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Chief Currie announces retirement

By Susan Graves

Bethlehem police will bid farewell to their chief Paul E. Currie when he officially retires on the first of the year.

Chief Currie, who has led the Bethlehem department for eight years, announced plans to retire today.

"I've been thinking about it for some time. Things are going great, but it's time for fresh blood and new ideas," he said.

The chief, who is just shy of his fortieth year in law enforcement, said he will miss his work. "I'm really going to regret leaving — I've been in it so long. I'll miss it," he said.

But he added, "It's the right move at the right time."

His immediate plans are to travel to warmer climates for two or three months in the winter. He also plans to pursue ongoing projects in law enforcement related to writing policy and procedure.

Chief Currie was cited this year for his "significant contribution" in establishing a New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council.

Chief Currie, 62, worked his way up through the ranks after graduating from Utica College with a degree in criminal justice. He began his career with the Mohawk Police Department. He served as chief there for 13 years before coming to Bethlehem. Chief Currie is also a 24-year veteran of the Army National Guard, active and reserves.

For Chief Currie, there was never a question of a career choice. "I've always wanted to be a police officer," he said from his office, which reflects his many years of police service. The walls sport many commendations and awards, but also a pen and ink drawing of Grando, the department's German shepherd in the K-9 program.

Chief Currie, who is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Virginia, said the only question he had when he started his career was choosing the police agency he wanted to work for. He said he chose the Mohawk, Herkimer County department over the state police since it only

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Bethlehem chief will be missed

Those who have worked closely with him during his tenure have high regard for his professionalism and expertise.

Former Bethlehem Supervisor Robert Hendrick said, "He brought a lot of additional professionalism to the department and was instrumental in the accreditation program. He did an excellent job working with police organizations."

Town Councilman Frederick Webster said Chief Currie "brought a great deal of professionalism and recognition to the department and the town. The department achieved accreditation through his guidance, being first in the Capital District and one of the first in the state."

"I will miss him not just as a chief of police but also as a friend," he said.

Supervisor Ken Ringler said he is "grateful for having a police chief of the high caliber of Paul Currie. Being

a new supervisor, it was most advantageous to me to have Paul to work with. He taught me a great deal

about police operations and truly became a friend in this short period of time. He will be sorely missed, but we will wish him the best in his retirement."

A search committee including Webster, Councilman Charles Gunner and Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz has been appointed to screen

applications for a new chief. Resumes will be accepted from prospective candidates and eligible lieutenants with the Bethlehem Police Department and reviewed by the committee in late October.

Letters will be sent out Sept. 26 to all eligible law enforcement personnel from a list of chiefs and deputies published by the New York State Association of Police Chiefs.

Susan Graves



Chief Currie

Where's the fire?



Joshua Hensel, whose father is a Voorheesville firefighter, is ready to ride in Friday night's Mardi Gras parade in Delmar.

Elaine McLain

Report: Get paid paramedics

By Susan Graves

A Task Force on Emergency Medical Services in Bethlehem has recommended establishing a partially paid paramedic program as a supplement to the existing ambulance services in the town.

The recommendations were made in a report that was to be presented to Supervisor Ken Ringler and the town board at its meeting tonight (Wednesday).

The report states that EMS services in Bethlehem are at a crossroads and that though the existing system is not in crisis, "the standard of care will decline without intervention."

Three factors underlie the need for increased service: increasing complexity of patient care, increasing call volume and decreasing numbers of individuals willing to volunteer for EMS.

John T. Mitchell, task force chairman, said the group reviewed what was in place in the town, as well as what other towns have, before coming up with its recommendations.

Those recommendations include several possible options for a partially paid paramedic program. In one proposal two paramedics would be on duty at all times

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Pols grapple over the 'mess' at New Scotland Town Hall

By Mike Larabee

Much of the Republican campaign to wrest the New Scotland supervisor's post from the hands of two-term incumbent Democrat Herbert Reilly is taking shape along one major theme — straightening out the "mess" at town hall.

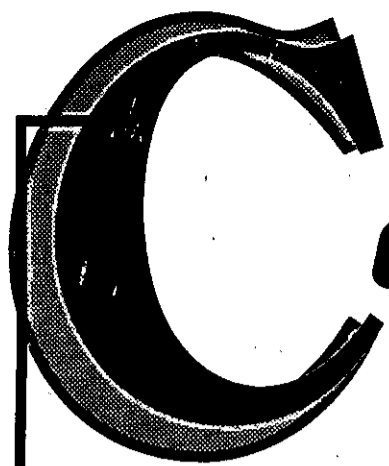
The party's campaign slogan is "leadership" for New Scotland, and a town board candidate has structured a campaign ad around the notion that "chaos" reigns in town government. Republican supervisor challenger Harry Van Wormer

often refers to the need for a firm decision-maker to take the wheel of administration he paints as directionless and adrift.

In a race many say could go either way, Republicans are hoping to hang responsibility for perceived inaction by town government squarely on Reilly's shoulders, and turn what they see as deep-rooted voter dissatisfaction into a November victory.

"It's one of the main issues of our

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celebrate autumn at our fabulous Fourth Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, October 6th 12-5 p.m.

Sunday Family Fun at Main Square Fall Festival Delmar, NY

Main Square Shoppes in Delmar will host their fourth annual "Family Fun Fall Festival" on Sunday, October 6, 1991 at 318 Delaware Avenue and Oakwood Place from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

As part of the afternoons' festivities, live music and clowns will provide free entertainment—and with a gift to the Bethlehem Food Pantry—give-aways include pumpkins, balloons, and pony rides. All donations will be added to the \$350 to be given to the Food Pantry by the *Main Square* tenants on behalf of the "New Dads On The Block" music group.

Local D.J., *Terry Ryan*, will kick-off the festivities at 12 noon. *The Country Cloggers*, a dance group, will perform at 1:30 and 2:30p.m., followed at 3:00p.m. by "New Dads On The Block" renditions of classic rock and roll.

An appearance by *Mr. Bouncety Bounce* will be a highlight of the activities planned for children. There will also be demonstrations of *Sheep shearing*, an exhibit by *Delmar's Fire Department*, and *Food available* from outdoor vendors all afternoon. *The Bethlehem Police Department's* Youth Bureau will be there with the police dog, "Grando".

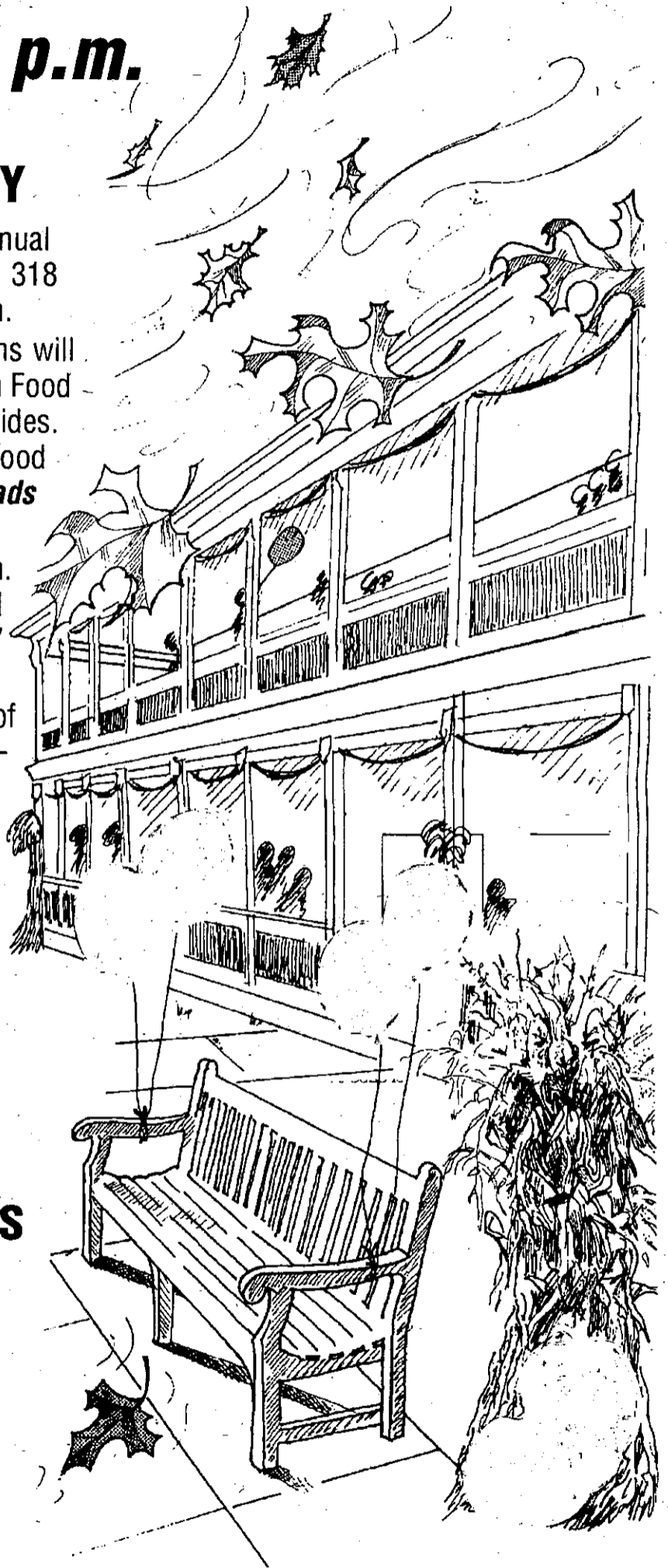
The raindate is Sunday, October 13th, same times, same place. For further information call *Dennis Corrigan* in the offices of *Main Square Shoppes*, at 439-0146.

Designated parking areas will be posted near and around *Main Square*.

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Women, children pinned in automobile mishap

By Susan Wheeler

Two Delmar women and their children received minor injuries last Wednesday evening after a station wagon driven by a 42-year-old woman pinned them against a Delmar store front.

Taylor Terrace resident Margaret Inderhees, 36, her two children, Willie Foss, 2, and Zoe Foss, 4, and Kenaware Avenue resident Barbara Walenta, 33, and her children, Matthew, 7, and Karen, 6, were chatting outside the South Street Framers and Gallery at the Four Corners at 6:13 p.m. on Sept. 18.

According to police, they were struck by a dark blue 1987 Plymouth Suburban driven by Helen Olchak-Otero of Lincoln Avenue.

"We were leaving the convenient market, talking to friends," Inderhees said in a later interview. "Both Barbara and I were pushed up against the window of the frame shop. My two children were really protected in their (twin) stroller."

The Delmar Rescue Squad took Barbara Walenta to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, while Inderhees and her two children were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital. All were treated and released the same day, according to hospital spokesmen.

According to Bethlehem Police Sgt. Joseph Sleurs, Barbara Walenta's husband, Robert, took his children home after a brief stop at St. Peter's Hospital.

Barbara Walenta suffered a contusion on her right leg and other bruises, she said. Although her son received a small bruise, she said her children were not injured. "They (the kids) were just

scared."

Inderhees said she has a sore neck and back, as well as several severe bruises. Her children were also bruised, she said. Saturday she said she felt "sore, tender, stiff, grateful. Probably grateful should be the first word. We're all so lucky."

"Over and over in my mind I watch a station wagon crunch my family and friends," said Robert Walenta, who was sitting in his car, parked in the next parking slot. "The car was pulling into the parking lot at a normal rate of speed, when the engine revved up and it bounced over the curb. We're fortunate everyone was just bumped and bruised. The glass plate window bowed out of the way to accept the bodies."

According to police records, Olchak-Otero said she was confused and thought she had her foot on the brake, rather than on the gas pedal. Sleurs said no tickets were issued.

Inderhees said the car shoved the stroller behind her legs and against the masonry. "It went wall, children, my legs and car," she said. "The car just pressed. It turned us (Barbara Walenta and herself) so we faced the building. Both of us had our hands over our heads."

Barbara Walenta, who said "it all went so fast," attempted to pull her son off the curb he was standing on when she saw a car coming into that parking space, she said. Then there was "general confusion," she said. "Matthew was sitting on the car hood, slid to the ground and luckily landed on his feet." Her daughter was not hit by the car, she said.



Tim and Dave Veltman, from left, of the Slingerlands Rescue Team, use the Jaws of Life to free the Foss children from their stroller. The children's mother Margaret

Inderhees sits while Delmar Rescue Squad's Bob Boyeo and Amos Bastiani, from left, comfort the children. Elaine McLain

Inderhees said as the car crunched them, she was afraid the store's window would break. "How much farther is this car going to push me?" went through my mind," she said

Technicians from two Delmar Rescue Squad ambulances worked to cut the Foss children out of the stroller, according to Sleurs.

Slingerland's Rescue Squad was called in to help with the task, using power cutters from "the Jaws of Life" to free the children from the stroller, he said. In addition to the three ambulances, the Delmar Fire and Bethlehem Police departments responded.

"The EMTs were really great," Inderhees said "I was really impressed because it was hard to get

the kids out of the stroller." She bought an identical stroller Saturday, she said.

Inderhees asked John Trifiletti, owner of the property where the accident occurred, to install "more adequate barricades" at the parking spaces. "I feel strongly there needs to be cement posts to protect pedestrians from the cars," she said.

Assessment adjustments force V'ville tax impact upward

By Mike Larabee

New Scotland and Guilderland residents who are Voorheesville Central School District property owners got some bad news with their recently-mailed tax bills — a tax increase higher than what had been estimated by district officials.

Dr. Anthony Marturano, school district business administrator, said the increase was the result of late-summer assessment changes and the revision of state-set town equalization rates.

Taxpayers who own property in the Berne portion of the district will see a smaller tax increase than the school administration had anticipated for the same reasons, Marturano said.

District taxes will go up by 13.1 percent in New Scotland and 14.1 percent in Guilderland, Marturano said. The Berne tax rate will increase by only 7.9 percent, he said.

Marturano said school administrators had predicted an increase of between 11 and 13 percent. "I

thought 13 would be the upper end," he said. "With the changes it came out to very slightly more than that."

Final school property tax rates for 1991 are as follows:

New Scotland, \$452.65 per \$1,000 assessment; Guilderland \$16.38 per \$1,000 assessment; and Berne \$88.41 per \$1,000 assessment. The rates vary widely because of differences in the levels at which property is assessed from town to town.

Voters twice this year defeated Voorheesville's proposed 1991-92 school district operating budget, precipitating the August school board passage of a \$10.2 million contingency budget.

In 1990, the district's New Scotland tax rate was \$400.33 per \$1,000 assessment, the Guilderland rate was \$14.36 per \$1,000 assessment and the Berne tax was \$637.88 per \$1,000 assessment, according to Marturano.

Marturano said 10 and 11 percent reductions in New Scotland and Guilderland's state-set equalization rate, which is used to compute a property's true market value and make possible comparison of properties from different municipalities, affected the tax rate for the towns. When a town's equalization rate is reduced, the overall estimated value of property within the town goes up.

In addition, reductions in assessments for district homes, businesses, utilities and railroads in New Scotland offset the tax revenue contributions from new construction, he said.

"We were somewhat disappointed at what happened with respect to some of the reductions in assessment that took place," Marturano said.

In phone conversations with *The Spotlight*, a number of district property-owners expressed anger over the final rate.

Larry Bonham, a New Scotland resident, said that he had expected an increase of 11 to 12 percent because of newspaper accounts of earlier budget discussions. "We were basically sort of in shock

when we got our tax bills," he said. "We thought that after it was defeated twice that the contingency budget was supposed to be bare bones."

Following the Aug. 7 passage of two budget propositions, Marturano was quoted in *The Spotlight* as placing the probable district-wide tax increase at 11 percent.

Marturano said overall increases contained in the contingency budget are "virtually all attributable" to a \$700,000 loss in state aid.

Joseph Van Alphen, a Voorheesville property-owner who lives outside the district, said he feels the contingency budget was "shoved down the throats" of district taxpayers.

"The fact is that we're very much in favor of... quality education for the kids." But he said he's concerned that the board and administration, under the guise of providing quality education, are not interested in trying to find real savings opportunities.

Martin McMahon, who lives in the Guilderland section of the district, said his school taxes have gone up roughly \$320 this year. "It's a significant increase over one year," he said, arguing that the hike should be put in context with increases of 16 and six percent in 1989-90 and 1990-91, for instance, for New Scotland residents.

Marturano said factors leading to the recent upward tax rate adjustment were "outside of the control of the Voorheesville Central School District" and said the administration presented its "best guess with information available."



Albany County Sheriff's Department's Deputy David Romano fingerprints Lindsey Ryan, held by her mother Kim,

Friday afternoon at the National Savings Bank in Delmar. Elaine McLain

Project WILD session planned for teachers

A Project WILD teacher workshop will take place Sept. 26 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, in Delmar. The workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, will introduce Project WILD environmental education activities emphasizing Wildlife In Learning Design.

Developed to expose students to a broad range of views about wildlife, Project WILD builds basic understandings of ecological principles into active games and discussion.

Project WILD is sponsored nationally by the Wildlife Society, the National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In New York State, Project WILD is sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and has received funds from Return a Gift to Wildlife contributions from state tax returns.

Participants are advised to dress for indoor/outdoor activity. A bag

Library to register for story hours

Registration for fall story hours at the Bethlehem Public Library will begin on Monday, Sept. 30, at 9 a.m. at the library. Telephone registration will start at 1 p.m.

Story hours are organized by age. For toddlers (22 months to three years old), two four-week sessions are offered. For preschoolers (children age three through six), one eight-week session is offered. The story hours will run from October 1 to November 21.

BC Pit open house set for Oct. 7

By Susan Graves

An community open house and reception will show off Bethlehem Central Middle School's Pit in all its new found glory.

"We basically want to show off the place and thank those who worked to renovate it," said Holly Billings, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited president and one of the prime movers in spearheading the effort to restore the recreation area in the basement of the middle school last year.

Billings credits community residents and businesses for donations of supplies and elbow grease: "It's an amazing community effort, people came out of the woodwork to help." She said there is a long list of names of individuals and businesses who contributed materials and time to create an area where middle schoolers could enjoy themselves.

She estimated the project was in reality a \$30 to \$40 thousand job that was completed for about \$10 thousand. Because of budget constraints, the district on its own "would never have been able to do it," said Billings.

Two bathrooms were renovated, some walls were reconstructed and others scraped and painted and a kitchen area was completely renovated. One item from the past is a popcorn maker that was used when the Pit was used about 20 years ago. A dropped ceiling, donated and installed by CR Drywall Inc., helps create an appealing atmosphere.

The Pit board of directors including Billings, Supervisor Ken Ringle, BC Administrator Briggs McAndrews, Teacher Fran Vin-



Holly Billings, Bethlehem Opportunities president and Pat Bush, organizer for an open house at the middle school Pit add to the handwriting on the popular graffiti wall.

Elaine McLain

cent, representing students, and Attorney Joe Messina are incorporating and are in the process of applying for non-profit status.

"We're aiming at leasing space for \$1 and running the Pit as a business," Billings said. Youth pay 50 cents to enter the Pit in the afternoons and \$2 for evening admissions, which is used after-school hours and on some evenings. Billings said she is hoping to eventually have two paid supervisory staff and a volunteer.

The opening date this year will

depend on staffing she said. "We're hoping to run mid-October through mid-May."

According to Billings, the Pit's primary function is to "provide a place for kids to go" after school. The middle schoolers are dismissed at 2:15 and many children are pretty much on their own until their parents come home from work in the evening.

And, because there is "no free time built into the middle school day, they really need a release," Billings said.

The Pit currently has pool and pingpong tables, games, food, music and a very popular graffiti wall. And, "We're open to suggestions," for more activities," she said.

Pat Bush is organizing the reception set for Monday, Oct. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information, call Bush at 439-4686.

Teacher wins award

Theresa Stornelli of Delmar has been named the recipient of a 1991 series Empire State Challenger Scholarship for teachers in special education.

Teens' parents offered training

The seven-week course entitled Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Teens (STEP/TEEN) will be offered at the Delmar Reformed Church on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 2 to Nov. 13.

The course is designed to help parents of teenagers deal more

effectively with what can sometimes be a difficult period for parent child relationships.

The course costs \$11.95. Registration deadline is tomorrow (Thursday). For more information, call the church at 439-9929.

Military mail call begins yule project

The 1991 Christmas Military Mail Call is now under way. For the better part of two decades, though both crisis and calm, Military Mail Call, operating out of Christmas, Fla., has served as a clearinghouse to spread morale boosting mail from the public to troops across the globe.

The greetings are re-sorted into well over 1,000 bundles, varying in size from 25 to 4,000 cards and letters, which are then sent priority mail to units and locations all across the U.S. as well as in every corner of the globe. The program's twin goals are to include mail from many people and places in each

outgoing bundle while spreading each person's greetings as widely as possible.

There was outstanding participation across the nation last Christmas. Among those participating in last year's Christmas Military Mail Call were Kathleen Trent of Delmar, Patricia M. McDermott of Glenmont, and Linda Dunkerley of Slingerlands.

To learn how you can be involved, send a first class postage stamp, with your name and address to Military Mail Call, P.O. Box 817, Christmas, FL 32709-0817.

Cherry Hill seeks teaching volunteers

Cherry Hill museum on South Pearl Street in Albany is seeking volunteers to teach school children curriculum-related programs about five generations of family living. Volunteer museum teachers work six hours monthly and conduct programs on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the school year.

The programs involve the pres-

entation of how family and home life in America has changed from the 18th to the 20th century and include role playing and various participatory activities.

The training program consists of three morning classes, tour observation, study of the collection and required readings. For information, call 434-4791.

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Solving Bethlehem's Solid Waste Disposal Crisis

For some time now, Bethlehem residents have been confronted with an expensive, confusing and irksome solid waste collection and disposal policy. The reason for this is simple: there is no real "policy" at all. Private haulers charge top dollar to remove presorted trash which is delivered to the Town for transfer to a recycling facility, in the case of recyclable items, or to the ANSWERS system, in the case of non-recyclable items. The Town then pays a hefty tipping fee to have the recyclable trash accepted by Empire Returns in Syracuse. In other words, Town residents do all the work to clean and separate their trash, pay top dollar for its removal, and face a kaleidoscope of dos and don'ts in regard to making their trash "acceptable" to the haulers, and then the Town pays a ridiculous fee (\$32.50 a ton) to provide the end product (saleable materials) to manufacturers.

Questions concerning the logic behind this state of affairs have recently been eclipsed by the prospect of a regional landfill being sited within our Town under the aegis of ANSWERS. Although it is obvious that Bethlehem residents and, for that matter, Town officials, had little or no input in the site selection process, the Town Board has adopted a "wait and see" approach, refusing to take any decisive measures to end a politically one-sided relationship.

As candidates of the Democratic Party for the offices of Town Supervisor and Town Council, we propose the following measures to resolve our Town's solid waste disposal problems:

1. If elected, we would implement a comprehensive, town-wide program for the collection of both trash and wet garbage by the Town and seek to capitalize on the sale of recyclable materials to manufacturers, or at least break even on their disposal.
2. We would sever the politically lopsided arrangement with ANSWERS and join with neighboring communities such as Coeymans to form a smaller, more responsive solid waste management group.

BILL MCGARRY
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An answer on landfills

Cute acronym aside, ANSWERS, the trash-burning incinerator weirdly located in downtown Albany, was hailed as the answer to this area's future needs in solid-waste disposal.

That was a considerable number of years ago, and times have changed, along with a shift in many attitudes and expectations by the citizenry.

One view of the ANSWERS picture is that, when it should come to pass that a new ash-disposal site was needed, a regional landfill would somewhat magically appear in the domain of one of the participating municipalities.

It has come to pass that a big new dump site for ANSWERS ash will indeed be a necessity in the near future. Heading the list of nominees for potential dumps is the Town of Bethlehem. When the envelopes were opened, it turned out that the town had nine "winners" (Coeymans had three).

Other locales, including the more unsettled and remote hill towns, were shut out.

What of the realistic future? We believe that Bethlehem would be justified in quitting ANSWERS, despite presumed long-term contractual ties. (Severing the relationship might be, in effect, accomplished by a community's unwillingness to pay higher "tipping fees.")

The alternatives thereupon would be var-

Selecting our judiciary

The intensive inquiry into the credentials of Judge Clarence Thomas, including aspects of his personal life, contrasts interestingly with the manner in which New York selects the judges for its State Supreme Court.

That court and the United States Supreme Court hardly are of comparable significance, of course, but to citizens with either direct or indirect interest in their rulings, the quality of justice is ever of high importance.

Currently the major political parties of this seven-county judicial district are enmeshed in the unpretty process of preparing their slates of candidates for three seats that open up by virtue of the retirement of sitting judges.

Horsetrading and occasional infighting among each party's county chairmen are, as always, the means through which those slates finally are completed for presentation to voters on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. On election day, when they finally have their say, voters ordinarily are doomed to cast their ballots for the judges on a strictly partisan manner. The Republican slate prepared by

The terminal's case

By definition, an airport's function is as transient as a summer romance. To what proper extent, then, must an airport seek to be all things to all travelers?

We tend to see this as implicit in the Q-and-A dialogue between a few hundred emplaners at Albany County Airport and a team of interviewers soliciting their ideas on what the terminal has, what it lacks, and what it might aspire to.

We suggest that if an airport is decently clean, modestly comfortable, and reasonably convenient, that's all our mobile public probably wants or ought to expect. Acres of carpet, banks of pinball machines, fine dining, choreographed attendants, and other diversions and pastimes are not properly the province of airport management.

When passengers are affected by emergencies such as delayed departures, acts of God such as fog and blizzards, or unavoidable layovers, these are problems that the airlines themselves should deal with, having made adequate provision to care for their customers

Editorials

ied. One approach deserving consideration would be for Bethlehem to locate and construct its own much smaller landfill (perhaps inviting a few other communities to join in its use and expense). If and when BFI or another incinerating industry puts up a plant in Green Island, for instance, some of Bethlehem's trash might go there.

Meanwhile, an area such as ours should take care to keep its options open. The technology is evolving so rapidly that too great an investment in advancing a particular theory of environmental/health safety factors could be costly and disastrous.

In the past, The Spotlight has voiced opposition to a suggested referendum on incineration and other aspects of waste disposal. Our position was, and is, that a Town Board is elected to make appropriate judgments and decisions. On the other hand, in this particular instance, it might be well to take a non-binding sounding that could determine how generally accepted are the firmly stated arguments of the environmental purists.

For now, however, the watchword should be: No regional landfill here!

county chairmen receives Republicans' support; the same, or course, for Democrats. The factors that figured in the chairmen's selections probably had little or perhaps nothing to do with judicial experience or temperament, and in ratifying one slate or another the voters merely compound an inappropriate process.

The respective chairmen's considerations are founded primarily on self-interest and partisan concerns, with geography of the several counties also a necessary element. Separated from any genuine role in early evaluation of the candidates, citizens at large tend to vote as blindly as they might have in Yugoslavia pre-1991.

Within our sphere, The Spotlight Newspapers try to bring help to those voters who like to select intelligently, through interviewing all candidates, including those for the judiciary, and also by publishing pertinent statements from each. These will be appearing in our pages between now and the Nov. 5 voting.

And remember that "travel" descended from a prior word, "travail," which in turn derives from a Latin word for "instrument of torture."

The Goldenrod Rule

"That was a good summer," an astute observer announced summarily the other day.

"But it went fast," he continued rapidly. "I just don't know where the days disappeared." He commented heatedly about hot and chill spells, noting that the season offered either in widely varying degree; precipitation, almost invariably occurring in the form of rain which, however, dampened few spirits; unusually lush vegetation, intoxicating in its beauty and fragrance; and the early harvest whose produce produced few gripes about grapes and plenty of applause for apples. Almost overcome with emotion, he spoke huskily about the year's splendid corn crop.

And as for Indian Summer, he fearlessly forecast that its arrival will be proclaimed on at least seven different occasions before the first frost.

Work on Coyne's budget now, Legislature urged

Editor, The Spotlight:

The quick dismissal of Albany County Executive Coyne's proposed 1992 county budget by the leaders of the County Legislature is puzzling. Perhaps those who stated that the early release was premature wanted to postpone public debate until after the November election. If so, they do Albany County residents a disservice.

The best way to curtail county spending is to carefully examine the County Executive's budget with a keen eye and a sharp pencil to cut excess spending. This takes time. Putting off this examination is an abdication of responsibility by elected officials and sends a strong message to the electorate about inability to cut spending and reduce taxes.

Certainly, Mr. Coyne's recommendation to increase revenues by leasing airport lands for parking and commercial development would be a quick fix. It brings to mind other tricks he has used in the past to get out of similar fiscal binds. This exchange of airport property is a loss leader that would profit entrepreneurs at the long-term expense of county taxpayers. One-shot, short-term budget bandages of this type are indeed "blue smoke." Yet, Mr. Coyne's smoke should not be used as a screen to postpone public discussion that should begin now.

Delmar postal staff wins new compliment

Editor, The Spotlight:

Allow me to lend my "second the motion" to the letter in last week's *Spotlight*, complimenting the personnel of our Delmar post office, for the good attitudes, willingness to serve, and pleasant dispositions displayed by the several fine people who serve us daily, with excellent service.

I would like to mention Richard Tanner in particular and all others, in general, who make it a pleasant experience to do business in our local facility. It speaks well for local leadership but equally well for individual participants, and I like to give credit where credit is due.

The practice of putting a second person on the window, at heavy traffic periods, is a considerable improvement by our postmaster.

Regrettably, the author of the original letter of praise did not choose to include his or her name

Vox Pop

We must put the extra time provided by the early release of the county budget to good use.

Let's talk about the revenues needed now—not after Nov. 5. Let's look at expenses in the proposed budget now—not after election day. Let's ask some tough questions and consider the answers carefully in the weeks ahead. Let's meet our collective responsibility to inform the electorate in a timely manner.

We can "jump start" and structure the budget debate by first focusing on the growth in the county's spending, which has increased by 95 percent in the last eight years, compared to a 33 percent climb in the Consumer Price Index. Second, to curtail costs, consideration should be given to areas of explosive growth, such as health and public safety, which have grown by 141 percent and 130 percent, respectively, in the last eight years.

Albany County needs to start meaningful discussions of its budget now. Let's begin, and involve the public fully in the process.

James C. Ross

Editor's note: Mr. Ross is a Republican member of the Albany County Legislature from the Town of Bethlehem.

for publication, which would have been a credit to that person's good taste.

Kenneth P. Hahn

Receiver of Taxes

Town of Bethlehem

Welcome Wagon rolls on

Editor, The Spotlight:

Having attended the Welcome Wagon luncheon this past week, I was again amazed at the outpouring of care and time given to this club's service projects.

The dedication and involvement are there as always.

I hope that people will please take the time to read the information from Networks and BOU concerning the club's donations to these organizations this past month.

Jan Berry

(Past Welcome Wagon president)

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Judge not, though questions remain

Judge Clarence Thomas is going to be confirmed for the Supreme Court in the forthcoming vote by the United States Senate, and that probably is just as well.

I write that sentence with certain mental reservations, as follows:

First, I as a common citizen untrained in the law find reason to wonder if Judge Thomas is ready for that high distinction and the great responsibility that goes with it. In his early forties, and with only about a year in the judiciary (by appointment of the same President who now is hurrying him on his way to the nation's most august court), he could be said to stand in need of further seasoning in the judicial set of mind. Very possibly he would benefit likewise by the mellowing of certain harsh postures for which he was known before he faced the Senators' questions. In my humble opinion, a suitable response by Judge Thomas to President Bush's proposal to nominate him would have been: "Thanks for the compliment, but I'd prefer to pass at this time."

But there he's been, answering some of the Senators' inquiries and fending off many others. His disavowal of positions he has held and statements he has made in the past is troubling to me (and, I gather, to many others). It's not hard to get the impression that, for the sake of winning confirmation, Judge Thomas was — to use a weasel-like term — being "less than candid." The "confirmation conversion" suspicion which Senator Heflin mentioned did not do credit to a person destined for a seat in the Supreme Court. Some

writers tell us that his shiftiness was a stratagem carved by his advisers at the White House, the same who devised the Bush strategy.

Uncle Dudley

None of this deals with the judge's forthcoming votes in the court on certain issues — notably on one. I think that the logical assumption for advocates on both sides is that Judge Thomas will of course perform the way he knows Mr. Bush desires him to. There's a bit of folklore to the effect that a few justices in the past have surprised the appointing Presidents by occasional opinions and votes at odds with their prior records. So be it, but that's surely not a reasonable prediction in any contemporary instances; look at the votes of Justices Scalia, Kennedy, and Souter. Their fundamental views had been well established, long since — as are those of Judge Thomas. Presidents are accustomed to getting what they want, and Presidents Reagan and Bush obtain full dividends.

More than with Judge Thomas, I have trouble with our President in his cynical handling of the appointment, including the preposterous assurance that Mr. Thomas was positively the best available jurist to be found anywhere.

Either Mr. Bush easily deceives himself or he was lying to the nation.

In fact, just as the Yankees will send that promising young pitcher to Columbus or Albany/Colonie for seasoning, Mr. Thomas had been dispatched to the appellate bench to await the vacancy that

Justice Marshall was sure to create.

So why do I comment that it's probably "just as well" that the Thomas nomination is approved?

Mr. Bush and his tacticians successfully euchred the Senate (and particularly the judiciary committee) into an unenviable corner. In the absence of some dreadful blight turning up on the judge's person, he had to be confirmed.

The extent of this necessity was brought home to me the other evening during a TV news interview with a young black lad in Atlanta who had made Judge Thomas his hero and exemplar. A rebuff by the Senators for hard-to-distinguish reasons of judicial philosophy would be so incomprehensible that every "Nay" voter would have to sustain part of the onus for a resultant backlash. Better to have Judge Thomas and his opinions, his gifts and his limitations, on the Supreme Court for the next 30 years or more than to needlessly exacerbate this country's race relations just now, abraded as they are today. Part of the responsibility for this damned-if-you-do dilemma is the President's, but he's the one who holds the winning cards.

In passing, I wish the media would place less import on "grandson of a slave" as an heroic label. Slavery had its special cruelties, sadly enough, but many citizens of this country are descended from ancestors who went through the hell of barbaric pogroms, serfdom, inquisitions, crusades, despairing poverty, starvation, pestilence, and wars (including one to free the slaves).

some of this incarceration. One of these is "boot camp," sometimes called "shock incarceration," which is receiving rather good reports on the strength of the drug treatment, job training, and special education that are offered, along with some severe discipline.

Another alternative is the "electronic bracelet," to be worn by a "soft" offender to help with the over-population problem and also to try to keep relatively minor offenders from being exposed to much worse criminals.

A key question from one authority is quoted: Prisoners overwhelmingly represent societal failures, young men who have had unsuccessful experiences in their families, schools, military services, and labor force... When all other social institutions have failed with such persons, how can prison succeed?

And finally, would not resources be better spent on social programs for children and adolescents?

Constant Reader footnote:

Following the report on "Country Women" (Sept. 4) a reader called to mention that it's the only magazine she saves; she has a file going back five or six years, I understand... Late in May, Constant Reader reviewed the "Personal" magazine supplement in the Sunday Times Union, and viewed its future prospects pessimistically. In August, the magazine's career was abruptly ended by the publishers.

Novel ideas are offered for your retirement

The contributor of this Point of View, before his retirement, had been a news anchor at Channel 10 and a legislative relations representative for the New York State School Boards Association.

By Bruce L. Williamson

What manner of mind-consuming — as well as time-filling — occupation should one really anticipate and seek to carry out in what is politely called "retirement"?

Point of View

That's a question that virtually everyone born before Calvin Coolidge's presidency has to face — and I have, in effect, confronted it twice. The first time, I resolved the matter by going back to work, for more than a decade.

Ultimately, though, the issue caught me right between the eyes. I knew at least one item on which I definitely would not compromise:

I was not going to find myself tied down by what a friend has said about retirement: "It's a full-time job!"

On the other hand, I genuinely did aspire to ensure that there'd be a need to regularly make an effort toward some visibly positive result. In my case, that logically would be using our language appropriately and effectively. Upon reflecting, I recognized that one of the things I'd always wanted to do was to write a novel — preferably one with a mystery plot.

Having been locked into a world of swiftly moving current events for more than 30 years as an "electronic journalist," I now couldn't wait for the day when I could sit down at my typewriter and become completely absorbed in timeless events that would occur at my bidding, and involving people who would do what I wanted them to. Well, I've been doing just that ever since I finally succumbed to retirement three years ago. And I am thoroughly enjoying this new "occupation" (even though nothing has been published as yet).

My first novel, which I'm calling "Murders in Dariport," is about... 360 pages long. What else is it about? There's an unscrupulous investment banker in the deregulated '80s, who amasses a huge fortune in a short time trading on privileged information. After he is mysteriously murdered (in the first chapter) his wife must defend herself against the charge that she may have done the deed. She reveals that he had been beating her for years — and she forms a strident group to help other battered women. Therein lies a savory recipe for another murder. When the book is published, you'll be able to see how I move my characters around within the confines of this plot. By the final page, you'll learn how it all comes out.

My second mystery story is aptly titled "Terrorist in Albany." A group of Iraqis are angry about the heavy loss of Iraqi lives in "Desert Storm" following the hasty exodus from Kuwait. With the blessing of Saddam Hussein, they come to the United States to blow up government buildings. One of their members, a young woman (strikingly beautiful, what else?) falls deeply in love with an Albany legislative correspondent before she realizes he is writing a series of in-depth articles on terrorism.

The entire story takes place within a three-month period in the spring of 1992, when a powerful semtex bomb is set to go off in the State Capitol. Not a very romantic plot, you say? But if you accept the reality of terrorism in our world today, you may find the theme a compelling one — and you could even find some of my love scenes very touching.

You want more? How about my third book, "Pauca the Cat." She is petite, so the feminine gender for the corresponding Latin word seemed appropriate as a name for her. (Pauca is pronounced POW-KUH.) She is able to write the story herself because she has learned how to operate an over-sized keyboard with her de-clawed paws. Her fertile brain qualifies her to expound on everything from politics to reincarnation.

Totally jet black with sensuous green eyes, Pauca is a cross between a Burmese and a British Short Hair. She, too, is extremely beautiful, and doesn't hesitate to let you know it. I am learning the hard way that first-person accounts by animals — and unknown authors — have difficult going in the hands of profit-minded publishers!

As we head into fall, I am working on "The Verse Things I Ever Did." This is a compilation of doggerel I've composed for various occasions, such as political satire for the annual LCA show in Albany... and verses for weddings, retirement parties, birthdays, anniversaries.

So, for me, retirement is fun and rewarding. I ride my bike daily four miles before 9 a.m. and from then to noon I sit at the typewriter. Afternoons, I relax with swimming, golf, or — best of all — reading. I love to read and I thank the good Lord every day that I have my eyesight. My favorite books: National politics. I just finished reading "Parliament of Whores," by P. J. O'Rourke. If you



The 'Baby Boomerang' and crime

Along with many other citizens, I was reading recently reports from the trial of the dishwasher who was accused (and convicted) of murderously assaulting the Albany Institute's curator in her home.

One aspect of the trial subliminally troubled me as I read the daily accounts: The attack took place two years ago. The attacker is subject to sentencing to a term of many years. But he has already been imprisoned for two years. Suppose that he had been acquitted?

The question and related unsettling thoughts came back to me as I read a recent magazine article, "Who Is New York Jail?" that had appeared in the August issue of "Empire State Report." (I seem to be trapped in a time bind, for a column earlier this month also dealt with an August periodical, despite my good intentions of keeping up to date.)

The writer, Marie Simonetti Rosen (she's publisher of "Law Enforcement News," associated with the John Jay college of Criminal Justice), starts with some data: New York's prison system was host last year to some 55,000 persons, which works out to being just about 300 for every 100,000 of population. The figures are for 1990, and the total had grown by about 3,500 over the previous year.

Who are these people? Most likely they have been imprisoned for particularly violent crimes or a series of serious offenses. "In short, there are more criminals

committing more heinous crimes." Further:

"Increasing levels of violence, and growing public intolerance for

Constant Reader

real or perceived levels of victimization have created a situation in which prison space in the state is at a premium."

I liked an expression that Ms. Rosen used (and perhaps coined, for I have not encountered it elsewhere): "The baby boomerang generation." In the view of many criminal justice experts, she reports, the swelling prison population is a product of that generation ("going through its crime-prone years from 17 to 24"), along with economic decline and resultant accelerating unemployment, substance abuse, and the easy availability of deadly weapons. Adding to the mix are the public demand for safety and increased proficiency by police in making arrests.

The article tackles various other pertinent aspects, such as recidivism (very high, especially among black and Hispanic men and persons who had not completed high school). The prison population statistically is (as generally assumed) disproportionately composed of minorities — about nine times as many blacks as whites, percentagewise, and more than four times as many Hispanics.

The thrust of the article, however, turns on the question of potential "front door alternatives" to

Matters of Opinion

Frustrating tailgaters: more strategies detailed

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was intrigued by the recent W. H. Plemmons letter dealing with tailgating drivers. Highway excesses and abuses seem to have grown, in recent years, in direct proportion to the continuing decline of responsibility and standards in our society as a whole. The result has been tragedy for countless families and a daily parade of mangled and broken bodies to area hospitals where all of us share the outrageous costs of trying to make them whole again.

The carnage, of course, continues because only a relatively few families have brought home to them the pain and costs of auto accident injuries. Only a relatively few drivers appear to have the intelligence it takes to drive safely.

For what it's worth, after some careful experimentation I've found what appears to be a satisfactory (to me) resolution of the tailgater problem. I pass it along for your readers' consideration and comments as long as they bear in mind that not everyone has the same taste in music, either.

When an obvious tailgater starts his operations behind me, I turn on my flashers and gradually slow down. If there's passing room, he won't linger on your tail very long. On the multi-lane interstates he may have to wait a bit if traffic is heavy, and in those cases it's rewarding to give him or her a derisive signal as they speed on their way.

On the two-lane highways, I follow the same procedure, but pull to the side of the highway when I can, roll down my window, and, with a show of impatience,

wave the offending driver on by. Most of them seem to get the message, but I would imagine, given the mentality that produces a tailgater in the first place, that some are simply puzzled about why they're being waved by.

One final note, but it's of considerable importance. Look out especially for young women in little red cars. Has anyone besides me ever noticed how so many of them drive, apparently as they live, with complete abandon?

Colonia *Ferdinand Capriotti*

Retiring

(From Page 7)

don't mind his blatant use of vulgar language, you'll enjoy his amusing assessment of various high offices in our national government. I've been reading everything I can find about William Casey, trying to decide if he would be in jail today if he had lived to tell us what he knew about Iran-Contra. Joe Persico's book certainly is among the best sources.

My hero in detective story writing is actually a heroine . . . P.D. James. I'd love to be able to create the suspense she does in her books about the adventures of Adam Dalgliesh. I highly recommend her latest: "Devices and Desires."

At the moment, I am reading "Smart Schools, Smart Kids," by Edward B. Fiske. It's a collection of some of the best ideas being tested in schools around the country for improving our public schools.

My least favorite reading matter: Rejection slips from uninterested publishers!

Full moons in the arctic 'measure year'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have followed with much interest the various editorials, letters, and column commentaries about full moons. Accordingly, I thought that your readers might like to learn of another group of designations for full moons. These were sent to me by a friend as part of a lovely card of remembrance.

These are expressions said to be used by certain arctic Eskimos, and are referred to as "measuring moons" with the words "I shall turn night into day; I shall measure the whole year." Their 12 moons are as follows:

- Moon of the old bucks
- Moon of the cold udders
- Full udder moon
- Moon of the calves
- Moon of the waters
- Moon of the new leaves
- The warm moon
- Moon of the rubbing antlers
- Moon of the light frost
- Autumn moon
- Moon of the back
- Moon of the shrinking days of winter.

(Perhaps you will consider this as my little contribution to the multiculturalism that we are to favor.)

Just sign me as *Moonstruck*
(Name submitted)

1791 calendar reveals tax activists' vigor

Editor, The Spotlight:

One of your editorials recently mentioned the idea (not too seriously, I trust) of tarring and feathering governmental managers in cases of failure to do their jobs.

I happened to note on a 1991 calendar in my possession, produced by the United States Capitol Historical Society, that on the same date as that issue of *The Spotlight*—Sept. 11—"Pennsylvania frontiersmen tarred and feathered excise collector Robert Johnson." (The calendar gives a news item from 1791 for each day of the year.)

That occurrence turns around your thought, by penalizing a government agent who did his job too well, rather than one who doesn't.

I get a kick out of numerous of the entries. For example, the historical note for Sept. 26 is: "Washington considered where to buy new blankets for his slaves." Last month, on the 21st, "Washington invited Jefferson to breakfast on the following day." And on Sept. 15 he established a tradition that stands to this day: "President and Mrs. Washington left Philadelphia (then the capital) for several weeks' rest at Mt. Vernon." That would have been only a short hop for Air Force One.

H.D. West

Words for the week

Curator: A person in charge of a museum, library, etc. Also, a guardian, as of a minor.

Felon: A person guilty of a major crime. Originally, a villain.

Recidivism: Habitual or chronic relapse (or tendency to relapse), especially into crime or antisocial behavior.

Doggerel: Trivial, awkward, often satirical verse characterized by a monotonous rhythm; any trivial or bad poetry.

Mental health topic of Albany walk

Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy will lead families of mentally ill people, consumers of mental health services and concerned citizens from across the state in a noon-time walk to the New York State Capitol in Albany, in the fifth annual interfaith prayer walk for the mentally ill on Thursday, Sept. 26.

The walk's purpose will be to urge Mario Cuomo and the legislature to reform the state's mental health system.

The walk will be preceded by an interfaith worship service at 11 a.m. when the walkers will gather in Westminster Presbyterian Church on State Street in Albany.

Thomas Posey, immediate past president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, who is himself recovering from a major mental illness, will speak at the Capitol steps. For information, call 447-5868.

MS self-help group to meet tonight

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the Capital District Chapter office of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society on New Karner Road in Albany.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease of the central nervous system, a disease of young adults, striking those between the ages of 15 and 50 years of age.

The self help group provides an opportunity for education, sharing and socialization for those with MS, their families and friends. For information, call 452-1631.

Board of Appeals to have hearings

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will conduct public hearings on two zoning applications next Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue.

At 7:30 p.m., the board will hear the application of Peter Panych of Delmar, and at 7:45, the board will hear the application of Anthony Caccamo of Albany.

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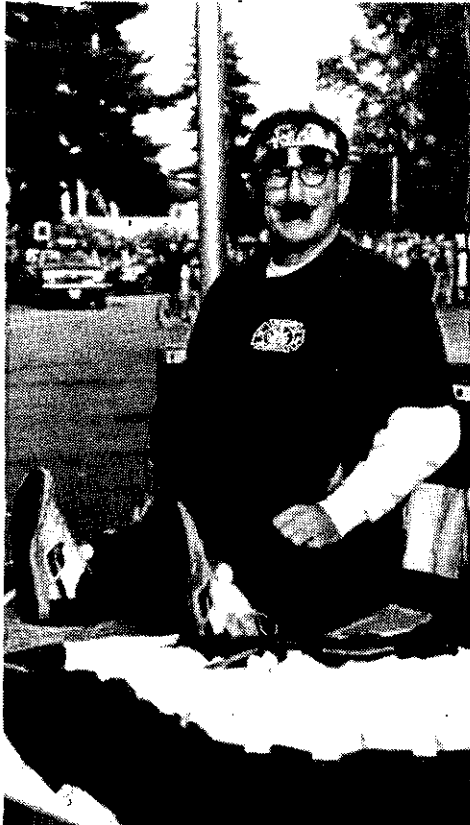
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Dorothy and Henry Kleinke, life members of the Delmar Fire Department, served as grand marshals of the dress parade during the Albany County Firemen's Association Convention over the weekend. The event was hosted by the Delmar Fire Department.



Kristin and Mirissa Conley, both of the New Salem Fire Department, "hop" along with the parade.



Robert White from the Elsmere Fire Department dresses as a "Dorf" for his department's parade float.



Michael Kremer intently watches the parade, while his grandmother, Jean Buno points out the sites.

Christopher Carhart of Altamont tries out some fire gear during the Mardi Gras parade.



Jim Daly, left, Don Veltman, Todd DeVoe, Jim Willey and Randy Conger, all from the Slingerlands Fire Department, display an important message about the need for volunteer firefighters.



Elsmere firemen Henry Turner and Raymond Felgentreff guide the department's 1917-vintage truck through the parade route.



Members of the Delmar Fire Department, which is celebrating its 80th year, march in the full dress parade.

Library brings Big Apple home

By Susan Graves

Voorheesville Public Library loves NY and is showing it through its New York City Film Festival.

The festival is the final installment in the "Voices of the American Experience" series, said Suzanne Fisher, adult services librarian.

The series was made possible by a \$750 grant from the New York State Council for the Humanities. The grant written last fall by Dennis Sullivan, village historian, grew out of an idea to expand the annual Arthur Gregg seminar. The late Arthur Gregg was Voorheesville resident and village historian for the town of Guilderland and the village of Altamont. "Dennis and I thought we could expand the one lecture into a series," Fisher said.

For the film festival, Leonard Quart is scheduled to speak on City of Dreams and Nightmares: NYC in Hollywood Film. Quart, associate professor of Cinema Studies at the College of Staten, author, and editor of CINEASTE, will speak on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. at the library.



Suzanne Fisher

Prior to Quart's visit, the library is offering free showings of the films he will discuss. Woody Allen's "Manhattan" will be shown on Friday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. followed by Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to the free performances.

Fisher is hoping for a good turnout. "We want to make it worth people's while to come. We offer a lot more than you can get from a VCR," she said.

The speakers in the series are

or national renown, she said. Last spring Stefan Bielinski spoke on the Colonial People of Albany and in May novelist William Herrick spoke on the ways his experiences in the Spanish Civil War influenced his work. "We've been very well pleased with the quality of the program," Fisher said.

The programs, she said, are intended for a general audience. "You don't have to be enrolled in a course on cinema to get more out of films. We thought film is universally loved; we thought it was something anybody can relate to."

This series is the first time Voorheesville has done anything on such an extensive scale, Fisher said. "We're very excited about it," she said.

Garden club plans flower show school

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, third district, will conduct a flower show school, Course Five, on Oct. 9, 10, and 11, at the Cooperative Extension building on Martin Road, in Voorheesville. Instructors include C.U. Phillips and Charlotte Ray.

Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

If you haven't heard yet, there will be an opportunity to recycle those "other" plastics, hardcover textbooks and worn out stockings on Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Elm Avenue Town Park.

Bethlehem Work on Waste is sponsoring the program. It's important that participants follow directions.

Hardcover books will be taken to Ash Trading Corporation in Menands, where the bindings and covers will be cut off and the good quality paper recycled. Please bring the books in small cardboard boxes, bindings face up. No newsprint, magazines, phone books or paperbacks should be included.

Stockings with tears or runs should be clean. They will be used for craft projects this winter.

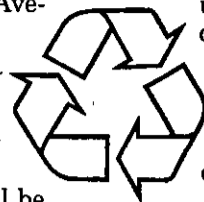
Plastic containers no. 3, 5 and 7 must be clean and have the tops removed. Look at the bottom of the container for the recycling logo and number and bring them to the park in boxes or bags.

Plastic no. 3 is polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and makes up less than six percent of the plastic bottles typically found in a household. No. 3 containers are used for products like window cleaner, liquid soap, vegetable oil and mouthwash. Processed, this plastic can become drainage pipe, fencing or house siding.

Plastic no. 5 is Polypropylene (PP) and is resistant to chemicals and fatigue. This is used in cream cheese, yogurt, and syrup packaging. Recycled PP is used in the production of carpets, as well as in food packaging.

Plastic no. 7 is the "other" plastic category, meaning it's a layering of plastics glued together. Plastic ketchup bottles are in most cases no. 7. It is also used, for example, in the half-gallon jug of Tropicana juice. This plastic is used in the manufacturing of plastic lumber and picnic benches.

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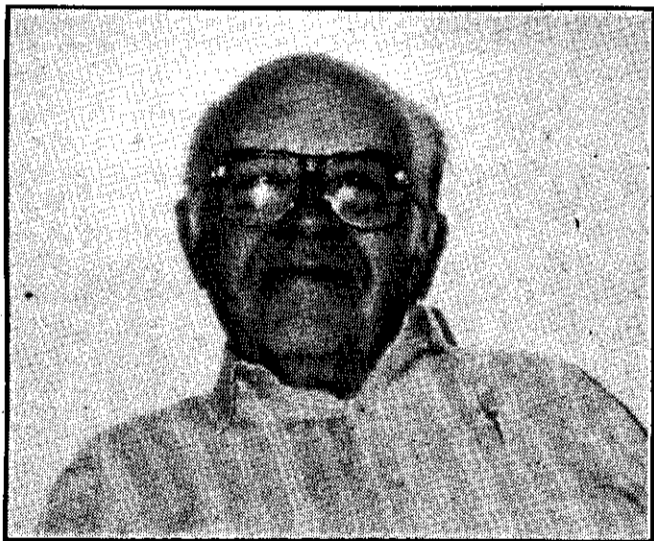
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Delaware Plaza Delmar

McCaffrey's moving to new spot

By Susan Graves

McCaffrey's mens clothing store in Delaware Plaza is on the move.

Owner Dan Parsons said the store will relocate around the corner to 8 Delaware Plaza in space formerly occupied by Eats and Sweets Yogurt. McCaffrey's will double its size, moving from its current 800-square-foot location to 1,600 square feet in the new site.

Parsons said McCaffrey's came to Delmar in October last year "because of the competition." The apparel store is the only one in Delmar that caters exclusively to men, he said.

At the new location, "We're going to go more into casual clothing — jeans, cotton twill pants, sweaters and sport shirts — a better selection," he said.

"We're looking forward to it because of the walking traffic, there's more visibility," Parsons said of the new plaza location.

Moving date is set for the first week in October, and Parsons said he expects to run promotions and special sales. He said he ultimately hopes to be able to offer on-site light tailoring.

"The larger space will give us the room we need to make a good offering to the community," he said.

At the new location, there will be one full-time and two or three part-time employees. The store is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends until 5 p.m.

Bruegger's Bagel Bakery will move into space now occupied by McCaffrey's and Golden Crust.



Dan Parsons stands in front of McCaffrey's in Delaware Plaza. The store is moving next month. Elaine McLain

Arbor Day group offers free trees

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during this month.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign.

The ten trees available are the sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, white pine, red maple, birch, American redbud, silver maple, red oak, and Colorado blue spruce.

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Chief

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required a 56-hour work week as opposed to then seven days straight for state police.

"At that time, the local force paid more but I always enjoyed municipal police work," he said.

During his tenure, the chief has seen the entire gamut of crime from traffic tickets to murder. "There were only two homicides, but that's two too many," he said.

In one of those cases the suspect charged in a choking death incident was released as a result of a medical examiner's testimony which the grand jury accepted over police testimony. Sadly, Chief Currie said, that same suspect was convicted six years later of strangling his wife.

"I've seen a lot of changes," including increases in incidents of domestic violence. He said he thinks today people are more likely to report these incidents. "We're proactive on something like that,"

he said, "we move in to make an arrest."

As chief one of the hardest aspects of the work is trying to keep a balance between the needs of the department and staff and the fiscal problems of the town. "I try to keep it all in balance — to make the clock run smoothly. We have what I believe is a good rapport," he said.

Police work is stressful, and an administrator has to recognize this. "There are many problems because of a person's frustration," he said.

Chief Currie said he always tells his officers to remember, "We are not a judge, jury or a prosecutor. Our role is to investigate a crime and make an arrest if necessary. Our role ends there."

Often frustration occurs because of problems in the criminal justice system. "The system is so overloaded — there are no prison spaces, the courts are overcrowded," problems compounded by the fact that "Society today tends to start litigation for anything," he said.

But Chief Currie is a man who does not dwell on problems; he rather points to accomplishments of the department, including the computerization of the department's records in 1984. Then he said there was the state assisted creation of a mobile radio district.

"Another thing I'm really proud of is the latent fingerprint work," done by Officer Chris Bowdish. "If that print ever belonged to a person who was arrested, it will show up." Recently an area burglary suspect was apprehended because of prints taken at the scene of two burglaries.

Chief Currie also has nothing but kudos for the department's Drug Assistance Resistance Education (DARE) program. He believes education is a possible solution to the drug problem. "There's no use reinventing the wheel; let's go after it," with expansion of programs such as DARE, he said.

Chief Currie believes his successor will have a strong department to work with. "I'm real pleased and confident. They are a great group. The person behind me will have a good agency to work with."

Currie and his wife Eleanor have two grown children, Paul junior and Colleen. Both are school teachers.

Mansion to have antique auction

The Ten Broeck Mansion will sponsor a benefit preview party for its antique auction with apple desserts Friday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Wemp Barn, Feura Bush.

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RCS board tours school to assess repair needs

By Regina Bulman

Faced with costly repairs to the Ravena Elementary School, RCS board members recently took a tour of the building to get a first-hand look at the condition of classrooms and other school space.

Principal George Montone led the tour showing members the available classroom space and highlighting specific problems.

The tour was just another step in the district's attempt to deal with inevitable repairs at the school. After a severe roof leak and floor damage at the school last year, the board commissioned a study to determine what repairs would be needed.

The report presented several options regarding what repairs are advised to avoid future problems, what repairs would be necessary in order to request financial assistance from the state and whether or not it should be more cost effective to build a new wing or another school entirely.

According to school officials, no decision on Ravena Elementary will be made until the public has a chance to consider and

comment on the options available to the district.

"We just don't know which way to go yet," said Board Member Barry Jones, who is also on the district's buildings and grounds committee. "We need to weigh whether it would be worth it to spend millions of dollars on repairs or whether it would be better to start from scratch. But we absolutely need to hear the options of parents and community members, those that are contractors and builders. The community as a whole should help decide the future of the school."

Ravena Elementary was built in the early 1920s as the district's high school, but was turned into an elementary school in 1961 when the new high school was built. Currently, 257 kindergarten and first grade children attend the school.

The building itself is structurally sound, but according to Doug Kuhn, the district's director of operations, certain elements of the building need to be addressed to avoid big problems in the future.

"There hasn't been any more

leaks in the roof or water damage since last year," said Kuhn, as he bent down and knocked on the hardwood gym floor. "We can keep repairing the roof and making due, but how long is it going to last?"

Kuhn said along with the roof, the electrical service in the building has been upgraded several times, but still there aren't enough outlets for necessary equipment in classrooms.

During the tour, Montone pointed out too-steep fire escapes which children must use during fire drills, inadequate work space in the basement next to the boiler and a handicapped access ramp in the gym too steep for a wheelchair.

Board members did note, however, the effort on the part of maintenance and teachers to make the most of space available. The board is planning on sending a letter of commendation to Kuhn and his staff for the quality upkeep of the building.

According to Jones, no specific time frame has been set yet, but the board does intend to invite the public when discussions regarding the building continue.

RCS holds open house

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School will hold an open house for students and parents on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Parents will follow their children through regular class schedules, meeting teachers and learning about student assignment expectations. They also will have the opportunity to meet Andrew DeFeo, new high school principal.

Harvest fair at Methodist church

The Grace United Methodist Church on Hillcrest Drive in Ravena will hold a "Harvest Time Fair" on Saturday, Sept. 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, a farmers' market, books and jewelry will be featured.

Elks host pig roast

The Bethlehem Elks will host a pig roast on Saturday, Sept. 29, beginning at 5 p.m. The meal will include a 200-plus pound pig, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, baked potatoes, salads, corn on the cob and watermelon.

Call 767-9959 for information.

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Regina Bulman 475-1787



Grange hosts state officers

The Bethlehem Grange will host New York State Grange officers at a meeting to confer the organization's sixth degree at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Members who have not yet received the sixth degree, one of the seven Grange degrees, can attend this meeting.

Business women hold October meeting

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Normanside Country Club in Delmar. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Sharon Kreder of Hartford Insurance Company will speak on "Automobile Rate Increases."

The price is \$10 and members are encouraged to bring a friend. For information and reservations, call 462-1761.

RCS to have say on state policy

By Regina Bulman

RCS Board members will play a part in the development of state-wide school district policy when they cast their votes at the upcoming meeting of the New York State School Board Association.

Along with representatives of more than 750 other school boards in the state, RCS will vote on changes or additions to rules regarding school districts at the association's annual meeting to be held in Albany next month.

The board discussed the proposals to be voted on at their last meeting and gave their votes to board member Mona Selover who will represent RCS at the school board conference.

RCS board members agreed on most of the 33 suggestions that would allow the association to seek state legislation to change the Education law. The board did, however, debate some of the amendments amongst themselves and did vote against some of the suggestions of the association.

The board was nearly divided on an amendment that would prohibit standees on school buses. While the point was made that RCS currently does not have children standing on buses, the district counts on a certain number of children being absent so that all children have a seat. The board decided to vote against the pro-

posal so that districts would have the flexibility if occasionally a student is forced to stand on a bus.

Another amendment raised for discussion was one that would encourage the state Legislature to pass legislation mandating all area of school be designated smoke-free zones.

Board President Wayne Fuhrman said he opposed the measure because it seemed like an easy way out for districts that do not take on the responsibility themselves to ban smoking in school. Board member Mona Selover said the proposal seemed like another "big brother" rule.

But Board member Maurice Satin said, "When a school board doesn't meet their responsibility, it is up to someone else to do it for them. I think there are plenty of other state mandates we can get rid of, but smoking causes a clear and present danger and doesn't belong in school."

With only two dissenting votes, the board decided to vote yes to the initiative.

Satin also disagreed with board members on a proposal to increase the maximum size of special education classes, calling it an idea "proposed out of economics rather than educational value."

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The forum, which is free and open to the public, is the initial step in developing project proposals that will lead to naming Rubin Community Fellows in the spring.

Agencies invited to participate in the Community Fellows Program include city and county government, public and private social service agencies, public education, health and recreation and public and private arts and entertainment groups.

For information, contact Kevin Synnott at 270-2039.

Volunteer educators sought in AIDS project

Cornell Cooperative Extension is seeking volunteer educators for its Talking With Kids About AIDS project. Volunteers are needed for day and evening workshops.

Volunteer educators receive 20 hours of active training by experienced staff and volunteers with continued support from Cooper-

ative Extension staff. The training sessions will take place on Oct. 1 and 3 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Albany County Cooperative Extension on Martin Road in Voorheesville. For information, call 765-3500.

Paramedics

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using a combination of full and part time personnel. In a second proposal, a single paramedic would be on duty at all times. The difference in the option "is a question of funds and how much you want to commit," Mitchell said. He said the task force would prefer the first option. "We'd like the Cadillac. I think the town deserves it." (See estimated tax impact tables).

Suggested cost options for personnel range from \$194,531 for a full year's service to \$370,478. Estimated equipment costs are from \$210,431 to \$384,278.

"Funding of the program could be accomplished through a regular general fund appropriation. However, consideration could be given to a second extension of the existing ambulance district and a subsequent levy of program costs across the three districts. This mechanism would provide a more direct link between the service costs and its benefits," the report says.

The Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad, Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, and the Western Turapike Rescue Squad currently serve areas in Bethlehem.

Delmar received more than 1,000 calls for aid in 1990 including

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Revenues	92,500.00	83,250.00
Net Cost	271,778.00	127,181.00
Tax Impact	3.29	1.54

250 calls that used advanced life support capabilities. The report said that about 100 additional calls required life support services, but that personnel were not available for those calls.

"The ALS (Advanced Life Support) provided by the Delmar Fire Department to Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands suffers from the same personnel shortages seen in other volunteer emergency service agencies," the report said.

Compounding the problem is the complexity of the training

required of EMS personnel. "The job is made doubly difficult by the need to make training available to people whose work hours differ from the conventional 9 to 5," and "When a town is served by more than one agency, as in the case in Bethlehem, the additional need to establish common operation practices is apparent and can be only met by a common training program," the report says.

Mitchell said most likely the 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift would be staffed by the paid personnel. "It's a question of funds and how much you want to commit," he said. The report recommends billing patients as a way to reduce the tax levy which would be required to meet program costs.

"What's in place will hold, but it will not hold forever," Mitchell said, "We're fortunate to have some very dedicated individuals in this area."

Volunteers needed at state library

Volunteers are needed to work at the New York State Museum in Albany.

Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend an informational meeting at the museum on Thursday, Sept. 26, from noon to 1 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For information, call 473-2936.

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Voorheesville Public Library



By Christine Shields

"Manhattan," the first offering in the Voorheesville Public Library's New York City Film Festival, will be screened Friday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.

Directed by Woody Allen, "Manhattan" takes a loving look at the city he calls home. Allen himself stars as a comedy writer with a host of romantic problems, while Diane Keaton, Meryl Streep and Mariel Hemingway play the women in his life. Superb black and white photography and a Gershwin score makes this a feast for the eyes and ears.

Noted cinema expert Leonard Quart will compare Allen's view of the city with that in Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" when he speaks on "City of Dreams and Nightmares: New York City in Hollywood Film" at the library on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. Funded by a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, the talk will include clips from both movies. Those who haven't seen Lee's personal look at one day in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood can preview the film Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Both films are rated R.

Kids age 11 and up can sign up for a babysitting course at the library on Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. The four-part workshop

led by Nurse Deborah Bradley will focus on the essentials of safe babysitting and will enable participants to qualify for Red Cross certification. Those who want the certification and a pin must pay a \$5 fee. To register, call the library at 765-2791.

The Friends of the Library will be doing something a little bit different at its annual meeting on Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Professor Kate Winter, author of "The Woman in the Mountain," will speak on little known women writers of the Adirondacks. Both new and old members and the general public are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Fall story hours are held each week on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. No registration is required.

Expectant parents can tour hospital

An open house will be held at Albany Medical Center Hospital for expectant parents tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

The program includes a tour of the hospital's maternity facilities and a slide presentation of the obstetric units.

Boy Scouts cooking up picnic potluck supper

There will be "Back to School Pot Luck Supper" Wednesday (tonight), Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Parents and Scouts in Boy Scout Troop 73 will have supper at Coughtry's woods on Hilton Road in New Scotland. Everyone is asked to bring his own utensils and plates, as well as a dish to share.

There will be entertainment and beverages will be supplied.

Soccer club seeks new officers

The New Scotland Soccer Club is trying to stay alive. All the former officers have left club ranks because of graduating children or transfers to other sports.

New officers will be elected at a reorganizational meeting Saturday, Oct. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library.

Library shows film

The library will be showing the film, "Manhattan" Friday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. Woody Allen stars as a neurotic writer who lives in New York City. Admission is free.

Library babysitting class starts Oct. 1

Remember to mark Tuesday, Oct. 1, on your calendar. That's the start of a series of baby-sitting training courses being conducted

tion upon course completion.

Register with the library by calling 765-2791.

Methodist church needs auction merchandise

The Voorheesville First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue is accepting donations of items to be auctioned at the annual Voorheesville auction bazaar. To arrange to have your donation picked up by a church representative, call 765-2895.

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THE Spotlight Sports

Eagles claim Plainsmen crown with 7-6 win

By Michael Kagan

A high school sports dynasty, one might even call it an empire, fell Friday night in the cold sharp air of Bethlehem. The Shenendehowa Plainsmen, Capital District rulers of nearly every sport played by high schools, was defeated in football, the king of all high school sports, 7-6, by the Bethlehem Central Eagles.

In a game which literally could not have finished more dramatically, Bethlehem, a school less than half the size of Shenendehowa, came back from a 6-0 deficit with 1:36 to go by driving from their own 36 for the winning touchdown.

It was the first home game of the season for BC (2-0) and was

played in front of a packed in and noisy home town crowd.

The first half proved to be a defensive clinic. Every offensive series, for both teams, ended in punts, barring a Shenendehowa drive which was cut short by halftime.

But as the half ended, the momentum seemed to be slightly favoring BC. The scoreboard still read 0-0, but Bethlehem had proved one thing: The Eagles could play down for down with the Plainsmen.

But it wouldn't stay that way for long. Bethlehem was set to return the second half kickoff, but the ball took a bounce and Shenendehowa recovered it just inside the

BC35. In six plays, Shenendehowa was celebrating in the end zone. But the extra point, hardly a sure thing in high school football, missed wide. It would come back to haunt the Plainsmen.

The formerly raucous crowd was partially silenced. As impenetrable as the defenses had been, a 6-0 final score seemed all too probable. On the Eagle's subsequent possession, however, the BC offense started to find holes in the Shenendehowa defense.

Starting on their own 34, quarterback Adam Perry led his team inside Plainsmen territory. The drive ended in yet another punt, however, pinning Shenendehowa deep in their own territory.

The Plainsmen got one first down on a sideline pass, but then the Eagle defense, highlighted by Jeff Buenau's second sack, buckled down and forced a punt from the end zone.

BC started with the ball on the Shenendehowa 38, but passed up an excellent chance to get on the scoreboard when Perry's third and twelve pass went off the hand of his intended receiver and was intercepted.

Again the Bethlehem defense did their job masterfully, and Shenendehowa punted. The Eagles, after a long punt return, started with the ball this time just 34 yards away from the goal line. After two plays gaining four yards, the third quarter ended.

On the first play of the final period, junior rushing sensation Mike Gambelunge broke through all the way to the end zone, but the play was called back on a clipping penalty. The drive ended in another BC punt.

Shenendehowa proved even less effective on offense and punted themselves after three plays. For the third time in a row, the Eagles started with the ball inside the Plainsmen 40. But after a first down run by Gambelunge, BC lost two yards on the ground. On second and 12, Perry was sacked, bringing up a third and 23. Pressured again, Perry threw incomplete. With the clock ticking down, the Eagles opted not to punt on fourth down, but Perry was hurried once more and his pass landed incomplete. The crowd, which had picked up its noise level, again was subdued.

The Plainsmen started their drive at their own 38 with 5:27 remaining. With the Bethlehem defense helpless to keep them from running out the clock, they marched all the way to midfield. Then the defense clicked, and Shenendehowa punted.

Aided by a penalty, the Eagles started at their own 36. With 1:36 left on the clock, Bethlehem's drive began.

At first, the situation bleak and numerous fans could be seen making their ways towards the parking lot. Then Perry marshaled his troops and began his march.

On the first play, he brought the exiting fans back and woke up the crowd with a 32-yard pass to Bill Karins down the sideline, bringing the Eagles inside the Plainsmen 40. With 1:15 left, he threw incomplete. Then, with 58 seconds remaining, he again hit Karins, who, with determined running, brought BC to the Shenendehowa 12. Bethlehem quickly called a time out with 49 seconds to go and the crowd rocking.

Following a Bethlehem penalty and with :27 on the clock, Perry found Adam Trent up the middle for eight yards to bring up second down. Perry's next two passes were incomplete, however, bringing up a do or die fourth down and six situation with 17 seconds to go. Perry rolled out to his left and drilled the ball to Gambelunge in the corner of the end zone for a touchdown, tying the game. Perry's extra point attempt was good, and his Eagles won.

Perry said that before the touch-

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down play, "I was just thinking, 'God, let it work!' It wasn't nerves, I was so focused on the game. I was afraid he (Gambelunge) wouldn't be open. They were keying on him all night."

He was especially excited about beating Shenendehowa. "Let me tell you, it felt great," he said, "We've been losing to them our freshman year and our jayvee year, so it was great to get back at them. They're the best team in the area, everybody says, so I hope this'll get us some respect."

On Friday, Bethlehem will again be home under the lights to host Niskayuna.

Falcons fly high

Saturday night the Pee Wee Falcons of the Pop Warner football league powered past the North Colonie Bisons, 13-6, in their home opener. The defense was fired up by Mark Gilmore and Adam Fafilowski and Scott Kind's key interception. The offense was highlighted by the play of Tyson Tomain and Marty Brozowski.

The Midget Eagles lost a heart-breaker to the East Greenbush Blue Devils, 14-6. Brian Fryer's 45-yard TD reception and the line play of Steve Preston and Kevin Fournier kept the Eagles close while Hank Tripp and Adam Holligan anchored defense.

On Sunday, the Junior Midgets Hawks traveled to North Colonie and came up short in a hard-played 6-0 loss. Dan Conway and Andy Karins bolstered the offense while Chris Hemstead and Paul Patane had exceptional defensive games.

The Junior Pee Wee Condors could not get untracked against the fired-up Patriots of Troy in a 26-0 loss, despite the offensive push of Carey Reid, Mike Nardillo and Jon Santala and the strong defensive effort of Don Morrell and Dave Petrafesa.

Ladybirds score two wins, one tie

By Greg Sullivan

Voorheesville's girls varsity soccer team remained undefeated last week with wins over Mechanicville, Schalmont and a tie with Averill Park.

Tuesday's win over Mechanicville, although a virtually one-sided affair, was sweet revenge for the Ladybirds. Voorheesville was determined to avenge its 1-0 loss to Mechanicville in last year's sectional play. The 3-0 victory accomplished that task.

Nicole Solomos started things off for the Birds with her goal on a direct kick in the first half. The goal seemed to dampen Mechanicville's spirits as Voorheesville's controlled-passing game forced its opponents into a defensive struggle. Soon the Ladybirds consistent offensive attack accounted for their second goal of the game. This time it was Megan McCartney who found the net on a rebound from Kate Pakenas' shot.

With two goals under its belt, Voorheesville ceased to call it a night. It wasn't until Pakenas' goal of a Melissa Cooper cross that Voorheesville was done scoring. "It's always a big thrill to win there," Voorheesville Coach Jim Hladun said, "and the victory felt good."

A somewhat underestimated Schalmont team visited Voorheesville on Thursday. Again Voorheesville's Solomos struck first with her 70th career goal. It came midway through the first half, off a Nicole Weston pass.

Despite the Voorheesville goal, Schalmont created a few opportunities of its own, which came up short.

In the second half of play, the Ladybirds settled down and took control. Junior Renee Parmelee gave Voorheesville a 2-0 advantage with her goal on an assist from Beth Lucia. Not long after, senior Weston, in her first year of play, added the third and final goal.

Hladun said Schalmont was tough and that it was a well earned win for Voorheesville.

Saturday's tie at Averill Park marked the first goal to be scored upon Voorheesville's defense this season. Solomos gave the Birds the early advantage when she netted a direct kick midway through the first half. However, the momentum later began to shift in favor of Averill Park. They had several good scoring opportunities and finally connected for a goal. From that point on, Averill Park picked up its intensity and played hard. The game went back and forth until midway through the second half. Solomos' goal, off of an indirect kick, was disallowed because the ball failed to make a complete rotation before being kicked. Although this was disappointing for Voorheesville, equally disappointing for Averill Park was its missed penalty kick with less than two minutes left to play. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Tennis scores set

Bethlehem Tennis Association annual tournament scores are:

Men's "A" Singles: Darrel Bielaski over Nick Andreoli 6-3, 1-0 (default)

Men's "B" Singles: Peter Howard over Mickey Bartlette 6-3, 6-4.

Women's "A" Singles: Kirsten Odabashian over Nora Breen (default)

Women's "B" Singles: delayed (Alice Tenbeau vs. Roseanne Doring)

Men's Doubles: Peter Restino and Dick Mullen over Mike Hampton and Don Dzekorius 6-4, 6-3.

Men's "Over 80" Doubles: delayed (Jim Cary and Peter Nye vs. Mike Hampton and Don Dzekorius.)

Women's "Open" Doubles: delayed (Eileen Snow and Kitty Murphy vs. Cathy Griffin and Diane Hardy)



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Birds post two shut-out games

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

With a spark in its offense, the Voorheesville boys soccer team got back on track this past week with two shut-out victories over Cohoes, 10-0, and Mechanicville, 5-0.

The Blackbirds found their way to the back of Cohoes' net without stopping for directions Monday, Sept. 16. "We moved the ball well and capitalized on our offense," said Coach Bob Crandall. Eric Logan and Joe Race led Voorheesville, each with a three-goal hat trick. Brad Rockmore added two goals and Shawn Doyle and Rich Schultz contributed one apiece.

The Birds knocked off their second league win of the season Friday, Sept. 20, against Mechanicville. Voorheesville routed the Red Raiders with good passing and movement. Greg Sullivan buried three "pretty goals," according to Crandall. Sean Bruno and Race tacked on two more scores.

"It was a little tough on offense," said Crandall. "they (Mechanicville) packed seven players right in the goal area."

Erin Sullivan and Frank Hart shared time in the goal. "In neither game was our goal keeper tested," Crandall said.

The Birds are in the heart of their season and will have to "concentrate on shutting out the upcoming opponents and generate their offense so that the midfielders and forwards will work together," Crandall said. The Voorheesville defense is coming together and Crandall said he hopes to keep Logan (stopper) "at home to mark some of the better players."

The Blackbirds were scheduled to play at Lansingburgh yesterday, Tuesday, Sept. 24. They will travel to Watervliet Thursday, Sept. 26, and will host Waterford Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m.

Strong starts key to Eagles' play

By Michael Kagan

If only soccer were one half long. That might be the wish of the Bethlehem Central boys soccer team, as they continued last week to play their best ball in the first forty minutes, to the delight and sometimes frustration of coach Zachary Assael.

The Eagles (3-3) defeated Queensbury at home Monday, 3-0, then beat Columbia, 1-0, at home again Thursday, and lost to perennial power Niskayuna Saturday on the road, 5-1.

On a hot and humid day, Gabby Belfort scored two goals to beat Queensbury, while Brian Lozada scored one on an assist from Adam Peters. The game was not nearly as close as the score would indicate, as Bethlehem was consistently pushing the ball into the Queensbury side of the field.

Thursday's game, in which the goal, again scored by Belfort, on an assist from his brother Yona,

was scored very early in the first half, was more characterized by the soaked playing field than by the teams' play. Hampered by a lack of traction, both offenses proved generally feeble, but, in the words of Assael, the BC "defense did an excellent job," earning BC the victory.

The Niskayuna game was one which the Eagles thoroughly wished was only half as long. In a remarkably defensive first half, Gabby Belfort's lone BC goal matched Niskayuna's to bring a 1-1 halftime tie. Despite Bethlehem's first half underdog heroics, an upset was not in the making. "We had a breakdown," said Assael, leading to four Niskayuna goals.

Assael was still very pleased with his team's play throughout the week. "We gotta look at the positive. We played right with them for a half, and they're one of the top teams in the Suburban Council."

He is very happy with the fact

that, by his count, the Eagles have performed better in the first half in five of their first six games. "We've been starting out great, and that's something we haven't done in a very long time," said the coach.

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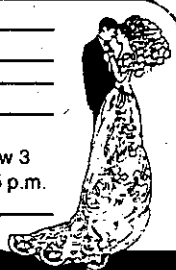
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Voorheesville readies for Lansingburgh game

By Michael Kagan

It's a new high school football team, and this year that's better news than it has been for a long time for Voorheesville Blackbird football.

"In the past few years," says head coach Chuck Farley, "we haven't been that good." But this year, he says, the team will be much improved.

Led by Trampas Tallavera, a 205 pound senior tailback, the

Blackbirds (1-1) hope to improve on last season's 3-5-1 record. For the first time this year, they may have the tools to do it.

Previously, the Voorheesville football program has had only a varsity team and has at times been close to extinction. But this year they have a modified team for eighth and ninth graders. A new weight room was installed, to help the Blackbirds cope with an undersized problem. And all 11 offen-

sive starters are experienced seniors.

Farley has installed a new power offensive set to complement the skills of Tallavera, who rushed for 183 yards in the Blackbirds' 14-6 win against Stillwater over the weekend. Last season he rushed for 468 yards on 96 carries. Dan Carmody will start at quarterback and has completed 50 percent of his pass attempts in scrimmages.

Fall outing to tour area Shaker sites

The Friends of the Libraries, State University at Albany, will sponsor a fall outing on Saturday, Oct. 19, between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The tour is scheduled to depart from the University at Albany uptown campus parking lot across from the Alumni House.

Participants will visit two Shaker Museums. First is a visit to the Shaker Museum in Old Chatham where an audiovisual orientation and guided tour of the museum's collections will be available. The collections display the workmanship of the Shaker people's life and culture.

After lunch at the museum, participants will visit the Hancock Shaker Village near Pittsfield, Mass. Set among 1,200 acres of meadows and woodlands, Hancock was established almost two centuries ago by the followers of Mother

Ann Lee, the English founder of the Shakers. For information, call 456-4199.

Bethlehem cross country team places in recent meets

The Bethlehem Central High School cross country team ran twice over the past week, first at Shaker High School in a dual meet with Shenendehowa, then at the Guilderland International Invitational.

The boys had a disappointing showing at Shaker placing behind both Shaker and Shen. Finishing first for the boys at Shaker was

Garry Hurd, who finished third overall. Ken Watson, Matt Dugan, Mike DeCecco, Ryan Dunham, Steve Wolfe and Ryan Lillis finished, in that order, after Hurd.

The girls also finished third behind Shaker and Shen. Nicole Mizener finished seventh for the girls followed by Kristen Ruso in ninth place, Meghan Faulkner in 12th, Katie McDowell in 15th, Katie

Lillis in 17th and Betsy Hallenbeck in 19th.

The cross country team late last week competed at the Guilderland International Invitational, held at the Tawasentha Park. The boys were again led by the senior section II powerhouse Hurd who ran to finish second among a field of 110 runners from the northeast region. Following Hurd were

Cecco. The team finished ninth out of 15 teams.

The girls varsity team was led by sophomore rookie runner Ruso who finished 18th. Close behind Ruso was Mizener in 21st place, Faulkner in 30th, McDowell in 32nd, Lillis in 33rd and Hallenbeck at 45th. The girls placed sixth in the meet.

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campaign," said Van Wormer. "No decision making, the town is flat."

But Reilly turns the charge around. He points to the Republicans 3-2 board majority and uses the same perception of government without direction as an argument that retiring Republican Councilman Wyman Osterhout's seat should be filled by Democratic Challenger Richard Decker.

One-term incumbent Democrat John Sgarlata is also up for reelection this year, and wins by Sgarlata, Decker and Reilly would swing the board to 3-2 Democratic majority.

Reilly uses the example of his proposals to cut the town budget, charging GOP council members delayed action on the question throughout the summer in a deliberate effort to force the town into deficit. More than once during that time he said the Republicans were trying to force him to borrow money so fiscal mismanagement could be used against him in the campaign.

"They were playing games with me," Reilly said. "They deliberately stalled me on taking action and held off for three months."

"I can see they're going to challenge me on leadership, and they come in here and make chaos when they've got the three votes," he said.

The budget issue recently reached a measure of resolution with a \$61,000 land sale and board agreement on an additional \$48,000 in cuts. But the implications of this year's fiscal problems, precipitated by a roughly \$93,000 cut in state revenue-sharing monies and concurrent reductions in highway aid

and county sales tax revenue, remain an issue in the campaign.

The issue was central, for example, to a recent newspaper advertisement titled "Administrative Chaos and the T' Word" and paid for by the New Scotland Republican Committee for GOP council candidate Jim Coffin. Though the ad didn't mention Reilly by name, it raised the specter of a budget deficit and called for an end to town hall "nonsense."

"The real problem remains, revenue and expense plans were bad to begin with and there is no leadership to force a resolution of the budget dilemma," Coffin said. "How much of this year's spending will end up in next year's budget, thereby compounding next year's budget problems?"

Reilly insists that if "nonsense" exists in town government, it's created by Republicans. He argues, for example, that the town should replace Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group Ltd., the firm that did design plans for the long-delayed Clarksville water district, with a new company. Last week, Reilly was the sole dissenter in a town board decision to settle on outstanding bills with Laberge and another company and to use

Laberge for remaining project engineering work.

"My job is to listen to the people and respond to the people, and that's what I've done as town supervisor," he said. "There certainly is unrest at town hall, but it's a self-fulfilling prophecy."

"They've created it," he said.

While arguing, like Reilly, that it is ironic the GOP is attacking town leadership while firmly in control of its policy-making board, Sgarlata views delays in reaching budget accord differently than the supervisor. He said he doesn't believe delays stemmed from partisan politics.

"I believe it's their (GOP council members Craig Shufelt, Peter Van Zetten and Wyman Osterhout) view that the budget is cut to the bone," Sgarlata said. "I don't know that it's a political issue as much as an economic issue. What's left? Where do you turn to cut?"

"If you look at the vote, we all went along with it," he said. "It just took some time."

Van Wormer contends the notion of a leadership gap is not a Republican party invention, but a reaction to complaints he's heard on the campaign trail.

"I didn't pick that out of the air," Van Wormer said. "We did that by talking to people. People are telling me, it's just too wishy-washy, there's no solid direction, there's no agreement. Everybody's going willy-nilly in their own direction."

"It's not just me. People at the door level are just fed up with the

circus-like atmosphere of the way the town is being run. The town is being run by Supervisor Reilly," he said.

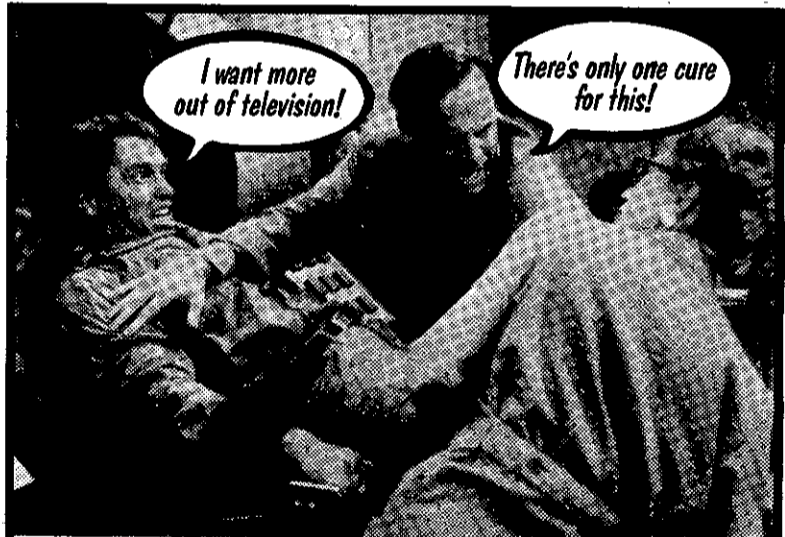
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Kimberly Anne Burkart and Thomas Fallon

Burkart, Fallon to marry

Peter Thomas and Patricia Anne Burkart of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Anne to Thomas Patrick Fallon, son of Charles Daniel and June Evelyn Fallon of New Jersey.

Burkart is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Providence College. She is em-

ployed by Coopers & Lybrand in Albany.

Fallon is a graduate of Providence College. He is employed by Fallon & Fallon, CPA's.

An October wedding is planned.

An engagement announcement, under an in-correcting headline, ran in *The Spotlight* last week.

Childrens' clothing sought in appeal

Shop 'n Save Supermarkets in the Capital District will be participating in the Clothes for Kids campaign co-sponsored by Stork Diaper Service.

The purpose of the campaign is to collect clean, machine washable children's clothing in good condition which will be distributed to homeless shelters in the Capital District.

Those wishing to take part in the program may drop off clothing in sealed bags at any Shop 'n Save Supermarket through Monday, Sept. 30.

Participating drop-off stores include the Shop 'n Saves on 126th Street and Second Avenue in Troy; Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush; Windsor Plaza, Wolf and Sand Creek roads, Colonie; Village Green, Clifton Park; Shop 'n Save Plaza, Central Avenue, Albany; Route 30, Amsterdam, and Quaker Road, Glens Falls. For information, call 883-2911.



Dr. Karen Miller and Dr. Robert Strominger

Miller, Strominger married

Dr. Robert Strominger, son of Drs. Norman and Adele Strominger of Delmar and Karen Miller, daughter of Paul and Berta Miller of West Nyack were married June 8.

The ceremony was performed at the Marriott Hotel in Park Ridge.

Maid of honor was Andrea Miller. Cindy Miller and Janet Strominger were bridesmaids.

Dr. Mitchell Strominger was best man. Paul Miller was usher.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Washington University and Albany Medical College. He is serving residency in Otolaryngology at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

The bride is a graduate of Cornell University and Albany Medical College. She is serving residency in psychiatry at Barnes Hospital.

After a wedding trip to Antigua, the couple resides in St. Louis.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Cummins

Rounds, Cummins wed

Kimberly Susan Rounds, daughter of Burton J. Rounds of East Greenbush and Charlotte Rounds of Slingerlands, was married to David Shawn Cummins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cummins Sr. of Hannibal, N.Y. on Aug. 24.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University of New York at Cobleskill. She was recently employed by Transworld Express Airlines in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Hannibal High School and the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla. He is currently employed by U.S. Airlines in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The wedding was conducted by the Rev. Jeffrey A. Matthews at the

Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands. A reception at the Nassau Sportsman's Club followed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Marcy Brandes was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Carol Wheeler, Holly Milotte and Julie Weiler. The groom's niece, Rachel Bartlett, was flowergirl.

The bride's cousin, Christopher Rounds, was best man. Ushers were Craig Rounds, Robert Lastinger, and Bruce Weigand. The bride's nephews, Brian and Stephen Rounds, were ringbearer and candlelighter.

Following a wedding trip to Japan, the couple will reside in Pittsburgh.

Church to have auction bazaar

The Voorheesville First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville will conduct its 40th annual Auction Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The church will have areas set up for crafts, snacks, white elephant materials, clothing, sports equipment, plants, toys and other offerings. Games geared for children will be located in the upper parking lot area of the church.

Auctioneer will be Doug Cater and he will start the action promptly at 11 a.m. in the lower parking area on the church grounds.

Food service will be available in both the social hall and at the auction area. Donations of good used items are needed by the auction bazaar committee. Donors can call the church office at 765-2895 to make arrangements for pickup of large items.

Senior Citizens

Beginning Oct. 1, Bethlehem Senior Services will accept reservations for a "55 Alive Safe Driving Course."

The course is sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The course will be Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall. It is open to individuals age 50 and older. There is a course fee of \$10. Those completing the course could be entitled to a 10 percent discount on automobile liability and collision insurance.

Early registration is encouraged due to limited class size. To register, call 439-4955, extension 170, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Author to speak on New York in films

Noted film author and editor Leonard Quart will speak on "City of Dreams and Nightmares: New York City in Hollywood Film" on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville.

The 2 p.m. lecture is part of the "Voices of the American Experience" series sponsored by the library and the Village of Voorheesville through a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities.

The Film Fest will screen Woody Allen's "Manhattan" on Friday, Sept. 27 and Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" on Friday, Oct. 4. Also to be shown are the comedy/drama "Moscow on the Hudson" starring Robin Williams on Oct. 4, and "Highlander" starring Sean Connery on Friday, Oct. 18.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public. For more information, call 765-2791.

Fife and drumming workshop scheduled

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps will sponsor a workshop on early American fife and drumming at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 1:30 p.m.

No musical experience is needed, and all children who were 10 years old by May 1992, along with all adults, are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A \$10 deposit is necessary to receive an instrument and music.

For more information, contact Ellen Nelson at 439-4942 or Kathi Quinlan at 499-8168.



Mr. and Mrs. Eric Westfall

Devane, Westfall wed

Kathleen Devane, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Devane of Voorheesville, was married to Eric Patrick Westfall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westfall of Rensselaer on Aug. 24.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. She is currently employed at IBM in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Columbia High School and the University of Vermont. He is employed at Westfall Associates, a civil engineering firm in Troy.

The wedding was conducted by the Rev. Paul J. Frank.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The couple will reside in Sand Lake.



Community Corner

Five Rivers to have fall festival Oct. 5

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar will have a fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at the center's 330-acre property.

Crafts, family games and hands-on activities, environmental displays, live animals and refreshments offer something for patrons of all ages. Admission and parking are free.

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Obituaries

Mary E. Clark

Mary E. Clark, 48, of Delmar died Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was employed as a senior clerk for the New York State Thruway Authority.

Mrs. Clark was a member of St. Mary's Church of Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Curtis T. Clark; her parents, Joseph and Carmel Frankenbeck of West Sand Lake; a daughter, Mrs. Deborah Clark-Bisgrove of Guilderland; a son, Curtis T. Clark, Jr. of East Berne; a sister, Ellen Doyle of Galway; a brother, Joseph Frankenbeck of Albany; and one granddaughter.

Services were held in the Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad or the National Wildlife Federation, 1400 16th Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20036-2266.

Robert Buchaca

Robert C. Buchaca, 65, died Friday, Sept. 20, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Buchaca was born in Ilfracombe, England. He was a long-time Delmar area resident and was educated in Bethlehem schools.

Mr. Buchaca had worked as a

courier for the New York Telephone Co.

A World War II Navy veteran, he was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the Mensa Society.

Survivors include three sisters, Emilie B. VanDusen of Delmar, Marian B. Stockbridge of Baltimore, Md., and Adele B. Helt of Schenectady.

Burial was in the Cemetery of Quaker Street Friends Meeting, Duaneburg.

Contributions may be made to Arthritis Foundation or Quaker Street Friends Meeting.

Oskar Besemann

Oskar H. Besemann, 80, of Bethlehem died Saturday, Sept. 21 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Besemann was born in Mellaingen, Germany, and was educated in Germany. His family fled East Germany and came to the United States in 1954.

He served in the German army in World War II. He was captured by the Russians and held as a POW for four years.

Mr. Besemann worked on the Rockefeller Farm in Dutchess County. He retired in 1980 from the Bethlehem Central School System.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens and the German-Ameri-

can Club.

He was the widower of Herta Besemann.

Survivors include a son, Ulrich M.F. Besemann of Olcott, Niagara County; three daughters, Ortrud M. Schneider of Southfield, Mich., Jutta M. DeForest of Manlius, Onondaga County; and Ulrike Ackermann of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Edna C. Klapp

Edna C. Klapp, 93, of Delmar died Saturday, Sept. 21, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

She was born in Albany and lived at Good Samaritan Home in Delmar for the past eight years.

Mrs. Klapp was a homemaker and member of the United Church of Christ in Albany.

Survivors include two sons, Matthies H. Klapp of Delmar and Frederick C. Klapp of Colonie; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Home.

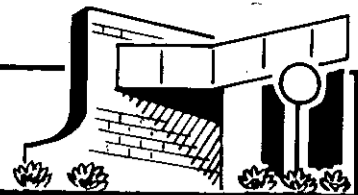
Delmar woman wins hospital award

St. Peter's Hospital, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, has named Delmar resident June Thompson Employee of the Month for September.

Thompson, a native of Poland, has worked at the hospital for 21 years, spending her first 17 in the emergency department. She has worked in cardiac services for the last three years.

Check It Out

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY



By Anna Jane Abaray

Bethlehem Public Library's fall session of story hours for toddlers and preschoolers will run from Tuesday, Oct. 1, through Thursday, Nov. 21.

Story hours are a time-honored way to introduce youngsters to the best of children's literature and to the outstanding art in children's picture books. Children also participate in games, songs, rhymes and finger plays.

For many children, story hours can begin lifelong enjoyment of books and libraries.

Parents can enhance the story hour experience by creating the best possible conditions for visiting the library. Parents who share books with preschoolers at home help prepare children for library story hours and for learning to read.

Parents and children need to arrive for story hour in plenty of time to get name tags and greet friends. Children need to learn that it is important to talk and move about quietly in the library. After the program, parents should allow time for children to select a book to take home.

In-person registration for the free 10-week program begins 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 30. Registrations will be accepted by phone begin-

ning at 1 p.m. the same day. Call 439-9314. You can register your child, plus one other child.

Children are grouped by age. The program for our youngest patrons, tots from 22 months to age 3, is attended by both child and parent. It runs only four sessions, and lasts 20 minutes. We offer toddler programs on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Sessions for children age 3 to 4 are scheduled for Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Children ages 5 and 6 have a choice of Tuesdays at 11 a.m. or Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Programs for ages 3 to 6 run the full 10 weeks. They are 30 minutes long and have a limit of 20 children per session. An additional preschooler session, which all family members can attend along with a registered child, is scheduled for Wednesday evenings.

On occasion, a young child may not yet be ready to sit quietly as part of the group. In that case, parents are asked to wait a few months and try again. The library children's room offers story hour sessions beginning in the fall and early spring, and during the summer.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Bethlehem alumni to have meeting

The Bethlehem Central Alumni Association will have a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School.

Topics to be discussed are the BC Hall of Fame, an alumni weekend picnic and the Alumni Association directory, which will list the location of all BC graduates.

Anyone who is available any weekday between 1 and 4 p.m. and could assist in helping to coordinate the association directory preparation should contact Vicki Bylsma at 439-7787.

To become involved in the association, call George Lenhardt at 439-7704 or write to the B.C. Alumni Association, P.O. Box 74, Fuera Bush 12067.

Appraisal Institute names Peter Trent

Peter Trent has been awarded membership in the Appraisal Institute, Chicago, with a designation of Senior Residential Analyst. The institute is the largest organization of its kind in the world.

Trent has been associated with Blackman and DeStefano Real Estate since 1987 and is co-founder and president of Adams and Trent Appraisal Associates in Delmar.

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Networks and 'Wagon' aiding athletic program

The Bethlehem Networks Project would like to thank the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club. The club has donated a generous sum to be used for community athletic programs.

Any athlete or cheerleader involved in a community athletic program in the Delmar area is able to take advantage of the fund. The money is to help any youngster with financial need to pay for fees or uniforms. Any assistance provided will be confidential. Students who need financial assistance for a participation fee or for uniforms costs should please speak to a coach or call the Networks Project.

The Welcome Wagon has given the money to the Networks Project and we are pleased to help.

This is an excellent example of the networking process in action. We hope to work with the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club in other worthwhile projects. The Bethlehem Networks Project is interested in networking with other community organizations. A group interested in a partnership to aid the community or with an idea that will help different community groups work together should call us.

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OGS plans a host of October treats

By Susan Wheeler

The state Office of General Services has stuffed its October calendar chock full of free events.

Film festivals, a farmers' market, the state Education Department's Archive Week and the first-ever van and truck show are among the weekend and week day happenings scheduled during October at the Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza.

The ongoing farmers' market, every Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the outdoor plaza, offers customers fresh produce and a sampling of home-baked goods. According to David Ostrowidski, OGS special events coordinator, the market is a good place to shop for early fall vegetables and pumpkins suitable for eating and carving.

The 1991 Van and Truck Show, the first of its kind in the Capital District, will be on Thursday, Oct. 3, through Sunday, Oct. 6. Ostrowidski said more than 70 new vehicles, including trucks, vans, minivans, sport utility, four-wheel and all-wheel drive models, will be displayed on the plaza's entire concourse level. "It's very much like the car show held in the spring," he said.

The event, sponsored by the representative for more than 72 Capital Region car dealers, Capital District Automobile Dealers Association, located on Wolf Road in Albany, will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Free parking is available Thursday and Friday after 5 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Kelly Scullen, the association's special program manager, said 16 foreign and domestic vehicle manufacturers will be represented at the show by over 65 participating dealers.

She said several new van and truck models will be displayed including General Motors Corp.'s Cyclone, "a truck which goes as fast as a Ferrari."

The Cultural Education Center (the museum) hosts a "Portrait of the Artist" film series Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24, from noon to 1 p.m. The life of artist Henri Matisse is the first to be explored, while in following weeks films on Georgia O'Keeffe, Francis Bacon and Andy Warhol will be shown, Ostrowidski said. The films will be shown in the State Museum Orientation Theater, he said.

The New York State Archives will celebrate New York Archives Week, Oct. 13 through 19, with "quite a few events," including films, an exhibit, workshops and tours, according to Judy Hohmann, senior public and educational programs specialist with New York State Archives and Records Administration. Films are scheduled for Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the State Museum Orientation Theater. "Rosie the Riveter," a 1944 home-front film is set for Oct. 3, "The House on 92nd Street," a 1945 Academy Award winner, is set for Oct. 10 and "The Clock," a 1945 romance starring Judy Garland will show Oct. 17.

"They Also Served: New Yorkers on the Home Front During World War II," will be displayed from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 at the West Gallery area of the State Museum, Hohmann said. The exhibit consists of letters, posters and other documents from the State Archives' holdings which illustrate the State War Council's response to the war. Its role in rationing, civil defense, child care programs and nursing recruitment will also be explored. Brief 16mm films describing the council's programs are included in the exhibit, she said.

Two workshops are planned for Oct. 19, she said. A workshop on saving World War II memorabilia, set from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cultural Education Center's meeting room D, requires reservations at 474-8955. "Military Records at the State Archives," will discuss the records of military conflicts from the French and Indian wars to World War II. It will be held



A promotional photo pictures Rosie the Riveter from a typical 1944 home front film. This is one of the many films which will be shown in the Archives Week Film Festival in October at the State Museum Cultural Education Center, Albany.

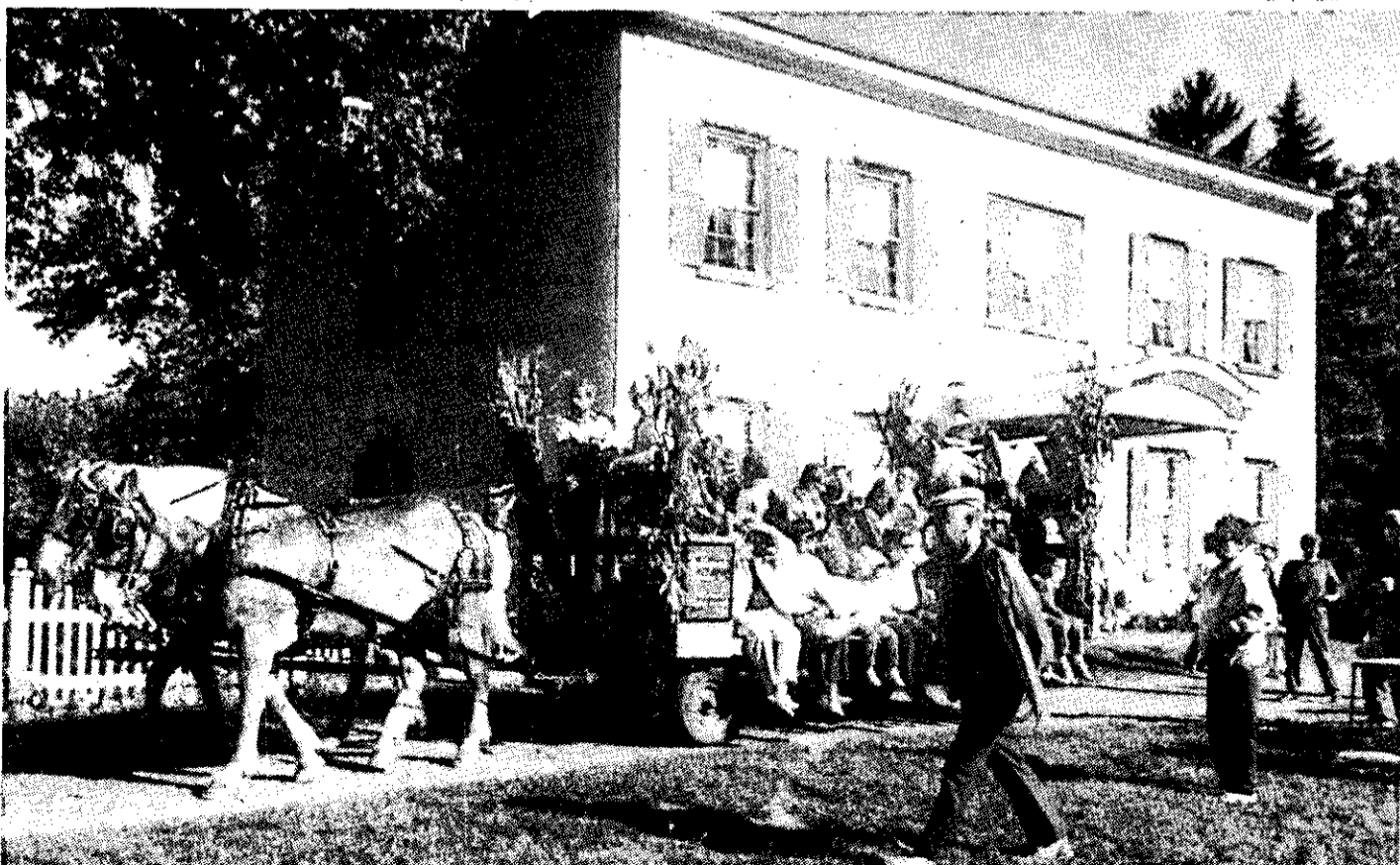
on the 11th floor of the Cultural Education Center from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Reservations are also required for this workshop at the above number.

A behind-the-scenes tour of the State Archives will be given Oct. 16 at 10 and 11 a.m., noon and on the hour from 2 to 4 p.m. The tour, which meets on the 11th floor of the Cultural Education Center,

will focus on World War II documents, as well as other archival documents. Tours of the state Records Center will be given from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning every half hour on Oct. 17. The tour meets at state Campus Building 21. Call 457-3171 for information.

The Empire State Hobby and Craft
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Pruyn House setting for old-fashioned event



Friends of Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville, will celebrate the ninth "Old Fashioned Sunday" at the Town of Colonie Cultural Center from

noon to 5 p.m. on Sept. 29. Events of the day will include horse and buggy rides and old fashioned demonstrations of days past.

By Hilary Lesser

Families and friends can get a taste of the good 'ol pleasures of horse and buggy days at an old-fashioned Sunday at the Pruy House

Friends of Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville, will celebrate the ninth annual "Old Fashioned Sunday" at the town of Colonie Cultural Center from noon to 5 p.m. on Sept. 29.

The event will feature old-time craft demonstrations depicting the art of tinsmithing, furniture making, silhouette cutting, wood-carving, spinning, weaving, candle making, clay pipe making, blacksmithing, bee keeping, basket making, quilt making and wreath making. There will also be an art show presented by the Colonie Art League.

"It's a really festive family day," said Morris Leno, chairman of the event. He said the event is really colorful, "especially with the tent and balloons."

"Although the balloons and clowns kind of violate the theme of the era, the children really learn about what an old-fashioned Sunday was like," he said.

"The day brings people together which is one of the aims of Pruy House," said Patricia Parry, member of the board of the friends of Pruy House. She said about 1000 people attended last year's old fashioned Sunday.

According to Parry, people are look-

□ PRUYN HOUSE/ page 28

AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday
September 25

ALBANY COUNTY

HEALTHY SNACK PROGRAM
sponsored by St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, Department of Cardiac Services and Nutrition, St. Peter's Hospital, So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 449-2212.

BABYSITTING
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

CHORUS REHEARSAL
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

SQUARE DANCING
St. Michael's Community Ctr., Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

Thursday
September 26

ALBANY COUNTY

FOREIGN RELATIONS LECTURE
sponsored by the Friends of the University at Albany, University Library, Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 442-3569.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LECTURES
William K. Sanford Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., Loudonville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 877-8678.

SENIOR CHORALE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SARATOGA COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

BABYSITTING
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY LECTURE ON LIBERALISM
by Rabbi Bernard Bloom, Union College Center Auditorium, South Lane, Schenectady, 11:30 a.m. Information, 370-6508.

Friday
September 27

ALBANY COUNTY

DRUG ADDICTION AND RECOVERY
lecture, sponsored by the St. Peter's Hospital Addiction Recovery Center, St. Peter's Hospital So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 452-6700.

HEALTHY SUPERMARKET SHOPPING
St. Peter's Hospital, So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 449-2212.

COUCH POTATOES GUIDE TO FITNESS
St. Peter's Hospital, So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 11:45 a.m. Information, 449-2212.

MOTHER'S DROP IN
sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

SENIORS LUNCHE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., 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
September 28

ALBANY COUNTY

DOLL SHOW AND SALE
sponsored by the Shaker Doll Club, Polish Community Center, Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 286-3012.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET
Niskayuna Reformed Church, Troy-Schenectady Rd., 9 a.m. Information, 785-5575.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

WALK-A-THON
to benefit Spencertown Academy, St. Peter's Church, Spencertown, 2 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

Sunday
September 29

ALBANY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING
Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

ANNIVERSARY RACES
commemorating the 20th anniversary of Hudson Mohawk Road Runner's Club, Albany State Campus, Western Ave., Albany, Information, 371-8280.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

CHANGING CAREERS WORKSHOP
Returning Women's Program, Russell Sage College, First St., Troy, 9 a.m. Information, 270-2303.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Hearts of Fire deserves better fate than residence in author's trunk

When the revival of *Hearts of Fire*, the locally written musical about the 17th century Schenectady massacre, closed Sunday at Proctor's Theatre, author Maria Riccio Bryce and her producer husband, Alan Bryce, announced the work had received its last production.

In its present form, their decision is probably correct. It is overlong, has too many characters (60) and has a leading character, Anna van de Bogart, who is thoroughly unsympathetic.

Still, *Hearts of Fire* deserves further life because its music and the basic plot taken from a historical event, have dramatic impact. No one could fault the physical production nor the quality of the performing by many of the region's most talented performers.



Martin P. Kelly

Riccio, who wrote the book from historical journals, also composed the music, wrote the lyrics and staged the show, seemed too close to the material. This season's revival had few changes.

The composer/writer needed to take some liberty with history. While the real Anna van de Bogart was intent upon returning to The Netherlands with her young son after her husband died, this seeming desertion of the new frontier and its settlers indicates a weak, bitter individual. Despite performer Jean Foster's best efforts, the character of Anna seemed more a whining, unsympathetic character.

It was only after the massacre of many of the settlement's natives that she decides to stay in Schenectady. Riccio could introduce another character, a brother or uncle, from the old country to demand Anna's return to her homeland for her own good. Anna could be resolute in wanting to stay in the land where her husband died and her son was born. This would provide dramatic conflict and create a strong, sympathetic woman willing to risk death. When the massacre occurs, the relative could maybe die in his efforts to save the settlers from the murderous French and Indian invaders.

One wonders why, if Riccio and Bryce were not considering further life for this musical, so much effort was put into a revival this summer. Producers from New York who saw the original 1990 production, urged Riccio to put it into more compact form. However, both Riccio and her husband decided otherwise. Again, the question? Why bother raising almost \$150,000 for another production if no further life was anticipated?

Theatre Barn opens Greater Tuna Friday for three-week run

Joseph Phillips who was in *Hearts of Fire*, resumed rehearsals at the Theatre Barn in New Lebanon, Columbia County, for his role in the two-man, multi-character comedy, *Greater Tuna*, which opens Friday (Sept. 27).

Phillips, one of the busiest actor/directors in the area, also works with Riverview Productions' repertory troupe at Mario's Theater Restaurant in Troy. He plays in the dinner mystery show, *The Recital*, and will be featured in a old time melodrama which joins the repertory in December.

Next spring, he'll direct a show at RPI where he's appeared and directed for more than 10 years. For the next three weeks, however, he'll join Tony Farrell as the hayseed disk jockeys on the rural radio station in Texas, playing a whole assortment of characters, male and female, in *Greater Tuna*. For more info, call 794-8989.

Local actress continues her climb to Broadway fame

Caralee Carmello leaves the new musical, *Arthur*, based on the Dudley Moore movie, Saturday at the Goodspeed Theater in Connecticut and next Tuesday begins rehearsals in New York to take over the leading female role in the Tony Award-winning musical, *City of Angels* on Broadway.

She'll play the detective's secretary who develops a love interest in this spoof of 1940s Phillip Marlowe movies. Carmello is no stranger to the role since she was with the show when it opened in 1989 as a stand-in for the part she will now play.

The Albany High (1983) graduate and University at Albany (1987) alumna left *City of Angels* a few months after the opening to play the lead in the nationally touring Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, *Chess*.

She performed at the Berkshire Theater Festival in 1990 as the lead in *She Loves Me* and closed the season at the Cohoes Music Hall last June in *Beehive*. From there, she joined the cast of *Arthur*, playing the role created by Liza Minnelli in the movie.

She's signed a six-month contract with *City of Angels*, but is being considered for the Donna Reed role in a musical adaptation of Frank Capra's famed movie, *It's A Wonderful Life*.

That title seems to describe Carmello's career since she's constantly working and is considered a bright prospect for Broadway stardom.

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

WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, evening prayer and Bible study, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

provides volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South, Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE

meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26

BETHLEHEM

BOWLING

sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group, for parents of handicapped students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

KATE WINTER

author of "The Woman in the Mountain," to speak on women writers of the Adirondacks, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

85 Elm Ave., Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

"MANHATTAN"

movie by Woody Allen. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

BETHLEHEM

WELCOME WAGON

new comers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

CHABAD CENTER

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

KIDS' PLACE

sponsored by the Community Effort Playground Group, Bowlathon, Del Lanes, 1 p.m. Information, 475-1096.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

BETHLEHEM

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 CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

service and Sunday school, 10 a.m.; child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

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

morning worship service, nursery provided 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 9 a.m. Evening fellowship, 6 p.m., 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available 8 a.m. to noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, nursery provided, 9 and 11 a.m. Adult education and children's program, 10-10:50 a.m. Nursery care available, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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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, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9252.

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.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH

worship, 11 a.m.; nursery care provided, Sunday School, 10 a.m., 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

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SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2 to 5 p.m. Local artists exhibits. Information, 436-8289.

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worship service, 11 a.m.; nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH

worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Sunday school, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

We, at the Mountainview Evangelical Church, invite you to be with us for "Friend Day" on Sunday, September 29. Our Bible Hour program for children and adults begins at 9:15 A.M. and is followed by our Worship Service at 10:30 A.M. Pastor Russel's message is entitled "when You've Failed and You Know It." Following our services we will be serving coffee and danish. Our building is located on Rt. 155 in Voorheesville. We hope you will join us!



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 7 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services. Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

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, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Trpk., Delmar. Information, 439-5001.

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.

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.

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

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.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
provides volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

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Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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DELMAR ROTARY
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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

BETHLEHEM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
membership meeting, first Tuesdays, clubhouse, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 8 p.m. Guests welcome.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

BABYSITTING WORKSHOP
for children ages 11 and up, taught by R.N. Deborah Bradley, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, on four consecutive Tuesdays. \$5 fee, preregistration required. Information, 765-2791.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Juliette Braun

Turn on your TV and tune in to TeenTrack.

TeenTrack is a new news segment recently added to WTEN-TV channel 10's 6 p.m. news. It features weekly segments on issues of concern to teenagers. Reported by Cynthia Fodor, stories feature interviews with area youths, who share their views and experiences. Among the issues to be addressed are fitness, substance abuse, self esteem and AIDS.

If you want to learn leadership skills, the Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding a kick-off reception for a new program. Designed for youths in grades nine through 12 who want to be actively involved in their community while developing essential leadership skills, the YES council (which stands for Youth Enterprise in Service) will meet Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 6:30 through 9 p.m. at the Red Cross chapter house on Hackett Boulevard in Albany. Food and drink will be provided, and youth groups are encouraged to attend. For reservations, call 462-7461.

Dance aerobics for teens are being offered once again at Woman's HealthCare Plus, located on Western Avenue in Albany. The program is specifically designed to help young people stay

healthy and fit while learning more about aerobics, calisthenics and dance. For information, call 452-3455.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the state Energy Office are sponsoring the 11th annual Student Energy Research Competition for state high school students.

The contest, designed to raise student consciousness of energy and environmental issues, will be comprised of two rounds. Round one takes place in the fall. Students can work individually or in groups of up to three and must submit project proposals by Wednesday, Oct. 23. This year's students are asked to consider energy solutions in three specific areas: municipal waste, transportation and the energy efficient home.

Up to 105 entries will be chosen as round one winners. Each winning project team will be awarded up to \$500 to pay for needed materials. On May 18 through May 20 students and their teachers will come to Albany's Empire State Plaza Convention Center for a final round of judging. The three-day event culminates in an awards ceremony recognizing top prize winners and awarding cash prizes and medals.

For information, call 1-800-423-SAVE.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR KIWANIS
meets Mondays at Sledwheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS' MARKET
rain or shine, every Tuesday until October, 3-6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave. Information, 732-2991.



A scene from a 1945 film called "The Clock" features Judy Garland, right, and her beau Robert Walker. This is one of the home-front films which will be shown in October at the State Museum Orientation Theater Cultural Education Center, Albany.

Plaza

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Show, set for Oct. 9 through 11 on the North Concourse from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, is "a large craft show, with quite a few craft vendors," Ostrowidski said. Over 20 vendors will participate and during the fall, there will be a craft fair every two weeks, he said.

"The biggy we do in October is the

Halloween party for children," Ostrowidski said. The party, held on the South Concourse Oct. 31 from 5 to 8 p.m., attracts many 3 to 12-year-olds, he said. The seventh-annual party will feature a costume contest, juggling, magic shows, inflatable bouncy rides, a mime circus, face painting, a haunted house and free New York state apples and cider and doughnuts. In addition, state agencies will provide biking and street-wise safety tips for children. "This party is a safe alternative for younger kids," he said.

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- persons in wheelchairs going to medical appointments • clinic appointments: legal, blood pressure, tax, fuel

WEEKLY GROCERY SHOPPING

MONDAYS: Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza.

THURSDAYS: Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Town Squire Plaza.

CANCELLATION POLICY: When the school district is closed due to inclement weather, vehicles will not operate.





Morris Leno, left, committee chairman, and Patricia Parry, hold an Old Fashioned Sunday painting done by local artist Santiago San Pedro. Parry and Leno are members of a committee responsible for Old Fashioned Sunday which will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Huary Lesser

□ Pruy House

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ing forward to a quilt raffle which will take place at 4 p.m. "We've been selling tickets for about a year," she said. The quilt is handmade by the Pruy House Quilt Group of 15 people. Other raffle items and balloons will also be available.

Other events include candy making in the kitchen. The candy maker who specializes in designer candy has made a chocolate replica of the Pruy House, Parry said.

Other treats include cider and doughnuts, chili, sausage and peppers, hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, soda and ice cream. A harvest table will include a large variety of home-baked goods as well.

Entertainment will include the South

Colonie Dance Band and High School Band, the Colonie Town Band, Banjo Band and the Dulcimer Players. Other old-fashioned pleasures include a ride in a wagon or ox-cart.

Van Buren museum to journey back in time

On Sept. 28 and 29, the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site will offer visitors an opportunity to step into the mid-19th century.

In addition to regularly scheduled tours, the site will offer special activities intended to present a view of our eighth president's era. The historic site is located on Route 9H.

For a full description of events, call 758-9689.

A great American quilt



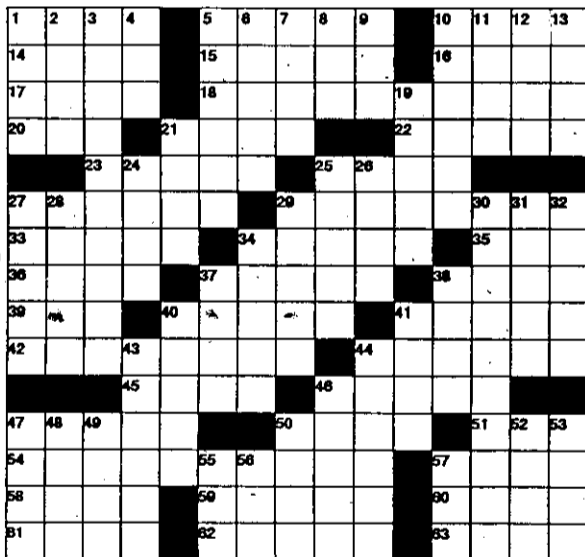
"Hail the Prince" by Mary P. Kenneday is among 63 crib quilts on exhibit in Memories of Childhood: The Great American Crib Quilt Festival at the New York State Museum, Albany, Friday, Oct. 4 through Sunday, Jan. 5.

Weekly Crossword

"IN" IS OUT!

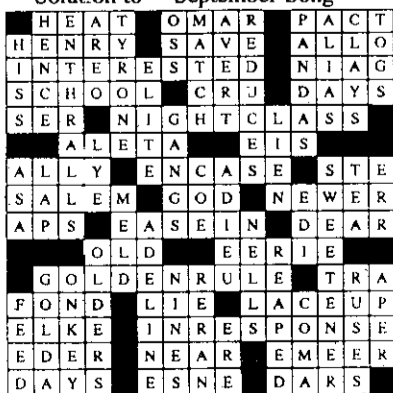
By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- Encroach
 - Gives up
 - Semitic
 - "_____ heaven"
 - Skirt type
 - DesCartes
 - British rituals
 - Spaces at the beginning of paragraphs
 - Follows north or south
 - Messrs. Vereen and Franklin
 - Curves
 - Heart artery
 - Senate worker
 - Mammas partners
 - Casual
 - German submarine
 - D.O.A.
 - Self esteem
 - Cultivate
 - March of _____
 - Sis's siblings
 - Mr. Amin
 - Goalies goals
 - Le _____ Coeur
 - Guts
 - "The ills we ought _____": Matthew Arnold
 - Singles
 - Chants
 - Meat jelly
 - Persons born on August 5th, eg
 - AARP members
 - Brainy
 - Person from dia ?
 - Follows coat or family
 - Sweet scent
 - Caesar's garb
 - From a great distance
 - Ire
 - _____ as a bug in a rug



- DOWN**
- Ask
 - U.S. citizen
 - Capital of diana ?
 - Printers' measures
 - West Pointers
 - Ms. Verdugo
 - Loud noises
 - Suffix
 - Red or Black, eg
 - Has gotten up
 - Classic cars
 - Ms. Bancroft
 - Mrs. Truman
 - Number
 - Your neighbor's child
 - Fiery gem
 - Craves
 - Summer drinks
 - "_____ there"
 - Linger
 - Revenues
 - A pleading
 - A greek market place
 - Also ran
 - Donates
 - Hamlet, eg
 - Mr. Ruth
 - Inasmuch as
 - Name bearers
 - Laborer
 - Machinist
 - Needle
 - "_____ boy"
 - Medieval slave
 - Request
 - W nd bag
 - Spaghetti sauce
 - Catch
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 - Alcoholics' problems

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\$12.80 26	\$13.10 27	\$13.40 28	\$13.70 29	\$14.00 30
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Sports physician to speak to runners

Dr. Robert Cooley, an orthopedic surgeon at the Center for Sports Medicine, will talk about Nutrition for Runners tomorrow night (Thursday) from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Albany YMCA.

He will describe the optimal diet for an athlete, including proper hydration and pre-race and post-race meals. Dr. Cooley, who has worked at the center since it was founded more than six years ago, special-

izes in sports medicine. He has participated in triathalons and cross-country ski races.

This talk, free to the public, is being presented by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club. It is the second of a series of four talks aimed at preparing runners for the upcoming Schenectady Stockade-athon race. Runners will be able to register for the race at the time of the talk.

Gateway to have historic pub crawl

The Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway is sponsoring another "Historic Pub Crawl" tour on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. as its series on breweries continues.

Rick Knight of Holmes & Watson in Troy will repeat this popular bus tour of local neighborhood pubs where the working man quenched his thirst.

Participants will visit local taverns that have served as social and political centers and informal banks since the 19th century.

Cost of the tour is \$15 for the public and \$14 for Gateway members. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 274-5267.

Museum to show films

Disney films "Bambi," "Rescuers Down Under," "Bedknobs and Broomsticks" and "Milo and Otis" are featured this October in the Kid Pix children's film series Saturdays and Sundays at 1 and 3 p.m. at the New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

On Oct. 5 and Oct. 6, "Bambi" will be shown. On Oct. 13 and Oct. 14, "Rescuers Down Under" will be shown. On Oct. 19 and Oct. 20, "Bedknobs and Broomsticks" will be presented and on Oct. 26 and Oct. 27, "Milo and Otis" will be shown. Admission is \$1.50 for children, \$2.00 for adults.

For information, call 474-5877.

Harvest Festival planned at Schodack

The third annual Rensselaer County Harvest Festival and Craft Show, a celebration of arts, culture, rural lifestyle, crafts, and amusements will again take place at Goult Orchards in Schodack on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and 13 from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The whole family is welcome to attend rain or shine. The orchards are located off Rt. 150 in the Town of Schodack. For information, call 732-7317.

MS Readathon event to begin for pupils

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has announced the start of the 1991-92 MS Readathon Reading Program, which is sponsored this year by Freihofer's Bakeries and WXXA television. The program will begin on Friday, Dec. 6.

The program is intended to promote reading for elementary and middle school pupils, and to help those with multiple sclerosis. Pupils participate on a volunteer basis with parental permission.

For more information, contact Susan E. Napierski at 452-1631.

Heirloom appraisals scheduled Saturday

The Rensselaer County Historical Society will sponsor an Heirloom Discovery Day at the Troy Masonic Club, Route 2 East, on Saturday, Sept. 28, to raise funds for its general operations.

Three experts from Sotheby's, Inc., which maintains fine and decorative art galleries in the United States and Europe, will be on hand to appraise participants' antiques and collectibles. The cost will be \$10 for the first item and \$5 for each additional item.

For more information, call 272-7232.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 2, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Peter Panych, 97 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XVIII, Rear Yards, Section 128-22, Fences and Walls, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to maintain an already erected six (6) foot stockade fence at premises 97 Adams Place, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
Dated: September 25, 1991

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 2, 1991, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Anthony Caccamo, 16 Roland Drive, Albany, New York 12208 for Modification to a previously granted Variance under Article X, Section 128-39, Highway Frontage and Access, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, for an extension of time at premises 130 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
Dated: September 25, 1991

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District will receive sealed bids for hose to be installed on a new class A pumper which has been purchased by the fire district. Specifications for the hose including dimensions and quantities may be obtained from William Cleveland at 406A Schoolhouse Road, Albany, New York 12203, or by calling him at (518) 869-6996.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District will receive sealed bids for the paving of a portion of the parking lot in front of the firehouse located at 589 Russell Road in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York. Copies of the specifications for the pavement may be obtained from William Cleveland at 406A Schoolhouse Road, Albany, New York 12203 or by calling him at (518) 869-6996.

All bids shall include a noncollusive statement pursuant to section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. All sealed bids will be opened on September 30, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Bethlehem Fire House at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203. The fire district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT
WILLIAM CLEVELAND

LEGAL NOTICE

Secretary/Treasurer
Dated: September 25, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, 1992 assessment roll have been prepared for the Bethlehem Sewer District and it is necessary to hold a public hearing with reference thereto.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hold a public hearing with reference thereto, at 8:15 p.m. on the 9th day of October 1991 at the Town Hall, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is authorized and directed to publish a notice of such hearing in THE SPOTLIGHT, a newspaper published in Albany County and having a circulation within the Town of Bethlehem, on the 25th day of September 1991.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mr. Webster, seconded by M. Galvin and was duly adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: Mr. Ringler, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gunner, Ms. Galvin, Mrs. Fuller
Noes: None
Dated: September 11, 1991

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 9th day of October, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:

I. Amend ARTICLE I, STOP INTERSECTION, by adding a new paragraph iii to read as follows:

(iii) The intersection of Church Road where it intersects Clapper Road is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with Stop Sign to be installed on both sides of Church Road.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Bethlehem
Carolyn M. Lyons
Town Clerk

Dated: August 28, 1991

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 9th day of October, 1991 at 7:45 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:

I. Amend ARTICLE IV, PARKING, by adding a new Section 19 to read as follows:

Section 19. No Parking on the easterly side of Van Dyke Road from Delaware Avenue to the first school parking area on that road.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

By Order of the Town Board

LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Bethlehem
Carolyn M. Lyons
Town Clerk
Dated: August 28, 1991

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 9th day of October, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:

I. Amend ARTICLE IV, PARKING, by adding a new Section 18 to read as follows:

Section 18. No Parking on both sides of Grove Street from the center line of Delaware Avenue for a distance of 700 feet north along that roadway.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Bethlehem
Carolyn M. Lyons
Town Clerk

Dated: August 28, 1991

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Chair Size	Quantity
12"	6
13"	14
14"	22
15"	11
16"	2

Sealed bids for each item will be received no later than Friday, October 4, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. by the Assistant Superintendent for Business at the above address and then publicly opened and read. Bids must be in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside stating the bid proposal as shown above.

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The Board of Education has the right to reject any and all bids.
Dated: September 25, 1991




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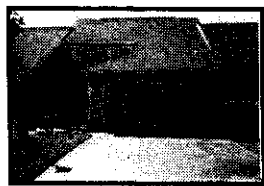
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SATURDAY 9/28, 8-4pm, household items, hardware items, clothing, nuts & bolts, 200 Elsmere Ave, rain or shine.

VOORHEESVILLE, 4 Appleblossom Lane, Sept 28-29, 9-4pm, stereo equipment, games, baseball cards, clothes, books, tools, bikes.

DELMAR Reformed Church Garage Sale, Saturday Sept. 28, 9-4pm, 386 Delaware Ave, crafts, old, new, baby stuff, toys, etc.

VOORHEESVILLE: 11 Birch off 85A, Scotch Pine, Locust, 9/27, 28, 9-4pm, furniture, mirrors, sewing machine, drapes, household, above ground pool.

VOORHEESVILLE Auction Bazaar, Saturday, October 5th, Methodist Church grounds. Outstanding bargains, food entertainment. Good used item donors call the church office, 765-2895 for pick-up.

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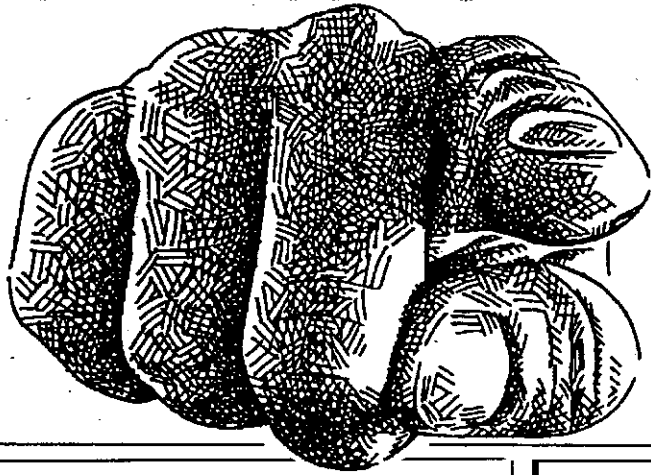
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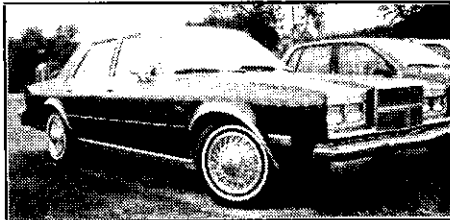
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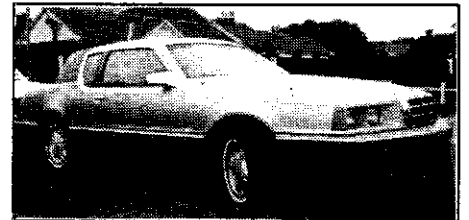
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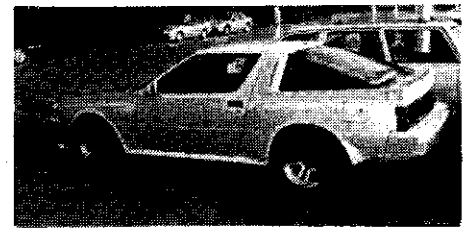
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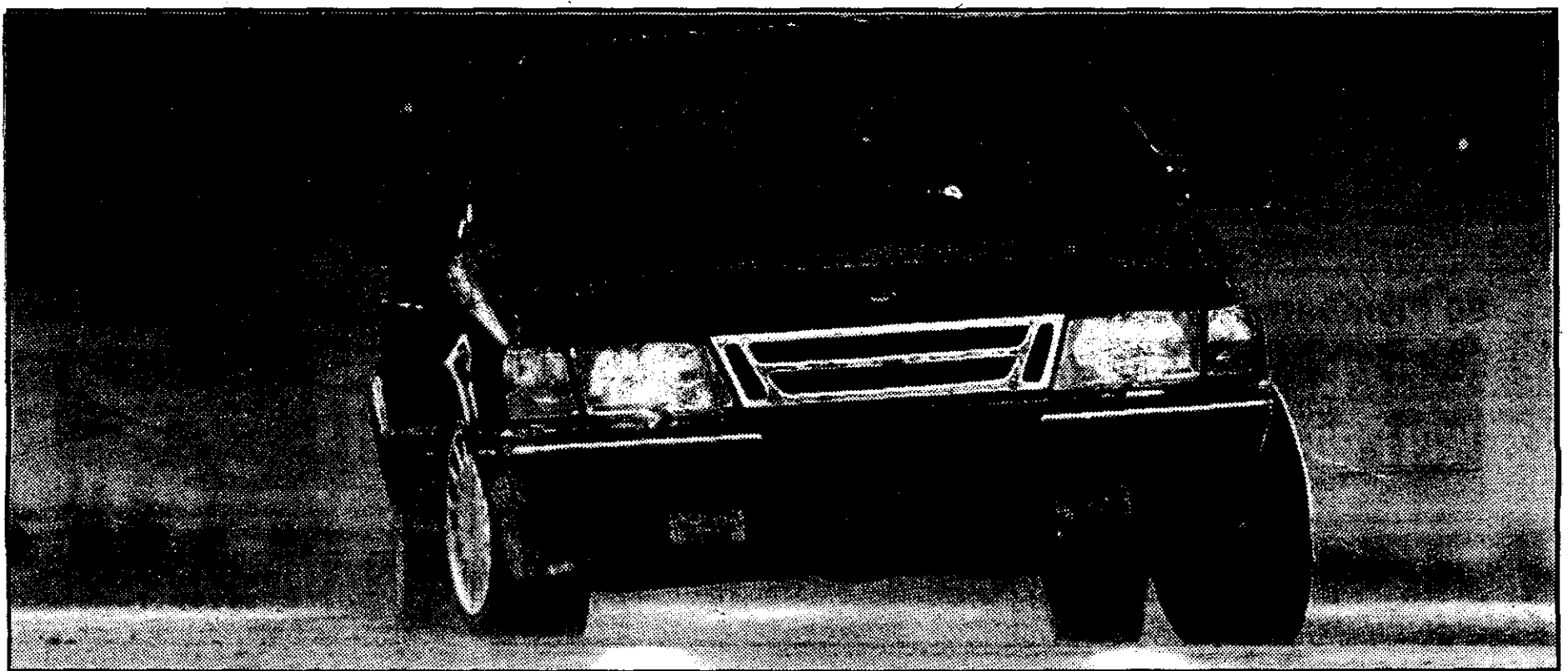
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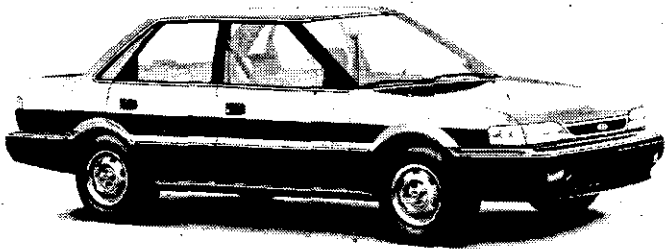
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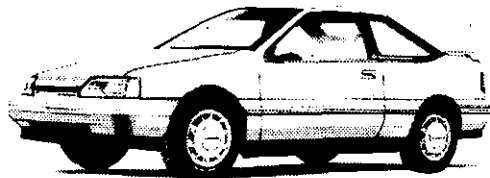
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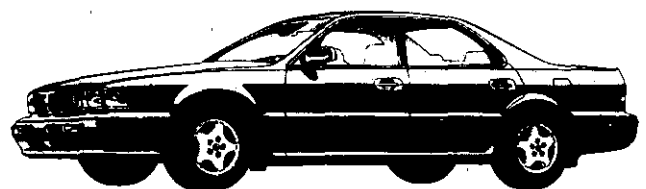
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Off-season renovation can save homeowners cash

By Susan Graves

Those winter months could be the perfect time — in more ways than one — to have interior renovation projects done. Many builders are grateful for any work in those cold winter months, and some will adjust prices to be able to keep their crews active during the winter.

"Inside work is the ideal scenario for the small contractor who does the full range of work," said Bob Mitchell of Robert Mitchell Associates on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. "That's a contractor's big fear — too many days of crummy weather," when outside work is prohibitive, Mitchell said.

But he said, homeowners who are considering winter projects should make arrangements now.

One contractor, Steve Bolduc, president of Keystone Builders Inc. in Delmar, said his firm prides itself on "being able to do the job from the ground up."

"If I can plan on doing work



after the first of the year, I will price it accordingly," in order to keep his crews working throughout the winter, he said, "I'm flexible with that as far as pricing." For Bolduc, keeping carpenters

who have been with Keystone for years, is very important. "I don't want to lose a good carpenter and I feel responsible to them," he said.

Some additions are even possible in winter if the home owner agrees to have the foundation poured now. "It'd be nice if they'd call now," even though he said he couldn't imagine ever turning down a job in February.

Mitchell said he thinks the best bargains for homeowners are probably what they can arrange now. "They're going to get the best values right now. The market is turning and after winter it'll turn more. I just think prices will start floating up in the spring," he said.

Mitchell thinks many homeowners put off renovation projects for lack of a plan. "They've probably given up as to what to do." He said now is the best time to "settle down with reality," and find a workable plan for their homes. "They ought to be able to indulge themselves in their house," he said.

One Latham builder that specializes in remodeling cautions that homeowners take care to check out the contractor before making a commitment. "You have to be careful to make sure there are real savings," said Joseph Derkowski of Jade Housing Corp. on 755 Troy-Schenectady Road. Derkowski, also a past president of the Capital Region Remodeling Council, said it's important for homeowners to find a contractor with a good reputation and to check references.

But he agrees there are potential savings when contractors want to keep busy and are willing to sacrifice a portion of their profits. "Normally, you can save money by doing inside work in winter — but not on kitchens and bathrooms," he said. Custom jobs for those areas will cost the same no matter what time of year it is.

"Generally you will save money on inner work on such things as interior decorating, window replacement, built-in bookcases and closet storage," he said.

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Playing it safe can pay biggest dividends

By Mike Larabee

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Peter Lattanzio, a Colonie town fire inspector and fire investigator, suggests thinking smaller.

Think fire prevention, he says.

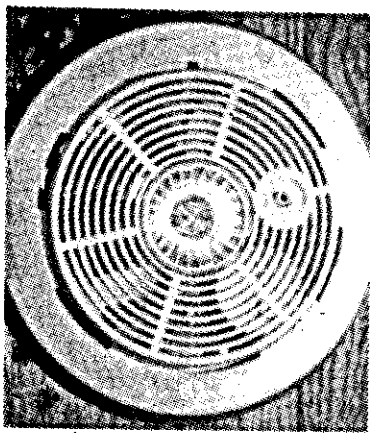
Think smoke detectors.

"You should have one on every level of the house," said Lattanzio. "And they should be within 10 feet of all sleeping areas."

While other forms of property improvement may be more dramatic, making your home as safe as possible from fire is the kind of change that could someday pay measureless dividends.

"The key to surviving a fire is early detection — knowing about it — and smoke detectors are the cheapest and the best protection that somebody can put in their residence," Lattanzio said.

He recommends the purchase of UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or FM (Factory Mutual) rated



detectors. The UL and FM ratings mean the unit has been tested by one of the two national-recognized laboratories, he said. Detectors should have a manual test button and emit a warning signal of more than 85 decibels. Smoke detectors usually cost between \$8 and \$15, he said.

And above all, he said, follow installation directions.

"If you mount them on the wall, the fire has a chance to progress because the smoke has to keep

building until it reaches the level of the smoke detector," he said. "The best place to install a smoke detector is on the ceiling."

If you're remodeling, think about protecting your investment by including residential sprinkler systems. According to Lattanzio, sprinkler systems have become less expensive over the years. But he said they're still no replacement for smoke detectors because sprinkler systems only activate when heated by open flame.

"Sprinkler systems do a very good job of extinguishing a fire and keeping fire damage to a minimum," he said.

Building materials selected for a remodeling project have fire safety implications as well. While petroleum-based plastics burn easily and produce thick black smoke under combustion, sheet-rock absorbs heat and retards the spread of flames. Lattanzio said homeowners should consult local building departments before beginning work, stressing that municipal inspection of design plans

is not the pointless "hassle" some applicants view it as.

"That's not the intent of a building permit. It's not there to generate money for the municipality," he said. "It's basically a safety mechanism to make sure that the contractor that's doing the work, or if you're doing the work yourself, is putting the proper safety features into the house."

Lattanzio said one common home improvement practice — home winterization — has in turn created another kind of safety hazard. He said as people take more care to seal and insulate homes, emergency personnel are being asked to respond to more and more cases of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Houses need to breathe," he said. "Your furnace requires household air to function properly, and what's happening is people are making their houses tighter and tighter to try to cut down on their energy. In the meantime, they make them too tight."

"We've seen a steady increase

over the past few years in people who have been affected or overcome by carbon monoxide," he said.

Other "improvements" related to fire safety are just common sense. Lattanzio recommends regular fire drills and says families should establish a central meeting place outside the home in case of separation during a fire.

"Under no circumstances go back into the house," he said.

"That's when many people are killed."

He said parents should teach children fire-safety awareness, and need to be careful not to leave matches and lighters where kids can find them. Fires set by children result in a disproportionate number of fire fatalities, Lattanzio said. While fires set by children amount to only 2.9 percent of all fires, 9.6 percent of fire fatalities occur during those fires, he said.

In addition, he said a 36-inch buffer should be maintained around heating mechanisms, and repeated the well-known warning against smoking in bed.

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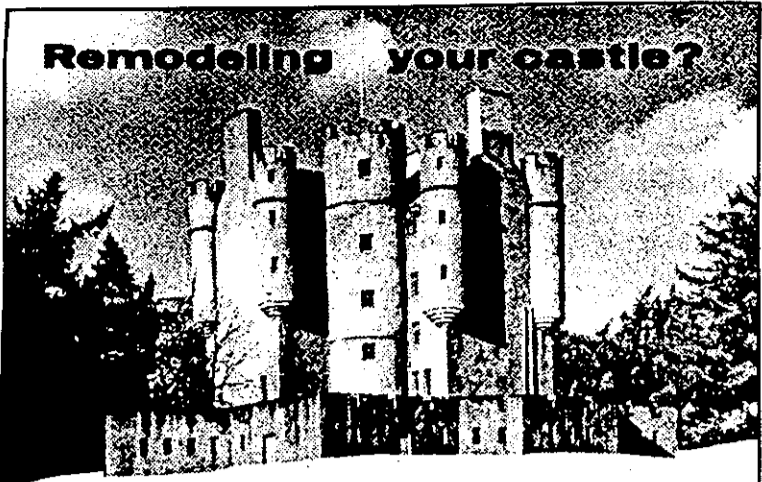
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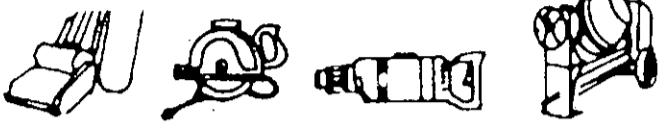
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Gardens need TLC even in winter

By Hilary Lesser

Now that fall is here, it's time to for gardeners and farmers to put their plants and vegetables "safely" to rest for the winter.

According to Bob Graves, vice president of retail sales for Faddegon's Nursery in Colonie, there are many preventive measures to keep plant life safe in the winter months.

Those with perennial gardens should remember to clear off the top foliage in their gardens and cover the garden with straw, hay or pine needles in mid-November. "This provides a thermal barrier for the plant so it is protected," said Graves.

He said vegetable gardens should be tilled or turned over with a shovel or plow in the fall. Organic matter should be incorporated into the garden to protect it and enhance its organic content. He said this can be achieved with household compost, manure or winter rye, a grain that improves the soil by increasing its organic content.

A layer of compost also improves the quality of the soil. "You should try to improve the quality of the soil wherever you can," said Graves.

Rose gardens should be mounded with soil and a leaf-compost mulch to insulate it, he said. Other plants such as rhododendron and azaleas should be wrapped in burlap, if they are newly planted or are in a windy or sunny spot.

Trees and shrubs should not be forgotten before winter, according to Graves, who said they should be watered before winter. "The plant should be watered so it has the robustness to make it through the winter," he said. The best time to water trees and shrubs is also by mid-November as the weather begins to get colder.

Graves said lawn care is also an important part of the winterizing process. The lawn should be trimmed relatively short to minimize its chance of being infected. Leaves should also be 'chewed' up with the lawn mower and spread throughout the lawn. "It's good stuff and improves the lawn," said Graves, adding a good fertilizer should be put on the lawn by mid-November.

For larger gardens and farms the shut-down process is similar. William Brizzell, owner of Brizzell's Flowers in Colonie, is currently putting his farm and garden to rest. Brizzell stressed the importance of putting a protective ground cover down and recommends winter rye as well. "It really soaks up the nutrients and pre-

vents soil erosion," he said.

He said for the past week the closing down process has involved picking the tomatoes, sowing the soil and spreading the rye on top. A grinding machine called a disc harrow is used to grind up the plant debris and work it into the ground. "It gets rid of the old plants and adds nutrients to the soil," said Brizzell.

He said it is important to cover the plants in the fall. "You never know what mother nature is going to do," said Brizzell.

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William Brizzell, owner of Brizzell's Flowers, Newtonville, prepares his farm for winter by ensuring it has the proper nutrients and insulation with a ground covering of rye grass. *Hilary Lesser*

Painting vs. siding: Consider the costs

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One of the questions eventually asked is, "How does the cost of repainting my home compare with the cost of re-siding it?"

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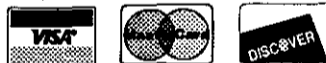
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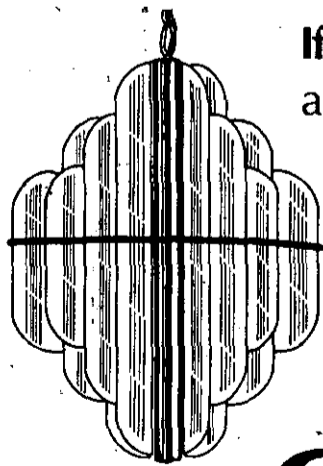
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Renting could ease lag time when home is on the market

It is a homeowner's nightmare. The closing date for your new home is rapidly approaching and the "For Sale" sign is still sitting on the front lawn of your present home. You don't want to accept a bargain-basement price for your home, but the prospect of carrying two mortgages frightens you.

The only way out is renting your unsold home to ease the cash flow and help pay the bills. If you are considering renting your home, remember: As a landlord, you will assume a new set of responsibilities and risks, says the New York State Society of Certified Public Accounts (NYSSCPA).

As a homeowner, you generally can defer taxes on the gain realized from the sale of your home as long as you meet certain qualifications.

The basic rule is that you must buy or build a new principal residence within two years before or after the sale of your old residence.

If this is done, the gain on sale is recognized only to the extent that the sale price of your old residence exceeds the cost of your new residence. But, tax law permits this deferral only for principal residences and not rental property.

In other words, when you rent your home, you risk losing your right to defer taxes on the gain you may realize from its eventual sale. Therefore, it is important to demonstrate that renting your home is a temporary measure rather than a permanent conversion.

If renting is a stop-gap measure, your house can still qualify as your principal residence and you can roll over all or a portion of the gain, providing the old house is

sold within two years of the time you buy a replacement residence.

Efforts to sell your home prior to renting it, renting month-to-month, or giving a short-term lease can help support your case for temporary rental. Advertising the home for sale while it is rented or giving your tenant a lease that allows you to show the property before the lease expires are other ways to support your position.

Now, suppose you are age 55 or older and ready to sell your home. You hoped to take advantage of your once-in-a-lifetime chance to exclude from taxes up to \$125,000 of home-sale profit, but you just can't find a buyer. You decide to move anyway and rent your home until the market improves.

However, to qualify for the exclusion, you must have lived in your home as a principal residence for three of the five years leading up to the sale.

If you rent your house for more than two years during the five-year period, you will not meet the three-year residence test and will automatically forfeit your right to use the \$125,000 exclusion on this sale.

Careful planning involves not only preserving your homeowner tax breaks, but also managing the rental process wisely. This is especially true when it comes to setting a rental price.

Try to find out what similar homes are renting for in your community. But do not necessarily rely on the asking rent listed in the local newspapers since rental rates are often negotiated downward.

In addition, you should take the

time to screen tenants thoroughly. After all, your property is on the line. One of the best ways to check on a prospective tenant is to talk with the person's previous landlords.

Because evicting someone can be a long and costly procedure, try to determine whether your tenant has the means to meet the monthly rental payments consistently. To verify this, ask for copies of the applicant's paycheck stubs or W-2 forms.

Before issuing a lease, you may also want to review the tenant's credit report for information on his or her credit history and current debt. Requesting the first month's rent in advance and requiring a substantial security deposit are additional safeguards you can take.

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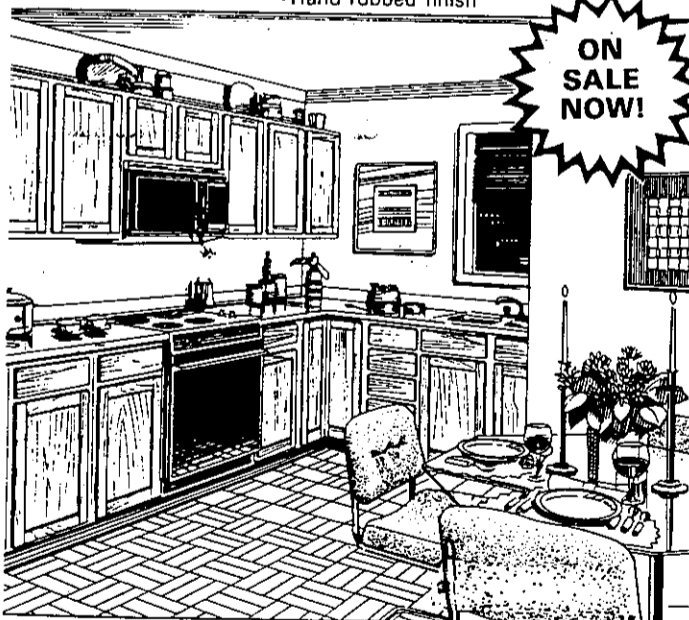
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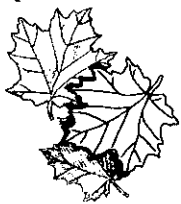
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Before and after...



Although the house was only 3-years-old, photo top left, the Carr's found that it lacked essential things that they had overlooked when they bought it. The addition of a breakfast nook and

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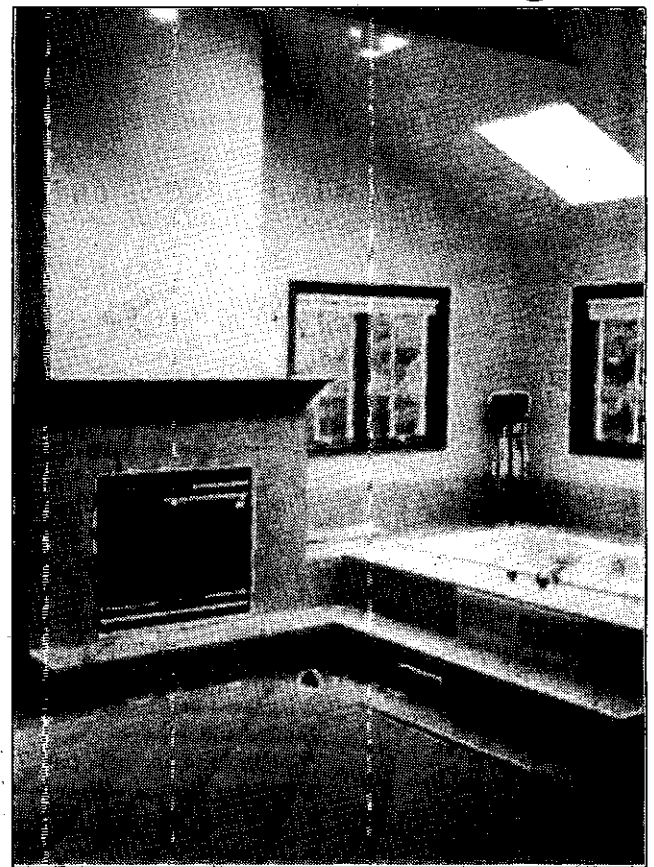
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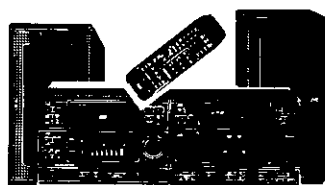
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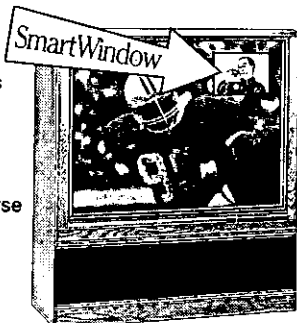


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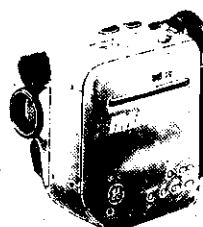
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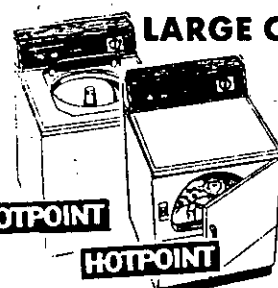
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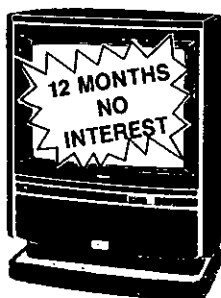
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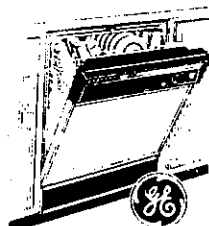
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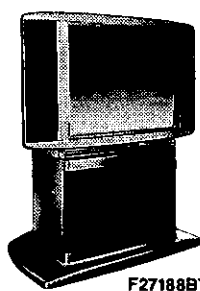


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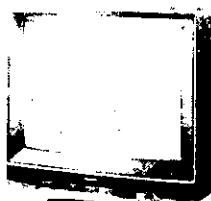
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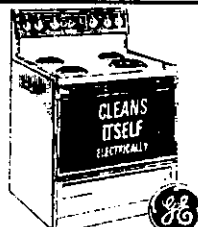
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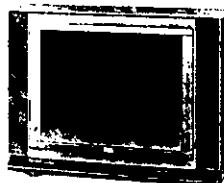
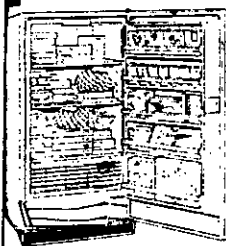
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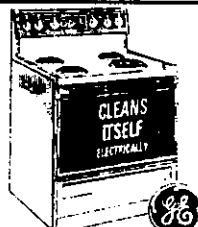
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By Susan Wheeler

When you close the door on summer, you can still keep a bit of Mother Nature indoors.

Help recreate fall's fresh fragrances, colors and textures indoors with hand-crafted items such as a wreath sporting plaid bows, maple-leaf garland and dried naturals, including cattails and flower bouquets to spruce up doors, windows and rooms throughout the home. Craft sales, popular this time of year, are a good place to either purchase such items or to find craft-making ideas.

According to Joan Bradt, manager of Dec-O-World at routes 146 and 20 in Guiderland, country-style creative twists, made with corn husks, are a favorite in the fall. Also suitable for the season are hand-made three-dimensional raffia and Styrofoam witches, scarecrows and ghosts, she said. Store employees show customers how to recreate display items, or those that they bring in or see in a craft book.

"We have a wide variety of how-to books and magazines on naturals, silk and creative twists," she said.

A Halloween grapevine wreath is decorated with ghosts, pumpkin bells and black ribbon, Bradt said, and makes a timely ornament. Also available are fruit, berry and nut picks, which can be placed into wreaths or flower arrangements, she said.

Another idea for colorful fall arrangements, easily centered on tables or a mantelpiece, is dried flowers. "Remember the kind grandma used to press in her Bible? Now you can dry your own flowers with silica gel," Bradt said. The gel eases drying flowers, she said.

Nature's aromas, more present in the brisk fall air, can be copied to bring inside the home in scented soaps, candles, potpourri, room mist and oil for light bulb rings. According to Sara Stewart, manager of Caswell-Massey, Crossgates Mall, Guiderland, two most popular fragrances are Auburn Hills, a spicy clove and cedar scent, and Winter Medley, which smells of evergreen, berries and spice. Both are available in oil, which is warmed by the light bulb to gently freshen the air.

A year-round favorite fragrance is lavender, Stewart said. "It's al-

ways popular," she said. "Its supposed to scare away moths." She said the lavender potpourri can be put in sachet bags, ideal for keeping in sweater chests and closets.

While carpet fresheners and scented soaps improve a room's odor, the soaps can also be matched with curtains, towels and floors for a color-coordinated look. According to Stewart, Caswell-Massey carries several different soap lines, including fruit, flower and herbal scents. The pomegranate soap, orange-red in color, is perfect for fall and has a fresh, fruity fragrance, she said.

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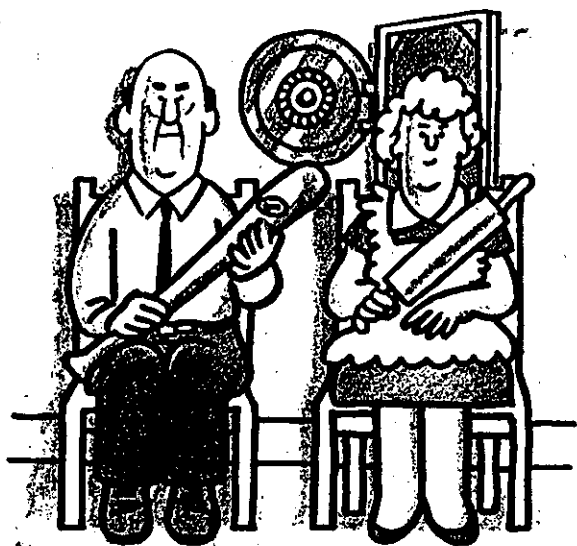
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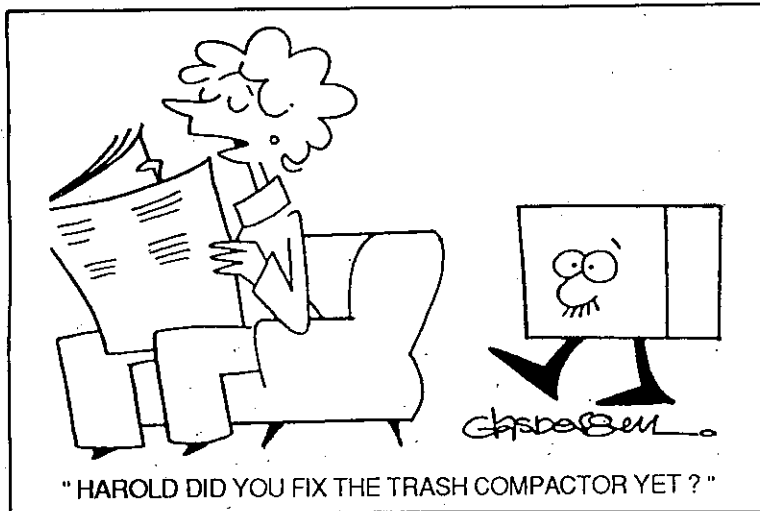
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About half of all the money Americans spend on heat goes to heat the great outdoors. Insulation works by trapping small pockets of air as buffers between warm and cold zones inside and outside your home, the same way clothes keep you warm by trapping a layer of air between you and your shirt or sweater.

Insulation can be made of a number of different materials in-

cluding cellulose, fiberglass or rigid plastic foam. It's measured by its "R" value-resistance to heat flow. The higher the "R" value the greater the material's resistance to the flow of heat. About 60 percent of the heat loss is through wall, ceilings and floors. These parts of a home can be easily insulated.

Heat-robbing cracks around windows and doors can be sealed with caulking, weatherstripping or even insulation. Inside storm window kits are easy to install and cut drafts. There are many other inexpensive ways to cut heat loss:

- Don't block radiators
- Place draft guards at the bottom of doors
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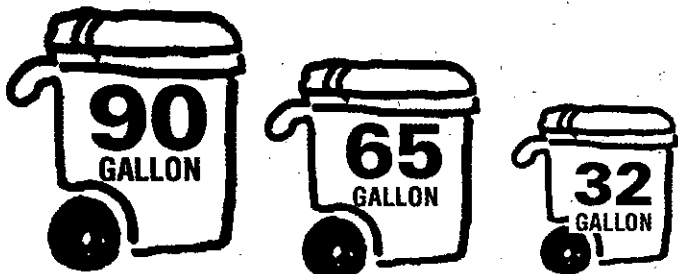
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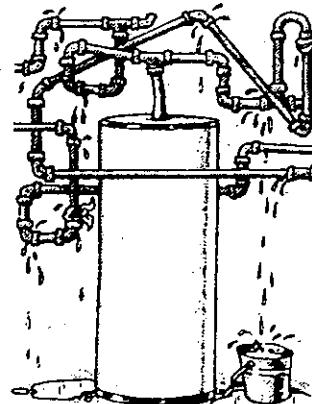
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Now's the time for an energy audit

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The leaves are starting to turn and warm clothes are coming out of the closet—sure signs the home heating season is rapidly approaching and along with it higher energy bills.

There are many steps a homeowner or renter can take to cut energy costs year-round, but especially in the winter when heating bills take their toll.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. offers its customers a free home energy survey, which takes between an hour and 90 minutes to complete, said Nicholas J. Lyman, NiMo public relations regional director. The survey results will "recommend things that can be done to improve energy efficiency," he said. Items such as exterior wall insulation, pipe and hot water tank insulation, as well as window caulking are checked. An estimate of the cost of the work, along with an estimate of the fuel savings that would be realized by the completion of the work, are given to the homeowner or renter, he said.

"They then get an idea of how long it would take for the work to pay for itself," Lyman said.

The state Public Service Commission requires all gas and electric utility companies to conduct the free surveys of homes built prior to 1980 as part of its SAVING POWER program, according to

Edward Collins, PSC spokesman. "It's to identify ways homeowners and apartment dwellers can save on energy bills," he said.

The PSC is "encouraging demand-side management" of energy needs, Collins said, adding that increased energy efficiency is more cost effective and environmentally sound than meeting the energy need by building increased facilities.

Cutting fuel costs need not be an expensive venture. Many cost-cutting items are easily completed by the do-it-yourselfer. To that end, NiMo includes a how-to booklet in its home survey kit. The booklet covers how to insulate, how to install storm windows, caulking and weather stripping doors and windows, among other items, Lyman said.

For example, if the hot water heater is warm to the touch, it should be insulated, he said, adding that pipes and air ducts should be checked for heat loss. "You can lose heat from pipes as they go up from the basement," Lyman said.

However, should the homeowner decide not to do the work himself or if the work is too extensive, he may be able to receive assistance paying for it. There are home energy improvement loans available from the local utility companies, Collins said. The amount of the loan is based on the size of the home, rather than the

owner's income, he said. It can range from \$200 to \$2,500 for a one-family house and reach as much as \$4,500 for four-family house, he said.

Additionally, there are zero-percent interest SAVING POWER loans available through the Energy Conservation Bank for low to moderate income households, which are based on income levels, Collins said. The qualifying income levels range from \$34,000 to \$57,000 for a family of four based on geographic location, he said. There are also grants available from the Energy Conservation Bank.

Other information in the NiMo kit includes an explanation of the energy guide label on appliances, the costs of operating home appli-

ances, how to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and how to prepare for a loss of power.

Additionally, the homeowner is can choose three of six energy saving devices offered by the company, Lyman said. Those items are weather stripping, faucet aerators, a low-flow shower head, hot water heater wrap, pipe insulation and door sweeps. All the homeowner or renter has to do is ask for the items and installation will be arranged, Lyman said.

NiMo has done more than 232,000 home surveys since the program began in the mid-70s, Lyman said.

To schedule a home energy survey, call 1-800-Niagara. Usually the survey is scheduled within two weeks, Lyman said.

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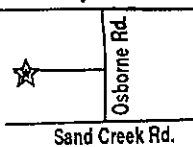
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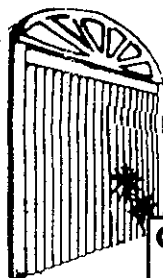


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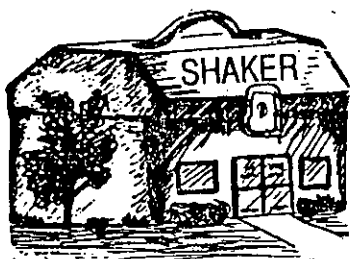
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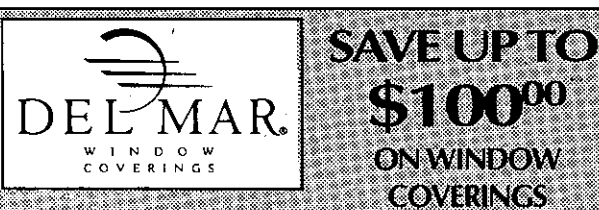
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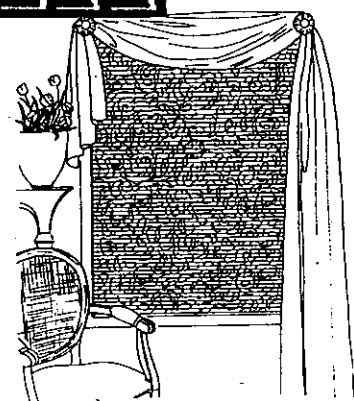


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The right remodeling projects add value to a home and make it easier to sell, but the wrong projects can mean the remodeling investment will never be recouped.

There are two rules of thumb to remember.

One is the value of the neighborhood. Look at the selling price of similar homes in your area, and put yourself in the shoes of a potential buyer. Your home improvement should provide maximum value to you and a future homeowner.

For example, a home down the block is selling from \$100,000 with

the same features as yours. If you remodel and add an expensive home office, driving your home's value up to \$110,000, a potential buyer will likely choose the less expensive home over yours, as the remodeled office may not be a necessity.

A second guideline is to be careful about going overboard. Keep improvements in line with the market value of the area. If the price of your house becomes too exorbitant, you may have to take a loss to sell it. People who can afford a more expensive house usually want it in a neighborhood of more expensive homes.

Five improvements that generally add to a home's value include kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and

family room renovations and window replacements. With these improvements, you can expect to recover 50 to 80 percent of your initial investment. Other considerations include how well the job is done, how the renovation coordinates with the rest of the house, the quality and type of materials used and how the improved house compares to other homes in the neighborhood.

Anglo Lingo

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.



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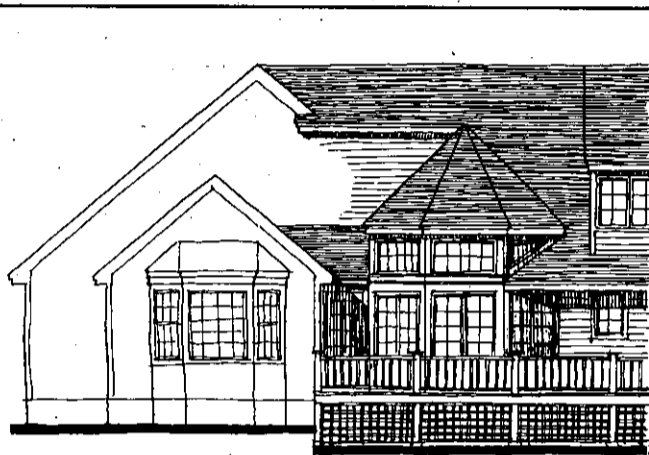
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Spruce up to spur faster home sale

Hammer how-tos

By Kathleen Shapiro

Homeowners take heed. If you're thinking of putting your house on the market, a few inexpensive home improvements could make all the difference in the world.

"The more perfect the house, the more you get for the property," advises Nancy Kuivila, a local realtor with offices in Delmar and Albany.

Since few homeowners can claim perfection, savvy real estate agents can often provide a list of simple tips for showing a property in its best light.

A fresh paint job, preferably in white or off-white, is good first step to improving your home. "Almost anyone can paint," said Kuivila. "It's not expensive, and pale colors can make a room look larger and brighter."

Also topping the list of easy improvements is the use of proper lighting to help create a welcoming atmosphere and make a house appear more spacious.

"Anything you can do to make your house brighter will help," said

Kuivila. Improvements may be as elaborate as installing skylights or as simple as increasing the wattage of light bulbs throughout the house, she said.

Other suggestions include creating additional space by organizing storage areas and packing unused belongings away while the house is being shown to potential buyers.

"The whole concept is to show how big the house really is," said Sylvia Elkin, a real estate associate broker with the Century 21 Albany Realty group. "Box things you don't use, like summer clothes if you're selling during the winter, and put them in the garage in a tidy package. People who are buying a house can understand boxes, but they can't understand clutter."

Above all, houses should look and smell clean, said Elkin and Kuivila. Simple precautions like keeping carpets fresh or burning a candle just before guests arrive can help eliminate common household and pet odors, while using a dehumidifier in the basement may cut down on mold and mildew smells.

Small touches, like planting flowers in the garden or keeping a pretty hanging plant on the front porch can also go a long way toward making a house more attractive, said Kuivila.

In spite of all the nice touches, some houses could benefit from a few real renovations before being put on the market. "View the house as if you were buying it for the first time," suggested Elkin. "Chances are, if there are things you don't like, the buyer won't like them either."

Both realtors agreed that kitchens and bathrooms are the best areas to make improvements to, since they often make the greatest impression. Putting in additional outlets and covering up dark paneling with cheery wallpaper are a few steps that may score points with potential buyers.

"Sometimes you won't get any extra money (because of the renovations), but your house will sell while another doesn't," said Kuivila.

If a house is obviously in need of major renovations, homeowners should either take care of the repairs themselves before putting the house on the market, or obtain a written estimate giving the new buyer an idea of what the work will cost, she said.

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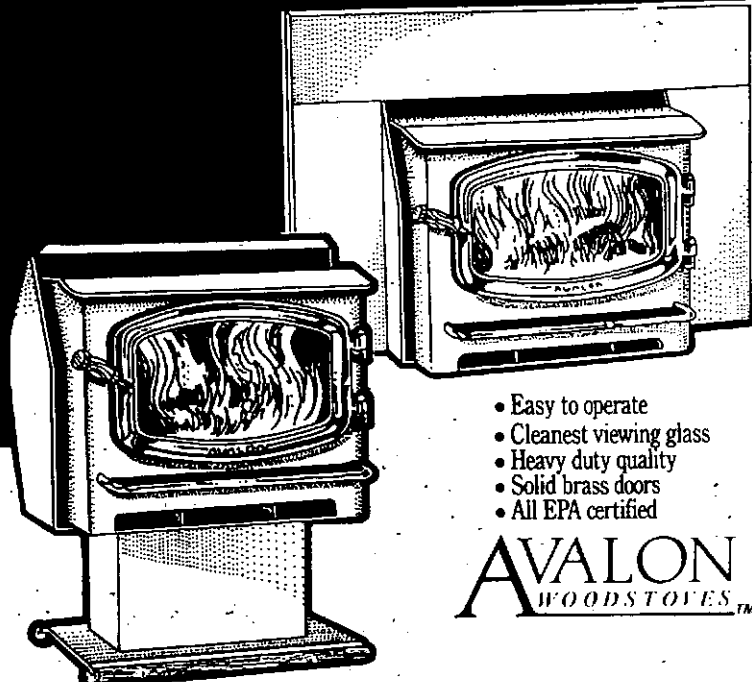


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Contrary to popular belief, closing up all the vents in the attic is not the best way to keep a house warm in winter. Sealing up the attic vents can actually increase heating costs and cause significant damage.

The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), recommend that home owners take these steps to ensure necessary ventilation:

1. Leave attic vents (at the ridge, soffits, and gable ends) open all year to allow moist air to escape.

2. Weatherstrip attic access hatches and caulk around attic plumbing stacks to prevent moisture and warm house air from escaping into the attic.

3. Make sure the vapor barrier is under the attic floor insulation, next to the warm ceiling below, to block rising moisture.

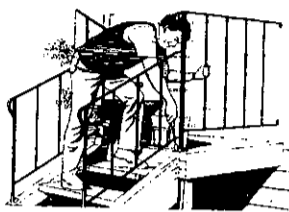
4. Use exhaust fans when cooking, bathing, or doing laundry to ensure that moisture-laden air is expelled to the exterior of the house. Make sure that the vents don't terminate in the attic but are routed directly to the outside.

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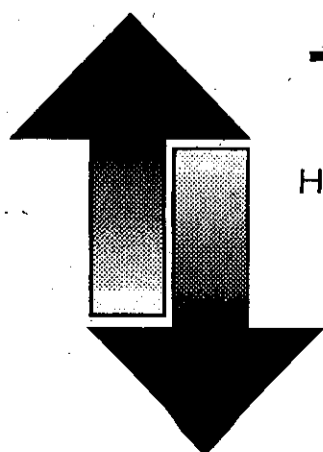
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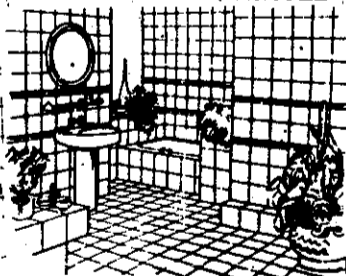
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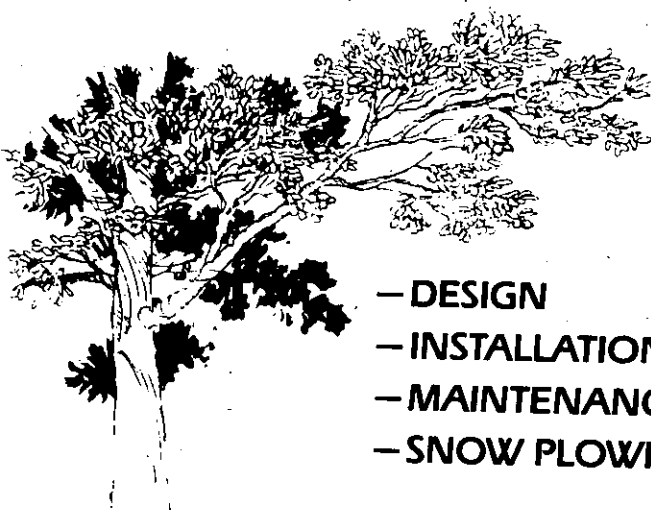
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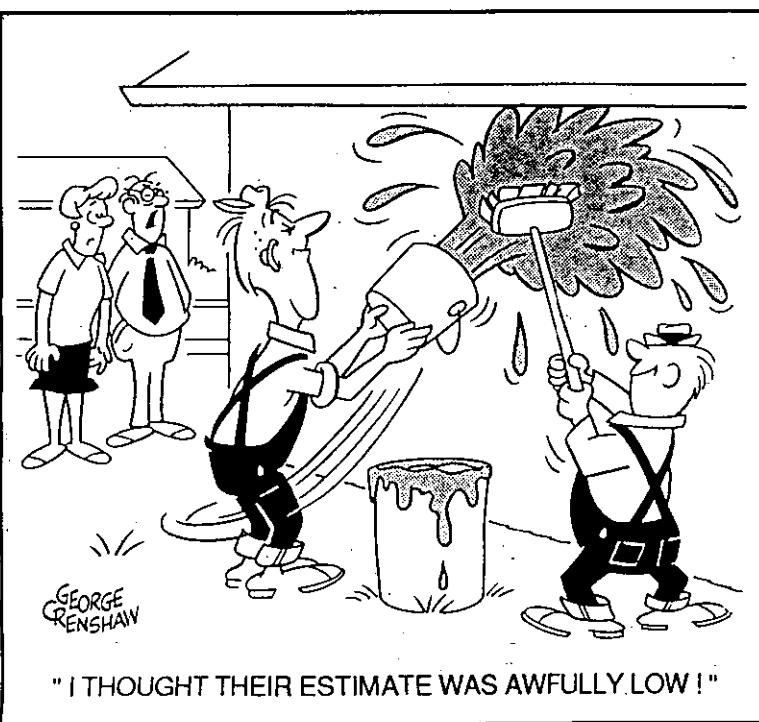
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One good way to cut lighting costs is to use high efficiency florescent lamps. They're much more efficient than incandescent bulbs. Florescent lamps are filled with a gas which glows brightly — florescent — when electricity passes through it. That means florescent lights, which do not rely on heat to produce light, use energy four to five times more efficiently than ordinary incandescent bulbs.

Today it's easy to become more lighting efficient by replacing incandescent bulbs with new compact florescent bulbs. They screw right into your regular lamp sockets and many are color adjusted to produce a warm white light.

Best of all, they last nine to 13 time longer than standard incandescent bulbs and reduce lighting costs by 60 to 75 percent. That means to equal the lifetime of one compact florescent bulb, you would have to buy and burn 13

standard incandescent bulbs.

There are two types of compact florescent bulbs, an "all in one" or "modular" type,

"All in ones" are the easiest to replace incandescent bulbs with. Each has a glass bulb permanently attached to a screw in base. Just take out the incandescent bulb and

screw in the compact florescent bulb.

"Modular" units are comprised of two separate elements — the bulb and the screw in base. Since the base can last four times longer than the bulbs, modular units let you replace only the part which is no longer working and enjoy even greater savings.

Storm doors solve entrance problems

Your get-ready-for-winter home improvement projects may include replacing that old, noisy storm door with the broken screen.

When choosing a replacement storm door, look for solid core construction — ideally an alumi-

num skin laminated to a solid wood core. Unlike wood or hollow aluminum doors, solid core doors won't warp from exposure to the elements. This keeps them flat to create a tight seal against drafts and keeps the door securely latched in gusty fall and winter weather.

Unclog disposal with broom

A backed-up kitchen sink with a malfunctioning disposal need not mean an immediate call to the nearest plumber, as the problem usually lies with the disposal, not the drain lines.

Most standard kitchen garbage disposals are designed with several thick blades on top of a round "can" which spins around like a blender to grind up residual waste in the sink.

To free the disposal, first make sure it is turned off and then take the wood end of a broom and insert it into the disposal until you feel the bottom.

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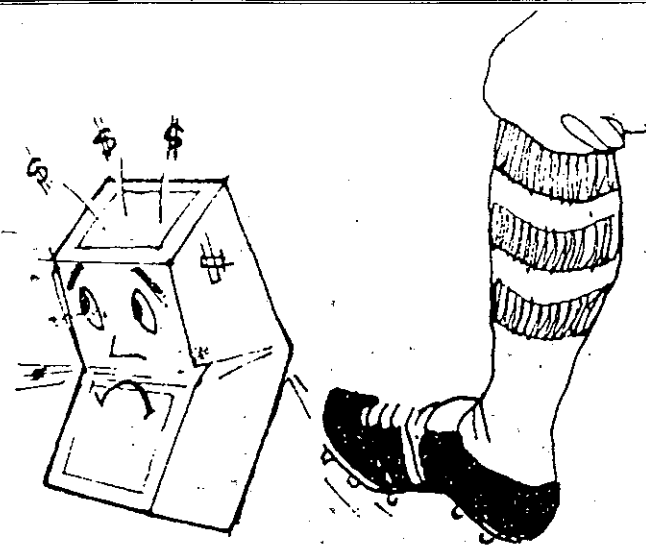


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Tile makes for Italian-style renovation

When redecorating isn't enough and remodeling isn't possible, tile is an answer for redesigning a room. There are many design tricks that can be done with Italian ceramic tile to fool the eye and reshape a room visually — saving on remodeling costs while adding a new decorating look.

Tile can visually increase space and provide an ideal redocorating solution in awkwardly shaped rooms.

Several design options can solve such common problems as too small a space, an awkward shape or not enough light. Narrow areas become spacious with tile designs in horizontal or diagonal patterns. Newly-popular larger tiles (10X10 or 12 X 12) from Italy also help expand a space visually.

Tiles can be laid at different angles to offset an unusually shaped room, adding balance and symmetry. Borders — whether classic checkerboard patterns, exuberant florals or clean geometrics — can pull together an unusual space or define specific areas within a room. Focal points can be created with new pre-set Italian mosaics resplendent with old world elegance.

In addition to tile layout and design, color can also be used to fool, and delight, the eye. Traditional

The right tools make any job easier

With the holiday entertaining season fast approaching, you want your home to look its best, and with the right tools you can turn a week-long project into a weekend project.

Surface preparation usually takes the most time.

For stripping paint off wood, nothing beats a heat gun, which eliminates the need for costly and hard-to-handle chemical strippers and reduces cleanup time.

For final preparation before painting or staining, a smooth sanded surface is a must. A power sanding block is the answer to using a laborious hand sand block.

tional black and white tiles create a dramatic look that can be updated by using colored groups. To brighten a dark room, add pale-colored tiles. Brilliantly colored tiles, carefully placed, catch the eye and draw it to specific locations.

Aside from its *trompe l'oeil* possibilities, Italian tile's practical and aesthetic elements make it an ideal choice for renovation or redecoration. A union of age-old tradition and modern technique, Italian tile is a more elegant choice

Efficient heating units reduce home fuel costs in all seasons

Saving energy and conserving natural resources are critical for us all, from an environmental viewpoint as well as from a financial one. And while we, as individuals, have very little control over the pricing of our fuel oil, we can exercise some power and decision making over the energy that we consume in our homes.

By using energy-saving appliances and products, you can do your part to conserve energy while lowering your utility bills. Still, the biggest user of energy in the home is the heating and cooling system. Upgrading older equipment with new high-efficiency furnaces, air conditioners and heat pumps can result in significantly reduced utility bills.

When shopping for heat pumps and furnaces, consumers should be aware of the efficiency ratings mandated by the Department of

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The efficiency of a heat pump can be determined by two industry ratios. The SEER, or Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio, is similar to a "miles per gallon" measure. The Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) is used to gauge the overall heating efficiency of a heat pump.

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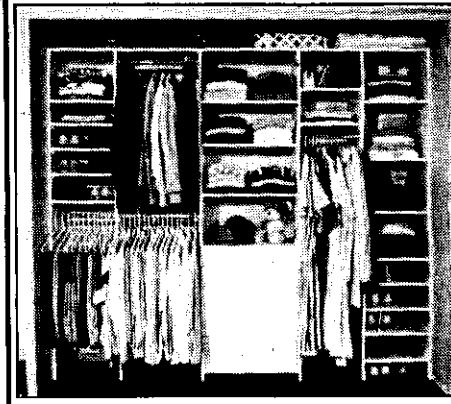
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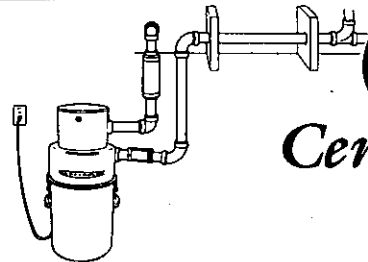
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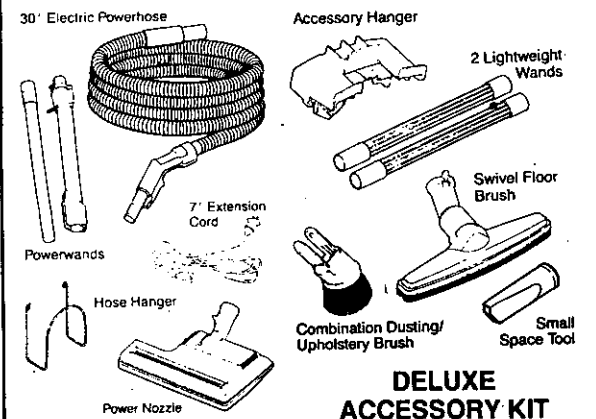


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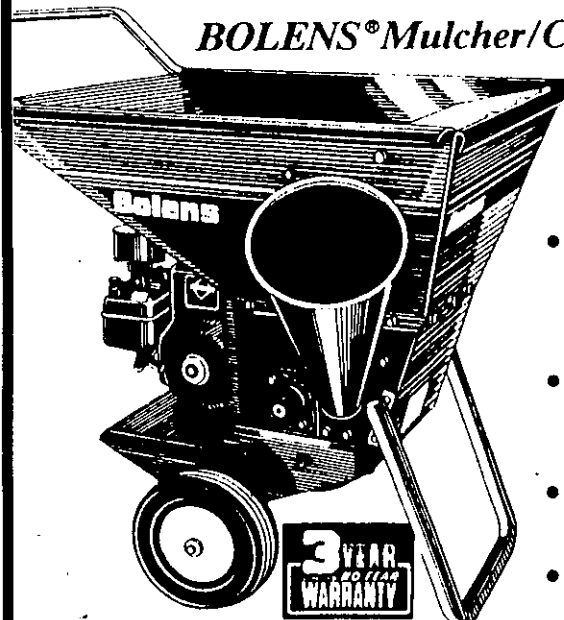


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- Keep the vacuum cleaner in good condition. Change the disposable bag regularly and check for worn belts.
- Place door mats at the entrances of your home. This will prevent "tracked in" dirt from accumulating in the carpet.
- Make sure the room is well-ventilated with fresh air during and

immediately after the cleaning process.

While vacuuming on a regular basis is essential, you should consider deep cleaning your carpet about once every 12 to 18 months. If you choose to clean your own carpet, check to make sure the home methods selected will not void any warranties. Some carpet manufacturers recommend methods which work particularly well on their carpet. If you are using a professional cleaner, check with your dealer, Better Business Bureau, or other reliable sources for recommendations about professional cleaners in your area.

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Second homes are becoming a last resort from routine

An investment in a second home today is more likely to be motivated by the need to get away from everyday pressures than by a desire to create rental income or a tax loss.

Though some people buy second homes with an eye towards making a profit, real estate professionals say that now, in a bearish economy, is not the time to sell.

A second home can still be a good idea for income tax purposes. One of the reasons some Americans continue to invest in second homes is the Tax Reform Act of 1986 which retained the deductibility of second-home mortgage interest.

Second homes themselves have come a long way from the days when they were log cabins in the woods or tiny cottages by the sea. Many of today's second homes are as large and as grand as primary homes.

Several resort homes have even been recognized in recent years by the Awards for Outstanding Performance sponsored by the Vinyl Window and Door Institute. The awards honor excellence in the use of vinyl windows to en-

hance the beauty, utility and value of buildings of all types.

Second homes today are also more likely to be located in resort communities within an easy commute of the primary home. It made sense even before gasoline prices drove up the cost of traveling.

Resort communities have focused their marketing efforts on a demographic mix of young professionals, families with growing children, and empty nesters not yet ready to retire. A second home at a resort offers these people a place to go to enjoy an active, four-season lifestyle without concern about maintenance or housekeeping.

In fact, low maintenance is a common thread in resort communities where golf, tennis, swimming, boating, fishing, biking, skiing and other sports rank among the more popular amenities. Many of the homes and condominiums include features like vinyl windows with insulating glass for year-round comfort and easy maintenance. Vinyl windows do not have to be painted and double-pane insulation glass saves energy while eliminating the need for separate storm windows.

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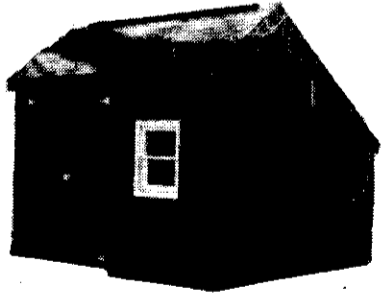


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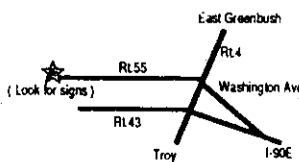
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Then, liability insurance protects you and members of your household against claims and lawsuits for injuries to other people and their property.

Homeowners policies differ mainly in the number of perils covered and the degree of protection offered. But before selecting a policy, check the list of perils carefully — if a specific type of disaster is not named, you are not insured against it.

The most basic coverage, form HO-1, protects against 11 perils, including fire and theft. Form HO-2 offers additional coverage against losses caused by frozen plumbing, falling objects, the weight of ice and snow, bursting hot water systems, short circuits and other items.

The most popular plan today, HO-3, provides coverage for all risks except those that are specifically excluded. The most notable exclusions include losses from flooding, earthquakes, war and nuclear accidents.

Once you have determined the

best coverage category, decide how much insurance you need on your house, its contents and your liability. The amount you select to cover your home should be based on its replacement value, or what it would cost to rebuild a house comparable to yours. You should be insured for at least 80 percent of the current replacement value of your home.

Another option is a replacement cost policy that reimburses you for the actual cost of replacing property. Though the premium is higher, the extra protection may be worth the cost.

Replacement cost coverage works like this: if the recliner you bought ten years ago for \$100 now cost \$300, you get \$300. By the

The liability portion offered by homeowners policies is becoming increasingly important in today's litigious society. If you feel that the standard \$100,000 most policies offer is not enough, it is relatively inexpensive to purchase increased

liability insurance.

Insurance alone will not protect your property if you do not have an accurate record of what you own and what it's worth. Be sure to raise your coverage to reflect your home's new replacement cost.

The most popular plan today provides coverage for all risks except those that are specifically excluded. The most notable exclusions include losses from flooding, earthquakes, war and nuclear accidents.

The best homeowners policies contain a replacement cost clause which puts the responsibility for keeping the coverage current squarely on the insurer. Without this clause, you get reimbursed only up to the policy limit.

A replacement cost endorsement requires the insurer to pay the full cost of repairing or replacing your home, even if the cost exceeds the amount for which you are insured.

In most cases, your personal property is insured for half as much as your house. Most policies reimburse personal property losses on an actual cash value basis, which is the replacement cost of an item minus depreciation for its age or use.

same token, if the VCR you bought for \$600 can now be replaced by a comparable model that sells for \$400, you get \$400.

Whichever option you select, remember that your coverage can extend to your possessions when you are away from home. If you are vacationing in the Bahamas and your luggage is stolen, you will be covered.

Liability insurance covers you and other family members living in your household. The coverage even extended to your pets, so if your dog decides to bite your neighbor, you are protected against a lawsuit. If your child hits a baseball through the neighbor's window, your homeowner's policy pays for a replacement.

Rearrange furniture with the season

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Pellet burner offers heat alternative

If you're looking to add supplemental heat and the ambiance of wood burning to your home, there's good news this year. Now reaching national distribution is new technology that has been heating schools and buildings in many areas and homes in the Northwest for years. It's the pellet burning appliance and low-cost pellets that burn like wood.

Pellet appliances and pellet fuels offer several benefits over wood stoves. These new devices are convenient and safe to use, and are friendly to the environment. And if you've been buying wood, costs of operation are in line with wood burning.

They also offer similar aesthetics to wood burning, with fire-view front glass and flames.

A pellet appliance can resemble a wood stove from the outside, but it operates very differently on the inside. The device is specially

designed to burn pellets of waste material such as sawdust.

Most pellet appliances include a storage hopper to hold the peanut-sized pellets and a fuel delivery system that feeds a steady supply of pellets to a combustion chamber. Also, a heat transfer system using fans disperses heat throughout the room.

Pellet fuels, now becoming widely available from new pellet mills across the country, are the key to the convenience. Most come in 40 pound bags. One ton of bagged pellets will store in one-third the space of a cord of wood.

Pellets also are environmentally smart. First, they are manufactured from waste materials like sawdust or agricultural byproducts like peanut shells that otherwise might end up in landfills. Second, they release no visible smoke and only tiny amounts of particles.

Many pellet appliance buyers

are replacing old wood stoves. And if those wood stoves were built before Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, they can be releasing 670 to 680 times more particulates into the air than pellets.

The output of pellet appliances is enough to heat 1,800 to 2,400 square feet. Most operate at two levels — high heat of up to 50,000 Btu per hour and maintenance heat of about 8,000 Btu.

How much will pellet burning cost you? Appliances range in price from \$1,750 to \$3,000 for whole house systems. Pellets cost between \$150 and \$200 a ton, and you'll use one to three tons per heating season. Installation costs are low — only \$125 to \$300 — because often you can use a venting system less costly than a wood stove chimney. Some appliances can even be vented with a horizontal system straight out the back wall.

Simple creative touches add to home's appeal

Home decorating doesn't have to cost a lot of money. The following are some ways to add creative touches to your home or apartment without draining your bank account.

For your child's bedroom, think colorful, comfortable and practical. Don't let your "best" decorations be ruined by accidental stains and spills simply because they were out on display at the wrong time.

Instead, try decorating with attractive but more easily replaceable items such as stuffed animals and throw pillows. Cover newly painted walls with drawings or pictures of your child's favorite cartoon and movie characters.

Use plenty of pastel colors to decorate, since they can have a soothing effect. Remember to take

proper safety precautions—always place potentially dangerous "hand and mouth-tempting" objects high on shelves and well out of your child's reach.

Decorating the den or family room doesn't have to cost a lot either. Display your favorite family portraits and other "collector's items" that have been hiding in the basement for years. Instead of nails, use Scotch Removable Mounting Squares to hang certificates, awards, postcards and other lightweight items. The squares contain a pressure-sensitive adhesive on both sides that won't leave holes or scars on most wall surfaces when it's time to "redecorate." Four squares can support weight up to one-half pound.

Brighten your kitchen by making a colorful napkin holder to post conveniently on the wall nearest the kitchen table—it's both a time and space saver. Slightly yellowed or peeled wallpaper, scratches and other "less than perfect" spots can be covered easily with a unique calendar or wall clock that matches the room's decor.

Spruce up master/guest bedrooms with plaques, posters and decorative mirrors, and replace shower curtains/bathmats to boost bathrooms.

Finally, use your creativity to come up with some additional decorating ideas. Those simple, personal touches really will make a big difference.

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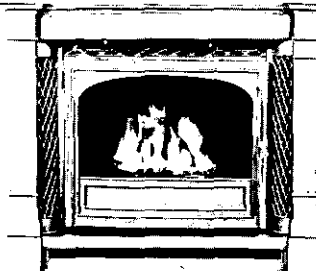
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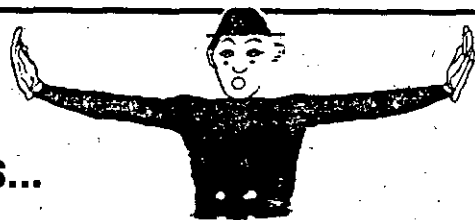
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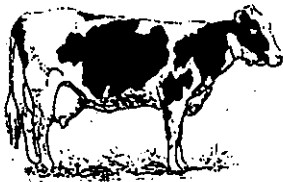
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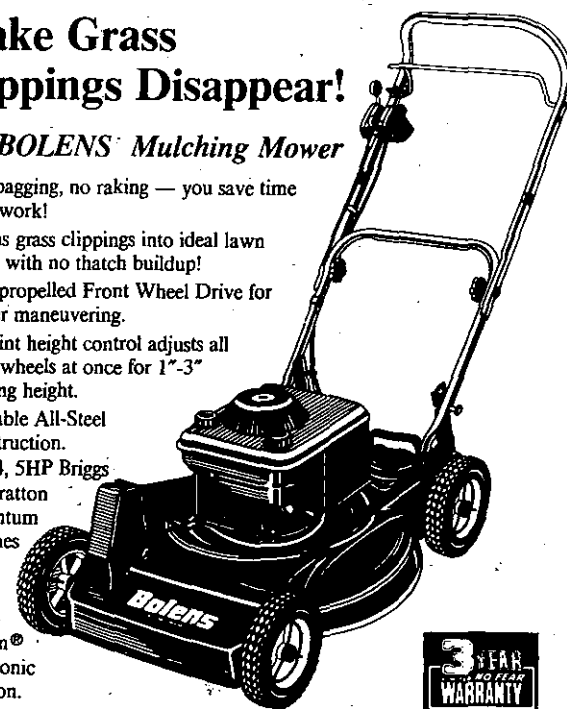
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For years, windows were considered energy wasters. Their use was limited to a relatively small area in homes. And overhangs, blinds and pulled shades were used to block the sun as well as, consequently, outside views.

Today all that's changing: En-

ergy efficient wood windows with low maintenance exteriors and super energy efficient glass are becoming more popular as homeowners seek to expand views and let sunlight into their homes.

What has changed in the last decade? Mainly, the introduction

of energy efficient glass filled with argon gas rather than air. The glass is manufactured by coating the inside surface of one pane of double glass with a microscopic metallic coating that reflects radiant heat. Then the glass is filled with inert argon gas for increased energy savings.

Water heater can be savings source

Heating water is the second largest source of energy use. Reducing hot water consumption and upgrading water heating systems can result in big savings. Here are some tips to reduce use of hot water:

Install a low-flow shower head and save about \$22 a year for each person in the home. A low-flow shower head cuts water use by about 50 percent.

Install low-flow faucet aerators on kitchen and bathroom sink

faucets to save another 800 gallons of water per person, per year. They're inexpensive and easy to install.

Avoid using running water to wash dishes — at a normal faucet flow rate of three to five gallons per minute, you're using hot water fast. Instead, fill up the sink or dish pan to wash and rinse dishes.

About 90 percent of the cost of washing clothes is hot water. A

cold rinse cycle does not affect cleaning results and may even reduce shrinkage. Try washing clothes in cold water. Use a detergent made for cold water and when choosing warm or hot water use full loads.

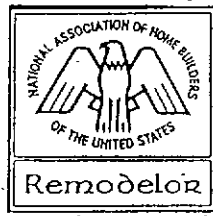
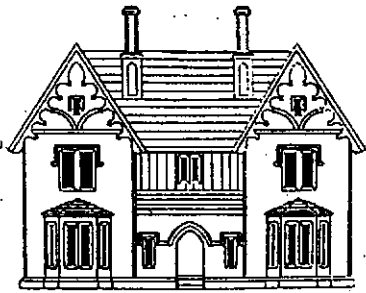
Reduce the amount of energy used by the water heater by wrapping hot water pipes in insulation and installing a water heater insulation blanket around the tank.

Help make a home stand out in the crowd

A common characteristic of housing developments is the uniformity of the houses. Making a house look unique, what realtors call "curb appeal," is usually remarkably simple to achieve.

One method is an overall painting, which can revitalize a home faster than almost any other improvement.

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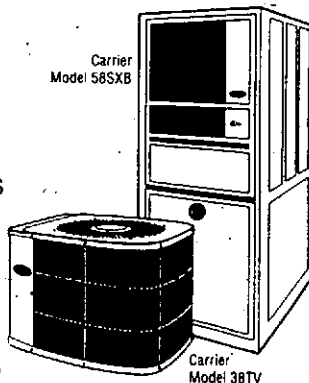
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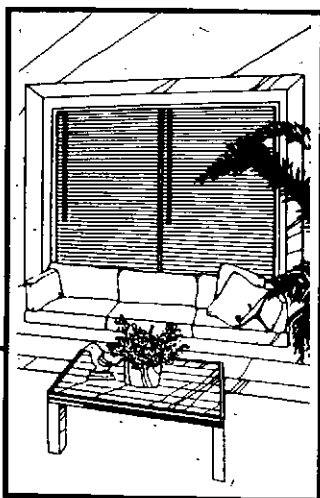
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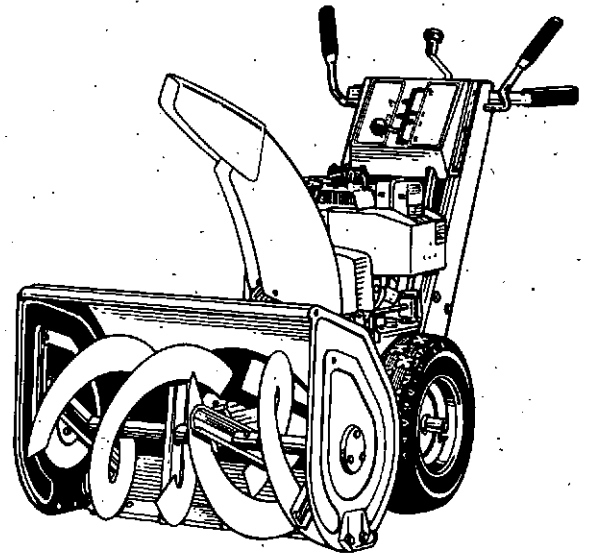
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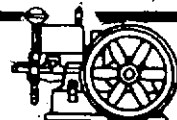
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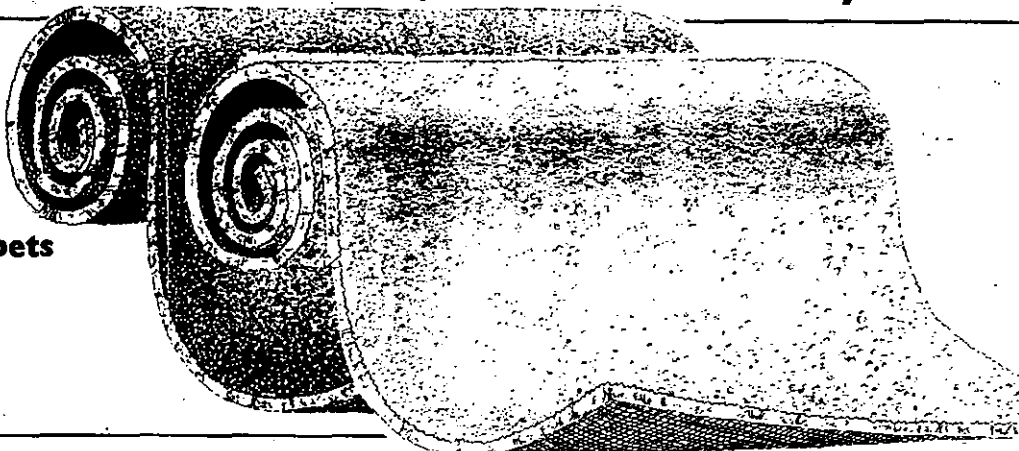
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