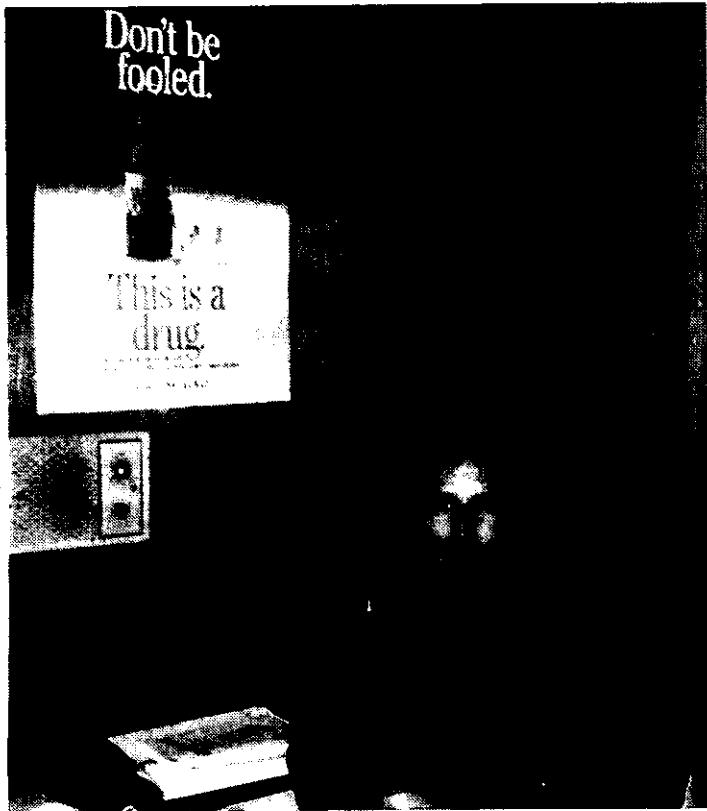


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Elizabeth Dinnel Iseman, who will direct Bethlehem's new Substance Abuse Prevention Project, works out of a donated office near the Four Corners. *Patricia Mitchell*

A counselor for the community

By Patricia Mitchell

When Elizabeth Dinnel Iseman was attending Bethlehem Central Schools, she was involved in music, the Girl Scouts and 4-H, taught guitar to other students, and worked for a local pediatrician. She said she wasn't really aware of drug use in the schools then.

"I liked it here," said the 1974 graduate.

Fourteen years later, she has come back to head the Bethlehem Substance Abuse Prevention Project, a one-year program to bring together different people in the community who work with students and teenagers and work with them on giving consistent anti-substance use messages to kids.

"We're really going to be focusing on kids shouldn't be using substances, period," she said.

Next week: the first of four articles on women in the community who are addressing the issues of drug and alcohol abuse.

Iseman said all the people she has talked to in the community agree alcohol is the number one substance among teenagers, and she isn't surprised by that. While substance use in Bethlehem is no worse than in other communities, she said, the problem is worthy of a lot of attention in all schools.

"It's an issue that is demanding attention," Iseman said.

Bethlehem is addressing its problem and it does have special needs as a suburban community, such as having no central location for teenagers, little transportation, and upper-middle class teenagers who often have more money and more unsupervised time than their counterparts in other places.

Iseman started in her position on Feb. 1, after the school district, the Chamber of Commerce, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, the town recreation department, the police department and Hope House combined to obtain a \$65,000 grant from the state Task Force on Integrated Projects for Youth and Chemical Dependency for a community prevention program. The state received \$3.2 million from the federal government for prevention and treatment of substance use projects. Bethlehem

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Tall Timbers issues

New Scotland project scope argued in hearing

By Patricia Mitchell

Issues ranging from the effect on schools, traffic and future developments could be addressed by the Galesi Group in the environmental impact statement for its proposed development on the Tall Timbers Country Club.

Those issues, as well as the ever-present concerns over water, were raised in a meeting Thursday to discuss the scope of the draft impact statement that is part of the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the project.

The New Scotland town board

held the scoping meeting as part of its lead agency status to review the environmental impact statement for Galesi's proposed 430-unit Planned Unit Development on the former country club on both sides of Hilton Rd.

Robert Cook, planning board consultant and chairman of the meeting, said the town would accept additional comments on the scope of the statement until 10 days after the meeting.

The Galesi Group will then prepare its draft environmental impact statement and submit it to the town. In the meantime, the

planning board is reviewing the whole project and is considering a zoning change for a portion of the property from Industrial to Low Density Residential, and then to rezone the whole property to a Planned Unit Development. The planning board will make a recommendation on the zoning changes to the town board.

The Galesi Group is proposing to build about 56 single-family homes, 72 four-plex units and 302 townhouses on about 181 acres of land the company owns on Hilton Rd.

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Home for elderly has obstacles

By Bill Cote

A North Bethlehem building that now houses developmentally disabled teenagers and young adults will have to meet stricter building code standards if it is converted to a residence for the elderly.

Questions of parking sufficiency, possible structural insufficiencies and county road curb cut requirements inspired the Bethlehem Board of Appeals to send Tannatta Estates back to the drawing board last Wednesday.

The board expressed general dissatisfaction with the proposal, which will require a zoning variance to operate a 20-adult residence at 405A Old Schoolhouse Rd. near Krumkill Rd. The plan would offer living space to seniors 62 years or older who are in good health and without need of assistance.

Submitting the project as "an ideal situation for an adult home," Joseph Tannatta of Schenectady said that the 12-bedroom 5,000 square foot block, brick and frame structure is fully equipped with a sprinkler and fire alarm protection system. Tannatta

said that the state requires a toilet and bath for every six people and his building provides one for every five.

Tannatta submitted a letter that he solicited from the Albany County Department for the Aging that indicates a need for such a facilities in the area. He also

stated that similar homes in the area charge \$1,800 per person per month while he plans to charge \$1,300. He said he feels that his proposal is for a "much superior facility" and said that the 2.22 acres surrounding the home will

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No stink in Selkirk

A smelly chemical released from a gas pipeline facility in Selkirk was reported in Albany and other parts of the Capital District last week, but most Selkirk residents apparently missed the excitement.

A pipe valve at the Texas Eastern Pipeline Facility on Rt. 396 in Selkirk was left open Thursday night resulting a non-toxic chemical being released into the air, Bethlehem police said.

The chemical, ethyl mercaptan, is used as an odorizing agent for natural gas, which has no odor, to assist in the detection of gas leaks, police said.

The leak resulted in some area residents being irritated by the chemical's odor. However, a resident of Selkirk who lives less than one half mile from the facility, said that she could not detect the chemical odor in the air. She added that none of her neighbors noticed the odor either.

"The wind blew the stink away from us," and some of her neighbors did not know about the leak until long after it happened, she said.



An ice rescue, here being performed by Cub Pack 73 of Voorheesville, was one of the exercises at the annual Klondike Derby Saturday at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park.

The event, for Boy Scouts and cubs, was being held in Bethlehem for the first time.

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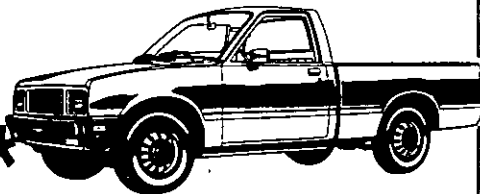
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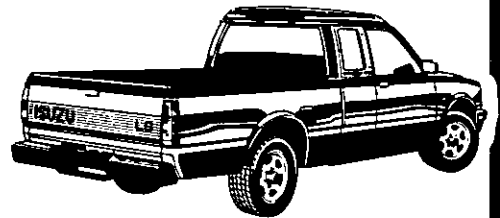
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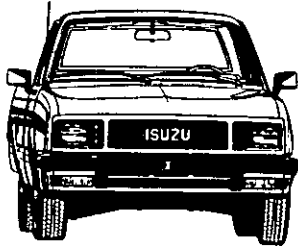
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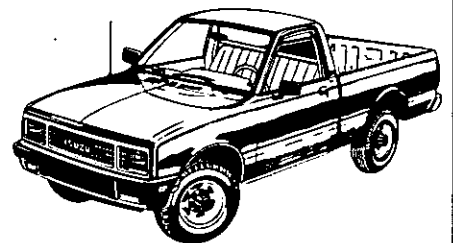
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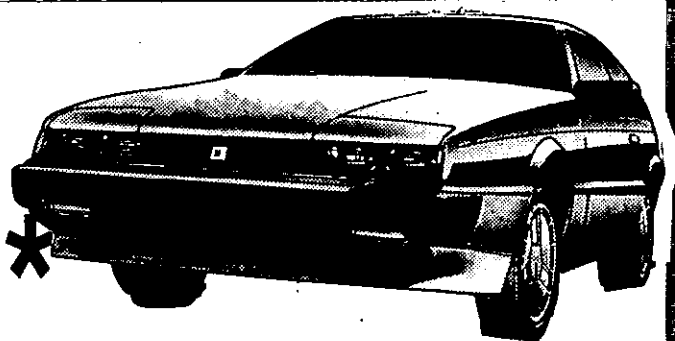


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Herb Reilly enjoys his new office as New Scotland's supervisor. *Patricia Mitchell*

Herb Reilly finds new job 'awesome'

By Patricia Mitchell

Almost two months after taking office, New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly still considers his job as "awesome" — the same reaction he had on Nov. 3 when he won election to the top post in town.

"I like the job and I like the work," Reilly said in his office at town hall last week. "Look at my calendar — you can see it's full."

A town councilman for nine years before he was elected supervisor, Reilly said he thought the post would be difficult, and it has proven to be just that. Since Jan. 1, Reilly has faced several problems and issues. Politically, he must work with a divided town board that has one empty seat and no clear agreement yet on how to fill it. Also, the town board was unable to agree on town and zoning attorneys, and the town attorney's position had to be resolved in state Supreme Court.

A proposal for a 430-unit Planned Unit Development by the Galesi Group on the former Tall Timbers Country Club — probably the largest proposal for the town in its history — was made at his first meeting as supervisor, and Reilly called a meeting between all those concerned with the future of the country club site. A report with possible solutions to disputes involved with the land is expected to be released next month by the town board.

"They're (the problems and issues) are not going to go away," Reilly said. "We are just doing the best we can. The board works well together."

Reilly said he thinks the town board is functioning even with its four members, and he has tried to be open with them.

In between the problems and issues he has been facing in his new job, Reilly has started some new programs at town hall. A new computer system for bookkeeping is expected to arrive later this month, and he said he and his staff are working on consolidating the town's almost 30 bank accounts.

Reilly is also looking into new investment policies for town funds to get more interest. While the town does have an investment policy, he said he doesn't think it is getting all possible interest. He meet with Key Bank officials this week and is also looking at the Town of Bethlehem's investment policies.

The town has hired Patricia McVee as a full-time secretary and bookkeeper for the supervisor, and she has moved into the

former supervisor's office while Reilly has moved into a former conference room.

"She (McVee) runs a well-organized office. She's really been a big help," Reilly said.

A recreation commission will also be established and Reilly is exploring the feasibility of a conservation commission with the planning board.

While the town's business is keeping him busy, Reilly said he was fortunate to have his wife, Susan, and one of his nine children running his funeral homes in Colonie and Voorheesville.

String bass clinic

The Empire State Youth Orchestra will sponsor a free clinic and classes for string bass students beginning Tuesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at the Shaker Junior High School in Latham.

The clinic will be conducted by Neil Garber and will include demonstrations. The six classes will be held on Tuesdays and cost \$30 per student.

To register or for information call 768-2180.

□ Tall Timbers issues

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The scoping meeting was a chance for residents to raise concerns and suggest topics that must be addressed by Galesi during the town's review of the project. About 100 people were on hand in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, most of them from the northeast corner of the town where the proposed development is located.

Water and Galesi's proposal to construct water and sewer districts large enough to include other developments and present homes, a major part of the proposal, was discussed. Pat Bulgaro, president of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, a group that is looking at the development for a municipal water supply, said the scope should include an assessment of how much water will be available now and in the future.

Kevin Phelan, a member of the town's water resources commission, said there should be additional test wells placed to determine the effect on the groundwater from the proposed sites of the water wells on the west side of Hilton Rd. The potential for developing a water supply on the eastern portion of the development should also be explored, he said.

More information is also needed on the depth, size and quantity of several ponds included with the plans, said Robert Morrison, chairman of Concerned Citizens of New Scotland, Inc. In a memo on Galesi Group's preliminary studies, Planning Board Chairman Robert Hampston said the location of the sewage treatment plant and the public water supply should be included.

Cook agreed that the potential for a municipal water supply should be studied further and said the town's engineering consultants, C.T. Male Associates, are working on it. He also said no site has been chosen yet for a sewage treatment facility on the Normanskill, but that the Vly Creek, which runs across the property, does not have

enough capacity to handle the discharge.

Cook said Galesi is redoing the traffic portion of its preliminary studies. The town needs to discuss traffic corridors and to look at Krumkill and Font Grove roads and other routes in the area. However, he said, he doesn't think the town can expect the developer to do that work.

A report by Greiner Engineering Sciences predicted 34 vehicles entering and 162 leaving the development between 7 and 9 a.m., and 162 entering and 85 leaving between 4 and 6 p.m.

Highway Superintendent Pete Van Zetten said he knows Galesi's proposal could trigger other proposals, and said he is concerned over extra traffic on the town's small roads. The town board should look at a traffic corridor, he said.

Dr. Lyon Greenberg of Krumkill Rd. said he contacted Hans Klunder Associates, the New Hampshire firm that prepared the town's zoning ordinance. The planners predict 4,300 car trips a day would be generated by the Galesi proposal, Greenberg said.

Greenberg also said the Galesi Group will be asked to develop the country club grounds as all single family homes.

Orchard Park resident Karen Magrum said she was also concerned the proposal includes few single-family homes and said she believes there would be a larger tax base with more single-family homes. She asked whether the town has to accept the development as it is now or whether more single family homes can be suggested.

The planning board can modify the project as it reviews it, Cook said. He added that he would be surprised if the final plan is the same as the original proposal. The planning board could discuss how many single family units could be developed under the land's present zoning.

Turning to other issues, Cook said there is a potential for

induced growth from Galesi's project and this should be discussed.

Neighboring property ownership and the potential for future development should be scoped out, Morrison said. He said he was also concerned with the adequacy of access to the development, pointing out that the development's roads are actually long cul-de-sacs.

Several dead end or stub roads are included with the proposal now, and Cook said while their placement may change, the planning board requires routes to access other properties so they can connect with the development.

Tony Mistretta of Orchard Park said he was concerned about the impact of the development on the Voorheesville Central school district, pointing out that school taxes are expected to jump again this year.

Magrum also said she feels the project will have a bigger impact on the schools than predicted by Galesi.

Town Councilman John Sgarlata said the New Salem Fire Department is concerned that it could be cut off from the development by a train on the railroad tracks, and said the department is interested in a new firehouse in that area.

Other issues raised by Hampston in his three-page memo include:

- The lot sizes of single family homes should be specified.

- The reports include no preliminary layout for water, sewer or drainage facilities, and drainage is important to determine pond contamination.

- There is no discussion of work trailers, material storage and handling, or specific hours of operation and construction.

Hampston also asked how fertilizers in the soil will be mitigated and if it should be specifically stated that the wetlands of the Vly Creek won't be touched. He asked what problem will occur with the elimination of the cornfield.

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An amazing statistic, a heartening one: four out of five residents hereabout own the place they call "home." And when you except the apartment-dwellers, that ratio has to be much higher.

EDITORIAL

Among almost all of us there's a yearning to put your feet down on soil you can call your own, plant them before a fireplace that's near the heart of your dwelling and of your being, to end — even temporarily — footloose transience. As the Irish poet and playwright Padraic Colum wrote, we pray "For a little house — a house of my own — out of the wind's and the rain's way."

In the so-called bedroom communities such as ours are, thousands of families have reached out to the land and have raised their dwellings upon it.

Such people inevitably share a deep pride in their homes, which necessarily mandates regular care and painstaking maintenance as well as occasional modernizing and upgrading.

And therein lies one of our town's best-kept secrets: one of the biggest industries here is, in fact, maintenance and improvement of homes and businesses. From major contractors carrying out work on additions and renovations, to household cleaning services, residents of Bethlehem and New Scotland spend heavily on "keeping up."

Individuals and businesses engaged in these necessary occupations are numerous and prospering, and are in short supply — as most of us have cause to realize. People in the home improvement field are busy indeed, and the field clearly offers plenty of opportunity for employment.

The home improvement and maintenance businesses in this area enjoy good reputations without notable exception. We are privileged to have them at work on our behalf, and wish them continuing prosperity as well as the joy of performing vital work well.

Freedom of the press more possible now

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is ludicrous to say that the Supreme Court decision has curtailed students' freedom of press when all it did was to affirm that a school paper is a school paper. Students are not denied absolute control of the school paper because they are young. They are denied absolute control of the school paper because it isn't their paper.

In real life, amateur editors are more free to express themselves than ever before: the first time I used a coin-operated copying machine, the coin it demanded for one very poor copy would have bought five ice-cream cones. Amateur editing then was a

complicated business which usually required borrowed machinery, technical skill, and powerful hand-cleaners. Today anyone can get at least 20 good copies of a one-page newsletter for the price of one ice-cream cone — and spirit duplicators and stencil duplicators are still around.

If you print this letter, please include my mailing address: I am willing to give any young editor tips on ways to get more attractive results and cut expenses. I edit a club newsletter, the Writers' Exchange Bulletin, and two diaries for my own amusement and I am a professional typist specializing in the preparation of reproduction copies.

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On student newspapers

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your Feb. 3 articles on reactions in our three local high schools to the court ruling in the Missouri case were illuminating, but unwittingly gave a misleading impression to your readers.

Apart from the censorship issue, the reader was given to believe that all is routine and healthy with student newspapers in the three schools. Routine, yes, but certainly far from healthy. The fact is that, with the possible exception of Voorheesville's unusual format, student journalism is virtually comatose in Bethlehem Central and RCS. In the latter two schools, journalistic lethargy has been traditional for a number of years. As a result, students get a paper out several times a year on an irregular basis, and the publications are of such poor quality that the student bodies either ignore them or deride them. Small wonder there is little interest or motivation.

Unfortunately, in an age shaped largely by mass communication, this attitude is prevalent in more schools than it should be, but it is also true that in some nearby schools the school paper is a vital part of student life. At Guilderland Central and Shaker High, to name just two, there is lively competition among enthusiastic candidates for coveted editorial and reportorial posts. The same is true of some of the smaller private and parochial schools. They produce attractive, bright papers on a regular schedule, several have won state and regional awards for excellence, and their top editors and writers have prestige among their peers.

In direct contrast, why is it so difficult at BC and RCS to find students willing to be an editor or writer or to help in getting a few pages ready for the printer? Should the apathy be blamed on the school administration or the faculty for lack of guidance or inspiration? Or should a succession of lethargic staffs in previous years who put out embarrassingly poor student papers be blamed for the low estate of current

Vox Pop

publications and the failure to attract competent replacements?

BC alumni will remember the *Bethlehem Star* of a generation ago, particularly during the period that Ray Patterson was the faculty advisor. Patterson joined the BC faculty after his students at Linton had won prestigious statewide prizes for student newspapers, but when his teaching job was cut during a budget crunch, the *Star* deteriorated.

Occasionally an energetic, dedicated student editor will emerge, as occurred in Bethlehem a few years ago, to produce and inspire, with little help, a reasonably adequate paper — until graduation.

It would be unfair to attribute a major part of the responsibility for this inadequacy to the advisor. Few, if any, faculty advisors have had experience on newspapers or in journalism, and cannot be expected to be a Ray Patterson. At RCS, Margaret Sugrue has put much time and effort into recruiting students for the school paper, with little success or administrative support, hence the paper might appear as many as two times in a good year. At Bethlehem, Margaret Dinova, with no experience in working journalism, is too busy with other duties to pay more than token attention to *The Star*, hence the paper, in its sporadic appearances, is a graphic disaster and is vapid in content.

The Voorheesville situation is unusual in that the school paper is combined with the administration's regular publication, *The Helderbarker*. This magazine-type periodical enables students to write and edit their own articles and features, but the graphics and layout are handled by a member of the school staff. Although this format deprives the students of experience in graphics, layout and the production process,

it has the positive effect of demanding adherence to strict deadlines on a regular and frequent publication schedule, an ingredient absent in BC and RCS.

What is the solution? What can be done to restore the student newspaper to respectability and to provide a meaningful resource for student energies?

One answer might lie in enhancing motivation by exposing incoming staff members to more knowledgeable guidance. Each of the three schools mentioned here could seek the advantage of having the counsel that their local newspaper would, I'm sure, be glad to offer. And this might give the students professional help and hands-on experience that, for some, could sow seeds for productive careers.

If this remedy seems too severe, an alternative beckons. BC and RCS might adopt a modified version of the Voorheesville format by having student editors, writers and photographers produce a four-page insert in the school administration's publication (i.e., *BC Highlights*) each month. This would have the advantage of giving students the added opportunity and prestige of writing for the public as well as their peers, and giving parents, few of whom ever see the student papers, the opportunity to hear the voices of the students.

Such a format would have further advantages: it would enable student editors to do their own graphics with guidance from the administration's staff editor, and would drive home to students the importance of meeting deadlines that are mandated instead of, loosely self-imposed. In Voorheesville, which already has this basic format, the students could be given more latitude in graphics, composition and layout, and the overall page design of the publication could be brightened.

Nat Boynton

New Scotland

Nat Boynton is a former editor of *The Spotlight* and coordinates the paper's high school sports coverage.

'Dismayed' at editorial

Editor, The Spotlight:

Concerned Citizens for New Scotland is deeply disturbed — and frankly dismayed — by your editorial "Time to Talk in New Scotland," appearing in the Feb. 17 issue. The piece is inaccurate, misleading and wholly out of character with your paper's previous careful coverage of the Tall Timbers mine case.

While it may not take a "legal eagle" to understand the basics of the case, it does take competent legal advice to accurately discuss its implications, and its probable outcome in court. For more than 18 months, we've been fortunate to have had some of the best such advice available. We've also fought — successfully — for the community's rights, both locally and in the state's highest courts. We outlined the legal facts in a carefully researched position paper more than three weeks ago. Space won't permit a full summary of those facts here, but consider the following:

You imply that New Scotland acted improperly in denying

Larned's application for a Special Use Permit, because the Town Board made a zoning change after the application had been submitted. The fact is that a community has a perfect right to amend zoning regulations when a proposed land use threatens its integrity, or the rights of its citizens. The courts have repeatedly said so, because the fundamental purpose of zoning is to protect those rights. More to the point here, the mining prohibition enacted by our Town Board in September 1986 simply put our zoning law back into conformity with our town-wide master plan for land use, enacted some 15 years earlier! The fact is

that the town had never intended to allow large-scale soil mining in the zones encompassing the Tall Timbers property, and reaffirmed that stance in this case.

Your assertion that the Larned application was "made in good faith" is equally unfounded. The company has publicly stated that they received the endorsement of a public official in private, many months before the existence of their project was forced into the open by the public hearing process in May, 1986. When the town and its residents realized what had happened, they did indeed respond, by promptly dismissing such an obviously

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Unstuffing some shirts

The text this week is taken from the works of Samuel Langhorne Clemens.

The only people (he said) who are entitled to speak of themselves in the first-person plural are: royalty, editorial writers, and a man with a tapeworm.

If Mark were still around, he would be forced to add another group of we-sayers. Everyone who listens to radio or television newscasts these days will quickly recognize them — the candidates for their party's nomination for President.

"We stand for . . ." "As we said last week . . ." "We don't like what our opponent stands for . . ." Such expressions aren't intended to describe the party's position, or even that of a bunch of like-thinkers.

They are, rather, insensitively inflated references to oneself. I have taken a vow never to cast a vote for a candidate whose ego is such that he (she) discards the good old first-person "I" in favor of the wimpish "we." Perhaps it's a misguided attempt to appear modest and refrain from speaking of oneself aloud.

Whatever the intent, the impact on a careful listener is grating: Does this fellow mentally cast himself in the mold of royalty? Is he so careless of the way he expresses himself that he fails to recognize how insufferably pompous he sounds? In any event, he doesn't sound much like G.



Washington or A. Lincoln to me, and I reject him as presidential timber.

The chief offender clearly seems to be the Rev. Marion Robertson, closely followed by the other clergyman in the picture, the Rev. Jesse Jackson. But catch the speeches or off-the-cuff remarks of just about any of the current dozen, and you're likely to hear the solemnly and evasively delivered "we" instead of the straightforward "I." Ok, this is perhaps just an unworthy personal prejudice, but I suggest that you do suffer the oratory long enough to determine what your own reaction is.

Will you grant me one more whimsical dislike? I am against aspirants to the presidency of the United States who take on the folksy informality of nicknames in seeking that eminent office.

I didn't like it when we had President Jimmy Carter. I wouldn't like it if we had a President Al Gore or a President Pete duPont

or a President Dick Gephardt — much less a President "Pat" Robertson. These are the wholesale offenders. Bob Dole seems to use "Robert" enough that you may hopefully conclude he would use that as his presidential name.

George Bush, Jesse Jackson, Paul Simon are at the other end of the scale. We could trust one of them to be, well, presidential. The presidency deserves the dignity of a solid, foursquare name. Dwight Eisenhower was widely called "Ike," but you can bet that he didn't use that name when he took the oath of office or signed the mail or put his name to a new law. The same goes for FDR, who was always (almost reverently to much of the citizenry) Franklin Delano Roosevelt. (Remember that great song of a half-century ago, "Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones"?... "How can he be a dud or a stick in the mud, when he's...")

His name didn't figure seriously in any of the prognosticating about primary winners, and eventual nominees; but I'd like to tip the old fedora to an ex-candidate, Bruce Babbitt. He told it like it is (as he sees it) without hedging or equivocation or name-calling. And when he withdrew he did it with grace and style. His was a class act during the early going, and you can believe that wherever he may be or whenever he may show up again in national politics, he'll do credit to himself and the great game of politics. I thought he was impressive.

CONSTANT READER

Custer fights the Sioux

High Country News is published twice a month out in Paonia, Colorado, and Constant Reader has mentioned it previously. This week, let's concentrate on one issue of this unusual publication.

In the issue dated Feb. 15, you'd be confronted with a principal article headed "South Dakota Sioux Demand the Black Hills."

It's a long piece about how today the Sioux Nation continues to resist the dominant white world, even as they did under Crazy Horse in the 19th century. But the battle today is no longer armed conflict; rather, it is being fought in the halls of Congress as well as in South Dakota's small cities and rural communities.

Leader of a relief expedition is New Jersey's Senator Bill Bradley, who is the principal sponsor of the

Sioux Nation Black Hills proposed legislation, which would convey about 1.3 million acres to the Sioux. Feelings for and against the proposal are intense, especially in places like Custer, out in the heart of the Black Hills. In 1980, the Supreme Court said that federal abrogation of treaties with the Sioux was a "ripe and rank case of dishonor." It's a fascinating account, told in full here.

Then you could read of the black-footed ferret, for whom desperate efforts are being made to preserve the breed. Only 24 are known to exist in the world, and they all live at a research center in Wyoming. Or read about a proposed sanctuary for grizzlies near Yellowstone National Park. Or how dynamite is used to blow up Douglas firs in the Pacific Northwest to provide homes for many species of birds and other small forest animals in areas where clearcut logging has been going on.

girls. Chris was lying.

"Most of the way through the parks, Chris and Howie argued about who was toughest. 'I can eat a lightbulb,' 'I walked naked up Teton Pass in a blizzard,' that sort of thing. I mostly looked out the window, taking the attitude that tough guys don't talk.

"North of Canyon, we stopped in a little rest area for a picnic — homemade elk jerky, canned peaches, and Pabst Blue Ribbon. Chris had the beer and stuff in the trunk of the Impala because, that summer, he couldn't afford any more open container trouble. Well, he forgot to close the trunk, and while we were eating at a picnic table, a little cinnamon colored black bear wandered into the rest area. He knocked over a trash can or two, and Howie threw him a chunk of jerky, which was illegal, but Howie's like that.

"Then the bear ambled over to the Impala, sniffed at Chris's license plate a moment, and hopped into the trunk. Howie's face lit up like a kid with ice cream.

"I got me a bear," he said. He ran over to the Impala and slammed the trunk shut.

"Chris and I looked at each other.

"We piled into the front seat and Howie jumped in the back. Chris spun the tires clear out of the parking lot. We made it about fifty yards up the road before the bear came through the cardboard panel thing that separated the trunk from the back window.

"Chris slammed the brakes, three doors flew open and three of America's boy wonders bailed

Down home service

Gilbert O. Drake is president of D.A. Bennett, Inc., a plumbing, heating, and air conditioning business in Delmar. The Spotlight considered that his point of view is particularly appropriate for inclusion in this issue, which incorporates a Home Improvement Section. As his article points out, his company is perhaps the oldest in our entire area and in 1990 will observe its 75th anniversary.

By Gilbert Drake

For nearly three-quarters of a century, the business with which I am associated has stood on a single corner in Delmar, unmoved by vast demographic change, by wars, depression, the tides of fashion — even by a disastrous fire that wiped us out down to the building's shell. Our corner originally was occupied, at the turn of the century, by the local blacksmith shop, which D.A. Bennett purchased, added to and then rebuilt. In fact, the forge remained in use in our shop for many years.

POINT OF VIEW

My father-in-law, Dan Bennett, started this plumbing and heating business in 1915 and kept it thriving in a modest way until his retirement in the early 1960's. I joined the company when I came back from the war in 1946, and now my son Tom, who's a CPA, has assumed most of the management. He's been with us for the past dozen years, and by now I figure that this is the time to indulge my love of travel.

Perhaps it's a cliché to say that times change and we have to adapt along with them. But here's an interesting aspect of how that can work out: About 15 years ago, D.A. Bennett had seven employees (the most ever) and we had three trucks.

Today, we have more than 40 employees, and we keep 26 trucks (mostly with two-way radios) busy to take care of the business. We're in the process of trying to computerize everything. At the same time, we do everything possible to maintain and deserve the high reputation that Dan Bennett gained.

Behind those figures, though, is the heart of the matter: in responding to people's demands we have spread out substantially into air conditioning and forced hot-air heat installations and conversions. This has been, in part, a reaction to what happened to the price of oil. Gas-fired, high-efficiency, hot-air heating has gone far in displacing the traditional hot-water heating system.

Along with this fundamental shift in families' expectations have come other changes, such as an extensive demand for remodeling of bathrooms, providing for not only more up-to-date basic plumbing but more space to accommodate whirlpools and a wide variety of what once would have been considered gadgetry. People will see the possibilities at home shows and then decide that they want these advantages too. Keeping up with the trends is a challenge, and a lot of fun.

Many of today's households come out of the "baby boom" period after World War II; they have been buying and updating older properties in many instances. I find it interesting that when it's a matter of selecting fixtures for a new dwelling, the husband and wife tend to make joint decisions. In conversions, the male role is in comparative pricing; the woman's role is in selection of the desired styles.

We have expanded into much of the Capital District, but as much as 75 percent of our service calls come from our immediate area, and fully half of installations. We engage in some commercial work, on office buildings, for example, and even at Skidmore College, but our primary enterprise remains in residences.

As a pioneering business in the Tri-Villages, we are at least second oldest, and perhaps the oldest here. We have always tried, for the most part, to make use of other local businesses, and our banking is mostly done in the building next door to us.

As for the customers, we find the people — both long-time residents and newcomers — to be first-rate individuals with whom it's a pleasure to do business. For a service business such as ours, Delmar and the surrounding territory is still, as has been the case for so many years, a great place to be.

out. But that was a fast bear — and an angry bear. He bit Howie right on the butt — not just bit him, that bear clamped on like a snapping turtle on a stick.

"Howie screamed and took off back down the road, dragging the little bear after him. Made an interesting sight. He drug the bear over sagebrush, through baby lodgepoles, clear back to the picnic area and twice around the table. Then he headed back toward the car.

"Chris and I looked at each other. "Finally, Howie, with the bear still clamped to his butt, came heaving up to the Impala. He quick-like yanked open the trunk lid, grabbed hold of the tire tool, twisted around, and beamed the bear a good one right between the

eyes. The bear let go, but only after taking most of Howie's pant seat with him.

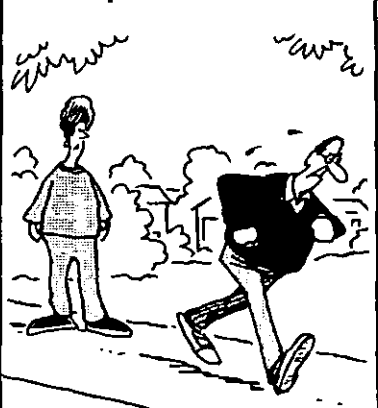
"As the bear stumbled into the forest, Howie turned to us and kind of growled. 'If you think you're as tough as me, let's see you do that.'

"Chris and I looked at each other.

"Then Chris shuffled his feet a minute and cleared his throat. 'Okay,' he said, 'but you got to promise not to hit me with the tire tool.'

High Country News sells for \$20 a year (24 issues), but you can get a sample copy by writing to the editor, Betsy Marston (a one-time Albany resident) at Box 1090, Paonia, Co., 81428.

Berry's World



"For heaven's sake, Frank, can't we just PLAIN WALK instead of COMPETITIVE WALK?!"

(From Page 4)

unwarranted and unwise "project." We seriously doubt that any court will uphold the "right" of a land owner to "back door" a community in this fashion, and later cry "foul" when the town finds out about it and sends him packing! Our court system may not be perfect, but this particular scenario surely *doesn't* take a "legal eagle" to figure out!

Finally, you take a wholly unwarranted swipe at the "no negotiations" stance of Concerned Citizens for New Scotland. Please remember that we're the folks who responded to the outcry of hundreds of citizens, from all parts of the community, against this project; and who've accepted their mandate (and financial support) to fight the case to a successful conclusion. We could hardly do otherwise! Without us, New Scotland would by now have had two years of pit mining, on a nine-year schedule. Instead, Larned is at the table, knowing that he can't win in court, and realizing he must now try to buy his way into his unwanted

Vox Pop

project. We will continue to follow your sound editorial advice against community "trade offs" (a sell-out in this case!), and are confident the town will join us in doing so.

Robert C. Morrison
Chairman,
Concerned Citizens
for New Scotland, Inc.

Support negotiations on Tall Timbers mine

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your Feb. 17 editorial urging the New Scotland Town Board to resolve the complex issues regarding mining, water and development of the Tall Timbers site was a welcome surprise, particularly to the residents of Orchard Park who have been long suffering with bad water or no water at all.

Supervisor Reilly and the Town

Board have indeed taken a courageous first step to bring all parties together to find a common ground that would end the series of problems that have sapped incredible amounts of time, energy and money.

We join you in hoping that these matters will now be brought to a prompt and satisfactory resolution.

Voorheesville

Patrick J. Bulgaro

Commends editorials, town planning work

Editor, The Spotlight:

Please let me commend *The Spotlight* and the Bethlehem Town Board for two separate actions related to planning.

In the first issue of the New Year *The Spotlight* editorial column claimed that the probing and reporting on planning issues in our town would be one of its priorities for 1988.

The thoughtful articles of Feb. 3 speak well of *The Spotlight's* intention to attempt to carry our

this reporting commitment. The Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning have raised the issue of the concern about town "trading" with developers many times, and it is good to see this complex issue recognized by *The Spotlight*. Simply because a developer is willing to put in a road, and the Town officials believe that the development project and the road are needed (thus the trade), it doesn't necessarily make it a good deal for the town. Cost and benefits must be much more carefully evaluated. Important questions must be answered. Is the road needed at all? What should the location of the road be, if built? If built, how should the road be financed? How does the road fit in with other existing and planned roads?

On the second matter, I want to acknowledge the excellent staff work of the new town planner, Jeffrey Lipnicky, in the resolution and staff paper presented to the town board on Feb. 10, recommending a positive declaration of significant environmental impact on Delmar Village. In a very

organized manner, Mr. Lipnicky echoed the reasons of concern which have also been expressed by the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning about Delmar Village for more than a year. The Town Board should also be commended for voting unanimously on the Positive Declaration, which will require that a draft environmental impact statement be done for this project.

In the past I've been, I hope, constructively critical in some instances of *The Spotlight* and the town board concerning matters about planning. However, on this occasion I want to say that with respect to the articles on trading and the Delmar Village draft impact statement, *The Spotlight* and the town board respectively have taken actions which are, in my opinion, in the best interests of the Town.

Keep up the good work.

Samuel E. Messina
Bethlehem Citizens for
Responsible Planning

More questions on bypass extension

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to your recent editorial and analysis on "Trade-offs." (*Spotlight*, Feb. 3.)

As you state, trade-offs can be a valuable tool when gains outweigh losses. What, exactly, do we gain from the Adams Station and Delmar Village trade-offs?

The main idea, as you state, was for developers to extend the Delmar Bypass in exchange for a zoning change. What will this "bypass extension" really be? From plans I have seen, this road appears to be merely a two-lane continuation of the bypass asphalt, a bypass extension in name and theory. In reality, four lanes of traffic will funnel into two. Three traffic signals will be needed. The road will wind through two large developments, each with its own vehicular and pedestrian traffic. It will cross a major state road (Delaware Ave.) just west of the high school, and feed into New Scotland Road.

What are we bypassing with this highway? Why are we "extending" the Delmar Bypass to end on New Scotland Road? Will this road really decrease traffic on New Scotland Road, the Four Corners and Elsmere Ave. as the Vollmer Report states? Located on the western edge of town, this road will serve mainly to funnel the growing commuter traffic of neighboring towns into Bethlehem, increasing traffic on all local roads.

What price do we pay for this? Obviously, we are not getting a major highway for nothing. We trade acres of prime, irreplaceable woodlands in a beautiful part of town for massive apartment complexes. We jeopardize an area used recreationally by hundreds of town residents for its proximity to Five Rivers. We destroy the quality of entire neighborhoods surrounding this bypass extension as overflow traffic spills onto nearby residential street.

Who will benefit from this? Not the homeowner who sees his property values fall as 2,000 cars a day travel down his quiet street. Not the resident who searches in vain for a parking place at the library or sits in increasing traffic on Delaware Avenue. Not the taxpayer, who must finance additions to schools, library and town services. Not the citizen

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who finds his small town transformed into a congested bedroom community. Long-time residents or newcomers? Who benefits? Who loses?

Last year, 2,000 residents petitioned the Bethlehem Town Board for a full-time planner, a master plan and a delay in project approvals until a master plan is approved. The planner has been hired. We must now focus on revision and updating of the master plan. The zoning ordinance must be modified to conform to the master plan. The Town Board should establish a citizen's advisory board with voting power to formally represent the community's interest on zoning and master plan projects. *The Spotlight* should continue its efforts to increase public awareness of town planning activities.

With an open, working partnership between government and community it may be possible to avoid disastrous trade-offs such as the bypass extension. Within this framework, citizens may feel more confident that town officials are not "simply putting the check on Master Card, to be paid later," but are truly protecting the community's best interests.

Roberta Ponemon

Delmar

Why not follow Albany's example?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to commend A. W. Russell for the letter in your Feb. 17 issue on the subject of "sidewalk cleaning."

"Right on," I say. I am a senior citizen. Two years ago in January I slipped and fell on ice and snow on the corner of Leonard Place and Delaware Avenue in Albany. My head was cut. A police officer urged me to go to a hospital for treatment. An ambulance was summoned and I was taken to the Albany Medical Center where 15 stitches were taken in my head between my right eye and my eyebrow. A few weeks later I passed the same corner where I had fallen and it appeared to me that the same amount of snow and ice were there with more on top of it.

Recently a notice was mailed to "all property owners" in Albany advising them that Chapter 23, Section 28, Code of the City of Albany provides, "City law requires that all snow and ice be removed from all adjacent sidewalks by 10 a.m. the morning following the snowfall."

It goes on to state that failure to adhere to this ordinance will result in penalties being imposed and all cost billed to the responsible property owner. If we do not have such an ordinance in Delmar, in my opinion we should have one.

I appeal to all concerned to please cooperate.

John L. Mc Fadden

Delmar

Sidewalks a concern on Kenwood Ave.

Editor, The Spotlight:

Central Delmar Neighborhood Association is concerned about the rapidly deteriorating condition of the sidewalks on Kenwood Ave. from the Four Corners to Elsmere Ave. This, of course, is the portion of Kenwood used by the school children attending Saint Thomas Elementary School and the

Bethlehem Central Middle School. Long stretches of this sidewalk directly abut Kenwood Ave. and are actually below street level with no curb whatsoever. They are cracked, crumbling and uneven. Walking on these sidewalks is equivalent to walking in the street.

We have spoken to members of the Town Board and to the Highway and Public Works departments and are told that money is available for work on sidewalks. We invite the community to join us in our efforts. Shouldn't the safety of our school children receive top priority? These sidewalks need to be replaced.

If you share our concern, please contact Martin Cross, superintendent of highways or Robert Hendrick, town supervisor, and insist that these sidewalks be replaced this spring.

Dave Rhodes

President

Central Delmar

Neighborhood Association

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick says that the section of Kenwood Ave. from the middle school to Elsmere Ave. was not paved last year, when other sections of the road were done, because the town still has work to do on water lines that run under the road bed. "It's a priority this year," he said. As part of that work, the town will lower the road bed — that is, scrape off several layers of blacktop — so that curbing can be installed. When that is done, new sidewalks can be installed, he said.

As for the section from the middle school to the Four Corners, there are two problems — the raised road bed and the fact that the sidewalk right-of-way is too close to the road. Hendrick recalled that several years ago he attempted unsuccessfully to enlist the aid of the neighborhood association in obtaining new sidewalk easements from the Kenwood Ave. property owners. "We'll take a hard look at it this spring," he promised. Ed.

Cooperation much appreciated

Editor, The Spotlight:

Each Wednesday I look forward to *The Spotlight*. The new editorial page is excellent; in fact, it is the first section I read. Then I carefully scan the rest of the paper for items of interest to me — even including the ads!

I am a senior citizen and have followed with great interest the reports of the committee on housing for senior citizens and related matters, including the Point of View article by Marion Martin several weeks ago.

Now a belated "thank you." For several years, I was publicity chairman for Calvary United Methodist Church in Albany. I sent many announcements of church events to *The Spotlight* and they were printed without fail under "Area Events." After a while I started asking people how they learned of a particular bazaar, dinner, etc., and was amazed at the number who said, "I saw it in *The Spotlight*." The cooperation was much appreciated.

Winifed Gibson

Delmar

Neither rain nor sleet but the 22-cent stamp

Editor, The Spotlight:

It wouldn't be right if I didn't put my 2 cents worth in, or should I say my 22 cents worth in, about the recent cut back of window hours by the Post Office. As a local businessman who does his end-of-the-day mailing at the end of the business day, it is really going to disrupt our operation.

The people in Washington have chosen this tactic to remind us stamp-needing consumers just how much we rely upon the postal service and its regular business hours. They are trying to remind us to the point that we will do anything, such as pay 25 cents willingly, to have our good old service back.

Pains of a similar experience haunt me. Remember the so-

called "oil crises." Boy, did those big oil companies make us line up, get down on our knees and beg them for price increases so they would turn on the gas pumps again.

Well, I for one think this type of tactic stinks and I personally told my local postmaster so. I am urging residents and businesses alike to also go in and tell your postmaster the same.

We all know there are many other areas in the postal operation that aren't as critical to the customer as the window service that could be shaved by a measly six hours. I'll bet if you got rid of those Washington heavy weights who thought up this sham they could easily save enough to restore our good old postal service.

It won't be rain, nor sleet, nor snow that slows down the Postal Service; it looks like it's the 22 cent stamp.

Douglas R. Brownell

President,

Bethlehem

Chamber of Commerce

Delmar

A Valentine to Job Corps

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Job Corps of Glenmont entertained the Bethlehem Senior Citizens at their rooms with a Valentine Party recently with delicious cookies, cake and coffee. It was enjoyed by all. It is a yearly affair looked forward to. We thank you.

Marge Morlock

Corresponding Secretary

Bethlehem Senior Citizens

Panhellenics offer college scholarships


Students who are planning to attend an accredited four-year college are invited to apply for a \$500 scholarship being offered by the Albany Panhellenic Association. The scholarship is based on need and academic standing.

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Dowerskill plans get March 1 hearing

By Bill Cote

A revised layout for continued development of Dowerskill Village was presented to the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday.

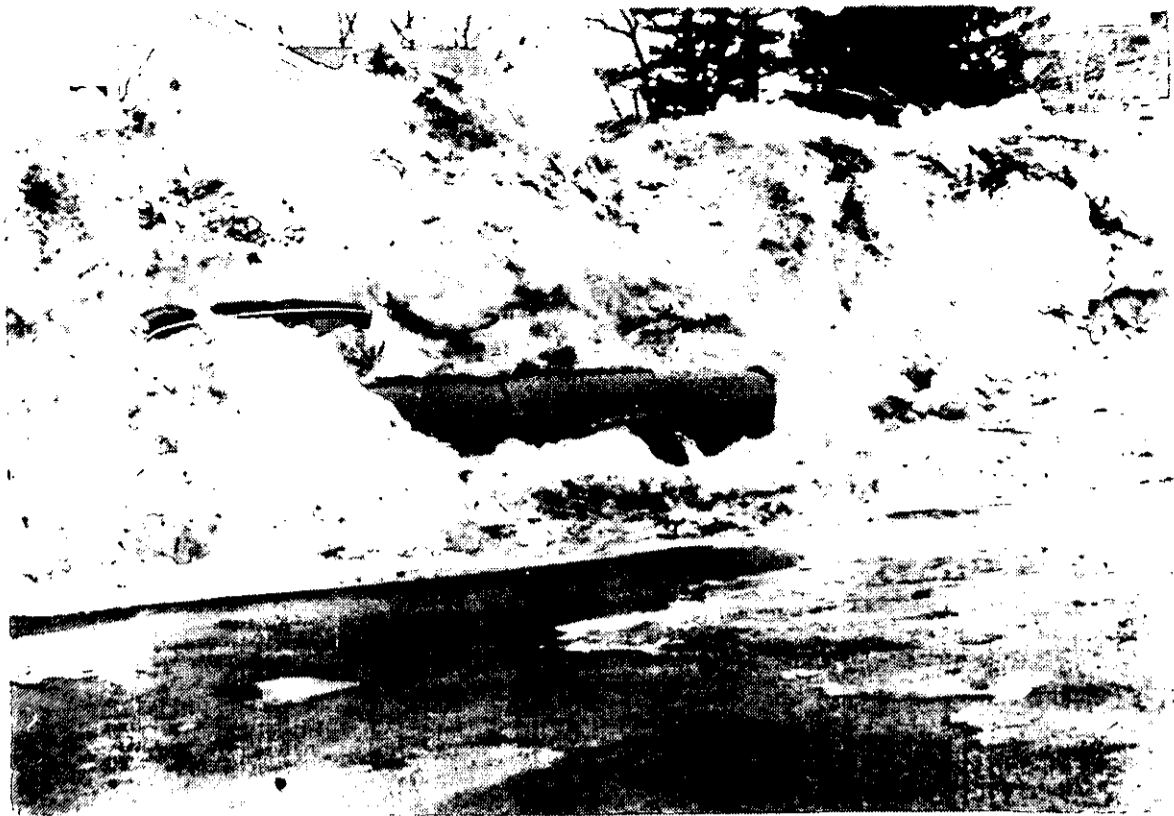
A 123-unit proposal for the 55-acre Glenmont parcel drew fire from residents of the developed section of Dowerskill in December, and in response the developer tailored the plan to put single-family homes along the strip of land near the existing owner-occupied town homes and single-family residences. Apartment buildings will be shifted to the east, away from the established development.

The reworked plan calls for 61 single-family homes, 14 four-unit apartments and one six-unit apartment building. The number

of building units in the revised layout remains unchanged.

Residents met the prospect of revitalization with optimism last year after the partially excavated land went untended when the original developer went bankrupt. But, they said, they want owner-occupied town homes instead of apartment buildings and additional recreation areas in the new development so that the existing private homeowner's association pool and facilities won't create animosity with the exclusion of non-members.

There was no discussion of the revised plan last week, but Mike Mime of the Dowerskill homeowner's association asked the board for a full month to organize before the public hearing. His request was declined and the hearing is scheduled for March 1 at 7:30 p.m.



"I knew I left it here somewhere." A car left in the Tri Village Pharmacy parking lot appears to be out of commission 'til a spring thaw. R.H. Davis

The board also reviewed an application by Klersey Building Corp. to amend the site plan for the company's new office building on Kenwood Ave. near the Four Corners. Klersey is seeking approval to place a sign perpendicular to Kenwood Avenue.

The building was conditionally approved in January, 1987, with a stipulation that the sign be placed parallel to the road. The condition was apparently set in accordance with a Delaware Ave. Task Force recommendation.

The issue brought to light a difference of opinion among town officials. Town planner Jeffrey Lipnicky voiced support for a perpendicular placement of the sign, contending that it would be easier to read from the road. He added that parallel placement would obscure the front of a nice looking building. The sign will stand nearly 10 feet tall and four

feet wide; similar in construction to adjacent signs on the route.

Lipnicky recommended also that the sign be placed far enough from the road to allow a clear line of sight for those leaving the adjacent parking lot.

Board member John LaForte said he voted in accordance with a longstanding Delaware Ave. Task Force recommendation. He said he feels that perpendicular placement is the more unsightly method.

In other discussion, the planning board considered:

- A preliminary application for a two-lot Slingerlands subdivision. Proposed for the northeast corner of the McCormack Rd. and Maple Ave. intersection, the lands of Curtin/Sciandra were scheduled for public hearing on March 1. In accordance with county ordinance, the board recommended that the applicant seek county approval

for the plan due to its proximity to Cherry Ave.

- The 12-lot Windham Hill subdivision along Wemple Road. The plot plan, which received conditional approval last year, required town review for a possible additional highway connection. Upon recommendation by Bruce Secor, commissioner of public works, the board voted that a provisional "stub" street was not necessary.

- Discussed a proposed 2.4-acre one-lot Beaver Dam Rd. subdivision. The plan contains a Department of Environmental Conservation designated wetland and is subject to a 100-foot buffer zone restriction. According to Paul Hite, land surveyor and spokesman for owners Mark and Peter Mayone, the lot is buildable on a northerly portion and is within town ordinance requirements. All utilities including sanitary sewer are available to the site.

- Conducted a public hearing for a one-lot Elmsere subdivision. The parcel owned by Veronica and Richard Mokhiber, which has a portion subject to seasonal water rises was expected to draw community resistance.

Chairman Ken Ringler read one letter of opposition focused on drainage beneath a proposed driveway that would cut across a path of flow. One local resident stood to voice his concerns over the water problem.

Hite, speaking for the developer, assured the board that proper attention would be given to maintaining flow. A decision is expected by the end of March.

Ringler announced that the planning board agenda will be aired on the Bethlehem Channel, the cable public access channel. With cable casts from Friday evening through Monday, the move should give town residents a greater opportunity to keep abreast of the issues coming before the board.

Gun taken from home

Bethlehem police said a gun was reported stolen from a Cherry Ave. apartment last Tuesday. The gun was a Smith and Wesson 9mm semi-automatic pistol worth \$225. Two clips and ammunition were also reported taken, police said. Police said the theft is still under investigation.

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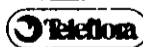
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County study puts projects on hold

By Bill Cote

The future of North Bethlehem commercial development and the Brookhill Village project is on hold as the town awaits resolution of Albany County's traffic study.

The survey, which also covers area in Guilderland and New Scotland, will provide guidance to local planners by early summer. According to Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's commissioner of public works, the plan is necessary before a much-needed service sector is allowed to develop in North Bethlehem.

Secor provided a study update at last Tuesday's Bethlehem Planning Board meeting. An integral aspect of the comprehensive study will be the proposed extension of Blessing Road directly through to Schoolhouse Road. Secor said that the route of connection is uncertain and that newly rezoned commercial land will remain undeveloped until after the study is complete.

The Brookhill Village project would include both a planned commercial development and a

planned residence development. The developers have committed to an extension of Blessing Rd. Secor said Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick has a policy of protecting rights of way in corridors like these.

North Bethlehem will also be affected by Guilderland's extension of Doctor Shaw Road, which will provide commuters a more direct route to Rt. 20 and Albany. Secor said the study is also looking at other corridors for potential arterials to relieve local roads. For instance, he said, years ago the state had plans to connect the Northway with I-787 by way of a corridor running parallel to the Thruway. Those plans are still on the books, he said, although the state remains noncommittal.

The study includes an inventory and review of undeveloped land for potential traffic generation. The plan will also consider possible state road expansion and expected impact on local routes. The difficulty of this type of study is not only in guessing the numbers, but also the rate of growth and where, Secor said.

Property tax deadline

Next Tuesday, March 1, is the deadline for filing applications for exemptions for local property taxes in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

Although the veterans and the senior citizens exemptions are the best known, Bethlehem Assessor John Thompson notes that there are a number of other exemptions that are often overlooked. And, he says, there is reason to believe that even with the better-known exemptions many people don't take advantage of their rights.

About 200 people are currently on his books as eligible for the senior citizens exemption, Thompson said. Bethlehem last year raised the income limit for the exemption to a \$15,025 maximum to conform with a new state ceiling.

March 1 is also the first day the

tax rolls will officially open for inspection. Under the state calendar, taxpayers have until Grievance Day, May 17, to file a grievance if they disagree with the assessor's figure. The final roll will be published on July 1.

Bethlehem property owners who wish to file for an exemption or review their assessments may do so at Thompson's office at the Bethlehem Town Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by telephoning for an appointment at 439-4955.

Community orchestra program at library

The Delmar Community Orchestra will perform a program of popular classic music at the Bethlehem Public Library in observance of the Library's 75th Anniversary Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

The program will include Beethoven's "Romance in F," "The Hungarian Dance Number

5," Rachmanoff's "Vocalise," and Khatchaturian's "Saber Dance." The group will also play Leroy Anderson's "Blue Tango" and selections from "The Sound of Music." Vocalist Mary Franke will join the group in many numbers.

The Delmar Community Orchestra is composed of non professional musicians and has been in existence for 46 years. Membership is open to all and rehearsals are held at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Monday evenings. Millie Stahl of Delmar is president of the group which performs seven to ten concerts a year under the direction of Robert McGowan.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call the Library at 439-9314.

Purim party slated

A Purim Party and the Megillah reading will be held at the Chabad Center in Delmar on Wednesday, March 2 at 6 p.m. The traditional Hamantash will be eaten and Purim games will keep the children entertained.

Home for elderly

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offer "plenty of room for a nice walk".

The facility has been operated since 1981 by O.D. Heck and the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services and houses 14 developmentally disabled children at capacity.

Michael Masear, deputy director for client services at O.D. Heck, said Friday it was decided two years ago that the building no longer fits into his agency's plans, which now emphasize small, home-like settings for the developmentally disabled. Two new residences, one in Ravena and one in Loudonville, have been obtained, and the agency has informed Tannatta that it will vacate the Schoolhouse Rd. building by April 15.

Masear said the residence "had done quite well" in terms of community acceptance and support, and the agency regrets leaving the site for that reason.

Since New York State now operates the home, local zoning

laws were overridden by mandate. The facility was classified as a single family residence.

But Tannatta's proposal is a private venture and now must adhere to local zoning laws which classify what he considers the same service as a multiple dwelling.

Building Inspector John Flanigan told the board of appeals that since the structure has more than eight dwelling units and a wood framed section, fire walls will have to be installed. In addition, the second floor of the facility may require handicapped accessibility.

In an interview after the meeting, Tannatta, former owner/operator of the Kinder Lane Nursery School, said, "I can't believe that putting healthier people in requires these changes."

The public hearing was adjourned until April 20 at 8 p.m., thus providing Tannatta time to hire architectural review and to produce other requested information.

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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.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at district offices in 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.

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 first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

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

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breastfeeding 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.

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

Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, first Wednesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, conservations advisory council, as required, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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.

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.

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

Lenten Program, "Participants in the Death and Resurrection of Christ," topic of religious leaders, with Clark Calendar, Community United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9249.

Lenten Service, Jerusalem Reformed Church, noon and 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0548.

Bethlehem Board of Education, regular meeting with budget work session on transportation, 90 Adams Pl., 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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.

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

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

Facilities and Enrollment Committee, open meeting, Bethlehem Central Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY

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.

Chabad Center, services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

Evening Walk, to explore animal behavior and the constellations. Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Community Quilting Bee, to complete a wall hanging, Bethlehem Public Library, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

"Thursday's Child," Capital Rep Theater, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through March 20. Tickets, 462-4534.

"Once Upon a Mattress," Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady, through Feb. 28. Tickets, 577-5101.

Lyle, Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts, The Egg, Albany, through March 4. Tickets, 443-5115.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers," dinner theater, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, Feb. 24, 1 p.m. Tickets, 438-6651.

"Mummenschanz," three-mime troupe, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Feb. 23-25, 7 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

"On the Verge," Lab Theater, State University at Albany, Feb. 25-28 and March 2-5, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3995.

"Nonsense," Cohoes Music Hall, through May 15. Tickets, 235-7969.

MUSIC

John Sauer Trio, part of the Hudson Valley Community College's Jazz Series, Main Campus Theater, Troy, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. Tickets, 270-7117.

L'Ensemble and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, gala benefit concert, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, Feb. 28, 5 p.m. Reservations, 436-5321.

Simon Estes, of the Metropolitan Opera, Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, March 1, 8 p.m. Tickets, 783-2527.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, preview and concerts, Feb. 25-27, preview, Feb. 25, noon, Albany Public Library; concert, Feb. 26, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, and Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, Albany. Tickets, 465-4755.

Organ Concerts, by Neil Keen and guest recitalists, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge St., Albany, Feb. 26, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

Capital Chamber Artists with Carman Moore, concert, Recital Hall, State University at Albany, Feb. 28, 3 p.m. Information, 489-0507.

"An Afternoon with Findlay Cockrell and Friends," to benefit the Guilderland Performing Arts Center, Guilderland High School, Feb. 28, 2:30 p.m. Information, 456-1639.

FOLK

Anne Hills, folk singer, Caffe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Feb. 26 and 27, 8 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

DANCE

Kuperberg Morris Movement Theater, mime and dance company "Juxta-Positions," City Arts Office, 60 Orange St., Albany, Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Information, 434-2032.

Burundi African Dance Troupe, performance, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, Feb. 28, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

ART

"In the Spirit of the Past," baskets, pottery, jewelry and stained glass ornaments, Valley Artisans Market, Hubbard Hall Opera House, 25 East Main St., Cambridge, through March 10. Information, 686-5975.

"King Remembered," pictures by photo-journalist Flip Schulke, State Museum, Albany, through May 16. Information, 474-5877.

Paintings by Eleanor Bolduc, Bethlehem Public Library, through February. Information, 439-2339.

"Wall Pieces," art works by Suzann Phelan Denny and Phoebe Helman, Rathbone Gallery, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through March 4. Information, 270-2246.

Photographs by Katharine Kreisher and Nancy Cloonan, Diatal Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through March 11, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

"Broadides," early advertising art, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July.

"Departing This Day: Steamboating on the Hudson River and Lake George," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2.

"Curious Arts: 19th Century English Ornamentation," Museum of the Historical Society of the Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through October. Information, 462-1676.

Miniature Houses from the Collection of Natalie Buchman, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2, Information, 463-4478.

Faculty Exhibit, Harmanus Bleeker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, through March 12. Information, 465-2044.

Quilt Show by the Pieciful Valley Quilters, Hubbard Hall, Cambridge, through March 10. Information, 677-2765.

"Constructions," works of Ed Owre, Gallery of the Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, through March 18. Information, 465-1461.

"Send Us a Lady Physician: Women Doctors in America, 1835-1920," State Museum, Albany, Feb. 27-May 1. Information, 474-5877.

National Scholastic Art Exhibition 88, featuring works by students, State Museum, Albany, through March 6. Information, 474-5877.

"Christian Imagery in Contemporary Art," Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, March 1-April 9. Information, 463-4478.

RCCA Landscape Competition Winning Entries, RCCA Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, Feb. 26-March 18. Information, 273-0552.

"Works on Paper," by Alfred Leslie, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through March 29.

"Albany's Families: 350 Years of Growth and Change," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through May 29. Information, 463-4478.

"Furniture and Decorative Arts from the Permanent Collection," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2. Information, 463-4478.

FILM

"American Light: The Luminist Move," State Museum, Albany, March 1, 12:10 p.m.

"The Loves of a Blondev," College Center Auditorium, Union College, Schenectady, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-6098.

"A Love in Germany," College Center, Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 29, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

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, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

Testimony Meeting, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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.

Bethlehem Soccer Club, board meeting, 1 Wedge Rd., Delmar, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-6465.

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SATURDAY 27
FEBRUARY

Bethlehem Babe Ruth, registration, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-1130.

Bloodmobile, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Venison Supper, Jerusalem Reformed Church, 6 p.m. Information, 439-0548.

Cabaret-Talent Night, VFW Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 9 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

Bethlehem Tomboys, registration, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon. Information 439-6362.

SUNDAY 28
FEBRUARY

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.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

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.; kids 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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., babysitting available. Information, 439-4328.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m.; child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

Glenmont Reformed Church, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

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.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Eucharist with breakfast, 8 a.m. Family service, 10 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, coffee hour following service, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

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

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MONDAY 29
FEBRUARY

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.

Mothers' Time Out, meets Mondays, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Alateen Meeting, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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

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.

Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Children, general meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0275.

PTA Meeting, for unit officers and those interested in the work of the PTA, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 489-7602.

Purim Program, stories for adults and children by Rabbi Nachman Simon and "Purim Points to Ponder," with Pinchas Schreiber, Cable Channel 7, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY 1
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Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

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Epilepsy Support Group, for parents whose children are effected by epilepsy, Epilepsy Association, Pine West Plaza, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 456-7501.

Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum meeting, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

New Scotland Historical Association, meeting with speaker Philip Lord, Old New Salem School House, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville PTSA, "Newspapers in Education," presentation by Capital Newspapers, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 2
FEBRUARY

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

Testimony Meeting, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

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Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Bethlehem Business Women, monthly dinner meeting, Albany Motor Inn, 6 p.m. Information, 439-2034.

Lenten Bible Study, "Disciples," with Rev. Mary Ann Wierks of the First United Methodist Church, Community United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9249.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on Bethlehem Auto Laundry, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8:15 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

Purim Party, with Megillah reading, Purim games, and Hamantash, Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

THURSDAY 3
MARCH

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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

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

"Bike Trek Across the U.S.," talk by Jeanette Rice, Bethlehem Central Schools teacher, for children in fourth grade and up, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:15 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

FRIDAY 4
MARCH

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

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.

Chabad Center, services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

Community Quilting Bee, to complete a wall hanging, Bethlehem Public Library, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Preschool Film, "Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree," Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SATURDAY 5
MARCH

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Chabad Center, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

SUNDAY 6
MARCH

Maple Sugaring Program, with demonstration of simple techniques, Five Rivers, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Nest Boxes Program, "Nest Boxes for Birds, Bats, and other Creatures," Five Rivers, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

MONDAY 7
MARCH

Delmar Progress Club, general meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

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Award Ceremony, to honor a Bethlehem Police Officer and Volunteer Fireman of the Year, Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

TUESDAY 8
MARCH

Film, "Mother Theresa," Campus Center, Junior College of Albany, 1:10 p.m. Information, 270-2246.
Antique and Collectable Show, with art, furniture and jewelry, Colonie Center.

Silent Film Series, "Mark of Zorro," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Slide Talk, "Worker and Community: Albany in the Industrial Era," with Brian Greenburg, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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

"Salute to the Hilltowns," community talent show and contest, Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, Rt. 443, 7:30 p.m. Information, 872-0681.

Minerva Hour, "The Future of U.S. Foreign Policy," by Stanley H. Hoffmann, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, 11 a.m. Information, 370-6508.

Schenectady Antique Radio Club, monthly meeting, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

CPR Course, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

Benefit Dance, for the VanAlstyne's whose house was destroyed by a fire, with bands, RK Winners Circle, Rt. 143, Ravena, 2-9 p.m. Information, 768-2880.

Capital District Mother's Center, drop-in morning, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-8860.

Antique and Collectable Show, with art, furniture and jewelry, Colonie Center.

SATURDAY 27
FEBRUARY

New Car Show, with 12 dealerships, City Center, Saratoga Springs, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 584-0027.

Circle Eight, square dance, Knights of Columbus, Rt. 385, Coxsackie, 8-11 p.m.

Winter Carnival, with mountain man challenge, obstacle race, and clowns, Gore Mountain, North Creek. Information, 251-2411.

Advanced Dance, with Jim Ryans, Calvary Methodist Church, Belle Ave., Latham, 8 p.m.

Leap Year Dance, with music by "Vic Trolia," to benefit the RCS Sports Association, Knights of Columbus Hall, Main St., Ravena, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 756-8610.

Program, "Conversation with an Interior Decorator," with Myra Albert, Delaware Branch, Albany Public Library, 517 Delaware Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-0254.

Miniatures Show and Sale, to benefit the American Cancer Society, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 438-7841.

Defensive Driving Program, for insurance and point reductions, E and E Enterprises, 434 State St., Schenectady, 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 465-0050.

Comic Book Show and Extravaganza, with 40 dealers, Holiday Inn, Central Ave., Colonie, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 372-6612.

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"An afternoon with Findlay Cockrell and Friends," benefit for the Guilderland Performing Arts Center, is scheduled for Guilderland High School Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m. For information, call 456-1639.

Northeast Jewish Singles, Leap Year Party, 20 Linden Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 482-1077.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, 15th annual marathon, State University at Albany Campus, 10:30 a.m. Information, 456-4564.

Shaker Heritage Society, celebration in honor of the 252nd birthday of Mother Ann Lee, Pruyn House, Old Niskayuna Rd., Newtownville, 2-4 p.m. Information, 456-7890.

Antique and Collectable Show, with art, furniture and jewelry, Colonie Center.

MONDAY 29
FEBRUARY

Bog Patch, USA, benefit for the Telethon for the Blind, with Aged in the Hills, costume contest, and food, The Cranberry Bog, 5 p.m. Information, 463-1211.

TUESDAY 1
MARCH

Seminar, "Rehab for Profit: New Opportunities in Real Estate," sponsored by the New York Association of Realtors, Turf Inn, 205 Wolf Rd., Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 1-800-874-6500.

WEDNESDAY 2
MARCH

Joint Public Hearing, Senate Local Government and Cities Committees, on State Revenue Sharing, Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room A, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 455-3381.

"Self Concept-Self Esteem," workshop to help people evoke, validate, and affirm the positive forces in their lives, with Marjorie Wood, Brady Building, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

Lecture, "Reptiles and Mammals," by David Steadman, State Museum, Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS
Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 24
FEBRUARY

League of Women Voters, discussion and morning meeting, 213 Euclid Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m. Information, 489-7063.

Architecture Lecture, "The Edge of Between," College Center Auditorium, Union College, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Slide Lecture, "The Galagos Environment," State Museum, Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 449-3218.

Diabetes Parents Support Group, meeting, American Diabetes Association Offices, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-1755.

Antique and Collectable Show, with art, furniture and jewelry, Colonie Center.

Lecture, on tissue banking, with Donna Upton and Linda Gillis of the American Red Cross, Room 205, Science Hall, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 2:45-4 p.m. Information, 454-5179.

Delmar Progress Club, book review of "The Reluctant Empress," by Brigette Hamann, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m.

Evening Walk, to explore the night sounds and to view the constellations, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Music Talk, on the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Sales and Marketing Executives of Eastern New York, dinner honoring Lewis Golub of Golub Corp., Turf Inn, Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 356-5531.

World Trade Council, meeting with speaker, Italian-American Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 785-4684.

Bloodmobile, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 3-7 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

Talk, "INF and the Future of Nuclear Weapons," with Richard L. Garwin, Old Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Talk, Deputy Speaker of the Assembly Hon. Arthur O. Eve, Campus Center Building, College of Saint Rose, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

THURSDAY 25
FEBRUARY

Radon Program, "Radon - What About Your Home," Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany Shaker Rd., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-3550.

National Society of New England Women, meeting with program on "A Day in the Pilgrim's Time," with Grace Thielpape, Veeder's Restaurant, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 286-3283.

"Women and Power," lecture by Lynn Levo, on making peace with the capacity to change, Brady Building, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

FRIDAY 26
FEBRUARY

Chili Cook-Off, with eight area hotel chefs, to benefit the 1988 Telethon for the Blind, Albany Ramada Inn, 5-9 p.m. Information, 463-1211.

Capital District Wing-Ding, chicken wing recipe contest, to benefit Easter Seals, Albany Quality Inn, 4-9 p.m. Information, 438-8785.


Altamont Station Squares, square dance, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 382-0680.

4-H Rabbit and Cavy Club, for interested prospective members, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, 7:30 p.m. Information, 861-7400.

New Car Show, with 12 dealerships, City Center, Saratoga Springs, 3-9 p.m. Information, 584-0027.

Chemamon, self-help group for adolescents using drugs and alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

Peace Concert, by folksinger Kathy Winter, Campus Center Cafeteria, Junior College of Albany, 12:45 p.m. Information, 270-2246.



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THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Home Improvement Section

Antiques can make a room

An American love-affair with the past

By Ruth Fein Wallens

My great-grandmother comes to mind so vividly — sitting at her dressing table brushing her waist-length white hair with the finest of silver brushes. I'd watch for what seemed like hours, neatly arranging her delicate things on that lace-covered, hand-carved table, sitting comfortably on the seat cover her mother had hand-stitched.

As a victim of "the newer the better syndrome" that overtook my grandmother's heart and home, there are few heirlooms in our family. Perhaps one reason for the increased popularity of antiques is this feeling of missing out — on a simpler, earlier time, and on the opportunity to enjoy and pass on to our children those silver brushes and hand-carved dressing tables carried off by an old truck to an old shop, where they were purchased for five times what our grandmothers were paid for allowing the hauler to take it away.

Wherever my great-grandmother's hairbrush is today, I am almost certain it was acquired on a Sunday drive through the country, during an unplanned visit to a small shop with a small sign — ANTIQUES FOR SALE.

Antiquing, the looking for and purchasing of almost anything 50 to 100 years or older, has become an American pastime.

Twenty to 30 years ago it was rare for anyone other than knowledgeable collectors to regularly patronize antiques shops, says Maria Brooks, one of two dealers from Antiques at the Tollgate in Slingerlands. During the last 10 years she has seen antiquing become a popular

leisure activity, with increased interest from people to learn about antiques, and begin collecting.

But antiques are not just for the serious collector. They can add a special accent to any room, to compliment a traditionally furnished home, or be mixed with contemporary furnishings for an eclectic look.

There are more and more people in the area accessorizing with antiques, whether it is with a cradle in the nursery or a few strategically placed handmade copper pots by the fireplace. "These are not collectors," she says, "they're buying a look, to add interest to a room." But, she adds, we recognize that everything we sell may be to a future collector.

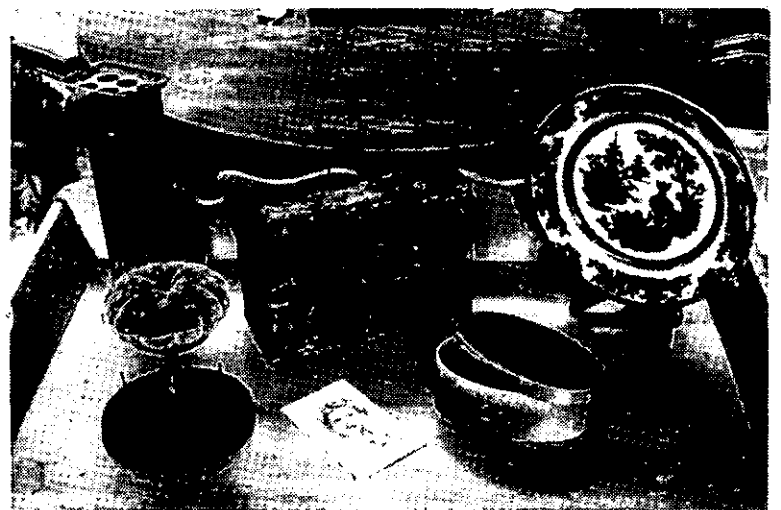
With the current popularity of country style furnishings comes

not only more interest in antiques for decorating, but an increased interest in learning about the authenticity of a piece, or an entire period.

"There is much more awareness today of painted furniture and natural finish pieces," for example, Brooks said.

Boston rockers, for instance, were originally made during the Empire period (circa 1830's) to be painted. Today they are still made, but are refinished. Only a few years ago, more people probably would have stripped the paint off and old Boston rocker. Today, many more consumers would appreciate that they were intended to be painted and want to retain their original form.

Brooks, who has been selling antiques (and, of course, collecting) for many years, says the shop
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Among other items from the 1800's, are a Shaker pin cushion stand, advertisement for Shaker soothing plasters and a Shaker fingered utility box, from Antiques at the Tollgate in Slingerlands.
Tom Knight

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A selection of early pieces are displayed above left, by Ruth Kirkman, one of two proprietors at Antiques at the Tollgate in Slingerlands. Shown right, Brian Summers and son Christian inquire about an antique desk at the newly



opened James K. VanDerVort Antiques on Rt. 443 in Bethlehem. Assisting them is Ann VanDerVort. Tom Knight

□ Experts talk about what to buy, and why

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services its share of first-time buyers and local repeat customers, all potentially future collectors. But a good portion of her business also serves specialized collectors and dealers throughout the Northeast and the country. She has developed a reputation as a

knowledgeable Shaker collector and dealer.

Shaker furniture, whose functional simplicity also is experiencing current popularity, is one of the few truly American forms of furniture, she explains. And although Shaker items are

known for their pricey tags, Brooks says there are all different levels of Shaker, and not all pieces begin at \$1,000.

The Shakers, who came to the U.S. in 1773, began making furniture in this country at the turn of the 1800's. These early pieces were very influenced by the current period's furnishings. But by 1810-1850, the Classic period, they had begun to have their own distinguishable style. These are the Shaker pieces bringing the highest prices today.

To Brooks, anything that shows individual expression during an earlier period is worth holding on to, admiring, and perhaps buying or selling.

American country pieces, for instance, very popular with today's "contemporary country" looks, may be no more than a simple stool or bench built by an early 19th century farmer out of necessity and low funds.

An 1820's American pine settle bed sits amid other early pieces in the shop, a symbol of the basics of its time. A multi-functional design, it served as a fireside bench during colonial days, and opened to a bed for cold nights. High wooden sides kept drafts out and body heat in. This particular piece came to the shop from Feura Bush. It may find its new fireside home only a few miles from its original maker, more than three generations later.

Surely, no one would have guessed that a rustic, simple bench made by a local farmer might one day bring hundreds of dollars and many an admirer. So how can we be sure what is worth saving, or buying?

The oldest and surest rule is no different than for most other major purchases: buy something only because you love it! Don't be mesmerized by age alone. Every period had both beautiful and beastly creations.

The second most important tip from local dealers: utilize the expertise of reputable dealers, and do your homework. Don't be hesitant to ask as many questions as you have, about a piece's history, imperfections that might affect its regular use, if any repairs have been made, and how they were accomplished. Ask for advice and ask about alternatives in your price range. Also ask about the value of your purchase. Is it likely to hold its current value or substantially increase in worth?

There is a wealth of documented expertise about most periods, for those who want to learn about

antiques on their own. Books are available that discuss the distinguishable characteristics of a particular period, complete with a range of appropriate prices. You can learn what to look for to determine the origin and age of a piece, and about common replicas reproduced a century later.

Popular magazines such as *Country Living* are decorating magazines, and probably won't teach you anything about antiques. But there are periodicals that will. *Maine Antique Digest* is among the largest monthlies. The latest issue offered seven sections, each with over 40 pages on the latest auction results, and features on particular periods and pieces. And the *Antiques and Arts Weekly* is another dealer "bible" not just for dealers. Both are available by subscription only.

Other more specialized publications can be found, whether your interest is in Shaker furniture or furniture decorating techniques of the early 19th century, such as grain painting, comb painting and smoke-graining.

For the last word on buying an antique, Gudrun Bellerjeau, owner of Pleasant Valley Gallery & Gifts of Knox, sums it up best. "My greatest satisfaction comes from seeing someone made happy," she said. Whether it is one of her 200 to 300-year-old family heirlooms she is discussing, or a small, hand-painted wooden hobby horse, she tries to instill the same philosophy in her customers: "Save until you can afford the best, something you truly love, have it for a lifetime of enjoyment... and pass it on to your children."

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How to select the right builder

By Sal Prividera

With the ever rising cost of purchasing a "dream home", many homeowners are instead looking for ways to improve or modify their present home to suit their needs.

Last year in the Town of Bethlehem 304 of the town's 686 building permit applications were for alterations or additions to existing residences. The total value of the 302 jobs that were actually done after being granted permits was \$2,215,850, according to a report issued by the Town of Bethlehem Building Department. Last year there were 223 and only 200 permits were issued in 1985.

"The remodeling business is very good. More people are improving their homes primarily because the cost of new housing is going up," said Gary Hinstead, vice president of Delmar Interior Design, who has been in the construction business for over 25 years.

Homeowners who are planning to remodel their home or add an addition should expect to have to wait for a contractor to have time to do the job, know what they want and do their "homework" in checking out the contractor they chose to do the job, say several area general contractors.

Bob Miller, an area builder who has been in business for himself for 21 years, said he is usually backed up about six months by the end of May. Last year was especially intense, he said. "It's very difficult to get somebody — last year was impossible."

The problem of too many jobs and too little time is common among other contractors as well. Robert Gehrer, co-owner of The Hucklebucks Inc., who has several years' experience in the field, called February "a traditionally slow time," but said that it would take his company three weeks to be able to start a new job. Delmar Interior Design is currently working with a lead time of 16 weeks, said Hinstead.

Miller said that in addition to a heavy work load there is a labor shortage, which reduces the number of jobs a contractor can take and increased the amount of time on a job. He said that many of the major home builders in the



Rick Cooper of Northeast Custom Builders in a Hudson Avenue, Delmar, house his company is building.

Patricia Mitchell

area now use smaller contractors as sub-contractors, reducing the available labor pool even further.

He said he recently attended a homebuilders convention in Dallas, and a number of Capital District contractors were there trying to recruit labor from Texas to move East. "Does that tell you something?"

When someone comes to him with a project such as a new bathroom, Miller said, he wants to know what ideas they have, and will take them to other jobs to help them decide on what they want. He also wants to know how much they want to spend.

Jobs costing about \$10,000 or more should have a licensed architect, but he handles drawings for smaller jobs himself, Miller said.

He will then put his bid on the job, and tell the customer when it is scheduled for, Miller said. Scheduling will take into account the need to order certain items, such as custom bathroom fixtures that can take eight to 10 weeks.

Homeowners are faced with the task of choosing the contractor who they think can do the best job, usually for the least amount of money. The lowest bidder may not be a company that can complete the job once the contract



A crew from Northeast Custom Builders pours concrete for a garage addition on Borthwick Avenue, Delmar, using forms from RVG/Thermal wall in Chatham. A new technique in the U.S., foam allows

concrete to be poured in colder temperatures, has higher insulation values and allows for freedom in design.

Patricia Mitchell

Building in the dead of winter

You don't often see concrete being poured outside in the dead of winter, but two houses in Delmar will be completed earlier because of an innovative technique used by Northeast Custom Builder Inc. of Westerlo.

At 17 Borthwick Ave., Delmar, the company is putting on an addition for a garage with another door to the back of the property and three rooms above it, enclosing the front porch for a laundry room and dining room and some interior work like moving the kitchen. Parts of the house are 60 to 70 years old. In addition, they are custom building a house on Hudson Ave. in Delmar.

Rick Cooper of Northeast Custom Builders said the Hudson Ave. house and the addition on Borthwick will both have their concrete set in

foam forms. The house is one of a handful in the country that will be built using the forms. The foam allows for more of a freedom in design than the usual wood or metal forms and allows for the concrete to be poured and set in colder temperatures because it holds heat in better.

Cooper calls the new house on Hudson Ave. the "ultimate home improvement project." The owner is selling his house on Hudson Ave. and is building the new one on the back of his lot.

Cooper said his company likes to be flexible about designing and building, adding things as they go a long. In the Hudson Ave. house, he said, they decided to add a loft to the upstairs as they were building. "It's the kind of thing we like to do," Cooper said.

Patricia Mitchell

is signed. Hinstead said homeowners need to be aware that many people go into the construction business with little capital. Often the low bidder is hired "and then can't perform," he said.

"It's tough to compete with the six-month wonders," Miller said. He has personally worked on two jobs where the customer was left \$10,000 and \$23,000 in the hole by their first contractor, he said.

"It's up to the homeowner to do their homework," said Hinstead. He suggests that homeowners select two or three prime contractors to deal with and then check up on the companies. He said references should be checked as well as the financial stability of the company and how long they have been in business.

Miller advises homeowners not to pay anything until they see the material on the job, and then pay

in stages. Miller said he bills at the end of the job.

Gehrer also suggested calling contractor's references and adding that specifically worded contracts could clear up many problems. The contract should say "what the contractor will give, what you (the homeowner) expect, and what you expect to pay," he said.

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For most of us, there's something slightly scary about a truly superb 18th century drop-leaf table.

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They are pricey items, yes, but more often it's the challenge of securing a "good buy" in a highly specialized field that robs us of confidence.

But there's nothing really mysterious, say the better antiques dealers and vintage furniture shop owners, about their love for fine furniture.

Adapt and use antiques. Since most of us are not museum curators, many dealers suggest we loosen our purist respect for antiques and make sure we can real-

ly use them in the home. Case in point: Lamps made from the many Chinese porcelain vases that were imported into England in the 17th and 18th centuries. "How many vases can you use?" asks one dealer. "But you can never have too many lovely lamps."

Cultivate the dealers in your collecting field. "Since most antiques shops and vintage furniture stores are small, private businesses owned and operated by a family or individual, part of your shopping fun should come from chatting with the proprietor. Make use of this conversation.

For example, most dealers are glad to take "want" lists, if you don't see just what you're looking for. Also, don't be afraid to ask questions, to ask for advice, to ask about alternatives in your price

range. Ask, too, if your purchase will have trade-in value should you want to upgrade later.

Ferret out "as is" treasures. Ask the dealer about a back room or warehouse where he might be storing pieces that have yet to be made ready for sale.

If you see something you like that hasn't been refurbished, you may be able to discuss choices of color or fabric with the shop owner. For the vintage furniture collector, some dealers keep rolls of mint-condition, vintage vinyl to use in reupholstery.

Consider being adventuresome in your search, if you're looking for bargain-basement prices. Go where the dealers go, to auctions and estate sales, to secondhand furniture stores and institutional clear-out sales.

Most vintage collectors are veterans of the thrift shop, flea market and garage sale trail. Their hope, of course, is to find an "antique of tomorrow" for less than half the price it would fetch in a dealer's shop.

Be forewarned about competing with the professionals. Going where the dealers go can be a gritty experience; at the least, it requires lots of time and a fair amount of expert knowledge.

Enterprising dealers and their scouts (or "pickers") are skilled at sifting through mounds of merchandise everywhere from rummage sales to wrecking and salvage company clearances. They know how, where and what to pay should an item need refurbishing.

The used-furniture market can offer great savings to the dedicated shopper, but it also demands a daunting investment of time, energy, and shoe leather.

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A Bohemian glass pitcher and cup set displayed at Antiques at the Tollgate in Slingerlands. Tom Knight

Garage sale savvy

You need to give a garage sale.

You want to clean out all that bargain stuff you never used that you bought at other people's garage sales.

Or you're moving and want to see if you can get a good price for those new kitchen stools you won't need at your new place.

Or you want to see if you can recoup some of your investment on three consecutive sizes of like-new boys' designer jeans, because your son grows faster than you can keep him in clothes.

Organization is the key to getting rid of most of your stuff, and maybe making a small profit in the meantime.

First of all, you have to get the word out. Tell all your friends, relatives and neighbors, "Hey, I'm having a garage sale."

Then you want to advertise your sale. You can post notices on free bulletin boards in stores, at work, at church, or at clubs and organizations.

Put an ad in the newspaper and say you are having a "giant" or "mammoth" garage sale, that you'll have "lots of good junk." Don't put in long lists of items, but be sure to give clear directions to your house, and don't forget the time and days. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the most popular days.

Don't put your phone number in the ad or you'll be bothered with telephone calls with people asking to come early.

As in real estate, location is important. If you're not in a heavy-traffic location, be sure to post clearly marked signs all the way in to your sale.

Drive-bys account for a lot of business. Newspaper ads and word-of-mouth are important as well as advertising. And directions to the exact location are important. Take the people from the main streets all the way in to your

location with good signs.

Put signs at your house, and clearly marked directions on major intersections near your home.

You can hold the sale either inside your house, your basement or in your yard, not necessarily in your garage.

People will come to your garage sale for many reasons.

They may come looking for a specific item, or they may buy an item on impulse if they think they may have a use for later. The serious collectors or dealers will probably come early or late.

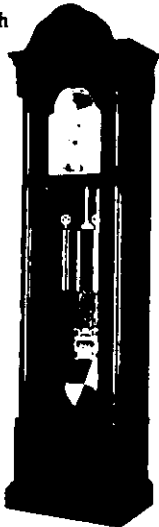
And some people come because they are bored and looking for something to do.

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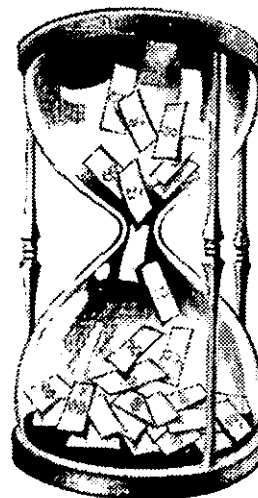
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Spring/summer fix-up projects made simple

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And if it weren't for spring, when would we do spring cleaning?

Spring Has Sprung

Spring is the season for sprucing up, fixing up, and generally taking stock. After a long, hard winter, even the best-maintained home can look a little weather-beaten.

Now is the time to check the insulation around doors and windows — particularly attic windows — and replace weatherstripping and recaulk as necessary.

Check attic insulation to make sure it's adequate. If your rooms were drafty and chilly last winter, you can bet you'll bake this summer.

If your home is air conditioned,

conduct a pre-summer systems check of your equipment. Dirty filters will prevent the efficient heat transfer process, so remove and wash them.

Check exposed coils to make sure they're free of debris such as pine needles, dirt or cat hair. In window units that are permanently installed, check drain lines to make sure that water is draining properly.

Inside and outside cooling fins should be vacuumed. If any vents are bent, straighten them with a pencil.

Outdoor central air conditioning units should have been covered in winter and should be checked for dirt or debris before using.

If you need additional cooling power, check with your local air conditioning specialist. Among the factors that affect the system you need: The area of exposed wall; number and type of windows; amount and kind of insulation in

the walls, floors and ceiling; type of siding.

Beach and river homes that sit on pylons will experience much more heat transfer (a cooling process) than those that are set on slabs. Another factor to consider is the number of people in a room.

If you're shopping for a new system, write to the Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Institute for its free pamphlet, "How to Keep Your Cool and Save Cold Cash." Write ARI, 1501 Wilson Blvd., 6th Floor, Arlington, VA 22209.

You can find out how energy-efficient air-conditioning units are by contacting either the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606) or the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036).

Fandango

There are varying schools of thought regarding the efficacy of ceiling fans. One group thinks that all they do is stir up hot air. The other group thinks they at least create the illusion of a breeze, plus adding white noise to drown out summer bug sounds.

Whatever your opinion, a three-speed (and reverse) Casablanca ceiling fan with polished brass and walnut paddles costs about \$250. A 42-inch fan will cool a room with dimensions up to 15 x 15 feet. For

larger rooms, a 52-inch fan works best.

Whole-house fans are extremely effective in cooling houses and circulating air on all but the hottest days. They are usually installed in an attic floor, although they can be installed in a wall, gable or window. Whole-house fans are normally operated at night when outside air is cooler than air inside the house.

Chill Out

Another way to prepare the house for the coming heat is to summerize the furnishings. Roll up heavy carpets and leave floors bare or covered with cotton dhurries, floor cloths and rag rugs.

Rooms that get a lot of sun, such as enclosed porches and solariums, can be furnished with summery wicker, slicked up with a fresh coat of paint in a new color.

Canvas-covered deck chairs and sturdy, good-looking lawn furniture can also help make the transition between seasons.

Heat Up

If your current doesn't boast a "sun space," why not consider adding a solarium or Florida room? In addition to adding a work place, private retreat or entertainment center, the updated sun porch helps reduce fuel bills by capturing and trapping solar heat.

Modern sunspaces evolved out of the old greenhouse. Typically, such a room features panels of front glass that capture solar energy and insulated roof and side and knee walls that allow storage and utilization of heat.

Green Grow the Lilacs

April showers bring May flowers. Spring is the time to organize your summer planting. Start by breaking up the soil so water and nutrients can soak into the earth. Roses can be planted as soon as the threat of frost is past, so if you want a rose garden in high summer, early spring is the time to plant.

Contact your local gardening supply store or nursery for the best time to plant other flowers and shrubs. Most have preprinted instruction sheets that offer advice on springtime soil preparation.

Fast Fix-ups

As snow melts and spring rains give way to summer breezes, it becomes evident to home owners that winter has taken its toll. Paint is peeling from windows, shutters and fences. Gutters and downspouts are ready to give way. Lawn furniture, hastily stored in the fall, is in dire need of repair.

Among the easiest do-it-yourself repair jobs you can tackle is painting. Next comes general refurbishing. If the aluminum welds on your storm windows and door frames have failed, it's an easy matter to fix them.

Using a rivet gun, drill the necessary number of one-and-one-third-inch holes along the joint to be repaired. Be certain to go all the way through both thicknesses of metal. (A hole every four inches should be sufficient.) Use one-and-one-third-inch short aluminum rivets to make a neat and very strong repair.

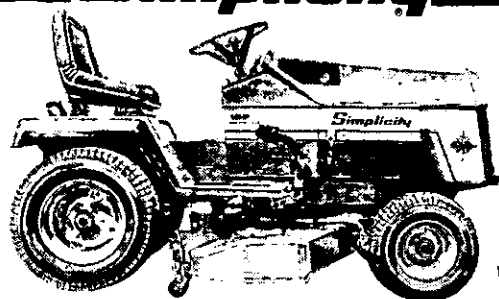
If your lawn furniture is looking shabby, it's a simple, if tedious, matter to replace the worn webbing. Rolls of webbing are available at any lawn furniture store. Simply follow the directions on the package.

More Stately Mansions

Sometimes spring cleaning isn't enough to satisfy the urge for new surroundings. The next step, short of moving, is remodeling.

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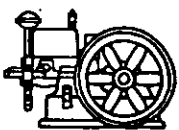
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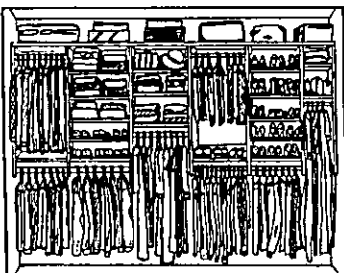
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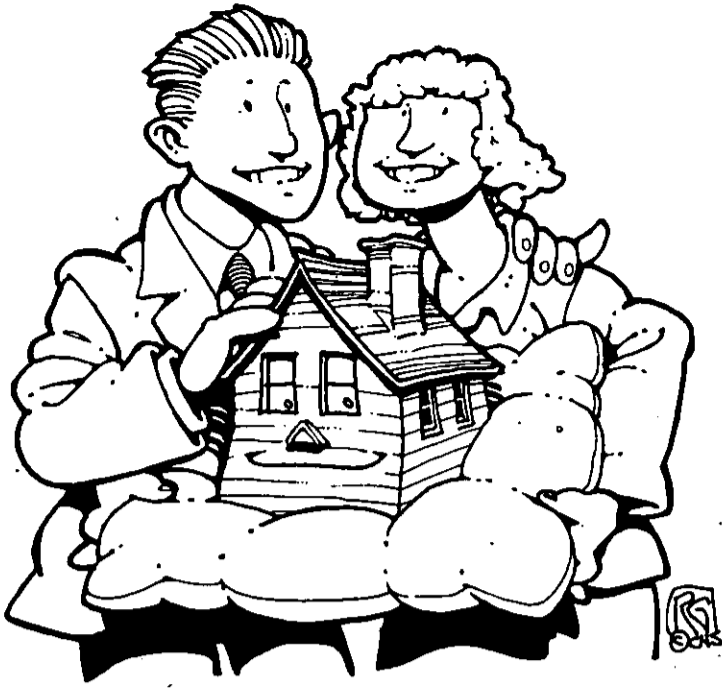
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kitchen and the bathroom. Total makeovers in these areas can run from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and up, so you may want to consider a less ambitious project.

Among the face-lifts that can add value to a home are refacing cabinets, painting, changing flooring or wall coverings, and replacing a sink, countertop or fixtures.

Whether you plan to do the remodeling yourself or hire a professional, coordination is the key.

Consider whether a remodeling project will add to your home's value or limit its resale potential. You don't want to overbuild. Extra bathrooms are almost al-

ways cost-effective; extra bedrooms may not be.

Bug Out

Spring also marks the return of the insect kingdom. If bugs bug you, now is the time to do battle.

There are two basic kinds of insecticide sprays approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to the Aerosol Packaging Council. One type, the airborne, is sprayed into the air to destroy insects on contact.

Second are the residual sprays, which have a dual purpose. They contain quick-killing chemicals, like pyrethrin, which are sprayed

where bugs crawl, killing on contact. Then the compound dries, forming a residual barrier which remains effective for several weeks.

Many aerosol cans provide a long plastic tube attachment that allows application of the product in an inaccessible location, such as behind the refrigerator and range.

Since household bugs live and breed in dark, moist places, preferring decomposed vegetable matter, be sure to keep your home free of such hiding places, indoors and out.

Check vegetables that are stored outside the refrigerator, like potatoes and onions, and discard any that have begun to rot. Clean up decayed leaves against the house, with special attention to window wells if you have a basement.

Restoration Waltz

If you don't have the money or inclination to do a remodeling project, why not start small with a refinishing project?

According to a national survey commissioned by The Flecto Co.,

approximately one in five consumers has tackled an interior wood finishing project in the past year. Wood furniture refinishing was more prevalent than larger projects such as woodwork/trim, floors and paneling.

When asked to describe the type of project completed most recently, 60 percent cited furniture such as cabinets, tables, dressers, bookcases and chairs.

You don't have to be an expert to repair every-day furniture.

Among the tips for bringing new life to furniture are:

- To remove white rings left by glasses or hot dishes, buff furniture with a 50/50 mixture of toothpaste and baking soda on a damp cotton cloth. When the spot is gone, buff with a dry cotton cloth to restore luster.

- Fill scratches in wood with crayons. Prepare by tying a nail to a pencil. Heat the nail over a candle, then wipe the soot from the nail. Pick a crayon close to the wood's color and hold it to the heated nail. The crayon will melt into the scratch. Let the crayon

cool one hour. Then take a credit card and gently scrape away the excess.

- To clean furniture, Formby recommends mineral spirits or a commercial furniture cleaner, both available at hardware stores. Wet a cotton cloth with mineral spirits and wipe the wood thoroughly. Let dry and repeat if necessary.

Once you start with your spring projects, it may be summer before you realize it.

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Living room	80%
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Choosing a remodeling pro, or do-it-yourself advice

"Dirt and confusion." That's how one veteran of the remodeling process describes his experience.

After six months of acting as his own general contractor for a major renovation of his home, this do-it-yourselfer gained a new family room and kitchen, bath and laundry room, and a new master bedroom suite.

"It was a monumental undertaking," he says of his self-appointed job of organizing and supervising the work. "I never drew an untroubled breath for the whole time."

And that from a happy survivor, one who is satisfied with the results.

On any redo, from a "simple" kitchen makeover to a full-blown gut and reframe remodeling, the general contractor (or GC) is the project's field marshal and dictator: he is the man (or woman) with the clipboard of blueprints and access to the purse strings, with trade connections and business contacts around town.

Headaches by the Number

Before you decide you want to "play the general" on your home remodeling project, consider these less-glamorous elements of the GC's job:

- He selects, buys and arranges for delivery of all materials, and then plans to be there to accept delivery and sign for the materials.

- He supervises all work, organizes all processes, and inspects all installations.

- He hires (and fires) all "subs" (subcontractors).

- The GC is the one who "has words" with the brick man in your front yard (progress is too slow, cost is too high, the brick doesn't match).

- He is the master of the schedule — so that you do not wake at 6:00 in the morning to find the painter standing at the foot of your bed. So that you do not head out the driveway only to find a ton of Sheetrock blocking your path.

- He is the on-the-spot authority, the person to whom every worker turns when there's a problem to be solved or a judgment call to be made.

Dollars and Sense

Why would any home owner knowingly let himself in for such grief? In a word — money.

By acting as your own GC, you can hope to save about 20 percent to 25 percent of the redo's total costs — essentially the GC's fee. On a \$40,000 kitchen remodeling and room addition, the savings could be about \$10,000, which can be quite an incentive to run the show yourself.

Commonly, though, the home owner who successfully plays general is not a total novice.

He has some experience with construction (perhaps on an earlier, small project), and may have worked with many subcontractors. Where his own knowledge is thin, he is able to rely on the expertise of friends or family members (Dad is a plumber).

In addition to know-how and re-

sources, this satisfied amateur GC has an invaluable asset — time. Invariably, the successful home owner-GC is someone who can spend every day, all day, on the job site.

"If I'd only been able to stop by once a day," reasons the veteran DIYer, "there would have been problems discovered after-the-fact. That means ripping something out, and that means delays and more money."

Finding a Pro

If you're convinced a professional GC is the person to handle your remodeling headaches, consider these tips on shopping for a good one.

- Don't skimp on time and attention in the selection process. Comparison shop; invite several GCs to submit bids on the job. Choose as carefully as you'd choose your family doctor. The choice is particularly crucial if you will be living in your home as it undergoes surgery.

- Professionals in the business agree: Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement. Shop for a GC by talking with friends and neighbors who have survived the redo process and are happy with the results.

- Look for a GC with a track record. That's someone who has been in the business awhile (mere survival is a good business indicator) and is a permanent member of the local business community.

- Ask a prospective GC for names, addresses and phone numbers of former jobs and clients.

Then drive by the jobs and call the home owners. (But, you wonder, wouldn't a GC be annoyed by these inquiries? "Not unless he's got something to hide," responds a pro.)

- Don't automatically select the GC with the lowest bid. Keep in mind that a wildly out-of-line low bid is probably cause for suspicion.

- Choose a GC whose standards coincide with yours. Example: Your plans call for matching existing trim. One GC says he can "come close." But, for some people, close isn't good enough. The pros believe in giving a client all the options — explaining, for instance, that an exact match on trim can be achieved, but it will require millwork, and that will cost money.

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Ways to Save

If you decide to hire a general contractor, but still want to save money on the project, the pros can suggest ways for you to participate in the battle, and thereby save, too.

The best way to save money on a redo is to "front load" the project. That is, invest in a complete and fully documented set of architect's plans (a "custom, detailed" set). Prior planning means you'll save money in the long run by avoiding costly problems, changes and delays.

Do as much of the legwork as you can. You can go to the lighting fixture supplier, make your selections, and deliver them to the job site. You can be sure to choose paint (tile, wallpaper) color well before time to use it.

It is a good idea, say some GCs, to do some of your own light cleanup: sweeping up at the end of the workday, clearing trash from

the job site, washing windows and tubs. (Cleanup might yield a savings of \$500-\$1,000 over the course of a job.)

If you take on the extra burden of renting a truck to haul away heavy debris, you might save several thousand dollars. Investigate the possibilities and check with your GC.

You also can do some tear-out jobs to save money. You might remove an old tree from the back yard or tear out an old deck. Again, check with the GC for suggestions.

Last Words

If you are convinced you are up to the hassles and frustrations of acting as your own general contractor, and if you have the time and temper to do it successfully, consider this parting shot from an architect who has done it:

There may be nothing structurally unsound with your redo, but "there will always be something not quite right — a door poorly framed, kitchen cabinets ever so slightly out-of-plumb. There will always be evidence of a struggle."

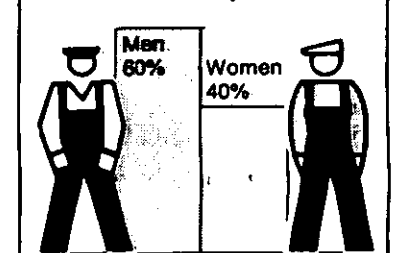
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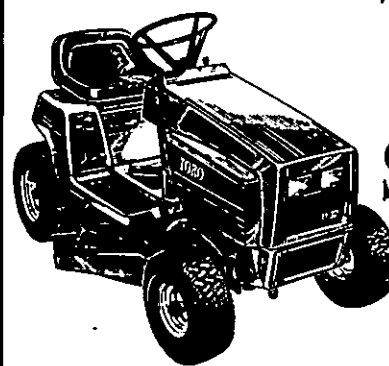
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A home owner's compendium

Proud home owners spend thousands of dollars annually on the most visible of improvements — remodeling and redecorating.

But, sometimes, the smartest additions to a home are the ones that can't be seen.

These smart improvements may not elicit the compliments that a new piece of sculpture would inspire. Or keep the neighbors wondering about the outcome of an elaborate remodeling project.

But they can make a home a safer, more energy-efficient and convenient place to be, thanks to innovations in the high-technology and home protection industries.

Home Controls

We're still several years away from making the move into futuristic automated houses that do virtually everything for their owners.

But there are many home improvements available today that can give high-technology enthusiasts a taste of the worry-free, energy-efficient lifestyle that smart homes can offer.

Programmable timers can take on the responsibility of turning on sprinkler systems or lights at pre-set times of day while the home owner works or plays. Some timers are smart enough to calculate the changing hour of sunset for each day of the year, so lights always go on at dusk.

Many of these programmable devices work with touch-pad ease. Programmable set-up/set-back thermostats automatically turn

down the heat when everyone's gone, and have the house warm and ready when everyone returns.

Computerized bath and Jacuzzi controls turn water on and off at programmed times and to the desired temperature, so the weary homeowner needn't worry about overflowing the bathtub or bringing water to the boiling point in a hot tub.

Other devices go beyond the touch-pad. Motion detectors in a room can automatically turn off lights when the last person leaves, and turn them on again when someone enters, while solar-powered fluorescent patio lights automatically turn on at dusk and off at dawn.

Intercom systems are updated with no-hands operation, offering communication throughout the house and in adjacent buildings, such as the garage. Infants can be monitored and outside doors can be answered from any room.

Even tools have gone high tech. The Digitape, a handheld device measures distance by ultrasound. The operator determines distance at the speed of sound simply by pushing a button.

With so many smart devices on the market, some home owners are opting for home automation devices that activate everything from lights to thermostats to home entertainment equipment with one remote-control system.

Home Security

It only takes one break-in to convince a home owner that a smart home is a safe home.

When it's protection from an intruder that the home owner desires, the best place to start is at the front door. The newest locks offer deadlocking latches that are virtually impossible to pick, and protect the frames as well with screws that anchor locks all the way to the framing studs. "Panic proof" inside knobs let residents out quickly in case of fire or an emergency.

Today's security systems go far beyond the barking watchdog. Sensors for doors and windows and perimeter devices such as foil strips, sensors that detect glass breaking, and wiring sensors for window screens keep tabs on action outside the house.

Pressure pads under the carpet, heat sensors, photoelectric beams, infrared lights and ultrasound waves can reveal an intruder's presence quickly once he's in the door.

The simplest security systems come in do-it-yourself kits that even a self-confessed klutz could install.

More elaborate versions offer single-function keys that let the user change system status at the touch of a button on a security center.

The consumer simply selects his protection on a modular basis, so he's free to move around in some parts of the house without protecting others. LCD panels show information on system status.

Other security systems offer the ultimate in burglary deterrent —

making the house look lived in by adjusting temperatures, dimming lights, and turning appliances on and off at specific times through home-control systems.

Home owners can even purchase mini versions of the quintessential corporate security system — mini sight-and-sound surveillance systems with cameras that mount to the door or wall and deliver an image to a screen.

Home Protection

No matter how safe and high-tech a house, the potential for fire is as close as the nearest match, electrical outlet or fireplace. But today's smoke detectors can warn home owners before flames get out of hand, threatening lives and damaging their dwellings beyond repair.

Today's smoke detectors are smart enough to work when there is a power shortage. Some models

offer extras such as a horn that can sound the alarm in remote parts of the house. Others offer amplified sound to awaken sleepy home owners and flashing lights to penetrate and illuminate through smoke.

Indoor pollution is a silent danger in many homes that can be curtailed with air conditioners, air cleaners or ionizers. Charcoal filters help eliminate cigarette smoke.

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Insurance

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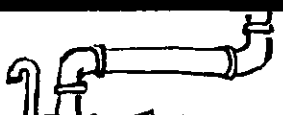
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Multifunctional spaces

Near the fireplace, Mom reads the toddlers a bedtime story. Elder brother practices shots at the pool table. Dad and Grandma watch TV; he's on his stationary bicycle, she's on an overstuffed sofa. And over by the patio, Sis works on a science project.

This is the multifunctional room of the '80s: home space that's flexible, practical and fun. Depending on its inhabitants, the room can be an entertainment center, exercise area, guest suite, sewing room, game room — you name it.

"It's part of the open-planned home," says one interior designer. "Walls are coming down between dining rooms, kitchens and family rooms. Larger spaces provide more options." But even small rooms, such as seldom-used spare

bedrooms, can become multifunctional.

The criteria is lifestyle: Who is going to be using the room, and what does he want to do there? Evaluate and plan the room's furnishings and "extras." Whether you consult a designer or assemble the room yourself, here are tips to keep in mind.

How do you get ideas for multifunctional interiors? Read home sections of newspapers and magazines that focus on home design. Visit furniture showrooms and antique stores. Consult an interior designer. Finally, close your eyes and imagine the perfect multipurpose environment.

Here are some examples:

- One family defined their multifunctional room as a space for

munching, music and games. They installed a mini-kitchen, complete with microwave and refrigerator, and easy-to-clean, hard-working tile flooring.

They refurbished a player piano and gave it a place of prominence. Finishing touches were an arcade game and two antique slot machines.

- A couple with grown children decided to knock down the wall between the kitchen and dining room of their home. The result was a "great room," an informal area with a kitchen at one end, a vaulted ceiling and a fireplace. Their goal was to create a welcoming, informal atmosphere for food preparation, dining and relaxing with guests.

- A young professional couple installed an indoor whirlpool bath in their bedroom, with exercise equipment and a TV. "First you sweat, then the reward," was their comment.

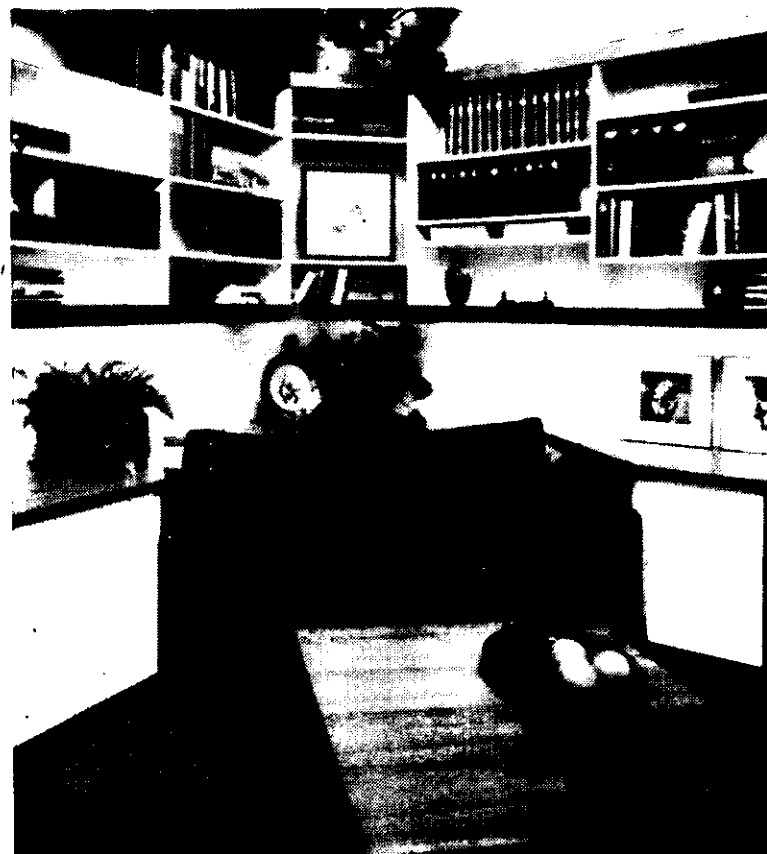
- A family with working parents and small children designed an intimate family retreat around a fireplace and media center. Along one wall are shelves and bins for the children's books and toys. Sofas are soft, long and low — perfect for snuggling and bedtime stories.

There are many elements to juggle — televisions, guest needs, office needs — when designing your family room.

Know what's missing from most model homes? Television sets.

The decorators of these meticulous interiors know that a TV set can be instant death to good design.

What if some family members are avid sports fans and insist on a



Combine a guest room with his 'n her work spaces for the new look in family rooms.

large-screen TV? Your design dilemma is to tame the one-eyed monster so it doesn't dominate the space.

Incorporate the TV into a larger open storage and display system, holding games, stereos and books. This mutes the importance of the TV and tempts the eye with interesting objects that suggest alternative activities.

Minimize the impact of the TV screen by creating other focal areas in the room.

A chess table can be located next to windows with a view and natural light.

The more options you provide visually and physically, the more likely you are to get a genuine recreating room and not just a movie theater.

Other TV-concealers are pull-out shelves with swivel bases. The shelves make it possible to turn the TV toward various parts of a room; cabinetry with doors camouflages the cyclops when not in use. Or transform an antique ar-

moire into a television and video cabinet.

Even though you rarely have overnight guests, you need a guest room. How can you have both a media and a guest room?

Make comfort a priority. A cozy armchair and overstuffed convertible sofa will probably be all the major furniture the room can handle.

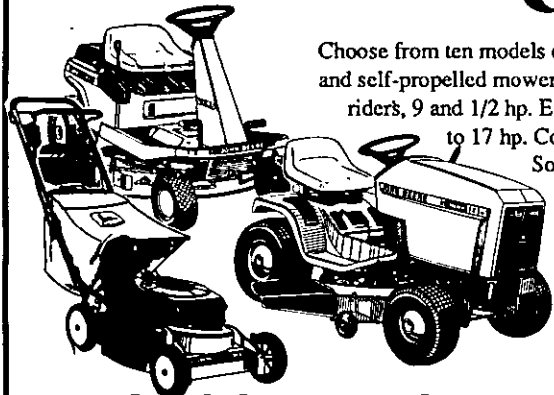
Two or three small nesting tables will serve you better than a heavy coffee table. When you have a guest and pull out the bed, these tables can be easily stacked and moved aside.

Use a light color scheme with bright punches of color in accessories. The furniture in the room should be in a similar light fabric so it "disappears" against the walls. Mini-blinds are more space-saving than curtains.

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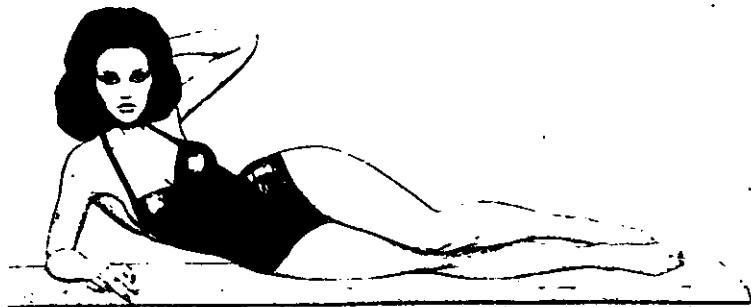
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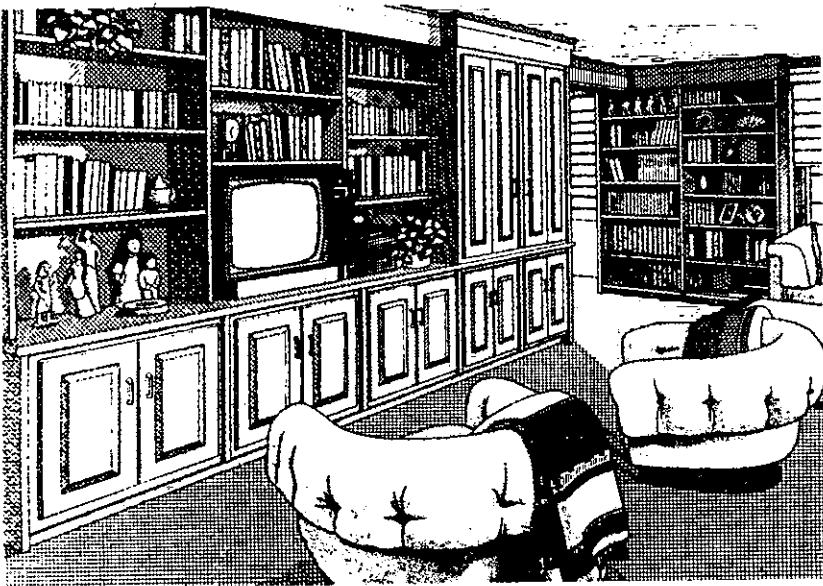
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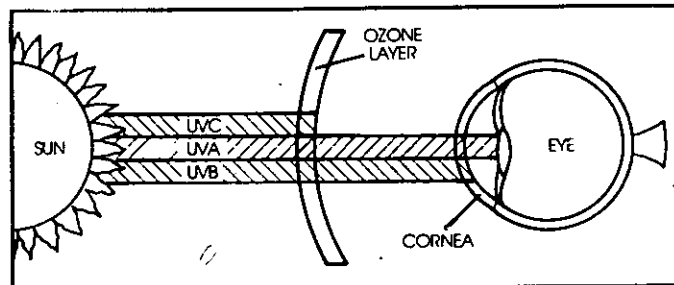
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Today's bedrooms designed as tranquil retreats

Back in the 11th century no one had heard of bedrooms. The place where everybody slept was one big room, used for cooking, eating, bathing — anything and everything.

By the 17th century, royal bedrooms were the setting for important ceremonies, including weddings. If VIPs wanted an audience with the king, chances are they'd find him reclining on one of his many velvet-draped beds.

Today's bedrooms combine the best of both past and present.

They incorporate activity areas, baths and exotic beds into the design — but they're also private.

According to *Home* magazine, "Amidst the hustle and hurry of daily life, the bedroom is emerging as a tranquil retreat from household hubbub."

When you design your new bedroom or remodel your old one, make it the center of your private life. To keep pace with the times, it should be a retreat from the outside world, a place where you can be yourself. Plan it as a space that

surrounds you with comfort, envelops you with calm, and nourishes your senses and soul.

Begin your plans by examining your lifestyle. Have you always wanted a private place where you could exercise and watch TV at the same time? Determine what soothes you — simple surroundings or mounds of softness? Would you rather unwind by the fire — or in your own deluxe indoor spa?

And if you love waterbeds but worry about your back, you may find the new "hybrids" give you the support and comfort you crave.

One couple wanted exercise equipment, a TV and an ocean of serenity — all in the same bedroom.

Designer Marilyn Jaeger chose a white and pale gray color scheme, combined with simple furnishings. "Simplicity is deceiving. It requires as much thought as elaborate furnishings."

The bed is in an elevated area, separated from the rest of the room by a sheer white curtain. When drawn, the curtain sequesters the bed from exercise equipment and an audio-video system. One person can watch TV or exercise in private while the other relaxes in bed.

To keep visual distractions to a minimum, Jaeger kept the walls plain — no artwork. All storage is built in. Even magazines are stored out of sight in bins behind the headboard. Accents are gray and chrome.

When the curtains are drawn, the sleeping area is enveloped in a



Modern bedrooms blossom with the touch of romance provided by canopies and wallpaper.

sea of white. The room provides the owners with activity as well as serenity — in a small space.

Designer Tish Hooker thinks bedrooms should have ruffles, lace and piles of pillows. But she also believes many women shy away from such "feminine" bedrooms because they think their husbands would be uncomfortable.

As a result, according to Hooker, a lot of women don't consult their husbands. "They play it safe and do the room in a tailored fashion. It ends up looking like a boring motel room. When I see a room like that, I think the couple must have an uneventful, unimaginative relationship."

Hooker adds, "I think a lot of men would say they like pastels and ruffles, too, if they were ever asked."

For her own bedroom, Hooker chose a romantic, feminine look with lavender, leaf-green and white sheets in the "Portico" pattern by Utica, the fashion brand of J.P. Stevens.

She used the sheets not only to dress the bed, but also for draperies and for a canopy over the bed. "Ever since I was a girl, I dreamed of having a beautiful canopy on my bed; it adds such an air of elegance to the bed and makes the room special."

Children's rooms

There are styles and trends in juvenile rooms, just as in other interiors.

"Pastels have finally died," says Cindy Greenwald, owner of a store that specializes in children's furniture. "Five years ago brights sold instantly. Then washed-out pastels came in. They had no lasting power. I'm so happy to see the deep rich colors coming back to children's bedding."

The latest in beds for the very young (and very discerning!) are designer cribs from Italy. The Judy crib, for example, has curved beechwood arches at each end."

The most-in-demand baked enamel finishes are silver and ivory.

Other bed designs for the preschool set are crafted to resemble race cars and beetles. Bunk beds are popping up in PVC and iron, as are daybeds with and without canopies — all accompanied by coordinated shelves, toy chests and dressers.

Upscale children's furniture showrooms also contain miniature tables for work and play. Custom-created theme items are also popular. Designs include city scapes, castles, sports and hearts — expressed in wall murals, sheets, posters and furniture stenciling.

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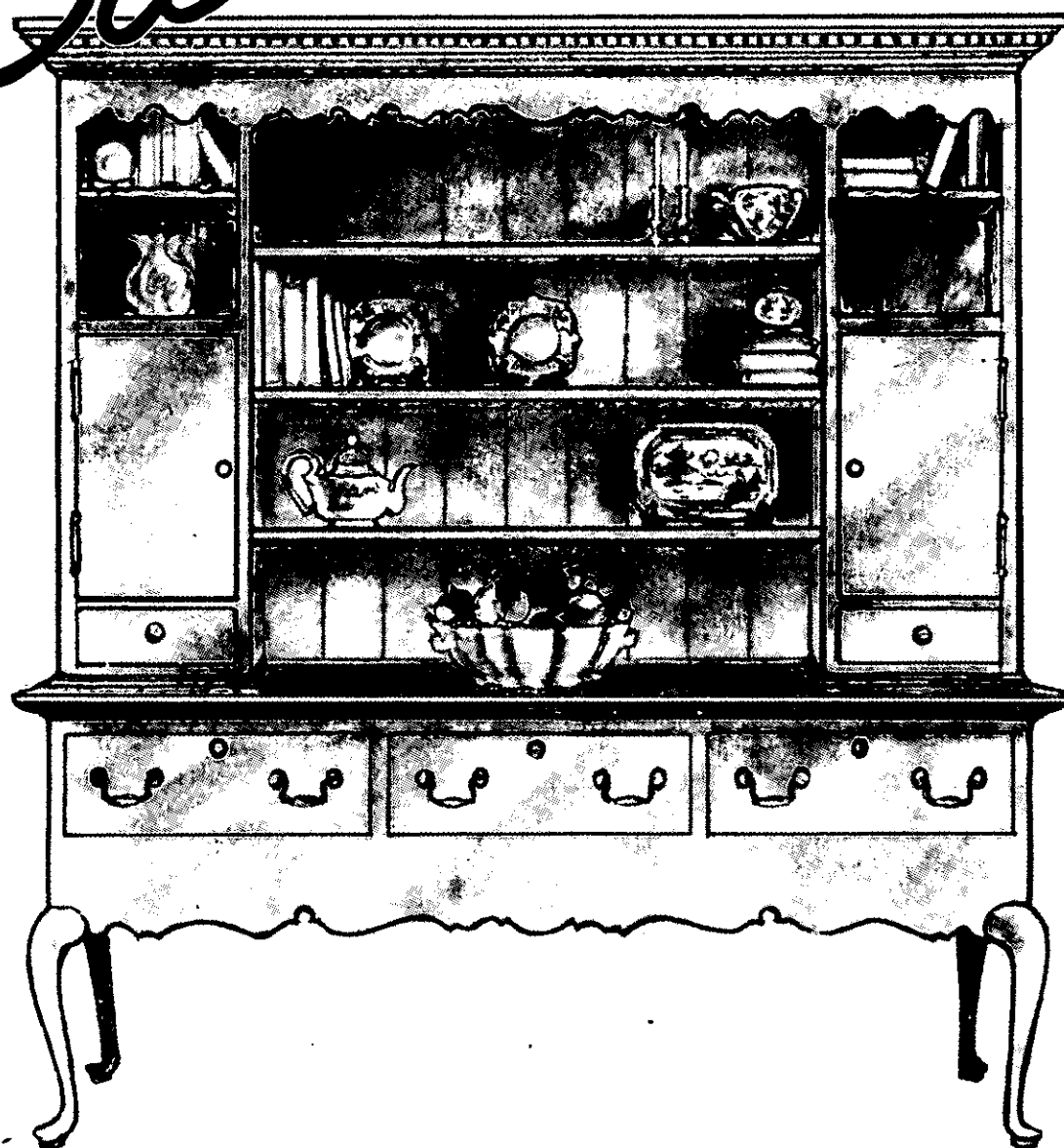
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Outdoor living

Patios, decks for easy living

America's back yard isn't what it used to be. Consider: Eleven million (let the number sink in!) outdoor charcoal grills are sold in the United States *each year*. Add to that another 3 million gas-fired grills for the upscale "patio gourmet," plus an uncounted number of imported hibachis ... and you have mega-barbecuing.

And there's much more happening behind the hydrangeas than mere burger-making. In fact, while the barbecue grill cooks, folks lounge on high-style casual furniture, kids frolic beneath a vine-covered pergola, and neighbors drop by for cocktails served in coordinated barware.

Once a scruffy patch of green and raked dirt, the back yard has now become the American home owner's newest room.

As the season approaches for firing up the grill, thoughts turn naturally to making the most of a patio, porch, deck or garden — or creating an outdoor area where none may exist.

Providing a space for outdoor fun can be as simple as having a contractor pour out a concrete slab or as elaborate as constructing a multilevel redwood deck. It all depends on your taste, lifestyle and budget.

One of the newest trends — particularly attractive with Southwest design — is unstained redwood decking. Simple and durable, all it needs is a clear protective finish to stand up to the biggest party or strongest sandstorm.

A more elaborate — and more colorful — flooring alternative is tile. An expensive option, whichever of the myriad patterns or colors you select is guaranteed to generate oohs and aahs from impressed guests.

For a more traditional look, bricks laid in attractive patterns create a patio surface worthy to support the social event of the season. If you're on a budget, consider interspersing concrete with patterned bricks.

For a country flair, use concrete or wood for a base patio, surround it with a grassy area filled with plants, stones and boulders strategically placed for effect.

Once you've defined the area, you'll need to keep in mind three fundamental needs to turn your back yard into a worthy outdoor room: seating, shade and privacy.

Patio and garden furniture, a billion-dollar business, is the fastest-growing segment of the furni-



Patios, desks and furniture for easy backyard living.

ture industry. Such phenomenal interest means today's porch-potato is demanding, and getting, far more than that old standby, the folding aluminum chair with a grid of green-and-white webbed straps.

Patio furnishings of the 1980s are fashion-conscious, comfortable and durable. And not just the chairs, but also chaises and ottomans, cocktail tables and bar-carts, come in a dizzying array of colors and frame styles and

cushion options. (This year's trend finds the consumer moving away from beiges and earth tones toward more pastels.)

In addition to fashionable variety among high-end lines (Brown Jordan and Tropitone are two well-received choices), the action is in action furniture — anything that rocks, glides, slides, swivels or swings. If it moves, it's desirable.

Still popular, too, for basic seating, is the traditional garden set of an umbrella table and four chairs (a very basic set costs about \$200; a "fully loaded" version could well cost 10 times that amount).

European styling plus vaunted low maintenance are available in the lacquered resin lines (commonly from French manufacturers like Grosfillex and Triconfort). Other options include PVC-pipe furniture (generally lower price

ranges), wrought iron (traditional, but heavy), and wood and wicker.

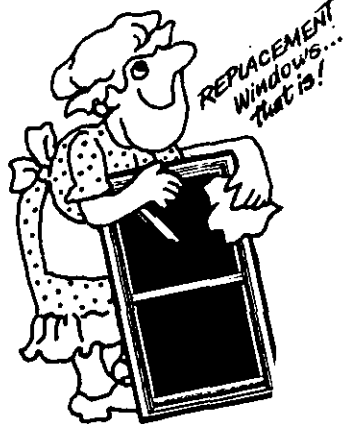
Not to be overlooked are two classic garden seats that have been revived recently in great fashion colors: the shell-back, cantilevered metal porch chair and the wood Adirondack chair with its slanted seat and broad arms.

When the patio or deck is a small, unprotected spot, the splash of a brightly colored umbrella or awning may be sufficient to shade the lounge during peak sunny hours. One home owner, who liked the look of jaunty, striped umbrellas but whose deck stretched the entire length of his house, stationed five umbrellas in portable stands along the deck rail.

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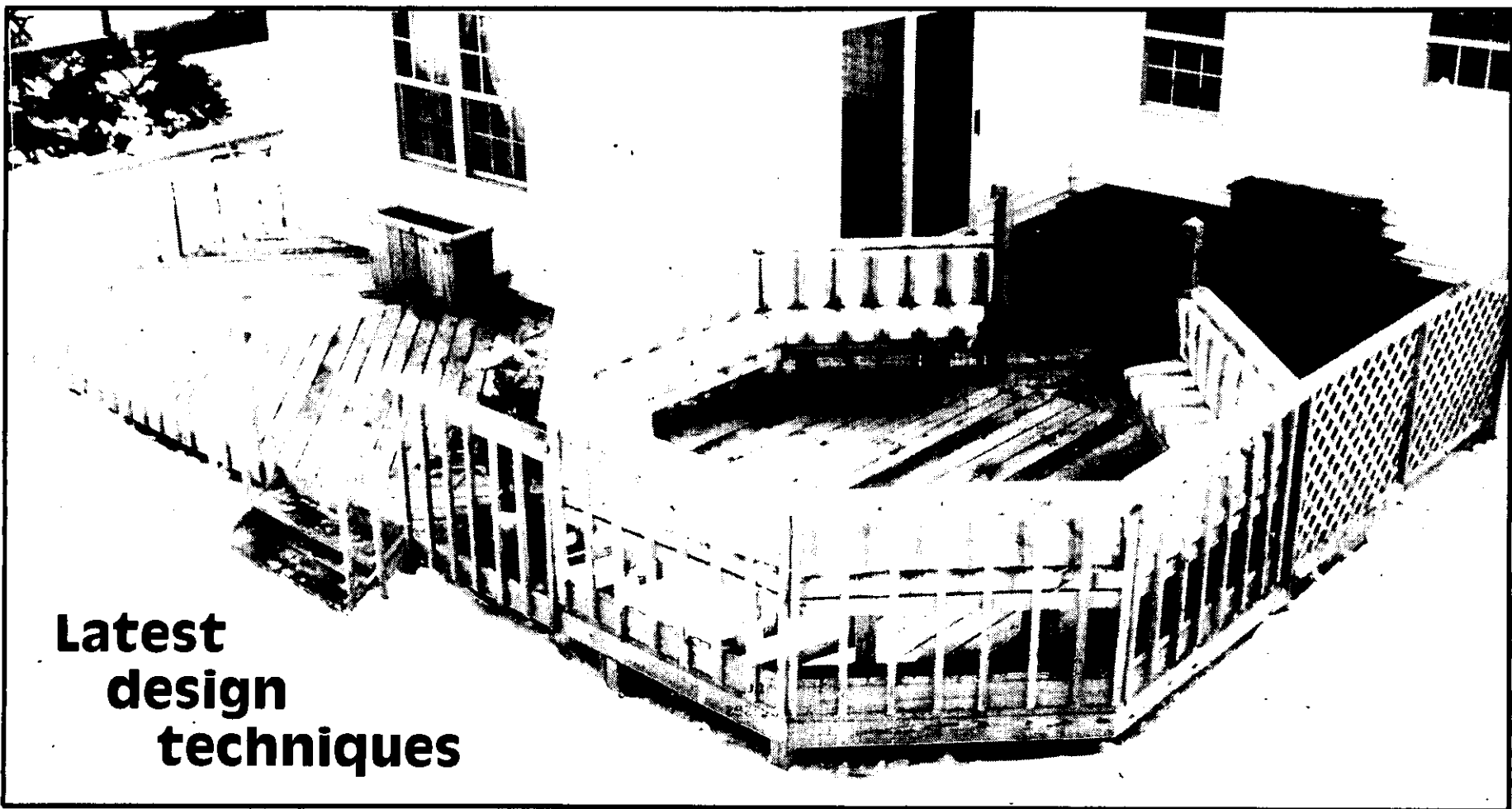
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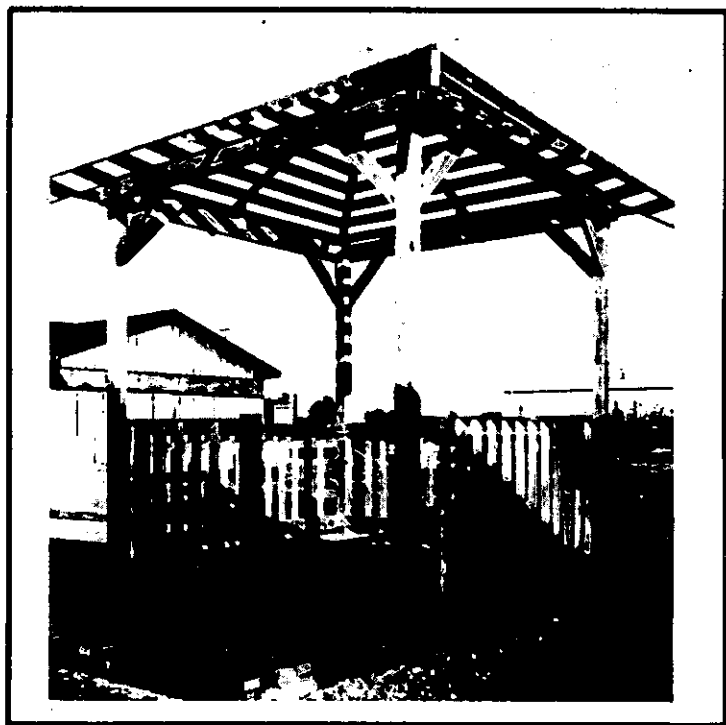
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Mother-Knows-Best Furnishings

Overstuffed sofas with three cushions
Squishy throw pillows
Wingback chairs
Comfortable and footloose armchairs
A chaise lounge you can languish in
Good reading lights — torchieres or ginger jar table lamps are our personal favorites
Footstools (for the uppity, ottomans)
Oriental or rag rugs
Coffee tables you can put your feet on
Little end tables for books and bottles
Afghans, vintage 10 years or older (blankets, not dogs)

Bohemian Bloomsbury Be Now
A bookshelf full of Virginia Woolf
An original Vanessa Bell painting
A kitchen table set for anyone who might drop in
Anything Laura Ashley
Furniture discarded at garage sales and painted bizarrely
Art deco glass blocks holding up a bar
Gold walls
Stenciled motifs in orange and green on the fireplace mantel
Faux stone and glass tables
Peter Shire teapots, always full of smoky tea

Authentically American Crafts
A full-fledged membership in the American Crafts Museum
Daniel Mack's twig furniture
Bennett Bean's refined ceramic ware
Rick Wrigley parquet table
Shaker-style furniture
Southwestern fabrics and finishes
Cast-iron cowboy statuary
Early American quilts for the walls

The Novelty of New

"The New Furniture: Trends and Traditions" by Peter Dormer
Art deco anything
Furniture in the free-form shapes of the 1950s
Coffee tables with etched glass tops and stone bases
Novelty finishes that look like spatter paint
Herman Miller or Knoll originals
Charles Eames chairs
An anthropomorphic Balans chair
Oxidized lamp and knickknacks in ancient green
Brue-ton's Post & Ball bronze and green glass table
Zebra-striped cushions
Fake fiberglass columns
Aqua and pink tiles (or classic black and white)
Memphis-inspired table art
Noguchi silk lamps

To fuel your imagination, there are books and videos to inspire even those who can't tell Eurostyle from Gothic Modern. Don't fret — the fun is finding furnishings you didn't know existed that appeal to the inner you.

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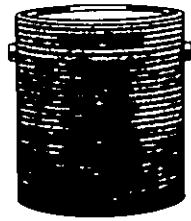
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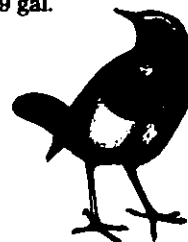
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'Gourmet' bathing

After a hard day at the office, more working couples are rushing home to the bathroom, says the *Wall Street Journal*.

These baths aren't ordinary. They're high-end affairs with features such as marble walls, VCRs, stereos and whirlpool tubs.

According to Doris Bachman, president of International Bath & Spa, more two-income families want — and can afford — a luxurious place "to get ready for their busy days or recuperate from them."

Designers are responding to a demand for big showers with lots of nozzles, push-button steam systems, futons, window benches, dual-headed showers, heat lamps, exercise equipment and toilets that flush whisper-quiet. These "Bathstyles of the Rich and Famous" can run upward of \$25,000, plus installation.

Only the well-heeled are spending that kind of money, but bathroom renovation is booming. According to the National Kitchen & Bath Association, baths are the most frequently remodeled room in the house.

Even modest bathrooms are fun as well as functional. Gone are the traditional 5-by-7-foot tiled spaces dedicated to utility. And more often than not, today's remodeled bathrooms combine with bedrooms to create "bodyrooms" and "bath suites."

What if you yearn for opulence but are stuck with a small space? Don't despair. Designers have come up with creative ways to transform small baths into mini-Roman spas.

Americans are spending billions of dollars on bathrooms each year.

"It's certainly the glamour room," Gary Bradbury of *Kitchen and Bath Design News* told *Newsweek* magazine. "It's no longer the room down the hall."

Before you remodel your bath, you owe it to yourself to find out just how luxurious this once-humble room can become.

Talk to designers. Snip pictures from magazines. And visit showrooms of hardware dealers and furniture suppliers who specialize in bath design.

Ask to see the Sensorium. It's a top-of-the-line whirlpool that American Standard claims is "a total environment which turns the bath into a bathing experience."

For \$25,000 you can get Sensorium with Ambience, a microprocessor that can be programmed by phone. Call it from your office or car, tell it to select a water temperature, close the drain, fill the bath, dim the lights and turn on your TV or bathroom stereo.

Have you been to the Bath Womb yet? It's a whirlpool by Water Jet that comes with a built-in stereo, reading stand and a special massage function. A pillow attached to one domed end of the Bath Womb has a jet that sprays water and massages the neck.

If you've ever thought the only thing wrong with your bathtub is that it's too hard be sure to hop into the next Soft Bathtub you see. These new tubs have an inch-thick foam cushion covered by tough, puncture-resistant "elastomeric" film. The special construction holds heat, keeping the bath water warm longer. And it's safer, too.

Remember that choosing today's luxury tubs requires planning. According to *Home* maga-

zine, "With molded acrylic tubs, there is virtually no limit to shape, size or volume."

"Consider a tub for two or more, but make sure the room will accommodate it and that you can wedge it through the door when you have it installed." Be sure your bathroom floor can support the extra weight.

Remember when everyone had to have a teakettle designed by a famous architect? It was the design accent for the kitchen.

Now the bathroom is coming into its own, with fixtures that resemble objets d'art. Faucets are sleek and European, whimsical, elaborately baroque — even high-tech.

American Standard's Ceramix Electronix is a faucet that takes its own temperature. A solar-powered digital readout ensures that your toes or fingertips will never be scalded (or chilled) again when testing the water.

Some sinks are shell-shaped, others are elegant ovals. Hand-painted porcelain designs match tiles, wallpapers and fabrics. If you can't afford real marble (or onyx, lapis lazuli and malachite), you can probably find it in faux.

"The trend is definitely toward larger, more luxurious bathrooms," Russell Platek, director of education for the National Kitchen and Bath Association told *The New York Times*. "But we're also seeing more and more people who want the same creature comforts and indulgences out of their small bathrooms."

By keeping the original size, designers and architects can hold costs down. One of the ways they make a bathroom seem bigger is



Boring bathrooms are now hedonistic sanctuaries for bathing and relaxing.

to install smaller fixtures.

And when bathrooms are less than 60 feet square, designers suggest scaling down everything, from sink to tiles. And they lower tall ceilings, which can accentuate narrowness.

Mirrors placed next to patterned wallpaper can "lengthen" the pattern. Designers often put mirrors on two or more walls, getting reflections of reflections, which opens up the room. Or they use mirror to capture and spread light.

Don't mix materials in small bathrooms; the hodge-podge will break the continuity of the surfac-

es. Designers usually choose one or two surface covers — such as tile and marble, marble and paint, or paint and wallpaper.

But not all bathroom designers agree on color. For small bathrooms, most designers prefer white and light colors. A few, however, lean toward the dark end.

Sometimes when you use dark material like black tile, the space is no longer well defined. Reflective surfaces enlarge spaces while all that black makes the corners disappear.

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Today's kitchen is heart of the home

The kitchen of the '60s was an avocado green and gold laboratory. The family saw it as cramped and inhospitable and visited only for meals.

Times have changed.

"The kitchen is now used for more than just eating," says Francis Jones, executive director of the National Kitchen and Bath Association. "It has become a living area, a communications center, a place to socialize."

Today's kitchens are open-plan. There's space for people to gather as well as for food preparation.

"Two-income couples have placed more demands on family time because time is limited," says Mary Jane Pappas, a St. Paul, Minn., kitchen designer. "They read the mail in the kitchen, sometimes a magazine. The kids may do homework there so they can be with mom and dad while dinner is being prepared."

Families of the affluent '80s not only congregate in the kitchen, they're going all out to make that room the high-tech hearth of the home.

Remodeling is rampant. The resulting no-nonsense kitchens are anything but sterile and cold. Priorities are efficiency — both in space-planning and appliances —

and a warm, pleasant atmosphere that welcomes family and friends.

What's Hot in Kitchen Design

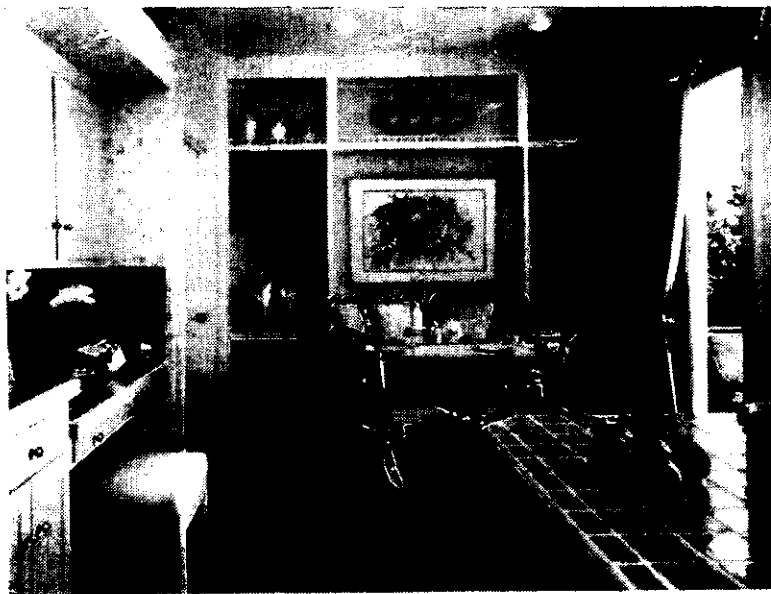
If you plan to remodel your kitchen or design a new one, keep your lifestyle in mind. Your kitchen should fit cook and caboodle like a cozy pair of loafers.

"You really have to keep in mind those people who actually use the kitchen," says Colleen Langston of Euro-American Kitchens in California.

Langston, who has been a kitchen planner for 30 years, asks clients how often they shop for groceries. "Once a day, once a week or once a month makes a difference. It affects the number, type and size of cabinets and the size of the refrigerator and freezer."

She also asks about pets. "People often don't plan their kitchens with their pets in mind, and then they find themselves tripping over a pet's food dish."

"I always tell people that they should sit down by themselves for a while and really think about how they use their kitchen," says Langston. "Then, if they come to me or any other kitchen designer, they'll have done their homework and we can plan a lot better for them."



Kitchens must be versatile work spaces these days.

Key elements of kitchen-lifestyle planning are traffic flow, location of major appliances, number of people who use the kitchen and the heights of those people. Also, functions of the room other than food preparation, how frequently it will be used, and how much storage is needed.

If there's a remodeled kitchen in your future, you probably enjoy visiting kitchen showrooms and

reading magazines that highlight home interiors. Start now to make a "dream kitchen" file of product brochures and photos from articles. Use it to show your kitchen planner what you like and want.

Lifestyle Design

What's your personal style: Country French or Sleek European? How about nostalgic art deco or simple, elegant Japanese?

Keep style in mind when you plan your kitchen remodel, but feel free to have fun with it.

"There's a warming trend in today's kitchen design, and individuality is the new byword," says *Metropolitan Home* magazine. You may want to add personal touches to your new kitchen such as architectural details or unusual utensils on hanging racks.

Many contemporary kitchens have sleeker European styling. "These are sleaker looks," says Anne Patterson, editor of *Kitchen & Bath Concepts*, a trade magazine for design professionals. "Knobs are recessed. Appliances are integrated with the cabinetry in a flush arrangement."

Kitchens with Eurostyling often include softer lines, like curved cabinetry. Low-voltage (halogen) lighting is popular. Also hot is the granite look, both real and faux, in laminates and other synthetic materials.

For kitchen colors, white is still the standard, combined with almond. Black is a strong accent in glass-fronted ovens, dishwashers and appliances of all sizes. Finishes for wood are lighter, often pickled.

Islands in the Steam

The kitchen island is one of the most desirable aspects of new kitchens — if you have room for one. Designers prefer 36 to 48 inches between an island and its opposing counters.

And don't overlook the space above the island. Use it to hang pots and pans, install cabinets or hang a hood vent for a cook-top.

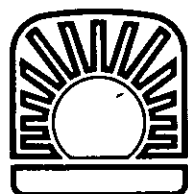
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'Smoke-Grained' Furniture

A furniture decorating technique used on painted pieces in the 19th century was called "smoke-graining."

A candle was held close to a freshly painted, tacky surface and moved in circles. The heat and soot from the candle made a smoky cloud pattern in the paint. It remained when the paint hardened.

"Smoke-grained" furniture was popular in New England in the early 1800s. Such a finish in good condition adds much to the value of a piece. (CNS)



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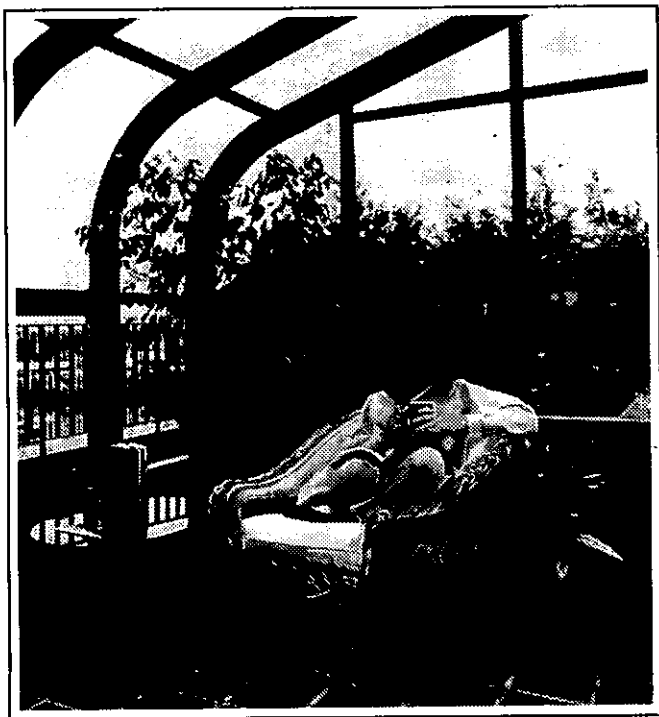
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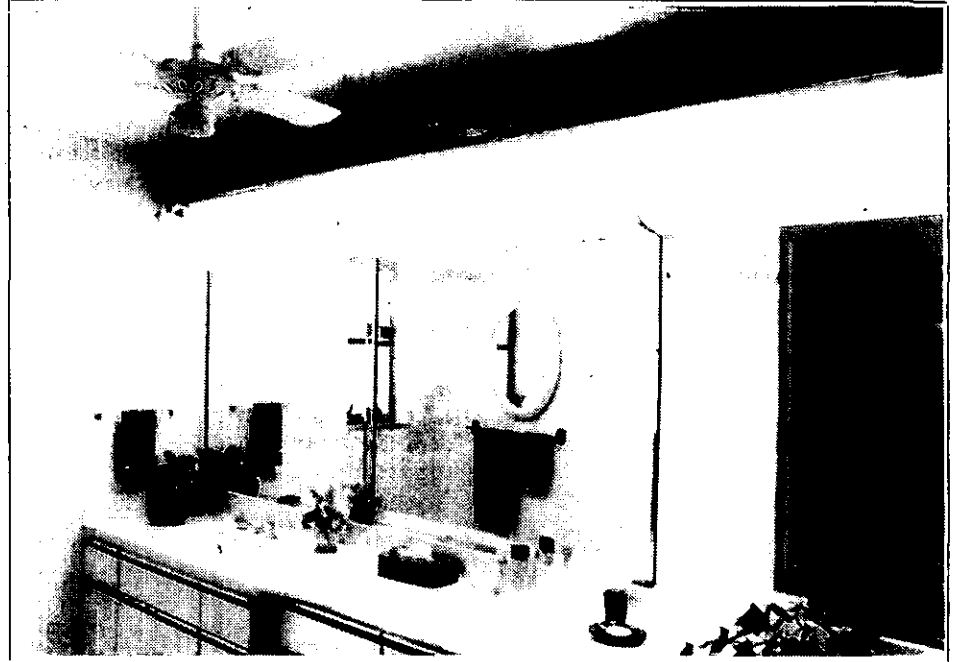
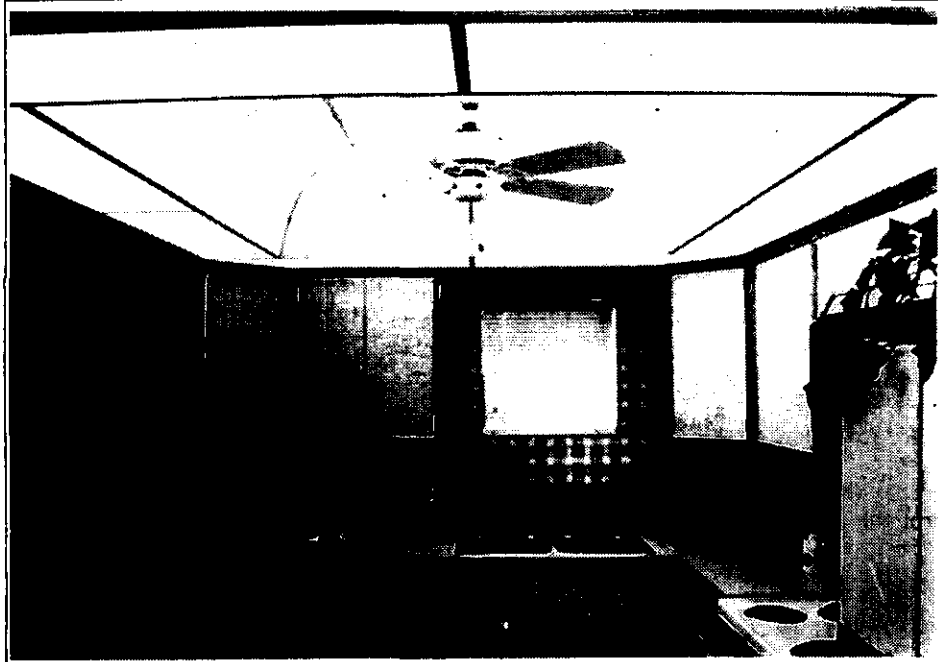


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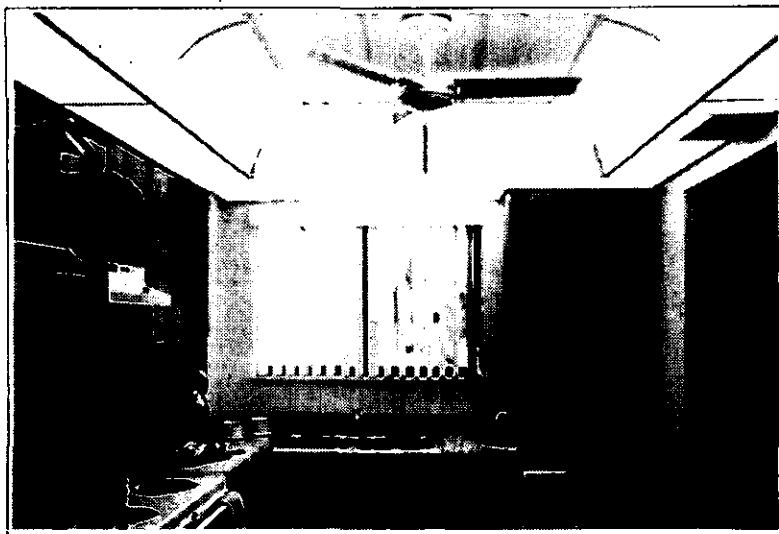
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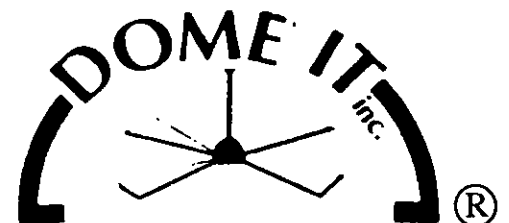
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Natural or carpeted, floors draw design raves

What to do about that scarred and scoured floor? You can take it down to bare and beautiful or you can cover it up. Both solutions have merit.

After years of being hidden under wall-to-wall carpet, hardwood floors have re-emerged in all their underfoot elegance. Now that they're back, they're even easier to maintain.

Thanks to a new interest in hardwood, companies are now producing flooring prefinished with several coats of polyurethane to make waxing obsolete.

The new hardwoods also come in a wide variety of styles, widths and colors - from chestnut parquet to bleached-white solid oak, to a wide plank, ranch-style wood with walnut pegs.

The new floor finishes make cleaning a breeze. The Oak Flooring Institute cautions that water and wood don't mix and offers a few general guidelines for keeping hardwood floors clean.

For routine cleaning, remove surface dirt with a dry mop, a slightly damp mop or a vacuum cleaner. Stains can be wiped with a damp (not wet) cloth.

Rub chewing gum, crayon

marks, candle wax or tar with ice cubes wrapped in a plastic bag. When the residue is brittle enough, scrape it off. Use cleaning fluid to loosen any substance still sticking to the floor.

Distressed wood floors that have been wire brushed to an antique, textured appearance, are particularly notorious dust-trappers. Vacuuming is the best way to remove surface dust caught in their uneven surfaces. If soil remains, sweep and re-vacuum.

If floors are scarred and worn, you may have to refinish them before they're fit to walk on. The entire process takes about five days, so plan ahead.

The first step is to replace any damaged boards with cut-to-fit strips of the same type of wood. Cracks should be filled with wood filler. Then sand off the old finish using a floor sander and edger. After the wood dust and surface dirt are removed, you're ready to apply the new finish.

Stains, paint, bleaches, penetrating sealers, varnishes and urethanes (resin finishes) are your choices. Varnishes tend to scratch and they can darken or yellow, so

if the floor is in a high-traffic area, urethane finishes are your best bet.

If refinishing seems too elaborate, you might want to consider painting your floors. Two of the hottest floor treatments being used today grew out of a need to camouflage damaged floors.

Spatter-painting a floor involves using a dark or light background color and then spattering dots of one or more contrasting colors with an almost dry brush and a bit of wire screen. The result is a special effect that can pull a room together by using the colors of individual elements.

Stenciling is popping up everywhere, from furniture to fireplaces to floors. One of the easiest painted effects to achieve, it needs only a stencil, paint, brush, ruler, and a steady hand.

For floors that are too far gone to reclaim, tiling may be the only solution. Once relegated solely to bathrooms and kitchens, tiled floors are making a comeback. Vinyl tiles now come in an array of colors and textures unheard of 15 years ago. But the trend in tile is imported.

Italian and Dutch tiles are being used to create richly textured floors that complement a wide variety of decorating schemes. Marble has become newly affordable, with the advent of smaller, less expensive tiles at \$4.25 to \$20 per square foot.

One of the drawbacks to bare floors is that walking on them tends to be noisy. In a city apartment or town house, it's almost essential to use carpeting in one or more rooms to keep the noise level down.

Comfort, warmth and a "furnished" look can be achieved with wall-to-wall carpet or room size rugs. In the past, experts have recommended against the use of carpet when easy care was a design issue, but this is no longer true.

"The introduction of stain-resistant carpets has revolutionized the manner in which carpet can be used in the home," says Michael West, a consultant to Monsanto. "Floors are now protected from most household stains."

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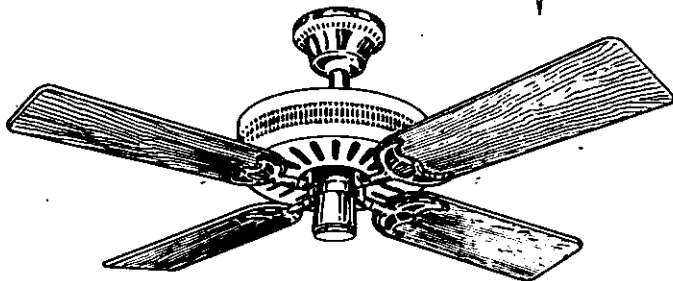
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Say hello to clerestory windows, half-rounds, portholes, oversized squares, skinny oblongs — and that's just the beginning.

"Today windows do more than just admit light and air," says interior design writer Judith Findsen.

"The right windows can increase the usability of a room without costly reconstruction. And carefully selected and properly installed windows can reduce energy loss."

A really energy-efficient window will be double (or even triple) glazed, with two or three sheets of clear glass with an airspace in between. Double glazing is the most common, and a quality window will have double-glazed glass measuring at least 1/2-inch thick overall.

Low-emissivity glass has a thin, metallic, transparent coating. The finish reduces winter heat loss and summer heat gain and filters out ultraviolet rays that fade and deteriorate drapes, carpets and furniture.

New resilient weather stripping materials — particularly rovel and thermoplastic rubber — retains its shape and effectiveness despite temperature variations.

Practical concerns aside, window options span the gamut from curtains to mini blinds. One of the newest twists in window dressing is the use of glass bricks in place of conventional windows.

Once seen only in older houses, this born-again building material is a perfect solution to lightening oddly shaped dark spaces. Equally at home as an interior design accent, glass bricks offer a maximum of privacy, eliminating the need for bulky curtains or blinds.

Greenhouse windows — a variation on the reliable old bay window — are also in vogue. Easily installed, the windows provide a little green to urban space.

Along with skylights, they are one of them most requested "ex-

tras" in new buildings. Greenhouse windows also provide a low-cost alternative to the traditional last resort of the city gardener — window boxes.

While window boxes make attractive additions to country-style dwellings, greenhouse windows can blend with many architectural styles and moods and add to the resale value of a home.

For the individualist, stained glass offers the most personal of window treatments. Look for them in antique stores that specialize in architectural cast-offs, a good source for other design remnants like cast-iron fencing and solid wood doors.

Or commission a stained-glass artist to transform a favorite design into a glowing jewel-toned window.

Whether you choose traditional colored glass or a simpler, more modern design of beveled clear glass, there are some rules in getting your money's worth in a custom-designed window. First find an artist whose work you admire. Visit crafts fairs and studios in your area to look at samples of the work.

Be prepared to give the craftsman the following information:

- The size of the window you want to build.
- The location of the window.
- How much money you are willing to spend.

A low-cost alternative to traditional stained glass is hanging a series of colored glass ornaments at different levels in the window. The effect of sunlight streaming through the colors can be just as dramatic as a Tiffany-style window, with the added benefit that the design can be changed at whim.

Sometimes the amount of sunlight coming into a window can cause problems. If your upholstery fabric or carpets are starting to fade, remember that tinted

windows aren't just for limos anymore.

The most effective kinds of window tinting are the very thin window tint and insulation films. These are best applied by professionals to avoid the inevitable air bubbles. When completed, the final result compares to tinted window glass rather than a covering applied to clear glass.

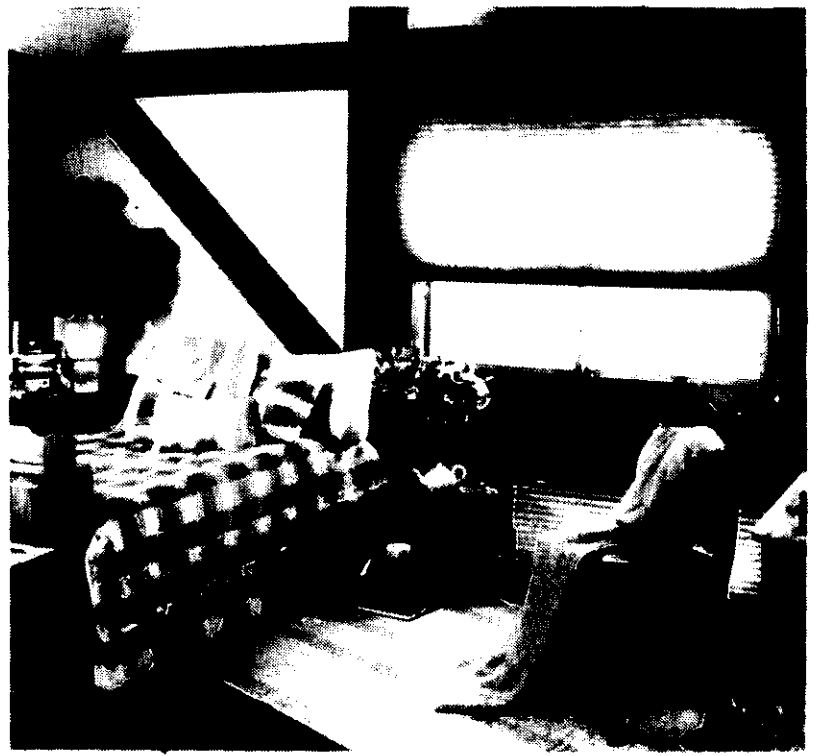
Or install exterior curtains over the outside of a window area. Whether roll-up canvas or bamboo curtains, you can let down during the heat of the day when direct sun is on that side of the house.

A vintage-style home might look nice with an old-fashioned awning. Choose among somber neutrals — dark green, slate gray or chocolate brown — or pastel coded to your decorating scheme.

For those who like to shut out their sunlight from the inside, blinds still offer the most versatile options. They're not the clunky wood and metal slats our parents used.

The invention of mini blinds opened up a whole new high tech look for windows and the new micro-minis (with slats of 1/2 inch) virtually disappear when they are opened. These slatted blinds have long been available in a wide range of decorator colors, but the newest look is graduated color and textured designs.

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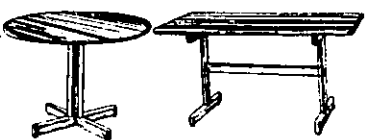
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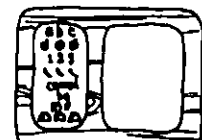
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The backyard pool used to be the ultimate status symbol, right up there with a Rolls-Royce in the garage and a Rolex on the wrist. But a funny thing has happened to this one-time luxury. The fitness fad became a lifestyle and suddenly, owning a pool became just one more way to keep in shape.

The pool and spa industry now exceeds \$5 billion in sales yearly. More than 4 million pools — traditional and lap — exist in the United States. That's a lot of chlorinated water.

If space or expense is a factor in your pool planning, consider a lap pool. Usually about 40 feet long and one-lane (about 5 feet) wide, lap pools are about half the cost of traditional pools. They are easier

to maintain than larger pools and can be constructed in side yards or long, narrow back yards that are too small for regular pools.

A sloping back yard can be terraced and used as a setting for a graduated series of pools, wading pools and spas. Plantings of water-loving flowers and greenery can enhance a pool's setting.

The traditional-shaped pools (rectangular, round, kidney and figure-eight) are still used where space is available. The most frequent request, however, is for the free-form look.

Born of necessity and odd-shaped spaces, the free-form pool can transform an ordinary back yard into a secluded grotto. Using native stone to pave the patio and

walkways around the pool emphasizes the dramatic effect. Using dark blue for the bottom rather than the traditional light blue adds to the mysterious quality of the pool while cutting down on heating costs.

One disadvantage to using either a design on the bottom or a dark color is that a swimmer in distress won't show up as quickly as one against a light blue background. If there are children or poor swimmers in your household, it's something to consider.

The old "bath house" idea has been revived with the increased use of such enclosed and semi-enclosed structures as pool houses and gazebos. These go far beyond the cabanas of the '50s, and can be used year-round. Decks have expanded to wrap around the pool, but they also flow into entire backyard entertainment complexes.

Wood is the overwhelming choice for such decking detail and it's easier on bare feet than brick, concrete or ceramic tile. If you do choose tile for a special effect, remember that slick, wet tile can be lethally slippery, particularly if there are young children around who never walk when they can run.

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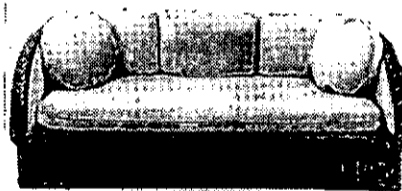
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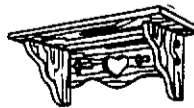
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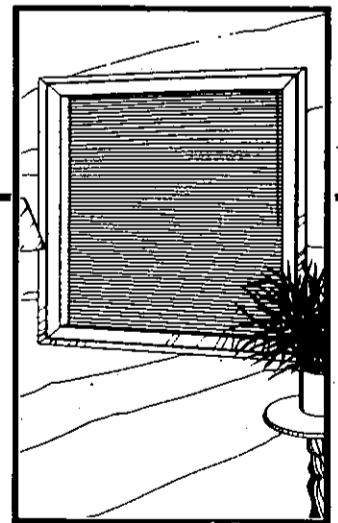
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Pool floors can be installed on interior pools to make swimming spaces do double duty. And, where climate permits, a pool can be integrated into an indoor/outdoor arrangement.

For those who like to listen to water music but aren't physically inclined, the water garden is an old-fashioned lily pond gone up-town. Like regular pools, ponds can be constructed with concrete (the most expensive), fiberglass or vinyl liners. Shallow ponds can even be improvised using a child's blow-up wading pool.

A traditional pool can cost upward of \$30,000, but real estate agents agree that adding a pool or spa will add value to a home. Properly designed, it can enhance the beauty of a home the way a setting enhances the beauty of a gem.

But what's a pool without accessories? Add a slide, a fish fountain, or go for something less permanent.

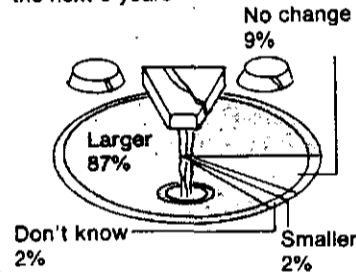
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The home spa was born.

The first place the new spas showed up was in the bathroom. Jacuzzi-jets became available for tub installation, turning ordinary baths into whirlpools. In new condominiums and luxury apartments, spa-equipped bathrooms became standard amenities.

From that humble beginning, spa fixtures began to take over until it became possible to build elaborate gym-bath complexes featuring such things as steam cabinets and pre-fabricated saunas.

Some supremely water-conscious types even added such items as isolation tanks — with their super-saturated saline baths — and aromatherapy and botanical baths to their water closet wonderlands.

Spas were ideal because they could be built anywhere indoors, so long as the floor would support the extra weight.

But it took the invention of the all-wood "California hot tub" to get people out of the bathroom and into the backyard. Freestanding wooden tubs have been in use for centuries in Asia, but it took the Western world a little longer to catch on to the benefits of a long, luxurious soak.

Today hydrotherapy spas and hot tubs account for a major portion of the billion-dollar pool industry.

Like pools, they have evolved in style, becoming more elaborate and refined. It's not uncommon to see pool/spa combinations that feature such whimsical additions as waterfalls, flower-draped decks and fountains.

Outdoor spas can be connected into indoor living spaces with the use of decking material. Antique

tiles can be salvaged from stores and building sites to give a spa a classical look. A more modern dwelling might require concrete or brick to finish off the look.

The most popular spa size is 6 to 7 feet in diameter and 3 feet deep, which makes it perfect for city dwellers where space is at a premium.

If your lifestyle is a mobile one, you might consider a portable spa rather than an "in-ground," permanent one. In addition to being less expensive (by about \$2000), portables offer flexibility. You can move them from indoors to outdoors or from one location to another.

Among the questions you need to ask when considering a spa purchase are:

■ Where will it go? There are advantages to both indoor and outdoor designs. You'll need to check building code restrictions before installation, and that may affect your final decision. One advantage to indoor spas is that they can be enhanced with special infrared and ultraviolet sun lamps for winter use.

One compromise to the in/out question is solved by placing the spa in a solarium or other semi-open structure. Customized, pre-

fab rooms are available from a variety of sources. Greenhouses have been adapted to this use.

■ How many people will use the spa? Portable spas come with as many amenities as permanent spas, and can seat up to eight people.

■ Where will the jets go? Consider the areas of maximum muscle tension — neck, shoulders, leg muscles. If the spa will be used by a family, consider multilevel seating so that mother, father and

children will be equally comfortable.

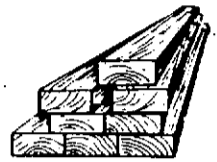
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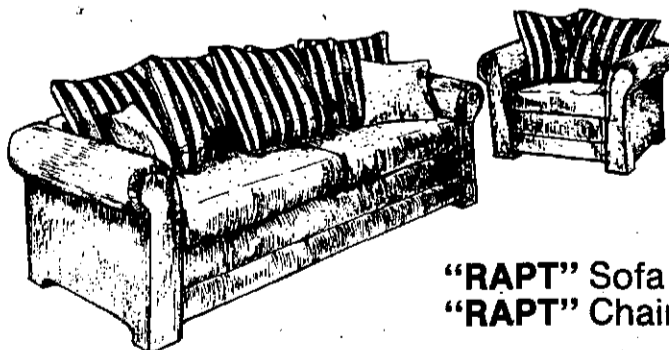


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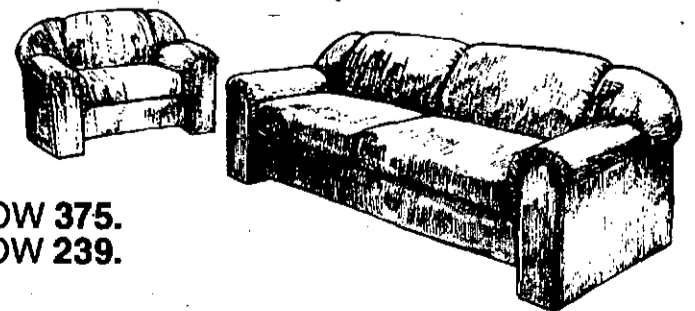
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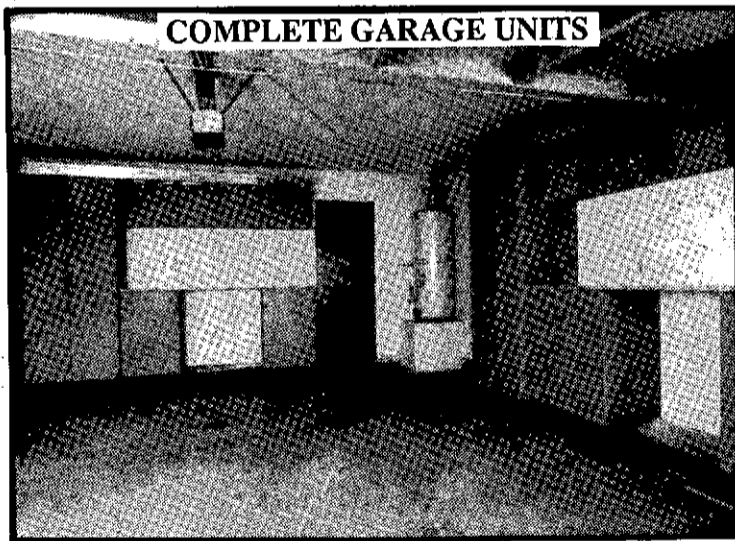
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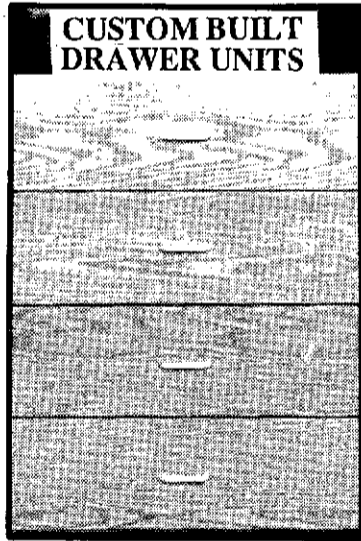
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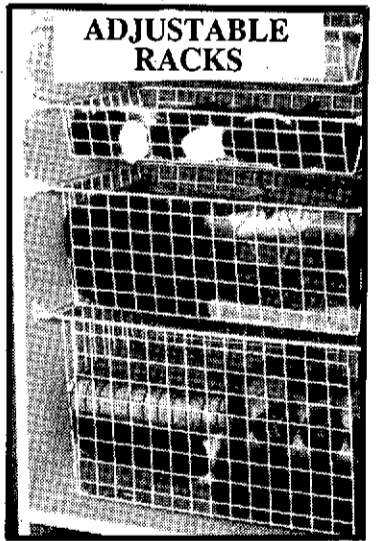


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was one of 180 applying for grant funds, and one of 62 receiving them.

BC Assistant Superintendent Briggs McAndrews, who helped to spearhead the grant application, said the project is one of the few in the state that brings together the school district and the community.

"I think it's got a lot of promise," McAndrews said.

The prevention angle for substance abuse was started about eight years ago by high school Principal Charles Gunner. McAndrews said the grant was applied for because of that long-standing effort and because of community concern.

Iseman said she is very interested in the prevention angle because most of her work before has been in treatment.

"A lot of money is being put into prevention," she said, but just what works is not known yet. "It's realized that pouring money into treatment is not the answer," she said.

To start her work, Iseman said, some evaluation is needed to determine what messages about substance abuse are being given and how consistent they are. The messages will be evaluated again

at the end of the year to see if they have changed.

A kick-off dinner will be held in April, and she said a number of community people will be invited to let them know of the program and to enlist their help.

The project will also train some people in the community to help identify high risk or troubled youths, and to work with them in consistent ways.

As another aspect of the program, Iseman said, she hopes to work with the elementary schools to help teachers and staff identify children of alcoholics as a way of explaining behavior problems.

The schools have programs in the health curriculum about substance use and abuse that stress information and decision-making skills. All of that is good, Iseman said, but research has shown that just giving information about substances is not enough to help children make decisions later on.

Therefore, the project will be using the "public health model" to look at all three angles — the agent (the substance), the host (the person), and the environment (the town, which is the focus of the project). If children and teenagers can get consistent messages in the town, she said, it is hoped that those messages will be more effective.

"We really haven't done anything

Police stop 3 on DWI charges

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested three drivers on the misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated this week.

Police said they arrested a 39-year-old Berne woman Monday morning on Rt. 85 after stopping her for speeding. A 42-year-old Glenmont man was charged with DWI after police stopped him on Rt. 9W Saturday night, police said.

Police said they arrested a 22-year-old man Saturday after they found the car he was driving off the road on Krumkill Rd.

like that in this town," she said.

While the focus will be on the environment, children and teenagers will have a role to play in the project. A contest will be held late in the spring for a logo and a theme, and she said the project hopes to get a lot of exposure so that awareness of the project's work is high.

The project also hopes to set up student advisory groups or use those now in existence. Iseman said she isn't sure yet how the groups will be used, but is convinced that students do influence other students.

Even though the grant was only written for one year, with the possibility of continued funding, McAndrews said it is hoped that some of the project's work — the networks, the student advisory groups, the theme and the logo — will continue so there is a feeling that everyone in the community is interested and all are working against substance use.

Iseman works with the steering committee of school and community people who are overseeing the distribution of the grant, plus two subcommittees on the April dinner and the community evaluation. She has her office in donated space at Brownell Insurance at 355 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Iseman said she is still looking for people who are willing to help out with the project, especially with the April dinner, and those interested can call her at 439-7740.

Iseman has a master's in social work from the State University at Albany, and she is a credentialed alcoholism counselor. Before coming to Bethlehem she worked in the alcohol abuse unit of the Greene County Mental Health Clinic in Cairo, in Ellis Hospital's Alcoholism Day Treatment Program and she was the clinical director of the Troy Alcoholism Center of Rensselaer County.

She is on the board of The Next Step, a recovery home for alcoholic women in Albany, and she teaches the drinking-driving program through the state Department of Motor Vehicles.



Delmar area church members attend an evangelism workshop at Bethlehem Lutheran Church recently, led by Rev. Paul Liersemann of Carrollton, Texas. Also coordinating the Feb. 5 and 6 workshop were Rev. David Nuss, center, assistant pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran, and Judy Nestlen, chairman of the church's Board of Evangelism.

Exercise, swim programs for kids

Five spring programs of exercise and aquatic activities for youngsters will be accepting registrations starting Monday, Feb. 29, at Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department, according to David Austin, the department's administrator.

The exercise programs are: "Mom or Daddy and Me" for ages 2 and 3; "Come, Fly With Me" for ages 4 and 5 only; and "Fun with Dad" for age 3 only.

The aquatic schedules are: "Tiny Tot Swim" for ages 4, 5, and 6 only, and "Youth Stroke Improvement" for ages 7 and older.

Registration may be made by calling the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department at 439-4131 or 439-4360. The Department is located at the Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

Pistol, safe stolen

A .22 caliber pistol and a safe with \$600 were reported stolen Friday from a Henry Ave. home,

Bethlehem police said.

The weapon was a "Lightning", five-inch bull barrel automatic pistol worth \$250 police said. Also stolen from the apartment was a safe and \$600, police said. Police said the apartment was broken into while the owner was in the hospital last month.

Six window panes broken at school

Six windows were shot out of the Elsmere Elementary School last Tuesday, Bethlehem police said. The double-pane windows worth over \$700 were all located near the rear of the building and were shot out with either a BB or pellet gun, police said.

Police said the incident is still under investigation.

Cabaret talent night

The VFW Post 3185 will sponsor a cabaret/talent night on Feb. 27, beginning at 9 p.m. The Post is located at 404 Delaware Ave. There will be a \$3 donation charge. For more information, call 475-3083.



Mark Bryant

Financial planner will speak on inflation

Mark Bryant, of Bryant Asset Protection, will be the speaker at the next Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Feb. 26 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Albany Motor Inn.

Bryant is a certified financial planner and a registered investment advisor, concentrating on small business owners. The focus of his presentation will be on inflation and its effects on retirement and tax free and tax advantaged investments.

Members and non-members are welcome at the cost of \$6. For reservations call the chamber.

DWI without license brings felony charge

Bethlehem police reported arresting Stephen A. Pratt, 27, of Rensselaer, Friday on a felony charge of driving while intoxicated after he allegedly operated a vehicle while his license was revoked and while intoxicated.

Police said he was arrested at the Delmar home of his former girlfriend after he refused to leave the residence.

He was released on an appearance ticket, and given March 1 court date.



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Selkirk auxiliary dinner

The ladies auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Company No. 3 in South Bethlehem will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 5. Servings will be continuous from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the fire house.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. There is no charge for children under three years of age.

RCS talent show

A talent show will be staged at the RCS Senior High School auditorium March 12 starting at 7:30 p.m. Trophies will be awarded in a variety of areas including dance, vocals, and novelty acts. For additional information call 767-3470 or 767-2152.

After school program

The after school program for elementary students won formal approval from the RCS Board of Education during the Board meeting on Feb. 16. Parents interested in having their children participate should fill out an application which will be sent to them in the Chalkboard.

Grange dinner planned

The Bethlehem Grange at Beckers Corners will be serving a roast beef dinner March 5 from 5 p.m. through 7 p.m. A bake sale and a "This and that sale" will be going on at the same time. Stop by for some fine fare.

PTA programs set

News from the A.W. Becker PTA includes a series of potluck dinners beginning with second graders and families on Feb. 29, the fifth grade March 18 and the first grade on April 6.

Dan Butterworth and his marionettes will be performing March 18 featuring mime, masks and modern dance with a wide variety of music from around the world. The puppets will perform on stage, in the air and in the audience.

The next meeting of the PTA will be Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. Child care is provided to those attending.

Selkirk Fire Police dinner

The Selkirk Fire Police announce their Roast Beef Dinner to be held March 10 at the firehouse in Glenmont. Beginning at 6:30, adults can enjoy a meal for \$6 and children for \$3. For ticket information call 767-3407, 767-2000, 767-2380 or 767-9037. The public is invited to attend and support the Fire Police.

'Free the D.J.' for Girl Scouts

Radio personality Steve Van Zandt of WTRY will be "imprisoned" by hundreds of boxes of Girl Scout Cookies at the Northway Mall on Saturday, Feb. 27, in an effort to get mall shoppers to buy the cookies to release him.

The event is planned during the remaining two weeks of the annual cookie sale by the Girl Scouts.

"Free the D.J." is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m., and will be located near the Fashion Footwear entrance to the mall on Rt. 5 in Colonie.

Disabled veterans can get special plates

The state Department of Motor Vehicles has begun to issue special license plates to disabled veterans. The new plates are available to any person who has a service-related disability, which qualifies them as a "severely disabled person" under state Vehicle and Traffic Law.

The disabled veterans plates will also display the international handicap symbol to allow access to reserved parking spaces.

Disabled veterans interested in obtaining the new plates should call 1-800-522-2034.



On hand for a check presentation to the Ronald McDonald House are, from left, James Linnan, president of Ronald McDonald House; Deborah Ross, manager of the facility; Dan Formica, owner and operator of McDonald's of Delmar and Ravena; Dave Wurthman, manager, McDonald's of Delmar;

Gina Schmitt, manager, McDonald's of Ravena; and Joyce McCann, community relations representative for both restaurants. Capital District McDonald's recently raised \$25,000 for the residence for families of seriously ill children.

After school program ready

By Sal Prividera

The process of establishing an after-school program in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District is proceeding smoothly with the program expected to be in place next fall.

Rick Amico, a board of directors member, presented the RCS Board of Education with an update on the after-school program last week.

The program, tentatively called Creative Horizons pending state approval of the name, will accommodate 35 to 40 students at two sites, the Becker and Coeymans elementary schools, said Amico. Students at the Ravena Elementary School will be transported to one of the program sites.

Creative Horizons will begin at 3:15 p.m. and end promptly at 5:30 p.m. "We will make sure the children are out at 5:30," Amico said. Various activities, spread out over six 30-minute periods, are planned for the children. Included in the program time will be large and small groups activities, free play time and homework time, he said.

The selection criteria for children whose parents wish to enroll them in the program have not been decided upon yet, said Amico. "We have no firm thoughts on how the selections will be made," he said. However, he added that the program would only be open to children in the RCS district and would emphasize

low income, "latchkey" and single parent children.

Applications for the program will be mailed with February's *Chalkboard* with a return deadline of April 1, said Amico. Parents would be notified by May 15 and the school district supplied with a list of the students by June, he said.

Creative Horizons has by-laws "in working position" and is in the process of incorporation and acquiring insurance, he said. RCS recommended coverage of \$50,000 per incident, but the insurance carriers have recommended \$1 million per incident coverage, Amico said.

The program is also in the contract process with the school district for use of rooms and what the district will supply, said Rodger Lewis, RCS business administrator.

In other business, the school board approved an increase in the real property tax exemption for persons age 65 or older. The approval was required since towns that the RCS district is part of have adopted a new sliding scale for determining exemption, Lewis said. The Town of Bethlehem adopted the new exemption limits last year.

Under the new scale, those earning up to \$12,025 can receive a 50 percent exemption on their taxes and those earning the maximum of \$15,025 are eligible

for a 20 percent exemption, he said. Lewis added that the exemption for school taxes is only valid in towns that have adopted the scale and that the application deadline is March 1. Applications are made through the town assessors office, he said.

ACS benefit show

A Miniatures Show and Sale to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Empire State Convention Center, Albany. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information, call 438-7841.

Garden show volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to work at a garden show being put on by Wildwood Programs of the Capital District March 18 to 20 at the New Scotland Ave. Armory in Albany.

The volunteers are needed for the three days from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 1 to 3 p.m. They will be hosts or hostesses, selling tickets and flowers, aiding exhibitors and vendors and sitting in the information booth. Wildwood Programs, which operates a group home in Bethlehem, hopes to have 100 volunteers so at least 20 people are present at the show at all times.

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Program on newspaper use

The Voorheesville PTSA will meet Tuesday, Mar. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. This month's program, entitled "Newspapers in Education" will be presented by Capital Newspapers. Intended to show parents how to help their children get the most out of newspapers, the presentation will involve tips to use with all grade levels. All are welcome.

Student poet honored

Congratulations go out to James Coffin, a third grade student at the Voorheesville Elementary School. The son of Jim and Betty Coffin, James is a student in Sue Meade's class. He placed in the top twelve in the 1987 PTSA statewide arts contest. His poem garnered him a certificate of merit in the "Reflections" contest, which received over 12,500 entries. The poem will be printed along with other winning entries in the upcoming issue of PTSA magazine.

Archeology presentation

The New Scotland Historical Association will meet Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old New Salem Schoolhouse. Philip Lord, senior scientist in archeology at the New York State Museum, will offer a slide presentation entitled "Mills on the Tsatawassa". Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome to attend.

Elks auxiliary dance

The Ladies Auxiliary of the New Scotland Elks Lodge No. 2611 will be hosting its "Little Bit of Country" Dance on Saturday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 9 p.m. until midnight by Ray Jones. Due to limited space tickets must be purchased by March 9.

Theater series continues

Theater Fun for Young People will sponsor the third in its series of in-school programming this week when students at the grade school welcome "Stromberg and Cooper". The innovative duo will introduce the students to the candlelights of mummery, the art of presenting in front of an audience, when they appear at the school on Friday, Feb. 25.

Those wishing to learn more about the program or Theatre Fun, which is a non-profit organization, may contact co-coordinators Mary Jackstadt at 765-4328 or Joyce Schreiber at 765-2210.

Quintet back in town

Billy Montana and the Longshots, Voorheesville's famous country quintet, just returned from appearing at the Champagne Room in Baltimore, Md., where they also appeared in a benefit concert for the Arthritis Foundation on Feb. 19.

The group, under contract to Warner Brothers, finished 1987 on a high note when their single "Baby I Was Leaving Anyhow" was listed as the local music single of the year in Metroland Magazine.

Registration still open

Although many of the courses offered by the Continuing Education Program in the Voorheesville Central School District will begin this week, there is still time to sign up for a variety of later courses and mini-courses offered during the next few weeks.

On Tuesday, March 1, a representative from Jeffer's Nursery will present a one night course on house plants from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school. Other courses offered on gardening include: fruit and berry growing, March 8, home lawn care, March 15, general landscaping, March 22, and pruning shrubs and trees, March 29. Cost of each session is \$5.

Those getting a jump on their tax returns may want to attend "A Review of the New Tax Laws" offered Wednesday (today) by Peter Luczak.

Next week Ken Hammond of K and B Stained Glass will offer basics in stained glass on Wednesday.

For more information on any of these classes, call 765-3314.

Kiwanis sports registration

A reminder that registration for the Kiwanis baseball and softball programs will begin this Saturday, Feb. 27, and run through the following Saturday at the elementary school. Saturday registration will be held from 9 a.m.

until 11:30 a.m. and evening sign-ups will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. A registration fee of \$9 is payable at registration time. The baseball programs are offered to girls and boys from grades 2 through 7 and softball programs for those ages 5 through 8.

Babe Ruth league dates

The Voorheesville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for its program on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Village Hall. There is a \$15 registration fee for the program open to boys between 13 and 15. Those wanting more information may contact officers John Carmody at 765-4076, Bill Logan at 765-4274 and Bill Hotaling at 765-2033.

Bible study at churches

Area churches will be hosting Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study on March 2 and 9. With the topic "Disciples," Rev. Mary Ann Wierks of the Delmar Reformed Church will be at the Delmar United Methodist Church March 2. Richard Hibbert of the Voorheesville United Methodist Church will be at the Bethlehem Community Church March 9. Registration and coffee hour will be at 9:30 a.m. and the bible study at 10 a.m. At each of these bible studies a freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses, with excess monies going to "True Friends," an advocacy group supporting people who need a compassionate friend to guide them to needed help. For more information, call 439-9249.

Some bridge repairs planned by county

By Patricia Mitchell

Albany County plans to make some repairs in order to reopen the Plank Rd. bridge by fall, and New Scotland officials have received a petition to reopen another closed bridge on Cass Hill Rd.

Those two bridges in the Town of New Scotland have been closed by the state because of state and federal regulations that any bridge posted for two tons should be closed. The Wolf Hill Rd. bridge is threatened with closing for the same reason.

The Onesquethaw Creek Rd. bridge is also awaiting a permanent bridge.

Supervisor Herbert Reilly, Town Attorney Fred Riester and County Engineer Paul Cooney met Friday to discuss New Scotland's bridges. The Plank Rd. and Onesquethaw Creek Rd. bridges are county-maintained bridges, Reilly said, and he said after the meeting that their are plans to do some work on the Plank Rd. structure by the fall.

The town is waiting for more engineer reports on the Onesquethaw Creek Rd. bridge because one abutment was found to be not on solid ground. The town and the county are working on replacing the temporary bridge with a structure designed in keeping with the historic nature of the area.

Reilly said he has just received

a petition from residents to reopen the Cass Hill Rd. bridge. The town is waiting for an engineer's report on repairing the structure, which is a town responsibility, but he thinks the road could bypass the bridge and go out to Rt. 443 a different way.

The Wolf Hill Rd. bridge is also threatened to be closed because of its two-ton weight limit, but town officials are keeping it open for convenience.

Radon protection will be explained

"Radon — What About Your Home" will be held at the William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany Shaker Rd., Albany, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. Topics to be covered include what radon is, how radon enters the home, reducing radon levels, and testing for radon. Sponsored by Cooperative Extension of Albany County, the program will be presented by Joe Laquatra, Design and Environmental Analysis Department, Cornell University, and Lawrence Keefe, Radon Program Coordinator, The Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection of the Department of Health.

There is no charge for the program but a minimal fee will be charged for educational materials. Pre-registration is required. Call Cooperative Extension at 765-3550 for more information.



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Eagles win a thriller, Albany next

By Lisa D'Ambrosi

The game was spine-tingling, breath-taking, nail-biting. In the matchup between the Bethlehem Central boys varsity basketball team and the Brothers of CBA Saturday, Bethlehem did unto CBA what they have been doing unto others for years.

As a result, BC goes on to the second round of Sectional play, facing mighty Albany High Thursday at Shaker.

For the Eagles' 6-8 senior center Todd Wright, this game was an important one. Wright, an ex-brother, had transferred to Bethlehem his junior year and was playing against his former teammates. Wright hit a career-high 33 points with 17 rebounds, and basically won the game for BC.

Bethlehem came out fighting in the first quarter, scoring the first 2 points of the game and then established a lead of 19-6. The Brothers had started the game utilizing a 1-2-2 zone formation, but then switched to a man-to-man defense which stunned the Eagles and narrowed the score to 20-18 with six minutes to go in the second quarter. Bethlehem found CBA's quickness considerably harder to counter as the score fluctuated late in the second quarter, with BC maintaining pretty much a two point lead.

The Eagles seemed to realize their problem at this point and outfoxed the Brothers by establishing a 39-30 lead by halftime.

BC squeaked through the third quarter while the Brothers struck hard at Wright and pressed equally as hard on defense. By the

end of the third, the score was 60-50, Bethlehem.

In the fourth quarter, things got serious, and with five minutes and 29 seconds to go, CBA crept up on the Eagles and achieved the first tie of the game, 60-60.

John Peyrebrune maintained his poise and hit for two from the foul line. These were crucial free throws, as were the foul shots from Paul Currin with under three minutes to go.

With one minute and 35 seconds remaining, the score was 70-64. CBA attacked the ball tenaciously, holding Bethlehem at 72 points as they came within



With a 10 point lead over the "Brothers," Bethlehem's Todd Wright, number 54, slams home a dunk. *R.H. Davis*

two. Bethlehem practically gave CBA the basket as they were unable to get the ball over the half court line in ten seconds. CBA squandered five opportunities which could have tied the game up.

By now, both teams were playing at full court pressure. The game then went completely haywire. Bethlehem regained the ball when Wright was fouled in the act of shooting, but he failed to hit both foul shots. With seven seconds to go, CBA's Jason Brown

got the rebound off of BC's Jim Blendell and called for a time out.

The crowd was on their feet for the final seconds of the game as Tyrone Seabrooks last eight-foot jumper fell off the rim at the buzzer.

The final score was 72-70 Bethlehem.

Baird in Syracuse for swim championships

Justin Baird, a 16-year-old Bethlehem Central varsity swimmer, was a competitor in the Region 1 Swim Championships held in Syracuse last weekend.

The Region 1 Championship consisted primarily of swimmers attempting to qualify for the Olympics, Junior Nationals and Senior Nationals.

Baird placed second in the bonus finals, a 50-yard freestyle, at 22.82; fourth in the consolation finals, a 100-yard freestyle, at 49.35; fifth in the consolation finals, a 200-yard freestyle, at 146.65; and fifth in the consolation finals, a 500-yard freestyle, at 454.95.

Leap year sports dance

The fourth annual RCS Sports Association Leap Year Dance will take place on Feb. 27 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ravena. Music will be by "Vic Trolia" and there will be a raffle drawing. Tickets are \$8 per person and may be obtained at the door or by calling 756-2814 or 767-2331.

Birds end poor season

By Rick Leach

A disappointing, almost nightmarish season came to an end for the Voorheesville boy's basketball team on Saturday, as they fell at Catskill, 80-56 in the first round of the Class CC Sectionals. It ended a year of frustration and hardship both on and off the court. It also came after one of the Bird's best performances of the year, a win over Albany Academy.

The Academy game was held on Tuesday night at Voorheesville. The Birds were looking to avenge an 84-80 setback from three days before to the league cellar dwellers. It was the last home game for senior front court men Gardner Foster, Joe Harding and Marty Gordineer, and they played with fire in their eyes. The game was close throughout the first three quarters, but the Blackbirds widened the margin to 13 in the fourth quarter and held on for the victory. Foster and Harding had 23 and 22 points, respectively, while Gordineer added 18. "Joe played a tremendous game", coach Bob Crandall said. He also added that "Gardner Foster's last four or five games were as well played as we've had anyone play all year".

This gave Voorheesville some confidence heading into the sectional game against Catskill. The Birds were even at the end of one period and ahead by a 32-31 score at halftime. The Cats outscored the Blackbirds 17-12 in the third period and clung to a 48-44 advantage. That is when the roof caved in for the visitors, as they were out scored 32-12 in the final eight minutes and eventually were blown out. That final quarter sort of epitomized a year of frustration for Voorheesville.

Crandall said that he was proud of the way the "seniors never gave up," and "held their heads high" despite a 7-14 record.

"There were a lot of external things going on that had nothing to do with the kids but it put a lot of pressure on them, and this was unfair," the coach added. Next year the Birds will be relying on six returning juniors who all showed flashes of brilliance this season. These players are Derek Moak, Ken Andriano, Orin Colfer, Kevin Davis, Dave Larabee and 6 foot 5 Craig Laprski, who had ten points against Catskill. These players will try to regain the form of their 18-2 jayvee season as sophomores.

Tomboys set registration

The Bethlehem Tomboys will conduct registration on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Public Library. For more information, call 439-6362.

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Anita Kaplan, number 50, goes up for a shot over the heads of the Guilderland players. *Dave Pierce*

Guilderland bumps BC from Sectionals

By Bill Dixon

The season's end came quickly and painfully to the Bethlehem girl's basketball team as they lost in the first round of Sectionals to Guilderland last week.

The game's first quarter started out slightly to Guilderland's favor. Though Eagle forwards Julie Francis and Anita Kaplan, both of whom finished the season with over 300 points in 18 games, came out strongly, Guilderland's defense was ready for both of them. Using no less than four alternating guards to cover Kaplan, the home defense would keep the BC sophomore to 14 points for the game, a total well below Kaplan's average. But four on one must have seemed to Guilderland as over doing it somewhat as the team later switched to a more conservative pattern that used a sort of triangular formation that was able to partially guard both Francis and Kaplan. Bethlehem's offense was not entirely able to rise to the challenge. The quarter ended 12-5 with Guilderland in the lead.

The Eagle's weakness up court was to continue throughout the rest of the first half. After Nancy Frattura left the game because of injury, it was up to Kaplan and Francis to carry the teams offensive efforts.

"We were pretty tight early on. But we had to get help from some other people (other than Francis and Kaplan), but the ball just wasn't falling right for anyone else," said Coach Gene Lewis of the first half.

"Nancy was doing fairly well, but after she fell and hurt her knee, well, she wanted to go back out, but I was a little concerned."

And so Bethlehem would have

to look elsewhere for its offensive support. Meanwhile Guilderland was beginning to get itself together to extend its lead over the Eagles. The score at the half stood with BC behind 13 points.

If ever there was a good time for a rally from the Eagles, the third quarter would be it. Thirteen points would almost be too much of a gap to expect any team to close, especially when the team is pitted against as an offense as strong as the one led by Chris Ferris of Guilderland. Still, the effort was made. The Eagles scored first in the period, and although Guilderland responded BC's new found momentum persisted, even into the fourth quarter.

"We rattled them pretty well," said Lewis.

Going into their last quarter no better off than they were going into the third, the Eagles high morale may have puzzled the home team. Maybe that's why Bethlehem was able at one point during the quarter to squeeze the point spread down to eight. But it wouldn't be enough. The game ended with Guilderland ahead 54-43.

"I think we had a good game. We kept our defense up and Anita and Julie both played very well," said Lewis.

"Next season we'll have a lot of experience coming back and I think we'll definitely be up with the leaders."

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Saba, Mosley win trip to Syracuse, state finals

By John Bellizzi

After consistently proving themselves against virtually any opponent Section II could throw at them, two Bethlehem Central wrestlers will be testing their skills against the other top wrestlers in the state in the New York State wrestling finals next weekend.

Chris Saba and Mike Mosley, both seniors, earned themselves a trip to Syracuse by winning their weight classes in the Section II Final interclass tournament last weekend at the RPI Field House. Bethlehem's finish was matched by only two other schools in the section, Burnt Hills and Salem.

This will be Saba's second trip to the states. A five-year varsity starter, Saba was the Section II champion at 91 pounds his freshman year. Undeclared so far this season, Saba has accumulated 35 wins. His career varsity record is 149-23-2, placing him fifth on the all-time list of the most individual victories in Section II.

In the 132-pound finals at RPI last Saturday evening, Saba found himself up against 29-4 Gary Arzberger of Shenendehowa, whom he had defeated in the finals at the Class A's and the Suburban Council Invitational the previous two weekends. In the Class A Sectionals held at BC a week earlier, Saba defeated Arzberger in a thrilling 2-1 match. The finals at RPI were even more exciting.

Wrestling

Saba earned two points with a takedown in the first period, maintaining his 2-0 lead for five and a half minutes. With thirty seconds left and Saba on the bottom, Arzberger received a penalty point for stalling on the part of Saba. Before the match was over, Saba was penalized another stalling point, resulting in a 2-2 tie at the end of the third period. But Saba's superior conditioning gave him the edge over Arzberger in overtime, resulting in a 5-0 shutout.

So far this season, Mosley has accumulated a 30-3 record, and claimed tournament championships at Oxford, Saratoga, Suburban Councils, Class A's and Section II.

One of Mosley's three losses came to Jamie Passer of Burnt Hills in a recent dual meet, but in his last two tournaments, Mosley has earned retribution by soundly defeating Passer. Saturday evening at the RPI field house, Mosley met Passer again in the 167 pound finals to determine who would represent Section II at Syracuse. Mosley proved to be the better candidate for the spot with an 8-0 decision.

Bethlehem Central, led by Coaches Rick Poplaski, John DeMeo, Craig Walker and Bob

Anderson, was represented by nine wrestlers at RPI. Saba, Mosley and Steve Guynup won their spots the previous Saturday, when they were named champions in their weight classes at the Class A Sectionals. After the consolation rounds were completed last Monday at Burnt Hills, four more Eagles were guaranteed places at RPI: Pat Leamy at 105 and John Gallogly at 138, both juniors and both coming in third; along with Jim Hoffman at 177 and Tom Nyilis at 126, seniors who took fourth place. Also, BC's 112 and 119-pounders, among the five Eagles who placed fifth and were available as alternates, were selected to compete at RPI. Eleventh graders Mike Leamy and Eric Brown were placed into the brackets to fill gaps caused by absences or overweight competitors.

Most of BC's matmen were eliminated in the early rounds, but three stayed on to place in the tournament. BC's two first seeds, Saba and Mosley, won, while Guynup, wrestling significantly above his weight, lost a close match in the semifinal round to finish third.

To celebrate the end of a fine season, the wrestlers will hold their eleventh annual awards banquet Saturday evening.

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RCS has first mat champ

BY Josh Curley

For the first time in history, Ravena has produced a champion in the Section II Tournament. 215 pound senior Tim Baranska accomplished this feat by scoring a technical fall over Tom Rehberg in less than two periods Saturday night.

Baranska easily pinned Salem's John Campbell in the first round to start his drive to the finals. In the second round, Baranska faced Suburban Council Champion Alan Gordon of Shaker. Tim again was victorious, this time by a score of 7-2.

Advancing to the semi-finals, Baranska found himself in a tight spot when he fell to 5-2 behind last year's Section IX champion Mark Paskerello.

A take down followed by a reversal got Tim out of trouble, squeaking passed Paskerello 6-5. Baranska then won the Section II 215 pound title with his technical fall over Rehberg 1:47 into the second period.

Baranska, 30-1 this season, has accumulated a school record career win total of 112, surpassing the former record of 99 set by his brother Jerry last year. Coach John Vishneowski attributes much of Baranska's talent to Assistant Coach Gary Van Derzee sacrificing his own body on the mats in practices year after year training Tim.

Junior Bill Stanton, who placed fourth in Class B at 119, wrestled in the Section II tournament along with Mark Van Hoesen. Van Hoesen, champion in Class B

at 250, had three pins in the Sectional tournament. However, he was out scored 9-2 by Dave Amedure, the eventual second place finisher. Van Hoesen finished third by powering a pin over his opponent in the final high school wrestling match of his career. "Mark has done great things for the wrestling program. . . he's been a big plus and we'll really miss him," said Vishneowski.

Baranska, representing Section II, will compete in the New York State Wrestling Tournament held March 4 and 5 at the Syracuse War Memorial.

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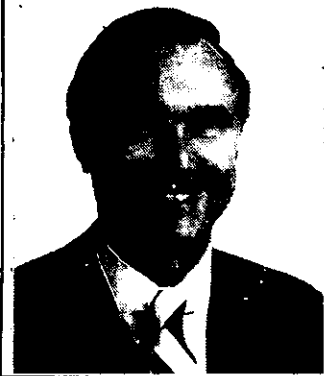
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Four Birds make it to quarters

Voorheesville's wrestling program, one of the most respected in Section 2, ended its varsity season last Saturday without sending a representative to the state championships, but the Blackbirds came away from the state qualifying meet with their heads high.

Four of the seven local delegates made it to the second round (quarterfinals) at the Sectional championship meet at the RPI field house over the weekend, and one, the indomitable John Traudt, reached the semifinals, where it took an upset to keep him from a shot at the gold. Traudt, the Class C champion in his weight class and seeded No. 2 in the 167-pound bracket, was surprised by unseeded Jamie Passer of Burnt Hills in the second period.

"John was ahead, 3-0, when he got caught in a headlock and was pinned," said Dick Leach, the Blackbirds' veteran mat coach. "It was one of those things that can happen in wrestling."

Wrestling

Earlier in the tournament Traudt had disposed of two front-line foes, pinning both John Dayette of Glens Falls and Ben Mead of Whitehall. In the wrestlebacks for third place he ended his brilliant scholastic career with a clear-cut 7-1 win over Bill Sparks of Hoosick Falls, whom he had beaten in the Class C finals the previous week.

That decisive victory was the 103rd for Traudt, making him only the fifth wrestler in Voorheesville's history to register 100 wins. He is uncertain as to his choice of college when he graduates this June, but he has told his friends and coaches that he plans to concentrate his future athletic pursuits on football rather than wrestling. Traudt was a two-year all-star running back for the Blackbirds and was recognized as one of the best two-

way football players in the section.

The RPI eliminations last weekend marked the scholastic windup for three Voorheesville seniors who have been in the wrestling program since the second grade. The others are Matt Cillis and Mario Darpino. Cillis, the Class C 132-pound champion, ran into one of the tournament's toughest competitive fields in the Troy bouts, and lost in the quarterfinals. Darpino was defeated in the opening round.

"They will certainly be missed," said Leach. "They have given a lot to our program."

Tom Ravida (126) and Paul Novak (155) also won their preliminary round matches, but were victims of the competitive grinder in the second round. Bob Blanchard (112) and Rick Leach (138) were eliminated in the first round.

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CHARLES B. FRITTS
Chairman, Board of Appeals
(Feb. 24, 1988)

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the

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information which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Bethlehem which will be filed on or before March 1, 1988. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 518-439-4955. Dated this 24th day of February 1988.

John F. Thompson
Assessor
(February 24, 1988)

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Kenneth Ringler, Jr.
Chairman, Planning Board
(February 24, 1988)

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(February 24, 1988)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany and State of New York, will meet at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, in said Town, on the 9th day of March 1988 at 7:30 o'clock, p.m., and hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering a Map and general Plan describing proposed improvements

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to the water system established for the Water District No. 1 of said Town, and an estimate of the cost thereof, and that Town Board will, at said time and place, hear all persons interested in the subject of such hearing and will receive all evidence offered which will enable the Town Board to determine, pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law of New York, whether it is in the public interest to make the improvements described in said Map and general Plan and estimate, either in whole or in part, and whether the property located within the boundaries of said District will be benefited by the making of such improvements.

Said general Plan and Map consist of an Engineer's Report dated December 4, 1987, submitted by J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., which Plan and Map are now on file in the office of the Town Clerk in said Town. The improvements described in said general Plan and Map consist of the construction of a pump station, pumps, controls, ventilation and heating equipment, and the installation of new piping connections for the purpose of interconnecting the Town of Guiderland and Water System with that of Water District No. 1 of the Town of Bethlehem, NY.

The maximum estimated expense of making said improvements is \$108,000.00.

DATED: Feb. 10, 1988

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
Town Clerk
(February 24, 1988)

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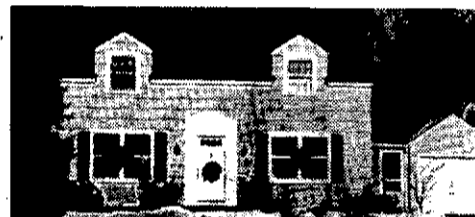
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OBITUARIES

Edward Blackman

Edward W. Blackman Sr., 62, who owned a locksmith shop in Voorheesville, died Friday, Feb. 19, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany after a brief illness.

He was born in Albany and was a Voorheesville resident since 1962.

He was employed as a machine operator with Albany International for 35 years. He also owned and operated Ed's Locksmith Shop in Voorheesville for the last 13 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Brown Blackman; his mother, Jessie S. Blackman of Guiderland; one daughter, Karen A. Batchelder of Colonie; five sons, Edward Blackman Jr. of Albany, Daniel R. Blackman of Latham, Dennis J. Blackman of Altamont, Richard D. Blackman of Voorheesville and Ronald J. Blackman of Schenectady; one brother, William S. Blackman of Guiderland; and 10 grandchildren.

Burial will be in the spring in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Guiderland. Arrangements were made by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

William J. Jones

William J. Jones, a Delmar resident and former owner and operator of Jones Supermarket, died Monday, Feb. 15, at St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born in Scranton, Pa. and was a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and the Lackawanna Business School in Scranton.

He was a longtime Delmar resident and the owner of Jones Supermarket in Loudonville for 25 years, retiring in 1978.

He was a past treasurer of the Consistory of the Delmar Reformed Church.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Symons Jones, and a son, James F. Jones of Delmar.

Burial was in the Abington

Hills Cemetery, Clarks Summit, Pa. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Reformed Church Endowment Fund.

Frederick S. deBeer Jr.

Frederick S. deBeer Jr., 66, of Glenmont, president of J. deBeer and Son Inc. Baseball and Softball Manufacturers, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Albany Medical Center after being stricken while playing tennis.

He was also the president of Playball S.A., Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

He was a 1939 graduate of Albany Academy, a 1943 graduate of Yale University and a 1949 graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

J. deBeer and Son was founded in 1889 in Johnstown and moved to Albany in 1916.

In 1982, the company produced more than 3 million baseballs at its Albany plant and plants in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The company was one of the first manufacturers to relocate in Haiti, which eventually left only 25 employees in Albany for boxing, warehousing and distribution.

The company was also a leader in the softball industry developing the "Corker" 12 inch softball and the "Clincher" 16 inch softball.

He was a member of the Small Business and Agricultural Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, a director of the Norstar Bank of Upstate New York, director of the Norstar Trust Co. and former board member of the Sporting Goods Association.

He was a former president of the Albany Jewish Family Services, the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Congregation Beth Emeth and the United Way of Northeastern New York.

He was a member of the Capital Region Private Industry Council, former general chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign and the United Way Fund Campaign. He was a member of

the Albany Rotary Club, Fort Orange Club, the Yale Club of New York City, the executive committee of the Friends of the Albany Public Library and had received the B'nai B'rith Covenant Award in 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Elsa J. Gerst deBeer; three daughters, Jennifer deBeer Charno of Manhasset, N.Y., Sara deBeer Zieger of New Haven, Conn., and Elizabeth deBeer of Bradley Beach, N.J.; and two sisters, Adelaide Muhlfelder of Albany and Jean Pollack of White Plains.

Burial will be in Beth Emeth Cemetery, Colonie. Arrangements were made by Tebbutt's Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the scholarship fund of Jewish Family Services, Temple Beth Emeth, the United Way of Northeastern New York or the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

Albert J. Sica

Albert J. Sica of Delmar, a former president of the State Board of Pharmacy, died Monday, Feb. 5, at home after a long illness.

He was born in New York City and received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Fordham University, where he also earned a doctorate in philosophy.

He was employed by the state Board of Pharmacy until his retirement in 1987, serving as president and executive secretary.

He was a member of the American Association of College of Pharmacy, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the state Pharmaceutical Society and was the honorary president of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. He was a member of the Normanside Country Club and St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

He was a former member of the Albany Rotary Club and the University Club.

He was honored by the state Board of Regents, the Regents Committee Business and Professional Education and the Committee on Professional Discipline of the University of the State of New York upon his retirement.

He was also a former Dean of the Fordham College of Pharmacy.

He is survived by his wife, Lee B. Sica; six sons, Albert J. Sica Jr. of Pittman, N.J., Robert Sica, Miami, Fla., Michael Sica, William Sica and Dr. Gregory Sica of New York City and John Sica of Philadelphia, Penn.; two brothers, Louis Sica of Miami, Fla., and Vincent Sica, of Morristown, N.J.; two sisters, Navena Correale and Lucy Galderi of Morristown.

Arrangements were made by the Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

Next to new sale set

The Junior League of Albany will sponsor a half price sale on all merchandise, except consignment items, Feb. 29 to March 11 at its Next-to-New Shop, 419 Madison Ave., Albany. Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parking is available at the rear of the building.

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Feb. 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto accident
Feb. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Feb. 12	Bethlehem Ambulance	Maternity
Feb. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Feb. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 13	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency - Auto accident
Feb. 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Feb. 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 14	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Feb. 14	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Mutual aid
Feb. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 14	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto accident
Feb. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Feb. 15	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 15	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure fire
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Feb. 15	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 15	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Feb. 16	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Feb. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Feb. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 17	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Feb. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby

The Elsmere Fire Dept. will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Maple sugar making demonstration planned

A demonstration of simple techniques for making maple sugar will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, March 5, at 2 p.m. The maple sugar season comes once a year when the spring thaw causes the sweet sap to begin flowing. Although techniques for harvesting the sap have changed over the years, some of the processes have remained the same. At the workshop, there will be a short walk on the Center grounds and an indoor "taste test" to see if people can tell the difference between real and imitation maple syrup.

The free program is open to the public. For more information, call the Five Rivers Center at 453-1806.

Cohen to be featured in Boston concert

Adrian Cohen, son of Norman and Mary Kay Cohen of Delmar, will be featured as a keyboardist in "Vision Quest", a pop and rock concert to be held March 23 at the Berklee college recital hall in Boston.

Cohen is a sophomore at the college, which is known for its jazz faculty and career preparation.

Parents training at Delmar Reformed

The Mothers' Time Out Program will be offering the parenting course Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) beginning Monday, March 7, at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church.

The program will run for eight weeks and include topics such as misbehavior and communication. For information call 439-9929.

Informational meeting

A brief informational meeting will be held at St. Mark's Community Center in Guiderland Center Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. for individuals interested in a new 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Club. It is not necessary to own a rabbit or cavy, better known as a guinea pig. For more information, call 861-6004 after 5 p.m. or 861-7400 anytime.

Courses for women in government jobs

The Center for Women in Government, a unit of the State University at Albany, will present a program of four-week courses and two-day seminars on Tuesdays from March 22 through April 19.

The program is designed to improve the effectiveness of women in management positions. Course titles include oral communications, sexual harassment prevention, and interviewing and effective leadership. The seminars will examine the role of women as managers and specific issues they face in the public sector. The courses will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and the seminars, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Draper Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Pre-registration is requested at least one week prior to the class start. Tuition reimbursement may be available. For information, prospective registrants should call 442-3900.

Restaurants compete in Easter seal benefit

The New York Easter Seal Society has announced its first annual "Capital District Wing Ding" which will take place Feb. 26 at the Quality Inn in Albany from 4-9 p.m. Twenty one area restaurants and taverns will be competing for whom has the best tasting chicken wings in the Capital District. Plaques will be awarded to the top three winners.

Tickets are available for \$5 with proceeds going to the Easter Seals Society. Area locations selling the tickets are The Shanty and My Place And Co. For more information, call 438-8785.

Marathon at SUNYA

The 15th annual Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club marathon will be held Sunday, Feb. 28, at the state University at Albany at 10 a.m.

The course will be 26.2 miles and the event is open to both individual runners and relay teams. Registration is \$4 for club members and \$4.50 for non-members. Runners can register on the day of the event.

Awards will be to the top three male and female finishers and the top teams. For information call 456-4564.

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Al Washko

Awarded for work with Vietnam veterans

Al Washko of Glenmont has been selected by President Ronald Reagan to receive a Meritorious Rank Award, with a \$10,000 stipend.

Washko is the regional director for the Northeastern Region of the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans Administration. He is responsible for 23 medical centers and outpatient clinics in seven states in the Northeast and Puerto Rico.

Cited for initiating both traditional and non-traditional treatment programs for Vietnam veterans, Washko chaired a committee that developed national standards for non-VA providers of health care to Vietnam veterans and developed a program that is having an impact on the care provided Vietnam veterans in the country. He is credited with introducing a self-sustaining "Venture Capital Pool" to enable VA centers to compete for funds based on the cost-savings potential of their proposals. He has received more than \$3 million in funding from the VA for a national demonstration project that should have broad application for improving services to all hardcore mentally ill.

Washko served on the Mayor of Albany's Strategic Planning Commission and currently serves on the Bishop of Albany's Commission on Aging. He is a member of the board of delegates of the Council of Teaching Hospitals for the American Association of Medical Colleges and a member of the American College of Health Care Executives.

Washko and his wife, Judy, an intensive care nurse at St. Peter's Hospital, have two daughters, Tera and Erin.

Talent show postponed

The "Salute to the Hilltowns," a talent show and contest, was postponed until Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School Auditorium due to a snowstorm. For more information, call 872-0681.



Laura Tilaro and Thomas Sherman

Tilaro-Sherman

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Tilaro of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann, to Thomas Coolidge Sherman, son of William Sherman of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., and the late Emily Sherman.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, St. Lawrence University and the Boston University School of Law. She is an attorney with the firm of

Hayes, Ledoux, Whipple, and King in Massachusetts.

Her fiance, originally from Simsbury, Ct. and Lake George, is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and is a graduate student at the Northeastern University Graduate School of Business Administration in Boston, Mass.

A september 1988 wedding is planned.

Cockrell, Hummel perform at library

Pianists Findlay Cockrell and Stanley Hummel will be performing Beethoven's "Emperor Concerto" in an arrangement for two pianos at the Bethlehem Public Library's Overture music program at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 6.

The concerto, written in 1809, is called the "Emperor" because of its epic grandeur. The public is invited to this free performance.

Awards ceremony honors regional AIDS volunteers

The AIDS Council of Northeastern New York honored 48 volunteers, including a Delmar physician, at a recent awards ceremony at the American Red Cross offices in Albany.

Dr. James M. Veazey, Jr. was among those honored for assisting the council in providing educational and support services.

Water safety course to begin at BCHS

The Town of Bethlehem Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor course beginning Thursday, March 3, at the Bethlehem Central High School pool.

The fee for the 13-week course is \$27.

Candidates must be at least 17 years old and possess a current Advanced Lifesaving certificate. There will be a swimming test.

For further information please contact the American Red Cross at 462-7461.

Guests on radio show

Dennis Corrigan and Thomas Corrigan of Framingham Associates will be guests on the Ellie Pankin Show Tuesday, March 1, at 9 p.m. to discuss the building inspection industry.

The interview will be broadcast live from 81-WGY.



Dr. R. Michael Range

Scandinavian trip

Dr. R. Michael Range of Delmar recently completed a lecture trip to Sweden and Norway. Range is a professor of mathematics at the state University at Albany and a researcher in the field of multidimensional complex analysis.

The month-long trip included a stay at the Mittag-Leffler Institute of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm. Range participated in the institute with mathematical researchers from around the world.



Dennis Papalardi

Named CP staff person

Dennis Papalardi of Delmar has been named Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled January Staff Person of the Month.

Papalardi manages the recreation and respite program at the center, where he has been employed since 1985. The program allows disabled individuals to participate in recreational and social events. He also manages the adaptive physical education classes for center clients.

'Zorro' at library

The film "Mark of Zorro" will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library Monday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. The film will be shown as part of the library's 75th anniversary silent film festival featuring movies popular during the library's first decade.

For information call 439-9314.

Purim program on cable

A Purim program will be shown at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 29 on Cable Channel 7. Rabbi Nachman Simon will present the Purim story and Pinchas Schreiber will describe "Purim Points to Ponder," the different angles of the Hamantash.



Community Corner

Benefit Dance

A benefit dance to aid the VanAlstyne family of Clarksville, who lost their home in a Jan. 15 fire, will be held at the RK Winners Circle, Rt. 143 in Ravena, on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 2 to 9 p.m.

The VanAlstynes lost all their possessions in the fire, including their children's, Allen, 6, and Crystal Gale, 6, toys and presents they had received at Christmas.

Bands playing at the dance include the Country Casuals, Rim Fire and Country Feelings. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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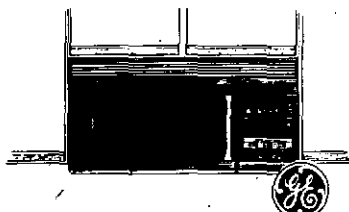
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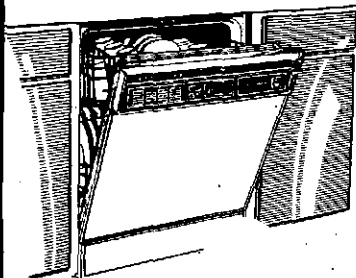
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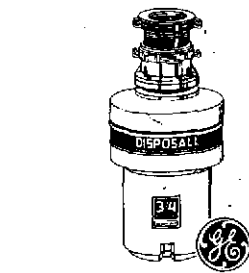
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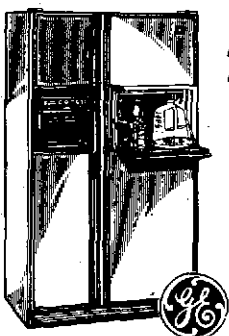
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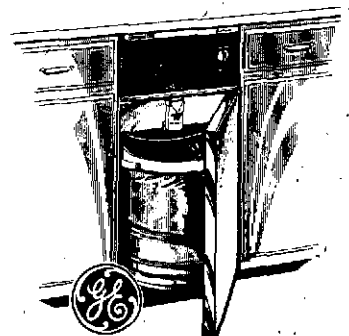
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