigan has hopes that things will improve.

"Overall," said Dunigan, "they're a young team, but they learn fast. They have a tremendous amount of heart. They lack experience, but they make up for it with hard work and determination."

The team consists of 17 girls: seniors Lisa Ray and Kim Nelson; juniors Erika Warnstadt, Wendy Parker and Stacey Homicz; sophomores Christine Kennedy, Sharon Schermerhorn, Jennifer Stooks, Sandy VanDorn, Leslie MacMorran, Becky Novko, Shelia McKiernan and Nina DeCocco; and freshmen Cathy Bestler, Melissa McCormik and Tricia Quay.

RCS had their first match Sept. 11 against a tough Catskill team. They had a rough time and lost 7-0 in this non-league match. Erika Warnstadt, seeded number one, played a great game against Catskill's number one player. She lost in three sets, 3-6, 7-5, 1-6. Sharon Schermerhorn, seeded number four, also lost in three sets, 1-6, 6-4, 0-6, but she played extremely consistent tennis.

On Sept. 14, RCS lost in a league match to a tough Voorheesville team. Christine Kennedy, usually seeded number three, played the number two position because

teammate Lisa Ray was out with an injury. She lost in three sets, 1-6, 6-0, 1-6.

"The scores were really misleading," stated Dunigan. The doubles games were rained out.

The girls schedule this week is a full one. They have games on Sept. 21, 22 and 23. All of these games are home and begin at 4 p.m.

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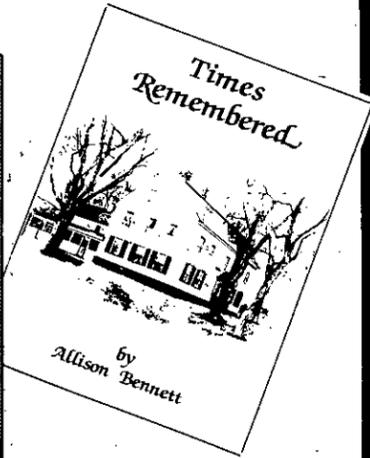
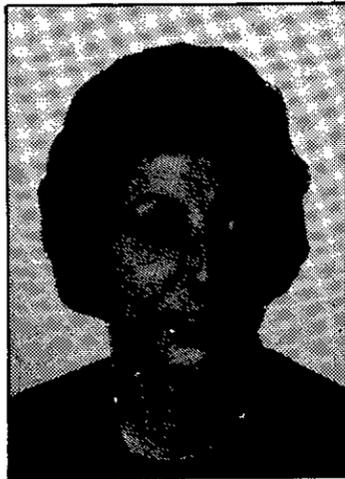
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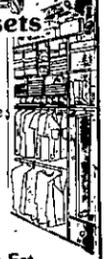
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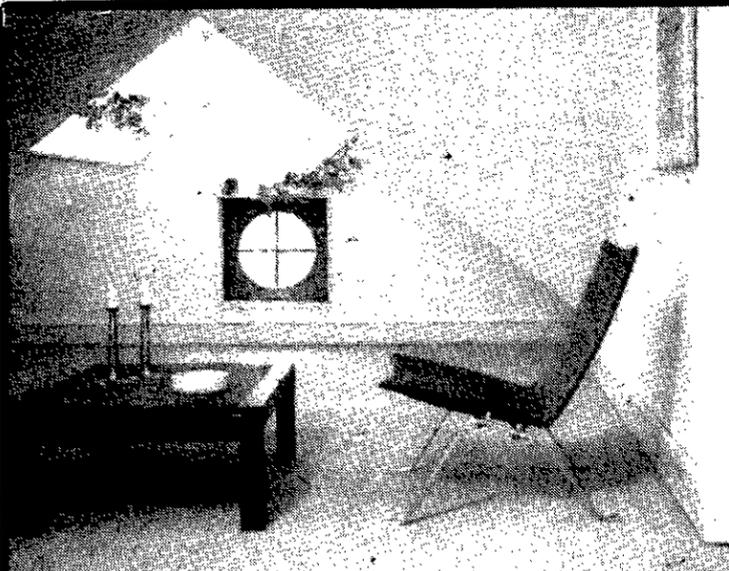
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Hahn's thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

This will be my final letter regarding the recently completed Republican primary for the office of Receiver of Taxes. It will be a letter of praise and thanksgiving, for the blessings of a priceless democratic society.

First, let me praise the marvel of a free, uncontrolled and neutral press, namely *The Spotlight*, which carried the message of democracy in action in the Town of Bethlehem, allowing equal coverage to both candidates, and affording an opportunity for citizen participation in this lengthy ordeal. Rarely do we, as citizens of the greatest nation on earth, take the time to realize the value of unmanaged media coverage.

Next to my hundreds of volunteers, petition signers, petition carriers, phone poll callers, clerical workers, and finally, the cadre

committed to getting out my supporters by phone on primary day, I owe you limitless thanks for a job so well done I had trouble accepting credit for the results. To you, I dedicate the next four years of my working time.

To the members of the Democratic Party and unrolled voters who called, offered help and stopped me on the street to offer encouragement and verbal support, I am humbled by your interest and your strength of character.

To my wife and family, who walked tall during these six months of toil, I am proud of you.

To the Republican voters of the Town of Bethlehem, you made history by voting your open minds and your caring hearts. With you I will always stand for the right of free choice.

As a believer in a supreme being, I feel all things happen with His

knowledge and His overseeing. To that end, I give thanksgiving for favored treatment.

I have saved for last, my fondest gratitude for my campaign manager, Gary Swan, who guided the day-to-day workings of my staff and breathed life into a force of volunteers who have left their mark in history. Gary was the architect of victory with a production which gave me my finest hour!

Needless to say, this message comes from the heart and will dwell in my actions for years to come. To all of you, I owe my admiration, my thanks, and my well-being.

Ken Hahn
Receiver of Taxes

Let's hear issues

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading your Sept. 9 issue I became concerned with Herb Reilly's political ad. I have concern over this evident "business as usual" approach to running for office in our town.

First, the fact that he is a professional businessman, running an insurance business and two funeral homes doesn't really tell me anything most people don't already know. Furthermore, could this mean he really won't have all the time necessary to properly run our town?

Secondly, having raised nine children in our community is commendable, however I don't see how this better prepares any candidate for town office. Having served as town councilman for nine years is a credit. Let's hear what you have accomplished in those years. Anyone can sit on a council for a period of time. It's results that count.

He speaks of being our voice on the town council. The last time I remember him raising his voice was when he made the motion to relax our zoning ordinance to allow the proposed mining over in Voorheesville. I, for one, believe the people want to hear where the candidates stand on the issues of mining, zoning, etc.

Thomas Bruno, Jr.
Clarksville.

A level surface

Editor, The Spotlight:

Why can't things be done right the first time? So many people anticipated the completion of the new tennis courts at the Bethlehem Central High School. Now we find

The paper route

"What do you mean, 'there's a snake on my lawn'? Are you sure you have the right house?"

"Yes, Mrs. Tyson, but I'm too scared to bring the paper to your door."

So began the exchange between Mrs. Tyson (not her real name) and one of our family's two newspaper carriers on a frosty October morn. A well nourished, beige-gray snake graced the lawn of a home on her daily route.

"Freeze!" I squeaked as I eyed the snake's size. Its coils reminded me of the massive piano legs in my grandmother's parlor. My daughter readily complied. She backed toward the car, scrambled inside and clung to the dashboard as our car accelerated to 40 in five seconds. Six doors down — our next house — I hit the brake with the same vehemence. My daughter grunted from the whiplash, grimaced and announced that cruising around reptiles was not in her job description.

Mrs. Tyson denied ownership. I wouldn't want to claim a snake as a relative either. The riddle of the snake's origin remains unsolved. Perhaps it slithered up from beneath the manhole cover on Mrs. Tyson's lawn to catch the sun's warmth. Or maybe a practical joker put it there, hoping to unnerve some unsuspecting passerby. In any event, the snake was removed before our next morning's delivery. We didn't ask for details.

I realized that the ethic of our teens earning spending money has gone too far when separate paper routes became "ours." Both would, I believed, learn the value of money by forfeiting an hour's sleep each morning, getting their Oshkosh boots wet by walking through real puddles and experiencing the delight of an early bedtime brought on by fatigue.

The planned development of our teens' values moved flawlessly during the summer months. But in the autumn, the groans of being awakened at 5:30 a.m., the glazed looks at breakfast and the semi-stupor on completion of the evening's homework softened even this mother's heart.

The deliveries continued until both teens came down with the flu. I was given meticulous directions on delivery of the papers along "their" routes. My career as a carrier was launched.

Then there was the Saturday collection. My son was solicitous of his subscribers, often accommodating them by returning two or three times for payment. On his third trip to one house, the door was slammed shut with a perfunctory "I don't want any!"

Besides humor, life as a carrier's parent was blessed with a rediscovery of nature. The dizzying sounds of animal and bird life were a natural sedative after the 5 a.m. brrring of an alarm clock and the bleating of the local DJ. The soft hues of dawn were hypnotic in contrast to the glare of early morning house and street lights. Especially lovely was the stillness... after the thud of the 3 a.m. paper drop in our driveway.

Overall, our route was serene; our moments of laughter numerous and our relief upon surrendering the route and once again sleeping until 6:30 a.m., supreme.



ON THE HOME FRONT

Susan Gordon

The 'other' New Year

As the make-up of our suburbs and rural areas continues to diversify, the challenge to maintain a sense of community becomes more pronounced. It becomes more important than ever to learn to know one another better — to understand each other's differences, backgrounds and traditions.

Beginning tonight at sundown, a growing number of Jews in our community and around the world will celebrate Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year and one of the two holiest days on the Hebrew calendar. The Jewish calendar year 5748 (based on a lunar calendar rooted in Biblical times) will be brought in with two days of prayer for personal betterment and world peace.

Yom Kippur, the second of the Jewish high holy days, begins sundown Friday, Oct. 2. Observant Jews will fast through the 24-hour day of atonement that ends sundown Saturday.

As the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland have grown, so has the Jewish community here. American cities survive their ethnic and social diversities through familiarity and mutual respect. If harmonious suburbs and congenial rural communities are to exist; if a September's happy new year greeting is to bring a nod of acknowledgement in place of an uncomfortable off-season chuckle; we must be responsible to one another to educate and be educated.

Happy New Year.

The Editors



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that they are not level and are equipped with steel nets, better suited for a prison. No architect or consultant is needed to tell us that traditional cloth nets are essential to the enjoyment of the game. A level playing surface is also important. Why couldn't the courts have been done correctly the first time? We all pay dearly for this lack

of quality and follow through, in all aspects of our lives!

Peter M. Sidel

Feura Bush

Rosh Hashana service in Delmar

Chabad of Delmar will hold new year services during Rosh Hashana, a portion of which will be held in English. On Thursday, Sept. 24, a Tashlich service will be held at the creek adjacent to the Chabad Center. Kiddush will follow the morning services on Sept. 24 and 25 featuring the traditional apple dipped in honey and other sweets signifying a wish for a sweet new year.

For more information call 439-8280.

Mothers Time Out hears about fashion

Mothers Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, meets Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

This week, Laura Taylor of Laura Taylor, Ltd., will speak on updating wardrobes with accessories for fall fashion.

Childcare is provided. For information, call 439-9929.

Bike is taken

A 12-speed black boy's bicycle was taken from a Fernbank Ave. home between Sept. 12 and Sept. 13, Bethlehem Police said. The report was given to police on Wednesday, and the bicycle is valued at \$435.

James Nagle married

Susan Marie MacLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. MacLeod Jr. of Warwick, R.I., and Lt.(j.g.) James Patrick Nagle, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Nagle of Glenmont, were married Aug. 29 at the Greenwood Community Church.

Laurie A. MacLeod was maid of honor for her sister, and Christopher J. Nagle, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and the George Washington University National Law Center, will begin a one year judicial clerkship with the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, this month. The groom, a graduate of The Citadel, is stationed aboard the USS Constant in San Diego.

The couple will reside in LaJolla, Calif.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Congemi

Elizabeth Rudolph married

Elizabeth Irene Rudolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rudolph of Delmar, and Christopher Robert Congemi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Congemi of Delmar, were married Aug. 21 at the Delmar Reformed Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert Hess.

The bride is a graduate of Russell

Sage College and works as a computer graphic coordinator for First Boston Corporation in New York City.

The groom, a graduate of Pace University in New York, is a money market trader for the Bank of Tokyo in New York, where the couple will reside.



Mr. and Mrs. Joel William Benjamin

Susan Carlson married

Susan Lynn Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carlson of Windsor, Broome County, was married recently to Joel William Benjamin, son of June Benjamin, The Crossway, Delmar, and the late Richard Benjamin. The ceremony took place in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Binghamton, with Rev. C. James Jones officiating. The bride, a graduate of the

University of Rochester, is a chemical engineer with the state Department of Environmental Conservation. The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University at Albany, is a research scientist with the state Health Department.

The couple will reside in Slingerlands.

Milk for Life calls for donors

Milk for Life, a non-profit organization that supplies human breast milk to highly allergic infants and children in the United States, needs donors to replenish milk bank supplies.

Nursing mothers may contact Ann Mulford, area coordinator, 37 Velina Dr., Burnt Hills, 12027, by calling 399-2601.

Shop around before filing up

State Energy Commissioner William D. Cotter and Richard M. Kessel, executive director of the Consumer Protection Board, are urging consumers to fight rising gasoline prices by comparing costs before pulling up to a pump. The officials report a price difference of up to 48 cents for full service and 25 cents for self service.



Pat Fritts stands with husband Roger behind mannequin with her wedding gown at an anniversary party in their honor.

Surprised on 25th wedding anniversary

Bethlehem Town Justice Roger Fritts and his wife Pat were surprised with a dinner party to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary last weekend.

The party was given by family and friends at "La Hodom's" restaurant. Barbara Hodom is clerk of the justice court. Among the surprises was a mannequin placed in the corner of the room attired in Mrs. Fritts' wedding gown.

Reading aloud revived at Glenmont School

The Glenmont Elementary School will host its first monthly read-in, featuring BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis, on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Other guests will be members of the board of education, administrators and staff. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The monthly read-ins will be held on the first Thursday of the month. Next month, students will read. For information, call 463-1154 or 439-7242.

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Community Corner

Rosh Hashana

Tonight begins a celebration of the Jewish New Year Rosh Hashana. The Jewish community will bring in the Hebrew calendar year 5748 with a host of traditions and prayer.

The customary eating of apples dipped in honey signifies wishes for a sweet new year.

The tone is of prayerful introspection, to become better individuals in order to better our world in the twelve months to come.

The shofar, a ram's horn, is blown on Rosh Hashana to call for its listeners to improve their ways.

To all those who celebrate this high holy day, and those who do not, a very happy and peaceful new year.



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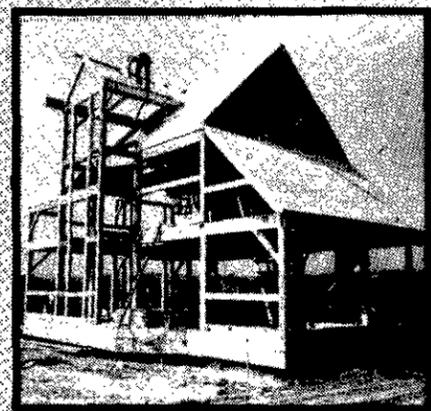
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