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Reval options costly

By Mark Stuart

In an effort to avert further "welcome, stranger" lawsuits, the Bethlehem Town Board Thursday night began the process of weighing a course of action for townwide revaluation.

And although the board is moving to correct discrepancies in its assessment methodology, which were brought to light in a recent court decision, revised assessment rolls won't become a reality until May 1992 at the earliest.

Thursday evening's agenda took shape more as a brainstorming session than a regular administrative meeting. Before an audience of about 50 people, Assessor John Thompson, attorney Daniel Santola of the Bethlehem Assessor's Office, Chairman Sidney Kaplan of the Bethlehem Board of Assessment Review and Bob Mancuso of the Bureau of Local Assessment Services all addressed the board as to what obstacles and solutions lie ahead.

The major concern seemed to be "Where do we go from here?" and what impact will the reval have on residents.

"What it will do is adjust some owners who came here 20 years ago to a higher number," Santola said. "While other people who moved here, say five years ago, whose (assessment) may go down, while others in the middle will be unaffected."

The last townwide revaluation was conducted in 1970. According to Thompson, individual assessments were conducted after a house was sold or as part of annual updates in which a random 10 percent of the town was reassessed annually.

Mancuso said the impact of revaluation will not only be affected by when the homeowner's last assessment was, but also by what part of the town you may live in. "Inequity will creep into the rolls if you carry them over from year to year because market values in Bethlehem are changing and are changing at different rates in different parts of town," Mancuso said. "The practice has been to carry it over, and as time goes on certain people pay more

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Waste incinerator a mystery

Conrail refuses to answer questions on waste oil plans

By Mark Stuart

Conrail officials remain tight-lipped this week about a proposed waste incinerator to be located in the Selkirk Rail Yards in Bethlehem.

While a company spokesperson reversed herself on whether the plan has already received state approval, she refused to answer questions about the type of waste to be burned and ignored inquiries about the project's possible connection

with a \$110 million deal last year with an Ohio solid waste management firm.

Conrail's sketchy response leaves open other possibilities in light of recent developments regarding efforts by the giant rail corporation to sell 33 acres of land at the Selkirk Yards.

According to spokeswoman Pat Lynsky: "Conrail will shortly file an official application for approval to construct a solid waste management facility with

the state Department of Environmental Conservation. The application will be a public document available to you at that time. Pending the filing of that document, Conrail has nothing further to add."

Conrail's latest statement, which was issued Monday afternoon, contradicts their Feb. 5 statement that said: "The state Department of Environmental Conservation has approved the project and they should be contacted for further specifics."

Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanigan said last week he contacted Barry Gaut, a mechanical engineer for Conrail in Altoona, Pa. Flanigan said he learned that the incinerator would handle 200 pounds of fuel per hour and produce 11 tons of ash annually.

Who decides on incinerators?

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Gaut would not comment and referred all inquiries from *The Spotlight* to Lynsky's office in Philadelphia, Pa.

Lynsky did not answer specific questions as to how much ash would be produced, what specifically would be burned in the incinerator, where the ash will be disposed and where the solid waste is currently transported to or disposed.

Nor would she comment on whether the project is part of a joint venture between Conrail and OHM Corporation of Findlay, Ohio. In April 1989, the two companies announced a \$110 million joint

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Enjoy it while you can



Kate Trautwein and Robbie Morrison of Voorheesville enjoy Saturday's snowfall.
Dennis Sullivan

Voorheesville bus vote part of plan

By Bob Hagyard

Voorheesville's proposed \$230,000 school bus bond issue would fit into a new five-year purchase plan geared to updating the fleet, according to district officials.

The plan was announced at the district school board's regular meeting last month. It assumes adoption of both items on the ballot: the \$230,000 bond issue to purchase four 60-passenger buses and two suburban vans, plus voter approval of the board's June 1989 emergency purchase of another full-size bus, a necessary step to collecting about \$25,000 in state aid.

Polls next Wednesday will open at 2 p.m. and close at 9:30 p.m. at the high school main foyer.

Under the schedule an additional four buses would be purchased, one each

budget year from 1991-92 through 1994-95. State aid, up to 78 percent of the purchase price, would roll in during the year after each purchase. According to Anthony Cashara, assistant superintendent for business, the schedule also takes into account annual district outlays and the state reimbursement schedule.

Looking at all debt obligations, the schedule calls for a \$5,379,509 outlay over the next five years. That would include principal and interest on the bus bond issue, the 1983 energy conservation bond issue, the 1988 Voorheesville Public Library bond issue, and the asbestos removal/school reconstruction bond issue approved by voters last spring.

Tax impact

However, Cashara pointed out, each line item would generate state aid at predictable intervals as well as interest

on aid money invested by the district between the time it is received and the time it must be paid out.

As a result, the year-by-year effect on local tax rates will be barely perceptible to district property owners, Cashara said. Local taxpayers are footing \$381,729 of the district's debt load for the current school year. That level would rise:

- In 1990-91, to \$387,723.96, up 1.5 percent over the previous year.
- In 1991-92, to \$394,977.21, up 1.8 percent from the previous year.
- In 1992-93, to \$410,787.41, up 1.7 percent from the previous year.
- In 1993-94, to \$405,840.01, up 1.0 percent from the previous year.
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Who votes on plan for waste incinerator?

By Mark Stuart

Can elected town officials have a say in the review process of the American Ref-Fuel waste-to-energy plant or will the fate of the 1500-ton per day incinerator be determined by appointed officials?

That's the question raised by Councilman Bob Burns in a letter dated Feb. 14 to Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler, and the answer will remain unclear until an application is submitted by American Ref-Fuel, according to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz.

Currently it appears that the application would go to the Board of Appeals, which normally hears requests for variances to the existing zoning code. Kaplowitz said state law dictates the town must have a board of appeals. "The town can't delegate authority to the Zoning Board of Appeals and then just take it away from them," he said.

Kaplowitz said in order to know what role may be in order for the town board, the town will have to know what American Ref-Fuel will be requesting.

Since there is nothing listed in the Zoning Ordinance as a waste-to-energy plant, town law specifically prohibits it and requires that American Ref-Fuel obtain a special exception permit, according to Kaplowitz. It may also require a

variance for lot size depending on how much land the plant will be located on. They may also require a variance for the plant's smokestack, Kaplowitz said, because it may exceed the height limit for structures.

Burns, who asked that a local law be drafted to allow input from elected officials and the public in such matters, said in the letter: "I am advised that the proposals for incineration projects do not require either review or approval by our citizens' locally elected officials, but that such decision making remains with the appointed Zoning Board of Appeals. With all due respect to our appeals board, I am troubled by this apparent lack of jurisdiction by the town supervisor and the town board."

"While it is necessary that I study the law and review alternatives further before offering any creative solutions to my concern, I think it best that the town board authorize and instruct staff to immediately research and recommend any legitimate means that might provide for town board review and approval of any proposed incineration plant in the town of Bethlehem. I strongly recommend that these actions be undertaken immediately, and that, if possible, a local law be developed for board review and for public input."

Based on Burns' request, Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler has forwarded the letter to Building Inspector John Flanigan and Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky and has asked for their review and recommendations.

No official proposal had been presented to the town as of Tuesday. American Ref-Fuel representatives picked up an application from the Bethlehem Building Department in December. In November, project engineer Larry Merington said he expected to have a proposal submitted to the town some time in January.

The project has received strong opposition from both the Colonie and Bethlehem chapters of Work On Waste.

American Ref-Fuel originally unveiled its plans last March to build a \$200 million waste-to-energy incinerator on Cabbage Island in Bethlehem, located directly south of the Port of Albany in a Heavy Industrial zone. Electricity from the project would be sold to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. Plans call for refuse from the Capital District to be trucked to the site and the resulting ash to be trucked to a double-lined, double leachate landfill in Colonie which American Ref-Fuel plans to build.

American Ref-Fuel is a joint partnership of Browning-Ferris Industries and Air Products and Chemicals Inc.

Conrail keeps it quiet

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venture agreement "to site, design, develop and operate a network of state-of-the-art fixed base resource recovery, treatment and disposal facilities for solid and hazardous wastes," according to an April 1989 news release.

In the release, both Stanley E. G. Hillman, Conrail's acting chairman, president and chief executive officer, and James L. Kirk, OHM's chairman, president and CEO, said "the goal of the joint venture . . . is to establish significant participation in the solid and hazardous waste resource recovery, treatment and disposal markets. These markets are expected to provide substantial future revenue and earnings opportunities as regulatory compliance demands technically sophisticated, environmentally secure solutions to the nation's waste disposal problems."

Gene J. Ostrow, spokesman for,

OHM did not return a Monday afternoon telephone call.

Conrail and OHM planned to "consider acquiring existing solid waste disposal facilities, if their operating history and regulatory agency and community relations meet the venture's high standards, and if their locations are consistent with the development of the venture's resource recovery, treatment and disposal network.

The release further stated: "Conrail is the largest rail freight transportation company in the northeast and midwest sections of the country. . . In 1988, Conrail began to transport solid waste shipments from East Coast origins to landfill destinations elsewhere."

The Bethlehem Town Board has been meeting in executive session during the past two months to discuss a possible land acquisition from Conrail involving 33 acres to the west of the Selkirk Yards.

Town Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler said the town was approached by Conrail and offered a chance to buy the property. Ringler said the town does not have an exclusive right to negotiate for the property.

When asked if the town would be interested in siting a landfill on the property, Ringler said, "That is not the purpose for which the town is interested in the land."

The land is zoned Heavy Industrial and according to preliminary studies made in the Four County Solid Waste Study conducted by the Environmental Facilities Corporation in 1988, several areas of southwest Bethlehem and southeast New Scotland are suitable for landfill siting. Further studies of those areas are currently underway by ANSWERS through the engineering firm of Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. of Albany. Results of that study were originally expected to be released January 1, but have not yet been published.

OHM Corporation, based in Findlay, Ohio, is described in the news release as "a leading environmental services company with two decades of experience in solving environmental problems."

"OHM, which had \$771 million in revenue for 1988, has a highly regarded reputation in the area of regulatory compliance and has extensive experience in designing, fabricating and operating a broad array of chemical, physical and biological waste treatment systems. OHM has developed a client base which includes many Fortune 500 industrial and transportation companies, as well as federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency and numerous state and local environmental authorities."

Conrail's vague response to the question of solid waste is not a new

Panama duty means worry at home

By Deborah S. Cousins

A little more than a year ago, Pvt. 1st Class Michael Mosley never thought he'd be making history. But the Delmar native became part of the U.S. invasion of Panama last December.

That was a surprise — especially for his mother, Wilma Mosley fully expected her son to be home by last Dec. 8. She said he had volunteered for duty in Panama in the first place because he would have fulfilled his 90 day stint in time to come home for Christmas.

When Dec. 8 came and went, and there was still no sign of Michael, she started making phone calls to everyone in the Army she could think of. "Lieutenants, generals, you name it," she said.

She said she was told he had missed his plane and definitely would be home soon. But two weeks went by and still no Michael. He called home Dec. 21 at 8:30 p.m. and told his mother he might have to go. By the third call at 1:30 a.m. Dec. 22, it was definite. "I was really angry and upset, but he went," she said.

The next day when Panama was being invaded, Michael was there but somehow managed to call home to tell his family he was "going into the field."

This meant going into the jungle. As a petroleum specialist, Michael Mosley, 19, helps fuel helicopters and other Army vehicles.

Even after Manuel Noriega was granted asylum at the Vatican Embassy in Panama City, Michael's adventure wasn't over.

His mother said she heard from him Christmas Day and learned he was being sent back into the jungle. From there on it was a matter of waiting. Before the family, now living in Voorheesville, received a letter from Michael, two weeks went by. The two weeks felt like an eternity for the family, his mother said.

Finally on Jan. 24, the day after his mother's birthday, Michael came home.

Michael said that when the invasion began, his aviation brigade was moved into the jungle, where they were stationed in five different locations. Their job was to again refuel the helicopters, but they also were to load the American soldiers' ammunition, and give the soldiers any other necessary aid. "We would go wherever help was needed," said Mosley.

The brigade was not allowed to fire weapons in the jungle, as a misfire could severely damage the ammunition-carrying helicopters. The brigade's role was important, though, as it was the fighting soldiers' only means of getting fuel and other aid. Another important thing Mosley said he always had to keep in mind was that he had infantry in front and in back of him. Before entering the jungle, Mosley remembers that he and his fellow soldiers were told to "keep a positive attitude."

Mosley's experience in Panama was most likely more than he had anticipated when he signed up. However, the experience changed his opinion on the American intervention in Panama.

"Before I went to Panama I felt that we had shouldn't have been involved; it was none of our business. But after I went and got involved, I saw that the country needed us. I took five years of Spanish and I could understand some of the things that the people were saying and the stories they were telling."

For the next eight months Mosley will be in California where he will continue his service.

He joined the Army in 1988 after graduating from Bethlehem Central High School. He is looking forward to attending one of the SUNY schools where he will study agriculture and perhaps help his father Art with the family landscaping business.



Michael Mosely



Fans of the Grateful Dead rock group began waiting at 2 a.m. Thursday outside Leeder's Video in Delmar for tickets to go on sale for the Knickerbocker Arena performances. The March 22, 23, and 24 shows sold out in 90 minutes. Jim Shanley of Delmar is seated in the nearest lawn chair.

Mark Stuart

issue. When *The Spotlight* inquired in April 1989 as to how the Conrail-OHM deal would affect Selkirk, a Conrail spokesperson gave no specifics other than to say Conrail would move ahead with its plans, keeping in mind the health and environmental concerns of the community.

Lynsky said on Feb. 5: "Conrail expects the incinerator at the Selkirk Yards to begin operation sometime in late spring. It will not burn anything hazardous or toxic and will not affect the air quality of the State of New York."

According to Mike Styk, a spokesman from EnCon's Region 4 office in Schenectady, Conrail had contacted him in 1989 with a proposal to burn waste diesel oil and filters.

Since that story was published Feb. 7, *The Spotlight* has received unconfirmed reports that lubricating oil polluted with heavy metals will be burned at the site. Lynsky did not respond to a question about those reports.

Conrail will require both EnCon and Bethlehem Building Department permits before construction on the incinerator can begin.

Bethlehem town law prohibits the importation of solid waste for disposal in Bethlehem. As is the case with the American Ref-Fuel incinerator proposed for Cabbage Island in Bethlehem, the legal question as to whether the Conrail incinerator is considered a terminal for waste if the ash is disposed elsewhere remains unanswered.

Where oversight resides

The stipulation that Bethlehem Councilman Bob Burns is seeking about decision-making on the proposed Cabbage Island incinerator — that it should be in the hands of the Town Board — is exactly right.

Unfortunately, it is by no means a sure thing that the Town Board has the power to act in this case. It appears that the town may be breaking new legal ground as it grapples with the question of jurisdiction over a garbage-burning power plant. On the one hand, there is state law defining the jurisdictions of various town boards, apparently giving this case to the Board of Appeals; on the other hand there is the town's own law prohibiting the importation of solid waste.

Untangling this ball of yarn can only begin when American Ref-Fuel submits its formal application for its waste-to-energy plant near

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the Port of Albany.

We are encouraged that Supervisor Ken Ringler appears to be willing to pursue the question raised by Mr. Burns. The councilman wants the decision to be made by elected officials, and we agree.

The issue is a far-reaching one that deserves most serious consideration by individuals who are directly responsible to the voters. As keenly discerning as appointive board members presumably are, they don't fit that descriptive function. It properly must be up to the supervisor and council members.

Brushing up

Are our area's residents spiffily into prideful upkeep and upgrading of their homes? You can bet that they are. In spades. And with hammer and tongs, you may also say.

Graphic testimony is to be found in this newspaper, not merely in the seasonal "Home" supplement you're now reading, but also week after week.

Consult the two pages of our "Business Directory." There you'll find nearly 90 advertisements for a wide variety of services, ranging from appliance repair and carpentry to tree service and wall coverings. They represent a 100 percent increase since 1985 in vendors' promotions through those useful columns.

Clearly, we're all increasingly committed to keeping our surroundings shipshape.

This edition of the *Spotlight* newspapers is specially devoted to that promise. We urge readers to make a point of consulting the news, feature articles and advertisements in our pages this week. They can be a solid foundation for the investment that you may be contemplating.

As our "Point of View" guest column points out, the solid economic base on which the Capital District thrives regularly provides sound reason for confidence in such investment.

Whose zoo? Or, what's gnu?

It's hard not to be beguiled by the pertinent observation of the president of the newly formed Capital District Zoological Society, when she reported attendance of a lot of enthusiastic supporters at an organizational meeting.

"It was a zoo," commented Rachel Baum.

But as well motivated as all those zoo fans are, we trust that sober heads will prevail in looking at the dimensions of the project (be-

yond the proposed 200 acres, that is). The ultimate cost is estimated as \$35 million. This happens to have a familiar ring for Albany countians, who will remember beginning at that figure for the \$65 million Knickerbocker Arena.

We must question whether the public would willingly support such an expenditure in times of economic stringency for even essential services. Sorry, Br'er Bear.

Honoring Dr. Perkins

May everyone who has bemoaned the disappearance of the old-time physician now offer a symbolic though silent salute to one who doughtily carries on in her profession's highest tradition.

Anna Perkins, M.D., received that degree from Columbia University 65 years ago. Her patients up in the "hill towns" still benefit from her readiness to make house calls when such attention seems necessary. And, as they know and appreciate, her fee remains stabilized back

where physicians' rates were two generations ago.

The latest testimonial to her most unusual and dedicated record of service came last week-end when she was presented with the "Four Chaplains Award" of Albany Post 105 of the Jewish War Veterans. The award has been received by a select group of individuals who have been nominated for outstanding service to the community. In paying Dr. Perkins this fitting tribute, the post does honor to itself.

Ash Wednesday

The somber season of penitence observed by Christian faiths opens today as millions of the faithful make due observance of Ash Wednesday.

In the next six weeks many will be turning their thoughts inward toward a contemplation that will help lead to lives fitting to the example

and teachings of the founder of their religion.

Lent, we are told, obtained its name from a word employed in the medieval period to signify spring. The reawakening of so much of nature's bounty in this period contrasts with the acceptance of life's more meager aspects which the Lenten season mandates on all believers.

Recycling can work if we all pitch in

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is unfortunate that your editorial last week regarded the Rupert Road recycling site to be inconvenient. Once again, someone discourages recycling because it doesn't provide absolute convenience, which the Bethlehem community readily expects.

The Town of Bethlehem has committed itself to recycling as evidenced by the newly created position of recycling coordinator. Rather than cast stones of pessimism, why not work with the town to establish other sites and community action to make it more convenient? Two or three families can easily rotate trips to the Rupert Road site, meaning you would have

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to make the trip approximately once every three months, until other more convenient sites become established.

Since recycling (glass, cardboard, metal and plastic) and starting a compost pile, our family's trash pick-up has been cut in half. It's really as simple as recognizing the need to change some of our habits, even if it is a little inconvenient for a while.

Lisa Faist-Stanton

Glenmont

Educators' trip to Russia protested

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to express strong opposition to a Voorheesville School District decision. The school board, and, I presume, the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee and Superintendent Alan McCartney, see fit to allocate \$4,000 from the school budget to send Dr. McCartney, and two teachers, Arthur Willis and Robert Streifer, to Russia.

This shouldn't be taking place, especially in a time when the district's school taxes have been rising at an alarming rate. These tax hikes are driving out of the school district old and retired

people on fixed incomes, as well as blue collar workers with low paying or seasonal work.

Dr. McCartney says we will lose \$35,000 or 1.5 percent of our state aid. Anthony Cashara, assistant superintendent, says our budget will rise by at least 7.6 percent in 1990-91. He also assumes the teachers will continue to receive annual salary increases in the 9 percent range. With all these figures in mind, I think the board and Dr. McCartney could find better ways to spend our tax dollars than on a trip to Russia.

Maurice Weightman

Voorheesville

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Words for the week

Poseur: A person who affects a particular attitude, character, or manner to impress others.

Figurehead: A person given a position of nominal leadership but having no actual authority or responsibility. Nautically, a carved, decorative figure placed on the prow of a ship.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Our own scarlet letter

While reading about Ronald Reagan's spotty memory during his testimony in the Poindexter case, I found myself nodding in agreement. The former President's responses of "I can't recall," or words to that effect, and other generalizations were, from his lawyer's standpoint, absolutely perfect.

Some of Mr. Reagan's vagueness may be associated with his hearing and other effects of the passage of 79 winters, but the effect fits nicely with a special technique which surely he has been well counseled on over the years. Actually, my own nod was more in recognition than mere agreement.

The two most important lessons that I've learned (after reading and writing) are: If you find yourself being interrogated by an officer of the law, respond only: "I want to see my lawyer." Just that, no more. And when being questioned under oath, don't be too certain about what you know or recall. Qualify even the most distinct recollection with such phrases as "As best I can recall," or "To the best of my recollections," etc. I've practiced the latter evasion, but never have had occasion to demand a lawyer's presence. Such an individual can be, however, a very comfortable security blanket, I'm told.

The advantage of a faulty memory, or a qualified answer, is of course protection against a perjury charge in case someone chooses to dispute your statements. (There will be no charge for this commentary, which is not being offered as professional advice.)

My other reading lately in the

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How it was with Reagan

The problem that I have with magazines is that they're all dated, and I tend to run out of column space before the issues become outdated. I have a small pile of magazines bearing "February" as the issue date, and here it is the last day of February. By now, the March issues are also on hand or on the newsstands or in the mails.

But, so saying, let's spare a glance or so at some of these periodicals before they enter the "out" barrel.

One magazine that I ordinarily don't have much time for is called "M" (as in male). It's a product of Fairchild Publications, which in turn happens to be owned now by Capital Cities/ABC. (So those of you who recall that weak and faint UHF signal that many years ago was dispatched to us from the old "haunted house" on a remote hill in North Greenbush, the genesis of Cap Cities, can now savor such fancy magazines as "M" as well as all the other byproducts. These latter include the latest TV rage, "The Funniest Home Videos.")

After that prolonged parenthetical point, let's return to magazines and "M." Among its dozens and dozens of full-page photos of males in fancy, odd, or mod garb, there are a half-dozen articles of at least passing interest. All have to do

with individuals in communications; all are men (Mailer, Murdoch, Graham, plus a couple of others) except for one woman, who happens to be very much in the public eye just now. She goes under the name of Peggy Noonan; she was a speechwriter for Ronald Reagan and then for George Bush before she retired to write a book about how it was at the White House, 1984-88. The book now is

England exported undesirables to other continents

The expense of providing more prisons is an unwelcome burden on governments and lawful citizens in these pinched times.

I would like, therefore, to modestly offer a solution. Why don't we go back to the good old American ways of handling offenders? The methods that were good enough for our forefathers ought to be good enough for us, should they not? Let us hark back to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, where the precepts of right-thinking people prevailed.

I have in mind, for example, the untapped potential in the renewed use of stocks, those heavy timber frames with holes for the ankles and wrists. These were, as I understand it, outdoor affairs. The cost would be nominal: no big building program necessary. Further, didn't the culprit bear a legend as to his (her) offense? Such public labeling might help to deter many a would-be chiseler.

I see many useful variations.

How about horsewhipping? What about tarring and feathering? Treating the crook to a ride out of town on a rail? We could see how these rather mild curatives work before administering some more radical punishments such as the hot iron, the splints under the fingernails, and other devices which, if inflicted on other than the most hardened cases, might prove unpopular. And at all costs we will shun the catherine wheel, though the specter of it could serve to discourage certain rude temptations.

The idea of public obloquy is interesting in its promise of straightening out miscreants at a minimum of public expenditure. Among the individuals clogging the courts are DWIs. In reading the court proceedings, you find that most of them suffer a few months of license suspension. What then? Suppose that their car's license plate was a distinctive one, warning the rest of the world of their tendency? That kind of "scarlet letter" might do a world of good. The same sort of threat might be extended, after a little creative thought, to numerous other perpetrators.

For truly major offenders, such as traitors, we might well return to practices of the navies of days of yore in cases such as John Walker, a Navy man in his day. What comes to mind is the forgotten business known as "flogging 'round the fleet," which was just as bad as it sounds. And don't forget the fate of people like Nathan Hale and John Andre. What! Have we gone so soft that we won't even consider the permanent cure for misbehavior? It's cheap, and certain.

likewise instructive. An up-to-date writer would now refer to her as "Noonan." But that's not my style. On the other hand, to call her "Peggy" so quickly might seem to be slightly presumptuous, and cause some readers to assume that this reviewer can't always be 100 percent objective. So let's try to stick to such inoffensive pronouns as "she" and "her"; probably not "it."

On the inside, she saw the President a victim of deafness

what's called a best-seller.

I haven't seen her book, and probably won't until some thoughtful person finds it for me (in paperback, for sure). But I did stumble on an hour-long interview with her on the C-Span channel, and then on this "M" brief feature. I predict that we have only begun to see and hear Peggy Noonan. I can't describe much about the TV interview, except that it was captivating in range and candor and directness. But the "M" piece, which the editors definitely play down (it's in a segment they label "entertainment"), is very informative and

Her view of speechwriting under Reagan: "Imagine beautiful vegetables being forced through the grinder and being rendered into a smooth, dull, textureless puree." On the job, she resented and sparred with "the Harvard-heads" from the State Department with whom she was required to contend about choice of expres-

Now's the time for remodeling

The contributor of this week's guest editorial is president of Herm Ungerman, Inc., electrical contractor in Albany.

By Herm Ungerman

As has been true for many generations, we who live in the Capital District can be especially thankful for the special benefits that we enjoy.

Point of View

This advantage holds true in good times and slack times alike in the nation's economic picture. Because of the stabilizing influence of State government employment, we are able to maintain a degree of relative prosperity that few other metropolitan centers are able to share. Our area is, in fact, one of the most affluent of any that I am personally familiar with.

The availability of money here, as a direct result of having this governmental comforter tucked in around us, has many desirable effects, both direct and indirect.

For example, as everyone knows, the real estate market is in the doldrums almost everywhere. The Capital District is no exception, though the cash flow picture is keeping us buoyant, generally speaking. In my business contacts, I find a cautious outlook on the part of developers and many others.

Residential properties that are sale priced below \$100,000 are moving reasonably well. The same is true of more expensive residences, those priced at above \$250,000. It is the dwellings in the great middle range—from about \$100,000 to the quarter-million mark—that are finding a slower market.

Sociologically speaking—and in the most personal, human sense—the impact is widespread, taking numerous forms.

In many instances, I have found, families have given up the nice idea of moving up from smaller dwellings to larger ones—and are instead making do with the old home, but with renovations, improvements, and even additions. In parallel instances, couples are buying the home priced below \$100,000 (though they had aspired to someplace "bigger and better"), and then they're doing remodeling. The concept of pulling back at this time and being content to do some upgrading of present quarters is being quite widely adopted.

Current competitive sharpness among contractors is good news for anyone considering property improvement.

Such considerations are particularly true, of course, with very young couples, who haven't had the opportunity to build toward a down payment. They need help from parents or elsewhere if they're to figure in the housing market. Upgrading smaller and/or older dwellings is often their best answer. This was especially the case when mortgage rates were very high; but since rates have been declining it has seemed worthwhile to look again for what's possible.

These various elements are all contributing to a growing readiness to remodel rather than to purchase, and this is most true in regard to buying new structures. By handling the cost of such improvements through refinancing a mortgage, or by obtaining a new mortgage, families are additionally benefitting in that the nation's tax policy still allows mortgage interest costs to be deductible.

These are factors that are on the plus side in our local economy. On the other hand, it has been a long time since the housing market—construction, transfers, improvements—has experienced such a slowdown as we've been feeling. I find this sums up the outlook of business people in my field across the board—general contractors and subcontractors alike, and in fields ranging from electrical work, with which I am most familiar, to plumbing, carpentry, and other trades. When we don't see clearly where the economy is heading, we tend to become uneasy. Among the side effects is that competition becomes keener. This is true, in part, because when construction is at a peak many contractors won't be "bothered" with remodeling. Just now, that picture has been very greatly altered, understandably.

In my business, I am glad to be able to keep my staff busy, and grateful that we're working every day. This, I feel confident, is an outlook that prevails just about anywhere in contracting and service businesses.

We can't see very far into the future, so "next week" is our focus. This competitive sharpness is good news for everyone who may be contemplating improving their property, be it residential or commercial.

And you can be sure that we'll all bounce back, as our fortunate and favored Capital District always has.

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Matters of Opinion

Our rudderless airport: who can make it fly?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Along with everyone else, I'm sure, my family has been reading about the off-and-on developments in the various futures envisioned for the Albany County Airport. Our neighborhood happens to be quite close to one of the airport's boundaries, so we do feel quite personally involved with what happens there.

But the future prospects are one thing; the day-to-day operations there currently are also of concern to us as well as to residents of the Capital District generally. Over a period of several days this month, there seemed to be a near-breakdown of the airport's ability to handle travelers with anything approaching decent conditions.

I assume that lots of people saw that photo in the daily paper showing long lines of autos that were trying to get onto the airport's access roads. My family happened to be part of that traffic jam. We were so agitated before we got out of it and into the terminal building that I can't report how long we were stuck, but even though we had given ourselves what had seemed like more than enough

Vox Pop

time to make our flight (we were taking the children to Disney World), we barely made the flight. My husband's frustration in trying to find a parking place in one of the lots added to the near-miss trauma. Conditions in the terminal were all but impossible due to the jam of people who, like ourselves, were trying to make flights.

This bad scene came to a head when we found that the X-ray machine that inspects carry-on luggage and parcels in the main corridor was out of order. All passengers' things had to be individually opened and inspected.

When we returned five days later, lo! The X-ray device was still broken (or, perhaps, again). In all the confusion, no one was providing information to travelers as to what to expect, or whether the various flights were being delayed to accommodate people who were so unexpectedly held up.

Outside, the turmoil was even worse than it had been at the time

of our departure. Cars had been abandoned all along both sides of the access road. It was an almost unbelievable situation.

We are just hoping that there will actually be an operational airport out here as and when it's transferred to some owner or lessor who will know how to manage it effectively, successfully, and safely.

Name submitted

School discussions win parent's praise

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, the three sections of Bethlehem Central High School's ninth grade Global Studies worked on a special project, a Model United Nations. For several days, students did independent research on individual topics, prepared for discussion groups, and eventually came together to debate various proposals, propositions, and amendments. Students seemed really excited about the process, and often debated fine points far beyond the normal class time.

The three teachers involved, Robert Poplaski, Peg O'Rourke and Jim Nehring, are to be applauded for such a successful, stimulating exercise in learning. Higher-level thinking skills, problem solving, the art of debate, lead-

ership of one's peers, the time-consuming nature of consensus, all these were touched upon. I am really proud of these Bethlehem teachers, and pleased my student had this opportunity.

Holly Billings

Delmar

Parsons schedules session for parents

An orientation session for adults interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents will be held on Wednesday, March 7, at Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Rd., in Albany, at 7 p.m.

Single or married couples who are at least 21 years years old and live within 50 miles of Albany may qualify as prospective foster or adoptive parents.

To reserve a place at the meeting, or for information, call 426-2600.

Retirement planning topic of program

Peter Luczak and Nancy Parella of Reed and Waddell Financial Service will present "Pre-Retirement Planning," on Thursday, March 8, at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd. at 7:30 p.m.

Call 765-2791 for information.

How it was

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ion.

"While still adoring Reagan, she doesn't sanctify him. She saw him in his second term as a disengaged and elderly figurehead, reaching across the conference table for the jar of jellybeans as his cabinet thrashed out policy."

The article quotes her directly: "He doesn't hear very much, and his appearance of constant good humor is connected to his deafness. He misses much of what is not said directly to him, but he assumes it is good."

Before speechwriting, Peggy Noonan was a radio/TV news writer at CBS. "She still keeps her liberal friends (from that time) because she says life would be too limiting without them. In fact she is close to Dan Rather, the nemesis of the right..."

Having seen her on TV for an hour straight the other evening, my forecast is that CBS or one of the other nets will bring her back as a key interlocutor somewhere in the news/commentary arena.

As for the other February magazines, I guess that I've run out of space and time for them. Again.

Corrections

A Feb. 14 article on the Bethlehem Planning Board incorrectly reported that one of five proposed subdivision lots located on the property of Harry Gochee on Dawson Road, Delmar may require Board of Appeals review. The subdivision meets all of the requirements for "keyhole," "flag" or "estate" lots under Article 6-A of the Bethlehem Zoning Code.

A Feb. 7 article on the conversion of Kensington Apartments in Delmar to senior citizens' condominiums incorrectly listed the number of units for sale. All of the condominiums are for sale.

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their fair share while others pay less."

In the meantime, the town should move ahead with a good public relations approach by keeping the public informed, Mancuso said. "Reassessment without public relations is a bad idea," he said.

When the new rolls are published, Mancuso said there is a program to soften the impact on the community and mitigate the tax shift known as the Homestead Tax Share Concept. The system has only been used in about 25 municipalities and several communities have opted not to use it. Under the program, the tax share would be frozen at the time of revaluation and slowly increased over a period of time.

Mancuso would not speculate on how much of an impact a reval would have on Bethlehem. "If your assessment practices have been good, the tax shift is minimal, if they have been bad, the shift is larger," he said, stressing that reval does not create new taxes, it only redistributes the burden of taxes on the residents of a community. Mancuso said on an average, the tax shift tends to move toward the residential side of the assessment roles by four percent.

He also said that the greatest shifts are not between the residential and commercial categories, but are usually within a category itself, such as intra-residential or intra-commercial.

Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler said he would look at other options that may help mitigate the impact of a tax shift, such as increasing the ceiling for senior citizen exemptions above what the state allows and offering agricultural assessments for farms through the assessor's office.

Kaplan read a newspaper article on how the City of Albany has distributed questionnaires to homeowners to begin its revaluation process. The questionnaires ask how many rooms are in a house, what kind of utilities, how many stories is the house and other assorted questions on architecture. Kaplan implied that this technique was not a viable method of moving toward improving its assessment rolls, but rather was a stalling technique.

Santola warned that if Bethlehem were to use a similar questionnaire, the courts would see it as a blatant stalling method and punitive action against the town would be likely. "The courts have said that's nonsense, they've taken the position of 'don't tell us what you're trying to do, show us,'" he said.

According to several sources, the cost of a reval for Bethlehem could range between \$500,000 and \$700,000 for approximately 11,000 lots. Mancuso said the state offers a reimbursement of \$8 per lot for revaluation. The town has separately budgeted \$150,000 for its data inventory update, which can also be used in the first stage of the reval.

In order to be able to keep the rolls accurate from year to year, the town more than likely will keep its rolls on a computer system which the state Division of Equalization and Assessment can offer technical assistance in setting up. In the town of Guilderland, which conducted a townwide reval in 1987, the rolls are updated annually at a cost of \$30,000 per year. "If you go into reassessment you're making a large investment," Ringler said. "That investment should be maintained."

The issue of revaluation came about as a result of a recent court decision that found the town guilty of "welcome, stranger" assessment practices in the assessment of Adams Station apartments in Delmar. Although the decision specifically applied to Adams Station, Santola has advised the town to conduct a revaluation to avoid further lawsuits.

"Welcome, stranger" — the term given to the practice of assessing a newly purchased home at a higher value than comparable homes that have not changed owners — was found to be unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause by both U.S. and New York State courts in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

What can Bethlehem do until 1992 to avoid further lawsuits? Santola said the town can only show the courts that it is moving to bring about a change in its assessment practices. Thompson said although the town knows its rolls may be errant, he can not nullify the current rolls and can only continue with those rolls until the revaluation is completed. "I can't throw out what I have now, I can't assess like I was, I'm in a dilemma," Thompson said.

Support group meeting

SHARE, a support group for parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, or the death of a newborn, will meet on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the large board room at St. Peter's Hospital. The meeting will focus on grieving differences between parents to help strengthen communication and understanding between parents after the loss of a child.

Call 454-1602 for information.

A.B.C. Bears! Jane Kenyon, creator of famous Kenyon Bears, is offering an 18" Teddy with B.C. sweatshirt. Come see: B.O.U. Auction, March 23rd, 7 p.m., BC High School.

St. Catherine's to offer free training session

St. Catherine's Center for Children, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, is planning a free training program for persons interested in obtaining part-time employment as paraprofessional human services workers. The four-day training program will focus on human needs assessment, family life dynamics, child abuse and neglect, relationship building skills, and

orientation to community agencies.

Participants who successfully complete the program are eligible for part-time employment as parent aides, home aides, therapy aides, and respite care providers. A high school diploma is required and experience with children and families is preferred.

Call 453-6700 for information.

Extension to offer teacher workshops

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will offer Teacher Workshops on "Incubation and Embryology" and the "Watch Your Waste Recycling Program."

Embryology Workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Center, 230 Green St., in Albany, and on Wednesday, March 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the William F. Rice Jr. Extension Center in Voorheesville.

The Watch Your Waste program is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the William F. Rice Jr. Extension Cen-

ter in Voorheesville.

There will be no charge for the workshop, and a buffet supper will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 765-3500 for information.

In dance group

Janine McAssey of Voorheesville is a member of the recently formed Holy Cross Dancers at Holy Cross College.

The first performance by the group of about a dozen students will include a variety of styles, ranging from classical ballet to a display of African dance.



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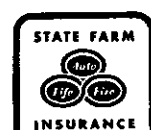
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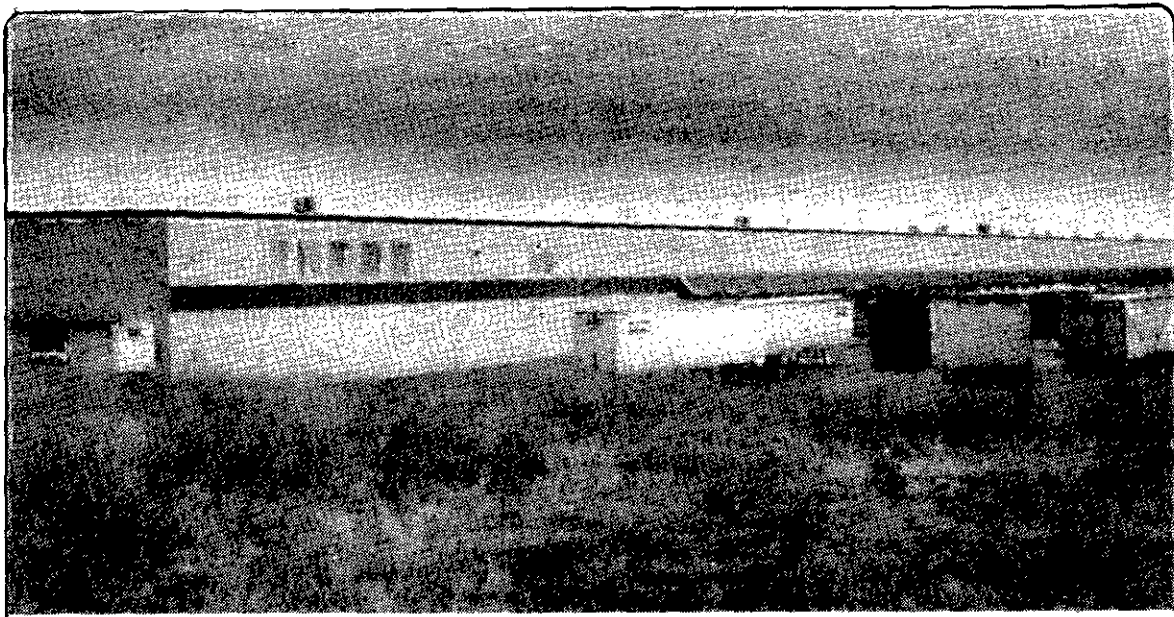
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Five darkened squares where the Honda marquee used to be displayed is all that remains on this West Yard Road warehouse in Selkirk. Although Honda

vacated the warehouse earlier this year, it serves as a warehouse for other companies.
Bob Hagyard

Political sign law to be considered

The Bethlehem Town Board will address separate issues of political signs and the use of hunting devices on park lands when it meets tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 in the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The board is also expected to vote on the zoning change for the Beverwyck senior campus on Krumkill Road in North Bethlehem and discuss a letter from the U.S. Postal Service regarding the relocation of the Slingerlands Post office to the intersection of Le-Grange and New Scotland roads.

Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler is proposing a local law that would limit a political sign to 12 square feet in total size (six square feet per side for a double-sided sign) and would limit the placement of signs to 30 days prior to an election and three days after an election. The proposed law says that signs may not be attached to fences, trees, utility poles, bridges and traffic signs and should not present a traffic or safety hazard.

Five Rivers to hold tree exploration

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., in Delmar, will hold an outdoor exploration on tree identification on Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m., and repeated at the same time on Sunday, March 4.

The outdoor program, entitled, "The Beauty of Trees," will demonstrate basic tree identification of bark, twigs, buds and the shape of trees. Naturalists will discuss various uses of trees, and some legends surrounding them.

For information, call 453-1806.

Bethlehem

At the request of Dave Austin, administrator of parks and recreation, the board will review a proposed local law titled "Town of Bethlehem Hunting Ordinance" that would prohibit the use of firearms, bow and arrow, traps and other hunting devices on town-owned property. Violators could face a \$250 fine.

The law exempts law enforcement officers "in the performance of his or her official duties."

Mark Stuart

Cash taken

Bethlehem Police are investigating a break-in that occurred sometime between 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at 51 Brockley Dr. in Delmar.

The burglary was reported by a relative taking care of the residence while the owner and family were on vacation.

Fifty dollars in cash was stolen while many small valuables were overlooked.

Burglary reported

Approximately \$1400 in jewelry was stolen from a residence at 9 Wakefield Ct. in Delmar sometime between 7:30 and 11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, according to police.

Police said the jewelry, mostly gold and silver necklaces and rings, and assorted other items were taken after a person or persons forced entry through the front door.

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DAR to meet

Old Hellebergh Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 1, at the Mynderse-Frederick House, Rt. 146, in Gunderland Center.

The speaker will be Mary Ellen Jennings, who will speak on "New York State and the Constitution." For information, call 756-2273.

Group to present review at library

The Literature Group of the Delmar Progress Club will present a book review of "They Always Call Us Ladies," on Tuesday, March 13.

The program, presented by Marjane Goyer, will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar, at 1:30 p.m. Call 439-9314 for information.



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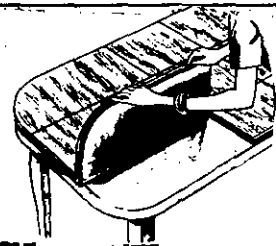
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"New York: A State of Mind" is the theme of this year's Parents as Reading Partners Program beginning Thursday, March 1 with a big kick-off celebration.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. at the Becker School. Beginning the festivities will be A.W. Becker teacher Joyce Hunt who will be read excerpts from her recently published book *Eat Your Heart Out Victoria Chubb*. Hunt will also be autographing copies of her work. Hodge Podge Books of Albany will be on hand with a supply of Hunt's books.

Entertaining that evening will be George Ward, a songwriter and storyteller who will enchant with songs and tale of New York state. Refreshments will be served and co-chairpersons Debbie Moon and Donna Crisafulli are hoping for a big turnout and strong participation in the program.

Lenten fish fries

With the Lenten season upon us, the ladies of the Selkirk Number 1 Fire Company are planning to hold four Fish Fries every other Friday beginning this week. The fish dinners are available for eating in or for take out if patrons bring their own containers. The dinners will be served at the firehouse on Maple Avenue from 4 until 7 p.m.

The cost is just \$4.00 per adult meal and children under 12 are served for \$2.00. The next dates for fish are March 16, 30 and April 13.

Tickets for sale

It's not too late to get tickets for the RCS Senior High Drama Club's production of *Guys and Dolls*. The new dates for the performances are March 9 and 10 beginning at 8 p.m. Originally scheduled for this weekend, the students realized the need for additional rehearsal time to polish the show to perfection. Tickets can be purchased by call-

ing the RCS High School office or by contacting any drama club member. Adult and student priced tickets are available.

Board seats

This year three RCS school board members will be facing reelection. The terms of Sherry Putney, Konrad Raup and Thomas Rotello expire this spring. Persons interested in seeking a seat on the board are required to file a petition with the district by Monday, April 9 no later than 4:30 p.m. Petitions are available from the district of-

ices, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk during business hours. Elections will be held in May with the three candidates receiving the highest vote totals being elected.

Artists named

Pieter B. Coeymans School has named the artists of the month. They are Robert Conway for his drawing "Like Miro" after studying the work of artist Jean Miro.

Conway is a fourth grader. Also named was Jason Stephens, a fifth grader. His work was a 3D Indian papier mache mask.

Albany man faces two felony counts

Bethlehem police arrested an Albany man early Saturday morning on two felonies, resisting arrest and criminal impersonation, and misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Police stopped Paul Mitchell, 25, of Madison Ave., Albany, at the corner of routes 85 and 140 at 4:08 a.m. on Feb. 24 for failing to keep right and crossing through a blinking red light.

Upon initial questioning by police, Mitchell reportedly offered the name of the vehicle's owner as his own. Then, after failing preliminary tests for the presence of alcohol, police said Mitchell "physi-

cally grabbed" the arresting officer's arm when the officer attempted to examine a wallet containing Mitchell's accurate identification. Mitchell reportedly also resisted handcuffing.

According to police, Mitchell's blood alcohol content at the time of his arrest was .19. He is scheduled to appear before Judge Peter Wenger in Bethlehem Town court on Tuesday, March 6, at 4 p.m.

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Grade 9

Laura Ayers, Kellie Benn, Simon Cording, Katie Darline, Aaron Dinardi, James Feuerbach, Jonathan Janssen, Kimberly Kotuk, Joanna Libertucci, Ian Lobdell, Tara McKiernan, Sarah Miller, Cara Mohr, Melanie Mueller, Bret Muckigan, Trevor Newell, Renee Rauche, Kristina Shubert, Rebekah Shufelt, Seth Strobe and Kira Walle.

Grade 10

Pamela Ashby, Ryan Carrk, Stacy Civill, Jennifer Eichner, Tracey Fuhrman, Games Grube, Matthew Gutches, Michael Hale, Randi Heitzman, Maureen Hogan, Mary Jane Kosowsky, Saen Maile, Dena Marshall, Aaron McCormick, Paul Parisi, Jessica Pierce, Colleen Schermerhorn, Charles Seegal, Peter Sofranko, Keri Spisak, Allison Stooks, Dawn Sylvester and Elaine Watters.

Grade 11

James Carroll, Eric Caswell, Erik Deyoe, Robert Feuerbach, Jennifer Finch, Sarah Fink, Lori

Fruday, Beth Kane, Amy Lobdell, Joan Marie Nunziato, Amy Pass, Matt Schabrow, Albert Skop and Kim VanDerzee.

Grade 12

Sara Ayers, Jason Barrios, Joseph Croscup, Nina DeCocco, Lynette Denney, Lauren Infantino, Christine Kennedy, Heather Lantant, Garrett Mabee, Frank Maiorana, Jason Mantor, Carrie Martin, Laura Nicholson, Maria Ravidia, Christine Reilly, Melissa Roberts, Sharon Schermerhorn, Carrie Stalker, Tammie Stalker, Jennifer Stooks, Sandra VanDorn, Tina Van Wormer, Cherie Vernol, Amy Wagner, Dorothy Whiting and Amy Wilber.

Bethlehem chamber plans dinner dance

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner dance on Saturday, March 3, at the Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Rd., in Delmar, at 6:30 p.m.

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Ida Mead Slingerland: Diary of her life in 1925

In this issue we continue our Mead family saga with entries from the diary of Ida Mead Slingerland, written in 1925.

These entries follow our Feb. 7 report on life on Mead's Lane and bring Ida's diary forward by a decade.

It is interesting to note that although she took a trip to Bermuda, something quite unusual for the middle class person to do in those days, she only records in her diary the bare facts of the journey. There is no word as to her excitement or anticipation in traveling to this far-off place, no mention of whether

Times Remembered

Allison Bennett



or not she enjoyed the experience of cruising the ocean by large ship, or whether she thought Bermuda beautiful or interesting. However, in later years she did write an extensive journal describing her many world travels. In 1926-27 she circled the globe by steamer.

Ida was an extremely interested and active member of the Union-

ville Reformed Church. As was noted in a previous story, she attended Bible Training School in Albany in her later years and often went to local churches, conducting Sunday School classes. Often these Sunday Schools were held in local school houses if there was no church in the immediate vicinity, and the classes were usually conducted on a Sunday afternoon.

January 1925

21-22—Quilted; 23rd—Started with Clarence to call on Mrs. Creble, road blocked with NYC bus collision. Finished quilting.

24 — Watched eclipse of the sun. Edith went to Kathryn Martin's wedding. I called on Mrs. Creble, was run in ditch by NYC bus.

28 — Missionary meeting at C.B. Hopkins. Tied off two quilts for Gray Hawk Mission (Ref. Ch. mission in Kentucky). Covered dish lunch.

February

4 — All day meeting of Ladies Aid. Cut and sewed carpet rags, covered dish lunch. 11 present.

18 — At Johns. Edith went to Helpful Club at Eleanor Slingerlands. Mending, cleaned, and worked butter, went to Oyster Supper.

March

1 — To Selkirk on noon train. Called on two families in North Coeymans and Sunday School. To Albany on Bible School bus, to

Ida Mead Slingerland (1874-1957), writer of the diaries and world traveler of the early twentieth century.

serve at Colonial Theater in evening.

24th—Turned window shades. Done mending, made nut cake with nuts I picked out for two days previous. Missionary meeting at Mrs. Anthony Pangburn's P.M.

April

6—Cleaned front and side doorway. Mended and packed clothes for Bermuda.

7—Went to Albany with John. Met Aunt Tillie and Viola at Troy boat dock off Maiden Lane. 7:30

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on Mead's Lane, with John's sister Ida Mead Slingerland, and are often mentioned in Ida's diaries.

Services directory available from council

A directory of human services organizations in Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties is now available from the Council of Community Services of Northeastern New York, Inc. The directory is available to organizations and the general public for \$8 at the council office, 901A Madison Ave., Albany 12208.

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9 — 9 a.m. more than 300 miles from N.Y. in the Atlantic.

10 — Landed at Bermuda, 9 a.m. Gibbs Lighthouse, p.m.

11 — Sea Gardens, a.m., Elbow Beach, p.m.

12 — St. Georges all day, and Hamilton Cathedral evening.

13 — Shopping a.m., Spanish Point, p.m.

14 — Sailed from Bermuda.

15 — At sea.

16 — Landed at New York 9 a.m., to Prince George Hotel.

17 — Bus from Woodward Hotel to Albany 9 a.m. Home 6:30. Unionville Drama evening.

19 — Had Dr. Washburn, tonsillitis. (Apparently travelling had proven a physical drain.)

23 — About the same but have been working all the time. Made pie, cake, mended, helped Edith set out gladiolus.

27 — Went to Albany on bus. Went to E. and G. Vanderzees. Met Rita and Vinnie and bought hats. Went to hear Pussyfoot Johnson.

28 — Left E. and G. Vanderzees, returned on bus. Edith went to Delmar to hear Pussyfoot Johnson.

29 — Washed bedding and rugs. Cleaned milkroom, etc.

30 — Made ginger snaps,

ironed, mended John's coat, helped Edith clean woodhouse.

May

4 — Cleaned dining room stove pipe and inside stove, and washed the wall. A man called to serve a citation paper, called but I was out. A silk stocking agent called.

10 — Mother's Day. Edith, Albert and I went to SS and church. Mildred Prindle and family called, also Mr. Hallenbeck and Oliver. I went to Ed's after church. Ida Lee is sick.

16 — Edith and I baked cakes, pies and made cream, a.m. Done Sat. cleaning. Albert Vanderzees folks called and Helen W. prepared Mrs. Pangburn's birthday dinner. Frank was taken ill so 2 less at party.

22 — I went to Albany to see about paint. I cleaned setting room woodwork, painted window sashes, sandpapered woodwork and painted base board. Edith varnished.

28 — I cleaned and straightened parlor and all upstairs and went after ferns. Edith mowed. I fixed yard outside fence.

29 — Cleaned china closet a.m. Went with C. Crocker to cemeteries and called on Anna Bell and Mrs. E. Fox and Ed and Ida. Went to Sunday School convention in evening.

June

2 — Cleaned kitchen stove pipe,

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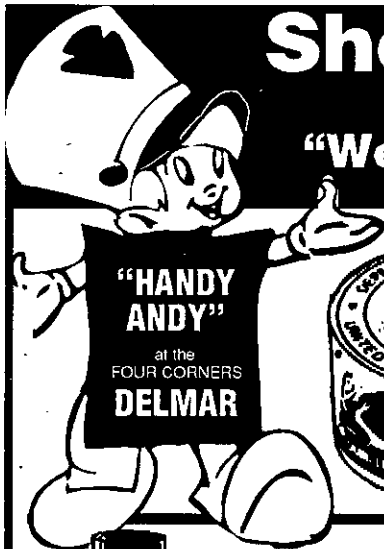
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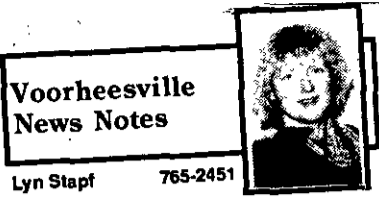
Kiwanis planning special service

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland is sponsoring the 18th annual Henry Tiger Ecumenical Service on Thursday, March 1 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the New Salem Reformed Church on Rte. 85. The Lent service will include Rev. Bruce Weirks of the New Salem Church; Rev. Gregory Pike of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church; Rev. Arthur Toole of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church; and Rev. George Klohck of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Begun by the late Henry Tiger, Kiwanis Club member, the service encourages people of all faiths to come together in worship. An ecumenical choir composed of members of all area churches will lead the singing. Refreshments will be provided at a social hour following the service. All are invited.

Garden club to meet

The Heldervue Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the social hall of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. Following a business meeting, there will be a pro-



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Lyn Stapf 765-2451

gram on "Contemporary Flower Arranging" offered by Debbie Bassler, proprietor of the Flower Emporium. The public is invited. For information on the program or the garden club, contact president Marybeth Portanova at 765-4544.

Library board to meet

The board of trustees of the Voorheesville Public Library will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the library on School Road. The meeting is open to the public.

School festival slated

On Thursday, Apr. 26, Clayton A. Bouton High School will hold its annual arts festival. This year's program entitled "2020: Eyes on the Future" will include a special career awareness program. Area business people and professionals are invited to come share their

expertise with the students. To participate, contact the high school at 765-3314.

Write your own history

The Voorheesville Public Library will sponsor a special six-session course on "Writing Your Personal History" given by author-historian Dennis Sullivan. Classes will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 15 and 29 and April 19 and 26 and May 3. To register for this free program, call the library at 765-2791.

On Thursday, March 8, the library will hold the third in a series of financial planning seminars offered by Peter Luczak and Nancy Parella of Waddell and Reed. To sign up for next week's session on "Pre-Retirement Planning," call the library.

Plans St. Paddy's bash

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner and the Voorheesville American Legion invites everyone to celebrate at its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance on Saturday, March 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue. The cost of the evening which includes a

traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, dancing and refreshments is \$12 per person. For reservations, call the legion at 765-4712 after noon.

Association to hear speaker

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Guest speaker will be Norman Rice, curator of the Albany Institute of History and Art, who will speak on the Albany bazaar. The public is invited.

Library to host magic performance

The Voorheesville Public Library will present "Magic by Keefe," on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at 51 School Rd., in Voorheesville.

Call 765-2791 for information.

4-H's display pinecone ornaments

The Morning Glories 4-H club of Delmar recently displayed handmade pinecone ornaments at the Holiday Fair at Northway Mall. The club is preparing for the beginning of its 16th year by completing their third project this year.

One such project is "Heritage and Horizons," a colonial period toy making project. Another completed project is "Bake Cakes that Count," where the club learned about kilocalories, sugars, fats and flours.

Selkirk man arrested

A Selkirk Man wanted on felony charges from South Carolina and Washington D.C. was arrested by deputies of the Albany County Sheriff's Department on Thursday morning, Feb. 22, after being stopped for speeding on Route 32 in Bethlehem.

Police said James Patterson, 23, was operating a vehicle stolen from North Myrtle Beach, S.C. He was charged with criminal possession of stolen property fourth degree and driving while intoxicated.

Patterson was arraigned by Town of Bethlehem Justice Roger Fritts as a fugitive from justice and remanded to Albany County Jail without bail. He faces extradition on the out of state felonies.

Man injured

James G. Deragon, 20, of Box 46 Feura Bush was injured when his vehicle crashed into a parked tractor-trailer on Monday, Feb. 26, at 8:41 a.m.

Police said Deragon was attempting a turn from West Yard Rd. in Bethlehem onto an access road when his jeep hit a trailer owned by Cumberland Transport of Syracuse. He complained of pain and was transported by Delmar Ambulance to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Deragon was ticketed for imprudent speed. The jeep was damaged along the right frontside, passenger side window, and windshield. The trailer was undamaged.

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Village elections are uncontested

By Mike Larabee

Voorheesville residents will discover that four Village Party incumbents are the only names on the ballot in the annual elections March 20.

Mayor Ed Clark, trustees Dan Reh and Susan Rockmore, and Village Justice Kenneth Connolly are all running unopposed in bids for new four-year terms.

"We have no objection to campaigning," said Clark, "but what we like about this is that it's a pretty good sign to us that people are satisfied with the way things are being done. After all, that's really what an election's about."

At this point, the only way other candidates could participate in the election is through a write-in campaign. The deadline for the submission of petitions at the Village Hall passed on Feb. 20.

According to Clark, the party took the pre-election filing process seriously regardless of the fact they knew of no potential challengers. He said their petition of 375 names represented at least one signature from half the households in the village. Village candidates must gather at least 75 signatures to be placed on the ballot.

While completing their petition, Clark said the candidates and their canvassers also conducted an informal survey in order to more accurately gauge their level of support in lieu of a contested election.

"We suspected we wouldn't have any opposition but we wanted to get out and talk to people anyway."

There were some complaints about speeding and some people wanted us to concentrate on improving the downtown area. Otherwise people seem satisfied with the way things are going."

"Most people in Voorheesville want the village to remain the same. That's what we're trying to do," he added.

Polls will be open on March 20 from noon to 9 p.m. at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

Library to display artist's watercolors

Robert Emerich will display his watercolors at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., in March.

Library hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information, call 765-2791.

Historian to present writing program

Dennis Sullivan, village historian, will lead a program on "Writing Your Personal History," on Thursday, March 1, at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., in Voorheesville.

Pre-registration is required. Call 765-2791 for information.

Dutch barn show set for March 4

The Albany County Historical Association will hold the first lecture in a series of spring lectures on the topic of "Dutch Barns." The meeting is open to the public and will take place at 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 4 at the Ten Broeck Museum.

Richard Babcock will lecture on his personal experiences working on Dutch barns. A slide presentation showing structures that Babcock has researched and restored will be offered.

For information, call 436-9826.

War or peace lecture planned at library

On Wednesday, March 7, Great Decisions '90 will present a program at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., in Albany at noon.

The program is entitled "Nicaragua and El Salvador: War or Peace in Central America?" The speaker will be Carlos Astiz, Professor of Political Science at Rockefeller College.

The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 475-1326.

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Audubon wants volunteers

The Audubon Society is looking for volunteers who are interested in assisting in outdoor education programs, trail and grounds work, gardening, and office work at the Hollyhock Sanctuary.

Informational meetings will be held on Thursday, March 1 and Thursday, March 8. The meetings will be held at the Hollyhock Sanctuary, Rarick Rd. in Bethlehem, at 6:30 p.m.

Call 767-9051 for information.

CROP walk materials to be distributed

In preparation for the April 1 CROP walks for the Hungry, the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar, will begin distributing walk materials on Monday, March 5.

To volunteer or for information about the event, call 463-1293.

Society to meet at Bethlehem Library

The Dana Natural History Society will meet at 2 p.m., in the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar. The topic of the meeting is "Favorite Wildflowers."

Call 463-5256 for information.

Group to address cardiac rehabilitation

The Mended Hearts of the Capital District will meet on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. in the Cusack Auditorium of St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

The program will be a talk about cardiac rehabilitation, which is an exercise program designed for patients who have had a heart attack or heart surgery. Members offer support to each other as well as visiting pre and post operative patients in the hospital.

Members, guests and the public are welcome.

Nominations sought by foundation

The Historic Albany Foundation is soliciting nominations for the 1990 Preservation Merit Awards, which annually recognize buildings, organizations, institutions and individuals who have contributed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Capital District.

Deadline for the nominations is March 1, 1990, and forms and guidelines can be obtained at Historic Albany Foundation, 44 Central Ave., or by calling at 463-0622.

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Portly potholes prospering

Do you have an axle to grind?

By Theresa Bobear

About this time of year, a good portion of the area's motorists meet up with a certain pothole that makes an indelible impression.

Usually, said pothole is fully mature and distinguishes itself with a remarkable depth of character, extraordinary breadth of interest, and an easy knack for knowing just the right place to see and be seen.

An ambitious pothole is more likely to gain public recognition if located nearby the home or workplace so that meetings with radials are regular. A pothole hoping to draw passing tourists will often work in cooperation with murky rainwater that reaches just above the rim. Absent such an unholy alliance, oncoming motorists invariably stymie any efforts

to evade each day's chance meeting.

While potholes are, in a sense, a welcome sign of springtime, they do not wear well on our car's suspension system, front wheel alignment and tires.

Graceful entrances are the exception in meetings of potholes and people. The opening statements in these chance encounters clearly shatter the pillars of the community and break with the mechanics of polite society.

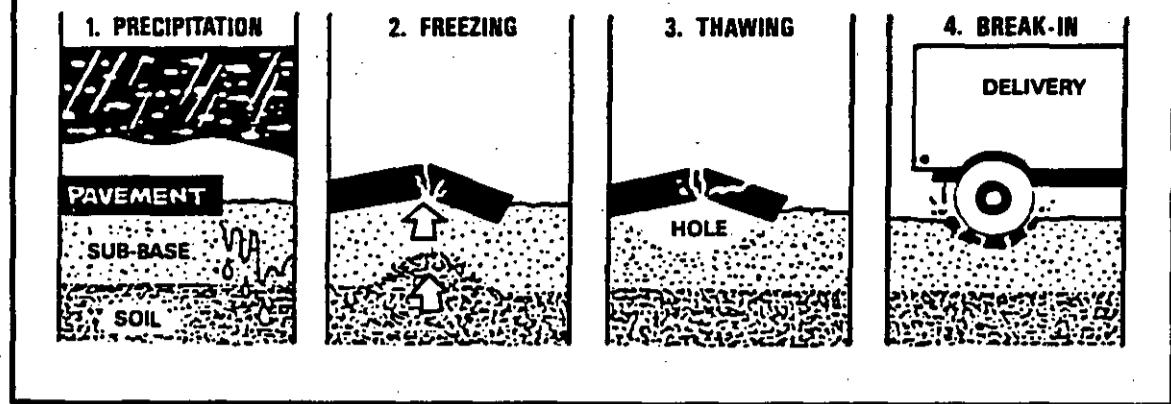
Potholes have, indeed, found themselves outcasts in an otherwise freewheeling nation.

"Potholes are the nemesis of DOT and drivers alike because they can form faster than highway crews can patch them," said state Transportation Commissioner Franklin E. White. "We should all

be on the lookout for potholes at this time of year to avoid bone-jarring and potentially car-damaging encounters."

DOT officials report potholes generally result from the freezing and thawing cycles of moisture that has seeped below the surface of road pavement. According to DOT officials, the moisture expands as it turns to ice, thereby cracking the pavement and breaking the bond with the road sub-base. With thousands of passing

POTHOLE GROWTH



cars and trucks passing over the cracked pavement, the material breaks out and the holes are enlarged and deepened.

"Water is the enemy," said Donald N. Geoffroy, assistant commissioner for operations at DOT. "All it takes is one little crack in the pavement. Water gets in, freezes and expands. The next thaw results in potholes."

Geoffroy is leading more than 5,000 state Department of Transportation highway maintenance workers in the monumental spring-time task of filling potholes.

According to DOT officials, temporary cold asphalt mixes are shoveled and tamped down into potholes as a temporary remedy because freezing commonly continues well into April throughout much of the state. When the warmer, drier weather arrives, the hot asphalt plants are reopened. After the potholes are dried, cleaned, reshaped and lined with a liquid "tack coat," hot asphalt is

packed tightly into the cavity as a permanent repair.

"Driving with care is a year-round endeavor, but motorists should make a special effort to drive in such a way that potholes and highway workers who are repairing them are safely avoided," White said.

Eddy to hold symposium on elderly

"Elders, Ethics and Technology: Agonizing Decisions" is the topic of a symposium scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, at the Inn at The Century, in Latham.

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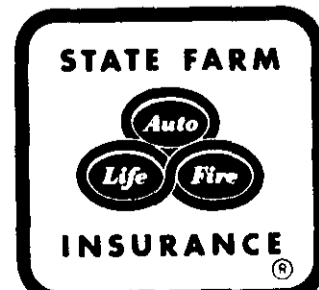
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Ida Mae Slingerland

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dining room woodwork, chairs, and painted sinks, etc. J. J. and Albert went to Albany. I took basket of fruit for B.D. Secor who had a slight stroke. Albert and I attended Christian Endeavor in evening.

5 — Made cake, potato salad and deviled eggs for Missionary supper, went 5 p.m. to Pangburn's.

6 — Census enumerator called. Arthur Smith and daughter at dinner. Bert Vanderzees folks called from 6 to 8. A. Vanderzees called from 2 to 4. I mended bags, washed white dress.

14 — Went to First Reformed Church, Rev. W.D. Brown, head of Religious Education of Reformed Church and S.S. In p.m. attended unveiling of Philip Schuyler memorial and then ride to Crystal Lake and Sand Lake. In evening ride through Slingerlands, etc.

24 — Mr. and Mrs. Siebert, Marjory Church and I started for Caroga Lake about 6 a.m., arriving between 9 and 10. Filed (old Dutch word, meaning cleaned or washed) new camp floors and cleaned lamps, also went for a ride to West Caroga Lake.

25 — Made and hung curtains at Justrite Camp, painted middle of floor at Pioneer Camp.

30 — Called on Mrs. Wm. Becker and Anna Bell. P.M. Edward, Ruth Gallup, Dorothy, Aunt Tillie and I took ride to Westerlo, Dormansville, and Fords Corners in evening.

July 1925

1 — Carrie Bradt Secor and daughter, also Mate Clark Bradt called on Aunt Tillie in p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Earl of Slingerlands called in evening. Aunt Tillie and I called at George Rothaupt's.

3 — Picked cherries, made pie, cake, and ginger snaps and filed (that word again) all the floors. In evening with Ed and Ida to George Johnsons and *Mamies Tea Room*. Found no one home.

10 — Cleaned parlor and picked and canned 30 cans of cherries, also made cherry jelly and picked six quarts for Viola also.

11 — Done Saturday cleaning and baking and made candy. E. and G. VanDerzee came on bus, I met them. Played croquet.

August

3 — Fixed wood pile, mowed a little, picked beans and peas. Made John's feather tick and Albert's pillow. Went to John Mathias' to see about clam steam. Sophia and family came after supper.

10 — Edith went to Albany to have tooth pulled. I baked bread and pie, cooked ham and beets, washed setting room windows and cleaned all through the house.

20 — J. and I picked berries. Edith and I made four pies and cooked a chicken and one cake for clam steam. I got fruit, etc. ready to send. Mr. Atwood took plums to Albany. (Mead's raised fruit on

their farm and sold it at market in Albany).

28 — I made a blue satin dress into a slip and made pie and cake for Farmer's Picnic at Altamont.

September

5 — Done filing for Saturday a.m. Called at Ed's and Fox's, went to Clam Steam at Feura Bush with Edith and Clarence Crocker. Came back with Ed.

12 — I done Saturday cleaning. Edith done baking and made grape juice and finished reading our Mission book.

17 — I commenced my golden brown dress. Helen W. and Merlin called in evening. Albert and Mr. Atwood went to Albany with pears. John helped Moshers thrash.

24 — Marbelized front hall floor and edges of parlor floor. Got all the beds ready for winter. Edith and I emptied two straw beds, done mending.

October

14 — I painted in the boys' room in the a.m. and went to Ladies Aid Meeting and ironed in evening. Mrs. Rowe called and gave us a lesson on a voting machine. I put pane of glass in back bedroom window.

30 — We had ten thrashers who finished the job. I went to Feura Bush Fair and Chicken Supper with Taylors. Ed and Ida lee went to Ella Blodget's Halloween party. I

called on Florence and her company on my return.

November

2 — A car was sent for me at 7:45 a.m. to check votes at Grange Hall. Clam chowder, crackers, biscuit, coffee, pie and cheese was served at noon, eating as we worked. Reached home 6:30 p.m. Edith, Albert and I went to Christian Endeavor.

December

4 — Helped Edith prepare for Helpful Club. Piled wood all day and Albert cleaned cistern. Fixed Christmas gifts in evening.

5 — Albert, Edith and I went to Sunday School and church. I went with La Granges from church and stayed all night at Amasa Slingerlands. Dorothy had been in bed since Oct. 13.

6 — Amasa and Van helped La Granges butcher. The State or County nurse came to see Dorothy. I returned home with Van, fixed Christmas gifts in evening.

12 — Fox and Murphy helped butcher. Ed brought his pigs up and butchered here. In p.m. I called on Mr. Gould, George Glasser, Kit Ackerman and Helen Ruso. George Glasser died soon after I left.

24 — Thawed pump and pig trough. Mended coat and cleaned setting room a.m. P.m. went to Christmas rehearsal at church and delivered gifts at Murphy's, Ed's and Fox's. Went with Eds folks to Feura Bush Christmas concert and called at Aunt Tillies.

25 — Mended in a.m. and p.m. Edith went to her mothers. Albert and I went to concert at our church. Frank P. went with me. Fred S. and Helen R. brought Frank, Edith and I home.

31 — A.m. went with John to Addies to take Ben's pigs, but brought them back in evening. Went to C.E. and Box Party and Watch Meeting Service.

Arts center sponsoring cross-country ski race

The Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts is sponsoring the Town of Indian Lake's 1990 Wilderness Chase, a 23 mile cross-country ski race through the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. The race will be held on Saturday, March 3, and will end with a chili supper at Indian Lake Fire Hall.

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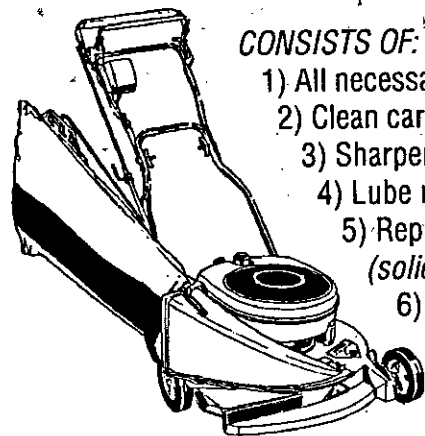
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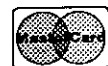
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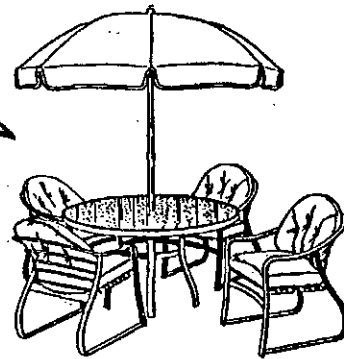
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Community United Methodist Church women serve up their efforts: Ada Davies (left), Jen Burrell, Alice Arthur and Janice Siewert (holding Elizabeth Spengler). *McLain*

What's cooking?

By Elaine McLain

The women of the Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands served desserts made from recipes from their new cookbook Sunday to the delight of the parishioners.

The cookbook took a year to compile under the guidance of Jean Clark. Cherrie Siewert, Helen Wissehr, Alice Howes, and Bobbie Englisbe also contributed their time to the venture.

The recipes cover a wide range of foods from appetizers and beverages to entrees and desserts. Recipes include: Ryebread Dill Dip, Mexican Salad, Slush Punch, Firehouse Chili, Austrian Venison

Roast and Elephant Stew.

Rowena Hewitt said, "The recipes were donated by members of the church, and many were favorite family dishes. Many of the recipes may seem familiar, for they are served at our annual spring fashion show held at our church."

Most of the recipes were submitted by women, but a few men also contributed. Paul Spengler is responsible for Paul's Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies. His wife said, "The cookies are delicious! I feel very lucky because Paul is a great cook."

The cookbooks cost \$6.00 and can be obtained by contacting the church office at 439-1766.

Visiting nurses elect new officers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Albany and the Visiting Nurses Foundation held their joint annual board meeting and awards ceremony recently, and the new officers for the 1990 year were announced. From the local area, the following people were named:

From Slingerlands, Albert J. Abrams was named first vice president, and Joan Ferguson of Loudonville and James Heppinstall of Delmar were named new board members.

Delmar lawyer becomes partner

Elizabeth K. Clyne of Delmar has been named a partner at Roemer and Featherstonhaugh where she will concentrate on governmental and legislative relations.

Prior to joining Roemer and Featherstonhaugh, Clyne worked for the State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. She is a member of the State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Cadet receives citation

Cadet R. Scott Spellmeyer of Glenmont, has received a Distinguished Military Student citation recently, at ceremonies held at Virginia Military Institute. Spellmeyer is the son of Robert B. and Susan G. Spellmeyer. He is a graduate of Doane Stuart School.

Doctor named neonatology chief

Albert L. Bartoletti, M.D., of Delmar, has recently been appointed chief of neonatology at St. Peter's Hospital. Prior to joining the staff at St. Peter's, Bartoletti served as a staff neonatologist at Albany Medical Center from 1977 to 1989.

In his new position, Bartoletti will head the neonatal intensive care unit. Established in 1966, the unit is a 10-crib nursery which provides 24-hour care to more than 200 infants each year.

Bartoletti brings to the position extensive experience in neonatology, and particular clinical interest in the management of jaundiced infants, infants with respira-

tory distress and infants born addicted to substances such as heroin, methadone and cocaine.

His research activities have included a study on the production of bilirubin, the pigment responsible for producing jaundice in newborns. Currently, Bartoletti is pursuing the development of educational outreach opportunities for nurses and physicians who provide neonatal care in medically underserved areas.

Bartoletti's professional memberships include the State Board of Professional Medical Conduct and the Capital District Pediatric Society.

State employees earn honors for efforts

Several state Education Department employees received awards recently for their special efforts to improve the way the department serves the public.

Martin E. Sullivan of Delmar, assistant commissioner of the State Museum received the John G. Broughton Memorial Award for negotiations, legal research and documentation which led to the return of 12 sacred wampum belts to the Onondaga Nation.

Russell J. Kratz of Delmar, chief of the Bureau of Adult and Continuing Education Program Development, received the Jean L. Coon Memorial Award for leadership in the development of

two new programs which provide education and training to adults, many of whom receive public assistance. A long-term goal of the program is to help public assistance recipients become self-sufficient.

Realtors elect officers

Robert E. Blackman of Slingerlands, president of Blackman & DeStefano was recently elected secretary for the Albany County Board of Realtors.

James M. Breen Jr. of Delmar, president of James Breen Real Estate, was also elected to a three year director term.

Fred Weber of Delmar, president of Pagano-Weber Real Estate, and John J. Healy of Slingerlands, president of John J. Healy Realtors were re-elected to the board.

Delmar woman joins property group

Bernice Ott of Delmar has recently joined the RE/MAX Property Professionals.

Ott, a member of the Albany County Board of Realtor's Millionaire Club, is a licensed real estate agent in three states and a certified real estate appraiser with more than 12 years experience in the field. She is a site coordinator at the new Normansgate development in Delmar.

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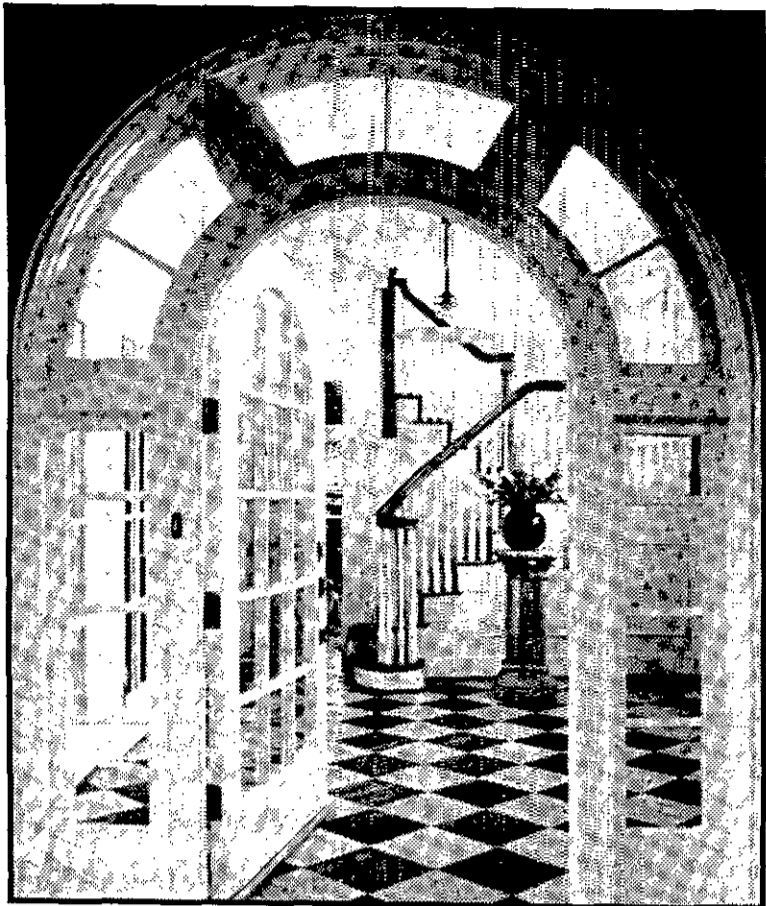
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Vanguard Showhouses show the way

By Theresa Bobear



If you've been searching without success for a house that meets the needs of your family, you might want to consider having a house built to your exact specifications.

And if you want to get a better idea of the latest trends and most luxurious features in home design and decoration, you might want to tour the latest Vanguard-Albany Symphony Showhouse.

The Vanguard Showhouse '90 is an English Manor-style house located at 4 Old English Rd., in the Helderview section of Slingerlands. The house, which is being provided by Vincent J. Laviano, will be open from April 30 through May 20.

Last year, about 5,000 area residents picked up architectural design and interior decoration ideas — and helped fund the Albany Symphony Orchestra's children's concerts as well — by touring the Showhouse '89, a three-level, soft contemporary-style house built by the Klersy Building Corp. at 129 Darroch Rd. Delmar.

The Klersy Building Corp. specializes in building large custom-designed houses with all the extras, including oak floors, skylights, jacuzzis, high windows, balconies, cathedral ceilings, built-

in hardwood cabinets, granite-faced fireplaces and ceramic tile countertops.

"There are a lot of custom builders, but few are willing to be flexible as far as what they will build and how they will build," says Kevin J. Klersy, vice president of the building firm.

By working with a custom builder on the design phase, you can decide exactly how the material comforts of this world will be incorporated into a house that's ideal for family life as well as entertaining.

The amount of time from the start of design to move-in day for a custom-built house can range from 6 months to 2 years, according to Klersy, who runs the Delmar-based business with his father, Henry J. Klersy.

"The customer gets what the customer wants," he said. "The sky's the limit."

The Klersy Building Corp. is now certified to build Scholz Homes as well. "The high quality will still be there as it always has been. It will just give us a larger set of drawings to work from," he said.

As a builder who routinely assists people in planning their dream houses, Klersy is aware of favorite construction design features. "In the luxury houses, people are just looking for more of a spacious feeling," he said.

The bright and spacious effect can be created by building higher windows and ceilings, open foyers and stairs, and breakfast areas with balconies, he said.

He said one popular design feature in the Showhouse '89 was the way the house was zoned for family living as well as entertaining. The built-in oak cabinets and

granite fireplace were popular as well.

Each showhouse room is planned by a different area decorator, and visitors can walk away from the tour with plenty of decorating ideas.

In terms of interior decoration, Klersy said the neutral and hot colors in the showhouse blended

well together. In addition, he said, the embossed wallpapers and the finishes, particularly the faux finish done by hand in the music room, were a hit.

The decorating colors included cranberries, mauves, greens and white parchment-type colors.

"They thought it was lovely

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The Vanguard Showhouse '90, 4 Old English Rd., Slingerlands, will be provided by

Vincent J. Laviano, developer. The house will be open from April 30 through May 20.



Today's kitchens often double as a central gathering place. Here Natalie Falks of Colonia makes herself at home in the family's new kitchen. More remodeling ideas, Page 3.

Joe Futia

Homeowner beware: a cautionary tale

By Susan Graves



A Colonie man has some good advice for anyone considering home renovation. "Don't do anything I did."

Dorian Young's story is a nightmare that might have been avoided had he been aware of his rights as a consumer and some dos and don'ts when hiring a contractor.

Last year, Young of Osborne Road, fell prey to a contractor who

has since been ordered out of the business in New York. Young's tale of woe began last year. He said he wanted to have a solarium built onto his home for the enjoyment of his elderly mother. "I wanted a little bit of Florida up here," he said.

So when he saw an ad on TV, which he said ran on all three local stations, he called and asked to have someone come to his home and give him an appraisal. Young said the fact the ad ran on all the local TV stations gave him some confidence about the firm.

When the salesman came,

Young said the name of the company on the contract was Four Seasons. "I thought I was dealing with that firm," he said. But what he failed to realize was that he was actually dealing with Sun-Mark, a contracting firm then in existence in Ballston Spa. The firm was run by Ed Orminski, who has filed for Chapter 11 protection. Orminski listed Sun-Mark's debts at \$1.15 million, with a secured debt of \$1.13 million and assets of \$44,092.

The State Supreme Court in Albany ordered Orminski to stay

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Dorian Young of Loudonville erected a sign in front of his home to show his frustration with a contractor he had hired to build a solarium. Sun-Mark of Ballston Spa is no longer in business. The Attorney General's office had received 35 complaints against the firm.

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out of the contracting business in New York, and now complaints about Sun-Mark must be handled in bankruptcy court.

But Young thinks his chances of getting anything from that court are slim. He said because there are so many people looking for restitution, "I can't even get in line to get anything back."

The Attorney General's Office says in some cases, some common-sense checks can spare the homeowner. Otherwise the homeowner can end up having his bank account rather than his home remodeled.

Rachel Kretser, an attorney in charge of the Albany Consumer Frauds Bureau for Attorney General Robert Abrams office, said the office had had 35 complaints against Sun-Mark. "When we receive a large number of complaints, the case is referred for litigation," she said. Orminski was cited for failing to complete jobs that were paid for, failing to remedy defective work, and failing to escrow customer deposits.

She said the investigation also found that Orminski had operated 10 different businesses in the last 10 years.

But the fact that Orminski had his day in court is little comfort to

Young.

He still has yet to receive a penny of the \$22,000 he said he lost. Initially last March 3, he said, he gave a salesman \$10,000 up front to "get things going." Young said he was told the company needed the money to purchase a kit for the solarium.

But then Easter came and went and, "They hadn't done a thing," Young said. That's when he decided to go to a lawyer for help. What he said he got was a bill for \$288 and 10 minutes of a lawyer's time, and no help.

Subsequently Young went to another lawyer and another contractor, but his problems continued.

"It's been one damn nightmare after another," Young said.

Since Orminski is now in bankruptcy court, Young said he "can't even get in line to get anything back."

"He's (Orminski) constantly, under protection of bankruptcy," Young said.

He likens Orminski's methods to those used by people who run pyramid games where money from new players is used to pay off the old. When the game fails, the new players are the losers.

Last summer Young put a sign in front of his house inviting passersby to "Stop Tour Damage Done by Sun-Mark of Ballston Spa", but

that too caused trouble. He said he was contacted by a "sympathetic" contractor, who offered to finish work on the solarium. "I never figured lightning would strike twice, but it did," he said.

He ended up bringing the second contractor to small claims court where he was awarded the maximum judgment of \$1,500, he said.

"The solarium has been built and it leaks like a sieve," he said.

Young is bitter about his ordeal. He said he had suffered a heart attack, in addition to the loss of money. The only possibility he sees for any restitution is the possibility of a tax break over a number of years.

Though of little help to Young, Kretser said there are ways to avoid being conned by contractors.

First she recommends using a few common-sense tactics. She advises consumers to check references and to check to see if there are judgments against the contractor in small claims court.

And if a consumer gives the contractor money, they should have proof that it is put in an escrow account until the work is completed. "The contract must contain notice that the money is in an account," she said.

Consumers should also be aware that they have a three-day cancellation right if the contract is entered into at their residence.

Kretser said if a contractor wants 50 percent of the money for the work up front, it's a good idea to go elsewhere.

One problem in fighting this type of consumer fraud is that "the penalties aren't stiff enough," she said. Under the law, a contractor can only be fined \$100 per violation and \$250 for failure to escrow.

Complaints about contractors are in the top three areas the Attorney General's office gets from consumers. The others come from complaints about used cars and telemarketing, she said.

The best insurance against being taken is to check things out before the fact, she said.

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By Jeff King



reasons for remodeling:

- 49 percent desire more living space
- 46 percent are established in a neighborhood and don't want to leave
- 29 percent think the schools are good
- 28 percent think the home is already what they want and just needs some work
- 26 percent would like a modern kitchen
- 25 percent would like a private, luxurious modern bath

I like to think of a home as a long term investment. But ideally, the home should also be a place of enjoyment — something that you can be proud to own. Kitchens, baths, family rooms and decks are remodeling areas that can enhance your home as an investment and also make your home a special place for you to enjoy.

Kitchens

Peter Merrill, a certified kitchen designer with Albany's Professional Kitchens at National, Ltd. notes the trend in lightly colored woods in kitchen cabinetry.

Light "pickled" woods are quite popular, and add a touch of brightness. In addition, lightly colored laminated cabinetry brings a more contemporary accent to the kitchen.

Kitchens are also becoming a family gathering area at the end of a day, with the overall design of the room reflecting the family's lifestyle.

Microwaves and convection ovens help speed up mealtime. Islands and peninsulas with eating counters allow for easy, informal dining for five people or less. And with the trend towards increased recycling, Merrill often designs trash storage facilities right into the cabinets.

What makes for an exciting kitchen? Colorful accents in tile backsplashes or wallpaper can add a touch of pizzazz. Countertops, flooring and lighting complete the look.

Choices of countertops include tile, marble, laminates or composite materials — all with a wide variety of available colors. Floors can be hardwood, tile or linoleum. Lighting choices are recessed, track or under-the-cabinet versions.

Patricia LaFore of Loyal Supply Corp. in Albany carries a new recessed light called the Lyte Gem that disperses patterns of light through glass rings. You might choose this for an elegant finishing touch.

Bathrooms

Barbara Anderson of National Supply Corp. in Albany says "Even if the bathroom to be remodeled is small, most people prefer to have a whirlpool in their bathroom." Anderson notes that in most instances, the existing tub space can be used for the new whirlpool.

If a whirlpool is installed, a separate shower stall is convenient for when you don't have the time for a leisurely soak. If available space in the bathroom is a

concern, corner shower stalls can be used, and even soften the sharp corners of a smaller room.

Tile becomes a permanent part of a home, and therefore, it is best to choose a neutral color. White, almond or tender grey all blend well with a variety color schemes and match the colors of major fixture lines. If you crave luxury, Porcelainosa tile from Spain or even marble are upgraded choices.

Other important bathroom features include sinks and storage. Pedestal or wall-hung sinks give an elegant look and save space at the same time. The vanity, medicine cabinet and tank topper shelves over the toilet are all practical bathroom storage areas.

Family rooms

It seems like kitchens and baths get the most attention when remodeling homes. But the family room is where I like to relax at the end of a tough day.

A fireplace can help set the mood in a family room. A survey by *Professional Builder* listed fireplaces on the 'wish lists' of 75 percent of all homeowners interviewed. Fireplaces come in many forms, including the traditional

masonry and the new zero-clearance fireplaces. They can be surrounded by wood, ceramic tile or marble.

Wood also adds to a family room setting. Walls, floors or ceilings may be accented for a comfortable feeling, and many different looks can be achieved.

Walls may be pine (plain or white washed), cedar, raised panels or wainscoting. Hardwoods are generally best for floors, while pine or cedar is best for ceilings. Usually the best looks are accents created by using wood next to non-wood, such as carpet or sheetrock next to wooden walls or wooden floors.

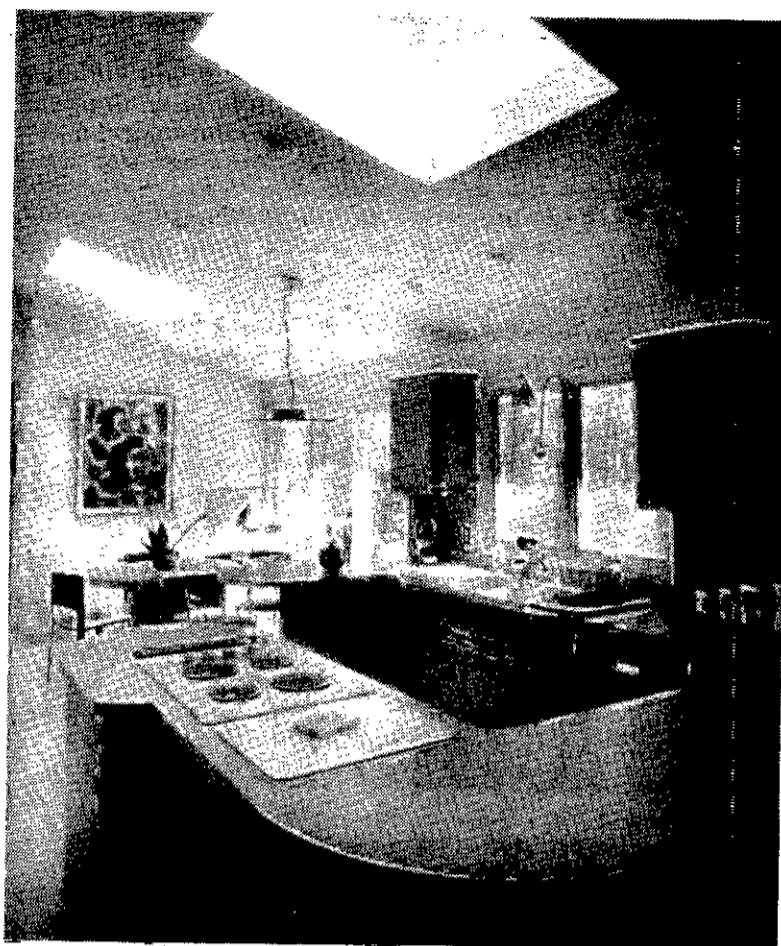
Windows are another important design consideration when remodeling the family room. They make a major impact on the outward appearance of a home while enhancing the interior as well.

A bay window with a bench seat adds a focal point to the room. Skylights brighten any room, and can be finished in various woods to match your decor.

Decks

Decks are great for entertaining or relaxing during the warmer months.

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When the Falks family of Colonie decided to remodel their kitchen, they went modern, with customized work spaces and rounded corners. The design is by Peter Merrill of Professional Kitchens at National, Ltd. Joe Futia

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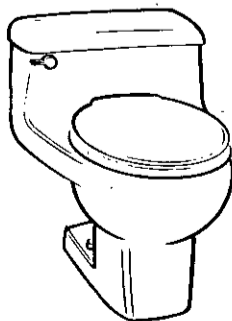
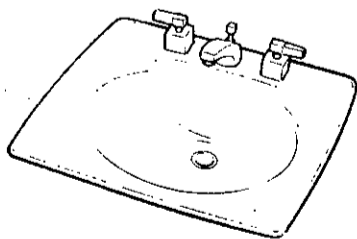
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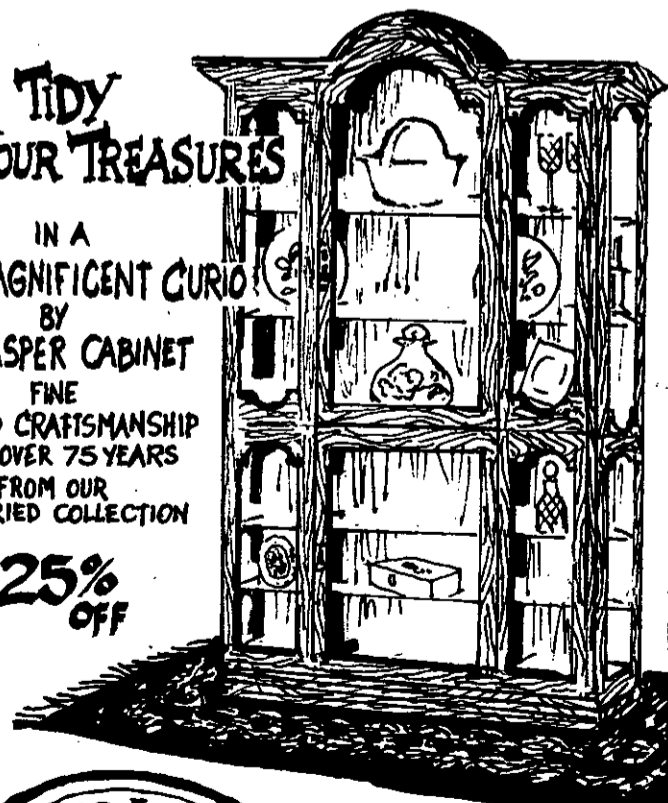
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Remodel

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months. There are many possible looks for a deck, including rectangular, octagonal or L-shaped.

Various touches can make a deck unique — bench seats with or without backs, fancy railings, flower boxes or diagonal decking patterns. One tip to keep in mind is that cedar, though a bit more expensive than pressure treated

wood, may be safer for skin contact.

Quality homes in the Capital District have been a dependable place for your money for a number of years. A few changes to your home, inside, outside — or both — may be just the ticket for adding value and pleasure at the same time.

Jeff King is owner of Jeff King Builders of Albany.

Itinerary for a move

Copley News Service

Really, it's an adventure: trashing the things you don't need, paring down to bare essentials for a while, "camping" out. You actually can have fun moving if you've planned ahead and organized the

ordeal. Here are some tips:

One month before

- Fill out change-of-address cards for friends, relatives, creditors, publications (usually not forwarded by the post office), clubs and organizations.
- If you're moving out of town,

get copies of medical and dental records, including pets'.

• Close out your safety deposit box and organize all personal records: birth and marriage certificates, mortgage records, insurance papers. Gather children's school records.

• Reserve your time with your moving company or the truck rental if you're moving yourself. (Note that midweek moving can be less expensive than weekend, as can moving in non-peak fall-to-spring months.)

• Have a garage sale. Be ruthless in culling items you'll no longer need. Arrange beforehand to have a charity organization pick up leftover items the following day.

• Contact utility companies before your shut-off date; they'll need your forwarding address.

• Drain gasoline and oil from power equipment such as weed whips and clean them.

• Organize a box with jewelry and important papers that you want to keep at hand during the move.

• Prepare artwork by taping the glass to the frame, putting on cardboard corner protectors (moving companies offer them) and wrapping in bubble wrap. Place in a box vertically.

• Give away or sell potted plants if the move is greater than a one-day distance.

• Separate those items you'll need to get through the moving process. Start packing the rest, or at least organize it for the packers.

• Get in touch with your bank and find out the best procedure for transferring your accounts.

Three days ahead...

• Disconnect the refrigerator and freezer; unload, defrost and clean. Let them air out. Yes, it's takeout food from here on in.

• Disconnect and drain the washing machine; pack linens in the washer and dryer for the move.

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Recycling history at the Parts Warehouse



Whether you're looking for a gar-goyle, some glass brick or a piece of molding from historic Union Station, The Parts Warehouse at 399 South Pearl St. in Albany just may be the place to go.

A project of the Historic Albany Foundation, The Parts Warehouse was formed to supply owners of historic buildings with original architectural elements at affordable prices.

Architects, contractors, designers and private individuals use the warehouse for its full range of architectural salvage. At any given time, that can include pedestal sinks, marble mantles, decorative iron work, brass hardware, staircase spindles, stair rails — even door knobs — salvaged by the Foundation from area residences.

While the majority of the salvaging takes place in Albany, structures in Cohoes, Amsterdam, Hudson, Manhattan, Montreal and areas of Vermont and Massachusetts have also contributed parts to the warehouse.

The historic pieces come from about to be demolished or renovated buildings. Whether the structure is unsound and ready to meet the wrecker's ball, or a townhouse is undergoing a "gut" rehabilita-

tion to create a totally modern home, architecturally unique items and standard reusable building materials are saved for sale in Albany.

Those who donate items are given a receipt as a tax deductible charitable contribution, as well as an official letter thanking them for their contribution.

The salvaging is accomplished by a group of student interns and volunteers, and the Foundation notes that a board member's truck is available about 75 percent of the time to transport materials to the warehouse.

A recent inventory included a white marble mantel for \$75, iron railings complete with oak tops for \$65 each, molding for 50 cents per foot, fireplace screens for \$7.50 and an entire wood entryway with doors for \$525. Like most bargain shopping, several visits may be necessary before your treasure is unearthed.

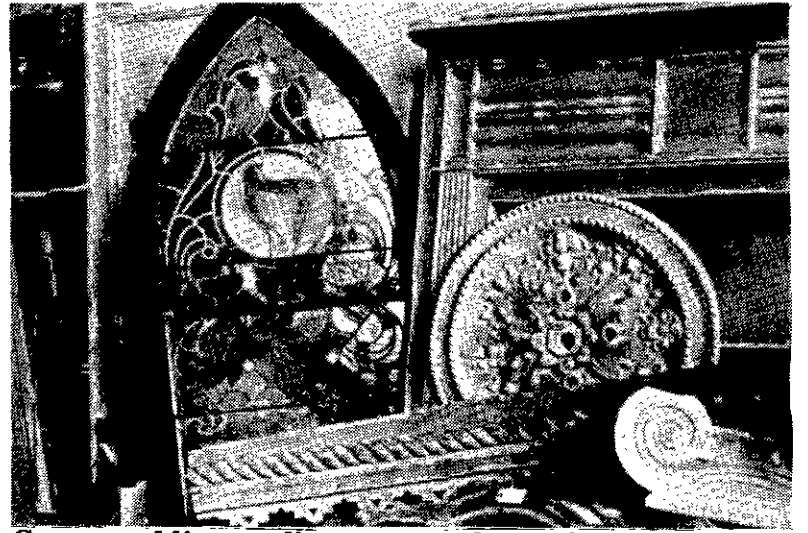
At the warehouse, purchasers of the salvaged materials can obtain creative and technical advice on the reuse of the pieces, along with recommendations of crafts-

men on how to fit specific needs. Pick-up is an option for larger pieces.

A caveat: the warehouse has several rules that must be agreed to before purchase. All items must be used in the City of Albany and surrounding counties. Items may only be used for their original purposes, and may not be resold for profit. At the discretion of the warehouse staff, purchasers may be asked to sign an affidavit to ensure this.

Since its inception in 1978, thousands of dollars worth of historic house parts have been recycled through the warehouse. Its success has provided buyers with parts unavailable elsewhere in the Capital District, as well as needed funds for the foundation. And in doing so, the warehouse has contributed to the retention and appreciation of the historic fabric of the Capital District.

The Parts Warehouse, at 399 South Pearl St., (between 3rd and 4th avenues, near the DMV building) is open Fridays from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 465-2987.



Crown molding, pediments, mantles, stained glass and other architectural elements from the area's past are part of the treasure trove found at the Parts Warehouse.

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Most popular do-it-yourself projects

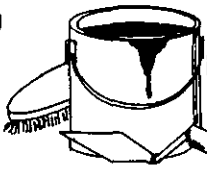
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General cleanup
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Least favorite do-it-yourself projects

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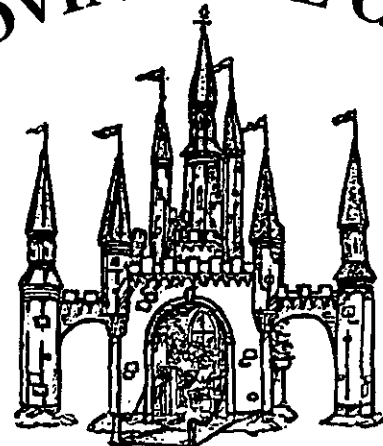


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Solar homes lose favor, luxury is in, says builder

By Bob Hagyard

Even as energy prices go up again, demand for passive solar homes doesn't approach the level of a decade ago. Just ask Robert Mitchell, Delmar builder and once a leading innovator in that form of construction.

"Nobody seems to ask us to do that kind of work anymore," Mitchell said last week at his Mitchell Associates office on Hallwood Road. "And what's odd is that you can't look at it as people who went through the Depression. These are the baby boomers."

Mitchell now specializes in luxury homes. The big project in his office at the moment is the Woodland development, now going up east of Wormer Road on the New Scotland-Guilderland town line. Prices will begin at \$500,000.

"There," Mitchell said, "there's a conflict between the desire to preserve the wooded environment and an attempt to clear for the purpose of bringing in sunlight." The result: Solar collector windows will appear on only three of the 14



Robert Mitchell

homes planned.

A far cry from his work of a decade ago, such as the Delmar residence of Wallace Lornell at 14 Paxwood Road. The major feature of this two-story, cedar-sided home is hidden inside: what the Solar Energy Research Institute calls a "Mitchell solar slab."

When completed in the late '70s "it was heated for about \$87 a year,"

Mitchell recalled.

A scrapbook of his work at the time includes designs of homes and buildings built in Guilderland, the Rochester area, Sullivan County, and Arizona. When the now-defunct state Energy Resources Development Administration sponsored a home design contest at the height of the energy crisis in 1979, Mitchell Associates walked off with five of the 25 prizes offered.

Along the way he worked up a nomogram for energy savings. "It tells you how much money you'd save by using a thermal shuttering system that we designed," he said. "So, if you, for example, were in a 30 percent tax bracket, and if fuel has escalated at 5 percent per annum and the discount rate was 11 percent," he went on, pointing to lines on a graph, "then you could afford to spend \$17 to save \$1 in fuel energy and have the investment equivalent to buying the same amount of CDs."

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and repeal of most energy tax credit programs.

Meanwhile, energy-saving technology hasn't stood still.

"The window industry has firmly embraced better thermal (properties) and better gasketing. The exterior door industry has done that, and then there is a building paper to wrap a house with — big rolls, nine-foot rolls, you could wrap all the way around a building, that has cut out the amount of air leak (age) and therefore the heating bill.

"Those three items account for a significant reduction in the cost of heating a house, compared with before," he said. "I can't throw a number at it, but I'll bet it's at least 30 percent off a total. And those aren't very expensive things. Certainly the cost of the building wrap is small, very small, about \$300 or \$400. And it's no harder, maybe a little harder, to install than the old-fashioned felt."

No longer are his clients willing to accept an unconventional-appearing house on the premise that it will save energy. "They're much more conservative now," he admits. "People want a house to be 'gracious.' And from a planning point of view, there are just so many building sites where the back of the house faces south. And by 'gracious' I mean the front of the house. So that becomes a limiting factor, the site."

He smiled, then went on: "Now mind you, I like working on fancy houses. From a designer's point of view, it's a great luxury. But we're talking energy. And new luxury houses, yes, are sacrificing it to some extent."

Mitchell admits to mixed feelings about customers who "don't want to cut into their budgets for the amenities in the house, such as expensive faucets." And you could tell he has not lost his practical turn of mind as he leaned back in an old leather conference chair, then said: "You look at the typical building materials that are available today, compared to 10 years ago. The average increase in the cost of lumber and concrete and shingles and siding has been insignificant compared to the increase in the cost of light fixtures, door knobs, faucets, sinks, appliances. It's not uncommon for people to spend \$3,000 or \$4,000 on a bath tub that 15 years ago wouldn't have thought of spending more than \$200 or \$300 for," he added.

"I hardly ever have a client who doesn't want a whirlpool," he went on. "And I'd like to point out to them that, if they have a \$4,000 whirlpool that they're financing, they have space dedicated to in the house, then they have \$6,000 or \$7,000 committed to this thing."

He shrugged. "If they only use it six or seven times a year," he

wondered aloud, "it's \$100 a bath. Okay, how many times do they have to use it to get it down to a \$10 bath?"

Japanese buy up art

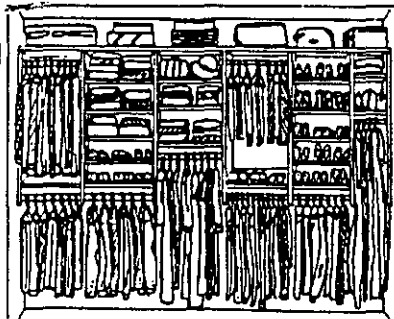
Art and antiques are the next targets for Japanese investors, as they pay record prices for second-rate works. According to *Art & Antiques* magazine, a Japanese investor paid \$7.5 million for a Van Gogh that insiders dismissed as "dreadful." (CNS)

Special insurance

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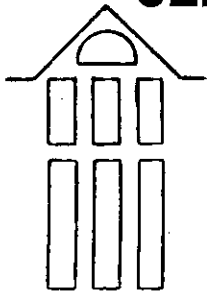
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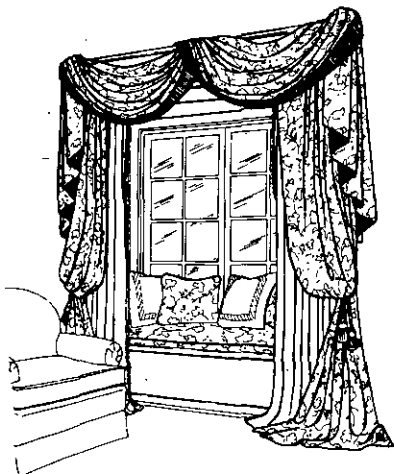
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The cost of a new home in Albany County has gone up 103 percent in 10 years. For those old enough to remember, you could buy a house in 1960 for about one fifth of what it would cost today.

Those figures are enough to give anyone pause. But David Newell says he can show you that the time to buy a home has never been better — and that for most people the American Dream is still affordable.

"The index offers a solid outlook as we approach the spring selling season," said Newell, a Delmar resident who is president of the Albany County Board of Realtors. The index, or "affordability index," represents the relationship between income and housing costs.

"The last index was at 109, which

just barely topped the range of the average worker in Albany County," Newell said. This indicates that families earning \$38,740 — the median income in the Capital District — have 109 percent of the income necessary to purchase a median priced home, according to Newell. The affordability index has been relatively stable for the past two years, with a minor fluctuation of only a few points, he said.

Newell says, "A large percentage of the public had been waiting to see if housing costs would rise, and that caused a lethargy in the market. However, a backup demand for houses is spilling 'onto the streets,' and this surge is sending people out looking for homes."

With housing prices slowly on the rise, the public appears to be buying more, he says. A trend towards buying homes in the winter months is rare, and is proof of the good state of the market, Newell maintains.

The median price for a home in Albany County is currently at \$105,000, and with the average family's income currently rising,

owning one's own home is becoming easier. "On a general whole, a decent number of people can afford a home (in Albany County)," Newell said.

"For some time, we were behind the nation in housing affordability, and in 1985 we caught and surpassed the national average." Eventually the market became overstressed and the inflation rate shot up. But in recent years, housing costs have remained level and no major changes are expected in the future. "Capital Region fixed rate mortgage rates are in the ten percent range, and we don't expect any major swings in interest rates in the foreseeable future," according to Newell.

He said Albany County has one of the fastest appreciating markets in the area, yet as of late it still remains one of the most affordable. In 1960, the Albany County area's average priced home was \$16,600, with an average cost of \$24,500 going into 1970. With the advent of the '80s, prices often were unpredictable. Prices in 1980 averaged only \$51,600 and they skyrocketed following the 1985 hous-

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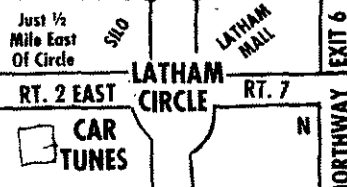
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ing rush. Around 1987 prices stabilized and eventually peaked and they have remained stable since then, even showing a slight decline, Newell said.

Newell said whether you are in the market for a resale or new construction home, prices remain affordable for the average family. Resale has experienced only a six to seven percent increase in its affordability cost, while new homes have generally had a slightly higher price range. This is due in part to the fact that the cost of land and labor have risen appreciably over the years, and people want more modern homes. The draw of modern kitchens, baths, appliances and other features has the general public more eager to purchase a newly constructed home, he said.

Shrewd house hunting when prices dip

Copley News Service

Home buyers and investors shut out of the real estate market for the last two years are getting good news: Home prices are dropping.

Not plunging. Just dipping 5 percent and more in some of America's hottest markets — Boston, Orange County (Calif.), San Francisco, Atlanta. And home prices are still soft in Denver, Texas and much of the Midwest.

But one of the nation's savviest property buyers is advising people not to jump at anything touted as a bargain. Wise buyers should still purchase a home using more wits than money, stresses Mark O. Haroldsen, author, investment strategist and publisher of the *Financial Freedom Report*, a monthly magazine for shrewd investors.

Haroldsen works with "beginning and intermediate" investors, helping them accumulate cash while teaching them tactics for buying property like professionals do.

He tells first-time home buyers who attend his Financial Freedom Seminars around the United States, "You've got to use self-discipline, start at the bottom and learn to save money before you invest."

Haroldsen is not one of those gurus who promise you can make killings in real estate with "no money down." It takes sacrifice, shoe leather and time.

"People, especially yuppies, don't like to hear this," he admits, "but I've seen 15-year-old kids

who can systematically save \$1,000 to \$2,000 on busboy's wages while a 50-year-old man can't save squat."

For home buyers/investors with cash and a real desire to make their money work, Haroldsen tells them to rely on their wits, not just a real estate broker who will show them cream-puff properties that look like model homes.

Instead, he says, "start scouring newspapers, multiple-listing books, talk to people, ask for referrals and look for that dirt-bag property — the \$45,000 house in the \$90,000 neighborhood. It's out there."

Look for what Haroldsen calls "motivated sellers." As a shrewd buyer you have time, but a home seller going through a divorce or who has another home in escrow and hasn't sold his has no time. The same is true for homeowners who are transferred by their companies to another city.

Sometimes their employers will buy their home, but often the transferees have the house on the market after they've moved. With either scenario, you have a seller who's usually willing to lower a price or sometimes carry a second mortgage or make some other concession that will help you get into that home at a savings, claims Haroldsen.

Another strategy: Sleuth out estate settlements because usually homes must be sold quickly to satisfy will or trust provisions. Still another approach is to check with banks or savings and loans to see if they have repossessed homes for sale. Financial institutions are penalized for properties carried on their books under what is called "real estate owned" and are anxious to dispose of them, often at below market prices.

However, don't attack sellers like Atilla the Hun or with any trace of arrogance, he warns. Haroldsen remembers that his first big purchase — an apartment building — "was sold to me by a guy who had 5,000 units around the country who didn't need to squeeze every dollar and gave me, the kid, a break on the down payment."

Fixer-uppers can be a smart way to double your investment, but make sure you have a realistic estimate on how much cash it will take to turn a dog into a diamond, says Haroldsen. And conservative-

ly figure how much of your time it will take. But if you do fix up a home to sell, don't fall in love with it.

"Trade it immediately," he counsels. "There are too many of us who tend to hold properties too long and we trade into a soft market."

Haroldsen also is a firm believer in diversifying your assets once you get some liquidity.

"As you get your feet wet by buying and fixing up, take a percentage of your profits and buy discounted mortgages and get a 15 percent plus return."

Above all, stay within your investment "comfort level," says the publisher of the \$42-a-year *Financial Freedom Report*. No amount of potential profit is worth sleepless nights, constant worry and non-stop stress. Crapshooting with your hard-earned cash strains marriages and hurts your performance on the job, points out Haroldsen.

"There is no way to get rich quick," he sums up.

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What's cooking

Kitchen design trends include black enamel sinks, serviceable restaurant-style appliances (especially stainless steel), glass-fronted cabinets and play space for the kids.

Favorite antiques

Antiques to keep an eye out for include Shaker chairs, anything from the French Renaissance and Japanese country antiques.

Kids will bubble with fun

Copley News Service

When creating a stimulating, comfortable home environment for a child, most parents focus on the nursery. A spot deserving equal attention is the bathroom.

The place where many happy hours are spent building castles from soapsuds and learning good grooming habits, a child's bathroom can be decorated with flair and fun. A plus for parents: Daily rituals such as bathing and teeth-brushing become enjoyable pastimes when performed in a colorful, child-friendly environment.

From the tile on the walls to the toys in the tub, the elements found in one Houston bathroom make it a personal, inviting place. For her 5-year-old son Taylor, designer Cathy Chapman used playful yet practical materials and accessories to create a bathroom that is as whimsical as it is functional.

The designer's goal was to preserve the special characteristics

of her 60-year-old house while updating it.

"I wanted to keep the essence of the 1920s, yet make it apparent that the room was new," she says. Chapman achieved her purpose through the imaginative use of tile and by refurbishing fixtures.

To complement the room's original black-and-white basket-weave patterned ceramic tile floor and turquoise border, which were in good condition, she selected bold black tile for the walls. Above the black is a ribbon of slanted tiles — in five bright colors — that runs around the room and ties the package together.

Chapman chose the vivid border to give the room zip, to complement the other hues in the room and to bring in some red, the color that dominates Taylor's bedroom.

She also knew the border would be versatile.

"I designed the bathroom thinking it would be just as appropriate when Taylor was 15, with a change of shower curtain and accessories."

The project's youthful flair was contributed by the 5-year-old, who helped select a bright Mickey Mouse motif shower curtain, hand towels, toothbrush holder, cup and waste can.

"Taylor calls it 'his' bathroom," Chapman says. "He really likes the Mickey Mouse theme."

The tub and pedestal sink were repolished and the hardware rechromed to make them fresh but in keeping with the home's character.

One undesirable element of the original room was its gas wall furnace, which Chapman had removed and replaced with shelves for toys and books. A simple cabinet was added above the toilet to

stow away grooming supplies.

Chapman cautions parents against using costly materials in a way that could date a room.

"I wouldn't spend money on anything that was too juvenile-looking," she says, adding that not only would something such as teddy bear-patterned tile limit a home's resale value, it also would restrict what can be done with the room in subsequent years.

She also advises using safe, durable materials. Speaking as both a mother and a designer, she says, "You shouldn't be worried about stuff getting splashed."

It's up to parents to make the bathroom experience as safe as it is enjoyable for their children. Keep these tips in mind:

- To prevent falls, use a non-skid pad or adhesive strips in the tub and a rubber-backed rug or non-slippery mat for the floor.

- Cover the faucet with a special cap or washcloth to prevent accidental injury to the head or body.

- Check the thermostat on your water heater to be sure it is set lower than 130 F and won't release scalding water. And always test the water first.

- Don't leave a tub with water in it.

- Keep tears to a minimum with a shampoo shield. A hand-held toy shower is useful for rinsing.

- Have bath supplies close at hand by using an organizer that hangs over the side of the tub. Also, keep towels within arm's reach — you don't want to have to leave the child for a moment.

- A step stool makes it easy for the child to climb into the tub for a washing hands and brushing teeth.

- Cabinets containing medicine, toiletries, personal care products and cleaning equipment should be latched.

- Keep the toilet bowl lid down and don't leave disinfectants in the water in the bowl or tank.

- Never leave a child unattended in the water.

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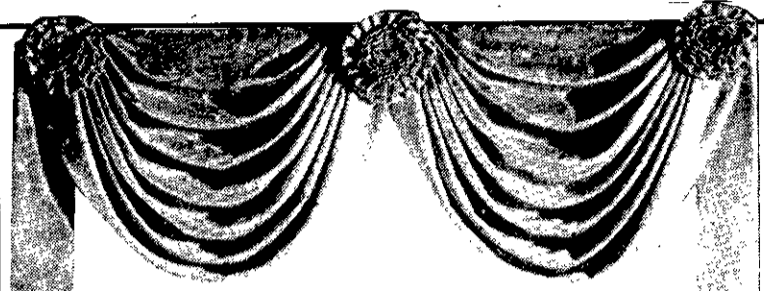


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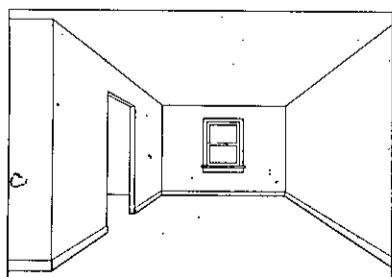
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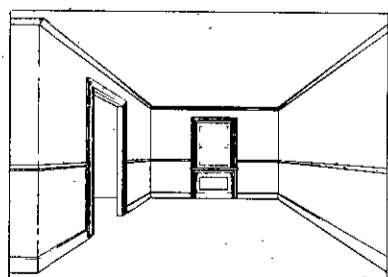
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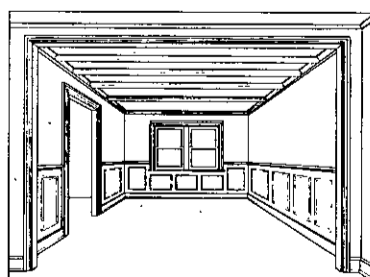
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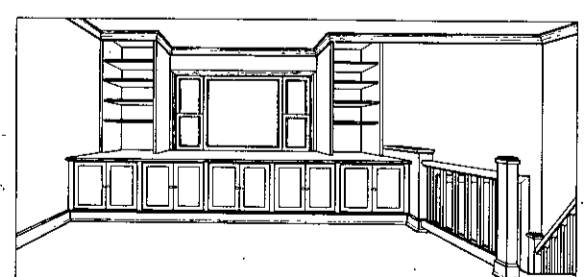
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Video and print fix-ups

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Cocooning is a key word, and the family is doing more at home than ever. Whether it's redecorating, remodeling or reconsidering a move, there's a book magazine or video that can help get it done. Here are some of the best:

- "The Working Woman's Dream House" by John Hamilton (Betterway Publications) offers an architect's view on how women can achieve their vision.

- "Reviving Old Houses" by Alan Dan Orme (Garden Way) is a folksy manual on plumbing and other vintage home remodeling problems.

- "Homefacts: The Ultimate Home Record-Keeper" by Lifestyle Publishing (Time Books) offers innovative record-keeping systems for owners and renters.

- "Home Improvements Manual" and "Fix-It-Yourself Manual" from Reader's Digest give clear, illustrated instructions for the beginner.

- "Country Furniture: Kitchens and Dining Rooms" and "Outdoor Furniture" Rodale Press's Nick Engler (St. Martin's Press) offer practical and beautiful projects.

- "Bathroom Remodeling" by Paul Bianchina, "Whole House Remodeling" by S. Blackwell Duncan and "All About Carpets" by Glenn Revere (Tab Books) offer experienced professional advice.

- Numerous titles from *Sunset* magazine will keep homeowners busy all year round, including the "Complete Patio Book," "Children's Furniture," "Woodworking Projects I and II," "Outdoor Furniture," "The Complete Patio Book" and "Spas, Hot Tubs and Home Saunas."

Style advice

- Architectural books for young readers include "Building a House" by Byron Barton (Penguin), "The American House Styles of Architecture Coloring Book" by A.G. Smith (Dover) and "Look Inside a House" by Denice Patrick (Putnam).

- "Gordon Bunshaft" by Carol Herselle Krinsky (M.I.T. Press) looks at the post-modernist scion's 1950s vision.

- "Architects' People" by Russell Ellis and Dana Cuff (Oxford University Press) addresses the role of the architect and for whom he or she designs.

- "Home Furnishings" by Terence Conran (Little, Brown and Co.) offers practical ideas for using fabric with style.

- "Elegant Solutions" by Owen Edwards (Crown Publishing) showcases the beauty of inspired things, from Aalto Paimio's scroll chair to Noguchi's lamps.

- "Abitare in Italia" (Rizzoli) showcases the best of the Italian magazine's furnishings and interiors. Ooo, la la!

Magazines, videos

- For do-it-yourselfers, *Decorating Remodeling* and the *Family Handyman*.

- Decor columns appear in women's magazines such as *Redbook*, *McCall's*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Woman's Day*.

- Pricey interiors can be admired in *Architectural Digest*, *HG*, *Southern Accents* and *House Beautiful*. Other interiors can be found in *Home*, *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Country Home*.

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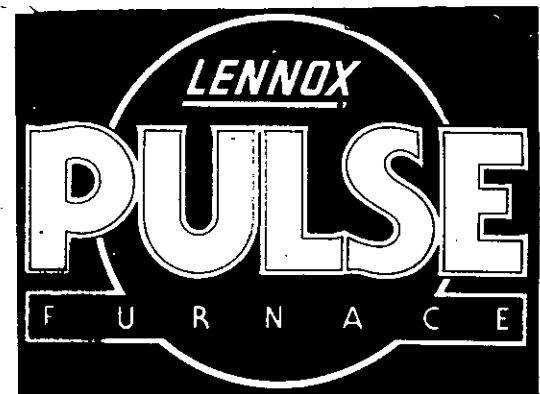
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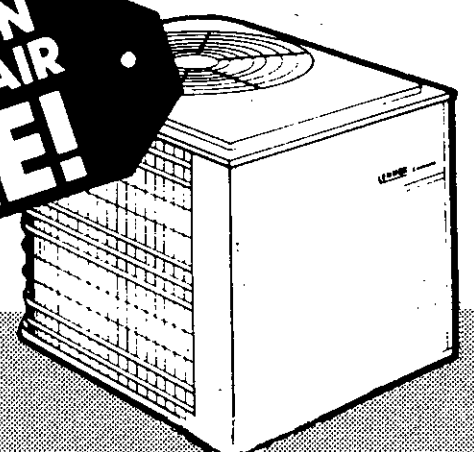
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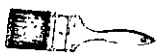


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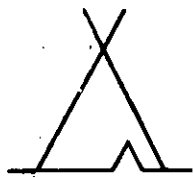
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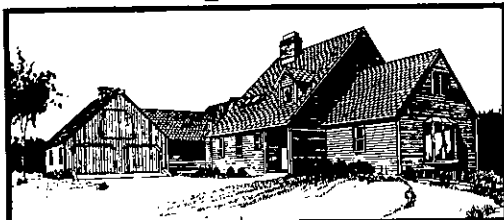
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But don't worry. Even skylights can be covered with special retractable blinds. Shutters can be made to fit Palladian windows. That round window above your bathtub can be decorated with an overlay that looks like stained glass.

A professional interior designer may be your best bet for an effective treatment of problem windows. Many department stores and window-covering specialty shops also employ experts who can help.

If you want to add color and texture to your room, filter light or block it out, add privacy or enhance a view, there are a number of window treatments from which to choose.

Vertical blinds give you control over light, view and privacy while helping to reduce heat gain or loss through windows and doors. Materials include aluminum, PVC, syn-

thetics, cotton and wool. Wood blinds lend a homey, traditional look; mini and micro aluminum blinds come in a rainbow of colors.

Window shades have been around forever, but newer versions filter or block sunlight better than before. They come in a wide range of colors, textures and patterns. You'll find many hem styles, pulls and trims, as well.

Alternatives to the flat shade include fabric balloon shades, which drape in puffy folds, and pleated shades. The latter offer the clean, uncluttered look of blinds yet have the softness of draperies. They can be sheer, semi-sheer or opaque, and come in both solid colors and patterns.

If harsh sun is a problem, select shades with a "solarized" backing.

You can use shutters to cover just about any window, including semicircular ones. Louvers come in a range of widths, calculated in inches from 1 1/4 to 4 1/2; wider ones are referred to as "plantation shutters." The most popular width is 3 1/2 inches, with a finish that is sandblasted to emphasize the grain.

Rolling shutters installed outside windows can add security to your home, as well as block light and reduce energy loss.

Designers often use valances to soften the vertical or horizontal geometry of blinds, shades and shutters. Valances can be color-

coordinated to match other window treatments and furnishings; they also lend a finishing touch.

Nearly any fabric, in any color and texture, can be used to drape a window.

Some are so sheer that they seem almost to disappear. Others are heavy and opaque, closing the room to the outside and enhancing warmth and privacy.

Draperies that "puddle" on the floor are currently in vogue, but before you fall in love with the look, consider the practical side. These can be easy to trip over, could get sucked into the vacuum cleaner, and are likely to attract lint and dirt.

In keeping with the current popularity of country and antique interior, lace curtains are experiencing a heyday. These include sheer panels, valances, cafe and door curtains, and they are often used in combination with matching tablecloths, bed linens, dollies, shower curtains, pillows, table runners and place mats.

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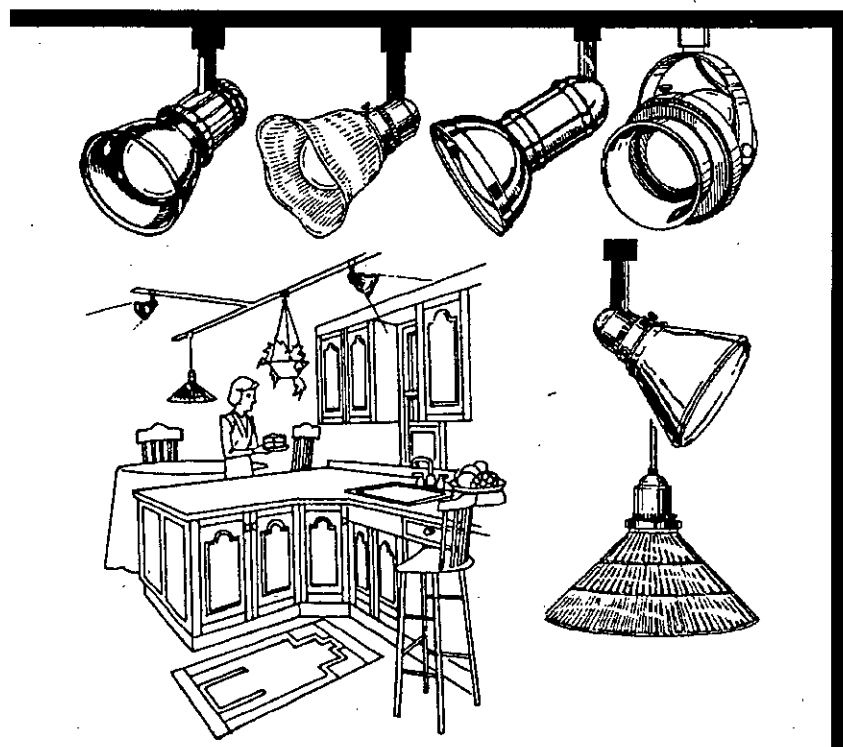
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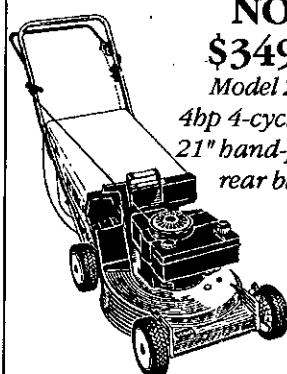
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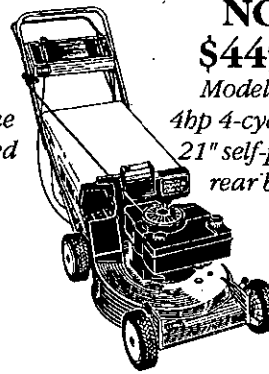
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New ideas will floor you

By Laurie McCaughin
Copley News Service

Thinking about remodeling? A great way to give your home a finished, "decorator" look is to utilize floor coverings in a dramatic, yet practical, way.

Chosen carefully, today's floor coverings should do two things: graciously expand upon the theme you wish to create and provide a durable, low-maintenance stomping ground for everyone in your family.

The most popular floor covering is carpeting. Its advantages are that it lends a warm, cozy atmosphere and provides the best protection to family members, especially children, should they fall. These days manufacturers are producing quality carpeting that is at once plush and stain-resistant — a must for many busy families.

Color trends for carpeting reflect our current love for muted

shades, such as rose, buff, soft indigo, slate and — the current rage — all shades of green, from deep hunter to delicate seafoam. Carpeting can also be installed with custom patterns and bevels to frame a room.

In addition to warming up tile and hardwood floors in cool-weather months, area rugs are a wonderful way to carry out a room's theme. Try an elegant Oriental rug in a traditional room or continue a Southwest theme with a durable Navajo-style rug or a dhurrie. For safety's sake, put a rug liner under area rugs to prevent skidding.

Ceramic tile is a durable, easy-to-maintain floor covering. Today, ceramic tile comes in a variety of stylish colors and patterns, and it is suitable to any room, not just the kitchen and bathroom.

Do-it-yourselfers will be happy to learn that ceramic tile is relatively easy to install — just be

sure the underlayment is smooth and securely fastened to the sub-floor. Check the manufacturer's instructions or check with a tile outlet for further details.

Keep in mind that ceramic tile should be regularly swept clean of dirt and grit so it will remain scratch free. Otherwise, simply clean with a damp mop.

For a Southwest or country decor, consider terra-cotta tile. Other options include geometric patterns, bold colors and contrasting grout to make your tile distinctive.

Hardwood floors (particularly with a light stain or bleached look) and parquet wood are considered an asset in any home. If your hardwood floors are looking a little worse for wear, it could be time to have them refinished.

Another way to add pizzazz to hardwood floors is the rout-and-

stain method. Starting with an unfinished hardwood floor, use a router to create a checkerboard effect. Then paint or stain the squares contrasting colors.

The colors you choose will change the mood of the room. For example, black and white is striking and sophisticated, or use yellow and gray for a softer look.

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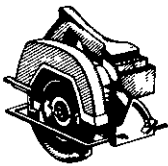
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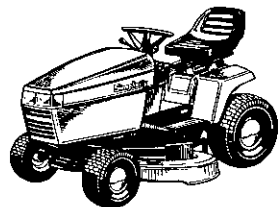
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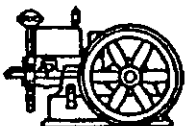
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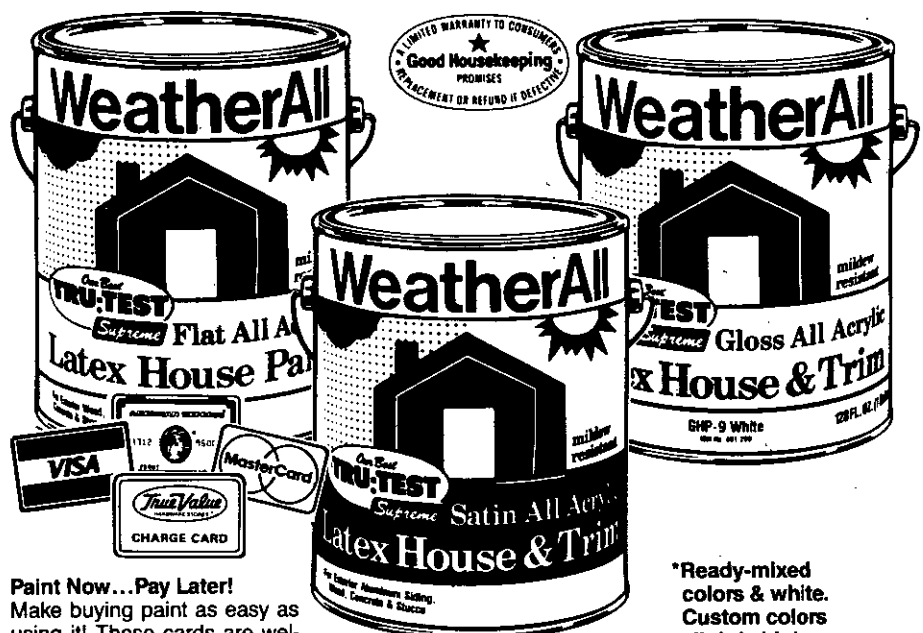
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How to make every inch count

Copley News Service

Whether you rent or own, there is probably a corner in your home you can't quite figure out what to do with. It's tiny but appealing and could be a haven from the hustle-bustle you tussle with daily.

Perhaps, like many families, your home has to house special gear for an at-home business, an elderly live-in parent, children from multiple marriages or returning adult children.

No matter what the reason,

small can be both beautiful and functional. A closet can become an office; a butler's pantry can be transformed into a teen-ager's music and study room with the help of space-saving ideas and furnishings.

Rose Bennett Gilbert, a syndicated design writer, offers some ideas for maximizing small spaces. Light colors, she reminds, always make a room look larger, as do mirrors that stretch the space.

If a room has height, take advantage of the high ceiling by lift-

ing a bed off the floor with a ladder and building a desk and lounge area under the sleeping loft.

Keep furnishings simple, such as white wicker, or make every furnishing count as two. A louvered kitchen table hinged to a wall with wings that flip up can double as a work station and a dining area. A coffee table can be adjusted up or down and serve as a dining table by adding cushions, if necessary.

Modular furnishings for multiple use can be found in department stores, home supply centers, Pier One, Conran's, Scandia Interiors, The Door Store and others. Or hire a local craftsman to build the small-space saver of your dreams, such as a versatile room divider that separates a kitchen and living room and holds linens, dishes and art on one side, books, television, stereo and knickknacks on the other.

Gear your storage system to the age, possessions and abilities of the user and to the activities that will be conducted in that area. A 7-year-old's possessions are different from a 27-year-old's, with coordination, height and self-control all important considerations.

Gilbert describes one solution remodel, highlighting the details that make it work. A tiny bedroom becomes a teen's palace by moving a bed off the ground and illuminating it by a wall lamp. Add shallow bookshelves built into the back of the sleeping loft and storage shelves behind louvered doors to whisk away clutter.

Creative solutions can be found in magazines such as *Creative Ideas for Living*, *1,001 Home Ideas*, *Metropolitan Home*, *Better Homes and Gardens* and *House Beautiful* as well as your local home-improvement depot.

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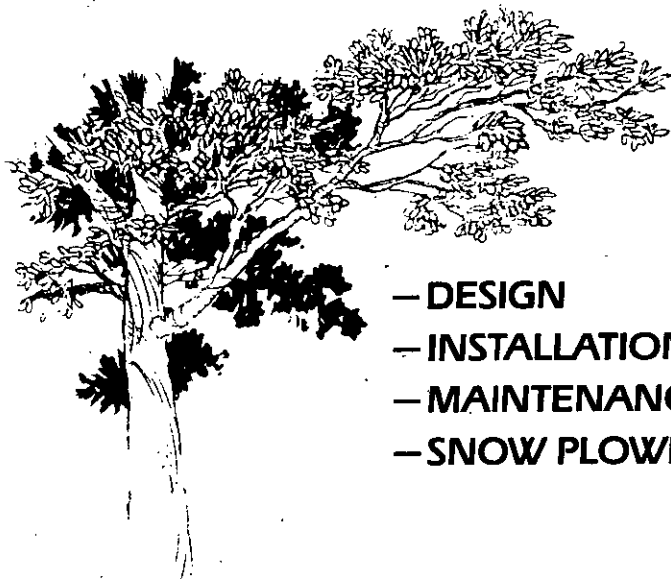
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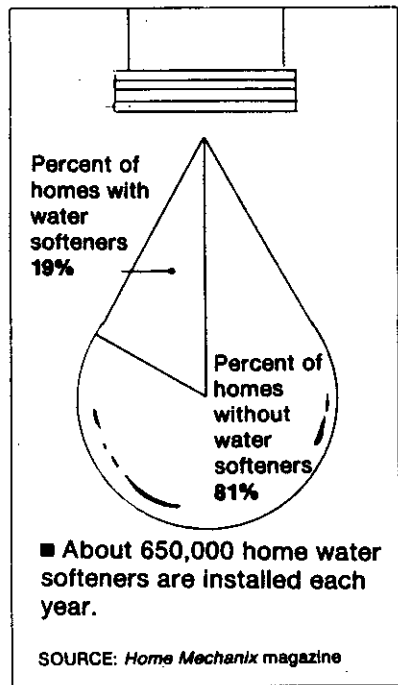
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Better baths

By Alison Ashton
Copley News Service

Bathrooms used to be basic. A bath-and-tub combo, sink, medicine cabinet and toilet — all crammed into a space that was always too small.

How times have changed. Along with the kitchen, bathrooms have become the focus of innovative design. Now they are relaxing havens, offering escape from the madding crowds, complete with oversize tubs, mood lighting and plush carpeting.

"The bathroom will play a more significant role in the home of the future," says David L. Weiner, executive director of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau.

"Bathrooms are no longer being designed with function alone in mind, but with attention to the user's individual needs," says Weiner.

That means you can relax in a whirlpool tub and sit a sauna after a tough workout. Or spend the evening in a top-of-the-line loo with a fireplace, comfortable sitting area, stereo system — even a small refrigerator and microwave.

"Spas, steam showers and exercise equipment are also moving into the bathroom, as the health-conscious bring their health clubs home," says Weiner.

Luxurious touches, such as marble counters, heat lamps and big tubs help re-create the splendor and ritual of Roman and Japanese baths (a big inspiration to many architects). Oversize tubs have been popular for the past few years, and industry consultant Don Arnold predicts that the focus will soon shift to the shower.

"The hot ideas in this category are free-standing round or spiral profile enclosures and the use of tempered safety glass rather than acrylic for the doors and panels."

Popular shower features include pulsating shower heads lining the sides of the shower and large-diameter shower heads.

Lighting is another important element in bath design. Designers are using skylights, and glass blocks let in natural light while protecting privacy. Also look for sophisticated soffit lighting and theatrical lights around mirrors.

"Of course, you need good light in some areas, but the total space doesn't have to be clinically lit," architect Edward F. Knowles told *Architectural Digest*. "It can be a brightly lit daytime space and a mysterious nighttime space."

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house and beautifully built," said Anne Brewster, president of the Vanguard-Albany Symphony. She said the interior decorators presented a variety of styles and images that were new to the public. "I think the public liked to see the variety," she said.

With regard to design, she said, "I think they liked the flow, the traffic flow of the house." Brewster said the completely finished basement, with a bath and ample closet space, elicited favorable comments.

The Vanguard Showhouse '89 is on the market with a \$655,000 asking price.

According to the Brewster, the net profit from the 1989 fund-raiser was \$39,500. The Vanguard group is using the proceeds to fund Albany Symphony concerts for preschool and school-age children.

A concert will be presented for about 1,800 children today (Wednesday) at the Troy Music Hall, beginning at 10 a.m. Another 2,700 children will attend a concert at the Palace Theater on Tuesday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

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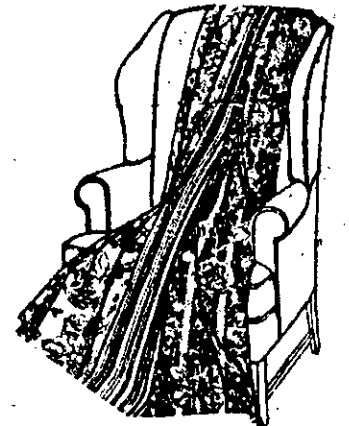
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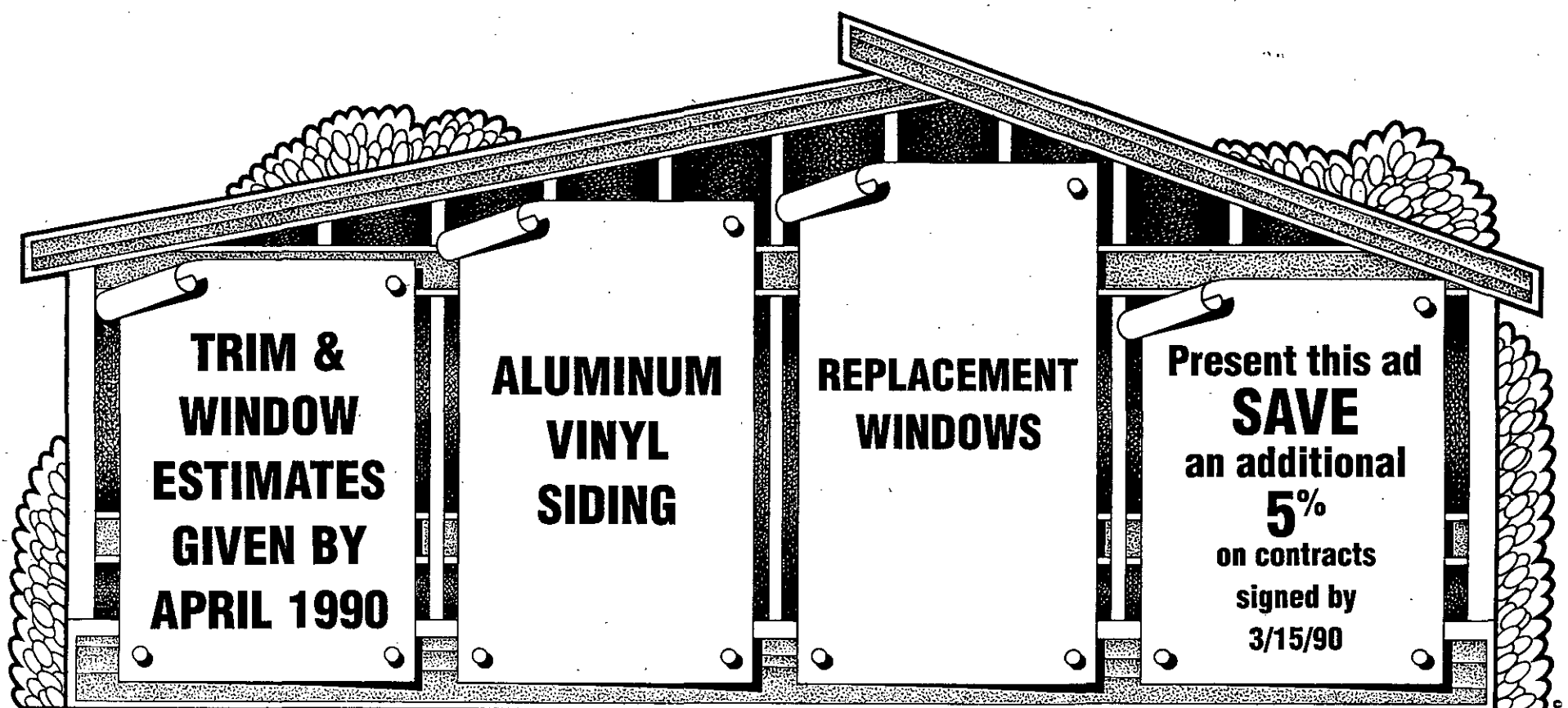
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Poor shooting downs Eagles one last time

By Michael Kagan

At the beginning of the season, Bethlehem Central boys' basketball coach Jack Moser and many of his players said one of the team's biggest advantages would be the quality of its shooting. Unfortunately, for much of the season the team struggled just to shoot 30 percent in many games.

This happened again last Tuesday when the Eagles lost in the first round of the Section II Class A tournament to Albany, 101-64.

It was the third year in a row that Albany has knocked BC out of the sectionals. This year, however, most Bethlehem players seemed confident they could beat them this time. The Eagles came out and scored the first two points, but that was the only lead they would have in the game.

BC shot only 27 percent from the field while Albany hit 58 percent.

"We missed some shots early and lost some of our confidence and at the same time they were gaining confidence -- their quickness hurt us," said Moser. He also maintained that the number of points the Eagles allowed was not due to bad defense. "When you're losing by a lot, you have to make some adjustments to get back in it and sometimes that allows them to blow you out."

However, player Alex Hackman thought the problem may have

been more the Albany offense: "We got out-quickened."

Sean McDermott: "We were mentally unprepared. We were intimidated."

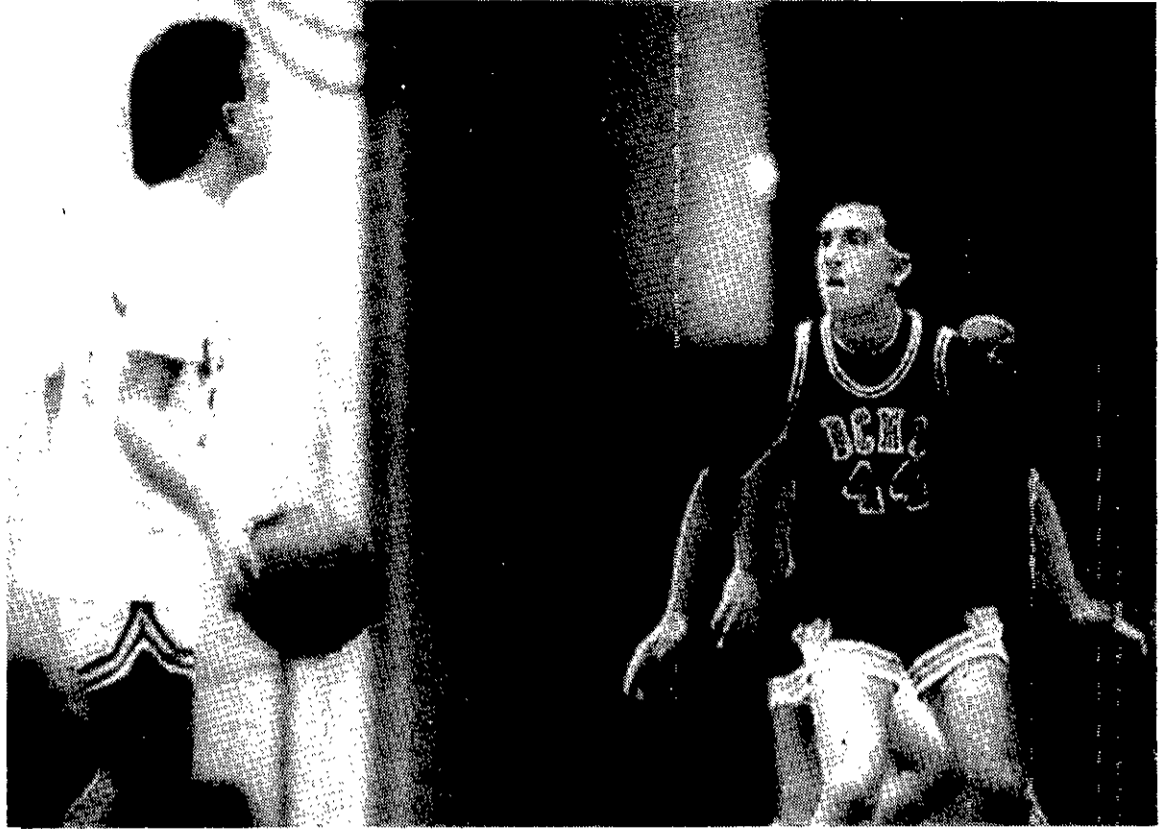
McDermott led the scoring against Albany with 18 points. Scott Fish followed with 16, including four three-pointers. Hackman added eight points and Steve Calhoun and Eric McCaughin had six and four points. Kevin Keparutis, Chris Black, and Eric Liberatore each had two points.

This game concluded what would have to be called a disappointing, frustrating year for BC basketball. They finished 7-14 overall and finished third in the Suburban Council Gold Division (5-5). They still were able to win one more game than they did the last season, despite a seven-game midseason skid.

Said McDermott: "We had our ups and downs. We had much higher expectations."

Said Hackman: "We expected to have a much better record. At the end (when the team won four of its last six games) we played like we thought we could. We're certainly a better team than an 0-7 streak."

Moser added: "I was real pleased with our effort the whole season. They always practiced hard, even during our slump, from Nov. 7 to the day before sectionals. They never quit, they never complained, they stuck together



BC's Alex Hackman awaits the next move of his Albany High opponent. Bob Haggard

the whole way.

"Always as a coach I want to do better, but we didn't have an easy schedule and we have nothing to be ashamed of," he added.

The team's hallmark was inconsistency. At times they looked as good as any team in the area, at other times as bad as any team in the area. At the end the team showed some consistency, but it took them 14 games to get it. McDermott attributed this to "lack of confidence. If you don't think you're going to win, you won't."

Hackman, however, did not know. "If we could figure that one out, we would have had a much better year."

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Lady Eagles advance to semis

By Shannon Perkins

The Bethlehem girls basketball team downed Bishop Maginn in its opening sectional game last Friday at Bethlehem, 52-46. Anita Kaplan, the team's star center, scored 31 of the team's total while Kassie Jeram and Kelly Ryan added four and six points.

Although the team's shooting percentage was considerably lower than usual, the defense was able to keep Bishop Maginn's persistent offense in check. Coach Bill Warner was pleased with the game, "They had one of their best efforts all season."

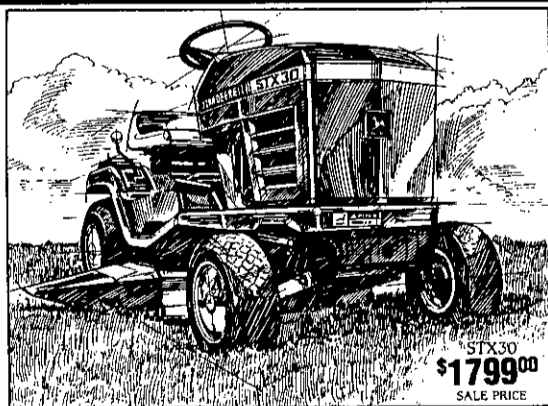
Friday's game was a special one for Kaplan. The junior shattered Amy Bolen's Section II record for most points scored in a single season (770) by 23 points. Bolen set the record two years ago with Draper and Middleburgh, teams which played lighter schedules (Class B and C).

Earlier this season, Kaplan broke the record for most points scored in a single game.

The Lady Eagles look forward to the sectional semifinals versus Troy, the defending Class A state champion.

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VC falls at foul line

By Dennis Sullivan

For most of four quarters last week at the State University at Cobleskill, Voorheesville and Cobleskill battled to maintain a one- or two-point lead.

Cobleskill led, 9-8, at the first quarter, Voorheesville took an 18-17 lead at the half, Cobleskill tied the game at 30-30 at third quarter's end and the first six minutes of the final period proved no different. For the most part both teams matched basket with basket.

But in the final minutes the Red Devils cashed in on a wealth of foul-line opportunities, finished the Birds off by a 49-41 margin and advanced to the Class CC quarterfinals.

For this reporter's money the Birds played their best game of the season for many reasons. Putting aside their usual three-pointer game they drove to the basket, took the six-foot jumper or handed off underneath. It was their most diversified attack of the season.

Defensively the two-teaming hustle of Rich Adams and Erin Sullivan caused numerous turnovers. Center Steve Lapinski was a Goliath stuffing shot after shot. He finished with nine blocked shots, 11 rebounds and 12 points.

Senior co-captain Mike Haaf played his best game of the season, seeming to be in the right place at

the right time every time. While Haaf finished with only six points, his three baskets came at critical moments. He grabbed a number of critical rebounds (eight on the night) and a key steal that kept the Birds within reach in the final minutes.

While fellow co-captain Kevin Jarvis was not his usual three-point threat (he finished with 15 points, six on three-pointers) he played more aggressive defense than he did all season. His efforts resulted in several key turnovers.

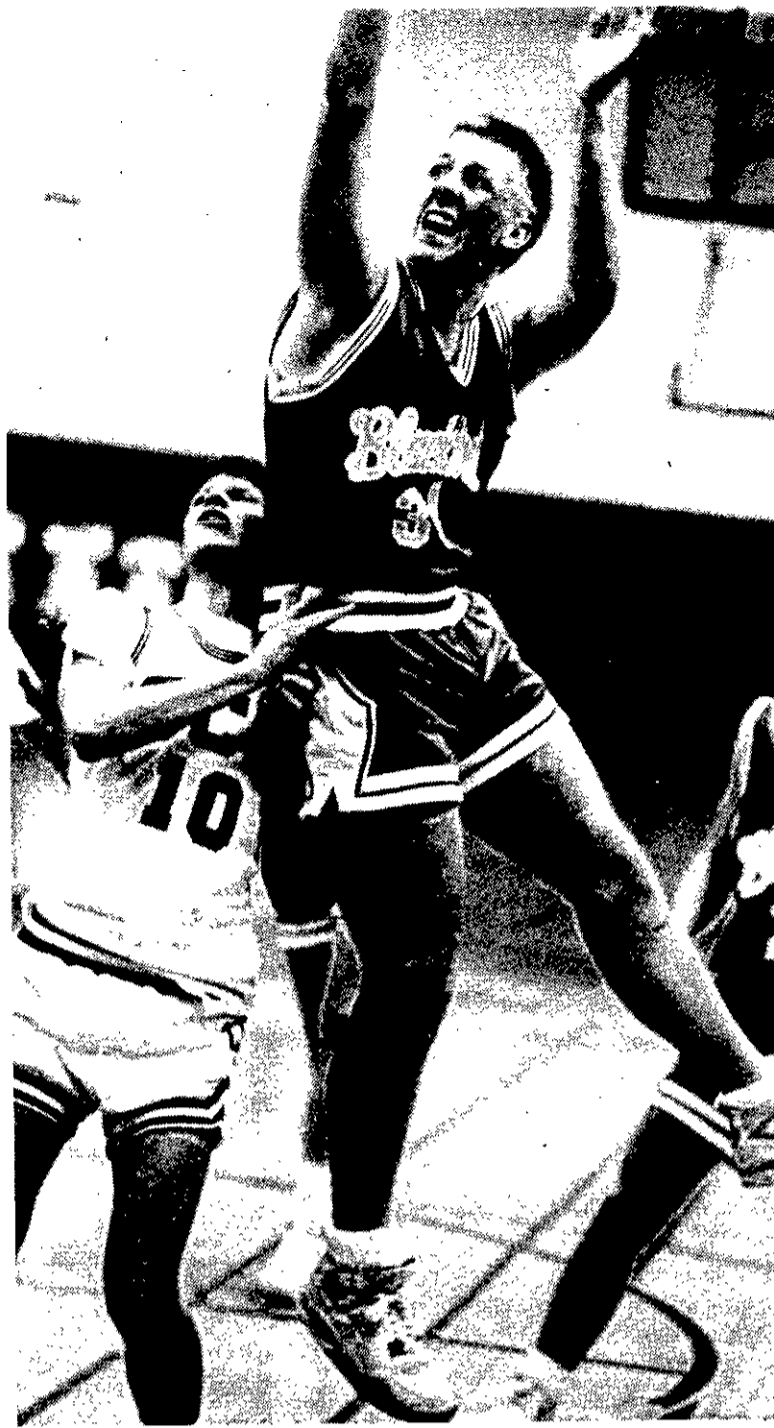
Erin Sullivan was strong on the boards as well and offered Lapinski three key assists underneath. While hypothetical, it's interesting to speculate what the results of the game would have been with a healthy, offensively strong Todd Rockmore (broken ankle) in the lineup for additional scoring power.

Without doubt, the brand of basketball the Birds played will be a large part of their strategy next year. This to the delight of some Blackbird fans.

The sectional loss brought the Birds' season to an end with a 9-10 record.

Slide show planned

On Monday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m., Nelson S. Maurer will show slides of his eight day trip through the Canadian Rockies, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.



Kevin Jarvis drives inside at Cobleskill. Dennis Sullivan

College Athletics

Kelly Ross of Delmar tied a Cornell University women's high jump record with a first place jump of 5-8 at the West Point Track Meet on Jan. 20.

She recently placed fourth in the high jump at Cornell University's indoor Heptagonal Championship recently.

Ross earned a letter in 1988-89 and also set a Cornell freshmen women's record last year with a jump of 5-6 1/2 at the Syracuse Relays. The 1988 graduate and former high jump standout from Bethlehem Central is the daughter of James and Margaret Ross of 18 Plymouth Ave., Delmar.



Kelly Ross

Ithaca College freshman Colleen Teal of Unionville tied for second with a score of 8.6 in the vault competition at a Jan. 20 meet at Brockport State University.

She also scored a 9.05 in the vault in a January meet at Cornell University and a second-place score of 9.05 Feb. 7 at Cortland State.

She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central, a former member of the DC Stars gymnastics team of Albany, the daughter of Sharon and Chet Boehlke of Delaware Turnpike, Unionville.

Justin Baird of Delmar, swimming as a freshman at Colgate University, took three second places in the State College swim championships held Feb. 22-24 at the University of Buffalo.

Baird took second as well as personal bests, in the 500-yard freestyle (440.24), the 200-yard freestyle (142.08), and the 100-yard freestyle (47.15).

Baird qualified in all three events for the Division I Easterns to be held March 1-3 at West Point. While there, he will attempt to qualify for the NCAA Division I nationals.

Baird, also qualified in all three events for the Junior Nationals in Florida.

Baird swam five years on the Bethlehem Central varsity where he was a state finalist for four years.

He graduated from Bethlehem Central in 1989.

Police probe theft

Bethlehem police are looking for a suspect or suspects who made off with \$900 in jewelry, a 12 inch color television set, an air compressor, and \$400 in cash from a Waldenmaier Rd. residence sometime between 1:20 a.m. and 1:55 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

According to police, a witness identified an individual at the scene during that time. Police are searching for a white male, 16 to 18 years old, around 5'8" with a slender build, short brown hair combed back, last seen wearing white pants and a sweater. The suspect was seen in a red medium sized car of unknown make.

Police collected two partial palm prints from a rear sliding glass door and mud and shoe prints from rugs and floors in the house.

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Bowling honors for the week of Feb. 18, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Bert Almindo 276, John Erickson 196, 525 triple, Harold Thompson 199, Bob Montgomery 524 triple.

Sr. Cit. Women — Betty Contento 181, Doris Aupperle 466 triple.

Men — Steve Picarazzi 280, Tom Kelly 280, Joe Walton 663 triple, Bill VanAlstyne 964 (4 game series).

Women — Sharon Carson 243, 621 triple, Aleta Johnson 787 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Heather Selig 196, 557 triple.

Jr. Boys — Jeff Dievendorf 190,

431 triple, John Dougherty 190, 431 triple.

Jr. Girls — Erin Barkman 181, 468 triple, Melanie Dale 174, 448 triple.

Prep Boys — Pat Bolduc 163, 417 triple.

Prep Girls — Lisa Morris 151, 426 triple, Michelle Storm 161, 410 triple.

Bantam Boys — Bobby Baldwin 91, 217 triple.

Bantam Girls — Caryn Leonardo 142, 318 triple.

Junior Classic League

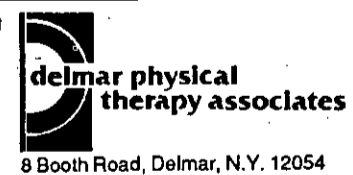
Major Boys — Chris Siciliano 247, 752 (4 game series), Joe Bennett 236, 799 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Jen Matuszek 234, 731 (4 game series), Tammy Smith 205, 694 (4 game series).

Jr. Boys — Ben Comtois 276, 861 (4 game series).

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Obituaries

Ann T. Vincent

Ann T. Vincent, 57, of Route 143, Coeymans Hollow, and a retired Coeymans Hollow postmaster, died Monday, Feb. 5, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Mrs. Vincent was born in Albany and attended Aquetuck and Ravena schools. She was a life member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow and a charter member of the Little Red Schoolhouse Historical Society. She was also a member of the Ravena Grange 1457, Albany County, New York State and National Grange, Albany County Postmasters Association and the National Association of Postmasters.

Survivors include her husband, William G. Vincent; a daughter, Mrs. Lynn Kmiecik of Ravena; a brother, Morton Tryon of Hannacroix; and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow with Rev. Dr. Mark Chatterton officiating. Spring interment will be in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Fund c/o Mrs. Doris Willey, RD 1, Ravena, NY 12143.

Del Herbert Powers

Del Herbert "Bert" Powers, 61, of Onesquethaw Creek Road, Feura Bush, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the Albany Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

Born in Regina, Saskatchewan, he was a retired truck driver who worked for the Teamsters in Albany. He was a member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge and the Sheehy-Palmer Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Albany. He served with the Canadian Merchant Marine and later in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1960.

Survivors include his wife, Elta Otten Powers; a son, Larry H. Powers of Feura Bush; two daughters, Jana M. Berenger of Feura Bush and Pamela Shufelt of Westerlo; a sister, Patricia Hawley

of Auburn, Wash.; a brother, Merle Powers of Quebec; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Prospect Hills Cemetery, Gloversville.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad, Clarksville.

Robert Pullen

Robert Grant Pullen, 56, of 4 Huron Court, Schenectady, formerly of Glenmont and Breckinridge Village in Selkirk, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Delmar, he served in the Army from 1951 to 1955. He retired with a military pension after suffering a non-combat disability.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Isabel Pullen Habina of Albany; two brothers, Harry Pullen of Troy and Edward Pullen of Albany; and a sister, Joan Berhaupt of Altamont.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Albany's Graceland Cemetery.

Winnifred Kelsey

Winnifred C. Kelsey, 83, of Dumbarton Drive in Delmar died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Albany Medical Center Hospital in Albany after a brief illness.

Born in Albany, she moved to Schenectady in 1911 and to Delmar in 1942. She was a charter member of the Bethlehem Memorial Post Veterans of Foreign Wars 3185 Ladies Auxiliary and a past member of the Elsmere Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society.

Survivors include her husband Alfred H. Kelsey; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Woert and Mrs. Edna McNary, both of Delmar; a son, Robert J. Kelsey of Southbridge, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Gardenier of

Phoenixville, Pa.; 19 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the St. Thomas Church Memorial Fund.

Kathryn L. Joyce

Kathryn L. Joyce, 93, of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 16, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Elsmere after a short illness.

Born in New York City, she lived in the Albany area for many years.

She was widow of Charles R. Joyce Sr. and a member of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. She was a member of the Blanchard Post 1040 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Delmar and Wolfert's Roost Country Club in Albany.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Smith Collen of Delmar; a son, Charles R. Joyce Jr. of Voorheesville; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday morning at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands under the direction of Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Memorial Fund.

Don't burn rally slated at capitol

On Sunday, March 4, New York State will hold a "Don't Burn New York" rally at noon at the State Capitol. Speakers will include Dr. Paul Connett of Work on Waste, Larry Shapiro of New York Public Interest Research Group, and Mel Brown of Greenwich Citizens Committee. Special musical guest will be John Hall.

Also on March 4, a "Work on Waste" conference will be held at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Church, on Lark and Lancaster streets in Albany. Featured will be workshops and speeches on solid and medical wastes.

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Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Feb. 16	Voorheesville Ambulance	Heart Attack
Feb. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Unknown Illness
Feb. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 17	Voorheesville Ambulance	Heart Attack
Feb. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 18	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 18	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 18	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Feb. 18	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
Feb. 18	New Salem Fire Dept.	Standby
Feb. 18	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Rescue Call
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Feb. 19	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
Feb. 19	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 20	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Feb. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Feb. 20	Voorheesville Ambulance	Heart Attack
Feb. 21	Voorheesville Ambulance	Heart Attack
Feb. 21	Delmar Recue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 21	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Feb. 21	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual
Feb. 21	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 21	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Feb. 22	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Feb. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Feb. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency

The Town of Bethlehem Fire Officers Association will meet at the Slingerlands Fire Department on March 1 at 8 p.m.

The American Legion in Delmar will hold its annual award ceremony to honor the 'Firemen of the Year' March 5 (Monday) at 8 p.m. at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post. Each department in the town will be represented.

Fire Fighter's Corner/Isabel Glastetter 439-2627.

Village Squares plan dance March 3

The Tri-Village Squares will hold a dance on Saturday, March 3, from 8 to 10:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., in Delmar. Featured caller will be Ed Joyner. For information, call 861-6407.

Academy to present musical March 2 and 3

The Albany Academy and the Albany Academy for Girls will perform the musical, *Godspell*, on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, in the Albany Academy Chapel, located in the Main Building on Academy Road in Albany. Curtain is at 8 p.m. both nights and admission prices are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. Call 465-1461 for information.

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the filing by A-R Cable Services-NY, Inc. of an application for renewal of its cable television franchise for the Town of New Scotland, New York.

A copy of the application and all comments filed relative thereto are available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of New Scotland and any interested party may file comments on the application with the Clerk, A-R Cable Services-NY, Inc. and the New York State Commission on Cable Television. (February 28, 1990)

BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 1990, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Linda and Dave Burtis, 61 Salisbury Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for the construction of a porch at premises 61 Salisbury Road, Delmar.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(February 28, 1990)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 1990, at 7:45

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p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Beth S. Swartz, 33 Carstead Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a screened-in porch to rear of residence at premises 33 Carstead Drive, Slingerlands, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(February 28, 1990)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voorheesville, New York 12186 BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that real property located within Voorheesville Central School District of the Towns of New Scotland, Guilderland and Berne, Albany County, New York, owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt as stated below from taxation by said Central School District to the extent of fifty per centum (50%) of the assessed valuation thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that exemption from taxation shall not be granted in the case of real property where a child resides if such a child attends a public school of elementary or secondary education with said Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no exemption shall be

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granted (a) if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds the sum of twelve thousand twenty-five dollars for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making an application for exemption. Income tax year shall mean the twelve month period for which the owner or owners filed a federal personal income tax return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts or inheritances. In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income; (b) unless the title of the property shall have been vested in the owner or all of the owners of the property for at least twenty-four consecutive months prior to the date of making an application for exemption; (c) unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; (d) unless the property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the owner or by all of the owners of the property.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that application for such exemption must be made by the owner, or all of the owners of the property, on forms prescribed by the state board to be furnished by the appropriate assessing authority and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms, and shall be filed in such assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at the option of the municipal corporation, any person otherwise qualifying under this section shall not be denied the exemption under this section if he becomes sixty-five years of age after the appropriate taxable status date and before December thirty-first of the same year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any conviction of having made a willful false statement in the application for such exemption shall be punishable in accordance with the provision of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and shall disqualify the applicant from further exemption in accordance with the provisions of such law.

Legal Reference: Section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law
Steven Schreiber
Clerk Board of Education
Date: February 5, 1990
(February 28, 1990)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

LEGAL NOTICE

on behalf of the Board of Education, that a Special Meeting of and for the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York (the "District") will be held on the 7th day of March, 1990 at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Building for the Voorheesville Central School District from 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:30 o'clock p.m. or as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the qualified voters then present to cast their votes on the following propositions:

PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District (hereinafter the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase various passenger vehicles for the transport purposes of the District at the estimated maximum cost of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$230,000.00) including original equipment, machinery, apparatus and other ancillary costs required for the purposes for which such vehicles are to be used, and to expend therefore amounts not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$230,000.00) to finance the cost of said vehicles, such tax as shall be necessary to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the princ-

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pal amount of not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$230,000.00), and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable

PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED: That a resolution passed by the Board of Education on July 18, 1988 to purchase one 59 passenger bus at a cost of \$41,955.00 purchased with general fund balance in the 1987-88 school year budget is hereby approved and ratified.

Steven Schreiber
School District Clerk
By Order of the Board of Education
Dated: January 8, 1990
(February 28, 1990)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 1990, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Edward S. and Harriet Thomas, 85 Brockley Drive, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a proposed addition at rear of residence at premises 85 Brockley Drive, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(February 28, 1990)



Mr. and Mrs. Victor Santella

Elizabeth Burkhard wed

Elizabeth Marie Burkhard, daughter of Mary Lou and William Burkhard of Delmar and Victor Albert Santella, son of Doris Santella of Lynn Ma., and the late Albert V. Santella, were married on Sept. 23.

Rev. James D. Daley conducted the wedding at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Ruth Burkhard was maid of honor. Penny Friedlander and Lori Pascarelli were bridesmaids.

Charles Caparelli was best man. Edward Siebert, Frank Wagner,

Donald Bohus and Scott Harmon were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, State University at Oneonta, and Emerson College. She is employed with the Boston Company in Boston, Ma.

The groom is a graduate of Farleigh Dickinson University. He is employed by the YDI Electronics, in Needham, Ma.

After a wedding trip to Italy, the couple will reside in Randolph, Ma.

Red Cross to kick off membership campaign

On Monday, March 5, the Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross will kick off its annual March Membership Campaign. The month-long phone-a-thon campaign is expected to raise \$150,000.

Money will be used for disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes, swim classes, CPR

classes, AIDS education, tissue and bone surgeries, and continuing the blood drives.

The phone-a-thon will begin on March 5, and runs through the March 29, Monday through Thursday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m. For information, call 462-7461.



Community Corner

Ecumenical Bible study planned

The area's annual Ecumenical Bible Study will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, corner of Elsmere and Poplar Dr., in Delmar, beginning Tuesday, March 6 and continuing through April 10.

Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m., with the study beginning at 10 a.m. A different topic will be discussed every Tuesday, and a different area religious leader will conduct the lecture.

Call 439-9249 for information.

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Church to begin special Lenten series

The Delmar Reformed Church will begin a special Lenten series, entitled "Questions of Faith," on Wednesday, March 7. The program will be led by Dr. Robert Hess and will continue every Sunday at 10 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., through April 4.

For information, call 439-0509.

Churches plan special service

The Glenmont Community Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the church on Chapel Lane in Glenmont.

The Coeymans Reformed Church will join the Glenmont Church for the special service.

Members and friends are asked to bring their palm branches from last Palm Sunday with them.

Children invited to participate

Children of the Glenmont Community Reformed Church are asked to bring pennies each Sunday morning to contribute to the church's "Pennies from Heaven."

Church women to hold prayer day service

Church Women United of Albany will present a service to mark World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2, at United Fourth Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., in Albany.

Registration will be at 11:30 a.m., and will be followed by lunch at noon and a program at 1 p.m.

The theme for the program, "A Better Tomorrow—Justice for All," was written by women in Czechoslovakia. Those attending will share bread and salt, an old Czechoslovakia custom in welcoming guests.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Nasner

Grady-Nasner nuptials

Kathleen Mary Grady, daughter of Joan and Vincent Grady of Glenmont, and Jeffrey Luther Nasner, son of Beulah P. Nasner of Selkirk were married Sept. 23.

Father Thomas Hayes performed the wedding in The Doane Stuart chapel in Albany.

Patricia Grady Birdsinger was matron of honor. Lois Forgea, Kelly Needham, and Shirley Burkhart, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids.

Bruce Woolford was best man. Fran Nasner, Mike Grady and

David Nasner were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and Russell Sage College. She is a registered nurse at St. Peter's Hospital.

The Groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed as a union carpenter.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Delmar.

State forum slates March meetings

The New York State Legislative Forum will meet on Tuesday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 20, in the Harmanus Bleecker Hall, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., in Albany, at 10 a.m.

At the March 6 meeting, Assemblyman Paul Tonko will speak on "Farm Issues: A Perspective," and Comptroller Edward Regan will lecture on "Budget Process Reforms and Improvements."

At the March 20 meeting, Assemblyman John Faso will speak on "Reapportionment."

The purpose of the forum is to stimulate active interest in New York State legislation by providing information on current issues. Forum programs will be broadcast on Channel 28 public access on Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m., and on NY-SCAN on weekdays from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Victims panel to meet

The Albany County STOP-DWI and RID have organized a Victims Impact Panel to be held on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The panel will attempt to make convicted DWI offenders aware of the consequences that driving under the influence of alcohol can have.

The panel will take place at the Albany Police Court Safety Building, Morton Ave. and Broad St. in Albany.

For information, call 447-7706.

CP center to hold program open house

The Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled will hold an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at its 700 South Pearl St. location in Albany.

For information, call 489-8336.

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Elm Tree offers roots for area artists



When Ben and Nancy Godley of Loudonville opened the Elm Tree Art Gallery in the Newton Plaza, they wanted to offer area residents a place to purchase fine art by internationally known artists. Nancy Godley, who

manages the gallery, soon realized, however, that the gallery had an important role to play as a showcase for the talent of local artists.

Since the gallery was opened in 1988, seven local artists have exhibited their work at Elm Tree. "There are artists that come in almost on a daily basis," said Ben Godley, who owns Store Fixtures By Godley in Loudonville.

The opening reception for an exhibit of oil and watercolor paintings by Lilia Singer of Loudonville, Kristin L. Woodward of Latham and Alyce M. Ashe of East Greenbush will be held on Sunday, March 4, from noon to 9 p.m. Their paintings will be on exhibit at the gallery from March 4 through 30.

While limitations in terms of time, space and money, along with the number of talent area artists, sometimes necessitate difficult choices in organizing showings, the exhibits have received enthusiastic public response.

"We'll have several hundred people at a showing," Ben Godley said. "For a new gallery, we consider it a good showing."

The Godleys expect attendance for this month's exhibit to be even higher than usual. All three artists who will exhibit have participated in numerous juried shows and gallery exhibits. Their individual works are part of many public, private and corporate collections.

Woodward's oil and watercolor paintings are already known to Capital District art enthusiasts. Her paintings are realistic but also capture the mood and texture of their subjects. Color plays an important role in creating depth in her landscapes as well as adding richness to flowers and country scenes.

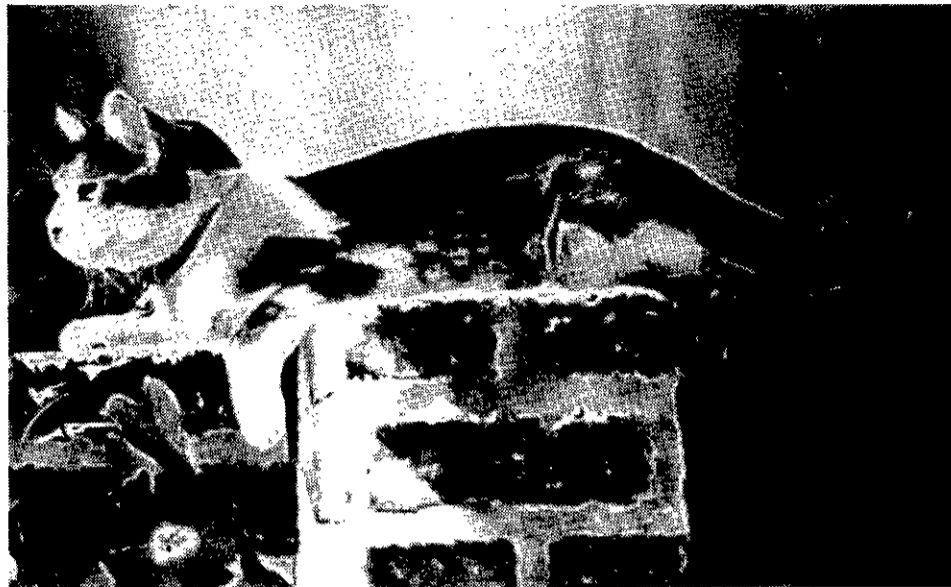
A Rhode Island native, Woodward graduated from Bryant College and worked in advertising and broadcasting before moving to New York with her husband, Channel 10 news anchor Dick Wood. Since 1978 she has devoted her time and energy to developing her artistic skills and techniques.

Singer, a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, began to paint in earnest after her retirement from pharmacy practice in 1983. She is currently studying with Gunter Korus. She has also studied with noted artists including Frank Alexander, Claude Croney, Ralph Persons and Mary Lou Schlemm.

Her oil paintings of country scenes in Vermont have won her many awards.

Ashe is a north country artist. Her favorite subjects are flowers and Adirondack scenes.

"The essence of my watercolors is to give the impression that the whole has been achieved without effort and for the power of execution to make the message memorable," she said.



Kristin Woodward of Latham's watercolor *The Brick Layer*, above, and Loudonville resident Lila Singer's oil, *Resting in Maine*, below, are just two area artists' works on display at the Elm Tree Gallery in Latham.

She has studied under Claude Croney, Cecile Johnson and Tom Lynch.

In addition to exhibits by local artists, the Newtonville gallery has 1,700 square feet of display space, where original works and limited edition fine prints by internationally known artists such as Sawada, McDuff, Pang, Gantner, Delacroix, Boulanger and LaPorte are always on exhibit.

The gallery collection includes oils, watercolors, pastels, etchings, lithographs, serigraphs and a limited amount of sculpture.

Nancy Godley's interest in art goes way back. "My grandfather was an artist to begin with," she said. "I have been an art collector for years." During many of those years, she said, she had to go to New York City to locate the type of art she wanted. She decided to make life a little easier for other area art collectors by opening a gallery that offered the works of top international and local artists in Newtonville.

She said the Capital District is basically an educated art market where people want more to enhance their homes than just posters and reproductions.

However, she explained, a person does not have to be an art expert to make an intelligent art purchase. Elm Tree's paintings and prints range in price from \$150 to \$3,000, and she is more than happy to walk visitors around the gallery, and

explain the different types of art and the artists' backgrounds. If something strikes a visitor's fancy, she'll point out other works done in a similar style.

"The first reason to purchase a piece of art is because you like it," she said.

"A lot of people will buy a piece of art because it reminds them of something, someplace or someone," added Ben Godley.

The Godleys firmly believe in the important role artwork can play in transforming a house into a home.

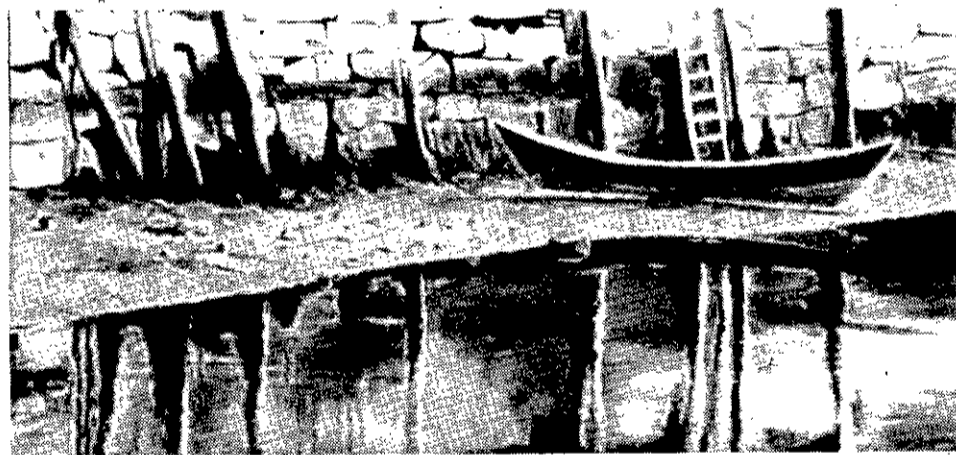
"It enhances the house or business," Nancy Godley said. "It basically makes a statement, many times, about the person."

"It's the finish," said Ben Godley. "Without art on the wall, it's a wall. With art, it's a room in a home. . . . It puts feeling in a room. It adds character. . . . It shows the character of the person as well."

When it comes to interior decoration, Nancy Godley shows her respect for the artist's work by recommending that patrons buy the artwork first and then decorate around the art.

The Elm Tree Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the other days of the week.

For information, call 785-1441.



It's a mystery to BCHS class of '52

By Pat Vadney

Trinidad/Tobago, January 13, 1990. Is it fact or is it fiction? Are we truly soaking up the burning Caribbean sun and wiggling our toes in the sand on the beaches of Trinidad/Tobago?

Are we just imagining that only 24 hours ago we were gingerly sliding our way along in a blowing snowstorm?

Is it a twist of fate that brought us to this island, or is it simply an unexplainable coincidence?

The plane began its descent into Trinidad heading straight for a mountain range, where one could spot an occasional shanty perched in the middle of nowhere. A growing sense of anticipation took over. Swinging in a half circle, the plane rounded the point, where the view changed drastically. Heavily populated Port of Spain, capital of Trinidad/Tobago, stretched as far as the eye could see along a flat plain, nestled between the coastline and the base of the mountains.

It was an eerie feeling. I "knew" we'd been here before. I "knew" some of those streets and how they would soon be caught up in the festive, colorful atmosphere of Carnival. I "knew" what vistas could be enjoyed from the terrace of the Trinidad Hilton Hotel, and I "knew" what the hospital looked like, and all about the narrow, winding road leading up the coast to Maracas Beach.

Yet, this *had* to be fiction, because neither of us had ever set foot on Trinidad before!

In reality, we "knew" these scenes through a book, "The Great Grave Robbery," published in 1989 by W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., and written by John Minahan, formerly of Delmar, and a high school classmate of my husband, Frank Vadney. In it, Frank was one of the central characters — you might even say, the "hero."

It all began with the class of '52 at

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John and Verity Minahan at a party in 1987. Minahan weaves "real life" characters, including several local residents, into his mystery novels. Several members of the Bethlehem Central High School class of 1952 were included in *The Great Grave Robbery*.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

AN EVENING WITH THE MAGIC OF HARRY BLACKSTONE
Proctor's Theater, Schenectady. March 3, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204

A MOON FOR THE MISBEGOTTEN
Staged reading by Theater Voices, Albany City Arts Building, March 2 and 3, 8 p.m., March 4, 9 p.m. Information, 439-6404

CROSSING DELANCEY
Hit play and movie by Susan Sandler, Capitol Rep. Albany. Now through March 4, Sat. 9 p.m., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4531

THE AMOROUS FLEA
Based on Mollere's School for Wives, Historic Cohoes Music Hall. Now through March 11, Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7909

QUILTERS
Tale of a pioneer woman and her 10 daughters, Foy Campus Center Theatre, Siena College, Loudonville. March 1-3, Thurs., Fri., and Sat. 8 p.m., Fri. 2 p.m. Information, 783-2527

NORMAN GEORGE, POE ALONE
Definitive portrayal, Foy Campus Center Theatre, Siena College, Loudonville. Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527

THREEPENNY OPERA
Presented by Mountebanks, student drama group at Union College, Mountebanks Theatre, Union's Nott Memorial, Schenectady. Feb. 27-28, March 1-3, Tues.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. Information, 370-6153

MUSIC

ANNUAL STUDENT CONCERTO CONCERT
University-Community Orchestra presents classics and romantics, Albany's Page Hall. March 5, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995

UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND & UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Free public concert, University at Albany. March 6, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995

MARC TEICHOLZ
Guitarist, College of St. Rose Campus, Albany. March 4, 3 p.m. Information, 434-4683

SKIP PARSONS' RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND
Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs. March 3. Information, 439-2310

PAT HUMPHRIES
Vocalist, The Eighth Step, Albany. March 4, 7 p.m. Information, 383-1195

THE BIG BAND FESTIVAL
Proctor's, Schenectady. March 8, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK CONCERT SERIES
Tom Ross, Tim Moran, Jeff Fuller, and Ray Kaczynski blend jazz and world music, Union College, Schenectady. March 2, 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172

PAUL STRAUSMAN
Award winning Gentle Wind recording artist, The Eighth Step, Albany. March 2, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703

EVENING WITH THE ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Asher Raboy, conductor, Palace Theater, Albany. March 3, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5103

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Asher Raboy, conductor, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Feb. 28, 10 a.m. Information, 273-0038

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
George Lloyd, conductor, Albany Palace Theater. March 2-3, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755

GENE BERTONCINI
Guitarist concert, Christ the King School, Albany. March 3, 7:30 p.m. Information, 456-5400

ORGAN MASTERWORKS SERIES
Union College, Schenectady. 12:30-1:15 p.m., Wednesdays through March 14, College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady. Information, 370-6172

DANCE

KUPERBERG MORRIS MOVEMENT THEATER
The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. March 3, 8 p.m. March 4, 2 p.m. Information, 473-1845

BALLET FOLCLORICO NACIONAL DE MEXICO
Proctor's Theater, Schenectady. March 7, 8 p.m.

CLASSES

PAPER CAPERS and ART IN THE DARK
Designed to help children and young adults ages 4-16, enhance the skills of visual perception and creative object making, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. March 3-April 7, Sat. 10:30-noon. Information, 792-1761

LECTURE

VANGUARD-ALBANY SYMPHONY PREVIEW
George Lloyd and Peter Kernani are special guests in a musical lecture-demonstration, Albany Public Library. March 1, at noon

READINGS

NOVELIST/POET RACHEL GUIDO DEVRIES
Reading and literary workshop, RCCA Gallery, Troy. March 1, 4:30 p.m. Information, 273-0552

CALL FOR ENTRIES

ENTRIES REQUESTED FOR CHESTERWOOD SCULPTURE SHOW
Entries are requested for contemporary sculpture at Chesterwood, an exhibition of outdoor works to be held at Chesterwood, Stockbridge, Mass., from July 7-Oct. 14. Information, 413-298-3579

STUYVESANT INVITATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL
Ninth annual festival, June 9-10. Applications at Stuyvesant Plaza Administration office, Albany. Deadline for applications, April 10.

WORKSHOPS

SCREENWRITING CLASSES
Michael Wayne, instructor. Introductory course beginning March 5, 7 to 9 p.m., 1040 Madison Ave., Albany. Information, 489-4084

FILM

ARATA ISOZAKI
Architect revisits important buildings of his career, The Hyde Collection, Helen Froehlich Auditorium, Glens Falls. March 11, 2 p.m. Information, 792-1761

LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST
Shown and discussed, Union College, Schenectady. March 5, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172

VIRIDIANA
Film, University at Albany, downtown campus. March 2, 7:30 p.m.

LADY AND THE TRAMP
New York State Museum. March 3-4, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5842

ALICE IN WONDERLAND
New York State Museum. March 10-11, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877

SYLVIA SCARLETT
New York State Museum. March 7, 7 p.m. Information, 474-5877

NOONTIME FILM SERIES
Empire State Plaza Art Collection Peggy Guggenheim: Art in Venice (March 1), 20th Century American Art: Highlights of the Whitney's Permanent Collection and American Art Today: Whitney 1989 Biennial Exhibition (March 8), The Centre Georges Pompidou: The Big Escalator (March 15). Videos begin at noon and end by 1pm in the studio theater lounge (bring your own lunch).

CLASSIC HEPBURN AND GRANT FILM
Sylvia Scarlett. The New York State Museum. Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

VISUAL ARTS

ART IN THE DARK
Children's classes, investigate the characteristics of art and explore its influence in our daily lives, The Hyde Collection, Helen Froehlich Auditorium, Glens Falls. March 3, 10, 17, 24, and April 7, 10:30-noon. Information, 792-1716

AREA ARTISTS EXHIBIT
Artists Alyce Ashe, Lilla Singer, and Kristin Woodward, Elm Tree Art Gallery, Newton Plaza, Newtonville. March 4-30. Information, 785-1441

PROPORTION IS RELATIVE
Three person exhibition, NACAN Sculpture Court, KeyCorp Tower Lobby, South Pearl and Beaver streets, Albany. Through March 2.

EDWARD L. HENRY
19th century genre historic painter, gallery tour, Albany Institute of History and Art. March 2, 12:15-12:45 p.m. Information, 463-4478

ROBERT CARTMELL: PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS
Albany Center Galleries. March 2-April 6. Information, 462-4775

BRUNO LA VERDIERE
Sculpture exhibition, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, 247 Lark St., Albany. March 1-31

LAURA CANNAMELA: ENCAUSTIC PAINTINGS
Orange St. Gallery, Albany. March 2-April 6. Information, 462-4775

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY PRESENTS STAN BLANCHARD
First Methodist Church. March 7, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674

WINTER FINE ARTS CLASSES
Fine arts classes for children and adults, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. March 3. Information, 792-1761

JUDY PFAFF
Prints and drawings exhibition, Saint Rose Art Gallery, Albany. Feb. 25-March 25, Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sun., 1-4 p.m. Opening reception, March 21, 2 p.m. Lecture, March 21, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5102

LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION
12th annual, Greene County Council on the Arts, Windham. Now through March 22. Information, 734-3104

DOLDRUMS
Showcases the work of arts faculty, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany. Wed.-Fri., noon-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Sat., noon-3 p.m. Opening reception, March 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478

FACING THE GODS:
Ritual Masks of the Himalayas, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now through March 11.

NIGRO AND WEBSTER
Color photographs by Rocco Nigro and paintings by Deborah Webster, Rensselaer County Council on the Arts, Troy. Now through March 18, Wed.-Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552

DIETEL GALLERY
Works by Arlene Baker, Sandra Bowden, Bari Justin Falese, Marion Honors, Gayle Johnson, Peg Orcutt, Willie Marlowe, Grace Markman, Monica Miller, Linda K. Ryder, Andrea Salkowe, Melissa Sarat, Susan Schmader, Judith Weinman, Wendy Williams, Tanja Witkowski, Emma Willard School, Troy. Feb. 16-April 8, daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

A SHOWCASE OF STONE LITHOGRAPHY
Exhibit features the works of 19 artists whose prints were produced through artist-in-residence program at the Art Center in Maitland, Fla., Sage Junior College of Albany, New Scotland Avenue. Now through March 2. Gallery hours, Mon. through Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8 p.m. Information, 270-2246

ARTIST AT PLAY
Group showing, Greene County Council on the Arts Catskill Gallery, Catskill. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400

ERASTUS DOW PALMER EXHIBITION
American sculptor of the mid-19th century, Albany Institute of History and Art. Now through June 10.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN
New exhibit, Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Albany. Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-1676

A FOCUS ON THE FEMALE FIGURE
The Rice Gallery in the Albany Institute of History and Art. Gallery hours, Tues.-Sat. noon-5 p.m.

GALLERY ORIGINALS
Exclusive pastel paintings by Hudson River artist Gene Green. Limited edition fine art prints of contemporary realism from China, Gallery Originals of Latham. Information, 785-0198

RECLAIMING PARADISE: AMERICAN WOMEN PHOTOGRAPH THE LAND
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open house of vocational program, 700 South Pearl St., Albany, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 489-5854.

MANAGEMENT CLASS

St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, \$20, 7-9 p.m. Information, 454-1750.

EARLY CHILDHOOD GROWTH

"Toddlers, Part II," with Janet Carmody, RNC, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, \$5. Information, 454-1550.

SINGLE SQUARES

dance, with caller Cliff Brodeur, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Ave., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-5653.

MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOOL EXHIBIT

work of young artists, 3rd floor terrace of lobby, New York State Museum, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5842.

APPLE COMPUTER USERS CLUB meets first Wednesdays, Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

DWI VICTIMS' IMPACT PANEL

Albany Police Court Safety Building, Morton Ave. and Broad St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 447-7706.

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, every Thursday, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

LECTURE ON SOLID WASTE CRISIS

"From Genesis to Garbage: The Conceptual Roots of Our Solid Waste Crisis," presented by William Vitek, Union College, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6072.

Friday
March 2

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

Saturday
March 3

ALBANY COUNTY

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

"Family Dance" Night, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, 8-11:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

"EXPLORING COMMUNITY HISTORY II"

teachers' workshop, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 363-4478.

SARATOGA COUNTY

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

new member orientation and general meeting, Prince of Peace Church, corner of Rt. 146 and Moe Rd., Clifton Park, 7 p.m. Information, 885-1354.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE

WILDERNESS CHASE SKI RACE

cross-country 23-mile ski-race, sponsored by the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, through Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. Information, 352-7715.

Sunday
March 4

ALBANY COUNTY

"DUTCH BARN"

lecture, presented by Richard W. Babcock, Albany County Historical Association Museum, Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

"DON'T BURN NEW YORK"

rally, State Capitol, Albany, noon. Information, 436-0876.

WORK ON WASTE CONFERENCE

Trinity Church, Lark and Lancaster, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 436-0876.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP

to Santanon Preserve in Newcomb, meet at Stewart's, intersection Rts. 9 and 67, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, 399-5278.

Monday
March 5

ALBANY COUNTY

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

phone-a-thon campaign for the Albany American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany. Information, 462-7461.

WORKSHOP

"Being and Becoming Assertive," presented by Mary J. De Santis, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

"SURVIVING WITH CANCER"

support groups for adults who are surviving cancer, through May 16. Pinnacle Place, McKown Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 445-3421.

SCHENECTADY

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m.

GREAT DECISIONS '90

"NICARAGUA AND EL SALVADOR: WAR OR PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA?" presented by Carlos Astiz, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 475-1326.

LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP

"Landscaping Your Home: Design Principles and Practice," four sessions, next four Wednesdays, led by Anne LeClair Best, State Museum, Albany, \$50 for all sessions, 7-9 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS ON INCUBATION AND EMBRYOLOGY

Albany County Cooperative Extension to offer workshops from 5 to 7 p.m. at the extension center, 230 Green St. \$3 fee for materials. Information, 765-3500.

ORIENTATION SESSION

for adults interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents, Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600.

"EARLY CHILDHOOD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT"

"School Age," with Janet Carmody, RNC, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, \$5. Information, 454-1550.

APPLE COMPUTER USERS CLUB

meets first Wednesdays, Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

"A DAY OF PERSONAL GROWTH"

sponsored by the Capital District Jaycees, Holiday Inn Holiday, 100 Nott Terrace, Schenectady. Information, 584-8700.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT CLINIC

screening clinic for anyone who has a concern about a child up to 2 years old, Bellevue Hospital, Troy Rd., Schenectady, noon-4 p.m. Information, 346-9438.

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Prominent guitarist Gene Bertoncini is in concert March 3 at Christ the King School in Westmere. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 456-5400.

Thursday
March 1

ALBANY COUNTY

support group for parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, or death of a newborn, Large Board Room, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1550.

LOTS OF LAPS FUND-RAISER

Albany Academy lower school students to skate laps on the school hockey rink to benefit Trinity Institution, March 1 and 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. Information, 465-1461.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

training workshops for tutors of Basic Reading Workshop, first of seven nights through March 29, John A. Howe Library, Schuyler and Broad sts., Albany, 6:30-9 p.m. Information, 482-2639.

LECTURE

"Thank God, I'm Not Going Crazy After All" presented by Mims Bendall, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, \$3, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

A BETTER TOMORROW - JUSTICE FOR ALL

A service written in Czechoslovakia to be used by Church Women United of Albany to mark World Day of Prayer. Registration at 11:30 a.m. at United Fourth Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave. Lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m. Information, 465-0737 or 462-2302.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Old Hellebergh Chapter, meeting, Mynderse-Frederick House, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, 7:30 p.m. Information, 756-2273.

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first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF EDUCATION

budget workshops on computers, equipment, Special Education and BOCES Services, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BLOODMOBILE

sponsored by Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Senior High School Student Council, high school, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Glenmont Reformed Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bible Study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday. Information, 439-4258.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Thursday 1
March

BETHLEHEM

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

for those interested in volunteering at the Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary, Bethlehem, sponsored by the Audubon Society, Rarick Rd., 6:30 p.m. Information, 767-9051.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER

open house, second Thursday of every month, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

KABBALAH CLASS

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

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.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY

led by Dennis Sullivan, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Registration, 765-2791.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT

work by Robert Emerich, throughout March, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2791.

FEURA BUSH STUDENTS

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

AFRICAN LEGENDS PROGRAM

for Bethlehem elementary school students, presented by Square Wheel Theatre, Bethlehem Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 442-4240.

PRESCHOOL FILMS

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

first Fridays, North Bethlehem fire house, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday 3
March

BETHLEHEM

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER DANCE

sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Normansville Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-0512.

OUTDOOR TREE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Friday 2
March

BETHLEHEM

CHABAD CENTER

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

FAMILY FILMS

Rumpelstiltskin, and *The Little Engine That Could*, Delaware Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES

square dance, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 861-6407.

CHABAD CENTER

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

Sunday 4
March

BETHLEHEM

INTRACLUB SOCCER REGISTRATION

Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3-6 p.m. Information, 439-1425.

OUTDOOR TREE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

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 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided from 8 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

special Lenten series, 10-11 a.m. church school and worship, 9 and 11 a.m., junior and senior high classes from 10-11 a.m., adult study classes offered, nursery provided during from 9 a.m.-noon, 386 Delaware Ave., 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, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. 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.

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THE YOUTH NETWORK

Facts about marijuana

What is marijuana?

Marijuana comes from the hemp plant, cannabis sativa. Marijuana is typically sold in the form of cut, dried leaves, stems and flowers of the hemp plant. Marijuana contains 435 different chemicals, 64 of which are psychoactive substances.

How does it work?

We don't know! THC (delta-tetrahydrocannabinol) is the major active ingredient in marijuana, but despite extensive research we are not sure as to how it specifically affects the brain.

Does it vary in strength?

Yes! In 1975, samples exceeding one percent THC were rare; by 1980, samples with five percent THC were common. A certain strain of marijuana plant called Sinsemilla, which means without seeds, is reported to have up to 20-30 percent THC.

How long does it stay in the body after being smoked?

Many of the psychoactive substances in marijuana are absorbed into fat tissue and therefore can remain in the body for long periods of time. After smoking one marijuana cigarette, 30-50 percent of the chemical THC would still be in the body after one week. Heavier use will result in THC remaining in the system for up to a month.

How does it affect the lungs?

Marijuana shares over 250 chemicals with tobacco and contains even more cancer producing elements (carcinogens). One marijuana cigarette is as harmful as four tobacco cigarettes. In addition, marijuana smokers typically inhale the unfiltered smoke deeply and hold it in their lungs.

How does it affect learning?

Research has shown that chronic use results in a decrease in test performance. In addition, there is so much we don't know about this drug pharmacologically that we simply do not know it's long-term effects on learning.

How does it affect driving?

Even small amounts of marijuana can adversely affect driving performance and other similar functioning. This is believed to be caused by changes in reaction time, impaired judgment, and altered perception of sensory stimuli and time. One study showed impairment 24 hours after last use.

How does it affect young people?

In addition to the effects described above, a very real danger in marijuana use is its possible interference with growing up. Studies support that emotional growth doesn't occur in users because the drug medicates for anxiety and stress and encourages a kind of psychological escapism. Young people need to learn how to make decisions, cope with failure, and form their own beliefs and values. By providing an escape from "growing pains," drugs can prevent young people from learning to become mature, independent and responsible.



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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.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 7 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
adult Bible study class and Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
Worship, 10 a.m. Church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE CHURCH
adult coffee-break Bible Study, 9:45 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided, Children's Story Hour, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
Worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. church school. Information, 765-2895.

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
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NEW SCOTLAND VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
steering committee meeting, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

4-H CLUB
meets first and third Mondays, home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

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

Tuesday March 6

BETHLEHEM CHILD CARE-GIVERS NIGHT
for those who care for another's child, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

DANA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Favorite Wild Flowers, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 463-5256.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday through April 10, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, corner of Elsmere and Poplar Dr., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9249.

DELMAR ROTARY
meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

BETHLEHEM LODGE 1096 F&AM
first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

MEDICARE FORM AID
sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

NEW SCOTLAND VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD
Information meeting, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

THE ALBANY BAZAAR
talk presented by Norman Rice, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 8 p.m. Information.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

BETHLEHEM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
membership meeting, first Tuesdays, Clubhouse, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 8 p.m. Guests Welcome.

Wednesday March 7

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC HEARINGS
on application of Edward S. and Harriet Thomas, 85 Brockley Dr., Delmar; Beth S. Swartz, 33 Carstead Dr., Slingerlands; and Linda and Dave Burfis, 61 Salisbury Rd., Delmar, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

LITERARY LECTURE
"The What and Why of Poetry I," presented by Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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LENTEN SERIES
"Questions of Faith," led by Dr. Robert Hess, through April 4, Delmar Reformed Church, Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-0509.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
Creative Arts Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

A historic stitch in time at Siena College

Exhibits of quilts and needlework done by women related to Siena college will be displayed at the school during March to mark National Women's History Month and performances of the musical *Quilters*. The first exhibit is on display in the school's library, and will continue through March 8.

Quilters, a musical about the lives of pioneer women during their westward journey, will be performed at 8 p.m., March 1-3 and at 10 a.m. on March 2.

BETHLEHEM SCHOOL BOARD
Discussion and Decisions meeting, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

TESTIMONY MEETING
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Monday March 5

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SLIDE PRESENTATION
Nelson Maurer will show slides of trip to Canadian Rockies, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
general membership meeting, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

CROP-WALK FOR THE HUNGRY
walk material available for April 1 walk, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 463-1293.

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Mystery

(From Page 21)

Bethlehem Central High School. For the most part, the carefree, unsuspecting group of graduates went their separate ways, reuniting every few years to compare notes and maintain their special bonds of friendship. Some still live in Delmar, or other nearby suburbs of Albany, while others are scattered throughout various parts of the country.

But it wasn't until 1987 at the 35th Class Reunion that John Minahan surfaced, his whereabouts and accomplishments having remained largely unknown by most, my husband included.

Everyone was delighted to learn that John was an alumnus of Harvard, Cornell and Columbia. A former staff writer for *Time* magazine, he had taught novel-writing at Harvard and authored 17 books, including *Jeremy*, a million-copy best seller, and *Sudden Silence*, a Doubleday Award winner. He and his wife, Verity, live in Miami.

The shocker came when Verity was first introduced to Frank during the reunion, and acted as if she already knew him. That was the moment Frank learned he had served as the model for one of the main running characters in a series of mysteries written by John.

Of course, the first priority after the reunion was to get hold of a copy of one of John's books. We needn't have worried. Within a week the mail brought us *The Great Hotel Robbery*, the first of the series, directed from the author.

In it we discovered "Walter Vadney," New York City's chief of police, a big, burly guy who talks rough but has a kind heart. We surmised, but didn't know for certain, that the Walter Vadney character might have been based on how John envisioned Frank would be as an adult.

One of the series, *The Great Diamond*

Robbery, was subsequently made into a television movie, renamed *The Diamond Trap*, and aired in the fall of 1988 on CBS. It starred Brooke Shields, Twiggy and Ed Marinaro. The chief's movie role was relatively small, but a good camera angle displayed the desk nameplate that read "Walter Vadney," and added to our amusement, since we were aware of the background.

In spite of feeling somewhat embarrassed, it proved to be a lot of fun — reading a fictionalized version of yourself and telling your friends about it.

But it didn't end there.

Little did the Bethlehem Central reunion class suspect that their long-lost friend was already gathering material for his next book, *The Great Grave Robbery*.

This fascinating tale of mystery is woven around the relatively recent scientific development of cryogenics, the technique of freezing a body just before death with the idea of thawing it 20 or 30 years later when new medical discoveries would enable a cure, recovery and extended life.

The New York City Police Department becomes involved when a lead is received on the whereabouts of the thief in a 20-year-old unsolved robbery case. Stolen were the classified scientific documents and crucial vials of micro-organisms necessary to the thawing process of cryogenics.

Chief Walter Vadney calls upon a leading team of experts in industrial espionage to help his cohort and best detective, "Little John," (Minahan, perchance?) pursue the thief and recover the materials.

It was no coincidence that the agency was named Bethlehem Central Investigations (BCI), based in Delmar, New York.

And, it was no coincidence that each of the six-member team personified some real-life member of the BCHS class of '52.

None knew of Minahan's plans until

The cast of characters

"I never expected any of this. It was really fun to be mentioned," said Bethlehem Central math teacher Dick Gorman, echoing sentiments expressed by all of the local residents who made "appearances" in *The Great Grave Robbery*.

His namesake was a board member of the cryogenics society, and Gorman found it amusing that the hero described the Gorman character as reminding him of one of his old math teachers.

Ann Blackhall Hecht of Loudonville also served on the cryogenics board. "My whole family has read the book now," she said. "Honestly, I don't know how he remembers it all. He even mentioned my character's husband was a doctor — and mine is."

Ed Young of Averill Park, permanent class president, makes an appearance as well, fittingly, as the president of BCI (Bethlehem Central Investigations).

"I think John got a lot of the information from folks at the reunion. And then, there we were," he said. While Young does not expect to reappear in future Minahan mysteries, he did have one question: "I know where we were all mentioned, but what I want to know is — which character is he?"

Oct. 30, 1989, when each received a copy of the published book in the mail. Inside was inscribed, "Surprise! You are in this book. See page 22 and on."

Naturally, we turned immediately to page 22, and laughed until tears rolled down our cheeks as the realization set in that John had, indeed, had a lot of fun portraying his classmates as central characters. This time, however, Frank Vadney appeared as himself, a member of the BCI team as well as the kid brother of Chief Walter Vadney.

Other classmates included in the book, all of whom still live in or near Delmar in real life, are Dick Gorman, a math teacher at Bethlehem Central School; Ann Blackhall Hecht of Loudonville; Ed Young of Rensselaer, class president and designated president of BCI in the book; Barbara Pakenham Green of Delmar; and David Essex of Glenmont.

Interviewed last fall, they each expressed delight in having been chosen to play roles in the book, and agreed the descriptions were pretty accurate. Young speculated that Minahan chose to portray them because the men were all on the high school basketball team together, and Vadney noted that the girls included were cheerleaders.

Although I was not part of the Class of '52, the author even mention my name, as Frank's wife, on pages 194 and 250. And I

have to admit — it was a thrill.

The chase took the characters from New York to Detroit, to Phoenix, and finally to Trinidad, where Frank Vadney rejoined the detectives for the surprise ending in the last 50 pages of the book.

So vivid were the descriptions, it became imperative that we visit those very spots where Frank Vadney, BCI specialist, became a hero, while the real Frank Vadney, an agricultural engineer who lives in Arcade, New York happened to be there on vacation. (Vacation reservations had been confirmed well over a month before we even knew of the existence of *The Great Grave Robbery*.)

Port of Spain, Trinidad, January 20, 1989. Standing on the terrace of the Trinidad Hilton, overlooking Queen's Park Savannah with the Caribbean stretching beyond, it was almost confusing. The mystery, the chase, the excitement, Carnival... had it perhaps actually happened? Was it fact or fiction? And was it fate that took us to that same spot to re-live the story?

Peculiar as it seems, we may never know.

Pat Vadney has been a reporter for the *Arcade Herald* weekly newspaper in *Arcade, New York* since 1983. She and her husband, Frank, a Delmar native, have three children and live in *Western New York*.

Weekly Crossword

"DOLLARS AND SENSE"

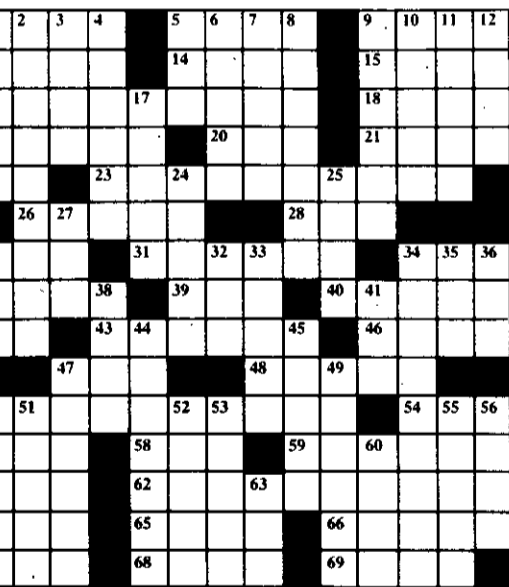
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

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- 5 French Savings and Loan
- 9 Monetary standard
- 13 Form a consensus
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- 15 Exclamations
- 16 Dollar bills
- 18 ____ Mari: Gertrud Margareta Zelle
- 19 First grade text
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- 22 Hall of Farmer Mel
- 23 Numismatist
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- 28 Hwy.
- 29 Money ____
- 31 Dormant
- 34 Color
- 37 Salmon Portland ____: Lincoln's Sec. of Treas.
- 39 Precede "SON": Mr. Eddy
- 40 Dough raiser
- 42 Peruvian coin or Mr. Sun
- 43 Deferred payment
- 46 Peter Pan's pirate
- 47 ____ 'nuff
- 48 Type of bar
- 50 "Bean counter"!
- 54 Law dep.
- 57 Tennis player
- 58 Newspaper org.
- 59 Ars ____ artist: "Art for Art's sake"
- 61 Kind of gun
- 62 Bank patrons
- 64 Follows "NO" or "JUS"
- 65 Finance subj.
- 66 Pineapples in Madrid
- 67 Pesters
- 68 Monthly budget item
- 69 Precedes "ION": Meeting

DOWN

- 1 White heron
- 2 Dollar obverse: 2 wds
- 3 Turned Dobbin to the right



- 4 One of the Finger Lakes
- 5 Bleat
- 6 Famous highway
- 7 Uncovered
- 8 Reservoir
- 9 Long shot, eg
- 10 Famous airport
- 11 By and by
- 12 Computerized X-ray techniques: Abv.
- 13 Combining form meaning field or soil
- 17 Prepare the steak
- 24 Foolish
- 25 Mr. Belli, eg
- 27 ____ Miserables
- 29 Traf. Control Sta.
- 30 Greek letter
- 32 Mr. Turner
- 33 Female name
- 34 Ten dollar portraits
- 35 Avail
- 36 Summer in Nico
- 38 Reverberate
- 41 Fl ____: Skln
- 44 Wastrel
- 45 Trees found in China
- 47 Play parts
- 49 Drag and landing places
- 50 Up and around
- 51 Bank draft
- 52 Your brother's daughter
- 53 ____ the window: Knock
- 55 Monetary units of Italy and Turkey
- 56 Fresh water fish
- 57 Italian wine region
- 60 Mexican standoff: 2 wds
- 63 Canadian Prov.



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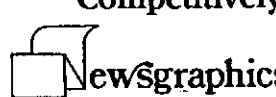
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