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## Chief denies brutality charge

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie and Town Supervisor Ken Ringler each issued formal statements last week in response to allegations the department withheld



Chief Currie

records in the recently-ended attempted murder trial of a Massachusetts man.

While Ringler issued a lengthy statement affirming his "confidence" in the department, Currie categorically denied assertions of police brutality in the department's first comment since County Court Judge Thomas Keegan dismissed all charges against 27-year-old James Gauthier of North Adams. Keegan ended Gauthier's trial in its third day after his attorney, Robert Ricken of Kingston, brought forward a copy of a police report not previously submitted into evidence.

Ricken has since alleged Bethlehem police hid the report in an attempt to cover up an incidence of police brutality and has initiated a state Supreme Court civil suit against the police seeking more than \$1 million in damages.

"Charges in brutality are totally untrue. A procedural error may have occurred in report writing," Currie said. "Beyond this we have no further comment because of pending litigation."

Currie said the department was in the process of conducting an internal investigation into the incident, which he said

was "near conclusion" last week. Ringler said Currie would report to the town board "in the very near future" on the matter.

But Ringler said he has seen no evidence of "wrongdoing" by the police. "The facts presented to me at this point in time, regarding the recent dismissal in Albany County Court have not diminished my confidence," he said. "There appears to have been an error in certain paper work causing this dismissal, which is regrettable, and I have asked the police chief to investigate this matter and take appropriate action."

**"There appears to have been an error in certain paper work causing this dismissal."**

**Ken Ringler**

While neither Currie nor Ringler would discuss the nature of the department's "procedural error," Albany County Attorney General Sol Greenberg said it involved a report that had been filed in a police K-9 file and was not included with the department's formal records.

Gauthier was arrested on Aug. 21, 1989, after he allegedly lunged at Bethlehem officers Robert Markel and Wayne LaChappelle with a hunting knife following a high-speed chase that began in Glenmont. LaChappelle, the Bethlehem's K-9 handler, was brought in with the the

department's police dog after Gauthier and two passengers reportedly fled on foot into a Coeymans wooded area.

Gauthier was charged with two counts of first degree attempted murder, two counts of third degree criminal possession of a weapon and one count of injuring a police dog. Unable to raise \$500,000 in bail, he had been held in Albany County Jail for 18 months until he was released Feb. 15.

Greenberg said his office is investigating the incident. He would not comment specifically on Ricken's assertion that the missing report, which was allegedly signed and dated by LaChappelle, contained a "substantially different" account of the incident than others written both by LaChappelle and Markel. But Greenberg said in 17 years with the attorney general's office he has come to expect that "there are reports made, and if a police officer forgets something or decides to add something, he'd put it into another report."

"There's nothing wrong with that," he said. But he added that the problem in this instance was that his office never received a copy of the LaChappelle report.

"A guy was arrested, he's been sitting in jail a long time. Bail was set high," said Greenberg. "We've spent a lot of time and money on this case, as you do with any major case, and then all of a sudden you're into the trial and Wow! you're hit with this bombshell."

Greenberg said Gauthier's bail was put at \$500,000 because of his out-of-state residency, the seriousness of the charges,

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## Table scraps, 9W plaza head agenda

By Mike Larabee

The Town of Bethlehem will begin its formal review of Southgate Square, a 570,000 square foot retail shopping center proposed for Route 9W in Glenmont, when proponents of the facility appear before the town board Wednesday (tonight).

Announced in November, plans for the center include an eight-cinema Hoyts Theaters complex, a Shop 'n Save supermarket, and a K mart store.

The project was scheduled to be presented to the board following a 7:30 forum on a plan to end the town's "table scraps" residential garbage collection service, according to a tentative agenda released by Supervisor Ken Ringler's office Friday.

Southgate Square is planned for a 133-acre parcel immediately north of Bender Lane on the west side of Route 9W. The proposal is a project of a Guilford-based firm called Center Point Development Inc., of which Slingerlands resident Gary Martin and Albany businessman Jason Minick are principals.

The total cost of the project has been estimated at \$30 million.

In November, Martin said he did

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## Planners lean toward Glenmont Plaza exit

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Planning Board appears close to "biting the bullet," as Chairman Martin Barr put it, allowing newly-built Glenmont Plaza to open its main Route 9W entranceway.

But member Gary Swan, dissenting against a straw poll vote majority, said he would be "compelled to vote no" on any motion to open the entrance without first seeing an independent analysis of its safety.

Speaking at the board's meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19, Swan referred to previous discussions in which, he said, "almost to a person" town officials and plaza developers said a left turn lane should be installed at Glenmont Plaza from the south on Route 9W. The lane was deemed necessary to prevent accidents that might occur if traffic were to back up on the two-lane state highway while motorists wait to turn into the plaza, Swan said.

"What strikes me now is that nothing

has changed," he said. "If we felt back then that this was a potentially dangerous stretch of road, then I have a problem for whatever reason deciding that it is no longer a problem."

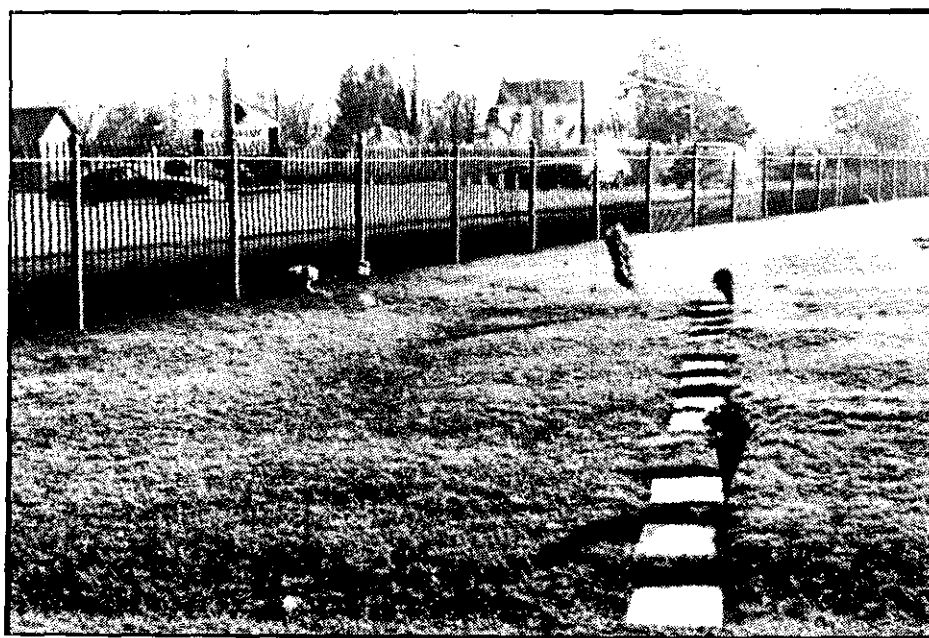
Other board members, however, said they favor opening the 9W entrance, citing the state Department of Transportation's belief that the entrance would be safe without it.

"I don't share Gary's indictment of DOT," said John LaForte. "They're not infallible, but I'll bet you dollars to donuts that they'll predict the occurrence of accidents better than any consultant."

Swan had said beforehand he "wished he had more confidence in the judgment of DOT," and proposed that the town hire, at the plaza's expense, an independent traffic consultant to study the entranceway.

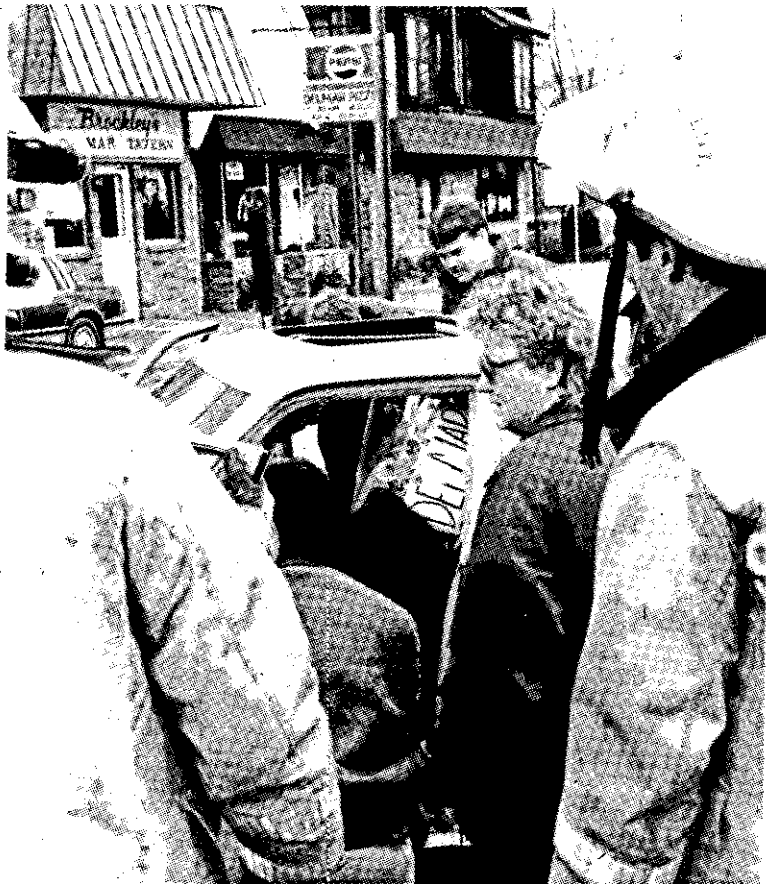
One reason the question was back on the board's agenda was because First

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Widening Route 9W to allow the construction of a left turn lane into Glenmont Plaza would force Calvary Cemetery to move its fence close to the above graves.

Elaine McLain



## □ Agenda

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not relish the idea of "doing battle with the town," and said his firm would not pursue the project if it is not wanted. But Saturday he said feedback he's gotten on the proposal thus far has been encouraging.

"From what I have been able to gather from talking to residents in the town and homeowners associations, there seems to be a fairly strong willingness to look at the project," Martin said. "From what I've gathered, there's a lot of residents that really would like to see a nice shopping center built there."

Ringler has said he feels the project has many positive aspects, but that he is concerned about its size. The plaza would be more than three times as large as Delaware Plaza on Delaware Avenue.

While the town's planning board would perform the lion's share of any review work, Ringler said the presentation will give the town board the chance to ask questions about the project. Under town regulations, the town board has final approval authority on the plaza because it is proposed for a planned development zoning district.

Rescuers attend to Gloria LaForte, 60, of Delmar following a two-car collision at Delmar Four Corners around noon Monday. LaForte was taken to Memorial Hospital in Albany, police said. The other motorist involved was Karen Hoogkamp, 40, of Slingerlands. No tickets were issued in the accident.

Mike Larabee

Martin said the proposed layout of the center has not changed since November.

The garbage forum stems from a promise the board made when it first considered cutting the service last November, at which time it agreed to hold an informal hearing on the topic before making any final decision.

Ringler has proposed eliminating the service as part of a package of cuts to cover \$428,000 in funds the town stands to lose if Gov. Mario Cuomo's preliminary budget passes. Ending the 36-year-old food and wet garbage collection, which the town estimates serves roughly 2,000 households, would save about \$100,000, Ringler said.

In other business, the board will discuss lead agency coordination under state Environmental Quality Review provisions for a Unocal truckstop proposed for Route 144 in Selkirk.

### Networks plans fund-raiser

The Bethlehem Networks Project's dance and auction fund-raiser, "Bethlehem's Night on the Town," will be held March 22. Admission will be \$5.

The Youth Network Group at the Bethlehem Middle School is working on two puppet shows that will be presented at the Elementary schools. A stage and costumes have been created.

## Motorist hits porch; arrested for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested four drivers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated last week.

John Barber, 33, of Hudson Avenue, Delmar was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Feb. 24, after he crashed into the front porch of a Kenwood Avenue residence, police said. Barber told police he swerved from the roadway to avoid hitting a cat.

He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on March 19.

James Sheeran, 48, of Madison Avenue, Albany was arrested for DWI on Wednesday, Feb. 20, after he was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Van-

derzee Drive and Route 144, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court on March 5.

Sandra L. Alescio, 26, of Second Avenue, Albany was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Feb. 24, after she was stopped for traffic violations on Delaware Avenue, police said. She was scheduled to appear in town court on Feb. 26.

Robert Elmendorf, 40, of Magee Drive, Glenmont was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Feb. 24, after he was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Alden Court and Bender Lane, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court on March 19.

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# Hiker dies in fall

By Debi Boucher

The woman who fell to her death from an overlook in Thacher Park last week was a special education teacher and an avid hiker who often visited the park, according to an Albany County Sheriff's Department investigator.

Investigator Sarah Martin said the woman, 38-year-old Barbara C. Rusch of Guilderland, was a 10-year veteran of special education, employed at the time by Oak Hills School in Burnt Hills. She said an autopsy revealed that Rusch died from shock and internal hemorrhaging.

Sheriff's deputies, along with a K-9 unit, state park police and Rensselaer County Search and Rescue personnel, searched the park nearly all night on Wednesday, Feb. 20 after finding Rusch's car parked in the overlook area at about 8:45 p.m. The car had apparently been there since about 1 p.m., according to a Sheriff's Department report. The search went on until 3 a.m. before being suspended due to darkness and icy conditions, and resumed at daybreak, approximately 6:15 a.m. on Feb. 21.

Tracks leading to the edge of the cliff were discovered by Sheriff's K-9 Eick and Investigator

Craig Zarriello; the victim's body was subsequently found approximately 75 feet below the cliff.

Michael Krish, head of the park rescue team and assistant manager of the park, and Investigator Richard Vore, of the Albany County Sheriff's Department, rappelled down the cliff to recover the body.

Chief Joseph Spofford, of the New York State Park Police, said Rusch had been standing at least 10 feet beyond a fence placed to warn visitors about the cliff. "The fence in some places is within a foot or two of the cliff edge," he said. In addition to the two-rail fence, he said, there are signs posted to warn people away from the cliff, but many disregard them. "Kids in summer like to sit and dangle their legs over the cliff," he said, adding that "the vast majority" of visitors realize why the fence is there and don't cross it.

At the time of the incident, he said, the area was "snowy and icy all over the place."

Krish said the overlook is open year-round, and sees about 1,000 to 1,500 visitors in winter, about half the number that visit in summer. Krish said there had been two accidents at the overlook during his four years at the park, they were not fatal.

## Subdivision given preliminary go-ahead

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week gave unanimous preliminary approval to McMillan Woods, an 11-lot subdivision on a 4.4 acre Delmar parcel.

Approval is on the condition that developers build a drainage culvert under Weigand Lane south of the project site, the planners said. Bruce Secor, town public works commissioner, told the board that McMillan Woods principal, Keystone Builders Inc. of Delmar, has agreed to construct the culvert.

Drainage for the subdivision, which will involve the extension and connection of McMillan and Stratton places, was a prime concern of nearby residents during a December planning board public hearing.

Developers still need to submit a final subdivision plat for board approval before they can move ahead with the project.

The planning board vote was 6-0. Member Dominick DeCecco was absent.

Mike Larabee

## Mother praises rescue squad, Bethlehem police officer

The mother of Michael Thomas, a six-year-old Delmar epileptic, credited the work of Bethlehem Policeman Robert Berben and the Delmar Rescue Squad after the boy suffered a seizure on Thursday, Feb. 21, and stopped breathing.

"They were wonderful. The policeman came in and was very calm and very collected," said Noreen Thomas.

Berben responded to a call at the Thomas's Delaware Avenue home and administered mouth-to-mouth and cardiopulmonary resuscitation until the boy started

breathing again, according to Bethlehem police. The rescue squad was on the scene shortly after Berben arrived, Sgt. Paul Roberts said.

"It was a touchy thing," Roberts said. "Anytime you've got anything with kids, it's scary."

"He kept his cool," said Roberts.

Thomas said her son was treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after the incident.

"Michael is home and well and holding," she said Monday. "We're just watching him and going about our business."

## Compeer program scheduled

On Thursday evening, March 14, the Compeer Program will be host for an "Informational Coffee" for the general public to learn more about becoming a Compeer volunteer. The reception and discussion will begin at 7 p.m. at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road.

Compeer, a program of The Volunteer Center of Albany, matches volunteers with adults who are receiving mental health services. Many mentally ill people have been cut off from their families, either by their own choice or

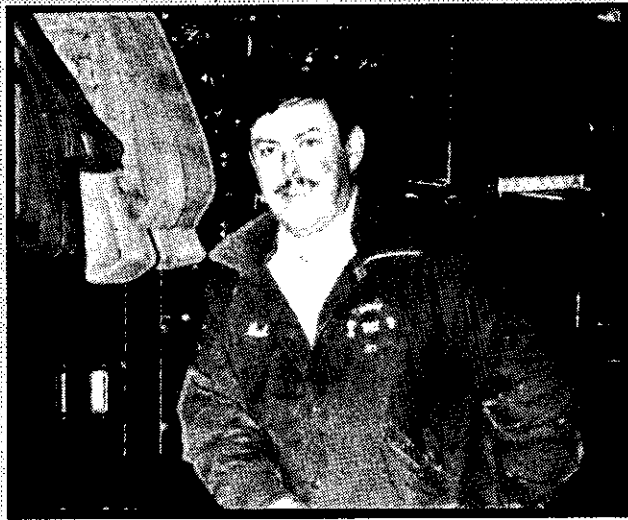
because of the stigma of mental illness that their families fear. As a result, people recovering from mental illness are often lonely and isolated.

Volunteers spend a minimum of one hour a week with their Compeer friends doing the things that friends do: shopping, visiting, or attending sporting events, movies, etc.

Anyone interested in attending the informational coffee hour or learning more about the program should call Danny Patrick, program director, at 432-9307.

# NEIGHBORS

People, places and their stories



## Bob White

When Elsmere Fire Company President Bob White warns that fire can break out anytime, anywhere, no matter how careful you are, he knows what he's talking about.

"It was December 19, 1978. It was Tuesday night. It was a drill night," White said in his office at Elsmere's Adams Place fire hall. "It was after drill. We were sitting around talking when all of sudden the dispatcher called in a fire at 102 Elsmere Ave."

"They said it was a pretty heavy smoke and fire condition, so we knew it was a pretty good fire," he said.

During the rush to answer the call, White said he told the other firemen that the fire was right next door to his home. White lived then, as he does today, at 104 Elsmere Ave.

"All of a sudden the dispatcher came back on and said it was 106," he said. "So I was right in between." They were on the scene in about 45 seconds, but the house couldn't be saved. White was riding the back step of the first truck to arrive at scene. The dispatcher had it — the house was his.

While White's mother, Anna Mae, didn't have insurance, the structure was rebuilt after an outpouring of support from the community. Nobody was home when the fire started, and a newspaper account of the blaze said fireman theorized the sudden flames were the result of a "buildup of heat and gases inside the house."

"But it just goes to show you no matter what you think, no matter how careful you are, it doesn't happen that way," White said. "Even firemen aren't exempt from fire. It will happen."

He's been a fireman for more than 20 years,

and with his brother, Herbert White Jr., his father, Herbert White, and his grandfather, Frank Morrison, the family has roughly 100 years combined service with the soon to be 70-year-old Elsmere Fire Company. "It's basically a firefighting family," he said, adding that he's had relatives who have been Delmar and City of Albany firemen as well. It seemed natural that when he was old enough he would join, White said.

Near the end of his first term as company president, he said he intends to run again. He works at what he said can sometimes be a thankless job for the same reason he thinks all the volunteers do — camaraderie and pride in the community. "I don't think there's a guy out here who isn't proud of being a firefighter in the Elsmere Fire District," he said.

The Elsmere company tends to be "very active," White said. "We turn out good crowds for a fire, a good number of guys," he said. "We've never had a problem to a point where we were low in membership, for some odd reason it works here." He said the company is rich with family involvements like his family's, with many father/son, brother/brother, and now, for the first time, a father/daughter combination.

The Elsmere department is already gearing up to host the seven-county Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters Association's 1992 convention, an event that will mark the fire company's 70th anniversary. White said thousands of people will attend.

One other reason White is volunteer fireman? The obvious: "Every little kid growing up wants to be a fireman," he said.

— Mike Larabee

## Quilting group to meet

Quilters United In Learning will meet Friday, March 8, at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Alison Goss, nationally-known quiltmaker and teacher will present a slide lecture, "Easing into Contemporary Design."

Guests are welcome. Call Ruth R. Casale at 283-4848 for more information.

## Club hosts art show

The Delmar Progress Club will hold a Festival of Arts on Friday, March 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to the Bethlehem Public Library's community room to view the works of club members.

## Artist displays work

Raymond A. Decker will exhibit oil and watercolor paintings at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, from March 1 through 30. The exhibition hours are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays 1-5 p.m.. For information, call 439-9314.

## Environmentalists hold "don't burn" conference

Hundreds of environmentally concerned citizens from across the state are expected to converge on the state Capitol on Sunday, March 4, for a two-day conference and rally on solid waste issues.

"Don't Burn New York," co-sponsored by Work on Waste-New York State and New York Public Interest Research Group, will feature a presentation on the Waste Reduction and Packaging (WRAP) Act, as well as briefings on other environmentally-related bills, in preparation for group lobbying visits to state legislators on Monday.

On Sunday, following a keynote speech by Dr. Paul Connett, associate professor at St. Lawrence University and national chair of Work on Waste, along with other speakers, Dr. Barry Commoner will be the featured speaker at an afternoon rally at the Capitol.

Laurie Valeriano, environmental associate with NYPIRG, said last

year's conference and rally drew over 800 people. Since the conference takes place the same weekend as NYPIRG's student conference at the State University at Albany, she said, many students will probably attend both events.

Besides the WRAP Act, participants will be lobbying for funding for local recycling programs and an incineration bill that would prohibit the construction of new incinerators in any given community until the community has achieved a 70-percent rate of recycling. The idea, Valeriano explained, is to "give recycling a chance," rather than relying solely on incineration.

Participants can register Sunday morning, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the state legislative office building. Cost for the entire two-day conference is \$5. For information, call NYPIRG at 436-0876.

Debi Boucher

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# Local residents protest U.S. involvement in Persian Gulf

By Mike Larabee

A number of local residents, including a small contingent from a Bethlehem Central High School organization called Students for Peace and Survival, joined a protest against U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf Thursday at the Capitol in Albany.

The Feb. 21 rally and march, timed to mark the 26th anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X, was organized by the Albany-based Emergency Committee to End U.S. Intervention in the Persian Gulf. While the event drew more than 500 participants, organizers conceded they had hoped more would attend.

As news broke of Iraq's conditional agreement to withdraw from Kuwait in accord with a plan proposed by the Soviet Union, the ralliers called for an immediate end to fighting in the Gulf.

"Why, why are we killing?" said Mickey Lynn of Adams Street Delmar. "Why are we bombing Iraq to smithereens today when there's a peace initiative?"

Lynn lamented the "horrible" number of Iraqi casualties in month-long allied air campaigns — Iraq has said 20,000 have died and another 60,000 have been wounded — that led many at the event to term the war "a slaughter." "This is the conscience of our nation that's now being besmirched by these deaths," she said.



Delmar resident Mickey Lynn was one of a number of local people to rally in opposition to the U.S. military's "Operation Desert Storm" at the state Capitol last week. Mike Larabee

Anna Berger, a fifth grader from Bethlehem, who attended the rally with her mother Shiela, said "most of her friends don't want the war either," though she said she has classmates who fall on both sides

of the issue. She and others at the rally questioned what they feel is reluctance on the part of the United States to consider negotiations with Iraq.

"I don't think it was really any of

our business in the first place," Berger said. "If we wanted to protect Kuwait, then we would have found a way to negotiate."

Jason Wilkie, a BCHS senior involved in the student group, accused President Bush of being as "rigid" as Saddam Hussein. "I think the U.S. has really done very little to show a willingness to negotiate," he said. Wilkie said Students for Peace and Survival, which was formed in 1985, strives to "educate the student body at large on political issues." There were "five or six" members of the group at the rally, he said.

The protesters brushed aside arguments that criticism of the U.S. military's "Operation Desert Storm" represents a lack of support for American troops.

"I don't think anyone here wishes any American ill," said Elsmere resident Saul Rigberg. "People support Americans who are willing to put their lives on the line to defend democracy and freedom." But he questioned the justification for America's involvement in war with Iraq, and said he feels "the best way to support the troops is to bring them home."

Berger said she feels there is a difference between supporting American soldiers and supporting America's involvement in the war.

"You can support one without the other," she said.

Iris Berger added, "We're the ones that can influence our government. We can't influence the government of Iraq."

During the day, two separate rallies were held at the State University at Albany's Page Hall on Western Avenue and the Naval Recruitment Center on Washington Avenue. From there, marchers snaked through Albany, converged, and finally arrived at the Capitol a little after 5 p.m.

The Capitol rally was followed by an evening program at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Madison Avenue.

## RCS schools plan early dismissals

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk students in grades 6 through 12 will be dismissed early on March 18, so teachers can participate in a staff development conference.

RCS Senior High School (grades 9 through 12) and Junior High School (grades 6 through 8) will leave at 11:15 a.m.

On March 22, students in grades K through 5 will be dismissed early so teachers can participate in a shared staff development program on language arts with teachers from the Bethlehem Central School District.

In the Ravena Elementary School, morning pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will arrive at 8:45 and leave at 10:05 a.m.; Afternoon pre-k and kindergarten will arrive at 10:30 a.m. and leave at noon; grade 1 will leave at 12:15 p.m.

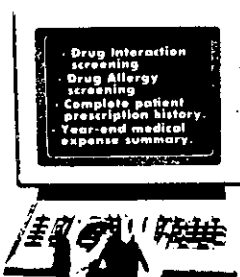
In the A.W. Becker Elementary School, morning kindergarten will arrive at 8:45 and depart at 10:05 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten will arrive at 11 a.m. and depart at 12:30 p.m.; grades 1 through 4 will depart at 12:30 p.m.

At P.B. Coeymans Elementary School, grades 2 to 4 will depart at 12:30 p.m.; and at RCS Junior High School, grade 5 only will depart at 12:10 p.m.

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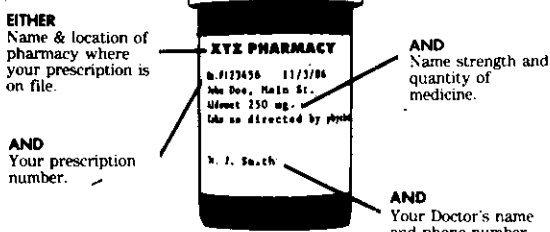
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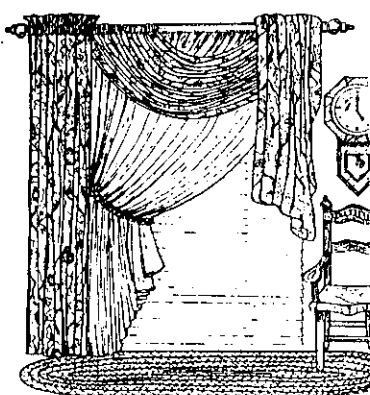
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# Jet carriers back BA-Lockheed plan

By Debi Boucher

The five jet carriers at Albany County Airport now seem united in their preference for a British American/Lockheed Air Terminal plan to develop and manage the airport.

USAir, which had until last week taken no official stand, joined American, United, Northwest and Delta airlines in issuing a statement supporting the British American/Lockheed plan. But USAir spokesman David Shipley later said that the airline had not fully withdrawn support for the competing proposal by the Capital District Transportation Authority and Capital Region Airport Development Corp. "We haven't closed the door to anybody," he said Monday. "We're leaning more toward the BA/Lockheed plan right now, but we're not discounting anybody."

Kathy Fragnoli, senior real estate attorney for American Airlines, said the BA/Lockheed plan has a number of factors in its favor, including Lockheed's experience in airport terminal management, British American's ownership of 25 acres adjacent to the airport and the partnership's offer of guaranteed fixed landing fees for 10 years.

She also said the airlines are looking for action, and CDTA has "a bad track record" in that department. "A year ago, the airlines worked with CDTA and negotiated a lease," she said, "and nothing happened. It's American's view that they had their chance and nothing was done."

Dennis Fitzgerald, general manager of CDTA, said USAir's new leaning towards the competitor would not affect the CDTA-CRADC partnership's continuing campaign to forward its airport management plan. "As far as I know, we still have their support," he said.

After months of delays, a decision on the airport may finally be at hand. "I foresee it happening within the next week or two," said County Executive James J. Coyne. Frank Comisso, chairman of the legislature's Mass Transit Committee, said it's "possible" a vote

will be taken when the committee next meets. A meeting has been set for Thursday, Feb. 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the caucus room at 112 State St., Albany.

**"I brought all the boys to the dance. Now all they have to do is pick a partner."**

James Coyne

In making its recommendation to the legislature, the committee will have to choose not only between the two management proposals, but also weigh the merits of proposals to privatize airport parking, an option thrown in by Coyne last fall. Coyne anticipated such a move would bring the county some \$15 million from the lease of 25 county-owned acres across the street from the airport, which would be developed as off-site parking.

The airlines are not pleased with that possibility, and have in fact threatened to sue the county, if it goes that route. Said Fragnoli, "According to federal law, every dollar earned on the airport has to stay on the airport," and an off-site, private parking operation would take revenue away from the facility.

Coyne defended the idea, saying that since the county planned to refurbish the terminal anyway, construction there would cause "a natural displacement of cars." He added that the parking proposal "if nothing else got their (the airlines') attention."

Fragnoli charged that the parking proposal "fixes a problem that doesn't exist. All it does is takes attention away from the real problem, which is the terminal."

Even if it rejects both of the management proposals, which each include plans for redoing the terminal, the county will still go ahead with its own plans to refurbish and add to the existing terminal, Coyne said. "We hoped all along that we'd begin this year some type of breaking ground," he said, adding that plans by Albany architectural firm Einhorn Yaffe

Prescott, PC are "90 percent complete."

The airlines are not happy with the county's scaled-back terminal development plans, either, accord-

ing to Fragnoli. "We're the ones paying the bill, not the county, so why won't they give us what we want?" she asked. Coyne said the recent scale-backs would slice \$40 to \$50 million from the project's cost. Plans for a \$20 million parking garage were eliminated, he said, as was a scheme for demolishing and rebuilding the entire terminal. Current plans call for refurbishing the commuter portion of the terminal, and building a new jet terminal adjacent to the existing building, with five new jetways. The concept is similar to what the BA/Lockheed partnership proposes, except their plan would provide for a total of 15 jetways.

Peter Cornell, president of British American, said the county's scaled-back plans were now in line with what the BA/Lockheed proposal called for all along. "We've never agreed with a \$125 million terminal," he said. "We have consistently agreed with \$110, \$120 million in total expenses" with a \$75 million terminal accounting for the bulk of those expenses. Other costs would include the land across the street from the airport, and its development — in which tentative plans call for a Hilton hotel, among other facilities — and developing a new road to link the airport with Route 7.

"We've delivered every aspect

that a municipality could possibly expect," said Cornell, admitting to a degree of frustration over the pace of decision-making. "They keep telling us a decision is imminent," he said, "and we really don't get a response to any of our questions."

USAir's support is a boon to Cornell and his Lockheed partners, he said. "When your principal tenant is behind your plan for expansion, it naturally makes your project more feasible," he said, adding that the airlines "have been actively lobbying the county" on behalf of the BA/Lockheed plan.

Coyne, for his part, said he has done his job in getting proposals on the table. "My goal as far as I'm concerned has been achieved," he said, "they (the legislature) have options to choose from."

"I brought all the boys to the dance," he quipped. "Now all they have to do is pick a partner."

Said Fragnoli, "We're going to get to the dance, when is the music going to start?"

## Market seeks farmers

Local farmers who grow their own crops are needed to participate in a new farmers market opening in Albany. There are a few openings available for the Wednesday and Saturday markets. For information, call Emmett Ellegate at 477-6215 or 439-4363.

## History repeats

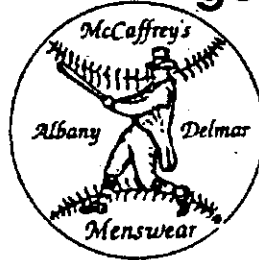


Red Davis, a Delmar resident, portrays Gen. D.E. Sickles, who is highlighted in episode five of the WMHT series, "The Civil War," to be shown Wednesday (tonight) at 8:05 p.m.

## St. Thomas pupil wins scholarships

Aaron Mimura, a student at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar, has won scholarships from two high schools as a result of competitive examinations. She scored first in the exam at Bishop Maginn High School and third in the exam at Christian Brothers Academy.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Liberty for one, justice for all

Bethlehem residents should be gratified by their town government's handling of the confusing case involving the arrest, incarceration, trial, and freeing of a man charged with attempted murder of police officers.

Some published accounts of why James J. Gauthier's trial in Albany County Court was dismissed by the judge, together with a defense attorney's statements thereafter, seemed to insinuate misbehavior by Bethlehem police. The intimation is indeed a serious one which clearly called for inquiry, clarification, and — if possible — a rebuttal.

Under the direction of the town's principal civil officer, Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler, a thorough investigation was promptly undertaken by Police Chief Paul E. Currie. Its findings are not yet complete enough to be made public, but the Supervisor quite evidently has found some grounds for confidence in the integrity of the police officers involved. Until the inquiry is completed and a full report made, the public in fairness would do well to withhold judgment.

The credibility of the department and of individual members is not to be questioned lightly. Unfortunately, this already has been done in a daily newspaper editorial headed "Disturbing justice in Bethlehem" that raised questions which seem to assume improper police conduct.

On the contrary, until all facts are gathered, the officers deserve every opportunity to provide satisfactory responses in the official inquiry; and Chief Currie and Supervisor Ringler deserve support for the respon-

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sible positions they are taking.

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Another aspect of the matter involves the County of Albany rather than Bethlehem directly. To some people, \$500,000 bail appears excessively high. And the 18 months that elapsed between Mr. Gauthier's arrest and his trial — while he sat in jail — seems extraordinarily excessive in view of the fact he finally walked out free.

The prisoner probably was in double trouble from the outset: in addition to being charged with attempted murder of two policemen, he was from out-of-state and was found to have a background of involvement with the law. To ensure his appearance for a trial, the large bail requirement was set. (On the other hand, The Spotlight's report at the time of the arrest stated that after arraignment in Bethlehem town court he was remanded to the county jail in lieu of just \$2,500 bail even though the first-degree attempted murder charge already had been made, along with three other counts. All these were dismissed by the judge.)

District Attorney Sol Greenberg explains that the prisoner's 18-month wait for trial was attributable to a heavy backlog in the court's trial calendar, largely as a result of narcotics cases and drug-involvement cases. In this respect, Mr. Gauthier was a victim of the present state of our society.

## 'All the news that's ...'

In the news business, perhaps more than in any other occupation, an element of arbitrary selectivity always plays an important role. Time restrictions (most acutely in the electronic media), and space limitations in print media, mandate judgments that are inevitably both objective and personal.

As some letters that we publish this week suggest, some readers of *The Spotlight Newspapers* didn't take kindly to a policy we announced in an editorial last week; namely, for reasons we consider to be appropriate, we would refrain from publishing announcements of "peace" rallies which may give encouragement to Hussein to delay compliance with the UN resolutions, negatively affect the morale of our troops, or result in breaches of the peace.

That previous editorial would have done well to note that there are, in fact, a variety of circumstances in which *The Spotlight Newspapers* decline to publish information from outside sources. Some of these are commercial — for example, we don't accept "900" phone-number promotions and misleading

classified and display advertising. In our news columns, we are conservative in presentation of items and language that many of our readers would rightly regard as offensive or in bad taste. In certain police and court cases, we do not present "interesting" but irrelevant items that might reflect poorly on the defendants. We are circumscribed by geography; we focus our resources and attention on the towns that we call home, no matter how compelling some rally or event outside our local communities may appear to be.

And, in common with every news desk in every medium everywhere, we cannot begin to do justice to the time and space requests from an endless list of publicity appeals. The "news" that we are unable to print week after week is substantial. Selectivity is unavoidable with *The Spotlight*, as it is with NBC, The New York Times, and even CNN.

In keeping with a recognition of that circumscription, we will of course continue to do our very best to publish those items that we believe will be of interest to our readers.

### Words for the week

**Abrogate:** Abolish; to cancel or repeal by authority; annul.

**Purview:** Range of sight or understanding; the extent or range of control, activity, or concern; also, the body and scope of a legislative act or bill.

**Preclude:** To make impossible, especially in advance; shut out; prevent.

**Apolitical:** Not involved or concerned with political matters.

**Anecdotal:** Of or like an anecdote (a short, entertaining account of some happening, usually personal or biographical).

**Gung ho:** A colloquial expression meaning enthusiastic, cooperative, enterprising, etc., in

an unrestrained way. It is from the Chinese "kung-ho," literally, work together — a slogan of Lt. Col. E. F. Carlson's Marine Raiders in World War II.

**Cogent:** Forceful and to the point, as in a reason or argument; compelling, convincing.

**Squib:** A short news item. Also, a short, sharp, usually witty attack in words — a lampoon. Originally, a firecracker that burns with a hissing, spurting noise before exploding.

**Snippet:** A small, snipped piece; small scrap or portion, specifically of information, a book, etc.

**Obit:** Obituary; but note that the emphasis is on the "o," contrary to the pronunciation of obituary.

## Dog litter ordinance a 'good citizen test'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I don't know Felice Freeman, who seems to have been the public-spirited citizen who initiated the petition calling for a Bethlehem ordinance on dog litter, but my hat is off to her (and the petition signers) for bringing this issue to a head.

The tri-villages pride themselves on being neat residential communities full of youngsters playing in shady yards and with mature citizens striding purposefully on health-giving, recreational walks along pleasant roadsides. But, as the petitioners remind us, there's the rub. Too many yards and streets are booby traps awaiting the unwary, as a result of the selfish behavior of dog-owners who can't be bothered to do the decent thing and clean up after their animals.

The ordinance is needed, first of all, as a public statement that courteous, civilized behavior is expected of all of us—including on this particular issue. It would incidentally serve as a rebuff to those people who will argue that their rights somehow are being compromised if they are obligated to do the proper, thoughtful, sanitary acts that they should be willing to undertake voluntarily.

Undoubtedly the "forum" on this matter will hear objections based on a suitable penalty for violation of the ordinance. First of all, the fact of the regulation, as

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such, and the prospect of eventually facing some embarrassment and mild penalty for repeated violations, will prove to be adequate to encourage most people to obey the law. And with appropriate warnings (plus the censure of law-abiders), picking up after Fido will become second nature to almost all mature adults.

The question of penalties is secondary, a red herring. In essence, such a law is an extension of the licensing and leash laws created for the protection of the public against unwarranted damage.

Such laws can and do work, and the effect is a cleaner, more obviously self-respecting community.

Approval of the proposed ordinance is a test of common sense for the Town Board, now that it is able to confront the issue by virtue of the action of a considerable number of people. And following the letter and spirit of such a desirable regulations is, essentially, a test of good citizenship for all those residents to whom it will apply.

We will look for timely approval by the Town Board, with perhaps a bit less readiness to make bad jokes about a good idea brought to its agenda by good citizens.

Dog Owner  
(Name submitted)

Delmar

## Hempstead burn site unlike Bethlehem's

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent letter to The Spotlight from American Ref-Fuel's project manager raises questions as to the validity of data being used to justify siting a large incinerator in Bethlehem. The letter indicates that health risk projections for the Bethlehem site are based on the Hempstead facility, including effects on milk, food, and water.

The environmental characteristics of the two sites are completely different. The Hempstead facility presents no health risk from consumption of milk, food, or water.

The Atlantic Ocean and Long

Island Sound represent 50 percent of the area within 25 miles of Hempstead. There are no surface public-water supplies serving Long Island communities, and the dairy and truck-garden farms have been replaced by housing.

Atmospheric releases from the Bethlehem facility deposited on land surfaces may result in contamination of milk, food, and water sources. A significant portion of the land area within 25 miles of the Bethlehem site are watershed areas serving as a source of drinking water for residents in Bethlehem and cities of Albany, Troy,

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## Coming back to life with Mary

For several years in the late 1970s and early '80s, I was one of millions of people who "lived again" — relived, that is, the adventures of Mary Richards, a communications pro in the city of Minneapolis.

Local TV stations were granting us daily re-runs of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" week after week, year after year, until finally the tapes and perhaps even the ratings ran down and our afterlife finally came to an end. Perhaps that was just as well, because the TV was putting the shows on at 4:30 or 5 p.m., and this meant my cutting the workday quite short on most afternoons.

Then last week CBS did us all a kind of favor with its 90-minute special that included quite a few episodes and a larger number of quick slices from among the 168 programs that had lighted our Saturday nights for seven years beginning in 1970.

But also featured in the special (as you must know) were the 1991 versions of the original cast (less the late Ted Baxter/Knight). That may have been a mistake — better to have let us live with our memories, however dimmed or distorted these may be, than to see Lou looking 93 years old (he's 61), Murray seeming more than ever

like a chipmunk, and Rhoda, Sue Ann, and Georgette fading fast. I've purposely omitted Mary from that enumeration for numerous reasons, the most cogent of which is that she is, after all, our Mary. Also, I faithfully believe that the intervening years since she last closed the door of the WJM newsroom have been markedly kinder to her than to her colleagues.

In watching the special, I was struck by how basically different my impression of all the various characters was from what we were seeing in the long-ago episodes. Finally, the probable reason struck me: I was accustomed to watching the program on a black-and-white TV set, and there they all were in glaring colors. I think that perhaps I liked the monochromatic effect better. Well, by the time the 25th anniversary show is unrolled I'll most likely be better prepared.

Actually, I wasn't too pleased by the selection of snippets they presented us last week. The editors and producers had picked out the most sensational and perhaps overplayed shows (Chuckles, Georgette's baby, Sue Ann's sex drive) rather than many of the more subtle and sentimental programs. But you can't have everything.

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In fact, the whole program may turn out to be a springboard for the launching of a project I've had in the works for the last dozen years: the Mary Tyler Moore Museum.

According to projections, this would be located right in Minneapolis, in order to capture the true setting of those magic seven years.

We would create the necessary sets in an appropriate location, accessible to all the millions of tourists that Minneapolis undoubtedly attracts every year. There would be separate, though connected, sets for the newsroom, with Mary's desk next to Murray's; Lou's cubbyhole; Ted's dressing room; the broadcast booth where he delivered the endless collection of boners; Mary's apartment(s) — there were two of them at different times, weren't there? Rhoda's; perhaps even Sue Ann's bedroom. You'd enter the display via the street where she tossed her hat.

Plans are still in the works. I'll be sure to keep you posted as they develop. Send your ideas; a prize will be offered for the best suggestions. It will consist of a one-way ticket for two to Minneapolis by Mohawk Airlines.

Constant Reader

## Rx for the winter's blahs

Why don't we try a double-header review this week? Two magazines that I imagine relatively few of this column's readers see regularly: *Travel & Leisure*, and *Washingtonian*. Their February issues, in this case.

If I had been more on the ball the *Travel & Leisure* feature that caught my eye would have been in the column earlier in the month, before Valentine's Day. It's titled: "Swept Away — the best places on earth for romance."

In a half-dozen beautifully illustrated pages, the feature is divided into 10 categories, as follows:

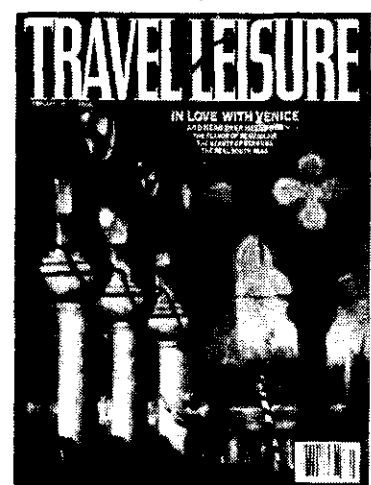
"Most romantic" resort, hotel lobby, hotel view, hotel room, inn, city hotel, and pool; plus the best bikini beach, best sweater beach, and world's best parking spot.

A selection is made, of course, in each category as the "most," but two or three runners-up are offered as well. Most romantic resort? The San Pietro at Positano, Italy. Hotel lobby? Claridge's in London. View: From the Regent in Hong Kong. Room? Soniat House, New Orleans. Beaches? Lizard Island, Australia, and Gleneden, Oregon. Parking spot? Fraser Island, at the bottom of Australia's Great Barrier Reef (77 miles of beach). Inn? Oustau de Baumaniere, Les Baux-de-Provence, France. City hotel? The Draycott, London. Pool? At the Hotel Pitirizza, Costa Smeralda, Sardinia.

If the world situation has you confined to the U.S.A. for now, these are runners-up between our shores: Ventana Inn, Big Sur, California (romantic resort); Jenny Lake Lodge, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming (romantic Inn); Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles (romantic city hotel).

The feature has a few added entertaining squibs. Among them, this appealed most to me: It's

headed "Anti-romance," and includes "Relatives, especially children; best friends, pets, package tours, gung ho health spas, campgrounds with RV hookups, hotels decorated like British men's clubs, LaGuardia airport, a cruise on rough seas, singles resorts, a long-distance ride on a bus, any hotel with carpeting on the walls, Niagara Falls, poison ivy, mosquitoes."



All of which served to put me in mind of one of the most romantic lines ever composed. It's from "The Lover," by Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, written about 150 years ago:

"And we meet, with champagne and a chicken, at last."

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In the *Washingtonian*, which unquestionably is the most successful metropolitan magazine, two slight features interested me, perhaps for somewhat personal considerations.

One concerns the way that some newspapers describe the lives of citizens as their names enter the obituary columns. The references are all from the *Washington Post*, but local newspaper readers will recognize the style, too. Some examples from a short feature, "Summing up a rich life in a head-

line: Sometimes the obit writers fall down": Adolf Klimek, who died at 94, had a doctorate from the University of Prague, had served in the Czech ministry of education, was imprisoned by the Germans, later became secretary general of the Catholic People's Party and a member of Parliament before fleeing from the Communists to the U.S., where he founded the Council of Free Czechoslovakia while supplementing his income as a piano teacher and tuner. His obit headline: Adolf Klimek, Piano Tuner.

Harry Bachrach had spirited six people out of Vienna after the Nazi occupation. He was listed as "Necktie Maker."

A woman who had taught the learning-disabled, served in the WACS and with the Urban Land Institute, later performing volunteer work for the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and American Cancer Society, received this obituary headline: Katherine J. Hepner, Volunteer.

As a constant reader of the obit pages, I was fascinated by this little feature, as I was by a short piece by Victor Gold, "The sound of rain is nice — until you realize it isn't raining." The subject is the hearing impairment known as tinnitus, about which you have read previously on this page. The writer is one of "36 million Americans vexed by an inner-ear condition that's almost as baffling to doctors today as it was in the seventh century B.C., when the Assyrians wrote of 'a ghost that seizes on a man and makes his ears sing.'"

If your ears are constantly ringing, whistling, hissing, you'll find special interest in this article; and if you know someone who complains of such an ailment, it may help you to gain some insights and compassion.

## Six substantial issues concern airport's future

The contributor of this *Point of View*, a Colonie resident, is a former member of the Albany County Legislature (1984-87). He is vice president of the Shaker Heritage Society and chairman of its site committee; the organization is charged with preservation of the Shaker properties adjoining the Albany County Airport.

By Robert P. Reilly

A multitude of issues abound involving the Albany County Airport. The primary one to be resolved before considering others is the concept of the airport as an asset that can be sold.

### Point of View

The County Executive seems determined to use the airport as a means to balance the county budget. At first, he used the popular concept of privatization in an attempt to sell the airport. Upon rejection of this idea by the FAA on legal grounds he attempted to sell the right to manage it. When that, too, failed on legal grounds he turned to the concept of selling nearby land with the right of managing the airport going to the buyer of the land.



This kind of fiscal gimmickry is what has gotten the State into a budget crisis. A similar fate awaits Albany County if it continues to pursue this course. If progress is to be made in better management of our airport, the idea of selling it as an asset must be abandoned.

The second issue to be addressed is the need for development. Much of the rather emotional demand for major development is based on purely anecdotal evidence. We repeatedly hear how business people come to Albany to consider locating their business here but, upon seeing the airport, immediately dismiss the Albany area as a possible site. Such anecdotes are the only evidence to support the need for a new airport, and the recent decision of a large insurance company to locate in Malta contradicts hearsay stories of people who dismiss the Albany area because of the condition of the airport.

What is the predicted growth of air traffic? Can the present size accommodate passengers and cargo? These, and countless other questions should be answered before assuming that development of any magnitude is needed here.

A third issue is cost. The Knickerbocker Arena was funded by many "hidden" revenue streams, including a \$1.5 million item in the annual county budget and a two percent bed tax on all hotels and motels in the county (which will not be available to another large-scale county-supported project.) The cow has been milked dry.

In addition, taxpayers are extremely wary of cost projections of the County Executive due to his record of cost increases for the arena. Finally, the economic condition of the state and country dictates an extremely conservative approach to initiating major projects.

Fourth is the issue of the impact of development on the surrounding area. The airport unquestionably is a regional service. In fact, participation of unrequiting counties in decisions concerning the airport is certainly a valid question.

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On the other side of the equation is the impact of airport development on residents in the immediate area of the airport. Little consideration is given to the impact of development on the quality of life of residents in areas nearby.

Fifth is the issue of ownership. Privatization has become a popular term with the implication that in every case the private sector can "do it better." We must not dismiss the essential role of government which includes legislating for the common good and providing essential services such as schools, public assistance, and a judicial system. Within this purview is provision of air service as essential to the public welfare. This position is confirmed by the Federal government through its ongoing support of air service. The FAA's refusal to allow the county to sell the airport for a profit derives from this principle. None of this precludes the county from hiring a professional company to manage or develop the airport; however, the county should not abrogate its responsibility to provide this service, which is too important to put entirely in the hands of the private sector. If the county does choose to have a private concern develop the airport it should be extremely cautious of its own fiscal exposure.

Sixth is the issue of the environment. The airport is located in the center of the Town of Colonie with a heavy density of both residential and commercial development. The infrastructure, as well as the environment, of the area already is under tremendous stress. The recent and ongoing pollution of Shaker Creek (and, subsequently, Colonie's water supply) by chemical runoff from the airport is only one example on the problem.

In addition, the Ann Lee Pond Preserve, at 172 acres the largest

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## 'Buying' computers — without real dollars

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Elsmere PTA extends its gratitude for the generous support by this community during the recent "Apples for Computers" campaign. This effort involved collection of yellow grocery receipts issued from local Grand Union stores.

We were able to "purchase" three Apple IIGS computers, three Apple 5.25 disc drives, and several software programs specific for elementary-age children. No real money exchanged hands!

The Elsmere school currently uses Apple II and Apple IIe com-

puters. With the additional computers and discs, we can use all the previous software as well as current hardware. We selected carefully to ensure full use of all computer equipment.

Grand Union, Castle Computers of Latham, and Ms. Linda Benton have been instrumental in our quest to reach our goal. The continued interest and support of our Elsmere faculty and students made this project possible.

Sometimes it appears people receive newsworthy comment only on actions promised and not delivered. This community has pulled together and the actions have resulted in a wonderful promise for future Elsmere students. We truly appreciate this marvelous community effort.

Patricia M. Caporta  
Elsmere PTA Apples for  
Computers coordinator.

## Slingerlands school gains its computers

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Slingerlands School PTA, we would like to thank the parents, relatives, friends, and neighbors for the thousands of cash-register tapes you saved for our school.

Our goal was more than doubled successfully, and our computer and accessories will be arriving soon. Many thanks to those who proved themselves as caring and involved citizens of our community.

We would also like to say thanks to Grand Union for providing this opportunity for our school to earn computer equipment and thus helping to improve the quality of the education our children are receiving.

Kathy Gutman  
Kathy Decker  
Vice-presidents of programs,  
Slingerlands PTA

## Airport

(From Page 7)

preserve in the town, is in the immediate vicinity and under constant threat of destruction from airport expansion. The same problems confront the Watervliet Shaker site, which is of great historical significance and supports numerous cultural and educational activities.

The issues involved with management and development of the airport are many and complex. A careful, apolitical, intelligent approach is imperative.

## BC budgetary increase draws his criticism

Editor, The Spotlight:

On page 3 of *The Spotlight's* Feb. 20 issue, we read a headline: "BC budget plan calls for 10.6 percent increase." Dr. Leslie Loomis (for whom I have the highest regard) has presented this nearly \$30.5 million operating budget.

Going on to page 7, we read the headline, "An appetite for spending fosters fiscal failure," on a Point of View column from our most able Assemblyman, John J. Faso.

Just the headlines alone clearly indicate who is the most prudent and concerned about our overall citizenry. A review of our school budget for the past 30 years indicates the tremendous spending demands conjured for an important program, but also cruel and inconsiderate pressure on our residents. We do take into consideration, however, the inflation, student population, a selective success, and the importance of a wholesome and progressive education for our youth.

This champagne dream might readily be accepted by our residents with present-day, much higher salaries; by families with double-plus incomes; by tunnel-vision priorities on budget-line items. But it is not well received by families who are not in those foregoing categories.

Hopefully, we can count on our Board of Education and educational staff to understand a more realistic approach in arriving at an appropriate and overall considerate solution. A 10.6 percent increase? Come on, now!

Delmar taxpayer  
(Name submitted)

## It is those who fight who hate war the most

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a veteran who has felt the pain of wounds and lived the horrors of war. I travel extensively, and am an avid reader. I devour at least three or four papers daily, a dozen magazines a month, listen to the radio, and even watch TV (but not so often that it impairs my ability to think). As I write, today's papers featured articles on demonstrations nationwide. I added all them up, and came up with approximately 2,000 protestors in the whole movement. That's news? They are noisy, obnoxious, ill-informed, and, worst of all, hiding their anti-American feelings behind a false facade of "We support the troops, not the war" slogan. That's pure nonsense. They enjoy the opportunity to manipulate the mass media and gain center stage for a brief moment. They aid and abet an enemy during a time of war—and that, in my book, is what traitors are best at.

War is not a game. It is not fun. Ask anyone who has been there. No one hates war more than the soldiers who must fight it to correct political failure. Wars kill. Stupidity kills more, over a longer period. Freedom is not free. It is bought by the blood and anguish of warrior who must protect the very ingrates who demonstrate against them. Otherwise, those "activists" and demonstrators would not have the freedom to exercise those views.

Saddam is a cancer. You can catch it early and remove it; or let it remain, and hope it will go away. You can run away just so long. You can ignore problems until they get too big to deal with, or you can face up to them and deal with them. This is what so many of our demonstrators can't admit. They are afraid to deal with realities.

Roger Wheeler

East Schodack

## Hempstead burn site

(From Page 6)

and Watervliet. Local farms produce significant amounts of milk and garden produce. The environmental characteristics cannot be compared to the Hempstead site.

American Ref-Fuel claims that "water passing through incinerator 'ash only' landfills provides water close to drinking water quality, which cannot be said for water passing through landfills containing regular trash."

Is this conclusion based on a controlled research study or based on a self-serving observation from limited data?

What happens to toxic pollutants in the regular trash? Are they discharged to the atmosphere during incineration?

Any claims of widespread community support for the Bethlehem incinerator seem premature particularly when no information has been provided as to environmental releases. The potential health hazards have yet to be evaluated.

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About all that can be done is to keep the area as clean as possible and the patient as comfortable as possible with medication and place an anesthetic dressing into the open socket until nature develops a protective covering for the exposed socket.

The reason why a dry socket forms is not fully known. Some believe it results

from a rapid bacterial action, others because of a fault in the blood clotting mechanism. Smokers have a higher rate of dry sockets than other people. New evidence implicates the smoke as a major inhibitor of wound healing. If you want to minimize your risk of developing a dry socket, quit smoking or at least cut way down before and after tooth extractions.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Reader takes issue with our position

Editor, The Spotlight:

Disgust is not too strong a word to describe what I feel about *The Spotlight's* decision to censor community announcements of anti-war activities, as was made known in an editorial published in the Feb. 20 issue.

*The Spotlight* says it has "a duty to refrain from printing announcements of activities which might result in breaches of the peace." Does this mean that announcements of "support the troops" rallies will also be censored? Because, of course, it was at "support the troops" rallies that several of the most publicized incidents of violence occurred. Or is this policy really about *The Spotlight's* opinion, as explained to me in a phone conversation with publisher Richard Ahlstrom, that anti-war activities aid and abet the enemy? Since when is publicly participating in democracy aiding and abetting?

The media has been hampered in its efforts to cover the Persian Gulf war by the Pentagon's aggressive management of the news. To see a local newspaper add to this news management by pur-

### Editorial 'dismaying'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was dismayed by your editorial decision announced in the Feb. 20 issue that you will not provide information on so-called "peace" rallies in your newspaper. While you have the right to decide what you will publish, it seems to me that you are diminishing the freedoms we so proudly wish to defend. We appreciate one of your major functions, to keep us informed impartially of all events taking place in the immediate area; your reader can be trusted to make choices according to his/her conscience and preference.

Delmar Ursula H. Poland

posely censoring anti-war activity is appalling. I, for one, will not financially support a newspaper that engages in such censorship. I will continue to read *The Spotlight* at the library, but I am cancelling my subscription.

Finally, in response to Annie Bagley's letter to the editor, protesting the war and praying are not mutually exclusive. Ms. Bagley is right; we should be on our knees praying for peace. But our prayers must be authentic. Those of us who are Christians must also pray for the strength to love our enemy and to follow Jesus's way of non-violent love.

Ellen Kelly-Lind

Delmar

### 'All open local events deserve paper's note'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Hey! Freedom of speech and assembly is as American as apple pie. Even in a war with a ruthless dictator, democracy should shine its brightest!

Many patriotic Americans respect and pray for the fine young men and women serving in the Persian Gulf, and still demonstrate their hope for a speedy end to the war. For one thing, hatred toward the West is growing among Islamic populations in Asia and Africa, as well as in the Middle East. President Bush's dream of U.S. participation in the creation of a "new world order" may be thwarted if the war drags on. (There is also the cost: in lives, borrowed money, and unmet needs.)

*The Spotlight* has a readership which represents a broad spectrum of opinion. I feel all local events open to the public deserve note, regardless of editor preference.

Delmar Elizabeth Mattox

## 'Time to stand up to war nay-sayers'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my wholehearted support for your decision to stop promotion of anti-war activities. It's about time that a member of our print media has taken a stand for what is right and has stood up to the nay-sayers and America-bashers.

The anti-war activists have a right to say whatever they want, but they have no right to expect others to do their promotional work for them. Freedom of the press also includes the right not to print.

Besides, it seems that Saddam Hussein himself has already done the best advertising for the protesters, when he publicly expressed his gratitude to them for their activities. If the likes of Mr. Hassein was thanking me for my effort, I would seriously reconsider my actions. I wonder if the brave men and women who are daily putting their lives on the line because of this madman are equally grateful.

Colonie

Bill Monthie

### 'Dangerous precedent'

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is a protest against your undemocratic decision not to publicize peace rallies—only those that are pro-war!

Your decision sets a dangerous precedent. I believe it may have been Abraham Lincoln who said, "When you qualify freedom, beware of the consequences." Perhaps you should reconsider your position on the matter.

Voorheesville Ann A. Eberle

*Vox Pop is The Spotlight's public forum. All letters on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible. Letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness, accuracy, and length.*

## Stop Hussein's violent immoral acts, but—

Editor, The Spotlight:

In an editorial of Jan. 23, you criticized people opposed to the war in the Persian Gulf, because they hadn't followed the pattern of Vietnam war protesters and waited five years to register their outrage about a needless and destructive war.

That seemed quite illogical to me, since I assumed it was much better to learn from history than to repeat it. We now know something that most Americans didn't realize at the start of our involvement in Vietnam; our government is capable of lying to us and misrepresenting our actions in other parts of the world as a way of continuing to carry out immoral (and sometimes illegal) policies that they have decided are "in our best interests," without the interference that would come from a well-informed public. This is certainly the case about this war to "liberate Kuwait," which already has resulted in many casualties.

Your editorial policy continued to be more and more offensive to me as time went on. The first article that indicated *The Spotlight* wished to intimidate those who care enough to oppose their government's actions in the Gulf was the *Uncle Dudley* column entitled "Today's fifth column." The title speaks for itself, but for those who missed the historical reference, it was an accusation that

those opposing the war were aiding and abetting Saddam Hussein. This is patently untrue. His actions are violent and immoral and he must be stopped from behaving as he did in Kuwait, but there are economic and diplomatic ways of doing that.

Because I was busy speaking out against the war in so many other ways, I didn't feel motivated to write until seeing your editorial of Feb. 20. It made me feel sad to read a message that contained the word peace in quotation marks. A message that endorsed censorship of one whole spectrum of loyal and committed public opinion, in the name of not sending "a mixed signal to Saddam Hussein about this country's resolve..."

Mickie Lynn

Delmar

### 'No substitute for victory'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Much of the American press seems to have a supra-national unconcern with who wins the Gulf war, as long as it can report it in excruciating detail.

Your Feb. 20 editorial, "Promoting peace; principles, too" indicates *The Spotlight* knows which side it is on. Once engaged in war there is no substitute for victory.

Name submitted

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## BC art students win scholastic awards

Gold keys, blue ribbons and other prizes were among the honors awarded to art students of area schools who entered the National Scholastic Art Awards Competition for the Eastern New York region at The New York State Museum in Albany. Winning entries will be exhibited at The New York State Museum through March 5.

Works by blue ribbon finalists and portfolio nominees will next go to the national competition in Philadelphia, Pa. to be judged with entries from students around the

country.

At Bethlehem Central High School, the following students won awards: Andrea Rosen, Carolyn Saffody, Julie Westerhouse, Jason Ching, Jennifer Grand, Amy Rebbitt, Michael Bienvenue, Tom Conway, Kimberley Evans, Kristina Frati, Jennifer Googins, Joel Hallenbeck, Rachel Kennedy, Timothy LeClair, Lesley Levalen, Kimberley McGuinness, Jeanine Peterson, Joshua Rosen, Tracey Smith, Jennifer Tucker, Christine Koniowka and Karyn Kotion.

## Sports camp registration begins

Ken Petersen, Albany Jewish Community Center health and physical education director, and Brian Robinson, assistant health and physical education director, will fill the same roles at the New Camp Shalom Sports Camp. The only total sports camp in the Capital District, the camp focuses on the complete development of each participant's athletic potential. Time will be committed each day to enhancing skills in baseball, basketball, soccer and tennis. The recreational sports of flag football and ultimate frisbee will be taught and played.

There will be two sessions: July 1 to 12, and July 15 to 26, each featuring one field trip and, at least one expert guest lecturer. Each day will begin with activities designed to increase each camper's individual fitness level. The coed program, for grades two to five, is appropriately age-divided. Priority registration for AJCC members begins Feb. 28. Center membership is open to everyone.

## On The Senior Side

### Dinner outing planned

On Thursday, March 14, the Bethlehem senior van will pick any senior citizens up at home at an appointed time for dinner at the Weathervane Restaurant. Reservations are a must; call 439-4955.

### Driving course offered

Bethlehem Senior Services will be accepting reservations for the 55 Alive Safe Driving Course starting March 1. The course is sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association

of Retired Persons.

The course will be held Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106. The course is open to anyone 50 years of age or older, for a fee of \$10. Those completing the course will be entitled to a 10 percent discount on their automobile liability and collision insurance. To register for this limited-size class, call 439-4955, extension 170, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## YMCA launches winter program

The Albany YMCA's winter 1991 programming session begins Monday, March 4, and continues through April 24. Albany YMCA members may register two weeks prior to the beginning of classes. Non-members may register for programs one week in advance.

Pre-registration is required for all programs. No mail or phone registrations are accepted.

Babysitting is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for members and program participants while they are taking a class.

Youth programs include karate, judo, beginner gymnastics, advanced beginner gymnastics, intermediate/advanced gymnastics, kindergym and swim, and peewee gym and swim.

Adult fitness programs include the basic workout, forever fit, muscles in motion, total workout I, total workout II, ultimate workout III, aikido, adult karate, adult judo, coed adult recreational volleyball and volleyball skills class.

A children's, youth and adult swim program are also available.

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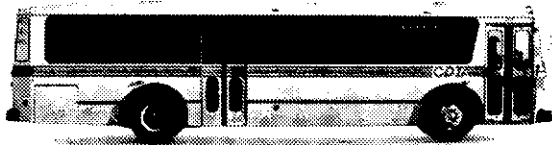
### Correction

The operating hours of SMILE, Independent Living Services, Inc. in Albany were incorrectly reported in the Spotlight Newspapers Progress '91 issue. The paraprofessional agency provides 24-hour service.

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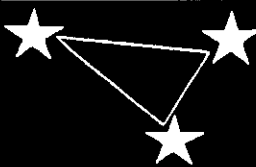
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## Playing around designs



Kirk Baughman, owner of Timberforms Playgrounds in Baldwinsville, tells a class at Slingerlands Elementary School about the design of their future playground.

Jeremy Mandelkern holds a painting of one of the items that could be included in the playground's final design.

Elaine McLain


## Five Rivers plans mammal program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, on Game Farm Road, Delmar, will offer an outdoor program on mammals entitled "What are the Canids Up To?" on Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead participants on an outdoor walk to

look for tracks and traces of foxes and coyotes, canids commonly found on the Five Rivers grounds.

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## Clarksville school launches program

The Clarksville PTA will kick-off its March Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) program at 7 p.m. on Feb. 28 with a schoolwide "Writers Fair" to be held at Clarksville Elementary School. Guest author Joyce Hunt will be featured for grades 3 to 5, and George Ward, a local storyteller/musician will thrill children in grades K through 2. Student-authored books will also be on display.

The month-long program will officially begin on March 1 as the new PARP flag, donated by Clarksville parents Dave and Pat Gaul, will be presented.

"Be All That You Can Be: READ" is the theme for the March PARP program, which will include a book fair, a career week (March 18 to 21) and Clarksville's fourth annual "read-in" on March 28 at 7 p.m. For information, contact Jackie Papalardi at 439-8622.

## Five Rivers offers program for educators

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, located on Game Farm Road, Delmar, will offer an Arbor Day educator workshop on Wednesday, March 20, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Teachers looking for ways to incorporate Arbor Day (April 26) activities into their classrooms will enjoy this hands-on

workshop. Materials from Project Wild and other sources will be provided.

The program is free of charge, and open to teachers and youth leaders. For information and registration, call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291.

## Networks offers course for parents

On Thursdays from Feb. 28 through May 9, the STEP/Teen Program will present a training/discussion group for parents of teens at the Bethlehem Central

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## Bouton students win fund-raising contest

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville placed first in the Capital District Leukemia Society Annual Type-A-Thon. Business students demonstrated their best collecting \$505 for this worthy cause. The highest achiever was Sam Neff with \$133 followed by Rebecca Bryden with \$124. These two students received a walkman and T-shirt as their prizes.

Others collecting more than \$40 were: John Cook, Melissa Cooper, Sam Saleh and Justin Perry. Others who supported this project were Anjanette Ohlerking, Elicia Schachne, Bill Jeffers and Rick DiNovo.

### Quilting demonstration

On Saturday, March 2, the Village Quilters will give a quilting demonstration at the Voorheesville Public Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilts will also be evaluated.

Linda O'Connor, Voorheesville resident and member of the Village Quilters, will lead a "Reader's Quilt" project for children in first grade and up on Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at the library. Register by calling 765-2791.

Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn will star in the acclaimed film "The African Queen" on Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m. This will be shown in the library community room.

The Voorheesville Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room.

### Bottle lecture set

On Tuesday, March 5, the New Scotland Historical Society will

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have Jan Rutland discuss Antique Bottles from the National Bottle Museum. This lecture will take place at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem at 8 p.m. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

### Kudos for firefighters

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Scott and Debbie Bradley had a chimney fire at their Voorheesville home. This fire could have caused a tragedy; however, it was circumvented by the prompt reaction of the fire department. Debbie Bradley said, "The fire department's consideration for our property and feelings went far beyond the normal call of duty."

### Piano recital

Everyone is invited to attend a piano recital by Shirley M. Green's students on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. The students performing will be Jaimie Glover, Evan D'Arpino, Sara and Tom Roman, Marlanna Ghovanloo, Stacie Gavaletz, Jacob Van Zutphen, Kara Odell, Emily Dieckmann, Lauren and Bridget Murray, Courtney Elizabeth Tedesco, Amanda Gerhart, Bonnie Polzin, Terry Stewart, Anne Schryver and Nick Ranalli.

Refreshments will be served after the recital.

## Senior citizens to preview RCS show

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School's drama club will present a special senior citizen performance of Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution," on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. in the senior high auditorium.

All area senior citizen groups and seniors are invited to attend this special, free showing. For information, call Judy Sylvester at 756-6406 or 756-2155.

Regular performances will be Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

### PIE groups meet tonight

There will be a joint meeting of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School and High School Partners In Education tonight, Feb. 27, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the middle school library. Members of the executive committee of the RCS teachers' union will be present to discuss the role of parents in the educational process and how it changes from elementary through high school.

There will be a time set aside for questions and dialogue. All are welcome to attend. For information, call Colleen Janssen at 767-3406, or Debbie Moon at 767-9222.

### SAFER meeting set

The Selkirk Association For Each Resident will meet on March

4 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Selkirk Fire Station No. 1. The residents will be discussing traffic on Route 396 and the truck stop on Route 144. For information, contact Robin Reed at 767-2304.

### Roast beef dinner set

A roast beef dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the Bethlehem Grange Route 396 in Selkirk. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children and free of children under 5.

### Pre-k program gets funding

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School will receive just over \$80,000 from the state to pay this year's costs for its pre-kindergarten program.

In its third year of operation, pre-k is part of the district's Better Beginnings and Stronger Completions program designed to identify and help students considered at risk of not graduating from high school.

The State Education Department grant will cover salaries for the teacher and an aide, bus transportation, cafeteria services and a consultant. Until now, the program was paid for from local funds.

### RCS honors students

The January Students of the Month at Ravena-Coeymans-Sel-

kirk Senior High School are Carolyn Canuteson and Robert Burns.

Canuteson, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Canuteson of South Bethlehem. She is a member of the art club and active on her church choir and youth group.

Burns, also a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns of Selkirk. Captain of the bowling team, he recently bowled a perfect 300 game. He also is an Eagle Scout.

Students of the Month for February are Beth Kane and Robert Feuerbach.

Kane, a senior, is the daughter of Lois Price and Gary Kane of Ravena. She is a member of the

National Honor Society, captain of the girls tennis team, president of Future Teachers of America, and a member of the Spanish Club, Students Against Driving Drunk and Key Club.

Feuerbach, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Feuerbach of Selkirk. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Youth Soccer Club, Senior Band, Knowledge Master Team and the Spanish Club. He ranks number one in the senior class, and was selected to participate in the Price Chopper Scholar Recognition Program.

## DAR chapter sponsors talk at library

Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union will be the topic of a talk by Dr. W. Wayne Heisser, of The University at Albany, at Bethlehem Public Library on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the talk is open to the public. A special invitation is extended to women interested in DAR membership. For information, contact the membership chairman, Mrs. Milton Turner, at 439-1437.

## Career workshop scheduled

"Careering," a workshop giving an overview of career development and the job search, will be led by Victor J. De Santis, M.S., at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Consultation Center, Albany. The fee is \$15.

For registration and information, call 489-4431.



## Event slated for May 18

Supervisor Ken Ringler has announced that the town of Bethlehem is organizing its second annual Community Bethlehem day set for May 18.

Community Bethlehem is a town-wide event that encourages special spring cleanup projects for both neighborhoods and public areas. It is also a forum for environmentally related town issues as well as a time for family outings with food and festivities.

Last year, Bethlehem residents accepted the opportunity to tackle dozens of cleanup projects. Residents and many businesses offered

support to beautify the town.

This year, Gary Swan is again chairing the volunteer committee.

Community groups and organizations are invited to adopt special cleanup or beautification projects for the morning of May 18. Businesses, who provided financial support for the event last year, are again invited to participate in any way they can. Area schools and churches will be called upon to contribute their special talent to the community day.

To become involved or for information, call Swan at 449-7769.

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# Bethlehem Central names honor roll students

Bethlehem Central High School has announced students on the honor roll and high honor roll for the second marking period.

## Honor roll

Grade 9: Matthew Allyn, Christopher Babbitt, Tamara Backer, Kamau Bakari, Kerri Battle, Megan Beyer, Bret Bjurstrom, Olga Boshart, Sarah Bourguignon, Cheryl Brannock, Jennifer Brown, Jonathan Bugler, Eleanor Bunk, Sarah Bylsma, Anthony Cambareri, Casey Cannistraci, Brigid Carroll, Steven Ciccio, Renee Ciotti, Rebecca Cole, Joseph Comi, Michele Craft, Sarah Crepeau, Jaime Czajka, Patrick DeWilde, John Deyss, Joshua Drew, Sharin Duffy, Kelly Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, Gusti Ehrlich, Andrew Farbstein, Suzanne Fish, Seth Friedman, Michael Fritts, Kerri Fuhrman, Anthony Genovese, David Glover, Sara Goldstein, Jonathan Gould, Douglas Haefeli, Zachary Hampton, Michael Harris, Seth Hillinger, Wendy Holley, Joanna Horn, Adam Hornick, Brian Horwitz, Tania Hotchin, Sommer Ingalls, John Isdell, Bertram Jones, Wayne Joy, Marc Kanuk, Michelle Kaufman, Kevin Kelly, Koren Korenko, Karyn Kotlow, Elizabeth LaBarge, Christopher Lane, Rebecca Lazarus, Lauren Liberatore, Ryan Lillis, Elizabeth Malanga, Shahrzad Malek, Michelle Marshall, Jeremy Mayo, Abigail McInerney, Robert McKenna, Alix Miller, Christopher Miller, Sarah Mineau, Nicole Mizener, Jessica Murphy, Sarah Nathan, Christine Nelson, Wendy Nicholson, John Noonan, Alex Olchowski, Robert Peyrebrune, Lorin Raggio, Rebecca Rice, Nicole Rinsler, Thomas Robbins, Paul Roche, Nicole Roger, Todd Rosenblat, Katherine Saffady, Kimberly Sajan, Siobhan Sheehan, Jennifer Smith, William Smith, Jamie Sommerville, Noah Sprissler, Samuel Tasko, Rachel Teumim, Jennifer Thorpe, Barbara Toms, Ryan Tougher, Dean Watkins, Amanda Watt, Sally Weimann, Jonathan Weiss, Laurie Welch, Colleen Welsh.

Grade 10: Chad Albert, Jason Bailey, Jessica Banks, Erin Barkman, Stephann Belke, Margaret Billings, Jennifer Bishop, Andrew Black, Simone Brewer, Aaron Brown, Matthew Brown, Georgia Butt, Tina Canton, Andrew Christian, Donna Church, Lynn Coffey,

Regina Conti, Mandy Conway, Shawn Cootware, Brandon Costello, Kerry Cross, Merritt Crowder, Scott Cunningham, Lisa Danziger, Brian Davies, Lisa Dearstyne, Julia Defazio, Michael Demarest, Kyle Doody, James Dundon, Lee Eck, Oliver Eslinger, Jill Ferraro, Andrew Finley, George Fisk, Lori Frazier, Melissa Freeman, Michelle Gamelin, Aimee Garrow, Seth Gerou, Gregory Gill, John Gill, Shawn Gill, Amy Gleckel, Rebecca Goggin, Samantha Gordon, Christopher Gould, Lesley Gralnik, Ryan Green, Hope Grenz, Scott Hasselbarth, Shannon Hill, Laurel Ingraham, Jan Isenberg, Robert Jordan, Michael Kagan, Tracey Kandefer, George Kansas, Michael Kohler, Kirsten Kullberg, Dustin Leonard, Brian Lozada, Kristen Mahony, Melissa Mann, Maura Mathews, Carl McCoy, Matthew McGuire, Carolyn McQuide, Emily Melcher, Thomas Meyer, Joseph Morrell, Elizabeth Motte, Carolyn Myers, Jason Myrtle, Hiep Nguyen, Ivan Nieves, Joshua Norek, Sara Novick, Maureen Nuttall, Heather Passenger, Michael Phelps, Allyn Pivar, Charles Preska, Sandra Ret, Suzanne Rice, Donald Robbins, Michael Rosenthal, Elizabeth Russo, Michael Russo, Christopher Ryan, Timothy Ryan, John Savoie, Jessica Scisci, Gretchen Seaburg, Heather Selig, Stephanie Shammoun, Jessica Sharron, Brigid Shogan, Penny Silk, Jason Silber, Jennifer Singerle, Jennifer Smith, Lynda Smith, Kory Snyder, Stephanie Sodergren, Christina Spinelli, Bryan Staff, Nina Teresi, Katherine Tobin, Meredith Tombros, Anne Umina, Kristen Van Duzer, Christina Van Hoesen, Brian Vanzutphen, Christopher Venezia, Penelope Walker, Alexander Waterman, John Weatherwax, Kim Weimann, Allison Wenger, Heather Whitbeck, Catherine Winne, Michael Wolbert.

Grade 11: Carolyn Arber, Eric Babbitt, Hillary Baron, Jennifer Berbrick, Melissa Bessman, Natalie Blessing, Seth Blumerman, Marian Borgia, Kevin Brennan, James Browe, Kimberly Burke, Ralph Carotenuto, Brian Carr, Matthew Choppy, Daniel Cohen, James Cornell, Carolyn Crary, Shane Cunningham, Michelle Curtis, Carly Cushman, Matthew Danaher, Christopher Daniels, Amanda Dawson, Debo-

rah De Puccio, Kristen Denkers, John Di Anni, John Dievendorf, Benjamin DiMaggio, James Dolder, Lisa Domermuth, Carolyn Doody, Philip Downs, David Drexler, Ryan Dunham, James Dwyer, Adnan Effandi, Paul Engel, Brandon Englisbe, Matthew Fisher, Perry Fraiman, Julia Glick, Jennifer Grand, Craig Gravina, Stacey Hammond, Richard Haskell, Dana Histed, Martin Hogan, Daniel Hornick, Garry Hurd, Kira Hyman, Trine Jacobsen, Michelle Kanuk, Charles Kawas, Matthew Kinney, Michael Koroluk, Elizabeth Kurkjian, Patrick Lalor, David Lawrence, Benjamin Lazarus, Michael Leyden, Sean Lozada, Kristin Luberd, Shaun Mahoney, Jennifer Mallery, Christine Malone, Adi Mandel, Natalie Marcotte, Megan Marshall, Kirsten Matarrese, Robert McCuen, Erin McDermott, Brian McGrath, Tory McKenna, Kristin Minor, Michele Monte, Timothy Mooney, Tracie Mull, Harmeet Narang, Susan Notis, Melissa Novak, Benjamin Olson, Stacey Parsons, Adam Perry, William Peters, James Pierce, Adam Price, Matthew Quatraro, Kara Ragone, Kristin Rider, Elizabeth Rivard, Christopher Rivers, Deborah Robbins, Andrea Rosen, Ian Salsberg, Henry Schneider, Janis Schoonover, Danielle Schroeder, Amy Shafer, Andrew Shapley, Matthew Shortell, Jennifer Siewert, Steven Skultety, Andrew Sleurs, Nathan Slingerland, Gregory Smith, Aaron Spevack, William Spinner, John Thomas, Jason Tice, Sarah Toms, Adam Trent, Alison Trimble, Tracey Turngren, Danielle Wagner, Kenneth Watson, Matthew Wiles, Steven Wolfe, Stuart Wood, Karyn Yaffee, Michael Yovine, Min Zhu.

Grade 12: Maurizio Agostino, Matthew Ahern, Robert Arber, Ole Aschenbrenner, Jessica Backer, Marc Baizman, Elizabeth Baker, Matthew Bates, Matthew Bechard, Joel Begg, Jennifer Bestler, Michael Bienvenue, Kristen Bleyman, Christian Bordick, Katherine Brand, Lisa Brennan, Shannyn Burch, Ruth Burkhard, Andre Cadieux, Heather Campaigne,

Christopher Cerezin, Bonnie Cole, Dia Cole, Jonathan Cooke, Jennifer Coon, Andrea Cornell, Mark Cunningham, Laure Davignon, James Davis, Brian Decker, Heather DeFazio, Amy DeGaetano, Christopher Dinneen, Bonnie Donaldson, Chelsea Donovan, Kathryn Dorgan, Nicole DuBois, Laurie Dudzik, John Eames, Brian Farrell, Jason Fireovid, Patrick Fish, Scott Fish, Darryn Fiske, Megan Flynn, Shawn Flynn, Kristina Frati, Brenda Fryer, Alissa Furman, Michael Genovese, Nicole Germann, Lori Geurtze, John Goggin, Jeremy Goldman, Jennifer Googins, Michael Hallisey, Michael Hamill, Tricia Hampton, Robert Hartnett, Daniel Haughney, Sarah Hinman, Heather Hoffman, Kathleen Jeram, Lance Junco, Anita Kaplan, Andrew Kurzon, Jennifer Lane, Timothy LeClair, David Lorette, Mark MacDonald, Valerie Maeder, Brian Mahony, Christina Mann, Keith Manne, Abigail Mansky, Kelly Many, Craig Mattox, Eric McCaughin, Meghan McFerran, Karen McNary, Margaret Meixner, Sean Miller, Emily Mineau, Michael Murphy, Antonio Nebres, Andrew Newell, William Parry, Michael Peters, Christopher Philippo, Timothy Pittz, Elizabeth Recene, Amy Rehbit, Joseph Robbins, Adam Roberts, Kelly Robinson, Johanna Roppnen, Brian Rosenblum, Alleesa Rosenfield, Kelly Ryan, Carolyn Saffady, Masahiro Shinohara, Jason Silbergleit, Eric Sims, Brett Smith, Brian Smith, Rebecca Smith, Ethan Sprissler, Kevin Stadler, Michael Sullivan, Todd Sussman, Donald Thomas, Scott Thornton, Cory Treffiletti, Heather Trossbach, Terry Valenti, David Van Gelder, Joseph Vet, John Vogel, Julie Westerhouse, Dean Wickham, David Woods, Adrienne Wright.

## High honor roll

Grade 9: Gianna Aiezza, Lynn Ansaldo, Carrie Bailey, Jonathan Belfort, Robin Bellizzi, Ueyn Block, Jeremy Bollam, Heather Bordick, Bethany Borofsky, Lauren Boyle, Michael Breslin, Lauren Brown,

Michael Carpenter, Alyssa Conklin, Casey Cornelius, Cori Cunningham, Melanie Dale, Suzanne Dorfman, Thomas Dorgan, Allison Drew, Brian Dudzik, Kara Dumper, Elizabeth Dunn, Tara Eaton, Gail Fasciani, Myra Feldman, Scott Fitzpatrick, Nadia Govanlu, Jennifer Greggo, Jessica Greggo, Suzanne Hansen, Kimberly Hart, Caroline Jenkins, Alyssa Kahn, Rachel Kennedy, Karen Knickerbocker, Hitomi Kubo, Gwenn Lazar, Matthew Leibman, Brian Lenhardt, Thomas Leyden, Scott Lobel, Joshua Lobel, Michael Loegering, Jamie Lyman, Leslie MacDowell, Shannan MacDowell, Saira Malik, Erin Many, Jennifer Martin, Abraham McAllister, Kathleen McDermott, Brian Murray, Amy Perlmutter, Kim Piper, Linda Ploof, Christi-Ann Postava-Davignon, Larissa Read, Drew Reynolds, Amy Ringler, David Seegal, Rebecca Sievert, Nicholas Sroka, Nandita Sugandhi, Namita Sugandhi, Jeremy Sussman, Alexander Teeter, Matthew Thornton, Sarah Whitney, Lonny Winter, Brian Winterhoff, Deborah Woods.

Grade 10: Kathleen Ahern, Lucy Bassett, Sarah Blabey, Stefanie Bobo, Jennifer Burrell, Anne Byrd, Monique Chatterjee, Christine Chen, Emily Chen, Nicole Ciotti, Regina Crisafulli, Rebecca Doyle, Meghan Faulkner, Amy Fernandez, Jonathan Fisher, Lawrence Fisher, Alexander Frangos, Michael Futia, Sari Gold, Eliza Gregory, Laura Haefeli, Stacy Havlik, Sara Israel, Michael Laiosa, Renee Lewis, Mia Lobel, Edwin Lomotan, Christopher Macaluso, Britta Macomber, Joshua Malbin, Marc Mannella, Tracy Manning, Adam Maurer, Jonathan Meester, Erin Murphy, Adam Peters, Timothy Philippo, Maggie Plattner, Maile Ray, Kevin Romanski, David Rosenberg, Stacey Rosenblum, Atul Sanghi, Jennifer Scharmann, Erica Schroeder, Rasesh Shah, Daniel Shaye, Naomi Shoss, Carolyn Siegal, Bethany Slingerland, Deborah Stewart, Kathleen

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## Ladybirds fall in second round

The Voorheesville girls basketball team's season came to an end last weekend in a second-round loss to Fonda. The Ladybirds managed to squeek out a 41-39 victory in the first round against Stillwater.

The girls received a home court advantage against Stillwater of the Wasaren league. The Birds quickly jumped out against the Warriors to take an 11-2 lead. But the lead would slowly diminish in the second period, as Stillwater utilized a strong full-court press to close the game to just a two point, 21-19 lead for the Birds. Coach Nadine Bassler called time out, which worked as the Blackbirds became more patient on the offensive end. This patience contributed to another run by Voorheesville, as they took a 29-21 lead into halftime.

Courtney Langford, Donna Zautner, and Kelly Donahue scored all 29 of Voorheesville's points in the first half. Donahue sparked the Birds from outside, while Langford and Zautner continued to utilize their two-man passing game on the right side. The inside-outside game between the two worked all night, creating layups for both girls.

In the third quarter, the Ladybirds continued to outplay their

opponents, as they opened up a 12 point lead halfway through the quarter. Once again, however, they let the Warriors back into the game in the fourth quarter. Stillwater's dormant offense came alive in the final period. The shots that they were missing started to fall, and suddenly the game became close. After two consecutive three pointers by Janet Calahan and Michele Dunn, who led the Warriors with 24 points, the Blackbirds lead was cut to just six points with three minutes left to play.

The Warriors continued to climb back into the game, and pulled to within three points with one and a half minutes left to play. The Ladybirds had a chance to take the game away with 53 seconds left to play, as Kristin Foley went to the line for a one and one opportunity. But she missed the front end. A Blackbird foul quickly followed, sending a Warrior to the line, which was a palace for Warrior players all night, as they went 13 for 17. She made one of two, making it just a two point game. The Birds failed to convert on a one and one opportunity, giving Stillwater a chance to win or tie the game. After they lost the ball out of bounds, the Warriors had one final chance to tie with one tick left on the clock, but they never got the shot off and the Birds took the victory 41-39,

despite scoring in the last three minutes. Langford and Zautner led the Birds with 14 points, while Donahue added 11.

In the next round the Blackbirds ran into a very tough Fonda team. They managed just four points in the first and third quarter, having trouble against the Brave defense. After taking a 24-14 lead into halftime, they stymied the Blackbird offense and took a 31-18 lead. The Braves continued to roll in the fourth quarter, winning 49-30.

Langford again led the Blackbirds with 12 points, who finished the season at 11-12, a much improved record considering they won just two games last season.

Things look even brighter for the Ladybirds in the future. Although they lose the outside shooting of Kelly Donahue, and the court leadership of Laura Pierro, the 1-2 scoring punch of Courtney Langford and Donna Zautner will return. They can also look forward to the addition of players from a talented junior varsity team, which took the Colonial Council title this year.

### Local bodybuilder wins masters title

Neil Isaacs, of Slingerlands, placed first in the Masters (over 35) division of the Northeastern States bodybuilding Championship held Feb. 2 at the Palace Theater in Albany. The competition was conducted under the

auspices of the All Natural Physique and Power Conference, which mandated that all athletes be drug-free for at least five years. Isaacs defeated competitors ten years younger than himself.

## Three RCS wrestlers finish year at Glens Falls tourney

By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians, represented by just three grapplers, wrestled in their final tournament of the year last week at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Freddy Pechette, Chad Rooney and Jason Knox were the RCS wrestlers in the Section II State Qualifier meet. Pechette won his first match, but then lost to the fourth-place finisher to end the day and his wrestling career. His record stands at 21 wins, eight losses and one tie.

### Scouts place high in fund-raising

Boy Scouts of Pack 258 recently learned they placed second of all the packs in the Twin Rivers Council, which covers seven counties from Fulton to Albany, for the amount of money collected in a bowl-a-thon. Many parents and volunteers helped to make this a success.

The Scouts have also collected for Operation Mustard Seed and have corresponded with servicemen.

Rooney and Knox wrestled well, although they each lost their first match. Rooney ended the season with a 14-11 record, while Knox tallied 18 wins and 13 losses.

Other records are as follows: Adam Smith, 14-10; Tommy McGrail, 9-9; Brian Irving, 8-8; captain Chris King, 14-9; freshman John Mantynen, 14-11; Jason Demerest, 11-9; sophomore Dave Baranska, 22-5-1; Todd Stanton, five wins; and Paul Pecora, two wins.

Randy Beach, Joe Michanew, Chris Stanton, Steve Dragon, Scott Stalker, Jon Engle, Jim Banahan, Kevin Craft and Mark LaRose were also members of this year's team.

## Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Feb 17, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — John Erickson 228; Bob Montgomery 567 triple; Bud Kubisch 566 triple.

Sr. Cit. Women — Del Langer 201, Doris Aupperle 511 triple.

Men — Jim Turner 298; Dale Francisco 711 triple; Willie Boughton 1025 (4 game series).

Women — Grace Salisbury 256; Gigi Barba 573 triple; Debbie Doran 572.

Major Girls — Traci Layman 173, 481 triple; Julie Matott 155, 436 triple.

Jr. Boys — John Dougherty 193, 556 triple; Kenny Layman 185, 524 triple.

Jr. Girls — Melissa Costigan 179, 458 triple; Angie Amsler 167, 438 triple.

Prep Boys — Mike O'Brien 169, 488 triple; Jason Drahzal 152, 400 triple.

Prep Girls — Andrea Kachidurian 198, 499 triple; Lisa Morris 210, 496 triple.

Bantam Boys — Michael Medvesky 140, 365 triple; Brad Glass 121, 301 triple.

Bantam Girls — Kim Brown 117, 319 triple.

### Junior Classic League

Major Boys — Lee Aiezza 243, 914 (4 game series); Rob Burns 225, 811 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Beth Matthews 230, 736 (4 game series); Heather Selig 212, 732 (4 game series).

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By Debi Boucher

Greenhouses aren't just for plants.

While it's nice to have an indoor garden, many people add greenhouses or solariums to their homes not just for the aesthetics, but as a means of saving energy. Using the right materials, it's possible to "trap" heat from the sun in a specially designed room, and hold it there after the sun has gone down, according to George Keleshian, owner of One Energy on Central Avenue, on the Albany-Colonie border.

Keleshian explained that construction of a greenhouse or sun room entails bringing together a number of categories of specialty products, from masonry to wall materials to glass, which comes in almost endless variety. Insulated glass is "nothing" compared to the technology available today, Keleshian said. For instance, argon gas-insulated glass circulates gas between two thin panes. There are different thicknesses of glass, and different tints; and special solar collecting glass panels for the roof of a solarium.

"You have to plan for all 365 days," said Keleshian, launching into a complex explanation of the earth's angle to the sun, morning and afternoon, in a given season. The most advantageous position for a greenhouse or sun room, he said, is on the southeast side of a house, if there is a choice. If that's not practical, though, it is possible to

mitigate a less desirable position with the proper engineering and building materials.

One Energy covers every phase of greenhouse and solarium construction,

Keleshian said, from design and site survey to building. For those who feel confident enough in their abilities to install their own greenhouse, he said, the firm provides detailed visual and written instructions. "Nine out of 10" customers opt to have the company do all the work, he added.

How much money a greenhouse or solarium will set you back depends on many factors, Keleshian said. There

**Solariums add to living space, and conserve energy as well.**

are a number of options that can be incorporated, such as Italian tiles and marble floors, or the project can be kept relatively simple. Many greenhouses are available in modular kits, he said, but they are not necessarily less expensive than custom projects.

The cost of a greenhouse or solarium ranges from about \$100 to \$200 per square foot, which translates into between \$10,000 and \$20,000 for a 10' by 10' space. The largest percentage of the cost is on-site work, said Keleshian, explaining, "A lot of people don't have a feeling for these special rooms — you're doing all the work you'd do for a whole house." That means a full foundation, heating, electricity and water, wall treatment and insulation — beneath the foundation as well as in the walls. There is a low-cost model available just for plants, Keleshian said; the "vegetable factory" requires no foundation, only a concrete slab.

If the room is going to be used for plants, ventilation must be installed in order to avoid overheating during the warm summer months, and choosing the right type of glass is particularly important. If a Jacuzzi or whirlpool is to be incorporated, the walls must be specially treated against moisture damage.

Using a number of different components — including dark flooring, such as slate; carefully-chosen glass; and heat-holding wall material, such as brick — the greenhouse or solarium can hold heat and light from the sun all day long. When the sun goes down, window quilts can keep the heat in, without so much as the flick of a switch: the same sunlight that warms the room can be harnessed in photo-voltaic cells to power the opening and closing of the insulating window quilts.



Sun rooms are for plants and people, and make ideal spots for whirlpool baths (above). Wooden arches are among the latest design components.

## Know your legal rights as a consumer

By Dev Tobin

Problems with home improvement contractors are a major source of consumer complaints, but there is a three-year-old state law that provides a measure of protection for consumers, according to Attorney General Robert Abrams.

"With the approach of spring and the home improvement season, consumers should become familiar with the state's home improvement contractor law to spare themselves the expense and headache of being victimized by sharp or shoddy operators," said Abrams in a press release. The attorney general's consumer frauds and protection unit handles and prosecutes

complaints regarding home improvements.

The law, section 771 of the general business law, enacted in 1988, requires a written contract for any home improvement costing more than \$500, and provides a three-day right of cancellation of that contract.

Under the law, the contract must include start and completion dates, a specific description of the materials to be used, and either a progress payments schedule, wherein any down payment or other contract payments are deposited in an escrow account, or a bond guaranteeing that the work will be done. Money can then be

withdrawn from the escrow account only under terms agreed upon by the contractor and the consumer.

The law also requires that the contractor notify the homeowner that, in the event of non-payment, the contractor may obtain a mechanic's lien against the homeowner.

"We've had so many horror stories, that we advise everyone to pay as you go" and avail themselves of the protections of the law, Nancy Connell, spokesperson for Abrams, commented.

Assistant Attorney General Michael Sims said that the law was working well, "My impression is that it's an effective law

that provides clear, black-and-white requirements that contractors must abide by. The law has teeth and provides substantial protection for consumers."

Sims added that the penalties for violations had just been increased as of the first of the year.

"The new fines are \$250 or 5 percent of the aggregate contract for each substantive violation, not to exceed \$2,500," Sims explained.

Earlier this month, Abrams acted to put an East Greenbush man out of the home improvement business after re-

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A home with cozy qualities and style can be detected immediately upon entering. The slightest items can create the essence of a home. Lace, candles, flowers, mirrors, photographs, linens, rugs, art and antiques lend harmony.

Ask yourself, "What could make my home more comfortable?"

Could it be a simple arrangement of the already treasured details of your home?

Start by thinking of your home as the beginning of a class project in an interior design class. All you have are standing walls, unpainted, floors bare, home unfurnished. In your mind place all the large base pieces of furniture in their best spot. It's your dream home you're

creating, which means you're the best judge as to where things belong.

Could a plain wooden floor need a coat of colorful flat paint or a decorative rug?

Is it time to treat that bedroom window with a little lace?

Flip through some decorating, art or antique magazines for ideas from illustrations and articles.

Next make a list of all the items in your home that you would be happy living without. Starter pieces of furniture and disliked wedding gifts can be sold at a garage sale.

Once the base of the project is to your liking, the new wallpaper hung, you're ready to spruce the overall comfort of your home by adding the abstract details and finishing touches.

## Furniture, art and antiques

If you're not already a collector of a certain style of furniture, art or antiques, but are interested in purchasing some new, rather than rearranging the old, the best shopping advice is to read and ask questions.

Visit art galleries, antique stores and let the experts help you. An-

tique magazines and newspapers often have listings of current shows and exhibits, not to mention excellent decorating tips.

If you own some hand-me-down antiques and are unsure of their worth, investigate. It can be extremely depressing to discover that you've sold an item worth a small fortune for \$50 at a garage sale. You could have a valuable piece already in your possession that just needs a little restoration.

More and more creative people today buy unfinished furniture and paint it themselves, creating contemporary furniture with a personal touch.

There is art in painting candlesticks, flowerpots and trash cans as well. Splash different colors onto a plain white chair or use a sponge for stripes or for an overall rustic look. If you're an artist, paint a scene. The possibilities are endless.

## Lighting

Most interior designers would agree that proper lighting is essential to good room design; however, they all may not agree on what is proper lighting.

Be aware of what's available in the stores. Look not only at the material, color or design of the lamp or fixture, but also consider its function: Where will it go in your home, and how will its light enhance the room?

There are two kinds of lighting, task and accent lighting. Lamps perform the task of brightening up a room and accent lighting complements an art object or plant. For example, a bulb on the floor can spray light up onto a wall behind a large potted plant for a nice, warm effect.

Colorful geometric wall sconces can illuminate a hallway or a kitchen and give the space a boost of flair as well. Optical framing projectors can gently illuminate a piece of art in its shape by being installed on a track on the ceiling. Also, consider replacing plastic switchplates with some more decorative.

## Linens and lace

Try softening your furnishings with fine linen and lace. Percale sheets that get softer and whiter with age and washing can add comfort and romance to the bedroom. Acrocheted bedspread with splashes of pillows trimmed with frills add elegance also.

Dress up a table with a fancy lace tablecloth and napkins or place a doily under a favorite vase or lamp for a sensual touch.

Once the hallmark of every aristocrat's home, high-quality linens and lace are now available to all in many patterns and sizes can be purchased at department stores, specialty shops, estate sales and even flea markets.

## Decorating tabletops

Clutter on a tabletop can be

attractive and homey if, in fact, it's good clutter. A crowd of family photographs in various size frames with eclectic designs, freshly cut or dried flowers, candlesticks, a collection of miniatures, a crystal clock, anything of value to you placed among other valuables can be considered good clutter. But don't overdo it. Only a few tabletops can accommodate such clusters.

Sometimes less is nice, too, like an intricate hand-carved jewelry box standing alone on an antique dresser, with a small mirror hanging on the wall above. Oftentimes, art should stand on its own for simplicity's sake.

## Cut down chemicals

Look for phosphate-free laundry detergents—phosphates are responsible for algae blooms that foul water and kill fish and shellfish. (Liquid detergents are generally phosphate free.)

Safely and easily substitute toxic household cleaning products such as window cleaner, furniture polish and kitchen and bath disinfectants with combinations of six simple yet effective ingredients: vinegar, soap, baking soda, washing soda, borax and ammonia.

Avoid using chemical pest controls in your home in the same manner. Boric acid powder sprinkled around the refrigerator, stove and doors will cling to insects, poisoning them and others in their nest.

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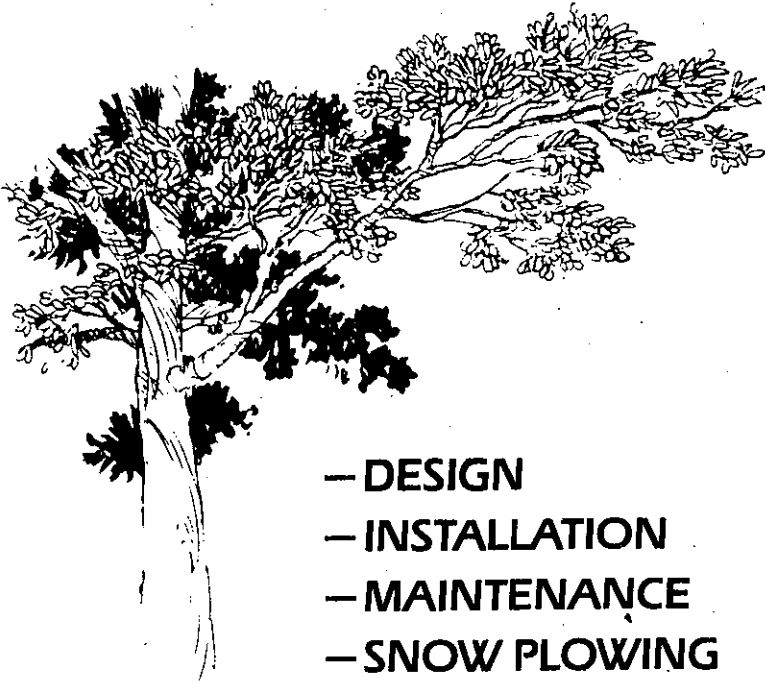
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# Design firm specializes in custom touches

By Susan Graves

Robert Mitchell has special ideas when it comes to home building and renovation.

Mitchell, president of Robert Mitchell Associates, a construction management and design firm in Delmar, said he "attempts to do those homes that are memorable." Mitchell, Scott Wallant Architects and Mitchell Homes, Inc., three separate business entities, work together to "integrate design and construction to assure the highest level of quality," Mitchell said.

"We do elaborate things, things people will think of as so special, things that were commonly done," in the past when people felt responsible to the street scope, he said. One example of a community that has kept touch with the past in terms of new development is Slingerlands, Mitchell said.

"When we build, we expect houses to be here 500 years from now," he said.

Recently his firm did a quarter-million dollar addition on a three-year-old house. When he began his business, he thought he could carry out his ideas in an inexpensive way. "Initially, I thought I could do things cheaper, but I found it wasn't cheaper trying to do more interesting things."

Restoration with a special touch can include ceramic moldings that help create a 19th century look or carved staircases with wood trim suited to a given historical era.

Mitchell said he realized he had to aim for a market "with money to do special things." Everything is custom made to suit the needs and wishes of Mitchell's clients. When he designs a new home, he begins by interviewing his client to get an in-depth picture of the person's at-



Robert Mitchell

home routine. The initial interview is designed to profile "a day in the life of" the client, so that Mitchell can offer a plan that best suits the individual's lifestyle. "It's their house. They ought to be able to do what they want done."

After the interview, he tailors a design analysis of the person's or family's needs and priorities.

From this, the home — or addition or renovation — can be completed with specific individuals in mind.

"Once a program is determined, a preliminary design and cost estimate is made." From there, a full set of working plans are made. The plans specify everything to be placed in every room so the client is aware of exactly what to expect.

Many people aren't even aware of the type of service he offers. "I came to realize running the business I'm trying to run, I don't fit into any neat category."

"When we design a house, we provide a service," which standardized plans can not.

Mitchell and his colleagues are in process of renovating the former Main Care building on Kenwood Avenue. They expect to move into their offices in April.

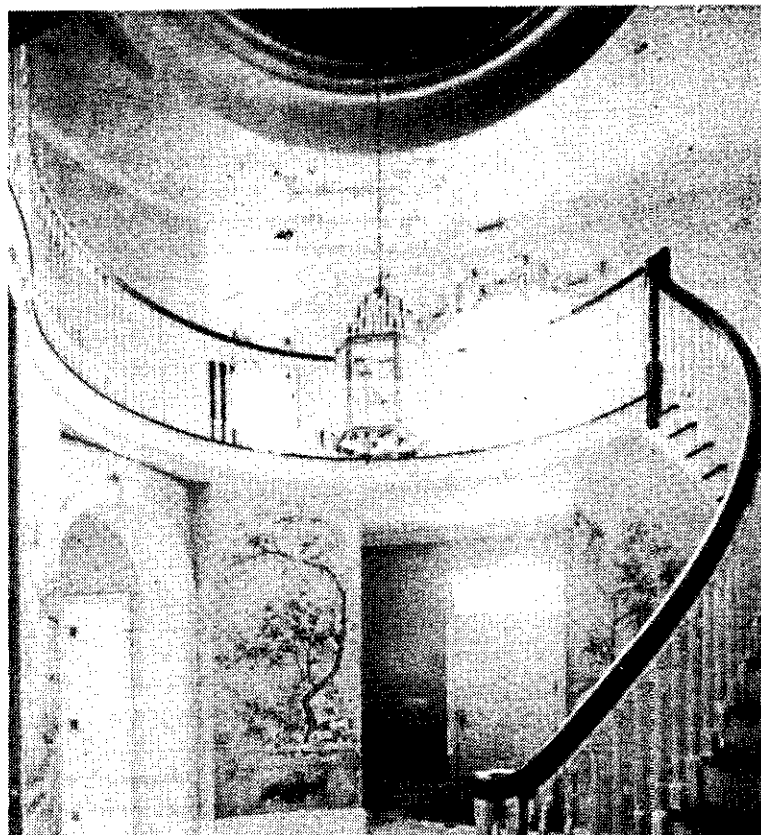
Mitchell, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute School of Architecture in Troy, founded TAP, Inc., a not-for-profit architectural design advocacy planning agency still active in Troy.

From there, he started Solar Systems Design before forming his business on Hallwood Road in Delmar. "When I was doing passive solar work, it made a great deal of sense in terms of value," he said.

## Shower maintenance

A quick way to defog the bathroom mirror after a shower is to turn your hand-held hair dryer on it, using the Low setting. The warm air will clear the mirror.

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# Do-it-yourselfers: Know your limitations

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Doing your own spring home improvement projects can be a great way to save on the cost of a deck or a shed, but only if you know your limits.

Many local building materials supply companies offer a variety of helpful pamphlets and are willing to give advice to the do-it-yourselfer. But, the success of the project depends entirely on the backyard-carpenter's ability to take that knowledge and use it. The key to a successful project is working within your own limits.

Matt Meade, store manager of Curtis Lumber in Delmar, and Brian Kerschner, store manager of 84 Lumber in Latham, both report an increase in business from people doing their own home improvements. Both stores offer a variety of free pamphlets for the do-it-yourselfer as well as books and project blueprints.

Both companies' pamphlets describe the materials and tools needed for a variety of projects ranging from installing sheetrock to aluminum siding to skylights. The pamphlet breaks each project down into easy-to-follow steps with written explanations and diagrams.

Both managers say their staff is willing to take the time to explain projects to customers and answer questions as they arise. Videotaped demonstrations of projects are available at 84 Lumber and Curtis Lumber is planning such a library.

But even this may not be enough for the first-time home improver, who has taken on a project beyond his abilities. Purchasing project materials and then getting into it, only to find you are not capable of completing the renovation can wind up costing more than paying a contractor outright.

One point Meade stressed is that do-it-yourselfers should "do a little leg-work before they get involved," so they have a better understanding of what they are getting into. Meade cited home insulation projects as an example.

In order to save on energy costs re-insulating has become a popular project. Meade cautions that in old homes ventilation is just as important as insulation because blocking the ventilation can trap moisture. He said he has received calls from people complaining that they have water damage from their attics. The reason for the problem is that the ventilation was blocked

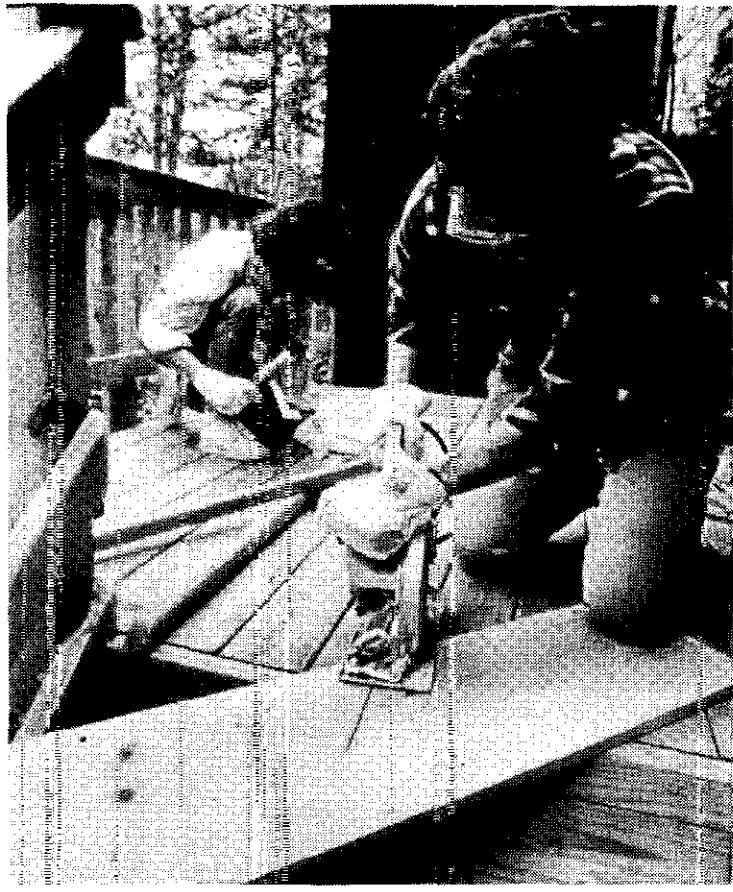
and moisture built up, he said. This type of situation winds up costing the home-improver the money that was saved because new repairs have to be made.

Meade said he tries to help people decide whether or not they should seek a professional for a home project. He said some people who want to do an involved home improvement project "don't have an inkling" about what they are getting into. In those cases, he recommends they bring in a contractor. He admits that it is difficult to make the determination without insulting the person.

Kerschner recommends the first-time do-it-yourselfer start with a small project such as a storage shed, installing paneling or replacing a door.

But, Kerschner said he has sold deck packages to "people who barely knew what a two-by-four was" and, after having the project explained, were able to build the deck. He admits, though, the more knowledge a person has, the easier it will be to do the project.

"If they are willing to give it a try, they can pretty much do what they want," is how Kerschner sums up do-it-yourselfers.



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# Country homes borrow from city cousins

The suburbs just aren't the same anymore; new tract houses don't look as uniform as they once did as buyers demand individuality. And existing neighborhoods, especially those built in the 60s, are seeing some very creative remodels.

The move to the city in the last couple of decades has turned around again. This time, though, city folk are taking their sophisticated designs out to the 'burbs with them. Even if nothing structural is done to the outside of the home, it's not surprising to enter the typical ranch to find yourself in a very untypical living space you'd swear had just dropped out of a downtown co-op.

Interesting things are happening to interior architecture, such as the use of Doric columns and heavy pedestals (still a strong look, but losing mass appeal and availability).

Concrete, sometimes inlaid with pattern, is fast becoming a popular material for indoors; not always cold and industrial, designers are inlaying broken tile for folk art appeal or using a rougher grade (as opposed to the fine, uniform sand in standard concrete) for an "instant old" look. Concrete is seen in flooring, on fireplace surrounds, on walls in the form of concrete block.

Industrial design can be seen on chrome exteriors, with the interesting use of metal roofing. Cop-



Suburbia is taking on a new look as those preferring the "country life" are taking tips from their city cousins and building

their homes with an urban touch, adding a functional sophistication to both the individual home and developments.

per is the best-looking of course, but expensive. Metal is also being shown in girder form, on deck overhangs, for instance. Softened with vines, it's not as "hard" as it first sounds. Watch for Quonset hut looks, too, as people search for affordable but interesting design solutions.

This time around, city design doesn't exclude children; interiors are classy and classic, but not hands-off by any means. Example:

Big, bold floral fabrics treated with professional stain resisters and rich, dark leathers make sofas and chairs kid-friendly. Oriental rugs are everywhere, and—surprise!—you have to look closely to see the cookie crumbs.

What are some of the elements that say "city" in a suburban setting? Watch for:

• Gilt in everything, picture frames in particular.

• Cushy-inviting leather furniture; carefully consider the fun colors, though: The life expectancy of a leather sofa is around 15 years, one retailer told us. Can you live with royal blue that long? Brown is on top right now.

• Photography as art. Original black-and-white photos by the masters are very collectible now, but your family's own collections works, too.

• Crystal chandeliers. Can you believe this one? Designers are using them in virtually any setting—you don't need a cherry dining room set like Mom's.

• Crown molding, the more ornate the better.

• Modern, '30s furniture. The reproductions are showing up in showrooms, in wonderful reds and other eye-popping fabrics.

• Candelabras—on tabletops, as wall sconces. Candles, it seems, are back big time.

• Stone on floors, especially, but also fireplace surrounds, and countertops. Stone works with the sleekest, most contemporary design to the country. It's absolutely timeless, a great investment (and investment it is!).

• Twentieth-century art, including (original) propaganda posters.

• Tapestry and brocade fabrics with gold woven in. Gold is big in all applications right now, but don't overdo it or you'll end up with untouchable-looking glitz.

Perhaps the best thing about taking the city out to the neighborhood is that you can have a garden, too; then you can not only grow a great salad, but perhaps that most simple, sophisticated touch of all: fresh flowers.

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The average homeowner knows nothing about the quality and design of furniture and fabrics, their best and worst applications, so a designer can prevent big-ticket mistakes, such as sofas that aren't exactly the right color or size.

To find a designer, look up the local chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) or International Society of Interior Designers (ISID) and speak with several. Ask if the fee is based on markups on wholesale items, an hourly rate or both. Once you've narrowed it down to one or two designers, ask to interview

them in your home.

If you're on a budget, many large furniture stores have staff designers who give their time for free if you purchase furniture from that store. Many wall coverings and window coverings retailers offer similar services.

## Household lingo varies by country

Britain and the United States really are two nations divided by a common language, as the editors of "Household Hints and Tips" (Better Homes and Gardens Books) discovered. In England, an attic is called the loft; dishes are crockery and a Phillips screwdriver is a cross-head screwdriver.

## Home as a haven

The Home Furnishing Council found that we view our homes as a sanctuary and a source of comfort. Our living spaces also provide an outlet for creativity and an opportunity to exercise control over our environment.

## Snowball effect

Homeowners see home furnishings as an important investment, and a study by the Home Furnishings Council found that making a small change in a home's interior often leads to ongoing redecorating projects.

## Furniture fracas

Many women rearrange furniture as often as seasons change. The typical furniture rearranger is a married woman, between the ages of 25 and 44, who owns her home. Spring is the most popular furniture-rearranging season.

## Singles stay put

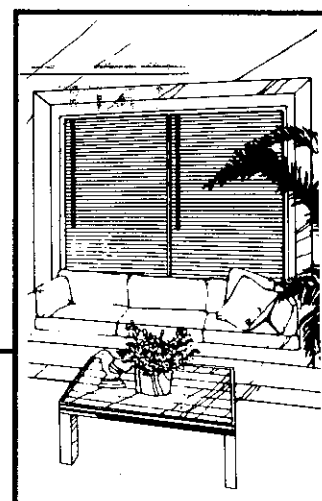
Single people do not rearrange their furniture as often as married, divorced, widowed or separated people. When people do rearrange their furniture, it's usually in the living room.

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## Go treasure hunting at garage, estate sales

It's easier to spot items you want at garage sales. At estate sales you may have to wander through an entire house a couple of times to find just the right item. Don't be close-minded, but if you want lamps, you should head to where the lamps are and so on. And be sure to check furniture carefully; sometimes elegant antiques lie hidden underneath dozens of coats of paint.

Something to remember when trotting off to sales is that you should never hesitate— if you like it when you see it, buy it.

### Need a change? Try Stain!

Looking for a way to brighten and enhance exterior surfaces? Consider staining instead of painting—stain goes on easier than paint, is less likely to peel, and allows you to change the surface's color without masking its natural texture.

Exterior stain can be used on a wide variety of exterior surfaces from decking to siding to shingles. Solid stains can even be used on vertical concrete and masonry surfaces.

Staining offers two degrees of coverage—solid and semi-transparent. Solid stains have more color and cover the wood's grain and color while letting its texture show through. Semi-transparent stains have less color and allow some of the wood's natural color, texture and grain to show through.

On concrete and masonry, solid stains completely cover the color of the surface but the texture of the stone will still show through. An alkali resistant primer should be used before applying the solid stain to concrete.

Experts say that one stain has combined the benefits of both these. For a free booklet send a postcard to Thompson's Stain Card, 825 Crossover Lane, Memphis, TN 38117.

There is no better place to dig up furniture treasures than at a garage sale, estate sale or an auction.

Roaming through garage and estate sales may take time, but usually the benefits derived from wandering through other people's toss-aways are worth it.

Some tips for succeeding at a garage or estate sale: check *The Spotlight's* classified section; arrive early—items at estate sales go quickly—and be prepared to pay cash.

### Tender chicken

Lemon juice and ground lemon peel help tenderize chicken. Before cooking, rub the juice onto inside and outside and disperse the peels throughout the cavity.

## Twisting by the pool



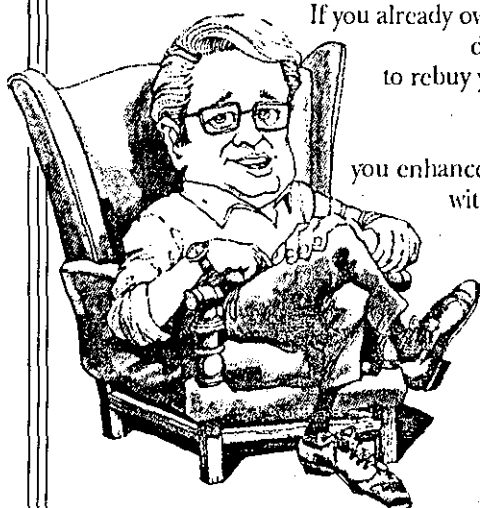
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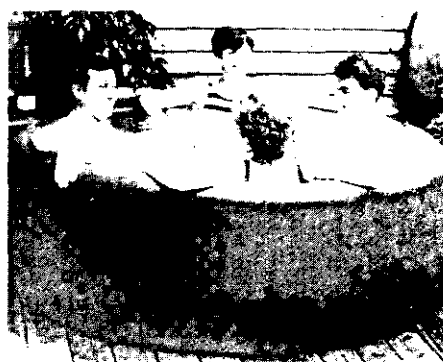
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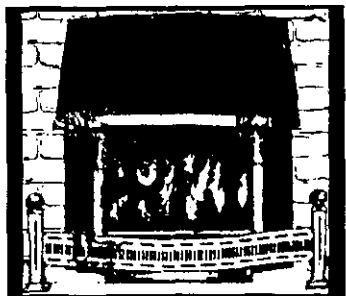


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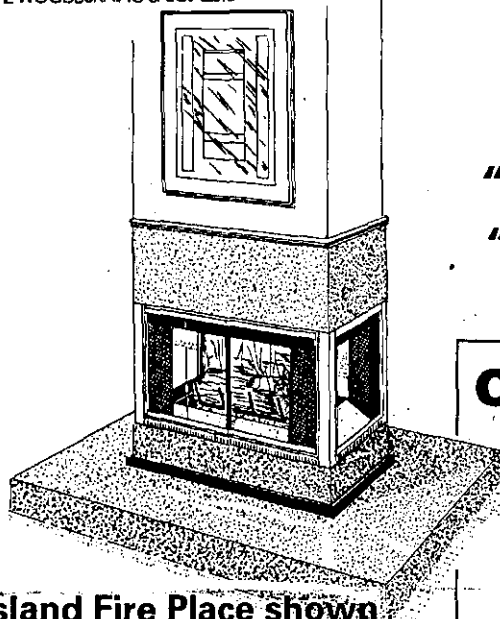
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## Casual comfort



This year's trend in designing the home calls for an uncluttered, comfortable and sophisticated look that is both elegant and relaxed.

## Energy efficiency important to consider in summer

By Mike Larabee

Think winter's gone and with it the need to concern yourself with energy efficiency? Think there's no money to be saved on home energy costs during spring and summer?

Think again.

According to George Slichko, a Niagara Mohawk consumer rela-

tions spokesperson, energy efficiency should be a year-round concern. While he acknowledges that winter is the season for major energy savings, he said there are many things people can do to eliminate needless waste during warm weather as well.

"It's surprising, there are a number of things you can do for the summer when you really start thinking about it," Slichko said. "And most of it is that waste."

Most important, he said, is for people to be careful how they use air conditioners. He said common sense should be the rule.

"Number one, make sure your air conditioner is in top notch working condition and if it has a filter, make sure that the filter has been cleaned or changed," he said. And, just as you would with a heater, be certain units are free of obstruction.

In addition, he said, don't worry about rooms that you don't spend much time in, especially at night. He said that acquiring a small unit for your bedroom might make sense even if you already have a larger one or central air.

"You're cooling the whole house, and for what? You're not going to be in there. It's just like going over to the sewer and throw-

ing your money into it," Slichko said.

NiMo offers free home energy audits throughout the year, and while they are geared toward heating savings, Slichko many people have them done during the spring. Notably, NiMo's main piece of advice for coping with the cold — install insulation — can help keep your home cool as well.

"Insulation always helps," he said, citing an "old adage" that "whatever keeps the heat out keeps the cool in."

A good way to keep your home comfortable is to contain cold air that accumulates during the night by closing drapes, he said. "When you wake up in the morning and the sun comes up, if you pull the drapes when your house is still cool, you'll retain that coolness."

"Naturally, when the house does start to get warm, you'll have to open it up then," he said. "But for a good portion of that time, you can keep the house cool by keeping the drapes closed."

Craig Jones, director of the state Department of Public Service SAVINGPOWER program, recommended arranging a free home energy audit with NiMo by calling 1-800-852-FREE. In particular, he said, customers should get an electrical billing analysis telling them in detail where their electricity is being spent, such as how much is going for refrigeration, for lighting and for water heating.

"It'll break down the customers bill, and that will help the customer devise their own plan," he said.

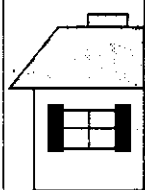
Jones said you can save large amounts can on cooling costs if you simply forego air conditioning for window and attic fans. "Fans use about a tenth of the electricity of an air conditioner, so you can save quite a bit," he said.

### HOME FACTS

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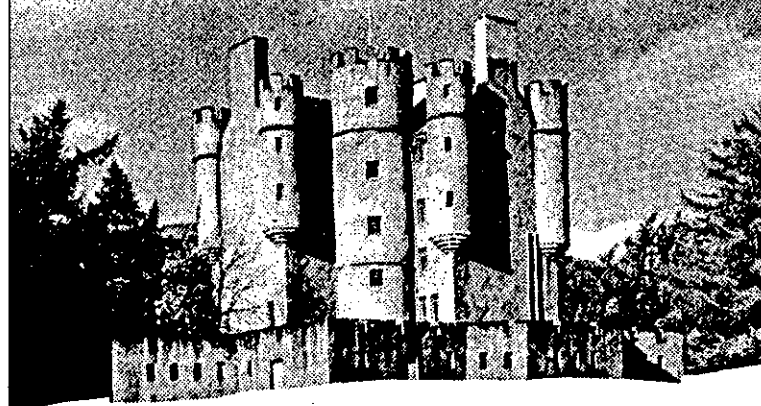
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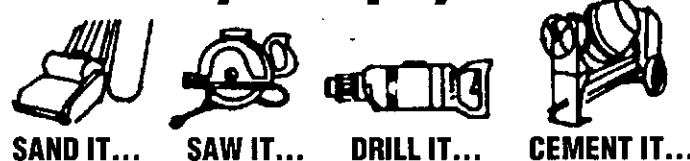
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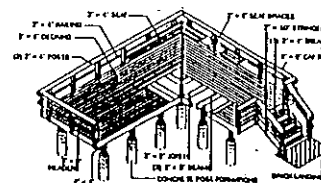
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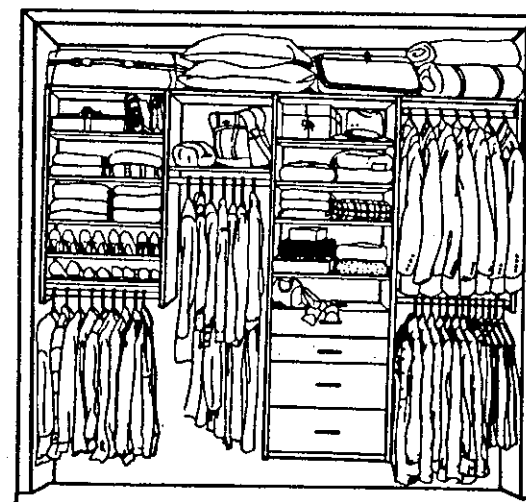
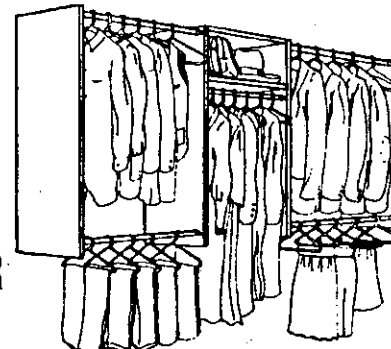
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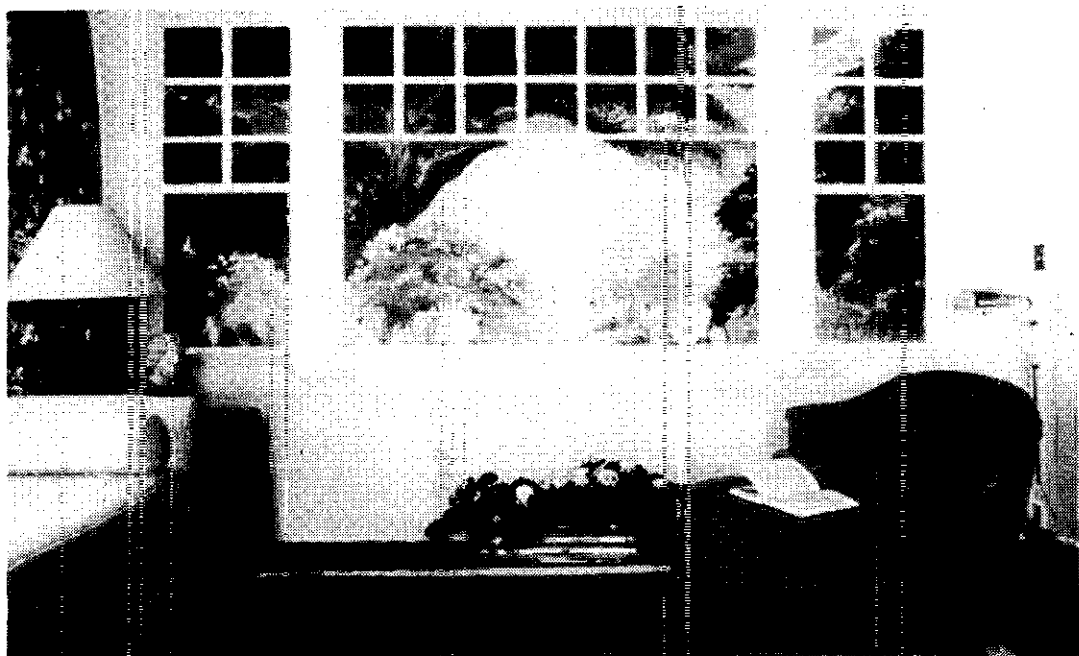
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The best way to deal with clutter is to eliminate it. If you haven't worn a sequin-covered sweater or operated your vegetable slicer in the past year, donate it to a friend or charity thrift store.

To keep up with the clutter that is necessary in everyday life, however, here are a few suggestions.

- Purchase a rubberized tray that fits over your bathtub to hold shampoo, conditioner, soap, pumice stone, bath mitt.

- Use office-style drawer dividers in kitchen, bathroom and "junk" drawers.

- Employ kitchen-style lazy Susans in the bathroom for medicines and cosmetics.

- Store cleaning supplies in a plastic bin with a sturdy handle that can be carried from room to room.

- Copy telephone numbers immediately onto file cards or into a Rolodex to eliminate elusive scraps of paper.

- Arrange rolls of gift paper and ribbon, scissors and tape in an attractive round wastebasket for quick access when you need to wrap a present.

- Organize all of your photos in an album and throw away those that are too dark, overexposed, blurred or unflattering.

- Install a pegboard or restaurant-style pot rack in the kitchen to hang pans and and free up cupboard shelves.

- Clip recipes that you really use from cookbooks and magazines and arrange in a file box or three ring notebook; get rid of all the others.

- Make use of the baskets and pottery bowls you've collected to store mail, keys, jewelry.

Like everything else in life, once you give a project like this some time you probably will come up with one or two other ways to eliminate your own unique clutter.

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According to a judgment obtained in state Supreme Court, Woods was ordered to make restitution of almost \$200,000 to area homeowners, to pay penalties totalling \$23,200 and costs of \$4,000, and to refrain from engaging in any business dealing with consumers unless he posts a \$200,000 performance bond with the attorney general.

Among the companies Woods operated were Aqua Seal Waterproofing, Rowood Builders, Annex Construction, Seal Proof Waterproofing, Precision Remodeling, Rowood Building Supply, Perma-Seal and Stay-Dry Waterproofing.

Complaints about compliance with the law, or other problems with contractors, can be addressed to the Attorney General's Consumer Frauds and Protection unit at the Capitol in Albany, or at 474-5481.

## HOME FACTS

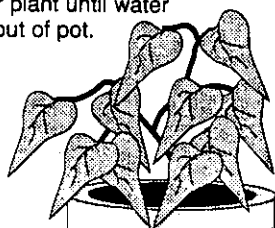
### Houseplant diagnosis and repair tips

#### Loose leaves; stems are soft and dark.

Plant is overwatered. Check drainage to make sure all is clear.

#### Wilting, with brown leaf tips. Leaves falling from plant.

Plant is underwatered. Water plant until water runs out of pot.



SOURCE:  
Home  
magazine

## Drug interactions

If you are taking more than one medication you should be aware of the potential for an interaction between those drugs.

Drug interactions result from one drug changing the other drug's effectiveness or producing unwanted effects that are not seen when they are taken alone.

This is not uncommon when taking some ulcer, high blood pressure or asthma medications. It's particularly important for people who are taking multiple medications to talk with their physicians about any possible interactions.

There may be alternative drugs available to your doctor which have a lower risk for interaction.

## Shine those keys

To clean piano keys, apply toothpaste to a well dampened cloth. Rub the keys well, wipe dry and buff with a dry, soft cloth.

# Flowers enhance any room

Pick flowers in the early morning or early evening. Wrap damp paper towels around their stems until you get them indoors or plunge them immediately into a container of water.

Once inside, cut the stems at an angle and put them in a pail of tepid

water. (Use a sharp knife; scissors will compress the stems, keeping out the water.) Hold off arranging the flowers until the water has reached room temperature.

As you arrange the flowers, in a clean container or vase, remove all

leaves that will be under water.

To prevent dehydration, keep the finished arrangement away from drafts, including fans or air conditioners, and out of direct sunlight. (Sometimes wilted blooms will revive if you immerse their stems in water.)

## HOME FACTS

Don't hide valuables in the obvious places when trying to foil a burglar.



Hide jewelry in unusual places, such as in a baking soda box in the refrigerator, or in a box of powdered laundry detergent.

SOURCE: National Crime Prevention Institute

The development of the fluorescent compact has provided an energy-efficient alternative for home lighting. These light bulbs screw into standard fixtures, come on instantly and give off a warm light similar to incandescent bulbs.

## Skip a step

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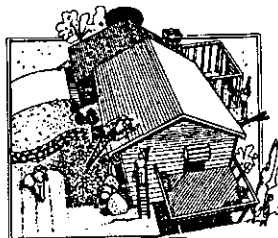
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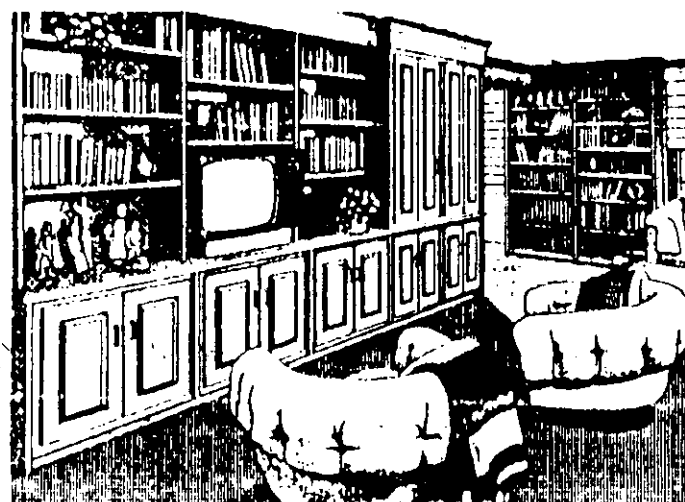
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## Homeowners can get help with improvement costs

Most homeowners are unaware that regardless of their income there are federal, state and local programs that will help them repair and remodel their homes.

In order to keep and maintain the nation's housing and neighborhoods, governments at all levels have programs to give homeowners money (that does not have to be repaid) for repairs or to lend them money at below market levels or at no interest. In many areas

utility companies will do energy conservation work free or at low cost and in other places will lend homeowners money at no interest to pay the contractor of their choice for the necessary work. In addition there are tax incentives to promote efficient energy use.

Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit consumer group, has just published "Consumers Guide to Home Repair Grants and Subsidized Loans."

The book can be obtained for \$10.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling from CERC GRANTS, 350 Scotland Road, Orange, NJ 07050 or by calling 1-800-USA-0121 for credit card order.

### Window screens

To wash window screens, lay them flat on a smooth, cloth-covered surface, such as an old sheet on a picnic table. Scrub them gently, rinse with a hose, and shake off excess water.

## Reupholstering a capital idea

Thought about buying some new furniture and draperies recently to spruce up the old home-stead? Did you actually go out and price some new sofas and decided that your ratty old living room set from the Eisenhauer administration will just have to do? Instead, the staff at Capital Upholstery asks: Why not just take that old furniture and give it a new look?

Formed in 1987, Capital Upholstery, 4648 New Salem Rd. in Voorheesville, offers custom reupholstery, both residential and commercial, in addition to custom draperies.

"Many people in the Capital Area have beautiful homes that they're very proud of keeping in great shape," said Adrienne Sirois, who along with her husband, Michael, co-owns and operates Capital Upholstery.

She said reupholstering furniture "can give your home and furniture a fresh look." It can be a cost saving way to keep your furniture

in a remodeled room rather than buying new furniture to fit a new color scheme. It can be "a wonderful way to improve the decor of your home," she noted.

When furniture is reupholstered, Sirois said the frames are re-glued, the springs are re-tied and padding is added underneath the new fabric.

Upholstering walls is a new way to give a room a unique look. The process actually attaches "any fabric" to a wall, she said, adding cotton prints are common. One project the company is working on is upholstering a wall in velvet, she said. She said the owner will use the wall to display artwork.

Sirois added that 1991 should see the completion of new showroom space within the store, and that new office space was recently completed.

"We'll do our best to service our customers in 1991 to help make your house a home that you'll love to live in."

## Caulk those cracks

To battle against rising home energy costs, pick up your caulk gun and commence firing!

According to experts, using top quality acrylic latex caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home exterior can help lower your heating and cooling bills and improve the comfort of your home.

Here are some of the spots where caulking is often needed to make a home more energy-effi-

cient:

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## Manage moving tasks for smooth transition

Organization and a little good luck (the kids don't get sick; the dog doesn't run away) can make your move smoother than you imagine. Here are some tips for getting ready:

- Two months before: Shop moving companies; arrange the transfer of your children's school records, and the family medical and dental records; determine which furniture you won't need in the new house, and clean out closets. Have a garage sale now.

- One month before: Collect boxes and tape, if you're doing the packing start packing little-used items; send change-of-address cards to friends, family, magazines, etc; contact utilities companies, and give them a forwarding address; ready power equipment by draining gasoline and cleaning; contact your bank and lender to determine their policy for moving accounts; make arrangements for car registration and insurance.

- Two weeks before: Give away or trash condiments and other staple foods you can't move; contact the newspaper delivery person; make arrangements to move pets; make any reservations at your destination; set aside jewelry

and vital documents you'll want with you during the move; set aside clothing and personal items for the move; pack.

- Two days before: Defrost and dry the refrigerator/freezer, get enough cash for the move (including payment for the mover).

- Moving and delivery days: Be on hand to answer questions and help the moving company and don't sign a release until all boxes have been inspected.

## Rave reviews for microwave

Three cheers for the microwave. More than half the homes in the United States enjoy the time-saving convenience of a microwave oven. But did you know that it also is a great energy-saving appliance?

Microwaves typically save about 50 percent more than conventional ovens and are most efficient for smaller dishes and defrosting. (For very large items microwaving is least efficient.) They also provide a cooler alternative to baking in hot summer weather.

Much of the hot or cool air released from cracks around doors and windows can be stopped by caulking and weather-stripping. Consider installing ceiling fans; they look nice, they use as little energy as a 60-watt bulb, and can make a big difference on a hot day or cold night. Yes, cold nights. By operating the fan in reverse you can circulate warm air near the ceiling down to where you feel it.

There are other ways appliances can save energy and money. Wash

clothes in cold water. And use your dishwasher's energy-saving setting. It's a common misconception that dishwashers use a lot of water, but washing a full load in a dishwasher uses less water than washing by hand.

Next time you're shopping for a refrigerator, look for energy-efficient features, such as door-within-a-door for frequently used items. Even a small toaster oven saves energy when you're heating up small items.



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Did you know that:

- A single leaky toilet can waste as much as 78,000 gallons a year.

- That amount of wasted water is literally a lot of money down the drain. In one East Coast city, at \$2.45 per thousand gallons, it would mean that this leak costs \$191.10.

- Researchers have found that 45 percent of all residential water is flushed down the drain. In fact, the average toilet uses five to seven gallons of water per flush.

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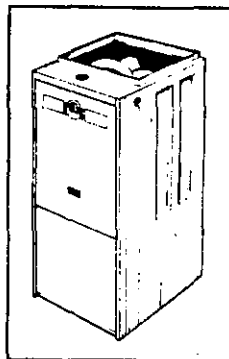
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## Turn leaves and brush into backyard mulch

By Kathleen Shapiro

Stuck with a winter's worth of yard debris and nowhere to turn? Don't despair...recycle. Turning those loose branches and dead leaves into fertile mulch is now as easy as mowing the lawn, according to area experts.

As local restrictions on trash disposal become stricter, an increasing number of homeowners are turning toward recycling as an answer to cleaning up their yards, said Lee Recheizer, a salesman for Abele Tractor and Equipment Company on Everett Road in Colonie. "Mulching lawns has become very big," he said.

"It's a great way of getting rid of lawn debris that no one else will take."

Topping this year's list of hot items for home improvement are the new breed of lawn mowers with mulching attachments, and a device called a chipper/grinder that quickly reduces large bits of wood and debris into manageable

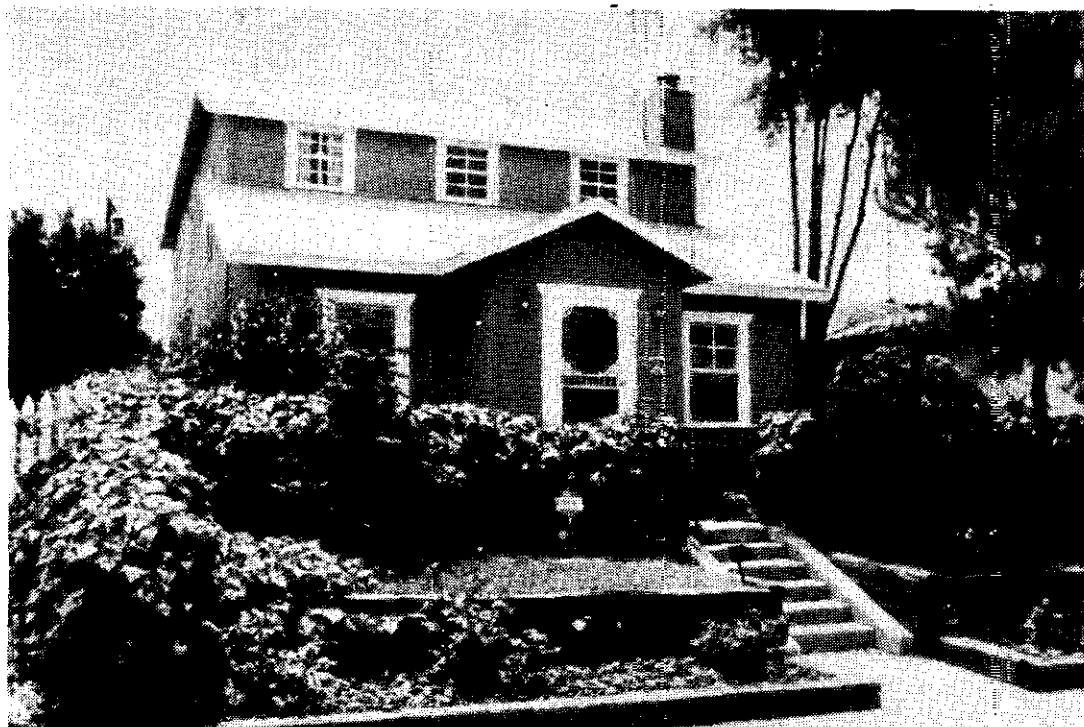
chips for garden use or easy disposal.

Once they've been through the grinding process, leaves and twigs are one step closer to becoming the rich humus that makes a garden grow. Recheizer suggests leaving mulch for a period of one year. "If you compost long enough, it'll eventually turn into top soil," he said.

Equipment such as lawn tractors, riding mowers, and hedge trimmers are still available for more traditional yard care, says Recheizer.

For homeowners who want to try before they buy, renting lawn equipment may be the answer. In addition to selling and servicing home and industrial lawn equipment, Abele Tractor on Everett Road in Colonie offers consumers the option of renting everything they'll need to start the new season out right, from pumps and generators to a full-scale mulcher, says Recheizer.

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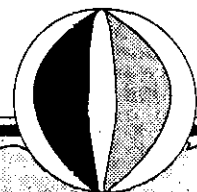
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SOURCE: National Spa and Pool Institute



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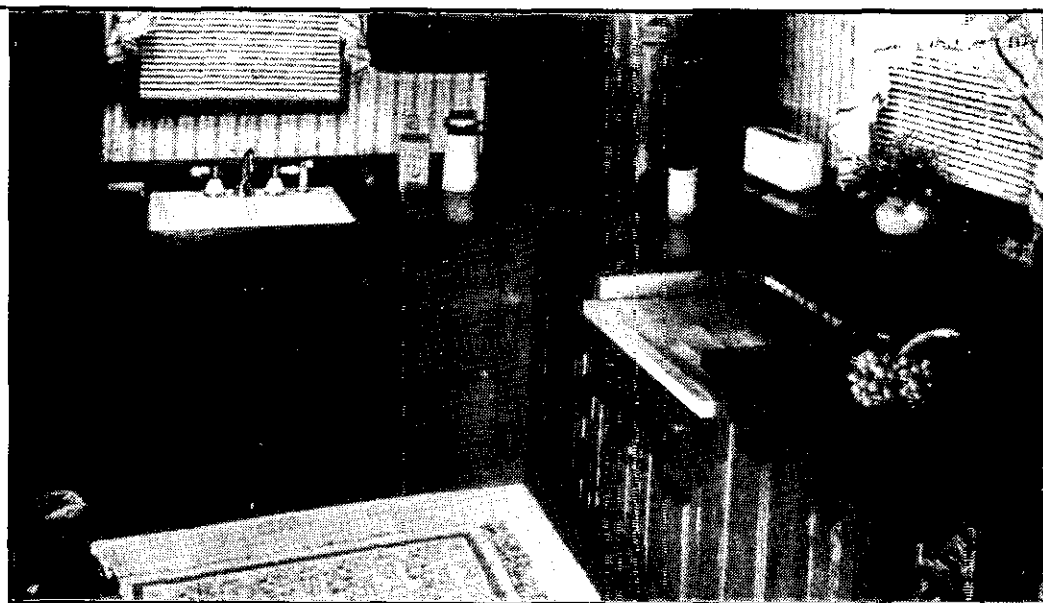
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# Siding an easy care option

By Kathleen Shapiro

Spring will soon be here, and while most of us are gleefully bidding the winter blues farewell, the change of season means just one thing for homeowners: spring cleaning. Rest easy, though. While you're busy banishing winter dust on the inside, installing home siding may be a quick and easy answer to brightening up the outside of the house.

Since its introduction 45 years ago as an inexpensive alternative to cedar, home siding has evolved into one of the most versatile and durable building products on the market. Today's homeowner has a choice of siding made from either aluminum or vinyl, according to Helderberg Siding Company President W.R. Domermuth.

While both are sturdy, vinyl

siding has a higher resistance to dents and tends to hold its color much longer than its metal counterpart. Although it can be painted with a latex paint for easy touch-ups, maintenance is generally low. "It's like a car," advises Domermuth. "Hosing it down once or twice a year is usually all it takes to keep it looking nice."

Vinyl siding is also more versatile. "You can get anything you want in vinyl," says Domermuth. "Because of its durability, it's even replacing some of the fancy wood trimmings used by builders."

Unlike paint, siding can be installed year round. Depending on the size of the house, installation usually takes anywhere from three days to a week, says Domermuth. Siding costs range from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per square foot, with addi-

tional costs for labor. Most contractors will provide prospective clients with a free estimate.

Referrals are the safest and most often used method of choosing a contractor. Homeowners interested in having their house refurbished can often find a reputable firm by talking to friends, neighbors, or relatives who have had similar work done, says Domermuth. Helderberg Siding receives more than 90 percent of its work through such referrals, he estimates.

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# Landscaping makes cool cut on energy bills

Why not benefit from one of the "hidden" advantages of landscaping this summer? While everyone knows landscaping can make your yard more beautiful, few realize that it can reduce summer cooling bills by as much as 50 percent.

Creating an energy-saving landscape doesn't require exotic materials—just trees, vines or shrubs, says the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN). With proper placement of vegetation, you can reduce your energy bills by reducing the temperature fluctuations in your home.

**Trees** Beating the blistering heat of a summer day is as easy as planting trees to provide shade. According to AAN, planting trees to shade the roof, walls and windows of your home in the summer can reduce your cooling bills by as much as 50 percent. Shading even 20 percent of the roof for an entire day will reduce your energy costs.

The amount of shade you can provide with a tree depends largely upon the type of tree you plant, explains the AAN. Deciduous trees

are always a good bet, as they do double duty, cooling your house in the summer and warming it in the winter.

In the summer, deciduous trees block the sun with their leafy limbs, cooling anything underneath with their plentiful shade. In the winter, deciduous trees allow the sun to shine through their bare branches, providing warming sunlight for your home. For the best results, locate deciduous trees on the southern and western sides of your home.

When planting for shade around your home in the summer, don't forget to provide a cool place for your air conditioning unit.

According to AAN, shading an air conditioning unit can lengthen the life of the compressor. The shade eases the strain that the unit can experience from operating for hours on end in intense heat. One way to provide shade for an air conditioner is to plant a flowering tree or shrub near the unit, says AAN. Just be sure not to block good air circulation.

Another option might be to build

a trellis near the unit. Place the trellis two to three feet away from the air conditioner to allow access to the unit and space for the air intakes.

**Vines** Vines are another natural way to reduce your energy bills. During the summer, vines can provide direct shade on the walls of your house. This keeps the surface temperatures down and reduces the amount of heat conducted into your home. The result is a more comfortable and livable environment.

For those eager gardeners who want to start saving money on their energy bills right away, vines provide quick-growing shade. In roughly five years, certain vines can grow large enough to shade most of your home. In addition, vines are a good alternative for those homes with limited ground space.

Like deciduous trees, deciduous vines are a good choice. They can be trained to grow up a trellis, and arbor or a porch during spring and summer, cooling your home. During the winter these vines can be trimmed back to let in extra light, AAN says.

When using vines in your energy saving landscape, check with the specialist at your local garden center to see what types of vines to avoid. Keep in mind that not all vines are a good choice for landscaping, as some may damage

paint, wood, brick or shingles by retaining moisture.

**Shrubs** Shrubs are another easy way to take advantage of the hidden benefits of landscaping. Shrubs can be planted to form a living fence between the sun and your house, suggests AAN. Evergreen shrubs can also be placed on the north and west sides of your home to block winter winds.

Shrubs can shade the architectural features that are prone to heat transfer during the summer, such as sliding glass patio doors and windows. Shrubs planted primarily for their shade-giving properties should be tall enough to block the late afternoon sun. For most homes, shrubs should be from six to eight feet tall.

For summer living like you've never had before, check out the wide variety of trees, vines and shrubs at your local garden center. Start your energy-saving landscape today.

## For a change, accessorize rooms

Just as accessories give your wardrobe a lift, so do they revitalize a room. A few Mexican rugs, white-washed walls and primitive-looking accessories will give a room a Southwestern feel without spending a lot of money.

## Hammer how-tos

Do strike squarely with a hammer, wear safety goggles and discard a hammer that shows excessive wear and tear. Don't strike with the side of a hammer, don't strike one hammer with another; and don't use a hammer with a loose or damaged handle.

## Pool pride

According to the National Spa & Pool Institute, approximately 6 million people own family pools. The states with the most pools are California, Florida and New York.

## Tool time

Essential tools for any home owner include a hammer, assorted sizes of regular and Phillips screwdrivers, tape measure, level and handsaw.

## Basic security

A few basic security measures can deter a would-be burglar. Remember that deadbolt locks are the hardest to open. Reinforce sliding doors, make sure outdoor lighting is adequate and consider a front door made of sturdy hardwood, such as white oak.

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## Avoid trendy decor in children's rooms

While kids may clamor for a room filled with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle or the Simpsons, beware the temptation to grant their wishes.

Even though Bart is their best buddy today, tomorrow he may be an embarrassing reminder of their childish ways.

And although elaborate kidroom decor with detailed train station murals and theme furnishing such as race-car beds has been the rage, the dinosaur dens and fairy-tale forests of yesteryear become horribly dated as children grow.

So how to honor the belief that a child should be able to define his own space and yet protect your budget from expensive redecorating according to a child's whims?

Most designers agree the best bet for kiddie style is to create a neutral palette of carpeting, walls and basic furnishing to which inexpensive treatments can be added and changed as quickly as a kid's mind.

The parent chooses the rooms basics, including an entire wall covered in cork or bulletin board panels. The children then can make their own selections from theme sheets and posters or drawings for the bulletin wall. Hang wind socks or kites from the ceiling, and combine theme valances with

blinds instead of more costly curtains.

If more than one child is in the bedroom, be sure to provide separate space for each. Give each half of the bulletin wall for his own theme selections, and use colorful kid-height storage compartments for clothes and toys. They'll not only partially divide the room for a feeling of privacy, but also visually tie together the various colors in each child's theme choice.

Don't forget room to play and/or study. Set aside one corner of a younger child's room for play furniture, including a kid-size table and chairs for creative drawing and coloring.

### At the store

"Do you want paper or plastic?" is a common question asked at the checkout counter in supermarkets today. But what's the correct answer? Here are some shopping tips to follow:

Buy bulk whenever possible—usually you'll save money, get more product and less package. Try to avoid products that use excess packaging such as lunch packages that are double and triple wrapped. If you have a choice, choose products packaged in recyclable material such as glass and/or aluminum. Look for "green" products made with recycled paper and without harmful chemicals and dyes.

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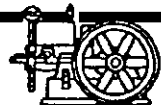
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# Contemporary decor blends styles with care

If there's a consistent theme in furnishings today, it's that there is no single dominant style.

Blending is in, items reflect the individualized tastes of their owners; comfort is key.

The word "eclectic" may occur to you, but beware—this is a tired term, and its connotation of any-

thing-goes kitsch is not quite right for the '90s.

Call it the New Eclectic: Styles (which haven't disappeared, by the way) are combined with care; and, reflecting an appreciation of innovation, individual items themselves often exhibit several design elements.

For example, wood may be stained to give it color and to show off the grain (which has been done for centuries), then finished with a high-gloss polyester resin that resembles lacquer (creating a fresh, contemporary look).

A reproduction Louis XVI love seat might be covered in a Cubist print; a sleek metal Bauhaus-style chair might be reborn with classical scrolled tips and curved arms; and tapestry, an ages-old upholstery material, is boasting new, modern patterns.

This melange of styles and ideas can be both exhilarating and intimidating. Sure, it's fun to have so much freedom, so much opportunity to make a personal statement—but where does an unfurnished person begin?

Educate yourself about what is available, and as you do, discover your likes and dislikes. Read "shelter" magazines (those that pertain to residential interior design); visit furniture stores (start with the high-end, then work down to your price range); consult an interior designer (many department and furniture stores offer assistance, gratis).

Take an interior design course at a community college, get a book on the history of furniture, browse through antique stores, visit fabric and upholstery suppliers, go on home tours during the holidays, snoop through country inns and exotic resorts, and visit model homes. Make a scrapbook, a "wish book," of everything you see that you love—regardless of cost.

If this sounds time-consuming, consider the fact that the furnishings that surround you define your "comfort zone," the place to which you retreat from the world. Also, these items are investments, and you want to choose carefully to ensure their lasting value.

Even so, you needn't see the task as overwhelming. Furniture designers, manufacturers and retailers are aware of the dilemma and have taken steps to remedy it.

You'll find the furnishings sold in better stores arranged in "vignettes," displaying entire rooms at a time—including everything from accessories to area rugs—all done in impeccable taste. It's possible to buy the whole thing and simply plug it into your home.

If you're on a budget or limited

in space, there are solutions: Slipcovers (or new upholstery) in a vibrant color or pattern will revitalized a sofa/love seat set; compact, multifunction furnishings include cabinet-desks that create instant home offices, entertainment centers that house audiovideo equipment beds that disappear into the wall, and pool tables that covert to dining room use.

Whether you thrill to the chase for the perfect chair or simply want "something classic" delivered ASAP, you should be award of the following:

The stark, impersonal "contemporary" furniture of the '60s and '70s has become friendlier; new versions are sleek and clean of line, but also have softer edges and more padding—combine well with area rugs, rich fabrics and wood floors.

It's also OK to place traditional furnishings in exotic and/or contemporary settings—for example, an ornate 18th century sofa or rustic willow rocker set under tall potted palms in a high-ceilinged, all-white, glass studio.

If simple and clean (yet warm) appeals to you, have a look at collections that reinterpret the American Shaker style. Or possibly an intriguing mix of many styles, such as Victorian, Oriental and arts-and-crafts all at once, using wood, wicker and metal.

Finally, you can't go wrong if you:

- Rent furnishings until you're confident you know what you want. You'll be surprised what's available in the rental market; you'll be able to "try out" styles that range from Queen Anne to Chippendale.

- Select a major piece of furniture, an Oriental rug or a painting you know you'll love forever, then decorate the rest of the room around it.



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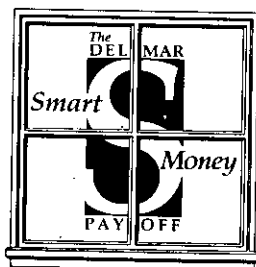
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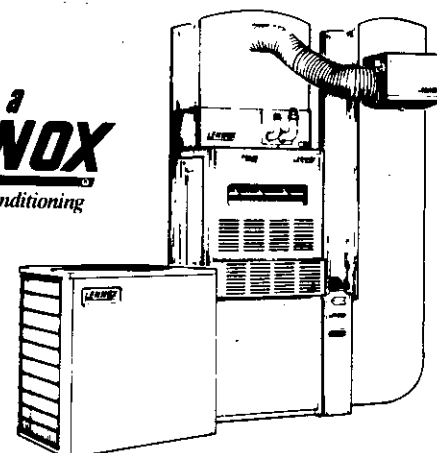


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# THE Spotlight Sports

## BC advances to semis

By Jason Wilkie

The Bethlehem girls basketball team last weekend defeated Guiderland in the Section II Class A quarterfinal game, winning 41-26.

The win was not as easy as it could have been. It was a full four minutes before BC put a ball in the hoop. Throughout the entire game, the Lady Eagles' star center, Anita Kaplan, was suffering from the flu. Despite her illness (she was reportedly bedridden for two days prior to the game), Kaplan contributed 27 points. She had to retreat from the game at the end of the first half due to exhaustion. When she returned in the second half, she came through for her team-

mates, with eight of her 13 attempts going in the basket.

Senior Kelly Ryan also contributed to the team's win. She scored eight points and added five steals, well above her season average. Mary Beth Breslin, Andrea Cornell and Lynn Doody each added two points to the team's total.

Though Bethlehem did not dominate at the level at which they had been predicted, they still managed to hold on to a six-point lead through every quarter of the game. The victory over Guiderland brought BC's season to 18 wins and three losses. Bethlehem is scheduled to play tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. at Colonie Central High.

## Blackbird boys top Hoosick Falls; to face Schuylerville at civic center

By Erin Sullivan

It has been a long eight years since a Voorheesville boys basketball team has shot at the hoops of the Glens Falls Civic Center. That all changed last week when the Blackbirds, seeded number three, were scheduled to play number two seed Schuylerville at the center.

Coach Skip Carrk not only wants to play there, but also wants the win. If Carrk's hopes are fulfilled, the Birds will be propelled into the championship match against the number four seed, Saratoga Catholic and number one seeded Watervliet Friday night, 7 p.m. at the civic center. Spectators may wish to call the Voorheesville high school at 765-3314 for ticket information.

This semifinal excitement is the result of a 59-32 win that Voorheesville snatched from Hoosick Falls last weekend in a quarterfinal sectional match.

Earlier that week, Hoosick Falls played at Fonda. Their best player, Jesse Cormier, passed the team with a high of 31 points. When he faced the Birds, Cormier's entire team only scored 32 points.

"We really prepared hard to play Cormier," said Carrk. "We have faced teams with players like him so we had some experience in how to stay with him." The Blackbirds held Cormier to 15 points for the night.

According to Carrk, the Birds came out a little rusty in their shooting, but their defense compensated for this. "Hoosick Falls never got a shot without somebody in their face. Our sheer determination and hustle took them (Hoosick Falls) out of the game." During the second half of the game, the Voorheesville offense began to return. The players "just had some wrinkles to iron out," accord-

ing to Carrk.

That night was marked with the return of the previously injured Steve Lapinski. Showing no ill effects, Lapinski led the Birds in scoring with 12 points. The team benefited from the strong bench support of Erin Sullivan with 10 points, and Dan Darmond and Eric Logan, with six and five points, respectively. Regular Todd Rockmore also had 10 points, Rich Adams and Bill Stone each had six, and Tom Gintasio, strong on the boards, contributed four. In the second half of the fourth quarter, Carrk emptied his bench with no damage, on the way to a 59-32 victory.

The Blackbirds ended the season with an 11-5 league record, and have a 15-6 overall standing.

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## Voorheesville grapplers end season

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville wrestlers competed at the Glens Falls Civic Center last week when they in the Section II State Qualifier meet. The 10 Blackbird wrestlers who had won the right to participate were one of the largest representations from any school. However, not a single Blackbird grappler remained alive after the quarterfinals. All 10 wrestlers were eliminated in either the first or second round.

There were very few Blackbird highlights. Chad Hotaling pinned Jason Knox of Ravena in just seven seconds. Tim Reeth wrestled into overtime to gain a decision victory. Reeth scored a takedown early and gained insurance points with a late reversal to capture a 6-2 win.

Darren Ascone saw his winning streak end as he was defeated 7-2.

Ascone had won a 9-0 decision in the first round. Eric Dommermuth wrestled well in a tough draw. He defeated Craig Coon 10-0 in the first round before losing a 4-0 decision.

Greg Reeth lost 5-2 in the first round to Jason Warne of Warrensburg. Buddy Deschenes suffered a pin in the first round at 177 by Ralph Fiorello of Amsterdam.

Josh Vink suffered a first round pin at the hands of eventual runner-up Rick Grembocki of Colonie. He was pinned late in the third period while trailing 13-6. Mike Gaudio was technical failed at 138, 15-0 by Mike Painter of Salem.

Tim Reeth and Dave Bartholomew both suffered second round pins. Reeth lost in the third period and Bartholomew to a Salem wrestler early in the first.

Hotaling lost a heart-breaker in the second round. He built up a 4-0 lead after one period. Late in the second, Mike Dejzonka got an escape and a takedown to make it 4-3. In the third, Dejzonka reversed Hotaling to lead 5-4, but with under 15 seconds left Hotaling was given an escape as the two went out of bounds. In the ensuing 12 seconds, he lost a takedown and the match, 7-5.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kiernan

### Willey, Kiernan wed

Beth A. Willey, daughter of Carol Willey of Slingerlands and the late Howard Willey, and Keith E. Kiernan, son of Edwin Kiernan of Rotterdam and Mary Jane Kiernan of Albany, were married Nov. 10.

The Rev. Arthur Hagy conducted the service in the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Phyllis Thompson was matron of honor. Kathleen LaRose and Patricia Willey were bridesmaids.

Edwin Kiernan was best man.

William LaRose and Bernard Sherman were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and attended State University at Geneseo and Siena College. She is employed by Marine Midland Savings Bank in Albany.

The groom, a graduate of Albany High School, served in the U.S. Navy for three years. He is employed by Sams Italian-American Restaurant in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple resides in Albany.

### Dean's List



University of Rochester — Elizabeth Katherine Hutter, Jeremy Paul Crean, Courtney Wallace Wilson, Andrew Phillip Patrick, Delmar.

Hartwick College — Kristin L. Houghton, Tracy A. Stevens, Todd M. Porter, Jonathan L. Flanders, Voorheesville; Natalia M. Bausback, Slingerlands.

State University at Oneonta — Heather Kullberg, Michele Burkart, Delmar; Jennifer Lockman, Glenmont.

The King's College — Kevin P. Davis, Voorheesville.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Stephen D. Ainsworth, Kevin Bruce Allen, Matthew R. Hess, Delmar; Devin P. Barry, Selkirk; Matthew L. Bates, James W. Hooks, Voorheesville.

University of Delaware — Michelle Lynn Gibbons, Delmar.

University of Virginia — Patrick J. McSharry, Delmar.

Bowdoin College — Margot A. Downs, Delmar.

LeMoyne College — Michael Roberts, Delmar.

State University at Oswego — Michele Buenau, Crystal Fournier, Delmar.

The College of Saint Rose — Jennifer L. Crepeau, Kathryn F. Felt, Kelly A. McGuinness, Janet L. Riscica, Delmar; Brendan J. Lalor, Glenmont; Kelly M. Doggett, Christine A. Doyle, Cherie L. Vernol, Ravena; Joanne T. Goes, Lisa A. Vitillo, Selkirk; Maura E. Murphy, Theresa L. VanWormer, Voorheesville.

Bucknell University — James Jewell, Delmar.

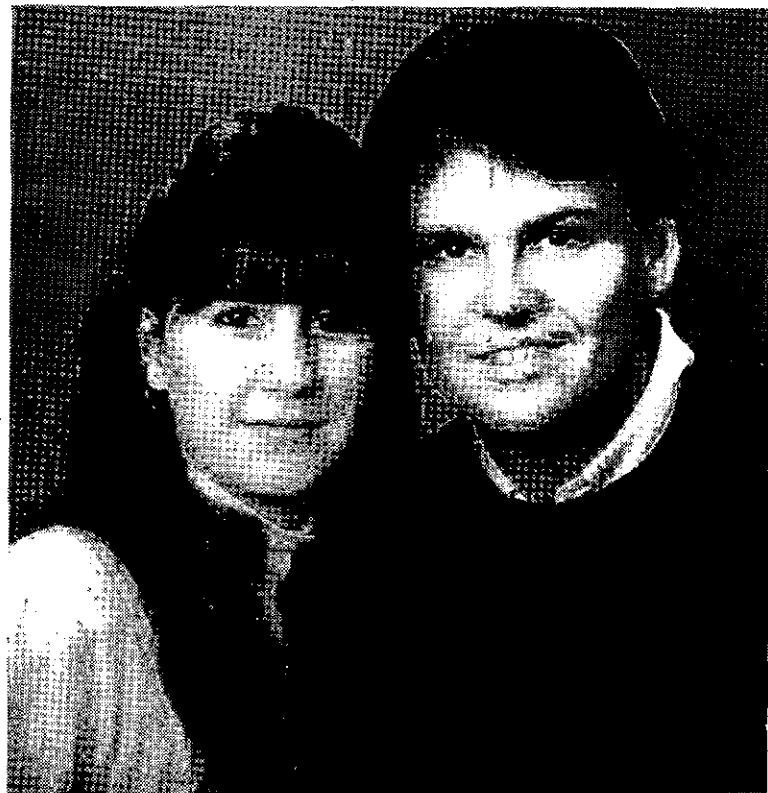
Purdue University — Elizabeth B. Rissberger, Voorheesville.

State University at Cortland — Marlo K. Bruch, Delmar.

Clarkson University in Potsdam — Christine M. Roche, Glenmont; Thomas F. Hampston, Voorheesville.

Gordon College — Gary S. Winn, Selkirk.

State University at Plattsburgh — Carolyn M. Brooks, Delmar.



Susan Schipano and Glenn A. Evans

### Schipano, Evans engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schipano of Feura Bush have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Schipano, to Glenn A. Evans of New Paltz.

Schipano is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community Col-

lege. She is employed by Certified Allergy Consultants in Albany.

Evans is a graduate of Ulster County Community College and State University at New Paltz. He is employed as a teacher by the Greenville Central School District.

An October wedding is planned.

### Perry, Genovesi engaged

Joseph J. and Jacqueline A. Perry, of Voorheesville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Anne Perry, to Jeffrey Joseph Genovesi, son of Joseph and Patricia Genovesi of Slingerlands.

Perry is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Syracuse University. She is em-

ployed by the *Spotlight Newspapers*.

Genovesi is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Brockport University. He is a plumber and steam fitter with Plumbers & Steam Fitters United Association Local No. 7.

An October wedding is planned.

### Parks and Recreation Department announces spring programs, job openings

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will begin registration for spring programs on Monday, March 4. Tiny Tot swim for ages 4, 5 and 6 will be held in two sessions, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It will run from April 29 to May 30. Choose one session only. Youth Stroke Improvement, for ages 6 and up, will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from April 2 to May 2.

Adult programs offered this spring include Aerobic Trim, Shape Up, Bodywise, Waterworks and Senior Water Workout. Other programs offered are Mommy or Daddy and Me (ages 2 and 3) and Come Fly with Me (ages 4 and 5).

Brochures are available at the park office, or call the office at 439-4131 for more information. Brochures will not be mailed. All programs are open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District.

#### Summer jobs available

The Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for summer employment at the Parks and Recreation office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications can be made for pool attendants and lifeguards, concession and park workers, swimming instructors, playground leaders, tennis instructors and other program positions.

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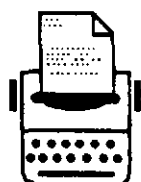
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### Births



#### Albany Medical Center Hospital

Girl, Katharine Ann, to Lt. and Mrs. Jack E. Pederson, Slingerlands, Dec. 20.

Boy, Mark Alexander, to Nancy and Gilbert Boucher, Delmar, Dec. 21.

#### BC alumnus places in competition

Raymonk R. Brunk, a 1984 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, took second place in the Men's Middleweight Class of the Northeastern States Bodybuilding Showdown. The competition was presented by Body Independent of Chemical Contaminates at the Palace Theater in Albany on Feb. 2, 1991.

Brunk has been a fitness instructor at the Delmar Athletic Club and the Steuben Athletic Club, and is currently an instructor at the Bodyworks in Albany. He is also employed by Travelers Insurance Company.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Ruzzi

## Humphrey, Ruzzi wed

Wendy Sue Humphrey, daughter of Evelyn M. Humphrey of Selkirk and James Humphrey of Voorheesville, and Michael F. Ruzzi, son of Joseph and Marie Ruzzi of Leeds, were married August 25.

Father John Murphy officiated the ceremony at St. Patrick's Church in Catskill.

Joyce Humphrey was matron of honor. Patricia Humphrey and Angela Ruzzi were bridesmaids.

Renee Humphrey and Fallon Ruzzi were flower girls.

Joseph Ruzzi was best man. Robert Hervie and Peter Bincinni were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

The groom is employed by Entenmann's.

After a wedding trip to the Poconos, the couple resides in Athens.

## Arbour, Lennon engaged

Hector Arbour of Albany and Judy Petroske of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Elizabeth Arbour, to Richard Lennon, son of Richard and Marjorie Lennon of Florida.

Arbour is a graduate of Clayton Bouton High School and the College of Saint Rose.

Lennon is a graduate of Clayton Bouton High School and Hofstra University, and will graduate in May from the University of Florida Dental School.

A June wedding is planned.



Nicole Arbour

## Cross, Daley engaged

Charles C. and Elayne K. Cross of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn D. Cross, to Shawn G. Daley, son of Francis S. and Carol Daley of Oneonta.

Cross is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University at Plattsburgh, and will complete a master's degree from the College of St. Rose in May.

Daley is a graduate of State University at Plattsburgh. He is employed by the state Commission on Cable TV.

An August wedding is planned.

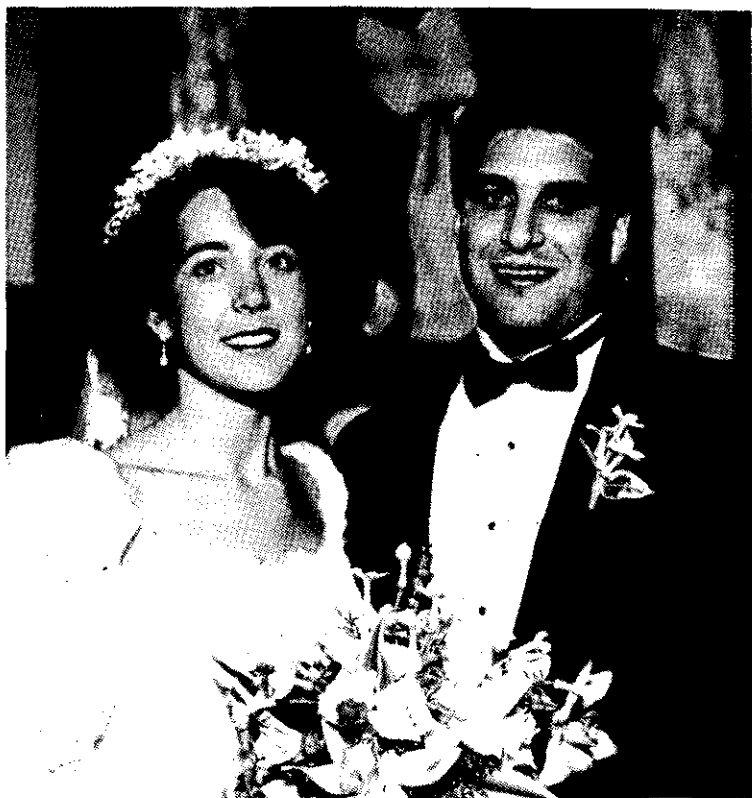
## Spotlight on the Service

Geoffrey Hutchinson, the son of Yvonne and Samuel Hutchinson of Delmar, has been called to active service from the Army Reserves.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Springfield College, and Physical Therapy School in Pittsburgh, Pa., Hutchinson served as a second Lt. in the Army at Fort Ord, Calif., before returning to Delmar to work at the Samuel S. Stratton Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany. He was later transferred to the V.A. Hospital in Canandaigua.

Now serving at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., Hutchinson is a lieutenant colonel, and is waiting for his confirmation as colonel.

He is married to the former Leslie Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox of Delmar. The couple have two sons.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Molinsek

## Gray, Molinsek wed

Christine Marie Gray, daughter of William and Helen Gray of Delmar, and Stephen Louis Molinsek, son of Louis and Phyllis Molinsek of Glenmont, were married January 12.

Father James Cribbs conducted the ceremony in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Elizabeth Gray was maid of honor. Lori Rohan, Heather Mathusa, Mary Pezzulo, Tara Hathaway, and Tracey Holland were bridesmaids.

Andy Smith was best man. Bruce Schenkel, Alex MacDonald,

Joseph Rutnick, David Semo, and Richard Molinsek were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hartwick College, and is a candidate for a master's degree from The University at Albany. She is employed by the Albany County Probation Department.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Siena College and Albany Law School. He is employed by the Delmar law firm of Friedman and Manning.

After a wedding trip to Jackson-hole, Wyo., the couple resides in Delmar.



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## Community Corner

### Pro-troop march planned in Bethlehem

A community march to show support for troops in the Persian Gulf will take place in the Town of Bethlehem on March 10. The march will begin at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School, proceed down Kenwood Avenue and Adams Place, and end at town hall on Delaware Avenue, where a brief prayer service will be conducted. The ceremony will also include a reading of the names of Bethlehem residents serving in the gulf.

For information, call Tom Frazier, acting commander of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, at 439-0441, or Tom Skutlety, VFW commander, at 439-3375.

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# Obituaries

## Joseph J. Gowdy

Joseph J. Gowdy, 83, of the Eddy Memorial Geriatric Center of Troy, a former civil engineer, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Gowdy was a longtime resident of Delmar. He was an active outdoorsman, and a civil engineering graduate of Cornell University.

An All-American lacrosse player, Mr. Gowdy retired in 1978 from the state Department of Transportation when he was 71 years old.

Husband of the late Jean S. Gowdy, he was a WWII Navy veteran.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Meredith Meislahn of Barrington, R.I.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 16, from the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Contributions may be made to either the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Rd., Albany 12205 or St. Peter's Hospice, 315 So. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Ruth Baumbach

Ruth Woodin Baumbach, 87, of Crow Ridge Road in Voorheesville, former violinist and music teacher, died Sunday, Feb. 17, in Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Watervliet, Mrs. Baumbach lived in Voorheesville since 1958. A concert violinist and music teacher in Voorheesville, she was a graduate of the Julliard School of Music in New York City.

Mrs. Baumbach had served as chaplain and regent of the Mohawk Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution from 1956-59 and 1968-70. She was a member and past president of the Capital District Regents Council. She was also a member of the Dutch Settlers Society, serving as

its recording secretary and publicity chairperson.

A 50-year honorary member and a past president of the Monday Musical Club, Mrs. Baumbach had appeared annually as a soloist. She was a member of the Albany Oratorio Society and a charter member of the Friends of the Choir of the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Delmar for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Baumbach was the widow of Carl S. Baumbach. Survivors include a son, Mark H. Baumbach of Voorheesville; and a brother, Stanley W. Woodin of Whitney Point, Broome County.

Services were from the First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to: the Faxon Children's Hospital, 1676 Sunset Ave., Utica, N.Y. 13502; the Monday Musical Club Scholarship Fund, c/o Helen Henshaw, 325 Kings Road, Apt. 208, Schenectady 12304; or the First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Suit

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and the defendant's "criminal history."

Both Greenberg and Currie would not release copies of the crime investigation reports in question because the charges against Gauthier have been dismissed. Ricken has refused to comment specifically on their contents.

Gauthier has said he needed more than 100 stitches to repair artery damage in his arm after he was restrained by Bethlehem's police dog, and additional stitches in his head after being struck with a police flashlight.

## Tax counseling offered to seniors

Free income tax counseling will be provided for older persons at the Voorheesville Public Library through the Tax-Aide program sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons with the cooperation of the Internal Revenue Service.

Tax-Aide will be offered on March 6, 20, and April 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are necessary, and can be made by calling the library's reference desk at 765-2791.

Participants should bring copies of last year's federal and state tax returns and forms for this tax year to the session, including W-2s and other relevant forms showing income for the year.

## Lenten series open to families

The annual "Four Wednesdays in Lent" series of dinners and programs at the First Church in Albany, 110 Pearl St., will be held on Wednesdays, Feb. 27, March 6, 13 and 20, beginning at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Dinner prices are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, with a maximum family charge of \$11. Reservations may be made by calling the church office, at 463-4449, no later than the preceding Monday each week. Programs run from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Child care is provided for infants and toddlers. Children through grade 3 will participate in creative programs and children in grades 4 to 6 and youth in grades 7 to 12 will participate in supervised games and activities.

## Bank appoints Delmar woman

Christine L. Irons of Delmar has been named financial services officer at Key Bank of Eastern New York N.A.'s Ravena Branch. The announcement was made by bank President and Chief Executive Officer Robert M. Curley.

Irons joined Key Bank's Branch Division in 1983, and was named financial services assistant in 1988.

## Exit

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American Bank of New York, a plaza leaseholder, was ready to begin operations there. The planners, however, had previously stipulated that no new tenants would be granted occupancy permits until the turn lane issue was resolved.

While the board voted unanimously to let First American move into Glenmont Plaza, they decided to wait on a vote on whether to open the entrance altogether until after a meeting next month between plaza attorney Robert Wakeman and representatives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

The Diocese is involved because the plaza has been trying to purchase property along 9W from Calvary Cemetery, so it would have room to widen the road and install the turn lane. But the cemetery has sought guarantees construction work and subsequent road maintenance won't disturb nearby graves.

Wakeman told the board Tuesday that plans for widening 9W to install the turn lane would bring

shoulder pavement as close as six feet to a number of Vietnam veterans' graves, and that state snow plows would probably spray snow and slush across them.

"What I see is a real likelihood that this right-of-way would interfere in some way with those grave sites," said Wakeman. But he said the possibility developers could find some way to acquire cemetery property still "is not completely a dead issue."

"It's unlikely that the Diocese will go along with the proposal but we are willing to continue trying," said Wakeman.

Barr said he's "torn" on the question, but ultimately is in favor of opening the entrance. He said that if the board voted to do so, he would put the topic back on its agenda after six months so it could review its operation. And, he noted, "The fact that we open up the entrance shouldn't foreclose the possibility of getting the left turn lane."

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor also said he thinks the entrance should be opened. He said he believes traffic problems around the plaza should be handled by a larger state project realigning Route 9W.

## Honor roll

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Stornelli, Megan Walsh, Wendy Wright.

Grade 11: Joyce Aycock, Michael Aylward, Lisa Ballou, Omri Beer, Gabriel Belfort, Joshua Bloom, Stephen Bradt, Michael Chaifetz, Sara Clash, Adam Closson, Cheryl Davies, Matthew Davis, Kira Deyss, Jennifer DiDomenico, Matthew Dugan, Benjamin Faulkner, Amy Ferraris, Margaret Franzen, Joshua Frye, Merlyn Gordon, Brendon Gross, Sean Hawley, Danielle Hecht, Eric Horowitz, Julie Hwang, Jesse Jack, Kelly Jenkins, Madlen Kadish, Karen Kerness, Debra Koretz, Matthew Kratz, Jonathan Lackman, Rebecca Leonard, Jennifer Matuszek, Melissa McGrath, Erin Mitchell, Lori Murphy, Brian Phillips, Christine Piorkowski, Cara Platt, Alison Ragone, Hannah Rodgers, Kristi Roger, Joshua Rosen, Maryam Sarrafzadeh, Kira Stokes, Karen Stornelli, Manisha Tinani, Todd Turner, Nicholas Van

Praag, Melissa Warden, Christopher Webb, Carrie Whitaker, Shannon Woodley.

Grade 12: Cynthia Asmus, Rebecca Biggerstaff, Atman Binstock, Antonio Caparros, Aaron Colman, Jed Colquhoun, Jennifer Curtis, Molly DeFazio, Sandra Drozd, Christopher Dumper, Kimberly Evans, Jennifer Fisk, Kevin Freeman, Brooke Grenz, Rebecca Grimwood, Kate Hackman, Edward Hauser, Justin Hilson, Vivek Kaul, Bozanka Kiprovskaya, Naomi Kubo, Keith Lenden, Kathryn Leonard, Nancy Leonard, Andrew McQuide, Steven McCauslin, Michael Moran, Kristen Noonan, Rachel Nurick, Jeanine Peterson, David Pierce, Joshua Pierce, Erin Rodat, Marla Rosenberg, Teige Sheehan, Jonathan Swick, William Tsitsos, Jennifer Tucker, Benjamin Vigoda, Shannon Von Ronne, Benjamin Weiss.

# THE YOUTH NETWORK

## Program for parents still open

There is still plenty of room in our STEP/Teen program, scheduled to begin on Thursday, Feb. 28. This is a course for all parents who want to help their teenagers behave responsibly in the face of today's social pressures, and who want their relationships with teenagers to be more satisfying and enjoyable. Call us at 439-7740 for more information or to register, even if you can't begin on the 28th.

Try to tune in to the Bethlehem Channel (31) on one of the following dates

and times to see the narrated slide show entitled "Promotion and Price: How the Alcohol Industry Targets Youth." The program will air March 4 at 7:30 p.m., March 5 at noon and March 7 at 6 p.m.

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## RCCA offers fun learning for all ages

By Debi Boucher

Since spring is a time of awakenings, it's an apt time to stir up and nurture your artistic talent. If you've ever wanted to learn painting, wood carving, basketry, calligraphy or figure drawing, now is a good time to act on that urge and choose one of the classes offered by the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts.

A nearly 30-year-old institution, RCCA draws on a stable of experienced instructors — all professional artists themselves — to offer a full slate of visual and performing arts and crafts.

In addition to evening, daytime and weekend classes for adults, RCCA offers a variety of children's classes, including painting, pottery, mixed media, wood carving and drama. Each course is designed for a specific age group, from 3 to 5 on up to 9 through 14. The most popular, according to Deputy Director Amy Williams, is cartooning. "Cartooning is hot," she said, adding that acting classes for children and teens, taught by Keith Eagle, are also in demand.

The council broadens its menu each year, Williams said, and is constantly spicing it up with new and unusual course offerings. "I like to keep it interesting," said Williams, who this year added paper and fabric marbling and "Beads from Trees," a nature-and-art workshop for children and adults.

Writing workshops, for both children and adults, are a new venture for RCCA, as are classes for practicing artists. The council has also begun offering a course geared toward art educators, youth leaders and parents which focuses on the environment. Like "Beads From Trees," "The Earth and the Arts" is a one-day workshop.

RCCA's schedule includes something for everyone's schedule, from one day to two, four, six or ten-week courses. Prices range accordingly, with a discount offered to RCCA members. Often, Williams said, people sign up for membership as they register for a class and then return to take another class later in the year.

"People come back and back and back,"

said Williams, noting that pottery courses often attract repeat students progressing from beginner to intermediate and advanced classes. There is no "average" RCCA student, she said; classes tend to be "A nice mix of different kinds of people." With class sizes limited to between six and 12 students, participants not only get plenty of individual attention, but an enriching social experience, as well.

While RCCA classes are filled primarily with residents of Rensselaer and Albany counties, Williams said, students have come from as far away as Vermont and Plattsburgh. Most, however, hail from the surrounding communities of Rensselaer, Albany, Colonie, Clifton Park, Saratoga and Delmar, she said. "Out of the academic situation, this is one of the only places to come to learn a new skill," she said.

Most classes are taught at the council's headquarters, at 189 Second Street, Troy, across from Washington Park. The basement level houses a jewelry and frame-making studio, photography studio and paper-making studio, while the first floor rooms include a drawing and painting studio and a stained glass, calligraphy and other non-paint-activity room that doubles as a gallery when classes are not in session, Williams said. One category of specialty

classes, however, is taught off-site: Culinary arts classes, including soups and sauces, French cooking and pasta making, are held at Capriccio Banquet Theatre at 33 Second St.; an Italian cooking course will be taught at DeFazio's Pizzeria and a Greek feast will take place at the South Troy Community Center.

Classes are offered year-round at the council, with fall, winter and spring sessions and special programs during the summer. This summer, two children's

camp, one in performing arts, the other a visual arts enrichment program, are being offered for the first time, for ages 7 to 10 and 11 to 14. Two two-week sessions are scheduled for each, in July and August, Williams said.

RCCA's spring courses begin as early as March 2, with some workshops taking place in April or May. Registration is necessary one week before the start of class. Call the RCCA, at 273-0552, for information and a brochure.



Children participate in a variety of craft activities at the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts in Troy. Spring courses at RCCA are now open for registration.

## Square dancers raise money for cerebral palsy

By Robert Webster Jr.

"Dance so that others may walk" is the theme for this year's annual Colonie Elks and Does benefit square dance for cerebral palsy, and it is a heartfelt sentiment among all the Elks.

"It has become an Elks tradition to raise funds annually for the Cerebral Palsy Association," said Dorothy Arabio, publicity chairperson for the Colonie Elks and Does Square Dance Club and an eight-year member of the club. "We choose to do so through dance."

The dance, on Sunday, March 10, at the Colonie Elks Lodge 2192, in Latham, is in its "12th or 13th year," said Arabio. She noted that it has been "extremely successful" in the past, with over \$2,600 raised last year alone.

The club used to dance in the yearly telethon for cerebral palsy, Arabio said, but recently has been holding the dance

at the Elks Lodge and making a donation on the telethon in February.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome, Arabio said, and other area square dance clubs are being asked to participate as well. However, one does not have to be a crack square dancer to participate in the fun, she added. "It helps to be a dancer, but you don't have to be... it should be fun for all."

Arabio extended a special invitation to all area "singles, teens and recent graduates" as the annual event needs "some new blood to carry on the tradition."

Many top callers and cuers will be on hand to keep the dance moving, including Ed Joyner, Lon and Helen Penna, Ward Smith and Ken Down.

Door prizes have been a tradition at the dance, said Arabio, and this year should be no exception.

Although the tight economy has brought in less donations from area merchants, the quality is still

there, said Arabio. She said that already she has been promised a \$25 merchandise certificate from Caldors, a specially designed cake from Carvell's and stained-glass lessons. The other members have many other

prizes in store, she added. In addition, the club have a raffle for a hand-made sweater knitted by one of the club members.

The dancing begins at 2 p.m. and lasts until 5 p.m., with a break until 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Dinner will consist of a hot sandwich, fries, dessert and a drink, followed evening dancing from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 5, at a cost of \$5 per person. The afternoon dancing session is \$3 in advance and \$3.50 at the door. The admission is the same for the evening session.

"It's something that is always extremely enjoyable," said Arabio. "Once you get started, you're gung-ho and you just want to dance the night away."

For information, call the Colonie Elks Lodge at 785-3557.



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### THE MAD DOG BLUES

Sam Shepard's unique musical. Skidmore College, Saratoga. Feb. 28-March 2, March 7-9, 8 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

### ZIEGFELD: A NIGHT AT THE FOLLIES

musical comedy. Proctor's Schenectady. Through Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

### JACQUES BRELL

is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, by Eric Blau and Mort Shuman. Cohoes Music Hall. Now through March 24, Wed.-Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

## MUSIC

### CAPITOL CHAMBER ARTISTS

recording project outreach series. Albany's City Hall. Feb. 27, noon. Information, 489-0507.

### PATRICK STREET

featuring the twin fiddles of Kevin Burke and James Kelly. Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany. Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### THE FRESK QUARTET

Scandinavia's premier string quartet, Siena College, Loudonville. March 1, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

### THE TAMBURITZANS

musicians, dancers and singers. Proctor's Schenectady. March 2, 8 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

### ROBIN AND LINDA WILLIAMS

contemporary music. Spencertown Academy. March 2, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

### BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

performing Antonio Vivaldi's A-Minor Cello Concerto, The Four Seasons, and Holberg Suite. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. March 4, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

### DR. JOE

original comedy and topical songs. The Eighth Step. Albany. March 1, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

## CHRIS HOLDER

versatile performer, singer and storyteller. The Eighth Step. Albany. March 2, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

### JAZZ ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT

special guest artists Nick Brignola and Leo Russo and the Empire State Jazz Ensemble. The College of Saint Rose, Albany. March 3, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5178.

### THE COLORADO STRING QUARTET

quartets by Haydn, Shostakovich and Schubert. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. March 2, 8 p.m. Information, 235-3000.

## DANCE

### OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

March 2, 8-11 p.m., Guilderland Elementary School. Caller, Joe Baker, contras, squares, circles. All dances taught, beginners welcome. Information, 765-2815.

### KO-MOTION

Kuperberg Morris Dance Co., Steamer No. 10 Theatre, Albany. March 2-3, Sat. 1 and 8 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

### SIXTH ANNUAL NYU IN ALBANY DAY

Second Avenue Dance and Elisa Monte Dance Company. Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany. March 1, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1851.

## SHOW

### JAPANESE GIRL'S DAY CELEBRATION

and doll display, McKownville United Methodist Church. March 3, 2 p.m. Information, 457-5233.

## LECTURES

### THE UPS AND DOWNS OF WEIGHT LOSS

speaker Dr. Cheryl Rock, Russell Sage College, Troy. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

## READINGS

### MARY ANN MURRAY AND TOM NATTELL

performing at the Boulevard Bookstore, Albany. March 3, 3 p.m. Information, 449-8069.

### MAURICE KENNY AND JOE BRUCHAC

poetry and traditional stories. University at Albany. Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

## FESTIVALS

### FESTIVAL '91

musical variety, opera to pop, gospel to Gershwin, WMHT/TVH fund-raiser. Check local TV listings. March 2-17.

### AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Hosted by Siena College and the State University of New York at Albany. Feb. 28, March 1-3. Information, 442-3995.

## WORKSHOP

### EXPLORING NATURE THROUGH ART

Endangered Species, with Ginny Steadman, State Museum, Albany. March 2, 9, 10:30-noon. Information, 474-5801.

## FILM

### HANDWROUGHT SILVER

teaching basic silversmithing. Albany Institute of History and Art. Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

### ITALIAN AMERICAN

documentary by Martin Scorsese. Albany Institute of History and Art. March 3, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## AUDITIONS

### DIAL M FOR MURDER

Village Stage. Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, four men, one woman, ages 30s-40s, for May production. Information, 438-2330.

## STEEL MAGNOLIAS

The Schenectady Civic Theatre. Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Information, 382-2081.

## ENTRIES

### CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE AT CHESTERWOOD

entries accepted for sculpture exhibition to be held from July 7-Oct. 13, Chesterwood, Stockbridge. Information, (413)298-3579.

## VISUAL ARTS

### ODYSSEY

The Art of Photography at National Geographic, State Museum, Albany. March 9-May 7. Information, 474-5877.

### SPRING FLOWER SHOW

artwork of Raymond A. Decker, Bethlehem Public Library. Through March. Information, 439-3491.

### LAYERS AND LINES: LUCID, VAGUE, AND EXPOSED

refabrications and drawings by Albany artist Laura Catullo, Oakroom Artists, Schenectady. Feb. 28-March 26, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 482-2469.

### JOSEF RAMASENDER

visiting artist, The College of Saint Rose, Albany. Now through March 17, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Wed. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 432-6960.

### VOTES FOR ALL

historic photos, documents and memorabilia. State Museum, Albany. Now through March 17, daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

### NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

exhibit works by students from across the state in grades 7-12. State Museum, Albany. Now through March 3. Information, 474-5877.

### EXPRESS TOURS

of Empire State Plaza art collection, starting in front of the Grand Concourse Cafeteria. Every Tuesday during Feb., 12:15 p.m. Information, 473-7521.

### MOVEMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY

exhibit on anti-slavery movements through the civil rights movement. State University, Albany. Through Feb. 28. Information, 442-3552.

## A GIGGLING BESTIARY

Watercolors by Carol Schlageter, Bethlehem Public Library. Now through Feb. 28, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

### ALYCE ASHE

water colors. Elm Tree Art Gallery, Latham. Now through Feb. 28, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 785-1441.

### ELEANOR BOLDUC

oil paintings, William K. Sanford Library, Colonie. Through Feb. 28. Information, 458-9274.

### THE NATIVE AMERICAN IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

mini-exhibit of books, University Art Gallery, Albany. Now through March 17. Information, 442-3544.

### MARGARET COGSWELL

sculpture, Rathbone Gallery, Albany. Now through March 1. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Thurs. 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

### SPIRIT OF THE ADIRONDACK LANDSCAPE

paintings by Anne M. Miller, Visions Gallery, Albany. Now through March 23. Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

### SECOND THOUGHTS

creative re-use of materials, Russell Sage College Gallery, Troy. Now through March 10, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sun. noon-4 p.m.

### METAMORPHOSIS

work by Bob Epstein, Harold Lohner and Bill Wilson, One KeyCorp Plaza lobby, Albany. Now through March 1, daily 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

### ART THAT WORKS

decorative arts of the 1980s, crafted in America, Albany Institute of History and Art. Now through March 30. Information, 463-4478.

### OUR LAND/OURSELVES

American Indian Contemporary Artists, University Art Gallery, Albany. Now through March 17, Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 1-4 p.m. Symposium, Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 442-4035.

## GRUPO ARTE

group show by Spanish, French, and national/regional artists. Now through March 30, Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 1-6 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

### BRUCE STIGLICH

paintings and constructions. The Albany Center Galleries. Now through March 1, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

### JOSEPH LEVY, OSVALDO LUGO, JANE MILLER

featured artists, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy. Now through March 15, Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

### ANNUAL LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION

landscape paintings, photographs and prints, Greene County Council on the Arts. Now through March 7, Wed.-Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

### THE SETTING OF GOVERNMENT

Images of the State Capitol and the Empire State Plaza, exhibit of photos, The Empire Center, Albany. Now through Feb. 28. Information, 473-8037.

### JENNESS CORTEZ

also on exhibit, Elizabeth Mowry, Thom O'Connor, Bob Moylan, and Frank Vurraro, Greenhut Galleries, Albany. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

### ALBANY: CAPITAL CITY CROSSROADS

Exhibit and video on history of Albany, Albany Urban Cultural Park Visitors Center. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends by appointment. Information, 434-6311.

### TERRENCE TIERNAN

paintings, Rathbone Gallery, Albany. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

### THORNTON UTZ

portraitist and painter, The Gallery Unlimited, Socha Plaza, Scotia. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. to 8 p.m. Information, 384-0193.

### THE GALLERY AT THE OLD MILL

featuring well-known Adirondack artists, Elizabethtown. Wed.-Sat. 1-4 p.m. Information, 873-6843.

## IRS offers assistance to Desert Storm families

Internal Revenue Service Regional Commissioner Cornelius Coleman declared Saturday, March 2 as "Desert Storm Outreach Day" for the North Atlantic Region.

As part of the Albany District's participation, District Director Jean K. Pope announced the offering of Desert Storm assistance in the Albany and Plattsburgh

IRS offices from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for families with service members in the Desert Storm operation.

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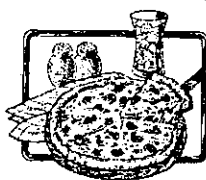
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Wednesday  
February 27

## ALBANY COUNTY

**WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE**  
lecture, Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilfordland, free and open to the public. Information, 452-3455.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

**CHORUS REHEARSAL**  
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

Thursday  
February 28

## ALBANY COUNTY

**AJCC CAMP REGISTRATION**  
priority registration begins for various camps, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Information, 438-6651 or 459-0924.

**PURIM FESTIVAL**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Call 438-6651 for schedule.

**SENIOR CHORALE PERFORMS**  
Albany Jewish Community Center Chorale, at Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**CAREERING WORKSHOP**  
overview of career development, 7 p.m., Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster Street, Albany. Information and registration, 489-4431.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

**WEIGHT LOSS DISCUSSION**  
"The Ups and Downs of Weight Loss," Bush Memorial Center, Sage Troy Campus, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246 or 270-2344.

## SARATOGA COUNTY

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
fourth Thursdays, Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 7:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

Friday  
March 1

## ALBANY COUNTY

**CARING FOR THE ELDERLY**  
four-part seminar on caring for elderly persons, St. Peter's Hospital and Mercy Health and Education, 315 So. Manning Blvd., Albany. Information, 454-1174.

**BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS MANAGEMENT**  
four-part seminar on communication with mentally impaired patients, St. Peter's Hospital, Geriatric Care Unit, 315 So. Manning Blvd., 8:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Information, 454-1174.

**SENIORS LUNCHE**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

## 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 2

## ALBANY COUNTY

**SAVE THE PINE BUSH**  
prepare for Spring Pine Bush Burning, meet at SUNY Albany Parking Lot on Washington Ave. side of campus across from Hyatt House, bring work materials, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 462-4062.

**MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIPS**  
for single, divorced, separated, and married persons, Bishop Maginn High School, Albany, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee \$5. Information and pre-registration, 453-6625.

**CAMP REUNION**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

Sunday  
March 3

## ALBANY COUNTY

**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

**SOLID WASTE ISSUES**  
conference, rally, and lobby day on waste reduction and recycling, sponsored by NYPIRG and Work on Waste. Information, 436-0876.

Monday  
March 4

## ALBANY COUNTY

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
"Change in the Office: People and Automation," SUNY Albany Downtown Campus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 442-5700.

**NON-IMPACT AEROBIC CLASSES BEGIN**  
Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilfordland, 8:45-9:45 a.m. Monday/Wednesday, 9-10 a.m. or 5:35-6:35 p.m. on Tuesday/Thursday. Fee \$35, childcare available. Information, 452-3455.

**EXPECTANT PARENT TOURS**  
St. Peter's Hospital, 315 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information and registration, 454-1388.

**LOW IMPACT AEROBICS CLASSES BEGIN**  
Bellewood Room at Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilfordland. Meets Mon. and Wed., 4:25-5:25 p.m.; Mon., Wed., and Fri., 5:35-6:35 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs., 4:25-5:25 p.m. Fee, \$50 for three times a week, \$35 for twice a week. Information, 452-3455.

**FITNESS FOR SENIORS**  
non-aerobic exercise program, March 4 through April 26, Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilfordland, \$25 fee. Information or registration, 452-3455.

**VAGINAL BIRTH AND CESAREAN PROGRAM**  
Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilfordland, 7-9 p.m., \$15 fee. Information, 452-3455.

**MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP**  
Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilfordland, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

**ADOLESCENT SELF-AWARENESS PROJECT**  
Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 438-7841.

**EXHIBITS TO CELEBRATE WORLD WEEK**  
SUNY Albany Library 109, Albany, "Peace in a Just Community" and "The Cold War and the New World Order," March 4-9. Information, 442-3569.

**SOLID WASTE ISSUES**  
conference, rally, and lobby day on reduction and recycling topics, sponsored by NYPIRG and Work on Waste. Information, 436-0876.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

**SENIORS LUNCHE**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

## GREENE COUNTY

**SKI EXPRESS**  
Hunter Mountain, 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m., charity ski event for multiple sclerosis. Information, (800)248-0459.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
Salvation Army, Smith St., Schenectady, 8-10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

Tuesday  
March 5

## ALBANY COUNTY

**SENIORS LUNCHE**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**BREASTFEEDING YOUR BABY**  
St. Peter's Hospital, 315 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m., fee, \$15. Information, 454-1388.

**CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION SERIES**  
three-part series, fee, \$45, 7 p.m., St. Peter's Hospital, 315 So. Manning Blvd., Albany. Information, 454-1388.

**SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR NEW PARENTS**  
two-hour program, fee, \$15, 7 p.m., St. Peter's Hospital, 315 So. Manning Blvd., Albany. Information, 454-1388.

**FREE SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM**  
American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start Program," St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 102 Boulevard, 7-8 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

**SAFE PLACE**  
support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide, meets first and third Tuesdays, St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**  
Tuesdays, Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

## SCHENECTADY

**SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP**  
group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Ave. and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

**EATING DISORDERS GROUP**  
Union College, fourth floor campus center, Schenectady, every first Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

Wednesday  
March 6

## ALBANY COUNTY

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BEGINS**  
four-part course on writing for professionals, through March 27, 1-4 p.m., SUNY Downtown Campus. Information, 442-5700.

**ROUNDS AND PLUS LEVEL SQUARE DANCES**  
the Single Squares, 7:30-10:30 p.m., St. Michael's Community Center, Lincoln Street, Cohoes, couples welcome. Information, 664-2353.

**PROGRAM ABOUT TODDLERS**  
Women's HealthCare Plus, Bellevue Hospital, 2093 Western Ave., Guilfordland, "Parenting: The Terrible but Terrific Toddlers," 7-9 p.m., \$15 per family. Information, 452-3455.

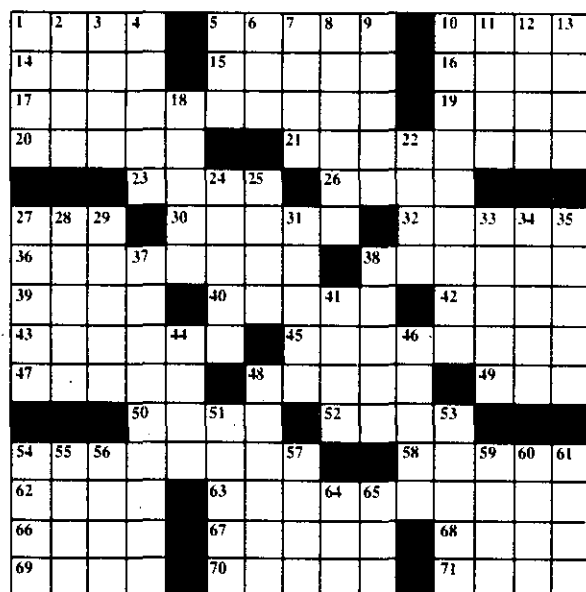
**SENIORS LUNCHE**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

## Weekly Crossword

"FOUR SCRAMBLED PRESIDENTS" By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- 1 Clutch
- 5 Dropsy
- 10 Huck Finn's transportation
- 14 Luminous radiation
- 15 Type of shrub
- 16 Capital of Norway
- 17 HE BUGS GORE
- 19 Apple-pie order
- 20 Lou Grant
- 21 Ship's section for low fare passengers
- 23 Interpret
- 26 City in N.E. Italy
- 27 Precedes "RICH": Bird
- 30 Islamic chieftain
- 32 Desert fertile area
- 36 Emotionally moving
- 38 Locomotive
- 39 Roman statesman
- 40 Leather fastener
- 42 Solar diet
- 43 Deals
- 45 Mrs. Roosevelt and others
- 47 Pee Wee or Della
- 48 Precipitous
- 49 66, eg
- 50 Charles Lamb's pen name
- 52 Used car salesman's words
- 54 This puzzle, eg?
- 58 Vermont ski area
- 62 A thought in Paris
- 63 I SEE HER NOW
- 67 Mechanic's Companion
- 67 Turn away
- 68 Precedes "TAS": Latin truth
- 69 Formerly formerly
- 70 Boys, men etc
- 71 Paradise



- 7 Australian birds
- 8 Degree between bachelor's and doctor's
- 9 Pains companion
- 10 A GONER RAN
- 11 Seaward
- 12 Pennant
- 13 Carry
- 18 Actress Garson
- 22 Type of collar
- 24 Astray
- 25 Small depression
- 27 Hollywood award
- 28 Not fresh
- 29 Distinguishing name
- 31 Heron
- 33 "\_\_\_\_\_ stand"
- 34 Sluggish
- 35 Intelligence
- 37 SOLE VOTER
- 38 Fencer's weapons
- 41 Ancient city of Arcadia
- 44 Honduras seaport
- 46 Silly
- 48 Pavlov's result
- 51 Structural member
- 53 Kitchen appliance
- 54 Location

- 55 Aroma
- 56 Mr. Durocher and others
- 57 Donkey in Munich
- 59 Had an obligation to pay
- 60 Existed
- 61 The Old Sod
- 64 Poet's word
- 65 Evenings: Abbreviation

Solution to "Some Valentine 'Love' Songs"

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Wednesday  
February 27

## BETHLEHEM

### LENTEN SERVICE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

### EVENING GROUP

Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Joye Sprinkle of Travelhost, speaker. Information, 439-3916.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES

"The Presence of the Holy Spirit." First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-6018.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

### 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 Monday and Wednesday mornings. Information, 439-6391.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

### WRITER'S FAIR

Parents As Reading Partners "Kick-Off," 7 p.m., Clarksville Elementary School. Information, 439-8622.

### NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

### NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE

meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

Thursday  
February 28

## BETHLEHEM

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

St. Thomas school library, 42 Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

### BETHLEHEM CENTRAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

meeting, 7:30 p.m., administrative conference room at Bethlehem Central High School.

## BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

### KABBALAH CLASS

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

### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

### 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

CLARKVILLE TABERNACLE 890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2733.

### NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

## RECOVERY, INC.

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

### CHABAD CENTER

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

### PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS FLAG PRESENTATION

Clarksville Elementary School, Clarksville, 2 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

### LIBRARY STORY HOURS

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  
March 2

## BETHLEHEM

### TRI-VILLAGE SQUARE DANCE

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Tom Vitell will call mainstream with a plus tip, round dancing. Information, 768-2882.

### PRESCHOOL FILMS

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Friday  
March 1

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Sunday  
March 3

## BETHLEHEM

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday worship service, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m. Meetings held at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 475-9086.

### 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.

### EVANGELISTIC FILMS

Clarksville Community Church, Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2963.

### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

family worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available during worship services. Information, 439-4328.

### DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

church school and worship, 9 and 11 a.m.; nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays. Information, 439-9252.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

service and Sunday school, 10 a.m.; child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

## 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.

## FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk, Information, 436-7710.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR

church school, 9:45 a.m.; 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 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

## SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service, church school, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour and adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

## SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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schoolhouse and Toll House museums open, through August, Rt. 144, Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

**NEW SCOTLAND EVENING SERVICE**  
Clarksville Tabernacle, 7 p.m., Route 443. Information, 768-2733.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Bible hour for children and adults, 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 REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, 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.

**Monday March 4**

#### BETHLEHEM

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

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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

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

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**  
provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings. Information, 439-6391.

**TRI-VILLAGE WELCOME WAGON CLUB**  
get-acquainted coffee for new residents, 7:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library board room. Information, 439-7476.

**NATHANIEL ADAMS BLANCHARD POST NO. 1040**  
American Legion, monthly meeting, at Post, 8 p.m.

**TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM**  
first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

**SELKIRK ASSOCIATION FOR EACH RESIDENT**  
meeting, Selkirk Fire Station No. 1, 7:30 p.m.

**STORY HOURS**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 10:30 a.m.

**ONESQUETHAW UNION CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
meeting, Clarksville Community Church, 7:30 p.m. Open to public.

**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 5**

#### BETHLEHEM

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**DELMAR ROTARY**  
meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

**CHILDREN'S ART EXPLORATION**  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**ONESQUETHAW LODGE 1096 F&M**  
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

**DANA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
meeting, Garden Shoppe, Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1580.

**BETHLEHEM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**  
membership meeting, first Tuesdays, clubhouse, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 8 p.m. Guests welcome.

## Supermarket sauciness



In Capital Rep's production of Christopher Durang's comedy "Laughing Wild," the Woman, played by Eliza Ventura, has an unusual experience in the tuna aisle. The play runs through March 10 at the Market Theatre in Albany.



The Colorado String Quartet, from left, Diane Chaplin (cello), Francesca Martin (viola), Julie Rosenfeld (violin) and Deborah Redding (violin), will perform works by Haydn, Shostakovich and Schubert at their concert this Saturday, March 2, in the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. For ticket information, call 273-0038.

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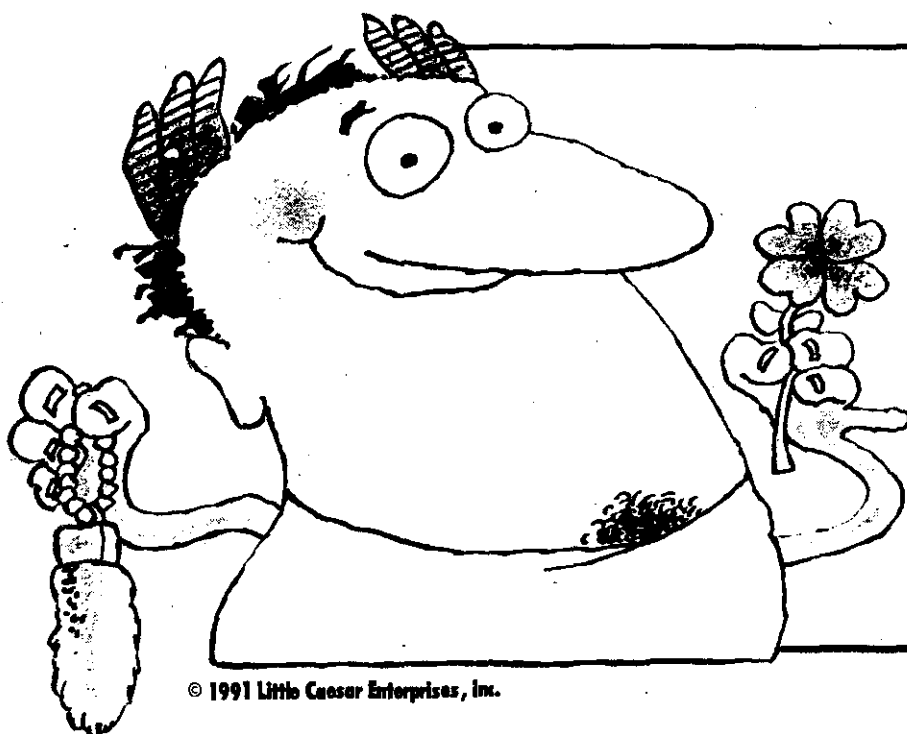
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