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Supermarket plans scaled down

BTR hearing set for March 8

By Mark Stuart

A scaled down version of BTR Realty's proposed Bethlehem Village has been submitted to the town and excludes the plan to extend the Slingerlands Bypass.

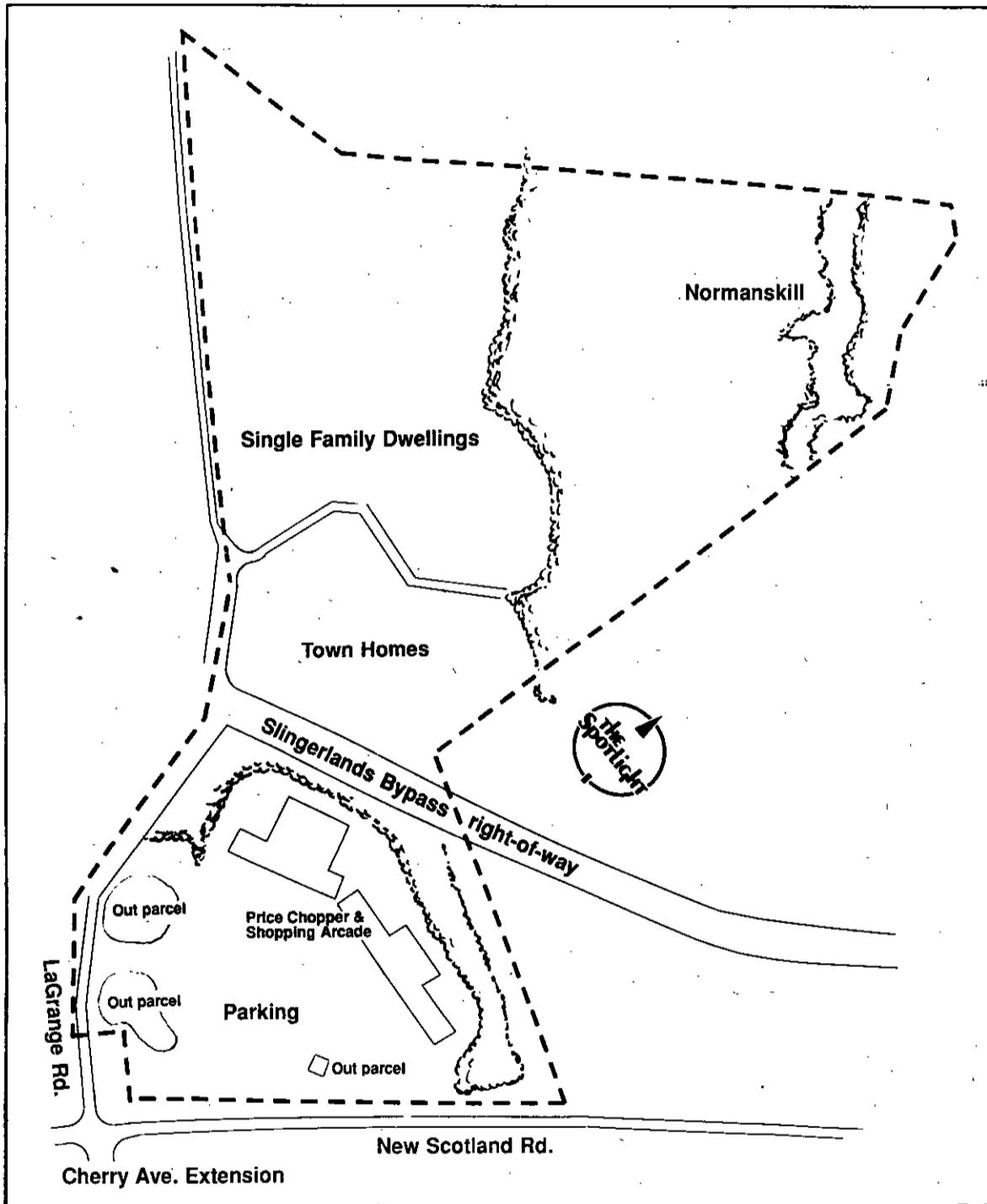
In the new proposal the residential units have been reduced from 275 to 146 and the total commercial area has been reduced from 435,500 square feet of office, retail and transitional commercial space to 134,000 square feet of retail space. In the original proposal the developer planned to extend the Slingerlands Bypass to meet the Cherry Ave. Extension, but in the new proposal only a right-of-way would be set aside.

The new proposal will be presented as a zoning change application to the Bethlehem Town Board next Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick released a prepared statement on the new application Monday afternoon that described the plan as "substantial progress."

"Although I have yet to review the application in detail, it appears to represent a development that is roughly one-third the size of the original proposal," Hendrick stated. "I have in the past expressed my concern about moving with major new commercial development prior to our completion of a master plan for zoning. In addition, certain features of the new proposal will require very careful review. Nevertheless, there appears to be an overwhelming desire in town for an additional supermarket. In my opinion, this desire, coupled with the developer's responsiveness in reducing the project's scale, ar-

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The scaled down proposal for BTR Realty's Bethlehem Village includes the elimination of 80,000 square feet of office space, 95,000 square feet of transitional commercial space and the construction of the Slingerlands Bypass Extension. The new proposal is for 134,000 square feet of retail space, including

three outparcels, comprising 9,000 square feet. In the residential section, there are 82 single-family homes and 64 townhouse units proposed. Two acres have been left undeveloped for the construction of the Slingerlands Bypass Extension and two acres will be used for the extension of Lagrange Rd.

Water, preservation seen in conflict

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

The hamlet of Unionville is being offered the chance to establish a public water supply, but many think the idea is receiving a rather dry response.

The steering committee established to examine the feasibility of a water district for the Unionville area and several concerned citizens met recently to discuss the results of the water survey they had distributed. The survey was handed out to some 110 Unionville residents.

"You've got to have everybody near 100 percent in agreement to afford this," Town Supervisor

Unionville

Herbert Reilly explained at the meeting. Reilly has become somewhat of an expert on water districts, with the creation of the Clarksville and Font Grove districts underway during his administration.

While there are always costs involved in bringing a public water supply to a community, Reilly pointed out that the Reagan Administration dried up many sources of funding that previously

aided small communities in their efforts to establish water districts.

"HUD (the federal office of Housing and Urban Development) money dried up after the Clarksville water district," Reilly said. "We received over \$400,000 for that alone, which we will not have this time around, making the costs passed on to the citizens that much higher."

With that in mind Reilly called upon the New York State Self-Help Program. Self-Help allows a community to use its own resources—equipment, manpower and expertise—to do the work usually completed by private

sector construction firms, lowering the costs in the balance. But even with Self-Help and other measures, Reilly and his committee are facing one basic question: does Unionville want water?

According to the survey, 45 of the 64 residents—over 70 percent—who responded to the survey do want a public water supply. Eight were not interested, five were undecided and six did not respond.

The majority of Unionville residents were willing to spend \$300 to \$400 a year to help pay off a bond issue to create the system,

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Kids starting earlier

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Bethlehem Central School District has applied for federal grant funding to fuel its battle against substance abuse in the community.

The federal grant for Drug Free Schools and Communities is a national competition with 20 awards, according to Briggs McAndrews, Bethlehem's assistant superintendent. He said the competition for the funds is "heavy."

Bethlehem Central is seeking \$198,000 in funding, but if the district is unsuccessful in obtaining a grant much of the work will be done anyway, he said.

The proposal was written by school district administrators, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited representatives and Bethlehem Networks Project representatives. The proposal includes a narrative of the existing conditions in the town and some of the reasons for substance abuse occurring among the town's youth. Those reasons include the adult pressures on youth to achieve and the lack of a cohesive value system for adults to transmit to children.

Also, the report says, "youth report boredom with community activities—or lack of—and stress resulting from high achievement expectations..."

The proposal focuses on ways of improving parental transmission of values to children and on prevention methods targeting younger children, McAndrews said. He said the proposal is to "get parents more closely linked with children as a means of transmitting a value system about substance abuse."

The district will seek to place "a much heavier emphasis on prevention for kindergarten through (grade) eight," he said. The emphasis on the younger students was prompted by a May 1988 survey of high school students, which showed 89 percent of the freshman class had con-

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Road condition leads to fatal crash

Slippery road conditions resulting from Sunday night's snowfall may have caused a fatal crash near the intersection of Rt. 9W and Corning Hill Rd.

The early evening crash killed Esther Viggiani, 31, of Delmar and her father Nicholas Viggiani of Latham.

Police said Nicholas Viggiani, 60, apparently lost control of his car as it was heading south on Rt. 9W and ran into a one-ton dump truck being driven north on Rt. 9W by 27-year-old Edward Coons of Albany. Police said the crash occurred on an unlighted curve.

Another passenger, Rose Viggiani, 50, of Latham was listed in fair condition Monday at Albany Medical Center.

Esther Viggiani's 10-year-old daughter Carolyn and eight-year-old family relative, Megan Harrigan, were treated for minor injuries at Albany Medical Center, police said.



The remains of the car driven by Nicholas Viggiani of Latham that was involved in Sunday's fatal crash on Rt. 9W after firemen complete their rescue operation. Viggiani apparently

lost control because of slick roads and collided with a dump truck. To remove the victims from the Honda, rescuers had to cut the roof from the car. Roy Cooke

Police bust teen party

Acting on a telephone tip, Bethlehem police officers broke up a teen drinking party at a Slingerlands home Saturday night.

When the officers entered the South Helderberg Parkway residence, they found 34 teens, age 15 through 19, consuming alcohol in the basement, according to the police report. No adults were present at the time, police said.

Misdemeanor charges of unlawfully dealing with a child are pending against the 18-year-old host of the party, said Lt. Frederick Holligan.

The officers found a half-keg of beer, two 12-packs of bottled beer and numerous plastic cups containing beer. A small quantity of marijuana and a pipe were also found in the house, police said.

The police took the names of all the teens and tried to contact as many parents as possible from the residence. Holligan said some parents did pick up their children and those parents who the officers could not reach will be contacted by the department's youth bureau officers.

Sal Prividera Jr.

Cornelius to attend chamber conference

Marty Cornelius of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will attend the seventh annual Eastern Summit Conference in Syracuse, from March 29 through 31. The summit is a forum for chamber of commerce executives to discuss issues affecting business.

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Coons and his passenger, Kimberly Oliver, 24, of Albany were not injured by the crash.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, police said.

SHA meeting set

The Slingerlands Homeowners Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, March 5, at the Community United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The meeting will deal with the election of officers, updates on the BTR shopping complex, Delmar Village and post office proposals.

Luncheonette robbed

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of \$45 from the Four Corners Luncheonette during the overnight hours last Tuesday. Police said an officer on patrol discovered an open window at the restaurant and on further investigation found a rear door unlocked. The money was discovered missing from under a counter, police said.

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sumed alcohol in the past year; 72 percent within the 30 days prior to the survey.

The kindergarten through grade eight program would be accomplished by revisions of the current health program and include "more substance abuse work in other areas such as physical education and science," McAndrews said. The district does teach about substance abuse in health classes at all grade levels.

More training of elementary and middle school staff would be included in the project and would center around recognition and handling students at risk, McAndrews said. He added that the guidance program currently has this role.

Other components of the proposal include community service and a substance abuse policy. The service component would get children actively involved in community projects and in school projects, McAndrews said.

"I think it is important kids don't seem to interact with the community. . . there is a youth culture and an adult culture," McAndrews said. The proposal would help youth become part of the community by "giving them signs of becoming more adult" as they grow toward adulthood.

The substance abuse policy will be compiled regardless of the grant funding, McAndrews said, the group that wrote the grant proposal will begin work on the policy later this month. The policy will include methods for identifying students with substance abuse problems, handling students in treatment or recovery and what to do with a student involved in substance abuse, he said. Other potential policy topics include substance abuse education, counseling, confidentiality and when to seek assistance from other agencies such as the police department, he said.

A meeting of district staff members, parents, students and representatives of community agencies has been set for March 13. The meeting may yield a first draft of a policy, he said. Some suggestions from the state Education Department will also be included, McAndrews said.

Once the policy is compiled it would be used to link agencies dealing with substance abuse, he said. The policy might be useful to the police department and town recreation department, "particu-

larly so all transmit the same message," McAndrews said.

Community description

The group involved in the grant proposal also had to include a narrative or community description to support their proposal. In addition to basic descriptions such as population and location, the group wrote of the type of atmosphere that exists in Bethlehem, a description of current educational programs and information on substance abuse trends.

According to the narrative, the group described the town as primarily middle class, with a high proportion of both parents working or of single-parent families and with extended families being rare with few senior citizens involved with youth activities. "Therefore, very little value system transmission is through multi-generation interactions."

Adult expectations for children are "highly achievement oriented. . . parents tend to be achievement oriented so, while competition may be socially downplayed, strong competitive aspirations and expectations for youth are covertly held and subtly transmitted," the group wrote.

They found children lack traditional rites of passage symbols to growing up and therefore "gravitate to non-sanctioned symbols of adulthood (such as) substance abuse and sexual activity."

The children in Bethlehem were described as being "well cared for in material ways, rarely in need of the basic necessities and often provided with access to latest styles, individual tutoring, automobiles, adequate spending money and other creature comforts. . . at the same time, youth report boredom with community activities (or lack of), stress resulting from high achievement expectations. . ."

The narrative later states children are "heavily influenced by media, social trends and peer groups to explore substance abuse as an alternative to the adult structures imposed upon them. . . In fact, major areas of substance abuse activity in the town are centered in home activities sponsored by parents or in unsupervised homes and in activities occurring because parent control of the youth is lacking. In essence, the town lacks a cohesive culture of substance abuse prevention, primarily because adults have not developed a cohesive policy and value system to be articulated to the youth."

What teens want

That one of the major problems facing teens in Bethlehem today is the lack of youth-oriented activities is hardly a surprise.

According to the Town of Bethlehem's 1988 Community Center survey, Bethlehem teens feel there are roughly 20 kinds of activities they want to participate in but can't because of unavailable facilities.

Topping the list is movies (89 percent), followed by social gathering or "hanging out" (84.1 percent) and competitive games for fun (81.7 percent). The remaining activities included several gymnasium-type activities, dining or snacking and concerts/recitals and dances.

A grant application submitted by the Bethlehem Central School District also concludes that young people in the town are faced with nowhere to go outside of the home due to limited space and availability of school and town park facilities.

The community center committee's report did not, however, specifically address the needs of the teen community in its conclusions, but rather took a broad-based approach, stating that the community center would "include space designs and capacities conducive to good programming and family-oriented activities. . ." (A report on the committee's progress is on Page 10)

What BCHS survey shows

Sal Prividera Jr.

A survey of Bethlehem Central High School students substance abuse habits conducted last May has become the basis of substance abuse prevention and intervention programs in the town.

However, Assistant Superintendent Briggs McAndrews is quick to point out a further study of the statistics is being conducted to ensure the data garnered from the survey is valid. Complete survey results are expected to become public once the analysis is completed.

Results of the May 1988 survey that have been released show 89 percent of the freshman class, mostly 14 and 15-year-olds, used alcohol in the past year. In the senior class, 92 percent consumed alcohol in the year prior to the survey.

The high percentage of ninth grade students using "gateway" drugs — drugs that often lead to use of the other drugs — has prompted the school district to begin work on substance abuse prevention programs for younger students.

"If we can delay experimentation, we can delay use," McAndrews said. The survey information was used as part of a grant proposal seeking funding for substance abuse prevention programs.

The survey also found 36 percent of the ninth graders had used marijuana over the last year, while 71 percent of the senior class reported marijuana use during the year.

Cocaine use rose from the younger to older high school students; six percent of the ninth grade students report use, while 21 percent of the senior class admitted to use.

The percentage of students smoking cigarettes remained the stable at 69 percent for both age groups.

Stimulants were used by 17 percent of the freshmen and 21 percent of the seniors.

McAndrews said the students who are substance abusers are "not just a school problem, these are Town of Bethlehem students." He added substance abuse is a community problem and not uncommon for suburban communities to be facing.

At this point in the analysis, the survey also indicated use is linked to the youth's peer group. McAndrews said according to the survey, substance abusers tend to have a high percentage of friends who are substance abusers and a low percentage of friends who would stop them, while the opposite is true for non-users.



Assistant Cubmaster Bob Pilatzke helps Darren Florentin of Voorheesville pack 73 with his rocket at the scout show last week.

The show was held last Saturday at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center and also featured a totem pole carving.

Lyn Stapf

Telephone 'prize' scam warnings

Chief Postal Inspector Charles R. Clauson has issued a public warning about the increasing number of bogus companies that use the telephone to pitch a variety of products, usually attached to a "free gift" gimmick.

The companies have been using computerized mailings to inform people they've won a prize, usually after offering for sale everything from vitamins to office supplies. The customers are asked to call the company to claim their prize. Operators follow up with high-pressure telemarketing, usually asking for money or a credit card number to cover shipping charges, Clauson said.

He said the best way to prevent a scam of this type is to check out the company and call them back without giving them your credit card number or money. If you think something is suspicious about the operation, contact the U.S. Postal Service Inspection Service through your nearest post office.

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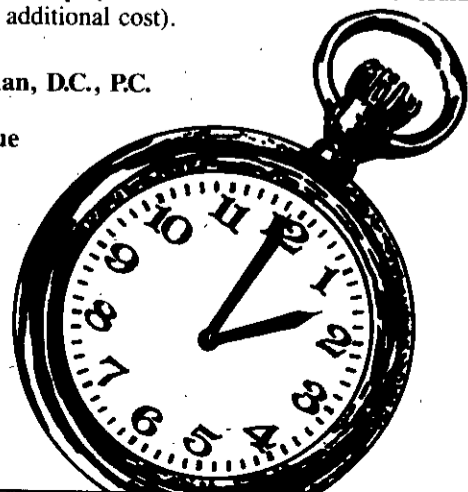
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Planning run amuck

The time and expense involved in getting a new development approved and under construction is becoming a matter of serious concern not only in Bethlehem and New Scotland but throughout the Capital District.

Editorials

In Bethlehem, the town board recently held a two-day public hearing on Delmar Village, a project that it first considered four years ago. It is entirely possible it will take another year for a decision because of the complexities of the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). A building moratorium on development in the Rt. 9W corridor will end April 7, but it is more than likely that the need for a "generic" environmental impact statement will mean another year of so of study before development is possible. New Scotland's Tall Timbers area, as well as a number of developments in North Bethlehem, may also be held up due to the necessity of a "generic" impact statement.

This is clearly not just a local problem. Recently the Center for Economic Development, a creature of area chambers of commerce, created a special "council" of builders and developers to see what can be done to speed up the review process for new developments. Two major factors appear to be at work.

First, SEQRA has become more stringent, requiring full impact statements on many more developments than previously and giving more agencies overview responsibility. Guilderland recently had a year or more of intensive planning on its proposed "Southern Corridor" shot down by an obscure state agency that decided (after the deadline for comments had already expired) that the town's proposed route would infringe on a wetland.

Second, municipalities are becoming aware — often thanks to the insistent voices of citizen groups — of the long-range impacts of new homes or commercial development. Road networks, schools and other "infrastructure" must be continually updated to deal with the increased population, and the money to pay for those improvements simply can't all come out of local pockets.

Thus the vogue for master planning, for "impact fees" and "generic" environmental impact statements (to be paid for by developers). Municipalities throughout the area are stepping up their planning capabilities and contemplating moratoriums of various durations as a way to regain control of the development process.

In many cases a "mid-course correction" seems to be in order. But planning for planning's sake holds its own dangers. When studies simply leads to more studies, and when it takes four years to get a development through the mill, something is wrong.

Since state law prevails, there is a limit to what local governments can do about the planning lag. But the principle that should apply is simple: plans should be approved or disapproved on their merits, not by default.

Lions and hares

Very few people can find much that's pleasant to say about the year's third month — but here comes brazen March, bold and insensitive as any unwelcome caller. Who could safely predict, even a day in advance, whether her entry will be lion-like this time?

Named for the war god, March always has suffered from a bad repute. Centuries ago, the Saxons' word for the month meant rough, and a later expression meant boisterous. We long have been on notice to beware the Ides. One recalls "mad as a March hare," which sounds mildly ominous, though the term really recognizes only that this is the rutting period for those animals, which then become unusually shy and wild.

We think of the mud season; of those boisterous winds; of capricious temperatures and precipitation; of our inborn impatience at the withheld promise of better weather and the refreshing revival of nature and of human spirits.

But think positive: March indeed is the month of the official arrival of spring. Each of her gray days does carry us closer to the caress of balmy breezes on sunstruck afternoons. News from the baseball camps is all encouraging, no matter what your favored team. In corners, touches of green appear and widen; the legendary early bird is on the wing. Will this March prove to be merely a continuation of the non-winter of 1988-89? Not too terribly likely, because good tradition holds that March inevitably is certain to produce at least one near-blizzard. And will March (which some ancients insisted borrows three days from April) then depart lamb-like?

Who would be so foolhardy as to more than hope?

A parent's perspective

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank *The Spotlight* for printing the letters written by two teenagers in last week's issue. I am glad to see young people taking the time and effort to express themselves in print. I would also like to congratulate *The Spotlight* for taking them seriously and allowing them time to respond.

As a parent of a teenager in this town, as well as a teacher in the Bethlehem Central school district, I am also bothered about the lack of entertainment for our youth. It is true that if there is a basketball game or dance they will attend, and "if there is a house party, they will go to that". They need a place to meet and as one of the writers put it "release the frustration that has built up all week". If they know a lot of their friends are going to another teen's home, they want to go too. They don't want to miss a party because a parent will not be there. They are aware that it is wrong and unfair, but they desperately want to be a part of the peer group and not left out.

However, what I am truly bothered by is the need to associate drinking with the good time. One of the writers said he "enjoys relaxing on the weekends and going

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to unsupervised alcohol parties. Another writer "has started to move farther out of town so we can party peacefully... on the way back we've almost lost three kids because they were too drunk to drive." The writer continues to warn police that this loss of life would be their fault for "starting to hit harder on us."

As parents we are warned that if we continue to "suppress these urges, we (parents) may push a teen over the deep end into hard drinking or drug use." "Nothing that parents, police, or community members try to do will stop teens from drinking... It is absolutely impossible to stop teens from drinking." According to the writer, "consumption of alcohol is not only legal for teens, but is available and accepted in almost all facets of society."

As a parent, as a teacher, as an adult member of this community, I am scared. I am scared for our youth that feel drinking is necessary to have a good time. I am scared that we have given them so much both at home and in school, that we have given them these pressures and frustrations

that it causes "even the best students to drink". How can we as adults convince the youth that our need to prevent them from drinking does not come from a perverted desire to save fun for ourselves? It is not only our homes that we fear trashing but our children. How many of our young people do we need to lose to convince them that drinking is not the way to release frustrations and pressures? Drinking is a drug no matter how our young writer denies it. Like any drug it is habit forming. Whether the youth becomes physically addicted or mentally addicted, the need to have a beer for a good time will continue into adulthood.

If it is true, as our senior writer tells us, "a parent cannot change a high school junior or senior's mind about whether or not he/she will drink", then we as adults must begin to educate our youth sooner. We must continue to warn them that the decision they are making now will affect them into their adult lives. No one can "drink casually", but rather all must take it seriously. And they had better start to make some better decisions in their lives while they are still able to do it.

Mary Capobianco

Delmar

Teen drinking legislation offered

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in regard to the recent articles and letters appearing in *The Spotlight* concerning teen drinking in the Town of Bethlehem.

Enclosed you will find two pieces of legislation recently introduced in the New York State Assembly by Assemblyman Gary Proud (D, Rochester) that may be of interest to citizens concerned with the problem of teen drinking.

Assembly Bill 3955 provides that it shall be a violation for any person under 18 to possess an alcoholic beverage with intent to consume, except as authorized by law. The violation shall be punishable by a sentence of a fine of not more than \$500 or of a conditional discharge requiring the performance of not more than 100 hours of community service.

In 1985, an estimated 4.6 million adolescents ages 14 to 17 experienced the negative consequences of alcohol use, including arrest, impairment of health, and

involvement in an accident. Clearly, alcohol use represents a serious threat to youth.

Currently, responsibility for the sale of alcoholic beverages lies completely with the merchant. While the law does deal with an offender who shows false identification, there is no law dealing with one who shows no identification, nor is there one requiring every purchaser to show proof of age. Looks are sometimes deceptive. It is not unusual to be misled by the appearance and demeanor of some youngsters, or for others who are dealing with them to believe them to be much older than they actually are. An individual who successfully tricks a well intended shop owner is intentionally deceptive, yet legally innocent.

In addition, enactment of this provision will enable police and municipal officials to break up

beer parties, often held on public property (parks, golf courses, school grounds, etc.) and charge participants under the age of 18 with a violation — not a crime — punishable by a fine up to \$500 or an appropriate amount of community service not to exceed 100 hours.

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The second bill, A.3437, restricts the sale of beer and wine coolers for off-premises consumption to liquor stores. Presently, beer and wine coolers are for sale in grocery and convenience stores.

Underage drinking has become an issue of great concern in many of our communities. Beer and wine cooler consumption (Turn to Page 7)

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Notes from Case 4103453

I had a letter the other day from a friend (in longhand and not his best penmanship), who wrote as follows:

Let me tell you about a recent experience for which I was totally unprepared, though fortunately the people into whose hands I fell were anything but unprepared for me, an unannounced visitor. A certain bothersome ailment had overtaken me, and I found myself transported in short order to the emergency room at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Though thereupon confined under a welter of tubes, supine and with little to do except count ceiling tiles, I was not deprived of my senses or powers of observation.

What struck me (other than irritation with that thing newly stuck in my nostrils) was the complete sense of quiet order that prevailed (despite the presence and arrival of many another patient), of professional response and action — perhaps, I should say, of discipline. And certainly, implicitly of esprit and morale. Staff people of varying stations, which much else on their minds, came and did their thing (or caused me to do mine). What needed to be done at that stage was done timely, briskly, efficiently — and cheerfully. I don't know if a positive approach is an inherent aspect of care-giving, but what those people conveyed was fundamentally supportive in spirit as well as bodily.

Within the initial period of not much more than a couple of hours (as my wife and I could later recall), I was tended to, in one manner or another, by at least three dozen different individuals.

CONSTANT READER

The way it was

Alright then, fellow readers, let us think for a few moments now not of 1989 but of 1889. The reason? Nothing in particular, save that the year was a rather striking one for those persons, even as you and I, who liked to keep up with the wide world of the writer.

For Arthur Conan Doyle, the late winter of 1889 marked a brief hiatus in the brilliant career of one of history's greatest fictional characters. Holmes had concluded (successfully, of course) his detections and deductions in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. This has been placed by that eminent Holmesian scholar William S. Baring-Gould as having taken place in the fall of 1888.

Not until April of 1889 did the next adventure begin: *The Copper Beeches*. As to what Doyle and Holmes were up to at the beginning of March we lack direct information or even enough intuition to speculate productively. But activity behind the scene at 221-B was a fact, for it was in early March (according to one historian) that Watson took as his second wife Mary Morston, thus bringing to at least a temporary close his residence on Baker Street.

Elsewhere in the world of letters a century ago, things were progressing nicely, though not

I happen to remember two of them most distinctly. One was a physician with whom I was only slightly acquainted and who had no connection with my case. At a moment when I was in what might be called a wheelchair "holding mode" briefly, he passed by, paused, and after a word of greeting and inquiry, grasped my wrist, held it for a time, and then, with a

"What needed to be done at that stage was done timely, briskly, efficiently... and cheerfully."

pat on the shoulder, continued on his real mission. The brief encounter of human, caring, significant contact was worth a million ineffectual words to me at that time. I found myself wishing that every "Have a nice day" could be accompanied, or replaced, by a genuine outreach of such personal contact.

Another encounter was with a slight, bearded man in green who peered around the curtain to demand abruptly: "You know that bed of nails you wanted? It's coming right up!" Then his head reappeared again, this time to say, "I just want you to know that I had to throw a 96-year-old lady to the floor to get it for you." I went along with the joke — but several minutes later what did show up but an actual bed onto which I was transferred. Who or what had caused my gnome to provide that luxury I never learned.

I did linger at AMCH for about another week, in a whirl of medi-

cations, procedures, devices, always vigilant oversight — and what proved to be effective remedies for my complaint. More or less inert during that time, the subject of all these attentions tended to waver between emotional outlooks: throughout much of one night, I amused myself with conceiving and developing a plot of a Dudley Moore movie that would dramatize (as only he could) the situation I was in. At other times, a certain expression recurred to me, one made famous during WWII: "There are no atheists in foxholes." I also developed a plan for selling advertising space on the ceilings of patients' rooms, examining rooms, emergency booths, etc., in hospitals. It's a grand idea with terrific potential, but nonetheless I fear that it may, after all, be stillborn.

I do hope that the people of our area might somehow become fully aware of the magnificent resource there on New Scotland Avenue. I came, through undesired circumstances, to know it and some of its people much better this month, and my admiration is boundless for how they carry on despite having to combat the vast problems besetting the health-care industry today.

Oh, one more story: At one stage of my recovery, I was speaking on the telephone with a clergyman. For one reason or another, the conversation had turned to arthritic knees, a pestiferous brother afflicting both of us. I was reciting the kinds of occasions when they are surest to act up for me: driving a car, watching a movie, sitting at the dinner table.

"Ah, yes," responded my friend the dominie, "and of course at prayer?"

necessarily evident to the avid reader. The year saw the publication of *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* as Samuel L. Clemens was in one of his most prolific periods. Theodore Roosevelt published the first of two volumes of *The Winning of the West*. Henry Adams's first of

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nine volumes of a *History of the United States of America* appeared (an effort interrupted and delayed by his wife's death — parallel in its way to TR's turn westward after an identical tragedy). Jacob Riis was completing *How the Other Half Lives*, a shocking expose. Herman Melville was working desperately on *Billy Budd*, which was completed two years later, just before his death.

Other important work was about to appear: Emily Dickinson's poems had been uncovered three years after her death, and soon would be published. Joseph

Conrad was starting work on his first novel, *Almayer's Folly*. The famous and influential novelist and editor William Dean Howells had just removed from Boston to New York City, where his writing began to take a Tolstol-like flavor.

And perhaps the most agreeably picturesque of all such developments in that late winter of '89 was the completion of *The Master of Ballantrae* by Robert Louis Stevenson, who had found a temporary home in Hawaii, en route erratically to his final dwelling in Samoa. (The novel had been begun previously at Saranac Lake, where RLS lived for a time in search of renewed health.)

So, now let's jump forward a century. I have just finished reading the annual novel by Dick Francis, the 27th in a row about horses, horsepeople, and thrilling adventures. This one, published by Putnam, is *The Edge*, and it is one of the more unusual books in the long series.

That series began in 1962, and I have managed to acquire a copy of each of the books — and several of them have been signed for me by the author, who was a noted, championship rider before his literary career took over. In fact, he was autographing the 1981 volume in a small book shop in

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Delmar Village: manipulating facts?

The controversy over the proposed Delmar Village development, located between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St., began four

years ago and culminated in a two-day public hearing on the environmental impact for the 288-unit project two weeks ago. The writer is a member of the Bethlehem Planning Board and a resident of Slingerlands.

Point of View

By Dominick DeCecco

When Roberta Ponemon wrote her letter to *The Spotlight* (Feb. 1) regarding the issues being raised by the Delmar Village project, I was concerned about the way some facts were being manipulated, but felt it was her right to state her case as she saw it. However, when that same letter was included in a flyer distributed by the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, a group to which I belong, I felt I had to respond.

Population

The claim is that Delmar Village will increase the town population by three percent and will add 80 to 120 students to our schools.

This is manipulating statistics to give the greatest impact. One cannot just add 750 in one year and claim a three percent growth. It must be factored over the 10-year period of the project at an average (approximately) of 75 people per year, giving an increase of .003 percent. In the decade from 1980 to 1990, the growth in the town is estimated at 5.2 percent. Over 10 years that is only one half of one percent per year.

Schools

Delmar Village will add 80 to 120 school-age children.

Again, we must factor this out over a 10-year period because all of the children will not be born in the same year. In addition, historically one and two-bedroom apartments generate very few children to our schools, and this section will be the first to be completed. A very cursory survey of more than 180 two-bedroom apartments from Orchard Street to Elsmere Ave. reveals almost no elementary school children coming from these apartments.

Over a 10-year period, the project might generate 13 school-age children per year, of whom nine would be in kindergarten through grade 5, or two per classroom. Even when the project is complete, and assuming all 130 would be in the project, 52 students would be enrolled in elementary school, which would be nine per grade. Clarksville can certainly handle that number now. Even when we count all of the children projected from all of the developments now contemplated, the peak attendance in the year 2000 will be 4,359 students, well below our peak of 4,955 students in 1970-71.

Actually, apartments generate few children and lots of tax money to school systems.

Traffic

There were several allegations regarding traffic. Namely that it will generate 2,000 vehicle trips, increase Orchard St. traffic by 700 percent, and require traffic signals and improved intersections.

My reading of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) reveals that two major traffic studies (Vollmer and Creighton) recommend the connector road between New Scotland and Delaware to eventually connect to the Delmar Bypass (Rt. 32).

This would have the effect of decreasing traffic volume at Cherry and Delaware, and would decrease traffic at New Scotland and Kenwood, and Kenwood and Cherry. Traffic on Orchard without the connectors would be 2,100 trips and with the connectors would be only 1,300. This increase would be within acceptable levels, according to the DEIS. According to these reports, all intersections operate at level D or better. Currently there is a reserve capacity at Orchard and Cherry of 150 vehicles at peak hours.

Traffic lights are not recommended at Orchard and Cherry, but are recommended for VanDyke and Delaware.

The report indicates that, even with no improvements at intersections, the level of service at most locations is acceptable. Any improvements at the intersections would be on state highways and probably would be designed and implemented by the state Department of Transportation.

Water

The Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning flyer gives a quote about the need to begin phase two improvements to the water supply. This is absolutely correct, but has nothing to do with Delmar Village. The town has developed a 50-year projection for water and sewage needs for the town.

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□ The facts on Delmar Village

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Phase two of the plan for maintaining adequate water supplies was scheduled to go into effect in 1990, with or without Delmar Village. It's just good long-range planning.

Library

I use the library frequently and have never found it filled to capacity. It does get crowded when special programs are being presented or meetings held, but the actual library is rarely crowded. When the library was built, the plans allowed for a second story to be added when needed, but that does not seem necessary now. There is a problem with parking, but there is adequate parking just across the road at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The library facility is currently *twice* state standards.

Parks and recreation

The park pool is approximately 2,500 square feet below state standards. However, the state standards only take into account water surface of the complex. What does not enter the equation is the number of neighborhood pools and the two school pools. There were only two days in four years when the complex had a capacity crowd. Delmar Village will have its own pool, which will diminish its impact on ours.

The state Department of Parks and Recreation recommends 13 tennis courts for a town our size. We have 26. We have people waiting due to the desire to play under the lights or at peak hours. Delmar Village

will have its own tennis courts as well.

Police and fire departments

The flyer indicates that we need more of both and seems to imply that it's the fault of Delmar Village. Hardly! When I first came to Delmar in 1958, we had 18,000 people and about four police officers. We currently have a population of less than 26,000 and 30 police officers. I believe the increase is due more to the times in which we live than any single residential project.

There is a desperate need for more volunteer fire fighters all over the state. This is a problem facing all organizations that rely on volunteers. Again it is probably due to the fact that in many homes both parents work and

we use this criterion for determining which projects will be approved, we would not be able to build a single-family house anywhere. Apartments and commercial buildings often have positive fiscal impacts but can have negative impacts on other areas. The important thing is that we must weigh the positive with the negative.

Bond issue

The implication is that Delmar Village is the cause of the need for the Bethlehem Central bond issue. In reality, the apartments will contribute fewer school-age children than the single-family homes, and Clarksville Elementary School has the capacity to handle them.

Negative impact

The flyer indicates that the project will wind up costing the town money. What the statement does not say is that *all* projects have a negative impact of one kind or another. Fiscally, the greatest negative impact comes from single-family homes, so if

we use this criterion for determining which projects will be approved, we would not be able to build a single-family house anywhere. Apartments and commercial buildings often have positive fiscal impacts but can have negative impacts on other areas. The important thing is that we must weigh the positive with the negative.

Long-range planning

This is evidently going to be the "buzz" word this year. Residents may consider the following:

- *Right now* the town has two traffic studies that give 10-year projections on traffic.

- *Right now* the town has plans under way for the orderly development of the 9W corridor.

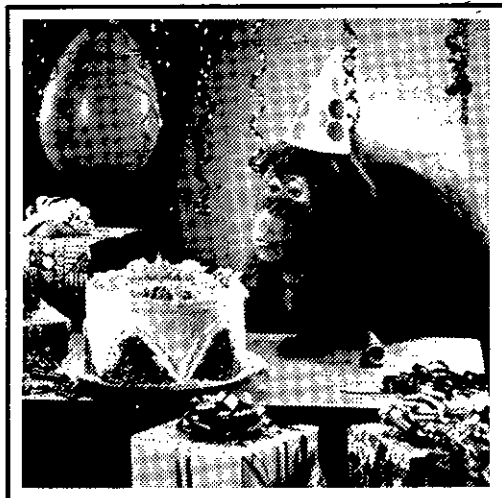
- *Right now* the town has two planners working on developing a master plan.

- *Right now* the town has 50-year plans for the maintenance of our water supplies and waste treatment facilities.

- *Right now* the town is working with Albany County and Guilderland to plan for future road requirements.

- *Right now* the town is planning for additional recreational areas in North and South Bethlehem.

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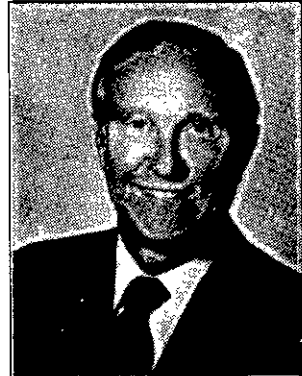
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Your Opinion Matters

I strongly urge all town residents to go and read the Delmar Village and Cedar Ridge draft environmental impact statements and then reach your own conclusions. I'm glad I did.

I realize that those people who

Constant Reader

(From Page 7)

New York City (I happen to remember) when the news came that President Reagan had just been shot.

Every Dick Francis book has a different protagonist; every one has a connection with racing; and every one is meticulously researched for a huge variety of differing occupations, settings, and plots — as well as containing endless intrigues and vile doings, usually with terrible danger and mayhem to the person of the hero.

The Edge takes this twist: there's a special train, The Great Transcontinental Mystery Race Train, which is to cross Canada with 15 cars of horses, owners, handlers, racegoers, etc., as well as a company of actors who put on a series of episodes, as the train moves on over the period of a week, intended to mystify the passengers. I liked the yarn; it's a

live adjacent to these projects have tried to keep this issue "hot." However, I hope that in the future, the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning will provide more information and less propaganda in its flyers.

compelling one and it adds nicely to the Dick Francis lore. I thought that you might like some of his colorful writing. Here goes:

"He had the widespread Canadian habit of turning the most ordinary statement into a question: 'It's a nice day, eh?' 'I'll just finish my coffee, eh?'"

And "A hay-net was swinging gently above each horse's head (on the train). A couple of grooms sat around on bales while their charges nibbled their plain fare and thought mysterious equine thoughts."

"In the context of ten thousand years, I thought, what did (the villain) and his sins matter? Yet all we had was here and now, and here and now was always where the struggle toward goodness had to be fought. Toward virtue, morality, uprightness, order: call it what one liked. A long, ever-recurring battle."

each member was also courteous and caring.

It's just a very comforting feeling to know what a competent group of volunteers and neighbors we have to help us through emergencies such as this. Thank you for saving our home.

Helen and Ken Bauer

Delmar

Teen drinking

(From Page 4)

represents a serious concern for children and teens because of their accessibility and marketing tactics. This bill intends to reduce that accessibility in an effort to further safeguard the health and well being of underage children.

Both bills have been referred

Parents', teens' goals agree

Editor, The Spotlight:

Praises to those, adults and teens both, who are bringing the teen drinking issue to the fore. Let us recognize at the outset, however, that "talking," while praiseworthy, is only part of the equation. Listening is also essential, and no easier.

One conclusion that emerges already from the published views is that we're all going to have to bend. Adults are going to have to recognize that any perception on the part of teens that something unacceptable (or even acceptable!) is being imposed on them will be resisted. We see already how a reasonable parental response like the "safe house" initiative is seen by at least a few youths as an attempt to abridge their freedom. For their part, teens must recognize that, corny as it may sound, to be treated like adults, you must accept the responsibilities of adults. You cannot expect to be allowed to do whatever you wish when this results in significant potential for harm.

ther or both of the above bills will help to stem the teen drinking problem, they may wish to write to Assemblyman Yevoli requesting that he support the bill and that it be placed on the next Committee Agenda for favorable action. Correspondence may be addressed to the Legislative Office Building, Albany, N.Y. 12248.

Alice M. Hamill

Delmar

Vox Pop

to the Commerce, Industry and Economic Development Committee, Assemblyman Lewis J. Yevoli, Chairman.

If your readers agree that ei-

Some constructive proposals have already emerged. The safe house initiative is to be applauded, but I would suggest that it be expanded to include the teens. I want my house to be "safe," not over my son's objections, but with his support; I'd like him to sign the pledge also. If this is not socially possible, then perhaps a private agreement will work,

along these lines: Though I will be present in the house, I will not intrude in your party so long as you turn away uninvited strangers and anyone with drugs or alcohol, prevent destructive behavior, and generally keep things within reasonable limits.

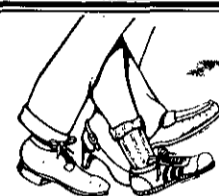
The proposal for teens to po-

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Family grateful for volunteers' aid

Editor, The Spotlight:

A special thank you is extended from a very appreciative family to all of the members of the Elsmere Fire Department for their expert handling of the fire in our home on Saturday, Feb. 18. Not only were they expert in handling their individual responsibilities, but



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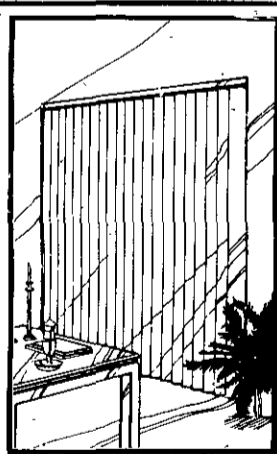
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Matters of Opinion

Vox Pop

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lice their own parties has promise. Can you, will you really do it? Let's see what initiatives you can develop.

The point that teens should be invited to meetings is well taken. Let's go further and design the meetings so that they are not adult meetings to which teens are invited, but simply meetings of concerned people. Teens and adults may tend to have differing outlooks on this issue, but we are not separate constituencies. I want my son to enjoy himself, survive the evening in one piece, and leave our house in one piece. I cannot believe he wishes otherwise.

David Vigoda

Delmar

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Bond vote sends mixed messages

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your editorial applauding the overwhelming approval of the latest Bethlehem school bond issue made a good point, but skirted another. In short, the vote sent mixed messages.

There is no question that the additional classrooms are needed, and a multi-million-dollar bond issue is the proper way to finance the projected expansion. But it is dismaying to see the school board resorting to the shabby practice of improperly loading the bond proposition with major items that should be in the regular budget going to district voters each May.

For the past decade the board has consistently taken actions that expose its lack of knowledge and experience in fiscal management of a \$20-million operation, clearly the largest business operation in the town. A dozen years ago it won a large bond vote for building maintenance and refurbishing (including roofing) with the

promise that there would not be another for 10 years, if ever.

Three years ago its shoddy management forced it to go to the public once again for the same reason. In its well publicized budget "cutting," the board deferred basic maintenance items in favor of allocations for neo-luxury items, not to mention 10-percent annual raises for administrators. Again the voters gave them the money.

Then a funny thing happened (funny peculiar, not funny ha-ha).

For the next year or two the board, showing rare business acumen, reverted to the normal corporate practice of putting up funding in the budget for the 10-year cycle of routine plant maintenance, including roofing repair and replacement, thus making sure there would never again be a bond issue for this purpose. After all, roof repair is a maintenance item, not a capital improvement such as classroom additions.

Last year, the board allocated close to \$200,000 for roofing maintenance, but somehow those funds got shifted to staff additions, including four new elementary positions that reduced the district's average class size infinitesimally (something like from 24.2 to 24). Whatever the figure, unlike roofs, it had no visible impact.

Now, with the roofing problem

continuing to haunt us, the board hit on the perfect solution. Slide the roofing item into the major bond issue for building expansion. Who is going to notice a mere quarter of a million dollars in the overall, and everybody will vote for the needed additions. Put a few other items in there, too, items that won't have to be in the regular budget, and do it in February, i.e., get it out of the way before the regular budget in May.

By coincidence, interest on the bond issue will be around \$200,000 a year for a while, hence it will be nice not to have to worry about that roof maintenance item. Yet we shouldn't blame the school administrators for this kind of legerdemain. Getting fresh funding is part of their job, made easier by a school board with a history of fiscal innocence.

Besides, the big boys do this sort of thing all the time. You don't have to look any further than State Street in Albany, where Governor Cuomo diverts millions of dollars from vital highway and bridge construction and maintenance, then foists a multi-billion-dollar highway bond issue on the public with an emotional appeal that relates the Thruway bridge collapse to school buses. Don't be surprised if some of that money is actually used for roads and bridges.

Nowadays these practices by elected officials entrusted with

public money are almost honest. Should a community newspaper such as this one expose these things, or tiptoe around them, as your editorial did last week with a gentle slap on the wrist?

So, here are the mixed messages from the Feb. 8 vote: a ringing endorsement by a community proud of its school system, and realization that the school board is still a patsy for a vigorous (and effective) school administration. Let's pray there isn't a third message: that Cuomo, talking about education funding in his alarming state budget shortfall, doesn't see Bethlehem's landslide approval of a major bond issue, the third in a dozen years, as further evidence we are a district even wealthier than just wealthy, hence can get along fine with minimum handouts of state aid.

Nat Boynton

New Scotland (BC District)

Opposition to death penalty voiced

Editor, The Spotlight:

How can this be? It is not a conflict? Why does the death penalty prove that justice triumphs? Why are the Moslems saying "He who offends God must die! A wretched man has no choice but to die because he has confronted a billion Moslems" (by writing a book?). Why do we believe that society has the right to determine when it can kill its members? Why do we believe that the right to kill another person is an act of "enlightened legislators and is enforced by intelligent jurors." Why are so many people who are opposed to abortion also for the death penalty? Doesn't this all mean that "I" have the right to kill someone because he offends "me"?

Should not our concern as a caring people be for the support of people in need — our children, our neighbors, our friends, the depressed, the mentally ill, the morally illiterate, and the criminal. When we fail as a community to care for our community members, we develop druggies, alcoholics, and criminals. Violent crimes and murder are too often the result.

The problem is not solved by legalized murder. The criminal we helped develop, now needs our help even more, albeit under strict control. Our tax money should be used to help our citizens, through agape love, to survive in our world, not to provide laws by which we may kill them. We need to help community members overcome the problems, we as citizens have helped cause by our own actions, or lack thereof.

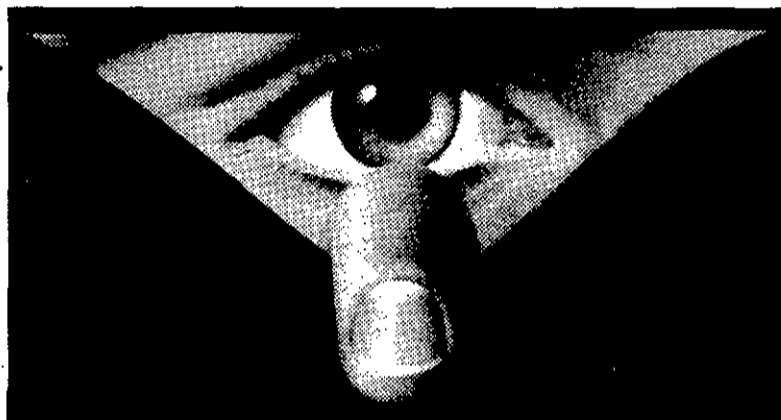
One nation under God and a more caring community are what we need! Tell your congressman to vote "No!" on the death penalty.

George Tilroe

Elsmere

Three from Delmar on Kenwood board

Ray Parafinczuk, Jean Bave-Kerwin and Amy Schneider, all residents of Delmar, have been named to the board of directors for the Kenwood Child Development Center in Albany.



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Think about Wemple Rd.

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Rt. 9W study is due out shortly. It includes detailed proposals to alter, develop and improve Rt. 9W. The report also identifies feeder roads by name (such as Wemple Road) but without the detail or focus of Rt. 9W. I suggest we should all take an extra minute and think about Wemple Road. It's a winding country road that runs between Feura Bush Road and Rt. 9W, with long straightaways and sharp curves. Numerous residences dot the approximately two-mile stretch. I purchased one two months ago.

At 5 a.m. on Saturday Feb. 18, I took an extra minute to think about Wemple Road. I was awakened by a road full of flashing lights focused around a woman trapped in a smoldering wreck. As the car she drove sped down Wemple Road, she had evidently missed a turn, sheared off a telephone pole, and the car had come to rest on the lawn of my neighbor. I rushed outside to view the scene closer with one of my neighbors, who I was meeting for the first time. As the rescue personnel worked feverishly to remove the woman from the car, my neighbor took an extra minute to talk about Wemple Road. He recalled that 18 months earlier on the spot this wreck had come to rest his neighbors had lost a young son to a driver who lost control of her car. I recalled that one month ago

I had met the neighbors who live on the other side of me at an accident in their driveway. At that accident no one was hurt, but I recalled the discussion between the parties involved. One questioned the other why she was crossing traffic, while the other asked how fast she was traveling on Wemple Road. Maybe, if the speeding driver had taken an extra minute to think about Wemple Road, that accident could have been avoided and my neighbor wouldn't have needed to justify her need to cross traffic when backing out of her driveway. It troubles me that I keep meeting my neighbors for the first time at accidents in front of our homes.

As I gazed at the accident in front of me, I took an extra minute to think about the people who live on Wemple Road: the neighbors who needed to justify crossing traffic to enter and exit their driveway, the neighbors who recalled earlier accidents, and those neighbors I kept meeting for the first time at accidents. I thought about the neighbors who lost a young son and had to examine the wreck on their lawn this morning, and most of all I thought about my wife and our one-year-old daughter. I pictured my daughter growing up on Wemple Road, riding her bike, playing in her yard, waiting for the school bus and making new friends. I pictured her pulling out of our driveway in

her first car. Maybe you'll see her and the other children growing up on Wemple Road if you take an extra minute while traveling Wemple Road.

I took an extra minute to think about Wemple Road on Saturday afternoon. There are nine speed limit signs on the two-mile stretch; five state 40 miles per hour and the four nearest our homes state 35 miles per hour. Legally, at 40 miles per hour, it should take you three minutes to travel from one end to the other. At 60 miles per hour it takes only two minutes and, as the woman in the wreck found out, it's an even shorter ride if you travel faster. Please take an extra minute and think about Wemple Road. Then, take an extra minute and think about what you might save traveling Wemple Road at a safe, legal speed.

Jim Dombrowski

Glenmont

Teen says care is taken at most parties

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the Feb. 15 issue of your paper, there were almost three pages dedicated to Delmar's teen drinking problem. After carefully reading these articles and commentaries, I noticed that there was nothing presented on the opinions or views of the teenagers. Were they notified of these

proceedings? I am a teenager, and I am not out to rebel against or criticize those opinions because for the most part they are justified. I do, however, feel that the teen attitude toward alcohol should have been presented.

Teen drinking has been around longer than those who now indulge in it. Granted, for us (teenagers), drinking is considered immoral for the most part. Technically, it is not illegal, as stated in the article "Teen Drinking: a crackdown?" — "in New York State it is not illegal for a person under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcohol."

In these three pages, person after person chastised teen drinking. While that is all right, through all of this, those at the heart of the problem were not present to give their input. That is not characteristic of the democracy this country is portrayed as in school.

The point is that teenagers in Delmar may and do wrongfully consume alcohol, yet exhibit a much more responsible, adult-like behavior when mixing partying and driving than many adults. The fact is that when reading *The Spotlight*, any arrests for DWI offenses are always of those aged 21 to 50. I have never come across an article about an arrest of a teen for such behavior, nor have I known anyone to have been in that position.

It appears to be all in the attitude. Most middle-aged adults may go out and drink with the

attitude that they are old enough and experienced enough to balance the deadly combination of drinking and driving; in many cases this is not so.

The teen attitude is one that seems much safer. Over a four-year period in Delmar, we (the high school seniors) have lost many friends to this irresponsible behavior, a lesson not easily forgotten. Therefore the Delmar teens' first concern is to not repeat that careless action. All groups always appoint a designated driver, always. This is done as common practice. They may also have to "fool" their parents upon arrival at home, so they most likely will not become oblivious to society through the use of alcohol. Based on this information, I feel it is easily determined whose attitude is more adult-like.

This letter was designed to ensure that teenagers in Delmar are given credit where it is due in matters concerning alcohol use, and to ensure that in the future teenagers are consulted or informed on matters that involve or relate to them. In the area of lack of respect for property, I agree that it is pitiful to destroy the belongings of one's host in any matter. As for Mrs. Hogan, I have a great deal of sympathy. I attended the party at your house and saw the damages done. However it is not entirely all your daughter's fault. In my understanding it was never intended to be a real "party."

Name submitted

Delmar

Elsmere PTA thanks children, volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Elsmere School PTA, we would like to thank all those who participated in Children's Activity Day on Feb. 22, including both the children who came for the fun and the volunteers who made the fun possible. We would also like to thank the local merchants who donated items that were used during the morning, including the K-mart in Glenmont, Sharon's Crafts, the Stencil Studio and True Value Hardware in Glenmont. We urge everyone to support these community-minded businesses.

Bonnie Scott, Liz Strickler, Nancy Digeser, Jeanne Ferrentino and Lynne Rhodes

Children's Activity Day Committee

Expresses appreciation

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank *The Spotlight* for its continuing coverage of the Voorheesville Central School District Public Library's move to its new home at 51 School Road. It was not only a help in recruiting the hundreds of students and adults who contributed to our move in January, but also a help in informing our patrons about the progress and opening of their new library facility.

I would especially like to thank your Voorheesville correspondent, Lyn Stapf, for her continuing articles about the library. It is this kind of reporting that keeps our area up-to-date on the library's operation and program.

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Community center consultant sought

Architects to submit proposals

By Mark Stuart

The construction of a Bethlehem Community Center took a major step forward last week as the Bethlehem Town Board agreed to send out requests for proposals to area architects.

The request for proposals will be written at no cost to the town, according to Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor. Phil Maher, chairman of the Community Center Committee, said the town may be able to have the architectural work done at no cost also, as was the case in the construction of the Clifton Park community center.

After reviewing the town's Community Center Committee report, the town board, which consisted of only three members at last Wednesday's meeting, discussed the possibility of setting up an advisory group to assist the chosen architect in developing specific details involving building design and finances. Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko suggested that a new committee, consisting of Community Center Committee members and Bicentennial Commission members, aid the architect in designing the proposed center.

"Your group has established

the need, the data is there, now we have to look at the proposal," Ritchko said. She added that she would like to see the center become a "legacy to the community" in keeping with the town's 1993 bicentennial theme and that the proposal should include a section of the building designed for the performing arts.

Members of the Community Center Committee at the meeting urged the board to limit the purpose of the advisory committee to assisting the project architect and to avoid any role as a planning consultant, a role which some contended would drag the planning process out unnecessarily.

In other business, the board agreed to assign house numbers along Elm Ave., Elm Ave. East, Jericho Rd. and Long Lane, but tabled the proposal for Creble Rd. pending the outcome of a meeting with Creble Rd. residents.

Earlier, the town board had agreed to rename County Rt. 55 as Creble Rd. after councilmen Fred Webster, Robert Burns and Ritchko met with 16 South Bethlehem residents who live along the road. The residents suggested several names, but decided on Creble Rd. in recognition of the Dutch family that settled in that area over 150 years ago.

Last week, one resident protested the board's action, saying that he never received a letter informing him of the meeting and he only found out about the name change in the newspaper after the change was approved. Ritchko apologized for the oversight of not sending a letter.

"We definitely owe you an apology, in no way were we trying to take your address away from you," Ritchko said.

The town decided to number the houses for easy reference for emergency service vehicles. Secor explained that the name change of County Rt. 55 was due to the confusion of Long Lane and Old Long Lane, which is now known as County Rt. 55 and Creble Rd.

There will be a public hearing to amend a section of the town code referring to flood damage protection on March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval was given to go to bid for the Delmar-Elsmere trunk sewer replacement, with a cost limit of \$315,000. The project will replace 2,000 feet of sewer line starting from Plymouth Ave. and

Delaware Ave. and running behind Delaware Plaza to the Rockefeller Rd. pump station. Bids will be opened on March 21 at 2 p.m.

Three other requests for bids were approved. They were for central stockroom office products, non-stock office products, and pipe repair clamps. All bids will be opened on March 14.

The board approved the appointment of Steven C. Kellogg as provisional police dispatcher, effective Feb. 27. Kellogg is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and served in the United States Air Force as a base communications and security specialist.

The board awarded a bid to Guilderland Printing for the printing of the Bethlehem Report. A bid of \$4,716 for 12,000 copies was accepted.

A request to adopt the park usage fees for 1989 was approved. The 1989 rates will remain the same as last year.

The board approved to transfer \$5,000 from the contingency fund to pay for insurance on legal expenses arising out of a pending false arrest suit lodged against the Bethlehem Police Department.

Councilmen Dennis Corrigan and Burns were absent from last Wednesday's meeting.

Two teens charged for theft attempt

Bethlehem police arrested a 15-year-old Delmar teen and a 15-year-old East Berne teen for attempted petty larceny last Wednesday.

Police said the pair allegedly attempted to steal \$785.17 in merchandise from the Delmar CVS store. The pair were arraigned in town court and released to their parents pending further court action, police said.

College choir concert Thursday in Delmar

Choral classics will be featured in a concert by the Lebanon Valley Concert Choir of Annville, Pa. at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.

The 48-member choir, conducted by Dr. Pierce A. Getz, will perform a variety of secular and sacred music.

The concert is part of the choir's 53rd anniversary tour and is open to the community.

Rt. 9W study hearing set

A public hearing on the draft final report of the Rt. 9W Corridor study will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.

Copies of the report are available for review at the Bethlehem Public Library and the planning board office in the town hall.

That report was presented to the Bethlehem Planning Board on Feb. 21 by Peter Hart, project director with Buckhurst Fish Hutton Katz, the planning firm that did the corridor study.

The report addressed three areas of concern within the corridor — land use, site plan review

and traffic circulation. In addition to several roadway improvements and new road proposals, one of the concepts proposed was zoning overlaps, in which land use within a zone is more specifically defined. Board member William Johnston Jr. expressed doubt as to whether such a plan, which would require an environmental impact statement of some sort, could be accomplished by April 7, the last day of the 240-day building moratorium imposed by the town within the corridor.

The 52-page report should help the town in both addressing the specific development needs of the corridor and putting together a

town-wide master plan.

Hart said he felt the town should use the report as a guide and not as "something written in stone." He also suggested taking the report through the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process to determine the environmental impact of the report's recommendations. "SEQRA should be used as a tool, not as a headache," Hart said, "We're suggesting that SEQRA be taken seriously."

Hart stressed the importance of a generic environmental impact study in implementing the corridor study recommendations.

Hart further emphasized that the report should have a time limit on it, perhaps requiring a reevaluation every five years.

After receiving public feedback on the report, the planning board will decide whether or not to accept the report as complete.

Mark Stuart

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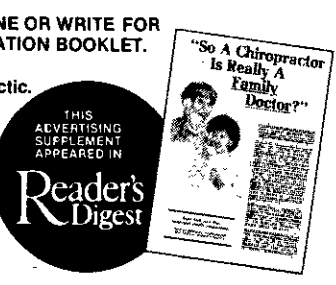
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Lyons Estate to keep its lions



The entrance of the historic Lyons Estate will be preserved despite development on the lands, according to landowner Michael Albano.

Mark Stuart

BCRP headseeks town-wide coalition

A proposed coalition of neighborhood groups was discussed in depth at a Monday night meeting involving several representatives of Bethlehem town neighborhoods, according to John Smolinsky, chairman of the Bethlehem Citizens For Responsible Planning.

Smolinsky, who chaired the meeting, said the coalition will serve to provide an exchange of information between the town's neighborhood associations, provide input in the town's planning process and assist in making appointments to the planning and appeals boards.

"We will try to avoid one group from being stronger than another and will deal with each other on an equal basis," Smolinsky said.

He added that the coalition will have a town-wide approach to planning issues, noting how one zoning change in a neighborhood can have an effect on the entire town.

A proposed three-lot subdivision on a section of the historic Lyons Estate in Cedar Hill was the topic of one of two Bethlehem Planning Board public hearings last Tuesday.

The board also granted preliminary plat-plan approval to the Somerset Woods subdivision on Wemple Rd. and held a public hearing on another one-lot subdivision on Wemple Rd.

The owner of the Lyons Estate, Michael Albano, told the board that he planned to subdivide the undeveloped parcel into three lots, one of which is planned to be given to his son for a home. Albano said he has no current plans for the other two lots, but expects to sell them or build a home on each.

Albano said that access to the property will be from the estate entrance on Rt. 144, a driveway that has become somewhat of an unofficial historic landmark because of the two large lions at the entrance. Albano said the lions will remain undisturbed and kept as they are as landmarks.

The Lyons Estate is an historic tract of land that was once home to James B. Lyons, a printing magnate of the early 20th century who was president of the James B. Lyons Printing Company of Albany. Jean Lyons, who is married to the grandson of James Lyons, attended the meeting last week.

The three sections of land will each front 120 feet along Rt. 144. The section Albano plans to build on will be approximately 39,000 square feet and is located in an A-Residential zone. The property has available water service and approval for a septic system has been given by the Albany County Health Department. The Albany County Planning Board has said it has "no objection" to the proposal.

There have been no drainage tests on the other two parcels of land, but tests will be done when and if the land is developed, Albano said.

Peter VanDerzee of Cedar Hill pointed out that the subdivision will be located along a stretch of

road used frequently by heavy trucks and asked that the town request caution signs from the state Department of Transportation.

No one spoke against the proposal.

In a second public hearing, the planning board heard a request from Raymond Dumicich for a one-lot subdivision on Wemple Rd. adjacent to Chadwick Square.

Dumicich explained that he intends to transfer 2.4 acres to his son who will build a home on the land. The home will be a 76-by-180 foot single-family home. The land is zoned A-Residential.

The only problem that may hold the project up is water. Dumicich said he intends to hook into a 10-inch main that will service the proposed 59-lot Somerset Woods development, which would also be located on Wemple Rd. According to Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, the town board is currently involved in a study involving the Windham Village development and Somerset Woods to see how far to extend the town's water district and to see what costs should be levied against which developer.

The board granted preliminary plat-plan approval to the Somerset Woods subdivision that night. Somerset Woods will be approximately 30 acres in an AA-Residential zone. A public hearing on the proposal was held Jan. 17. The next requirement will be the board's approval of a final plat.

In other business, the board approved a request to commence site work in the Hampshire Place subdivision — a five-lot subdivision located off of Bender Lane.

The board also reviewed a site plan application from Marcel St. Onge regarding the renovation of a residence at 1 Burhans Place and Delaware Ave. into a real estate office.

The two-story building is located in a CCC-Commercial zone and the plans call for a nine-car parking lot with one handicapped parking space.

A wood deck, mudroom and porch would be removed from the structure, according to the proposed plans.

The board requested that an external lighting design and drawings of signs be submitted before a decision can be made.

The next planning board meet-

Heart campaign begins

More than 400 Bethlehem volunteers are expected to take part in the American Heart Association's 1989 Neighbor-to-Neighbor campaign.

"We hope to raise over \$8,000 in the Town of Bethlehem alone," said Patricia Dwyer, campaign chairman for Bethlehem. Dwyer has been involved with the American Heart Association for the past five years. Volunteers will visit homes to request support for the organization's research, education and community service programs.

For information call 869-1961.

Square dance planned

The Tri-Village Squares Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, March 4, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

ing will be a special meeting on Monday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. with Albany County Engineer Paul Cooney to discuss a proposed generic environmental impact study in the North Bethlehem area.

On March 7 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a public hearing to discuss the final draft of the Rt. 9W Corridor Study.

BOU forum to be on Channel 31

Bethlehem Channel 31 will air "Parents, Kids and The Law," a videotape of a recent Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited forum, on March 8 at 8 p.m.

The forum was conducted on Feb. 2 at the Bethlehem Public Library. Copies of the videotape are available from BOU President Holly Billings by calling 439-6885.

St. Patrick's luncheon set for Normanside

The Womens' Organization of the Normanside Country Club will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day card party and luncheon on Thursday, March 9. The cocktail hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Club members may make reservations by calling 439-5362.



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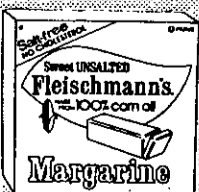
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"JUDGE THE OBSCURE," lecture by Helen Adler, sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9661.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, on applications of Georgine and James Plant, 410 Krumkill Rd., Albany; Vincent Riemma, 470 Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont; and Chris and Beth Smith, 47 Waefield Court, Delmar, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

LENTEN BREAKFAST, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7 a.m. Information, 439-1887.

LENTEN SERVICE, guest speaker, Pastor Craig Bartholomew, Faith Lutheran Church, covered dish dinner at 6 p.m.; service at 7 p.m.

PARENT EDUCATION NETWORK, discussion, "Closeness Vs. Individuality—When to Parent, When to Let Go," First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave, 6:50 to 8 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

"**ESTRANGED HANDS**," Lenten worship service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

RESUME WORKSHOP, part one of two, presented by Judy Fruiterman, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN MEETING, featuring Nancy Worman, Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB, meets first and third Wednesdays, Old Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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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NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, Information, 765-2109.

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MINORITY ADOPTION PROGRAM, informational meeting for minority couples wishing to adopt minority children, sponsored by Parsons, 845 Central Ave. Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

EPILEPSY DISCUSSION GROUP, discuss common problems and concerns with other families, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 456-7501.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES FAIR, Empire State Plaza, 9:30 a.m. Information, 356-1700.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, meeting featuring Richard Schlunning, First United Methodist Church, Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

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BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

KABBALAH CLASS, class in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m. every Thursday, 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, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. when agenda warrants, Zoning Board, first Wednesdays at 7 p.m., when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND LANDFILL, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall.

FOOD PANTRY, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. Bethlehem Reform Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

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

PROJECT EQUINOX, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems; all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

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

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.

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Pals — Kids Helping Kids

As a result of a grant from the state Education Department, a pilot-program in peer conflict resolution was begun at Hamagrael Elementary School during January. The idea is one which has been implemented across the country but until now had not reached the Capital District. With help from the Albany Dispute Mediation Program, Joe Schaeffer, the principal of Hamagrael, Gwen Guillet, a counselor, Gytelle Bloom, a teacher, and Susan Vollo, a parent, have selected and trained, and are supervising 31 fourth and fifth graders to help their fellow students develop the skills of dealing with disagreements in a positive, mutually acceptable manner.

The technique used is called mediation. Since conflict is a natural part of life, the program starts at an early age to help children realize that there is a better way to handle disagreements than fighting, arguing or going to someone else to make a decision. It empowers them to take responsibility for themselves. This gives early practice in self-control and decision making, which is exactly what will be needed to resist peer pressure in years to come. It also provides the opportunity to problem solve with parents, using a style more applicable to approaching adolescence than that of the earlier years.

The young student counselors — who are fourth and fifth graders — do not take the place of adult supervisors. Playground aides still man the cafeteria and recess, and school staff members still handle serious incidents; but the conflict managers of the Peer Assistance League (PALs) assist fellow students in learning to resolve their own disputes so that the aides do not have to be relied upon so heavily.

Two PALs, who have been trained to help their peers, approach students in conflict and ask if they would like assistance in mediating their problem. If the two disputants agree, a subsequent series of steps allows each person to state his version of the dispute and how he feels as a result. The students are then asked to suggest ways for resolving the conflict until one upon which both can agree is reached. The agreement is finalized with a handshake.

PALs are taught the effectiveness of eye contact, how to read body language and the feelings of their peers, and how to interpret what the individuals actually say. They wear green windbreakers to make themselves identifiable to the other students.

After only one month of having the program functioning, arguments among the students have decreased. Aides say there is a noticeably different attitude at recess. All children appear to be working toward a positive resolution of their disagreements. The PALs claim to have gained confidence in their ability to help themselves and their peers. Several say they now get along better at home.

The Hamagrael PTA has been very supportive and helpful in getting the program started. In addition to garnering parental backing, they have provided the windbreakers and funds for refreshments during training. The entire school has joined in the effort.

The program will hopefully be one of interest to students at other Bethlehem Central elementary schools. At the end of the year, Ms. Volo and Ms. Guillet will publish a handbook with information about establishing PAL teams easily and economically. A similar mediation program was implemented at the high school this year. The program may conceivably be made available for kindergarten through grade 12.

For information call Gwen Guillet at 439-3102.

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NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND KWANIS CLUB, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meets every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

ALBANY

MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP, small appliance repair, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration, 463-4267.

SHARE MEETING, for parents who have experienced the death of a newborn, stillbirth or miscarriage, St. Peter's Hospital, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

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BETHLEHEM

BEEKEEPING PROGRAM, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

RECOVERY, INC., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

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

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT, first Fridays, North Bethlehem Fire House, 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.

PRESCHOOL FILMS, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND

FISH FRY DINNER, sponsored by Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department, Clarksville, \$4.50 per adult, \$2.50 per child, 5-8 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, play, staged by the Albany Academy Upper School, Academy Chapel, Academy Road, \$3, continues through March 4, 8 p.m.

NOON ORGAN CONCERTS, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

CHEMENON, self help group for adolescents who use drugs/ and or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

ARTS

"MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM," written by August Wilson, Proctors Theatre, Schenectady, through Mar. 4, 8 p.m.

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MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAM, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER DANCE, Normanside Country Club, \$25 per person, 6 p.m.

BETHLEHEM SOCCER CLUB, registration for spring program, for youths born between 1970-83, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, \$22, 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-6465.

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

TRIVILLAGE SQUARES, dance with Ray Taylor as caller, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. 8 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

ALBANY

"DINO DEN DISCOVERY PROGRAM," featuring hands-on activities for children, State Museum, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

EDUCATION FORUM, sponsored by the National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, St. Peter's Hospital, Cusack Auditorium, 10 a.m.-noon, Information, 439-0252.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE, basic steps for beginners taught at 7:30 p.m., dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m., \$5. Information, 765-2815.

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC, featuring Amsterdamm Loeki Stardust Quartet, Alumnae Chapel, Emma Willard School, Pawling Ave., Troy, 8 p.m.

BETHOVEN AND BACH, performed by Albany Pro Musica, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, 8 p.m.

"ROADWAY RAZZAMATAZZ," presented by the Latham Circle Chapter of the Sweet Adelines Inc., Shaker High School, 7:30 p.m.

SUN MAR 5

BETHLEHEM

WANDERERS-DRILL TEAM, pancake breakfast, Elsmere Fire House, 8 a.m.-noon, public welcome. Information, 439-6124.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING, for Slingerlands residents, Community Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8646.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday School, 9 a.m., 3 year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible Study and Sunday School classes, 9:15 a.m., Family Worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.; worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Family Communion Service, first Sundays, Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont, Information, 463-6465.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible Class, 10:15 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Information, 465-2188.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, Scientist, service and Sunday School, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM, church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-3406.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, of Delmar, worship, 9:30 a.m., church school, 9:45, youth and adult classes, 11 a.m., nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m., Christian Education for all ages, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m., Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

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.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service at 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND, adult class, 9:30 a.m., worship and church school, 10:30 a.m. nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided, Christian education for age three through adult, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

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medical appointments

WEEKLY GROCERY SHOPPING
Monday's - Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza from 9:30-11:30.
Thursday's - Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Glenmont Plaza from 9:00-11:00.

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UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

AL-ANON GROUP, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

ALBANY

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS, Sunday evenings, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-0974.

MENDED HEARTS, meeting of the Capital District Chapter, for people who have undergone heart surgery, and their families, Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, 2 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

ALATEEN MEETING, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by another's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

BETHEHEM 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.

MOTHER'S TIME OUT, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

NEW SCOTLAND

MEETING, Board of Trustees, Voorheesville Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

ALBANY

FAMILY FUN DAY, with singer Christopher Shaw, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 339-3380.

ROAD RACES, "Winter Marathon" and "Three Person Marathon Relay," sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, State University of Albany, \$6, 10 a.m. Information, 783-1729.

NURSING PROGRAM, "Increasing the Power and Enhancing the Image of Nursing Through Legislative Workshops," sponsored by New York State Nurses Association, Albany Hilton, Registration, 456-5371.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

"COUNTRY AT THE TURF," hosted by Northeast Country Music Association, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie, \$7 per couple, \$4 per person. Information, 861-5308.

ANTIQUA RADIO CLUB OF SCHENECTADY, monthly meeting, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

SELF-HELP GROUP, for those with Multiple Sclerosis, chapter office, 421 New Karner Rd., 1 p.m. Information, 489-6688.

COIN AND STAMP SHOW, Capital District Coin dealers Association, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 346-2584.

"OUT OF THE DEPTHS," a film exploring the mining experience in the American West, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 1:30-3:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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"WHAT ABOUT SEX?" a lecture on how parents should deal with hard to answer questions, Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Rd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2201.

SAFE PLACE, support group for family and friends of suicide victims, sponsored by the Samaritans, meets first and third Tuesdays, St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE, informational sessions about guided independent study programs, Capital District Regional Center, 845 Central Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

DANA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, opening meeting on insects, Albany Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 463-5256.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

DANCE CLASSES, beginning clogging, history of blue grass, dance and string band, St. Marks Community Center, Rt. 146, Guelderland Center, Registration, 765-2815.

REPUBLICAN DINNER, with speaker Ralph J. Marino, the Albany County Republican Committee dinner, Michaels' Banquet Hall, Latham, \$65 per person, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 783-5864.

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LENTEN SERVICE, with guest speaker Pastor Paula Gravelle, Faith Lutheran Church, Glenmont, covered dish dinner at 6 p.m., service at 7 p.m.

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BETHEHEM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY, sponsored by Normanside Women's Organization, cocktails at 11:30 a.m., luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-5362.

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ALBANY

THREADWORKS, exhibition of rarely displayed textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through June 18.

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BETHEHEM

TREE IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information or registration, 453-1806.

NEW SCOTLAND

SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS, annual meeting and dinner, Clarksville Community Reformed Church, 10 a.m. Reservations, 765-3510.

MINIATURES SHOW AND SALE, the sixth annual Spring Celebration and Sale to benefit the Albany County Unit of the American Cancer Society, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, adults, \$2.50; children under 10, \$1; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 377-3936.

ALBANY

"WHEN I WAS HUNGRY," prayer service to inaugurate the Albany CROP Walk, Trinity Methodist Church, Lark and Lancaster Sts., Albany, 7 p.m.

FREE VOICE CLINIC, sponsored by College of St. Rose Communication Disorder Program, free speech, hearing, ear, nose and throat examinations, Albany Medical Center, room K203, 9 a.m.-noon. Appointments, 454-5256.

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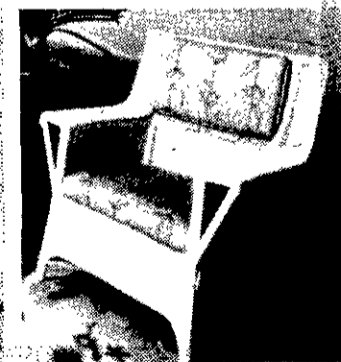
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Showhouse in Delmar

Vanguard decorates in Westchester Woods

By Theresa Bobear

"Everybody who's working on it is very excited. There's a lot of enthusiasm involved," says builder Kevin Klersy. "It's really nice to see this house being built in Delmar."

The 1989 showhouse for the Vanguard-Albany Symphony Inc. is a custom-designed, contemporary home at 129 Darroch Road in Westchester Woods. The showhouse offers builders and decorators an opportunity to show off their ideas and craftsmanship for a worthwhile cause, and this year's effort has a decidedly local ring to it.

The Vanguard Showhouse '89 has 3,500 square feet of living area plus 1,100 square feet of finished space in the lower level. Each of the 12 rooms, three full baths and three half baths will be finished by a different area decorator.



Kevin Klersy of the Klersy Building Corp., Delmar, and David VanDenburg of Delmar, framing, roofing and siding subcontractor, review blueprints of the Vanguard Showhouse '89 in Westchester Woods, Delmar.

Fred and Deborah Morris of the F. Kendrick Gallery in Delmar and Eileen Schuyler of the Village Furniture Company in

Delmar will join with other area decorators in creating a decorator's exhibition at the showhouse.

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Vanderzee farmhouse is landmark in Feura Bush

By Allison Bennett

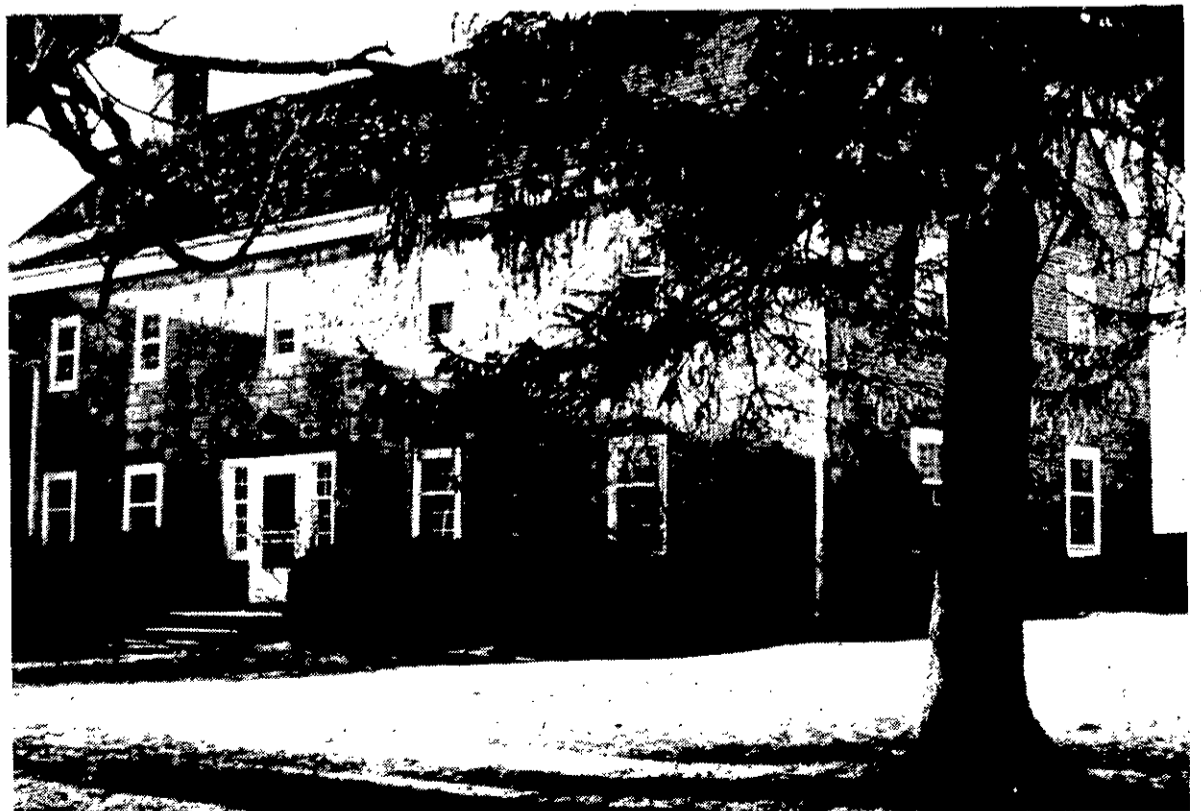
A heavy storm in the North Atlantic in 1637 made rough going for the little sailing ship, "Rensselaerwyck," as it made its way toward the pioneer settlement of New Amsterdam in the Dutch colony of New Netherland. On board, crowded into the smelly and stuffy hold of the lurching ship was Albert Andriessen Bradt and his wife, Engeltie. Their

suffering with fear and seasickness was heightened during the tempest because at that time their son was brought into life in the dark and fearsome world.

They christened the baby by "Storm Vanderzee" (storm from the sea). His later life also proved to be stormy, as attested to by the early court records of Fort Orange (Albany). Storm not only lived up to his name, but he carried it

throughout his life, dropping the Bradt surname that belonged to his father and his seven brothers and sisters. Thus was born the well-known local name of Vanderzee that is carried yet by a number of descendants who reside in our area. These two groups of people, the Bradts and Vanderzees, were all from one and

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The stone and brick Vanderzee house is believed to have been built in the 1750s. A large addition was made in 1804. The house, which

is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Riestler, previously served as home for Dr. and Mrs. Ewald Nyquist.

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Landmark

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the same family, and many of them have gone on to make outstanding records in their careers and in the role of private citizen.

The house that is pictured was built by a grandson of this original Storm Vanderzee and is known locally as "The Vanderzee House," proclaimed by a New York State marker at the roadside. A mile of wooded and pastoral landscape leads along Rowe Road to the circa 1750 house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Riester. This stone and brick beauty sits beside the Onesquethaw Creek above the village of Feura Bush, as solid and pretentious as the day it was built. That the Vanderzees were farmers of importance is attested to by the size of this great 10-room mansion. Fred Riester believes that the section nearest the road is the small house originally built by Harmen Vanderzee in the 1750s. A date stone above the front entrance testifies that a large addition was made in 1804 and perhaps at that time the entire front of the house was faced with stone. Whatever the reason, the house is an impressive and sturdy reminder of the early years when things were built to withstand the ages. The throw-away and expandable society of the present age was totally unknown to these hardy Dutchmen, who, after braving rough seas and settling in virgin forests, wanted a sense of safety and permanence in their daily lives and expressed it in the solid stone and brick houses they built all over the Hudson Valley.

Going through the two-part Dutch door with its heavy wrought iron hinges and locks at the front entrance, one enters the low ceilinged hall that in true Colonial fashion runs through the center of the house, with an identical door leading to the rear yard and its stone flagged terrace. Sidelights, probably a later addition, add light to the hall, as does a small window at the rear. The stairs here lead up to the second floor and have an unusual feature that is the cause of many jokes — short banisters and low

handrails that look as if they were made for children. One wonders if the Vanderzees were really that short in stature or if this was done purposely to give better proportion to the hallway.

The Riesters have replastered the old walls and papered them with a pretty floral design paper above the chair rail. The wide pine floorboards that are found here and throughout the house have been lightly sanded and revarnished to improve their appearance.

To the right of the front hall is what is believed to be the original house — one large living room, now done in a formal style with white walls and the hand-hewn ceiling beams covered by a smooth plaster ceiling. The fireplace mantle here is probably a replacement for an earlier, more simple and crude one. This present mantle is wooden and painted black and adds formality to the room that is now furnished



The Vanderzee house, built by Harmen Vanderzee, a grandson of Storm Vanderzee, sits beside the Onesquethaw Creek above Feura Bush. Its size attests to the prosperity of the farming

family. Some 25 of the original 300 acres of the parcel remain and included a Dutch barn and other outbuildings until a fire several years ago.



One large living room in the Vanderzee house is now done in a formal style with white walls, a wooden fireplace mantle painted black, comfortable chairs, antique tables and a grand piano. Elaine McLain

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The short banister and low handrails may have been installed on the stairs to give better proportion to the hallway.

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with a sofa, comfortable chairs, a few antique tables, and occasional chairs and accessories added for interest.

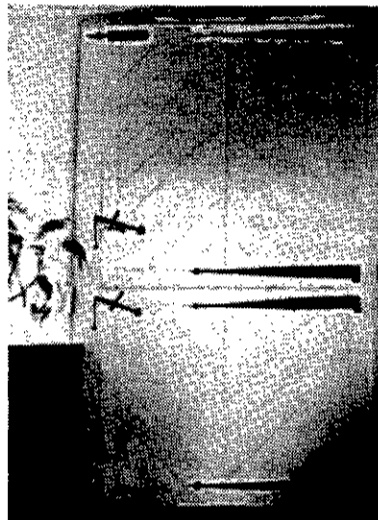
Across the hall is the room where the family spends a great deal of time in informal surroundings. It has a huge paneled fireplace wall with built-in early cupboards, all taken back from painted wood to the natural wood tones. The patina of the wood throughout the house has mellowed with the years to a fine golden brown. The original square hearth tiles are still in place and the windows in this room, as in all the others, have deep window embrasures that serve as an ideal growing place for Mrs. Riester's collection of houseplants. All of the windows in the house have eight over 12 panes of glass, and many have the imperfect glass that denotes them as original to the structure. The furniture in this keeping room is casual. A long blue couch in two parts wraps itself together in front of the fireplace and the television set that is concealed in the built-in cabinets. Across the room are Queen Anne dining table, chairs and china cabinet, that seem to fit precisely in this large room.

Taking a step down from the stone built parts of the house, we enter into the kitchen, which is located in a wooden addition that must have been put on at a later date and at one time incorporated a summer kitchen. The knotty-pine cabinets here were installed by former owners, Dr. and Mrs. Ewald Nyquist, and seem most appropriate for the homespun atmosphere of the house. An interesting feature here is the back of the pantry door, upon which the Nyquists had marked in pencil many times the names and height of their three children. Beyond the kitchen is a screened room for dining or sitting, and behind that is the laundry room that leads into an attached greenhouse.

Another set of stairs leads up from the kitchen to the bedrooms of the three Riester boys. There is one large bedroom and a smaller one and their own bathroom. That all make life easier and more quiet for their parents in the main house.

Fred Riester enjoys the 25 acres of the original 300 that still surround the property and calls this land his "hide-out." A large Dutch barn and several outbuildings burned a few years ago, but there is still a large garage made from an earlier building that houses the vehicles and tractors and snowblowers that are necessary equipment here.

This house has been pictured many times in our local newspapers in years past, but we wanted to look at it again because it is so lovely and such a remarkable piece of architecture. A more perfect family house could not be found anywhere.



This two-part Dutch door with heavy wrought iron hinges leads to the center hall of the Vanderzee house in New Scotland. *Elaine McLain*

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Delmar Showhouse

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Many of the Vanguard volunteers are also local residents.

The tours, gourmet luncheons, fashion shows, boutique and plant sale, to be sponsored at the showhouse by Vanguard-Albany Symphony Inc. from May 1 through 21, will benefit the Albany Symphony Orchestra. The event supports a \$30,000 pledge to the orchestra that provides concerts for over 4,000 young people and music scholarships.

Fred and Deborah Morris of the F. Kendrick Gallery, 411, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, are responsible for the garage/lunch room. Each year the garage of the showhouse is converted into a lunch room and art gallery, according to Fred Morris. "Basi-

cally, what we're doing is hanging up the artwork," he said. It will probably be mostly limited edition prints, original lithographs and original artwork."

"We're pleased to be a part of the effort to raise money for the Albany Symphony Orchestra Vanguard," Morris said.

Eileen Schuyler of the Village Furniture Company, 380 Delaware Ave., Delmar, plans to decorate one of the bedrooms in a Southwestern contemporary style. Schuyler said she will use a wall covering of deep green, pimento red and cream from the Heard Museum, a museum of Southwestern and Indian art in Phoenix, Ariz. She said the furniture will be a Santa Fe finish in pine. "I have accessories from the

Indians and the Southwest," Schuyler said.

"I'm delighted to be a part of the Vanguard Showhouse," she said. "It's not only an exciting adventure, but a way to help raise money for the Albany Symphony Orchestra."

"We broke ground around the latter part of November," said Klersy. He estimated that at any one time there could be as many as 18 people on the job. "Klersy Building Corp. appreciates the opportunity to donate the home for this benefit and fully expects this year's showhouse to be a great success for the Vanguard-Albany Symphony Orchestra Inc.," he said. "It's an honor to do the job."

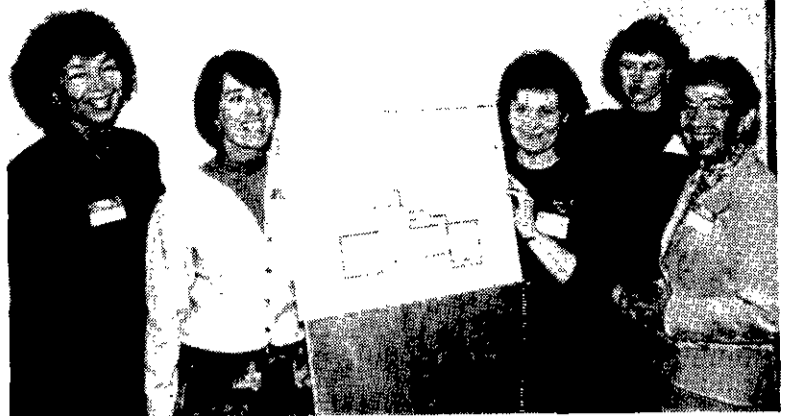
"Music is one of the many arts and something that should be nurtured, I think," he said.

"We're donating the house for them to use for the show," he said. According to Klersy, representatives of Vanguard will occupy the showhouse for five weeks, including the three that the house will be open to the public. "I've been very delighted with everyone we've come into contact with from Vanguard."

"Upon entering the home through eight-inch high French doors, you feel the expanse of a two-story foyer with a balconied oak staircase and polished granite floor," Klersy said.

"The first floor contains a living room with granite fireplace and cathedral ceiling, a music room with window seat and eight-inch sliding glass door, and a dining room with oak floor with intricate walnut inlaid border. The oak galley, with its tall wall cabinets, passes through to the family room and walk-in pantry kitchen."

According to Klersy, "The family room is graced by a split-face granite fireplace flanked by



Anne Cohen, right, Vanguard design coordinator, reviews decorating plans for the Vanguard Showhouse '89 with Anne King of the Decorating Den, left, Debra Morris of the F. Kendrick Gallery in Delmar, Eileen Schuyler of the Village Furniture Company in Delmar and Lynda Long of the Decorating Den.

custom built-in cabinets and a window seat. There is also another staircase from the breakfast room to the upstairs back hall area. To finish the first floor there is a large laundry room, mud room, two and a half baths and three-car garage with a stair to the basement.

"The second floor boasts four spacious bedrooms and two and a half baths. The master bedroom has a cathedral ceiling, large windows and a spacious walk-in closet. The master bath has skylights, whirlpool, glass and tile shower, and arched window. The home has been designed for family activities as well as formal entertaining. The exterior finishes are done in brick, stone and cedar siding.

"Lastly, the landscaping, deck and extensive walks and patios have been planned to blend with the natural feeling of the heavily treed lot."

"The house is listed for \$655,000," said Klersy. He said there are other houses on the drawing board for Westchester Woods that will exceed \$550,000.

In addition to benefits for the orchestra, he said, the project will make people aware of some of

the construction the Klersy Building Corp. has done for years.

Area residents serving on the Vanguard-Albany Symphony showhouse committee include Lorena Abrams of Slingerlands, contracts/tickets; Anne Cohen of Delmar, design coordinator; Christine Fischer of Slingerlands, fashion shows; Deborah McKneally of Delmar, kitchen; Barbara Meffert of Delmar, hospice; Ann Patton and Nancy McEwan of Delmar, program book; and Margaret Tubbs of Delmar and Karen Shaskan of Glenmont, staffing.

The showhouse will be open from May 1 through 21. The tour and boutique hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are available for \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Luncheons and fashion shows will be held on Monday through Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations may be made for \$8 by calling 465-4755.

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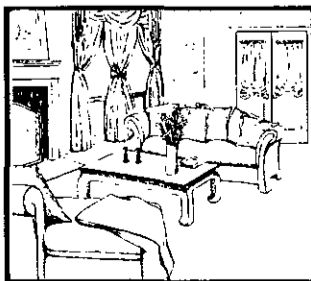
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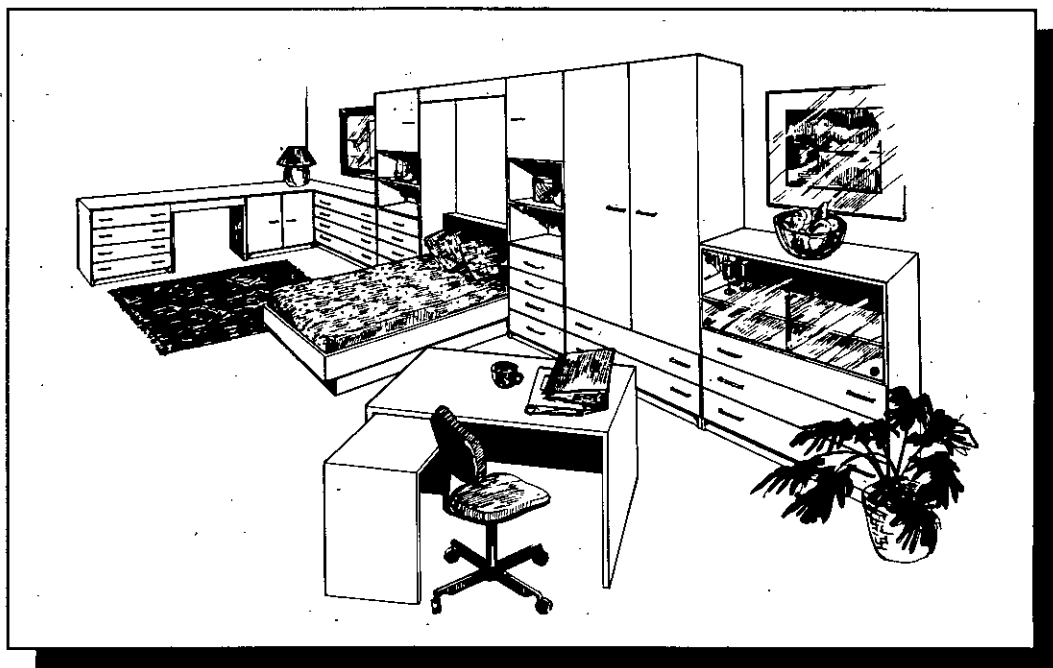
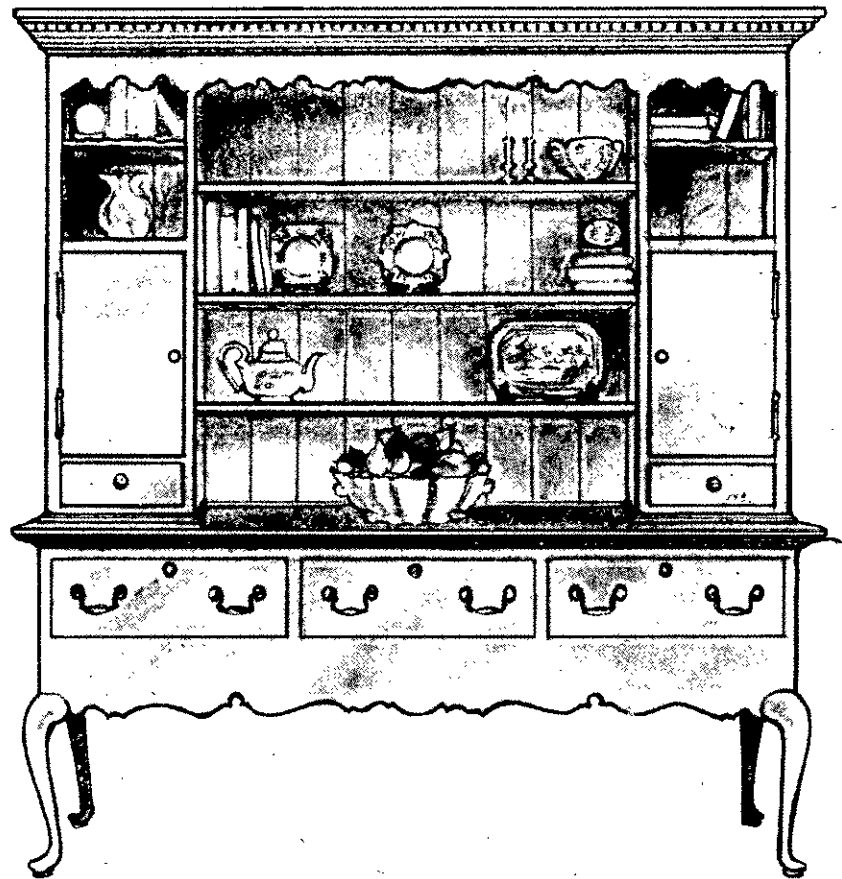
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Wicker furniture makes a comeback

The home furnishings market has gone nostalgic.

Proving that everything old is new again, furniture designers have brought back ornate Chippendale chairs, claw-footed and cabriole-legged tables, iron beds, Victorian wicker settees and Oriental art.

For those who follow the fads, it's merely part of the '60s craze that has hit the United States.

Miniskirts, convertibles and Annette Funicello movies have made a comeback and, from the looks of various companies' offerings, so has that decade's interest in romantic antiques.

In stark contrast to the pale pine and simple Santa Fe styles of recent years, the elaborate, extravagant designs of Thomas Chippendale (1718-79) are holding a high profile. Furniture inspired by many of Chippendale's periods are back, but it is replicas of his Chinese period that seem freshest.

Referred to as Chinese Chippendale, this style of furniture is made of dark mahogany and features ornamental fretwork that gives an open, airy feeling to a cabinet or chair back, as well as added richness.

It and similar furniture from

the Victorian and Georgian periods are in abundance, notably in chairs with gold satin jacquard-covered seats and dining tables on pedestals and brass-footed legs.

In true Victorian form are massive tables with lion's claw-and-ball legs and marble-topped dressers, in addition to ornately carved armoires and bed frames. Softer looks such as gentle Queen Anne tables with cabriole legs are also popular again.

In addition to English-styled furniture, often with an Oriental flavor, there are furnishings copied from authentic Chinese furniture. Not the sleek, contemporary black lacquer styles of previous years, but elegant furniture inspired by the Ming dynasty (1368-1644).

Look for brass poster beds, high-backed chairs with softly curved Chinese lattice, wall-size murals, tasseled silk throw pillows and screens of Oriental figures and flowers.

As for Oriental art, offerings include Samurai statues with verdigris (antique green) finish and hand-carved and hand-painted wood sculptures from Thailand.

While dark furniture seems the newest trend, look also for pickled



Yesteryear's design favorites, such as the white wicker settee and rocker, are making a comeback.

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and pastel-stained pine in a Pennsylvania Dutch theme and a refreshing update of romantic white wicker.

Wicker isn't just for the garden or sun porch, however. Glamorous Victorian settees, chaise lounges, ottomans and rocking chairs have been designed for formal settings.

Wicker also is incorporated into elegant, traditional hardwood furniture — as a facade on solid wood frames of china cabinets, dressers, beds and TV-VCR cabinets, for example.

People are buying both antiques and reproductions.

Besides white wicker, there's a

big interest in the dark, painted pieces.

While many think antique wicker is too fragile to withstand another generation of wear and tear, it's often a better buy than the reproductions. Victorian wicker was always made with a hardwood frame, and often the seats were wood or wood-framed with a cane seat, while some of today's furniture (which is made entirely of wicker) will quickly sag and break.

Since furniture has made a sharp turn to elegant nostalgia for spring, light fixture and accessory companies also have changed directions. Oriental-theme ginger jar lamps, Tiffany lamps and crystal chandeliers are back.

In accessories, there is also an Art Deco mood. Statues of glamorous women with pedigreed hounds on a leash grace a Victorian mantle or a faux marble portable column.

Giant fat cats of resin and granite add whimsy to a garden room, and small ceramic rabbits add charm to a country setting.

Pickled pine frogs, fish, snails and armadillos to accent a coffee table are also trendy, replacing ducks and cats. And on the cutting edge are peacocks and carousel images.

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Home design goes cozy and casual

When I was growing up, my friend lived in what had to be one of the most inviting houses of all time.

It was a big place, to accommodate four kids, their friends and a menagerie of pets.

It was painted like a red barn and filled with Americana treasures (my friend's mother had a penchant for wooden watermelon wedges), lots of family snapshots and personal memorabilia. There even was an old wagon frame in the front yard. It was one of the friendliest houses I knew.

It was, in many ways, the perfect country home — uncontrived, open and engaging. It was a place where you weren't afraid to plop down on the sofa.

The unpretentious country look has never been more popular. Some people are just discovering its pleasures, while dyed-in-the-wool country aficionados say it never went out of style. That's because country interiors, full of personal mementos, reflect the people who live in them.

Country style has been updated with bright colors and bold, yet naive, designs. *House Beautiful* calls it "gutsy" and labels its new, somewhat more sophisticated look "cleaned-up country."

In "American Family Style" (Viking Studio Books), author Mary Randolph Carter offers a tribute to her own family's home in Virginia. It is a country wonder — filled with furniture, snapshots and knickknacks that take years to collect.

In his foreword to Carter's book, designer Ralph Lauren says this casually inviting look is quintessentially American:

"We do not have an old tradition in America. We make it up as we go along. That is what gives American family style — *American style* — its vitality and diversity."

Country style also encompasses a myriad of ethnic influences. Think of roomy chintz-upholstered couches from England, stenciled cabinets from Scandinavia, the workmanship of Shaker furniture, Italian pottery, gorgeous French-inspired oak armories, Southwestern terra cotta and Portuguese tiles.

These are all country looks that you can use individually — to create an open, airy Scandinavian interior or a heartwarming room of Americana — or mix elements that you like best to establish an even more personal interior.

Bo Niles, author of "Country Living; Country Decorating" (Hearst Books), says, "Ethnic handicrafts tie in with ethnic traditions and a visible example of connections with family and community; ritual and ceremony."

She describes country as "a most democratic homestyle." It encompasses everything you want it to.

Antique furniture and collectibles are a functional part of the interior. They make it more accessible, give it a comfortingly personal sense of history, not the touch-me-not aura of a museum. Furniture is generously proportioned and comfortable — no dainty highbrow antiques or back-breaking high-tech items here.

Americana amour

American country is a broad appellation. It can mean a rustic New England farmhouse boasting a display of copper pots in the kitchen, or the cool colors and geometric shapes of a Southwestern adobe.

For a traditional Americana look, solid rustic wood furniture, Amish-inspired quilts and bold, floral-designed pottery are at home. So are checks and plaids.

And antique wicker lawn furniture comes inside for a refreshing look.

American country also welcomes plenty of cabinets to show off treasured collectibles: an Amish weather vane, old dolls, old-time boxes.

Also choose a whimsical motif. Anything with a black-and-white Holstein cow is big now, and frog motifs are leaping into favor.

That unexpected dash of humor always crops up in the American country interior. Oddities such as one-of-a-kind turtle-shaped footrests or rocking chairs with puppies on the side fit right in.

For American country colors, use time-worn blue, soft green and brick red.

Southwestern scenery

On the other side of the country, the now-popular Southwestern look was born. The sun-drenched landscape gave way to spare, simple interiors with salmon pinks and pale greens and geometric Navajo shapes.

But don't be afraid to spice up a Southwestern interior with periwinkle blue, kelly green and the bright colors of a Mexican serape.

Simply Shaker

It's no surprise that the quality craftsmanship of Shaker furniture is so popular.

"Shaker-inspired design retains the timelessness that makes it sublimely appropriate to a country setting," writes Niles.

The functional design and clean lines of Shaker furniture can fit into any interior. And the pieces, whether real antiques or quality reproductions, are meant to be used.

The classic Shaker pegboard — used for hanging everything from clothing to ladder-back chairs — cleared the floor for a thorough sweeping. And the hallmark Shaker-style pencil-post bed frame is timelessly elegant.

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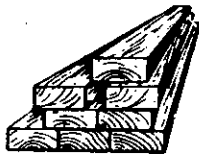
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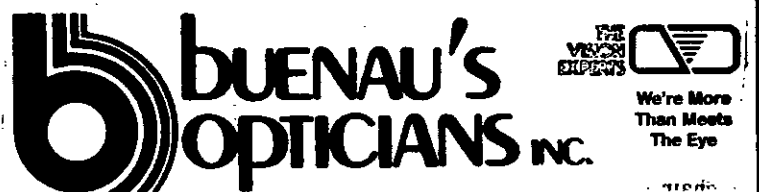
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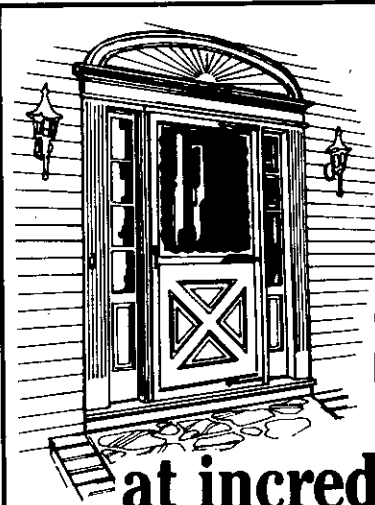
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Is your bedroom also your office? Leave space for a desk and computer table. If you'll use the area to relax, consider a comfortable chair or chaise lounge and reading lamp, bookshelves and stereo or television set and VCR.

If you share the room with a spouse or roommate, be sure to incorporate his or her needs into your planning.

Put it to bed

Regardless of what else you have in your bedroom, the bed will be the centerpiece and the place where you'll spend most of your time, so choose it wisely.

The size bed you choose will depend on the space you have, but do

Form follows function

This design principle is an old one, but it's as true today as it was when formulated. Before you start decorating, determine the uses to which you'll put your boudoir.

If you work out in your bed-

invest in a sturdy frame and a firm mattress so that you spring out of bed each morning instead of crawling out with an aching back.

Or look into a hospital-type bed that can raise and lower your head and feet for reading and watching television or just being more comfortable.

The waterbed has been around since early Greeks and Romans slept on water-filled goat skins. A hundred years ago, British physicians devised large bags of water for sleeping to prevent bedsores and aid in burn patients' comfort.

In 1969, a San Francisco State University design student turned in a class project that he had devised with some vinyl used for lining pond bottoms, a sealing machine and a heating element — the modern waterbed.

Today more than 20 percent of mattresses sold are for waterbeds, not only for comfort but also to ease back disorders, arthritis and insomnia.

Today's models include motion-dampening inserts to decrease the wave factor. Hard, uncomfortable side rails are a thing of the past. Sears, Sealy and others offer flotation mattresses with soft sides that look like ordinary beds and use conventional sheets. The only difference is in the warmth and comfort.

Once you've chosen the bed, select an unusual headboard — brass or wicker will be popular again this season. Or use an Italian or Oriental screen. If space is a real problem, look into daybeds (also available at waterbed stores) or sleeper sofas that disappear during the day when your bedroom wears one of its other hats.

Dress it up

Now comes the fun part — decorating your hideaway so that it is as smashing as it is functional.

A tip from top decorators is to plan around two basic colors and choose accent pieces in a third. For example, the predominant colors you select might be tan and navy, with peach pillows, rugs and accessories. When you're in the mood for a change, you can replace small items with pale blue next time and later with rust, thus allowing you to redecorate several times without breaking the bank.

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A bedroom can reflect any mood. For a comfortable country retreat, use a brass headboard, eyelet lace and a wicker chair for relaxation. Copley News Service

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What is your style? Do you like the opulence of heavy drapes over filmy sheers or the simplicity of miniblinds that provide privacy and block light while taking up a minimum of space? Do you prefer the clean feel of shiny hardwood

floors with a few area rugs or the comfortable feel of soft, deep carpeting? Is a fireplace a possibility?

Now choose a mood — modern, traditional, French country. Romantics are in luck since tiny floral patterns and big cabbage roses are back in style this year. So is wallpaper in delicate pastels and pinstripes.

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Designing kids' rooms

Don't overlook your child's room in your decorating plans. It serves as a place to rest, a play area and a stage for busy young imaginations. It should be comfortable and easy to care for, and it should reflect your child's interests and hobbies.

Here are some suggestions for turning your child's room into one he'll want to spend more time in.

- Choose wall-coverings and carpeting in neutral colors that can grow with your child. Clowns, airplanes and cartoon figures are appealing to children, but they are quickly outgrown. Select them only if you can afford to redecorate often.

- Let children have some input in the planning process. Even very young children have favorite colors, and they will be more inclined to take care of their room if they have helped decorate it.

- Create a room that takes care of itself. Provide bins for storage

of toys and games, shelves for books, a pegboard for athletic equipment.

- Select a bed that's easy to make and lower closet rails so your child can start to enjoy the independence of choosing outfits and dressing himself.

- Allow a display area for a treasured collection of dolls or toy cars.

- Children love crannies. Construct a sleeping loft with a ladder to get up to it and lots of space for a desk or play area underneath.

- Shop secondhand stores and unfinished furniture outlets for low-cost furniture that will stand the stress of your child's active life. A used bed can be dressed up with varnish and a bright spread; an unpainted chest can be brought to life with paint in your child's favorite colors.

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Creative surface magic

After spending an afternoon traipsing through elegant model homes and beautiful designer showrooms your home suddenly looks blah in comparison. Your first temptation may be to gut the entire house and start from scratch.

Before calling in a demolition team, take a good look at the interior of your home. Chances are it's not as dull or lackluster as you first imagined. A few minor decorating changes may be all that's required.

Wallpaper is one of the best ways to brighten up a room. There are thousands of wall coverings on the market today, ranging from elegant grass cloths to velvety fabrics to glittering metallics. Most wall coverings come pre-pasted and pre-trimmed for easier installation.

Before setting out to buy wallpaper, determine how much light a room gets during the daytime. A sunny room can cause a light-colored wall covering to appear washed out. A darker wall covering, on the other hand, can sometimes take on a rich, warm glow when hit by sunlight.

Also, keep in mind the colors and patterns of adjacent rooms. By selecting a harmonious color palette, the transition from one room to another will be smoother and your home will take on a more pulled-together look.

In general, dark colors make a room appear smaller while light papers do the reverse.

Don't necessarily opt for a small subtle pattern for a small room. Often a large-scale motif can create the illusion that your room is larger than it really is.

To give your walls some pizzazz, designers recommend that you combine two patterns, one for the top half and one for the bottom half, using a coordinating border to separate them.

If you can't afford to wallpaper an entire room, you can still spruce up a room with a border. Used creatively, borders can give a room dimension and create interesting architectural details where none exist.

Borders aren't restricted to just walls these days. They can add color and style to a room when used to trim windows, fireplaces, mantels or door panels.

An ideal solution for bumpy or heavily damaged walls is the use of fabric. Sometimes the fabric can be applied directly to the wall's surface, but usually a layer of batting or thin foam rubber is applied to make the wall smooth.

Commercial fabric wall coverings usually come with paper backing and can be applied directly to the wall with a wall covering adhesive.

One of the newest trends for adorning walls is a technique called "wall printing," which is akin to stenciling. Using a machine that resembles a hand-held printing press, a professional wall printer applies a design of your choice directly on the wall in up to three colors of paint. The final result looks like wallpaper but costs about half as much.

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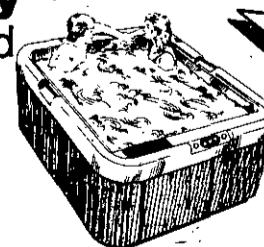
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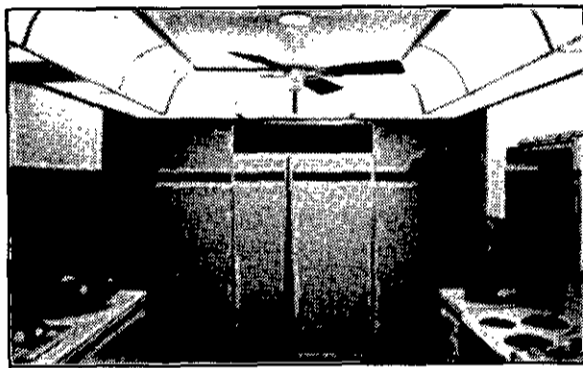
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Trends in sun rooms warm the East

The quest for balmy, sunbathed days is moving a number of people to add sun rooms to their homes. And building a sun room isn't difficult, architects say.

Some home owners add such a room to their patios, some to other parts of the house.

Architect Mike Batter, a sun room advocate, said the trend "is quite wonderful. It's just another version of the front porch in the East."

That front porch, surrounded by some wire netting, allowed people to sit outside and relax.

"It was a nice place to have breakfast," he said, "I remember because I grew up in the East."

For homes that don't have a front porch, the sun room gives a home a chance to have one.

He said he has seen many homes that look nice on the outside, "but inside they are like dungeons, dark and not appealing. A sun room certainly is one of the things that can brighten it up."

There's nothing complicated about adding a sun room to a home, according to Batter, who said the construction costs generally are on a par with the rest of the house. It all depends on the construction material and how it's put together, he said.

The sun room normally has plenty of windows on all sides. The addition can be surrounded by glass walls and roof, built with one glass wall or even wrapped in plastic fabric.

The sun rooms should be located where they get sun and also prevailing breezes, he said.

Architect John Mehnert, a designer who favors the use of glass as a solar energy device, said, "In addition to bringing you more light and giving you an outdoor feel when you're indoors, the sun room serves a purpose of heat and light gain."

He considers such additions as a way of getting more heat into the house without putting in a heating



Solariums and enclosed porches are the ideal way to bring the outdoors in. Use furniture and accessories that make an effective segue between the house and the great outdoors. *Copley News Service*

system.

Mehnert said he wished more people would put in sun rooms because of energy reasons.

"But most people want it for other reasons," he said. "They see it as a nice place to relax."

Architect Stan Keniston, who had done a number of sun rooms, said the push to save energy is still there, but not as strong as it was a few years ago.

He said sun rooms need proper heat management. "Heavy mate-

rials such as thick wallboard act as a thermal sponge and keeps heat," he says. "That way at night when it's cooler you will get some of the benefits of the sun."

To avoid summer overheating of the sun room interior, the warm air has to be given some way to get outside. So sun rooms can have operable windows, skylights and vent fans with the fans controlled by thermostat.

Batter said designers once had to sell clients on adding a sun room. But now clients come to him wanting them included.

"I think the awareness has spread," he said. "A growing number want it in the custom home or remodeling."

Getting a better view is a major motivation for putting in a sun room. The large glass area can provide views from not only the room itself but also from other connected rooms.

"For example, residents can look from the kitchen, living room or family room directly into the garden or the outdoor area," Mehnert said.

One sun room project by Batter attached a swimming pool area to a home.

"The pool could be reached from several rooms," he said. "We enclosed it in glass and it was domed."

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in the roof, which could be opened when it got too hot.

In another sun room project, he put in a 10 by 20-foot room off the family room and kitchen. It could be reached via a screen door.

The space was used as a patio by the family. It even had its own sprinkler system for the vegetation, which included hanging plants and ground plants.

Cost for adding a sun room can differ, depending on the material, contractor and approach taken. Sometimes people want a wall knocked down so the sun room can be added, which will add \$500 or more to the cost of the project.

The cost of adding a sun room can range from \$30 to \$90 per square foot, depending on the type of material used. The cost also includes the foundation of the additional room.

In addition to having a contractor add a room, home owners can use kits that include the glass walls.

One supplier of sun room kits is New York-based Four Season Greenhouses.

A typical 10 by 16-foot greenhouse addition costs \$10,000 to \$15,000 including installation, according to Four Seasons.

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Hot ways for summer cool

As temperatures rise, home owners start thinking of economical ways to cool hot, stuffy rooms.

Some home-cooling methods are affordable and easy for the do-it-yourselfer to install. Other methods, such as air-conditioning units, are somewhat costlier and require more planning.

Awnings are especially affordable and effective. Install them on windows facing east, west and south. Reducing the intake of heat through windows, awnings work best in white or light colors to reflect the sun.

Shop for retractable or removable awnings to remove during cool-weather months, when you want the house to catch as much sunlight as possible.

You also can reduce heat intake through windows with specially tinted or coated glass. And don't overlook something as simple as heavy shades or drapes to block the heat.

Fans are another mainstay of hot-weather months.

Whole-house fans are used to ventilate the entire house by sending hot air out through vents in the attic while drawing cool air in through open windows.

Ceiling fans have made a comeback as home-cooling devices and important decorating accessories. They circulate cool air throughout a room, and can help an air conditioner work more efficiently.

You will find ceiling fans in sleek, high-tech designs, country-style brass and oak or in simple cool white, which looks particularly refreshing when temperatures rise.

When the weather is humid and unbearable, nothing works better than an air conditioner. They are so effective that 60 percent of all homes boast a window-mounted or central air-conditioning system.

Central air-conditioning, like central heating, works throughout the house. It is quiet, but can be expensive to install and run if you are cooling rooms that are hardly used.

Window units are the most popular because they are more affordable. Moreover, a competent do-it-yourselfer can install a window unit in a day.

The main drawbacks to window units are that they can be noisy and can only cool one room. Before purchasing a unit, calculate the room's square footage. An air conditioner that is too small runs non-stop without really doing the

job, while one that is too big shuts off before it lowers the room's humidity level.

If you opt for a window-mounted air conditioner, here are some tips to keep it running smoothly:

- Clean filters and intake areas monthly.
- Seal around the window (or wall, for wall-mounted units.)
- Protect it on the outside by mounting it in a low-traffic area.

Build-it-yourself gazebo kits available

If you're looking for a summertime getaway that's close to home, a private retreat where you can relax and take it easy in shady surroundings, a gazebo could be just the thing for you.

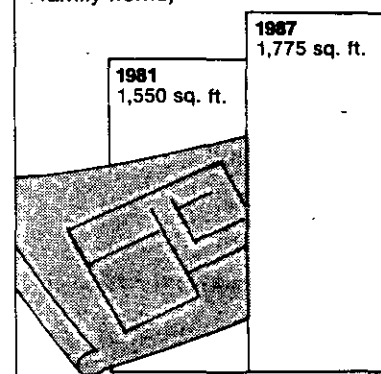
Gazebos can be just as small or large as you wish; they even come in build-it-yourself kits.

The name, gazebo, originated as a joking 18th-century word combination of "gaze" with the Latin "vidibo" meaning "I shall see."

These days "gazebo" commonly refers to an open-sided, turret-shape structure, no matter where it sits. (CNS)

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How to decide on decorators, contractors

Hunting the home pros

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Even small projects, such as painting, carpeting and wallpapering, pay daily dividends in terms of the pride and pleasure you have in your home.

Don't be hasty. Take time to choose the home improvement professionals you'll be working with. Look for those who enjoy detail work and consider themselves craftsmen.

To make sure a contractor is reliable and responsible, check credentials and licenses and find out how long he or she has been in business.

Ask for references; call or visit a few past clients. Check for complaints with your local consumer affairs office and local branch of the Better Business Bureau.

Obtain bids from several professionals — but don't assume that the lowest bidder is the best. Put your agreement in writing, and once the job begins, try to avoid making changes.

Know what you want and how much you're prepared to spend. (If you don't, how will the contractor?)

Read magazine articles and visit your bookstore for books on home remodeling. Start a file of ideas that appeal to you.

Be specific about colors, gathering swatches to show the designer. Visit fabric stores and wall covering showrooms to search for patterns that appeal to you.

Think about your lifestyle and what details are important to you. Jot down your ideas as you go.

Builders and architects

Once you have decided to build an addition to your home (or you're ready to break ground on a new house) you'll need an architect and builder, or a design/building company. This last group consists of cooperative teams of architects, builders, contractors and possibly subcontractors, cost estimators, construction foremen and coordinators.

If you're planning a certain kind of addition, tour your community to see who has done something similar. Knock on doors. Most people are eager to share their experiences, and you'll soon find out the names of the best contractors in your area.

Be sure the builder you select will give your job priority and not rush through it on his way to the next one. Make an appointment to see his crew in action. Establish trust, the quickest path to mutual respect.

Carpet installers

"Choose a carpeting dealer who will have an installer exactly measure and diagram your house," advises Lou DeGroot, a 40-year veteran of the carpeting industry.

DeGroot says to watch out for carpeting businesses that ask for room measurements and take a guess at the carpeting needed.

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able in materials and equipment and have a wealth of experience to draw on. Many of them can coordinate the entire remodeling process.

You'll view their work and have an opportunity to meet them as you visit kitchen and bath showrooms in your area.

Interior designers

Experienced decorators have an eye for scale, color and room arranging. They are experts at accessorizing, and they know where to buy the best sofas and refrigerators wholesale. They usually have access to furnishings you can't find in retail stores. And they're skilled in dealing with contractors, as well as following up on all the details in the remodeling process.

Hunt for the designer who is right for you by visiting model homes and designer show houses. Ask your favorite antique shop or home furnishings retailer for recommendations — some of the larger ones have decorators on

You also can get recommendations from reputable design schools and local chapters of the American Society of Interior Designers.

Do-it-yourself advice

On your mark, get set, do it yourself!

New tools, books and videos make your job easier than ever. Here's a sampling, you'll find them in bookstores, video retailers, hardware and department stores.

Tools

• Foam paint applicators eliminate brush marks — they're also cheaper (and therefore more disposable) than regular paint brushes.

• Home air compressors and air tools, once the exclusive domain of professional carpenters, contractors and mechanics, are becoming the hot new tool for do-it-yourselfers.

Painters

The best lead toward finding a good painter is a firsthand recommendation. Talk to a friend or neighbor who has had a similar job done; ask about job quality, cost, reliability, cleanliness and attention to detail.

Solicit names from construction and real estate professionals. Ask for references from local architects, builders, carpenters, lumber and building supply dealers and mortgage bankers. Build a list of professionals whom you will later interview and ask for bids.

Wallpaper pros

Begin your search for an installer at the shop where you select your wall coverings. He or she will need to know what type you've purchased before giving an accurate estimate.

Formal training in paperhanging is an advantage; also ask for trade recommendations. Local decorating products dealers will know who in your area has earned a good reputation — or a bad one.

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such as drilling, nailing, tightening screws, applying caulk and adhesive, sanding and painting easy.

• New dial-a-bit screwdrivers have six bits housed in a barrel on the shaft. No more hunting for the right-size Phillips or the small flathead — they're all in one tool.

Books

• "Building Your Own Home: A Step-By-Step Guide," by Wasfi Youssef (John Wiley & Sons). The author is a consultant structural engineer with a Ph.D. in civil engineering; the book is written for laypeople as well as professional builders.

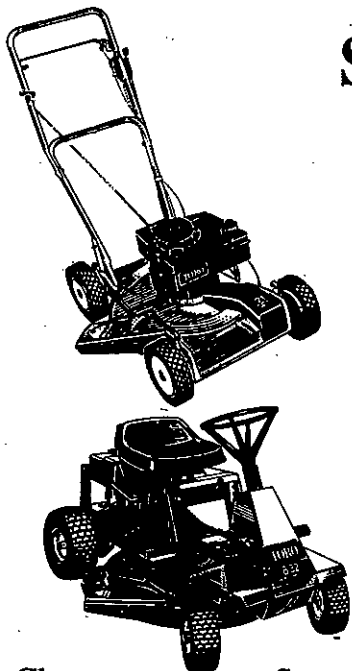
• "Trade Secrets," by Gene Schnaser (Rodale Press). A collection of tricks, hints and shortcuts from professionals and amateurs about using tools, painting, plumbing and other home how-to topics.

• "The Complete Illustrated Guide to Everything Sold In Hardware Stores," by Tom Philbin and Steve Ettliger (Macmillan). This 432-page partially illustrated manual identifies almost everything in, under or on a home that might come from a hardware store or home center — plus tips on what the item is used for.

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By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

It is often said that the aging process is like an approaching storm — people know it is coming, they talk about it, but they tend not to prepare for it until it is too late.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the place it can affect you the most — your own home.

As far as your home is concerned, the sooner you begin to plan and make decisions for the transition, the better. You may have decided to move to a new home, in an entirely new area of the country, with all the changes that can bring. But even if you have decided to stay in your current home, you will need to make sure that it is safe for the times ahead.

The best time to fix up your environment is now. Jobs that are easy right now may be more difficult in a few years. Taken care of now, at a leisurely pace, and spread over a reasonable period of time, those tasks will assure your safety for the future. (Not to mention leaving you time for the travelling, golfing, fishing, reading, walking and other activities you would really rather be doing!)

These tips for 'seniorizing' your home come to us courtesy of the National Safety Council.

Cords

Be sure lamp, extension and telephone cords are placed out of the flow of traffic. You can avoid using extension cords by arranging furniture so lamps and appli-

ances are near outlets. You should also consider extending your present circuits by adding more outlets.

Keep cords from under furniture and rugs or carpeting. They can be damaged and cause shock or fire. Using nails or staples to attach cords to walls or baseboards can also damage them.

Check cords and plugs regularly for signs of wear or damage.

Rugs

Double-faced adhesive carpet tape or rubber matting applied to the backs of rugs and runners will keep them from slipping. Rubber matting that can be cut to size to fit under rugs is available. If you buy new rugs, make sure they have slip-resistant backing.

The adhesive on tape can wear away over a period of time, and washing can make the slip-resistant backing on rugs less effective. It's a good idea to check your rugs and mats periodically to see if new tape or backing is needed.

Smoke detectors

You should have at least one smoke detector on every floor of your home. Be sure they are located away from air vents. The most critical locations for smoke detectors are near bedrooms — either on the ceiling or 6-12 inches below the ceiling on the wall.

No matter how many smoke detectors you have, they won't do you any good unless they are properly maintained. Check them at least once a month, and replace

bulbs when necessary. Plan to change batteries every year — doing it on your birthday or during Fire Prevention Week (early October) can make it easier to remember.

Electrical outlets and switches

If any outlets or switches are unusually warm or hot to the touch, your wiring may be unsafe. Discontinue using those outlets and switches and have an electrician check the wiring as soon as possible. Be sure that all outlets and switches have cover plates, so no wiring is exposed.

In areas where appliances and power cords might be near water, install outlets that are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). A GFCI can detect electrical faults at very low levels, and shut off electricity before serious injury or death can occur.

Lighting

No matter how good your eyes are now, aging does take its toll. From about 40 on, you'll at least need better lighting to see well in most situations.

Good lighting is more than just a way to relieve eye strain. In work areas such as the kitchen stove, sink, or counter-tops where food is sliced or cut, low lighting can contribute to burns or cuts. The same holds true for home workshop areas — especially where power tools are used.

Be sure that hallways, passage-ways between rooms and other heavy traffic areas are well

NiMo's Gatekeepers

Niagara Mohawk has introduced a new safety network called "Gatekeeper", an assistance program providing help for home-bound and elderly customers.

Through Gatekeeper, NiMo employees who often enter customers' homes receive special training to 'open the gates' between home-bound customers and the human service agencies which could be of service to them.

Nick Lyman, regional public relations director for the company said that "generically, the program has always been in existence. We have always made an effort to provide assistance when it was necessary. Calling it 'Gatekeeper', and highlighting it like this with formal training started at the end of 1988."

According to Lyman, more than 3,000 employees have received the training so far. They learn to look for trouble signs such as disorientation, speech difficulty, impaired vision or hearing, neglected physical appearance, unkempt surroundings or obvious signs of neglect or abuse.

Problems may also be noted by employees who talk with customers by telephone.

Employees who do spot trouble contact their regional Gatekeeper coordinator, who reviews the situation in depth and alerts the proper agencies.

In what he termed "a fairly dramatic instance," Lyman described the case of one local employee who called on an elderly customer only to find that none of her heat was working, and that she had set herself up for carbon monoxide poisoning. "The employee contacted the Department of Social Services and the Office for the Aging, and repairs were arranged," Lyman said.

Lyman mentioned one retiring NiMo Employee who is going to work for the 'Meals on Wheels' program as a direct result of his experiences with the home-bound on the job.

"We are not just in everybody's pockets, we are in their homes," Lyman said. "The program is all about keeping your eyes and ears open, and using good judgement on things."

lighted. Stairs should be lighted so each step can be seen clearly while going up and down.

Bath and shower areas

Bathtubs and shower areas should have non-skid mats or abrasive strips. They should also have at least one grab bar — but two are safer.

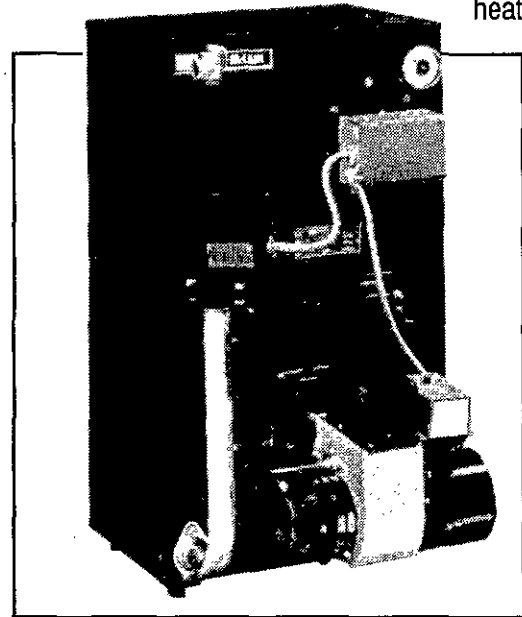
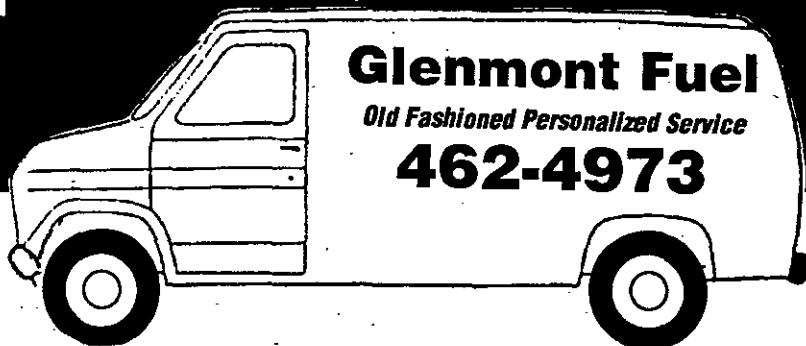
If you already have grab bars installed, check them out regularly to be sure they are still strong and stable. Have them repaired, if necessary. However, be aware that wall soap dishes with small "grab" handles are *not* strong enough to support a person's weight.

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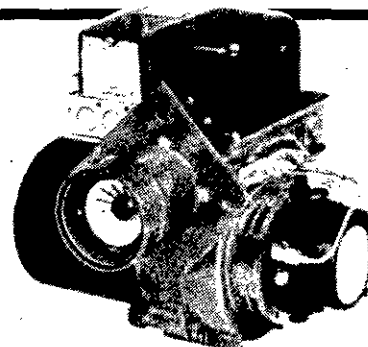
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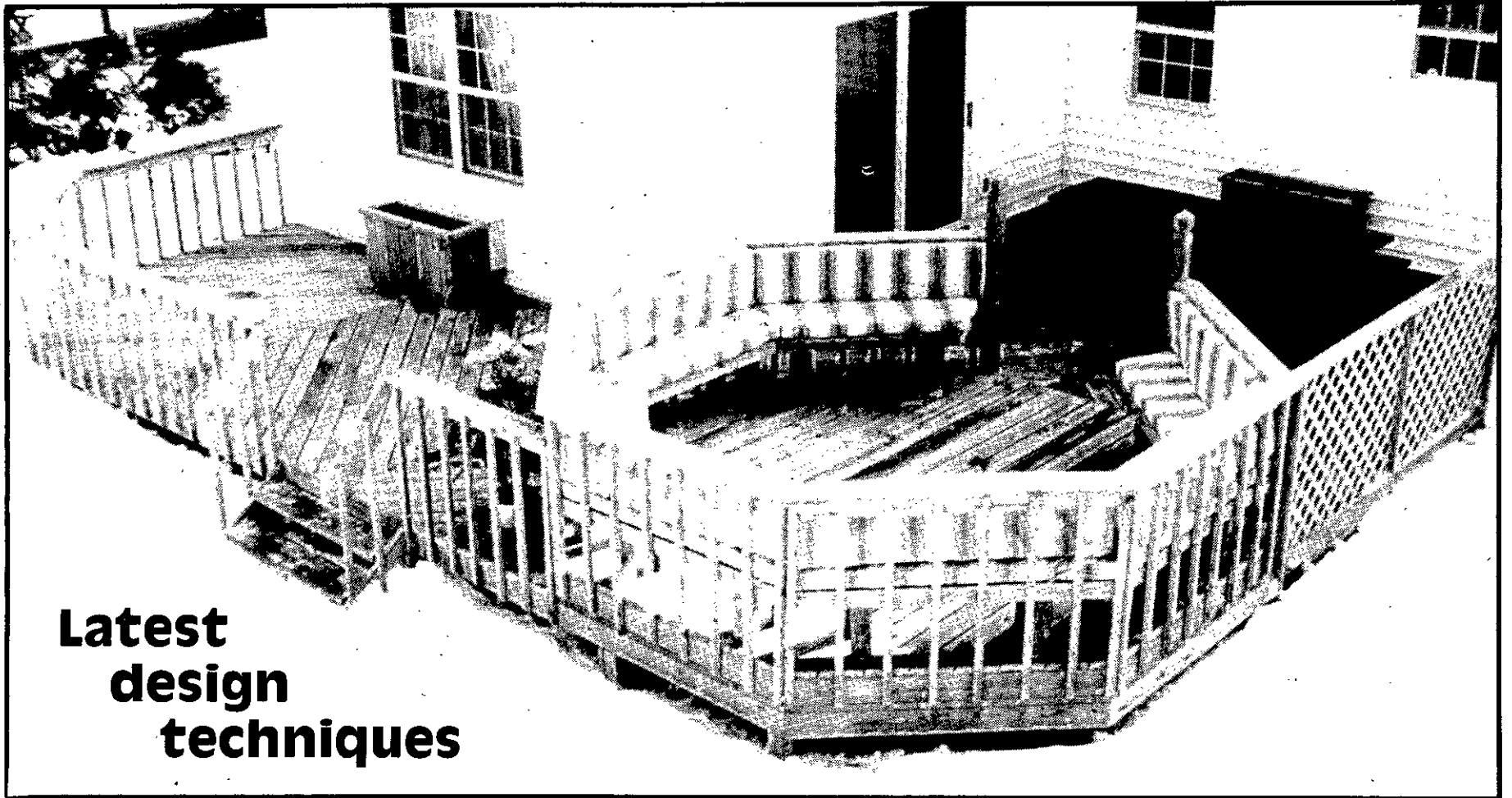


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Whimsical pastels, neutral-colored cocoons

The key word in fashion interiors this spring is the "c" word: Cocooning."

More and more, we're becoming nation of homebodies. We look to our homes to provide us with a safe haven, a sense of stability in a world filled with precarious events and uncertainty.

Home is also more important because more of us are there, with today's extended family containing the adult children who flit back to the nest for varying lengths of time.

And, thanks to modern technology, we're never at a loss for things to do. Surrounded by VCRs, CD players and other equipment, we can enjoy our favorite entertainment — inexpensively without even venturing outside.

Futurists tell us we're in a period of the "3 R's": the rattles of the baby boom, romance and religion. The religion isn't necessarily traditional; it's a system of beliefs, ranging from the faith of our families to an exploration of New-Age forms.

All of this echoes the importance of hearth and home. As a result, we want to create an environment that's easy to live with — attractive, comfortable and cozy.

What's more, since we're keeping a steady eye on our budgets, those "3 R's" become "5 R's" — with the addition of two popular approaches to decorating — recycling and restoration.

We're redoing not only our own old furniture, but also the antiques and junk furniture we find at flea markets and garage sales.

But we're doing this restoring in a very personalized way, adding a sense of whimsy that makes the furniture uniquely ours. We may, for instance, buy an antique and tint it to a lighter look. Or we may buy unfinished furniture, paint it in different colors and then decorate it with an abstract or even childlike design.

Some people are successfully using authentic childlike designs. With baby No. 3 on the way, they buy a stool or high chair and let baby No. 1 design it. And they give these unique pieces a place of prominence, where the small artist can enjoy receiving praise for the work.

Slipcovering in spring and summer is another aspect of the new look that makes good budget and

aesthetic sense. We're seeing a great many stretch fabrics pulled over the tubular frames of furniture. These fabrics are also popular for covering the pillows on those wooden slat deck chairs with the look of the '40s and '50s.

This kind of furniture is terrific in the add-on rooms so many houses are now sporting — the sunporches and solariums. In these sun-splashed rooms, the furniture can often be seen from the rest of the house. They bring the outdoors inside, for very little money.

Remember those wonderful old butterfly chairs? They're in great favor now, too, but in a very new way. Gone are those plain solids, replaced by wonderful prints featuring florals, animals and stripes. The tattered old sling can be used as a pattern for cutting the new fabric.

And, of course, there's wicker. Everybody loves wicker because it's so easy on the budget and fits so well with the patio furniture used inside, especially in solariums. We're still seeing the lighter colors, but also some wonderful deep tones. Picture a deep pine-green sofa or love seat with a Vic-

torian rose slipcovered cushion. It's a dramatic effect that's so easy to live with.

Quite a few influences are evident in home decor this spring. The stripes and florals herald the return of the Victorian romantic. We're seeing lovely nosegays and watered florals where the flowers blend into one another.

And the Renaissance look is strong, with its rich tapestry, border prints and the kinds of designs you would see on an old shawl. In the Florentine influence, the colors run delicately one into the other.

The influence of the artist Gauguin is also prevalent, with those lush tropical and jungle prints. Batiks and tie-dyed fabrics are back in style.

The country look continues its long hold on public taste. It's become a classic; some people select a very traditional country look and never tire of it.

This is a year for details. There's a lot of emphasis on trims for spring and summer. Hinges on doors and furniture and brass poles are accented by being painted in contrasting colors, particu-

larly with the Gauguin and country look.

With the Renaissance feeling, tassels, bows and braids are increasingly popular. Instead of just hanging a picture on a nail, for instance, you might highlight it with a bow.

When it comes to painting walls and furniture, the tinted color washes we saw last year are still very big. They're done in either white or soft pastels. And the bleached woods continue to be popular. But now they're enriched by hand-painted details; stenciled borders are showing up on ceiling edges, walls, furniture and floors.

In flooring, tile is staging a big comeback, especially in multicolored combinations. Mottled or stippled effects lend extra visual interest.

With the new interest in wood flooring, wall-to-wall carpeting is being replaced by rugs that soften the hard wood look. And what a selection to choose from! Rag rugs, hooked rugs, dhurries and Mexican serapelike rugs are just a few of the choices. The romantic Victorian look is enhanced by Oriental rugs. And for the country

look there are rugs in a range of sunlight shades.

Now then, what colors are enlivening home decor this spring and summer? In line with the emphasis on cocooning, we're still favoring the warm colors. The romantic color group features some deep, rich colors, including celestial blue, pine-tree green, rhododendron (a deep plum color) and geranium.

Pastels come in two distinct palettes. The powder-puff pastels are light delicate colors, such as nude, seashell pink, celadon (a light green), pale lilac and thistle (a graceful purple). Then there are the vibrant pastels. They include dried moss, salmon, sky blue, iris and strawberry pink.

Neutrals, of course, are always with us. This spring we're seeing a nice almond cream, white smoke, gray morn, pebble, cameo rose (just barely pink) and bark.

Finally, there are the brights. Here we find sunshine yellow, emerald, classic blue and fiery red.

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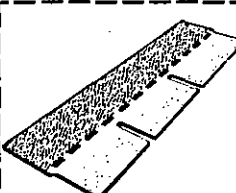
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In addition, by exposing the post and beam frame and making it an integral part of the interior design of the building, the livability of an open plan and overabundance of natural light has helped timber framed homes enjoy a marked resurgence in popularity.

Finding and hiring a highly skilled carpenter who specializes in timber framing isn't the only way to build a fine wood crafted home. Manufacturers like Timberpeg East Inc. of Claremont, N.H., provide the same advantage in kit form.

In most cases the post and beam frame is custom designed, and the pre-engineered structural components are manufactured at the production facility, carefully precutting the timbers with their mortise and tenon (interlocking) joints. The complete component package, along with the pre-cut post and beam frame, is delivered

to the building site where it is erected and made weather tight within a couple of weeks.

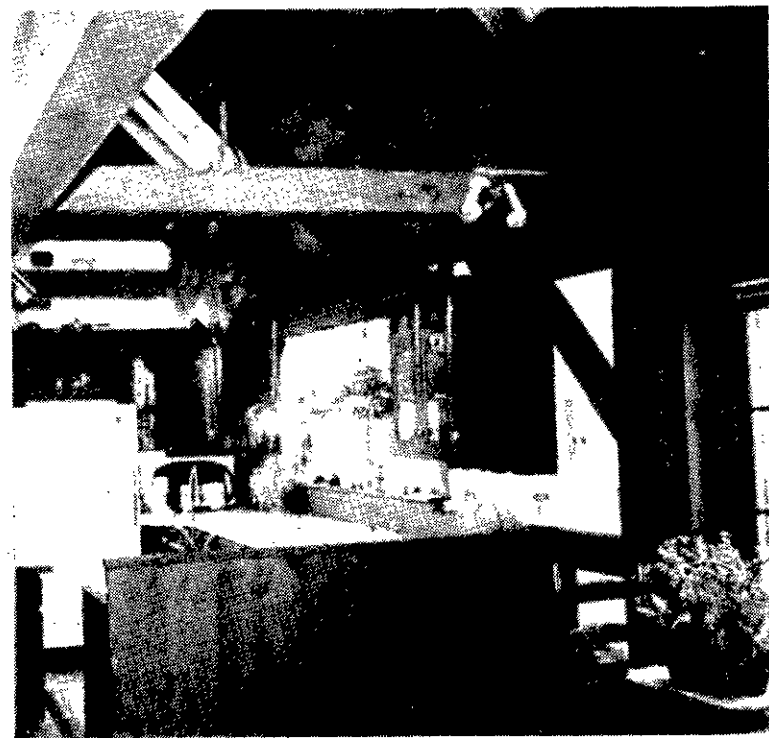
From the outside, a post and beam building looks very conventional. However, upon stepping inside you will immediately notice the openness, vaulted ceilings and the exposed frame which not only supports the structure but also becomes part of the decor, providing a definition of living spaces.

Since interior walls bear none of the structural load, there is no limitation on their location, which helps to meet today's demands for open floor plans and casual living. The spaces between the supporting posts also allow the non-structural wall areas to be fitted with extensive glass to take advantage of a view and/or potential solar gain. The frame therefore becomes an effective part of the design, creating a visual excitement which is hard to duplicate.

Unlike conventional stud framing, the post and beam frame does not rely on two by fours and sheathing for rigidity. The interior finish material, vapor barrier, insulation and exterior siding is applied to the outside of the structural timbers in a series of un-

interrupted wraps resulting in a multi-layer envelope enclosing the house. The development of polyisocyanurate, a rigid foam insulation, has been called the most important development in insulation in this century. In addition to high thermal resistance, this material doesn't permit moisture or air penetration with the result that air infiltration is reduced by at least 50 percent when compared with good conventional construction. By separating the rigid frame from the insulating envelope, both can be optimized without needing to compensate for the other, which results in a dramatic reduction in the energy required to heat or cool a post and beam house.

Flexibility of the design and interior finish are also important to today's home buyer. Post and beam homes can be any design including the more traditional saltbox, cape, colonial and gambrel, or any of the more contemporary designs favored by some home buyers. The finishes for the interior walls and frame are also very flexible — staining, painting, oiling and papering in any pleasing combination provide infinite variations from one house to another as well as from room to room within the same house.



Post and beam construction provides energy efficiency, open interior design and an abundance of natural light.

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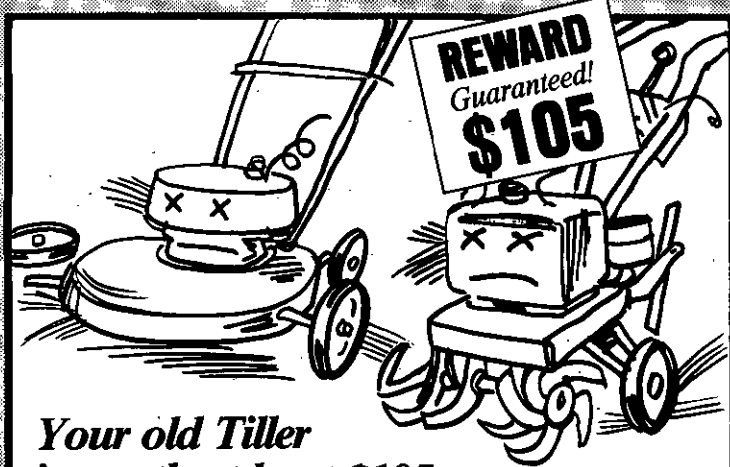
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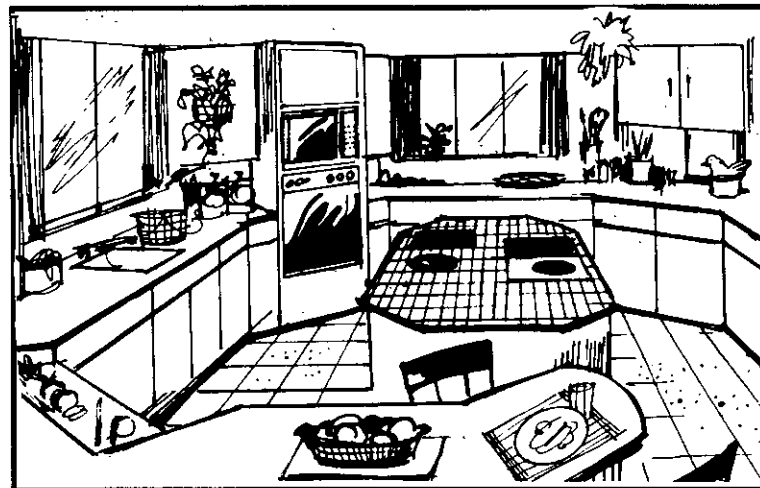
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A really good window connects with something special outside: an expanse of rolling green hillsides, some pounding surf with boats in the distance, mountain peaks poking their tops skyward, bursts of brilliantly colored flowers in a garden or some interesting street life nearby.

Lately, a lot of small windows carved out high on walls near ceilings take a minimalist point of view. The eye catches only a swatch of pure blue sky.

These windows take on a purely pictorial sense. You don't need paintings in a room with them. They are the paintings — seascapes, landscapes and still lifes framed of their own accord within an architectural definition.

Even a cynic such as Max Beerbohm found particular fascination in windows as *objets d'art*. He wrote euphorically:

"There is much virtue in a window. It is to a human being as a frame to a painting, as proscenium to a play, as form to literature. It strongly defines its content."

Because windows connect interiors with the outside, they also are seasonal. A winter wonderland melts into a fragrant cherry orchard. A good window is never static.

Good windows, particularly those planned as special architectural design features, don't need window treatments.

Nor do many period windows. Decking them with yards of fabric almost always detracts severely from their own historic beauty.

Instead of traditional heavy drapery fabric, consider some other directions.

Plain white cotton muslin, for instance, can be pleated or gathered at the top, attached to a rod and pulled to the side for a soft, draped effect that still allows a room to be bathed in light. A large arched window can lend itself most readily to this kind of treatment.

Another minimal window treatment that partially adds privacy and provides a decorative element is the placement of lines of small flower bouquets in interestingly shaped glass bottles or vases along sills and ledges.

One of my own favorite window treatments is in an old Tudor-style house where the owner regularly positions little terra-cotta pots of brightly colored geraniums in arrangements along the thick beveled glass.

Also, how about a revival of bead curtains? These once-popular decorators' tools allowed translucent veils of beads to transform windows into glistening gems rivaling Scheherazade. Bead curtains, available by the yard in a variety of colors, also can be artistically combined with lace, ribbon or flower garland to novel effect.

The most important factor in

any dressing is to be sure the treatment truly enhances the window instead of covering it up.

Beware of trying to "modernize" a house by updating the windows.

There are many awful examples of older Craftsman-style houses that have had original double-hung sash windows replaced with louvers or covered with incongruous aluminum screens.

If the existing windows are beyond repair, the replacements should be as close to the original as possible to maintain the aesthetic harmony of the house.

When houses have historic architectural worth, it is unforgivable to destroy the facade with windows that are of the wrong size, shape or material.

If you don't like a particular window from the way it appears on the exterior, consider altering it with some simple tricks.

Very small windows can be made to seem larger just by painting the frames white so they stand out against the darker brick, wood or stucco exterior of the house.

If a window seems too large, add some trellis on the side so vines or plants can soften and conceal a bit of that glass behemoth.

Often, tiny panes are important to setting a mode for windows. They frame smaller views within the larger one, and the sunlight or moonlight silhouettes them in wonderful patterns on the floor.

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Do you know a valance from a swag? Don't worry, with the help of a Burlington House Draperies glossary, you will be tossing window treatments in just a sashay.

■ **Balloon Shade:** Gathered fabric shade that achieves a billowing effect when the shade is raised by means of cords threaded through rings attached to the back at intervals.

■ **Cafe:** A curtain that covers part of the window, usually the lower half. Multiple cafes can cover the entire window.

■ **Jabot:** An effect created by cascading the side pieces of a top swag partly down the sides of the window.

■ **Pricilla:** A curtain with a ruffled trim down one side.

■ **Swag:** A lavishly draped effect across the top of a window achieved by looping fabric on or around the rod.

■ **Tie-back:** A piece of fabric or cord by which curtains or draperies are tied back to the sides of the window. Available in many styles: ascot, smocked and bow.

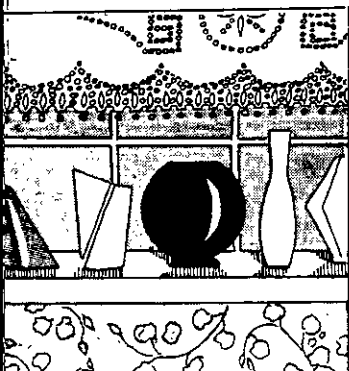
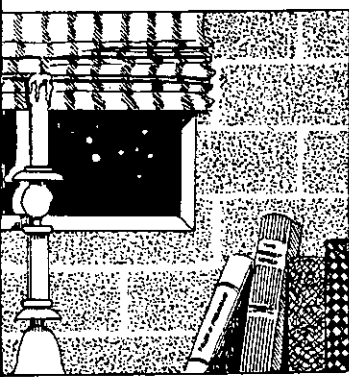
■ **Valance:** A short stationary panel, usually attached to a rod and hung at the top of a window treatment for decorative interest. Serves to hide the curtain or drapery rod or the top of a shade and to unify window treatment. Can be in a variety of styles including balloon, pouf or filler.

■ **Window Scarf:** A piece of fabric used for draping over the rod or pole at the top of a window for an elegant effect.

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Adjust the flush

To solve the problem of a toilet that doesn't flush fully, check the back of the tank. If the water level is more than 2½-inches from the top, bend the rod attached to the ball so that you raise its position. This will let more water flow into the tank. (CNS)



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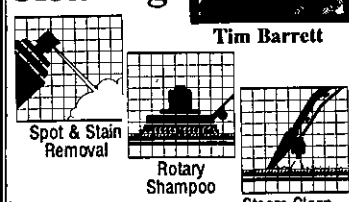
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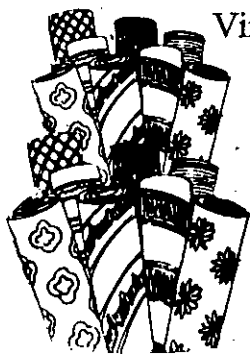
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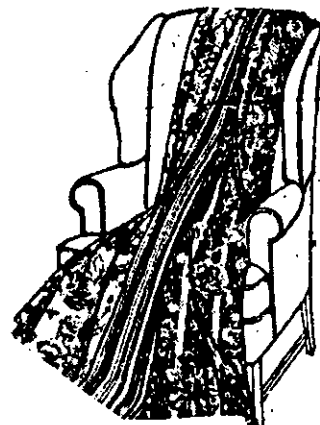
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The retailers are all excited about this. They're also mighty pleased that the baby boomers are hitting their stride in terms of furniture buying. That's called a trend.

And trends feed off of trends. Interior and furnishings designers are getting the sort of attention we recently lavished on chefs and, before them, fashion designers. In fact, a few clothing designers are

turning their talents to furniture; witness Ralph Lauren, Fendi, House of Dior, Norma Kamali, Paloma Picasso.

Fine. We're ready to spend. The people are out there ready to supply. What then, are we getting this year?

Sink back into your cushy deco chair (redone in zebra) and hold on tight, because this year you've got a lot to choose from.

Overview: Mix it up. Eclectic became a popular catch-all term a few years ago; we used it to describe the fact that none of us could decide on a single style, so we "designed" our homes in a piecemeal fashion. Well, keep doing it.

Only now do it classier. Buy good antiques, say a fine French dining room table from the 1800s. Then surround it with eight chairs you had custom-made by a local

craftsman. Local craftsman. Regional is very important.

Another example: Get a good piece of original art, very contemporary, and put it in an ornate gold-leaf frame.

Old/new, traditional/up-to-date, treasure/junk — mix textures, colors, furniture styles. It's juxtaposition.

(Although it sounds wonderfully jumbled, it takes a trained eye to do it successfully, someone with a firm grasp of proportion, color and spatial relationships. You might want to hire a designer to help you pull your pieces together.)

Colors? Green, green, green. All shades. In an article in *Decorating Winter* magazine, Shari Hiller, color stylist for Martin Senour paints in Cleveland, theorized that it may have something to do with our love of plants, but our current inability to keep them alive — who's got the time?

If you can't stand green, go with cream, only this year you have to call it blonde. Paint rooms more than a single color — perhaps accenting a doorway or a window frame.

As furniture goes, the news includes anything gilt or gold leaf. Metal furniture, sheet metal, for goodness sake! — is the hottest thing going. Art deco is back again, reupholstered in big stripes and animal prints.

Here's a very new look. Little collections are coming out of display cases and off shelves and cluttering up all kinds of tabletops. Don't call it collecting, it's "accumulating."

Big florals, in upholstery, window coverings and wallpaper, are far more important this year than itsy-bitsy prints. With this business, add flourishes and flounces; you'll see lots of tassels and fringes in '89.



Southwestern interiors may be updated with bright colors and Spanish Colonial-style furniture. *Copley News Service*

The garden moves indoors this year, with botanical prints showing up on everyone's walls. Things like plant stands, urns, statues, topiaries and even architectural columns are also moving in, notes Washington antiques dealer Marston Luce.

The latter, he believes, parallels another current trend: "Anything classical or mythological seems to be very much the rage now. A recent issue of *Metropolitan Home* ran an entire article on the appearance of stars, moons and Pan's hooves on home furnishings.

We're all pretty fed up with the Southwest at this point, but what that movement has left us with is a love of rough, natural materials. Look for floors made of slate, flagstone, tile pavers and wood. Walls will have more texture again.

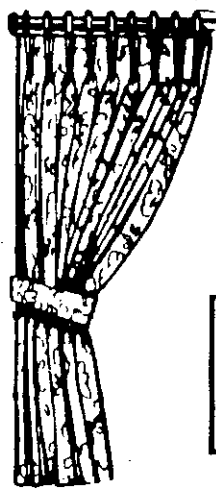
Conversely, a lot of interiors will be getting more architectural: pedestals, crown moldings, columns, geometric shapes. Most of it has some suggestion of the past — did Memphis burn us all out on the future?

The past, in fact, is possibly the single greatest influence on this next year's looks. It's a tempering of the these technical times. Your computer table will be a fine old oak sideboard, your leather recliner will have a hand-knit woolen throw tossed over it. Designs will definitely take into account the influence our work has on our home life.

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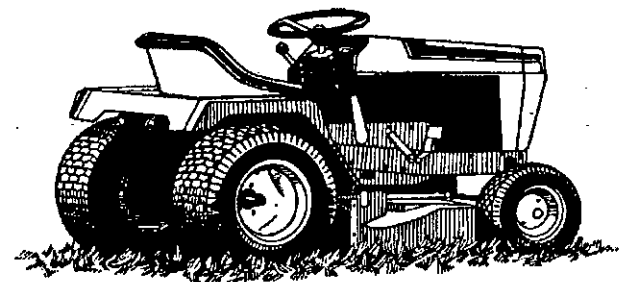
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Home tech: what's new in smart houses

Space-saving appliances are especially popular this year as an ever-growing number of us become more concerned with compact and uncluttered living. To note a few:

- Hand mixers and all their attachments that mount on the wall for recharging.

- Cordless upright vacuums with all the whistles and bells.

- Full-sized blenders whose containers fit neatly over the lengthened motor base.

- Compact, portable ovenettes, perfect for cramped kitchens.

Smart remote appliances allow themselves to be programmed by individual remotes, thus combining the systems into one handy control center.

You can choose from familiar names such as Sony, Technics, Memorex and Hitachi, but be careful to select one that can learn from the equipment you already have.

You'll find variations of ease as well; Technics offers a user-friendly LCD readout while others

require a degree in computer science to operate.

If you're wondering where the consumer electronics industry will lead us next, wonder no more. Home automation is the ultimate goal. Through a master panel, your heating/air-conditioning system, lights, appliances and entertainment system will be operable, all linked through your home's electrical system.

Bring the Touchtone phone into the picture, and from your car phone you can direct the microwave oven to prepare dinner, set the spa temperature and begin the sprinkler system.

In the meantime, the electric utility industry has launched a cooperative initiative, the Electric Smart House Project, to develop technology for highly intelligent and energy-efficient home use of electricity.

The technology will make use of a pioneering new way of home wiring that combines microelectronic controllers with a single set of wires to carry electric power,

data and audio/video signals.

The same sensor that detects an intruder will also turn off the lights.

Further advances in the field of home-safety technology are appearing in burglar alarm systems. Magnetic-switch sensors are used to detect the opening of doors and windows. Sounding an alarm within the home, it also sends an alarm signal to the central monitoring station.

Two basic types of interior devices are used for area protection in the home.

Passive infrared detectors send out "fingers" of infrared energy and sense any change in room temperature caused by the movement of a body through the protected area. These PIR detectors can be aimed high enough to prevent being set off by wandering house pets.

Ultrasonic detectors consist of a transmitter and receiver and send out ultrasonic, inaudible sound waves. If the sound wave is interrupted by an object, it will set off the alarm.

Recent advances in security

systems allow greater flexibility. Home owners can bypass a window they'd like to keep open for fresh air.

Some systems even have LED displays that identify the status of protected areas in the home.

Additional features of state-of-the-art home security systems now include:

- Exterior alarm light to discourage home owners from entering a house if the alarm has been tripped.

- Remote telephone access to check or change the status of the system.

- Synthesized voice instruction for ease of operation.

- Microphones that can be activated that let the central monitoring station hear what's actually happening there.

Noted financial authority Sylvia Porter recommends home owners spend 2 percent of the total value of their home and the possessions they want to protect for a system.

With today's technology, fire detection devices can be integrated

into your security system.

The elderly, handicapped or people with medical problems benefit from a home security system by carrying a wireless, handheld, push-button transmitter. When activated, it will send an alarm to the central monitoring station to summon help.

Other safety measures for home owners include new testing technology to detect radon. For a nominal fee, people can test their home for this colorless, odorless gas that occurs naturally in soil and seeps into our homes.

Canister devices, the most common of the home test-it-yourself variety, rely on absorbent, activated charcoal to collect a measurable supply of radon gas and its decay products. Once sealed, canisters are sent to a laboratory for testing with results following approximately seven to 10 days later via mail.

Many hardware stores carry the testing kits, and it's a small price to pay for a little security.

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Insurance instructions

Insuring your home and all its insides is one of the smarter moves you'll make.

Standard policies today require that coverage equal 80 percent of the replacement value of your home (sometimes 90 percent is required).

Three basic components in the traditional policy include perils, building contents and liabilities. The actual structure is protected against loss due to vandalism, fire, wind and theft, as are the contents of the house.

Liability coverage protects you against legal suits resulting from injuries that occur on your property.

In any event, when a claim is made, the insurance company will subtract your deductible, then reimburse you the difference.

If you live in an earthquake or flood-prone area, many of today's policies offer appropriate coverage at additional cost.

You might also consider replacement coverage that, for anywhere between 10 percent and 50

percent above the cost of standard coverage, guarantees the home owner enough money to replace the lost item rather than a depreciated version of that item.

Here are some suggestions to keep in mind when considering insurance policies:

- Many don't realize that home owner's insurance needs to be upgraded periodically to take into account renovation and high-cost additions to your belongings. Make a detailed inventory of all your possessions and update it frequently. Include photographs and video footage, if possible, and keep all this in a safety deposit box.

- Though rates are typically quite competitive, it does pay to shop around.

- Keep in mind that your house is most likely appreciating in value. Some policies have a built-in inflation guard so the yearly premium is calculated on a higher replacement value. Develop a rapport with your agent so you're

comfortable discussing your ongoing needs.

- Don't overinsure your house since the insurer, in any case, will only pay the actual or replacement cost.

Make your home as theft- and fire-safe as possible to avoid the inevitable hassles related to filing and realizing a claim.

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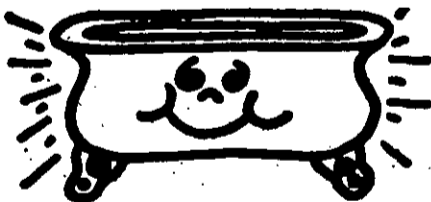
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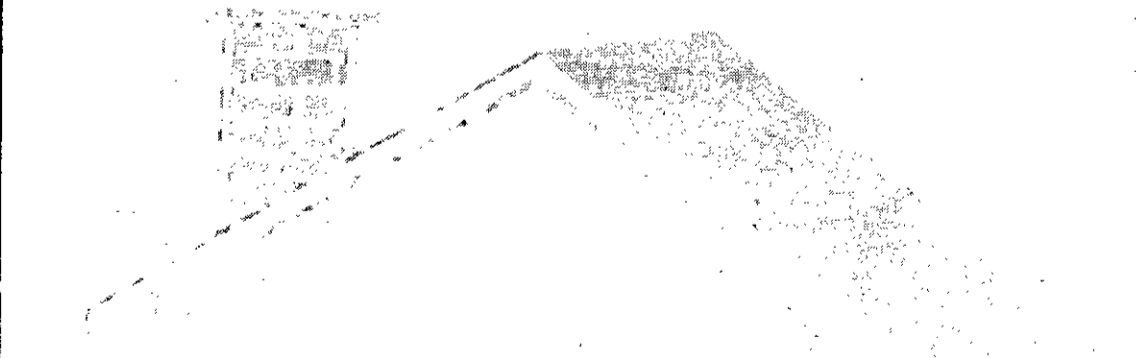
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We've stumbled through the pages and pulled out some of the choicer items you'll need to know about as you consider your home-improvement checklist.

Posh pests

Though we can't say for sure, even the White House must have a few of the German version lurking around. Cockroaches like moist, warm, dark areas and feed on glue, starch, food and garbage.

Clean homes have them. So do rich ones.

Treat cracks and crevices with a household formulation of chlorpyrifos, diazinon, malathion or propoxur to start with. Set feeding traps containing amidinohydrazone or sprinkle boric acid powder in the kitchen and bathroom cabinets out of reach of children and pets.

To stop ants from invading the house, sprinkle a few crumbled bay leaves on windowsills. If ants flock to your flour and sugar bins, place a couple of bay leaves inside and replace every month.

Happy houseplants

Repot your root-bound plants. You can tell if it's time by tapping the plant out of the pot and inspecting the root ball to see if the roots are thickly encircling it.

Going on vacation? Water it well, then enclose the plant in a clear plastic bag, tying it securely at the top and the bottom. Place

the plant in northern light.

When you return, untie the top and let the plant adjust to the room air for a day before completely uncovering.

Home entertainment systems

Antenna problems? If you have a roof antenna and your TV reception is poor, check out the problem by hooking up a set of indoor rabbit ears for comparison. If this improves reception, you'll know the roof antenna is the problem.

Keep your sound system operating coolly by vacuuming the ventilation louvers and speaker grilles periodically to prevent dust buildup which can cause overheating.

Oriental rugs

Always clean them professionally. Trimming the untidy fringes of an Oriental rug can cause the entire rug to unravel.

Instead, tie a few strands together in a single loose knot. Then

tighten the knots, lining them up as you go so that they form a straight row.

Door dish

Before trying to fix a sticking door, wait until cool, dry weather arrives. The problem may last only as long as the humidity.

If a door sticks year-round, check the screws in the hinges and the strike plate. They may need to be tightened or reinforced.

Buy sliding glass doors with thermal-break aluminum frames. This type prevents cold or hot from being conducted into the house.

Wise windows

To wash window screens, lay them flat on a smooth, cloth-covered surface, such as an old sheet on a picnic table. Scrub them gently, rinse with a hose and shake off excess water.

When washing windows, you can clean the corners of small window frames with a cotton swab dipped in cleaning solution. For drying windows, a wad of crumpled newspaper works just as well as expensive paper towels. Wear rubber gloves to keep your hands free of ink.

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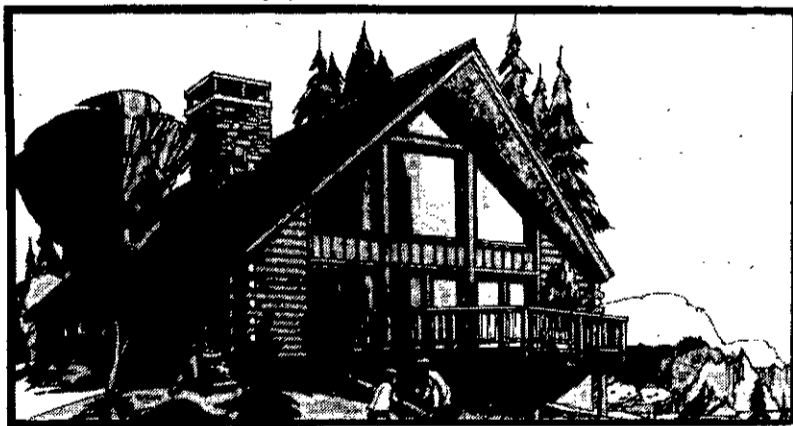
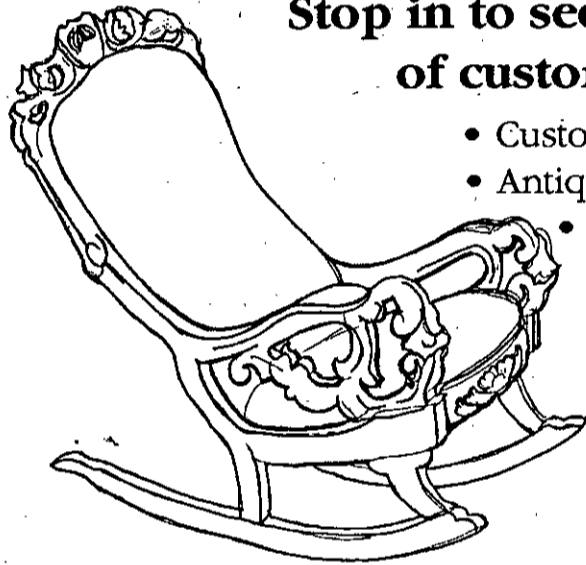
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New supermarket plan

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the proposal before the town board."

In contrast to the tone of Hendrick's comments, Brian Danforth, vice president of the Slingerlands Homeowners' Association, said his group is still opposed to the proposal itself as well as the intentions of the developer.

He said the association was anticipating "substantial changes" and expected that the bypass extension would be omitted from the new plans. "It's still very problematic. . . we're very much opposed to it," Danforth said.

Danforth said he is still apprehensive of what may eventually be done with the project, pointing out that what appears in the zoning change application does not have to be included in the final site plan proposal. Danforth said: "We're dealing with a concept, approximations. It's just a conceptual proposal; by law the town can't hold them to their first phase proposal. That project (according to the zoning regulations) can be expanded by 232,000 square feet."

Danforth and the Slingerlands Homeowners Association have been opposed to the project, specifically fighting the zoning change and the concept of the "commercial hub" that may develop along the Slingerlands Bypass. The association plans to meet Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church to discuss the new proposal. That meeting will be open to the public.

The original proposal was introduced with the objective of providing a second major supermarket chain in the Tri-Village area, constructing the Slingerlands Bypass extension and providing additional senior housing.

Bruce Preston of BTR Realty was scheduled to present the original proposal to the town board in December, but due to scheduling conflicts was unable to attend and was forced to re-schedule. During that time, public opposition to the project mounted and the Maryland-based realty firm re-examined the proposal and submitted its scaled down version to the town on Monday.

In the original version, which was unofficially presented Nov. 2 to over 500 townspeople at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, the developers said the size of the project was designed to offset the \$2.5 million price tag for extending the the Slingerlands Bypass.

The developers said they had been told by officials from the state Department of Transportation and also by town officials that

the project would not be considered without an extension of the bypass because of the adverse traffic impact on New Scotland Rd.

Regional DOT traffic engineer Joseph Kelley said Tuesday he had not seen the new proposal. DOT wants the bypass to be extended, but only the town has the authority to require the developer to pay for the extension and set right-of-ways, he said.

Under the state's current five-year budgeting program for new roads, which ends in fiscal year 1993-94, there are no funds for an extension of the bypass, Kelley said.

Before the development can go before the town in site plan form, a zoning change will be required to change the 112-acre parcel from a Residential A and AA Zone to a Planned Development District. A Planned Development District is designed to include both commercial and residential buildings.

The new proposal will include 82 single-family homes and 64 townhomes or condominiums. The single-family homes will be

on plots that are a minimum of 10,500 square feet, a lot size allowed under the existing zoning. The townhomes will be built on 13 acres, which averages out to five units per acre. The homes will be built in the same style as the historic Dutch 18th century McCutcheon farmhouse located in the southwest corner of the development. A 100-foot buffer around the historic home will remain undeveloped. Access to the residential section will be from LaGrange Rd., and two acres will be deeded over to the town for that road's right-of-way. Thirty-one acres will remain undeveloped and may be set aside for recreational use by residents of the development, according to the proposal.

In the commercial section, there is a 49 percent decrease in retail space. The original proposal called for 260,500 square feet of retail space, the new one is for 134,000 square feet. The commercial development will have a minimum of 670 parking spaces,

or roughly five spaces per thousand feet of commercial space. There will only be two building complexes in the revised proposal compared to the six drawn up in the original proposal. One of those complexes will house the Price Chopper anchor store. According to Ron Schleicht, vice president of real estate operations for the Golub Corporation, Price Chopper's parent company, the size of the supermarket will remain the same as in the original proposal, which was between 50,000 and 60,000 square feet.

95,000 square feet of transitional commercial space has been eliminated, as has 80,000 feet in office space.

The entire development will use existing water and sewer lines along New Scotland Rd. with the exception of the rear portion of the residential section, which will require an extension of the water district.

Community impact

The application states that the development will have a positive fiscal impact on the community

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Bus accident prompts RCS to revise district response

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District has revised its bus accident procedures as the result of an accident last month.

The procedure the district used to handle a Feb. 3 bus accident, called a "very, very minor accident" by School Business Administrator Rodger Lewis, received some criticism from one parent. The parent did not have any children on the bus, Lewis said.

The accident occurred when a district bus was hit in the back by a pick-up truck. The district policy at the time called for the school registered nurse to go to the scene.

The new policy adopted by the board last week calls for the local rescue squad to be called, followed by the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction as well as dispatching the nurse and transportation supervisor to the scene, Lewis said.

Church to sponsor Lenten services

The Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenmont is sponsoring a series of Wednesday night Lenten dinners with guest speakers.

On Wednesday, March 1, Pastor Craig Bartholomew of the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Albany will speak on the theme of "Malcus".

On Wednesday, March 8, Pastor Paula Gravelle of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Loudonville will speak on the topic of "Mary Magdelene," and on Wednesday, March 15, Pastor John Huenniger of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Albany, will speak about "Pontius Pilate." The public is invited to come to the covered dish dinner with something to share at 6 p.m. or attend the service at 7 p.m.

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Ravena students build castles

This icy cold weather was just the thing for Mrs. Gerrain's kindergarten students and Mrs. Parker's and Mrs. Kordich's pre-first students to build ice castles. The three Ravena Elementary School classes combined their talents to create a shimmering spectacle in the central hall of the school, said Principal Diane Killoile.

Scouts brave the cold

Winter camping may not be your idea of fun but the boys of Boy Scout Troop 81 spent the weekend of February 17 at snowy Camp Wakpominee on the east side of Lake George. Fourteen boys and six adults led by Robert Selover braved the elements to work on Boy Scout advancement projects.

Grange to host supper

The Bethlehem Grange will host a roast beef supper at the grange in Beckers Corners on Route 396 on Saturday, March 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. The grange members will be holding a "This and That" sale featuring crafts, home made baked goods, jewelry and knitted goods. Congratulations to the grange as they celebrate their 115th anniversary on March 11.

St. Rose sponsors free clinic

The College of St. Rose Communications Disorders Program will co-sponsor a free voice clinic at the Albany Medical Center Division of Otolarynthology, on Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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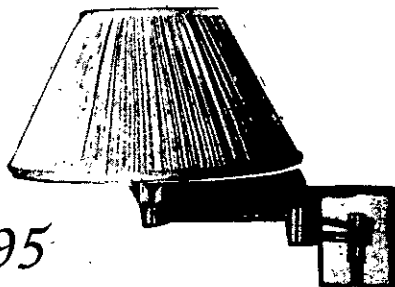
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Class of '59 reunion planned

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School Class of 1959 is planning their 30-year reunion for the fall and are trying to locate missing classmates. Among those who have lost contact with their fellow classmates are Judy Dankert, John Lands, William McNasser, Charles Schermerhorn, Authur Seeburger, James Stroud and William Timmers. Anyone with information on any of these former students can contact Ralph Spencer at 756-9652.

High school parents night set

The parents of eighth graders in the RCS Junior High who will be entering the high school in September are urged to attend Parents Night on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the senior high auditorium. Guidance counselors will be discussing the programs and scheduling for the new school year.

Keenan to appear in RPI production

Kathy Keenan of South Bethlehem will be appearing in the RPI Players production of "The Pirates of Penzance" to be staged in April. She has appeared in many Capital District theater productions in recent years and this will be the third Gilbert and Sullivan opera she has been a part of. She will appear as one of the daughters of the Modern Major-General.

For tickets and show times call the RPI Playhouse at 276-6503.

QUILT works at Albany library

The Albany Public Library will display examples of quilted items made by the members of Quilters United In Learning Together (QUILT), a local quilting club, during March.

The display can be seen daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and between 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

QUILT meets the second Friday of every month from September to June, from 10 a.m. to noon at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

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A resident at the meeting raised the question of how bus drivers decide whether or not to complete their route or travel certain roads during bad weather. Lewis said that if a driver judges a road to be unsafe, he or she can radio the bus garage for advice and will not be forced to traverse the roadway.

Board member Sara Hafenstein recounted a day last month when her child was not picked up by the bus because the roads were deemed unsafe by the driver. She said she called the bus garage and was told the road was unsafe and the highway department had been called with a request to sand the road.

Both Lewis and board member Wayne Furman, who has also served on the district's transportation committee for six years, said no district driver has been disciplined for deciding a road was unsafe to travel.

In other business, the board heard a report on the Effective School Program from Robert Kelly, regional manager of the Northeast Effective Schools Consortium.

The RCS district has been involved in the program, which Kelly described as "a positive buffer between the state Educa-

tion Department and the school district looking to effect change, for nearly two years. The program emphasizes planning for improvement and "how effective delivery systems can be made better," Kelly said.

Participation in the program is not mandatory except when a district does poorly on its Comprehensive Assessment Review annual report. Kelly said currently three districts in the state are in the program because of the CAR and 65 others including RCS are volunteer members.

The program personnel work as facilitators for school personnel to examine and work to improve their schools, he said. Surveys are used as a tool to "identify gaps and work on developing a collaborative process between the building administration and teachers. . . together they develop a plan (for improvement), Kelly said.

Three RCS schools, P.B. Coeymans, A.W. Becker and the senior high, have completed teacher surveys and all three showed academic goals to be a "top priority," Kelly said. He said it was "a very professional concern. . . a very laudable goal to be after. It shows a very caring kind of attitude."

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Dionysians Club to present comedy

The Dionysians drama club of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will present "The Mouse That Roared" on March 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.

The play, based on the novel by Leonard Webberly, was adapted for the stage by Christopher George and made into a movie starring Peter Sellers.

The story involves the citizens of a miniscule European country, Grand Fenwick, who accidentally acquire the world's most powerful atomic weapon. What they accomplish through their possession of the Q-bomb provides light-hearted, yet thought provoking entertainment.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and free for senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the high school or at the door.

Historical meeting set

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold a meeting at New Scotland Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, beginning at 8 p.m. Ben Mendel, an architect and restoration specialist, will speak about "The Nitty Gritty of Restoration." All are welcome.

Series on education ends

The Voorheesville PTSA and Voorheesville Elementary School will sponsor the third and final meeting in a series on early childhood education. The meeting will be held at the elementary school on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

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and will feature a video.

Packets will be available for parents of children who will be entering kindergarten in September. The Voorheesville Central School District is urging parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 to call the grade school at 765-3314. The information provided will assist district officials in assessing the needs for the 1989-90 kindergarten program.

Nursery school has openings

The Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville has openings for its 1989-90 preschool program for four-year-old children. The nursery school is open at the church on Tuesday through Thursday, from October through May. For information call Sue Vanderwarker, registration chairman, at 861-6457.

Craft fair tables offered

Area residents are invited to book a table for a craft fair to be sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Voorheesville Fire Dept. on Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone interested in renting a spot in the firehouse for the show may call Beth Timmis at

765-2421 during the evening or Sue Halpin at 765-4305 during the afternoon.

PTSA sponsors family fun

The Voorheesville PTSA will sponsor its family fun night on Friday, March 10, from 7 until 9 p.m., at the high school. The evening will include a game hour coordinated by the Linendolls of Altamont. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer may call Elaine Burns at 765-4898.

Pancake breakfast announced

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 12, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. All are invited.

Baseball registration open

Registration for the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland's spring baseball league will continue through this week. Girls in kindergarten through grade 8 and boys in kindergarten through grade 7 may register at the elementary school during evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. or on Saturday from 9 until 11 a.m.

Registration forms are available at the high school and the grade school. For information call Ron White at 765-3639.

Girl Scouts sponsor tea

The Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will hold a Heritage Tea on Girl Scout Sunday, March 12, from 1 until 3 p.m. The event will be held at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

All senior citizens are invited to join the girls in celebrating their heritage and the history of New Scotland. The Girl Scouts will serve a sampling of international foods and will present historical activities.

Senior citizens are invited to bring a snapshot from an earlier time and share part of their own past with the girls. Oral histories will be taken from those with a story to tell.

The event is being sponsored by the Voorheesville Girl Scouts and the New Scotland Senior Citizens. For information call 439-8339.

Library trustees meet

The Board of Trustees of the Voorheesville Central School District Public Library will hold a meeting at the library on Monday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will include a report by the volunteer steering committee on the recent library move. All are welcome.

Wool Growers annual meeting planned

The Eastern New York Sheep and Wool Growers Cooperative will hold its thirty-first annual meeting on Saturday, March 11, at the Clarksville Community Reformed Church in Clarksville.

The meeting, open to all sheep producers and prospective shepherds, will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a roast lamb dinner. After the dinner there will be a program on handling wool from shearing to market.

Dinner reservations are required by March 6 and may be made by calling 765-3510.

Troy man charged with DWI; trespassing

Albany County Sheriff's deputies arrested an 18-year-old Troy man on two misdemeanor counts Monday, Feb. 20, stopping him for trespassing on the former Tall Timbers County Club property on Hilton Rd. in New Scotland. Deputies said the man was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he failed a field sobriety test.

Deputies said they also charged two other 18-year-old Troy men with misdemeanor trespassing during the incident.

Video offers view of drugs and youth

A videotape, entitled *Drugs and Youth... the Challenge*, is available from the Office of the State Attorney General and the state Division of Substance Abuse Services.

The 23-minute videotape is available for use by parents, educators, community leaders and anyone concerned about the growing use of drugs and alcohol by children.

The video, which is narrated by Michael Gross of NBC's "Family Ties," provides information about drugs and outlines ways in which adults can get involved in helping children find productive, positive alternatives to drug use.

Available in VHS, Beta or 16mm, the video can be purchased for \$10.95 by calling 1-800-451-0303.

Substance abuse information, assistance and referrals may be obtained by calling 1-800-522-5353.

Outdoor exploration program slated

The Five Rivers Environmental Center is offering an outdoor exploration program focusing on tree identification, on Saturday, March 11, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The outdoor program, entitled "Hey Bud! Is It Spring Yet?" will demonstrate some basic tree identification of bark, twigs, buds, and the shapes of some unusual trees. There will be a walk of approximately 90 minutes through the nature trail. The program is free and open to the public. To pre-register or for information, call 453-1806.

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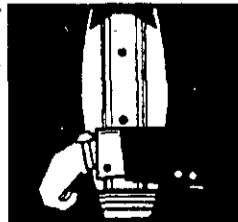
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and an additional amount for water usage fees.

Those who responded currently had an average cost of \$487 a year for water, and six of the residents spent over \$1000. With these kinds of answers from a preliminary study, why aren't the committee members more encouraged? "It's not a matter of water — it's a matter of growth," said committee member Curtis Clark.

"I myself have been here for 25 years, and you are bucking people who have been here forever. They are happy with the size of their community right now, and more water means more people to them," Clark said.

The area is currently zoned for one-acre lots, and according to Clark, many fear that a guaranteed public water supply would lead to overdevelopment.

Clark sees it in a different way. "I'm afraid that big money will move into the area (in the form of a large development) and build their own water system, and we'll have no control at all. This way we make sure everyone shares equally." Clark was echoing the professional opinion voiced not too long ago by David Roecker, an engineer for the town's consultants, C.T. Male, when he addressed the planning board. Roecker said that stopping growth in New Scotland "isn't an alternative" — that the growth of population in the Capital District and the town's proximity to Albany are factors too strong for the town not to grow.

"You can go into the heart of the Adirondacks to Indian Lake, and they have public water. We live four miles from Albany — the state capital — and we don't. What does that say?" Clark added.

He said he is also very concerned about the quality of the water that those who have a reasonable water supply are receiving. "We had the shallow well that we were using tested by Bender Labs. The water was bad." Clark said that Bender reported the water above levels of acceptable bacteria, ores and other contaminants.

According to the survey, only nine residences have had their water supplies tested. "Most people who have water haven't had their water tested," Clark said. "With the history in our area, I'm willing to bet there are more bad wells. I'd check it out before I passed up a clean supply."

The Rev. Roger Eernisse, also a member of the committee, sees the issue in his area divided along age lines. "The younger people I talked to wanted municipal water because they are here for the long haul. The older people have lived with it up to now, and they simply don't want the expense," he said. Eernisse said that he doesn't feel that the conflict will continue indefinitely, however, because his area is "transitioning" from older to younger residents. He said that additional area water testing, perhaps from the Albany County Health Department, would make clear the need for a public supply.

"I found a lot of 'if we bring in water, it brings in houses, which means kids, and increased school taxes, and traffic, etc.' from the older residents," Eernisse said. "This was in direct opposition to

County will check wells

With water so closely linked to growth in the Unionville situation — and all other undeveloped parts of Albany County — new legislation is being introduced that would make prospective builders obtain approval from the county Health Department for their property's water supply before a building permit is issued.

"Development is now being considered in rural areas where it was previously not cost-effective, or the area was only marginally developable," said Steve Lukowski, the county's director of environmental services. "This is motivated by the current building emphasis in the area," Lukowski explained.

Unfortunately, this "emphasis" has left many area residents, including several in Orchard Park, with fully built — and waterless — homes.

"This legislation was not a direct result of what happened in Orchard Park," Lukowski said, "but it would prevent it in the future. I know that it has been a concern in New Scotland for a long time. Many feel, negatively, that to provide utilities is

to promote growth. But there are so many concerns in areas without public utilities."

While Lukowski feels that the ultimate judgment rests in the hands of local zoning and planning boards, "the Health Department will not promote growth without adequate water, and that is what this legislation is aimed at."

According to Lukowski, after May 1, prospective builders will have to supply a well log, with yield tests and water quality analysis data for the county to consider before building can begin.

"What we are really doing is protecting the peoples' investments," Lukowski said. "And with the Unionville/Bullock Rd./Spore Rd. area being a 'well-first' area, public water would solve many of their problems."

The amendment to the Albany County Sanitary Code is being filed with the state health department this week, and it will be fully available to the public in two weeks. The legislation is designed to affect new construction only.

the younger families looking at the long-range values of their property. It's a long way from when you've just signed on the dotted line with a 30-year mortgage to having lived there for 30 years."

"We just want to provide potable water the best way we can," said New Scotland Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly. "Because it is obvious from the studies that we do have problems."

Former Albany County Health Commissioner Dr. John Lyons, a Feura Bush resident who also serves on the committee, said that the situation "does not look hopeful" given the number of people and the amount per year that they

seem to be willing to spend. He does feel that it is "the town's responsibility", however, to provide a public water supply, and that given the lack of snow this winter, "Some of these people may become much more interested in July or August."

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BC's Reagan looks ahead to next year

By Bill Dixon

While many of his classmates are still waiting to hear from college admissions offices across the country, Bethlehem senior John Reagan has already made his plans for next year. On February 8 Reagan signed a letter declaring his acceptance of a Syracuse University football scholarship, covering everything an undergraduate could want: tuition costs, room and board, books...

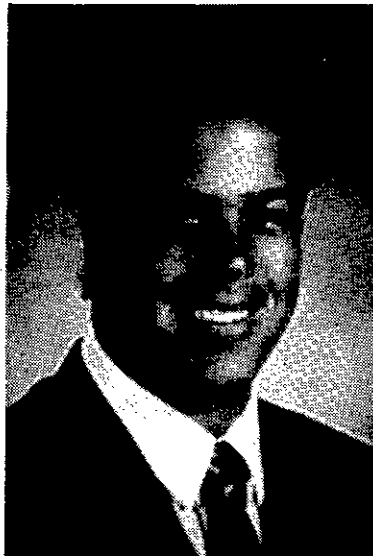
"It's nice," he says, displaying a talent for understatement that doesn't exactly fit the stereotypical image of the college athlete. Actually, Reagan breaks out of that mold in a number of ways. The newly proposed legislation for establishing tougher academic standards for collegiate recruits would have little effect on Reagan, who is a member of the National Honor Society, and, with a 90 percent average, has been ranked 30th in his class of approximately 300. He is enthusiastic but soft-spoken, and, at times, agonizingly humble.

But anyone who has seen Reagan perform under BC's lights knows that his lack of aggressiveness in an interview doesn't carry

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over on to the football field, where he has started for the Eagles since his sophomore year. His efforts on the offensive and defensive lines of the orange and black have not gone unnoticed. Reagan has been recognized by both the *Times Union* and the *Troy Record* as an outstanding area player. Sports-writers from across New York named him to the second string of the All-State team. As a junior and senior, Reagan was named to the Suburban Council All-Star team.

His athletic career is by no means limited to football. He has also won varsity honors, as a sophomore and senior, in basketball, and, as a junior, in wrestling, where he won the championship for his weight class (250 pounds and over) in the Spencerport tournament, one of the most prestigious grappling contests in the state. Last year Reagan spent his spring playing Eagles baseball, something he plans to continue this season.



John Reagan

The future is an important topic for Reagan. He will spend his freshman year in training for the Division I Orangemen and will have the option of renewing his commitment for four more years. He hopes to complete his undergraduate work in four years, using his last year of eligibility to earn a master's degree, which, judging from his present academic interests, will more than likely be in psychology and, more

specifically, sports psychology. Of course, there's always the possibility of his being asked to join the ranks of professional football.

"If that opportunity arose, there'd be no doubt I'd take it," he said, adding as an afterthought that to his knowledge only around one percent of those who play college ball are drafted to the NFL, which keeps the fantasy fairly remote, though not entirely inconceivable.

Reagan describes the recruitment process as intense and more than a little fatiguing. Offers of scholarships started in earnest last September, and by November he had sifted through the various propositions to narrow his choices down to Syracuse, the University of Virginia, and the University of Texas. In December Texas was eliminated and on January 23rd Reagan was able to give Syracuse Head Coach Dick MacPherson a verbal commitment.

"I like Mr. MacPherson a lot. He's personable and he really cares about his players. He's said he's going to be there until they don't want him anymore."

MacPherson was paying Reagan a visit at the high school

when the new recruit told the coach of his acceptance. "It was funny. The day after he visited, people were saying 'Was that Coach MacPherson? Was that Coach MacPherson? No, it couldn't have been.'"

Helping Reagan throughout the confusion of his decision-making was a loyal and understandably proud assortment of family and friends.

"I was lucky to accomplish what I accomplished. Three years ago I had this goal of becoming a Division I scholarship player. But it (recruitment) wasn't easy. It got really hectic. But there was a lot of support throughout the whole process from my parents and my friends and my sister. Whenever I needed her she was always willing to lend an ear."

"One of the great things about the scholarship is that it reflects not only on me but also on the coaches at Bethlehem and the people I've worked with," he says, adding that the teamwork and encouragement provided by his coaches and teammates has had a tremendous effect on him, and is a much better player for it. "I hope I've done the same for them."

Loss ends BC girls basketball season

By Justin Cresswell

All good things must come to an end — however true that may be, try not to say it around the Bethlehem Central girls basketball team.

During their sectional semifinal game last Tuesday, their "good thing" was ended by Troy 76-54, in Mechanicville.

The Flying Horses, who would

Basketball

eventually earned the championship crown, used a phenomenal outside game and also got easy transition baskets off unforced BC turnovers to take control of the game.

Troy's junior forward Maureen

Holohan was particularly effective from the left wing. She popped her fluent jumper to the tune of a career-high 34 points. The Big Ten champs scored 22 points from the foul line, 20 more than Bethlehem. In fact, Troy shot 34 free throws to BC's nine. According to Eagle Coach Bill Warner, that shouldn't have happened. "They (the officials) weren't calling much inside. I mean the girls were

literally draped all over (sophomore center) Anita (Kaplan). I don't mind it when they're going up for rebounds, there's going to be contact, but they (Troy) were leaning on her all night." Kaplan finished with 20 points, while senior forward Julie Francis added 17 in her last high school game. She has said she doesn't plan to pursue college basketball.

The "good thing" that ended was BC's superb 19-3 season that saw them capture the Suburban Council's Gold Division title, and set many individual records. Francis became BC's career scoring leader with 1,091 points. Kaplan scored 585 points this year to shatter the single season scoring mark of 352 set by 1985 graduate Kim Zornow by 233 points. Before she leaves Bethlehem, Kaplan is sure to pass Francis'

milestone. As a freshman, she scored 333 points, bringing her career total to 918, only 173 away from Francis' tally. The 6-4 stand-out led all area girls high school hoopsters in scoring with a 26.6 points per game average. Also, she captured the BC record for points in a contest when she poured in 39 against Niskayuna.

Even though Kaplan will be the only returning starter next year, the junior varsity had a strong club this year and Warner is looking to repeat next season, although he's not too eager to give up this year's bunch. "We finished 19-3 and I'll take that any year. I'll take that group of kids any year, too. They did themselves proud and they did the school proud."

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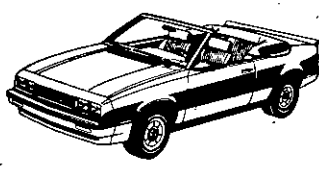
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Eagle grapplers wrap up season

John Bellizzi III

The end of Bethlehem Cen-
s 1988-89 wrestling season
ally came last week with unfor-
ate results, but BC's six Sec-
II finalists didn't give it up
out a fight.

Although none of BC's six
iors competing in last Mon-
s Section II Finals at the Glens
s Civic Center made it to the
al round, they all turned in
mirable performances to fin-
their high school wrestling
eers on solid records.

Mike Leamy was Bethlehem's
of two BC placewinners,
ning in third at 126 pounds.
amy, who placed third in the

Strong performances turned in by Dolphins

Seven-year-old Delmar Dolfin
mmer Arianne Cohen set a
et record in the 25-yard
aststroke with a time of 20.13
onds at the Leatherstocking
yks' Winter Invitational at
hawk Valley Community Col-
e in Utica on Feb. 18 and 19.
Cohen also placed fifth in the
ard freestyle and sixth in the
ard backstroke.

Representing the Dolphins in the

Freihofer's Run for Women postponed

Organizers of the 11th
hofer's Run For Women in
any have moved the race date
ad from early May to June 3.
ome \$15,500 in athletic funds
be offered, according to
hofer spokesman James
rnes.

Bethlehem Soccer Club registration set

Registration for the Bethlehem
er Club will be held at the
hlehem Town Hall on March
om 6 to 9 p.m. and March 11
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Wrestling

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former BC grappler Ed Moak of
Averill Park, who went on to win
the weight class and earn a berth
in the State Championships in
Syracuse.

Pete Bragaw was the second
placewinner, taking fourth in the
155-pound class

Bethlehem's other Section II
finalists were Eric Brown (119
pounds), Todd DeVoe (177), and
team captains Pat Leamy (119),
John Gallogly (138) and Paul
Vichot (167).

8 and under boys category, An-
drew Loomis finished fifth in the
25-yard butterfly. Billy Leary
placed fourth in the 200 yard IM,
fifth in the 50 yard breaststroke,
and sixth in the 200 yard freestyle
in the 10 and under category.

Strong swimming perform-
ances were also turned in by
Georgia Butt, Anne Byrd, Brian
Lenhardt, Kimberly Lenhardt,
and Christian McTighe.

Burtis ranked 33rd in tennis circuit

Linda Anne Burtis of Elsmere,
teaching pro at Southwood Ten-
nis Club, has been ranked num-
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for Office Products Part 1 - Non Stock Items.
 Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 14 day of March, 1989 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL and ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.
 The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.
 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 CAROLYN M. LYONS
 TOWN CLERK
 DATED: February 22, 1989
 (March 1, 1989)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a SPECIAL MEETING on Tuesday, March 7, 1989, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 P.M., for the purpose of hearing testimony relative to the proposed Final Draft of the US Rt. 9W Corridor Study. All interested groups and citizens are hereby invited to attend.
 Kenneth Ringler, Jr.
 Chairman, Planning Board
 (March 1, 1989)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for Central Stockroom Office Products.
 Bids will be received up to 2:15 p.m. on the 14 day of March, 1989 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL and ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town

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Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

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 Bids will be received by the Elmwood Park Fire District for a 1250 gallon per minute pumper at a cost not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars. Specifications may be obtained from William E. Cleveland, Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District, at 406A Schoolhouse Road, Albany, New York 12203. Telephone number: (518) 869-6996, on any week day between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows: Bids for 1250 gallon per minute pumper.
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 Dated: February 22, 1989
 William E. Cleveland
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Board of Fire Commissioners
 Elmwood Park Fire District
 Albany, New York
 (March 1, 1989)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS BETHLEHEM SEWER DISTRICT TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK DELMAR/ELSMERE TRUNK SEWER REPLACEMENT CONTRACT NO. 8

Separate sealed proposals for Contract No. 8 for the construction of the Delmar/Elsmere Trunk Sewer Replacement for the Beth-

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lehem Sewer District of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, consisting of the following work:
 Contract No. 8 - Project consists of the construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 21 inch diameter PVC sewer and approximately 14 manholes to replace an existing 18 inch vitrified clay pipe sewer located in a ravine southerly of Delaware Avenue and easterly of Plymouth Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem.
 Plans and Specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses.
 A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen.
 Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board.
 The bidder to whom the contract may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of his failure to do

so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town.
 The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
 By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York.
 CAROLYN LYONS
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: February 22, 1989
 (March 1, 1989)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, on February 22, 1989 Local Law No. 1 of 1989 regarding an Amendment to Chapter 69 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem by deleting existing paragraph 69-6 and replacing with following:
 69-6. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD
 The areas of special flood hazard have been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a scientific and engineering report entitled "Flood Insurance Study Town of Bethlehem, New York, Albany County" dated December 15, 1982 with Flood Insurance Rate Maps enumerated on Map Index No. 361540 0001-0025 dated April 17, 1984 and with accompanying Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps enumerated on Map Index No. 361540 0001-0025 dated April 17, 1984.
 The above documents are, hereby, adopted and declared to be a part of this local law and are filed at the Office of the Building Inspector, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid Local Law No. 1 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. on the 22nd day of March, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at which time all interested persons will be heard.
 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 CAROLYN M. LYONS
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: February 22, 1989
 (March 1, 1989)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM WATER DISTRICT NO. 1
 Notice to Bidders
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 Approximately 2 for 10" Standard Pipe.
 Approximately 2 for 12" Standard Pipe.
 Approximately 2 for 16" Standard Pipe.
 Bidder must be a qualified supplier and have sufficient stock on hand to meet tax exempt purchases as needed. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on the 14th day of March 1989, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and subject of the bid. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY EACH BIDDER THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 103a AND 103b OF ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS NOTICE OF BIDDERS.

A BID WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD AND AN AWARD WILL NOT BE MADE UNLESS THE BID IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 103d OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SUBJECT TO THE EXCEPTION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THE SECTION. A FORM OF THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION IS ATTACHED.
 The Town Board reserves the right to waive any information in or to reject any or all bids.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 CAROLYN LYONS, TOWN CLERK
 (March 1, 1989)
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York (the "District") will be held on 12th day of April, 1989 at the Clinton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Building for the Voorheesville Central School District from 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. or as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the voters then present to cast their votes on the following proposition:
 RESOLVED: (a) The Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York is hereby authorized to reconstruct, in part, and construct additions to the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and Voorheesville Elementary School including the furnishings, equipment and apparatus, and all necessary alterations and ancillary work required to effectuate the foregoing building and facility improvements; and to expend for above stated purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00).
 (b) The Board of Education hereby authorized to issue obligations of the district in the amount of Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to a tax upon the taxable property of the district in the aforesaid sum of Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00) to be collected in installments as provided by law. The above sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by a tax on the taxable real property of the said school district to be collected in annual installments, and, in anticipation of the collection of such tax, the school board shall issue obligations of said school district therefor in accordance with the Local Finance Law.
 David K. Tel
 School District Clerk
 By Order of
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 Dated: February 15, 1989
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Obituaries

Richard F. Hale

Richard F. Hale of Feura Bush Road in Delmar, founder of the Bethlehem Grinding Service, died Friday in Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness. He was 82.

Born in Theresa, N.Y., he moved to Delmar in 1943 as an employee of the General Electric Company. He also worked as a part-time farmhand on the Haswell Farm in Delmar, and for the Delaware and Hudson Railway in Albany.

From 1950 to 1968, he was a local route carrier for the *Times Union*.

He then founded the Bethlehem Grinding Service, recognizable to area residents by its unique sign, painted on a circular saw blade. He retired from the business, which is now run by his son, Richard, in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Hale and his son, Richard, both of Delmar; his daughter, Margaret Monaghan of Marriottsville, Md.; his sisters, Bertha Nellis of Watertown, N.Y. and Elizabeth Tennant of Utica, N.Y. He is also survived by two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Applebee Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the endowment fund of the Delmar Reformed Church.

Anne L. B. Bristol

Anne L. Bassett Bristol of Delmar died Feb. 18 at her home after a long illness. She was 93.

Born in Stillwater, she was the wife of the late Harold I. Bristol.

Services were held last Wednesday afternoon at the Applebee Funeral Home. Burial will be in Union Cemetery in Fort Edward, N.Y.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Reformed Church Endowment Fund.

Jeanette Macron

Jeanette Macron of Delmar, daughter of the late Joseph and Carrie Macron, died at Saint Peter's Hospital on Feb. 15 after a brief illness. She was 79.

She was formerly a clerk at Williams Press in Menands.

She is survived by her sister, Diana Macron, her cousin, Madelyn Donnelly, and several other cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 18 at St. James Church, with funeral arrangements by the Chicorelli Funeral Home. Interment will be in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Florence

Amsler-Goewey

Florence G. Amsler-Goewey, formerly of New Scotland and Voorheesville, died Feb. 25 at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass. She was 82.

An Albany native, she moved to New Marlboro, Mass. in 1970.

She was the widow of Howard D. Amsler Sr., who died in 1984.

Survivors include her second husband, Everett Goewey of New Marlboro; her sons, Howard D. Amsler Jr. of New Scotland and Richard J. Amsler of New Baltimore; her daughter, Fern L. Leonard of Schenectady; 11 grand-

children and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Hickey-Birches Funeral Home in Great Barrington, Mass., with burial in Hartsville Cemetery in New Marlboro.

Esther L. Viggiani

Esther L. Viggiani of Delmar died in Albany Medical Center Hospital of injuries suffered in a car accident on Rt. 9W Sunday night.

A Latham resident until six months ago, she was born in Troy, and educated at St. Ambrose School, Blue Creek School in Latham and Shaker High School in Colonie. She also attended Stratford Business School and Hudson Valley Community College.

She was employed at the state Division of Housing and Community Renewal in Albany as a senior computer programmer, and had previously been employed in the computer field at General Electric in Selkirk.

She was a member of the Civil Service Employees Association and a communicant of St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church.

She is survived by her mother, Rosemarie Viggiani of Latham; her beloved friend, Timothy Shannon of Delmar; her sisters, Deborah Hopkins and Rosemarie Viggiani, both of Latham, and Carol Yund of Clifton Park; her brothers, John N. Viggiani of Maplewood and Nicholas J. Viggiani of Washington, D.C. She is also survived by her paternal grandmother, Filomena Viggiani of Loudonville; her maternal grandmother, Rose Coon of Troy, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at the Bowen Funeral Home and at St. Ambrose Church, both in Latham. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Colonie.

Supermarket

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by creating 200 permanent jobs and will provide a \$154,000 town tax surplus and a \$7,900 school tax surplus. It is estimated that 131 school-age children will live in the development.

Estimates for projected sales tax revenue were put at \$308,760 for the county and \$3,087 for the town.

Traffic again will play a major role in the impact of the project. Compiled by Roger Creighton Associates of Delmar, the traffic study recommends improvements at three intersections in order to accommodate the traffic projections for 1992.

According to trip generation figures for the commercial development, 57 percent of those driving to or from Bethlehem Village will come from Delmar or Elsmere by way of Cherry Ave., 19 percent will come from Albany via New Scotland Rd., 15 percent will come from Slingerlands or areas to the southwest along Rt. 85 and nine percent will come from the north either along Blessing Rd. or the Slingerlands Bypass.

According to residential trip generation figures, 43 percent of Bethlehem Village residents will travel to and from work via the Slingerlands Bypass, 39 percent will use the Cherry Ave. Extension, nine percent will use New Scotland Rd., five percent will use Rt. 85 to Slingerlands and four percent will use Blessing Rd.

Considering the increase in traffic, roadway improvements will become even more urgent at the already congested intersections in project's vicinity. Creighton's BTR Projections were made for 1992 and 2005, the latter being made under the assumption that the Slingerlands Bypass extension would be completed. The short-term projections call for improvements at the intersec-

tions of Blessing Rd. and Rt. 85, New Scotland Rd. and Rt. 85 and Cherry Ave. and Rt. 85. Those improvements include turning lanes and road widening at all three intersections. No costs were mentioned in the report for those improvements.

The abandonment of BTR's plans to extend the Slingerlands Bypass comes as little surprise considering that at the Nov. 2 community meeting, the developers stated that the cost of building the bypass extension could only be covered by a large-scale project. The new plans will not hinder the eventual construction of the extension and include a two-acre right-of-way to be deeded over to the town. Hendrick has repeatedly said that any developer that builds along the stretch of land where the extension is proposed will need to provide land for the extension or the land will be taken through eminent domain.

Studies by Albany County, the town of Bethlehem and the state Department of Transportation all have concluded that the Slingerlands Bypass will eventually need to be extended to link with the Cherry Ave. Extension.



Rev. James D. Daley

Bible series continues

The Rev. James D. Daley will speak on the "Last Supper and Betrayal," at the Delmar Reformed Church, on Wednesday, March 8. The lecture is part of the 1989 Area Ecumenical Lenten Bible series. Following registration at 9:30 a.m., the program will run from 10 to 11 a.m.

The program is open to the public.

Cancer society benefit slated

The Albany County Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its sixth annual Spring Celebration of Miniatures Show and Sale on Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. The event will also be held again the following day, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for Adults and \$1 for children under 10. All the profits from the event will benefit the cancer society.

Solution to "Happy Birthday Mr. President"

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Weekly Crossword

"HENRY FORD'S LEGACY" By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- Follows fuel or oil
- Garment
- At what time?
- Mansion
- Timetable abbreviations
- Good review
- What Rick Mears does well!
- River in Germany
- Harsh
- Precedes "ITY": Unusual
- Convent residents
- Poetic before
- Emergency vehicles
- Ms. Taylor
- Samuel Morse's phonetic
- Church part
- Stock car racing org.
- Star Wars initials
- You really gotta have it!
- Summer mo. in Australia
- A fixed chicken
- Mr. Mineo
- Ford's fifties follies
- Dark and moist
- Mr. Amin
- Fortitude
- "Lucille's merry car"
- Eisenhower's command area
- Soft cheese
- Tai: Polynesian drink
- Actor
- St. Vincent Millay
- Auto insurance appraiser's forte
- Sesame plant
- Keep in check
- TV Arvid's personality
- Makes mistakes
- Concords
- 10W 30 and 10W 40, eg

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- Potato peeler
- Kind of joint
- Relocate
- Warmed the engine?
- Arbiter
- City in Japan
- metabolism
- TV Chip's motorcycle rider
- Monkey or ratchet
- "The _____": Residence of Queen Beatrix
- Not odds
- Follows "WIN": Number ones
- Store's inventory (abbrv)
- Sperm
- Jewelry
- Drug cop.
- Follows "CAR": Vocation
- Exclamations
- Fruit of a legume plant
- Observe
- Caesar's 256
- Good to have...but not to use (2 wds)
- Cha Cha's opponent "_____ the Snake Prudhomme"
- Cartoonist's need
- Williams and Kennedy
- Much concern about nothing
- Low beam switches
- Witches hangout

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith D. Brown

Keith Brown marries

Kathleen Marie Gilroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilroy Jr. of New Hartford, and Keith D. Brown, son of Doris Brown of Delmar and the late Herman D. Brown, were married on Dec. 31 at St. John the Evangelist Church in New Hartford.

Carol O'Bryan served as matron of honor. Edward Lanshaw, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as best man.

The bride, a graduate of St. Lawrence University and Western Maryland College, is a teacher of the hearing impaired. The bridegroom graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, St. Lawrence University, and the Columbia University School of International Affairs.

The couple will reside in Washington, D.C., where the groom is employed by the U.S. Agency for International Development.



Mrs. David R. Houston

David Houston marries

Anne Thomas Hughs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughs of Jonesboro, Ga. and David R. Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrell G. Houston of Delmar, were married on Dec. 31 at the Rosswell United Methodist Church in Rosswell, Ga.

Lisa Hughs served as the maid of honor, and Lt. Stephen T. Houston was best man.

The bride, a graduate of the

Woodward Academy and the University of Georgia, is employed by MCI Telecommunications in Atlanta, Ga.

The groom, a graduate of the N.Y. Military Academy in Cornwall N.Y. and the United States Military Academy at West Point is an Army Lieutenant stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The couple plans to reside in Columbus, Ga.

Fish fry dinner set

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fish fry dinner at the department in Clarksville on Friday, March 3, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The menu will include chowder, cole slaw, fish, ice cream and a selection of beverages. The dinner will cost \$4.50 per adult and \$2.50 for a child's portion.

Appicelli-Wood

Dr. Albert Appicelli of Delmar and Frances Appicelli of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Appicelli, to Thomas John Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wood of Herkimer.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of the Bethlehem Central High School and Hamilton College, is a laboratory technician at the Wadsworth Center for Laboratories and Research in Albany.

Her fiancé, is a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy and is a banker for Key Corp. in Albany.

A December 2 wedding is planned.

Douglas-Vail

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Preston of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Megan Douglas, to Peter C. Vail Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Vail of Malden Bridge, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Clayton A. Bouton High School, in Voorheesville and received a bachelor's degree from the State University College at Oswego.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Ichabod Crane High School and Cornell University, is employed by California Eastern Vail of Salem, N.Y.

A July wedding is planned.

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Reunion committee meeting set

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1969's 20-year reunion committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The purpose of the meet-

ing is to update the class mailing list. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion or has information on classmates is invited to attend. For more information call 439-0892.



Community Corner

Family Issues series continues

The First United Methodist Church will be hosting a discussion group tonight (Wednesday) featuring Ellie Marsh of the Parent Education Network.

The topic will be "Closeness vs. Individuality — When to Parent, When to Let Go." The free discussion is the third in a series of four presentations on contemporary family issues being offered to the community.

The program will begin at 6:50 and will be preceded by a light supper at 6 p.m. There will be special activities available for children. The event is open to all community members.

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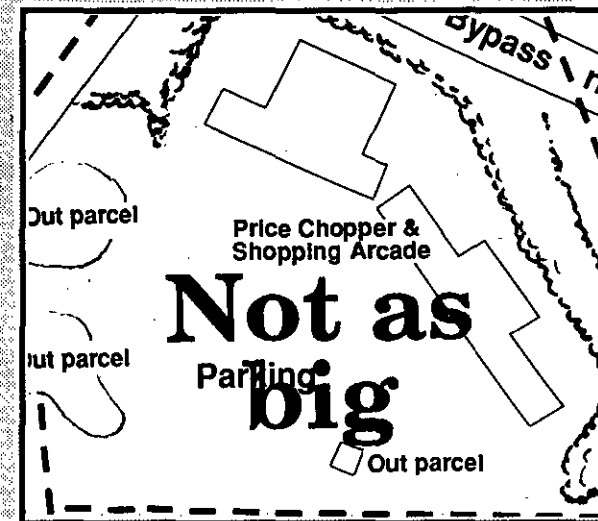
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