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## A shoo-in



Second grader Kimberly McGall and sixth grader Maria Kolber are a model of inter-grade cooperation during the three-legged race at the St. Thomas School field day in Delmar Friday. Elaine McLain

## Board expected to reconsider homestead tax

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem Town Board will meet to discuss the impact of the homestead law at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at town hall. The fate of homestead, which was narrowly approved earlier this year, is likely to be decided at this meeting.

A 10-page memorandum recently prepared by Assessor Brian Lastra indicates that a tax hike of approximately 10 percent could be expected for farms and businesses if homestead remains on the

□ HOMESTEAD/page 11

## Bethlehem taxes dip thanks to county hike

By Mel Hyman

Albany County's misfortunes are proving beneficial for Bethlehem taxpayers.

Town property taxes are expected to decrease by about 2.5 percent next year, thanks in part to the additional one percent sales tax recently enacted by the county.

Even though appropriations for the general fund, and the highway department will likely increase 6.2 percent in 1993, the overall tax rate should decrease. The all-Republican town board still has to review and make changes in the tentative budget announced Monday by GOP Supervisor Kenneth Ringler, but no major revisions are expected in the \$8.4 million document.

The one thorny issue facing the town board is what to do about the homestead



Ringler

provision. A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7, to discuss whether or not to retain the law.

With homestead removed from the books, the new town tax rate for the general fund is expected to be about \$.54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The tax rate for the town's highway fund should be about \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

These rates are totally different from last year's because of the town's changeover to full value assessment.

Fears that full value would cause homeowner taxes to rise significantly caused the town board to pass the homestead provision last spring.

With homestead in effect, the tax rate for one, two and three-family homeowners would be \$.50 per \$1,000 and the non-homestead tax rate — for businesses, farms, commercial establishments and utilities — would be \$.61 per \$1,000 for the

□ TAXES/page 16

## High school student's mom irate over 'school cover-up'

By Mel Hyman

The mother of a 16-year-old junior at Bethlehem Central High School who was allegedly pummeled in the hallway just before school last week, says the incident is no fluke.

"The Friday before my kid got beat up there was another fight," said Therese Doherty. "The school was aware of that. The day after my son got his nose broken, they shoved this other kid around who was a friend of my sons. I'm totally ap-

palled. Since this thing happened a police car has been hanging around outside school.

"There is stuff going on there," she continued. "This is Bethlehem. Are we supposed to worry all day while our kids are in school?"

Erik Doherty reported to police last Wednesday that he was attacked on his way to homeroom at about 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday Sept. 22.

□ MOM/page 11

## Drinking, driving stats still high despite tough laws

By Michael Kagan

Part one of a three-part series

Ponder this the next time you hop in your car on a weekend night — one in every four cars on the road is likely to be operated by someone who has been drinking.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) reported that three percent of passenger vehicle drivers on weekend nights in 1986 had blood alcohol concentration at or above .10 percent, the legal limit for driving while intoxicated in New York. Twenty-five percent had at least some alcohol in their blood.

Drunk driving nationally has not declined much since the 1970s. The percentage of drivers killed in traffic accidents

with BAC's of .10 or greater has remained at about 40 percent since 1987, according to IIHS studies, and was at 39 percent in 1991.

"DWI is a crime and it has a tragic effect on the families, the police who have to inform them, the doctors and nurses in the emergency rooms, the people who have to clean up the wreckage and the blood," said Betty Martin, a Glenmont resident whose daughter Michele Martin was killed by a drunk driver in 1982.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving reported that nearly half of fatal traffic accidents in 1990 were alcohol-related. According to a 1990 report released by the National Highway Traffic

□ DWI/page 16

# Cheerleaders are athletes too, says BC coach

By Emily Church

Although cheerleading is not sanctioned as a sport in New York, Bethlehem's squad leader and coach are adamant that the cheerleaders are as athletic as the participants in any other sport.

"I get so mad when people say that cheerleading is not athletic," said Siobhan Sheehan, a BC junior who is this year's squad leader.

"It really bothers me because we do as much as every sport. Every game we're cheering for two hours. We memorize cheers and chants, and every beat matters. It's really a lot of hard work," she added.

"We train just as hard as any other athlete," said Stephanie Spencer, the varsity coach for three

years and a one-time cheerleader at Union College.

"We stretch, do sit-ups, push-ups, running, cheer aerobics and jumping exercises. There is no reason we shouldn't be called athletes," she argued.

The Eagles' cheerleaders have overcome the negative image that some have of their sport and are always working to support the team, its players and the school, Spencer said.

"We want to raise school spirit, get the people involved, incorporate the crowd in cheers, and psyche up the players," she added.

Sheehan has been cheerleading since she started with Pop Warner eight years ago, as is the case with most varsity cheerlead-

ers.

"The majority of the girls have been cheering since Pop Warner," she said.

About 30 girls try out for the junior varsity and varsity squads, with 15 girls per team. Spencer uses various means for narrowing down the team.

"Technique and cheerleading skills, sportsmanship, spirit, and a strong voice are the main criteria," the coach said.

Once the team has been established, the work begins. There are three "psyche-ups" which are incorporated into the season: cheers, chants and dances. Cheers are used during time-outs, and involve the crowd. Chants are used during the game and are directed at the

players; and dances are the highlight of pep rallies and include music and various stunts.

The girls choreograph about half of the cheers and dances, the other half come from National Cheerleading Camps, which many attend during the summer. Work-

ing on the new routines takes a lot of practice.

"Each cheer takes 45 minutes to learn and get the movements sharp, and a mount takes another 20 minutes," Sheehan said. "A dance takes two to three weeks to learn and perfect."

## Methodist church offers classes

The First United Methodist Church in Delmar is offering four new classes for adults, with sessions set to begin Sunday, Oct. 4.

"The Later Years" will focus on growth in the later years of one's life. Alice Maltbie Crannell, a nurse with a degree in counseling who works as a psychotherapist, will lead the class.

Topics of discussion will include retirement, changes in individual sense of worth, loss of partners, loneliness, financial limitations, aging and death.

"At Issue Today" explores how Christians are facing contemporary challenges to faith and society. Conversation on family values, health care, environmental justice, prayer, violence and sexuality will take place. The class leader will be Rev. Dr. Arleon Kelley, executive director of the state Council of Churches.

"Bible Study" is a 13-week

course exploring new ways of looking at familiar Bible references. The class will be taught by John Flandreau, director of Oikos Ministries in Delmar and an experienced Bible teacher.

"Remembering Guatemala" is a three-week class which will focus on Guatemala's historical, cultural and religious background, as well as the contemporary scene and peace negotiations. A slide-illustrated account of the leader's most recent trip to Guatemala will be reviewed at the last class. Dr. Rudy Nelson, associate professor of English and religious studies at SUNY Albany, will lead the discussion.

The classes all meet from 11 p.m. to noon on Sunday mornings. Child care is available and all interested adults are invited to attend.

For information, call 439-9976.

## PTSA elects officers

Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School recently established a Parent Teacher Student Association. At the first meeting, Jane LeBlanc was elected as president, Juanita Roberts vice president, John Volker, secretary and John Vandriel, treasurer, for the 1992-93 school year.

In attendance at the meeting were Lynn Strnad, director of the Capital District Parent Teacher Association, Donna Crisifulli, president of the A.W. Becker PTA, Linda Kenny, meeting chairperson, Russ Miller, president of the RCS Teachers Association, Andre DeFeo, RCS high school principal, and Tara McKiernan and Seth Roe, officers of the school student government.

Meetings were set for Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3. All meetings will be at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

## Kansas enters county race

Delmar attorney George Kansas has accepted the Democratic nomination for county legislator in the 34th District, which includes most of the town of Bethlehem.

Kansas will face veteran Republican legislator Gordon Morris in the November election.

Kansas said he wants to work to restore true representative democracy by holding quarterly town meetings where residents can meet their legislator face-to-face.

# Weddings With Heart

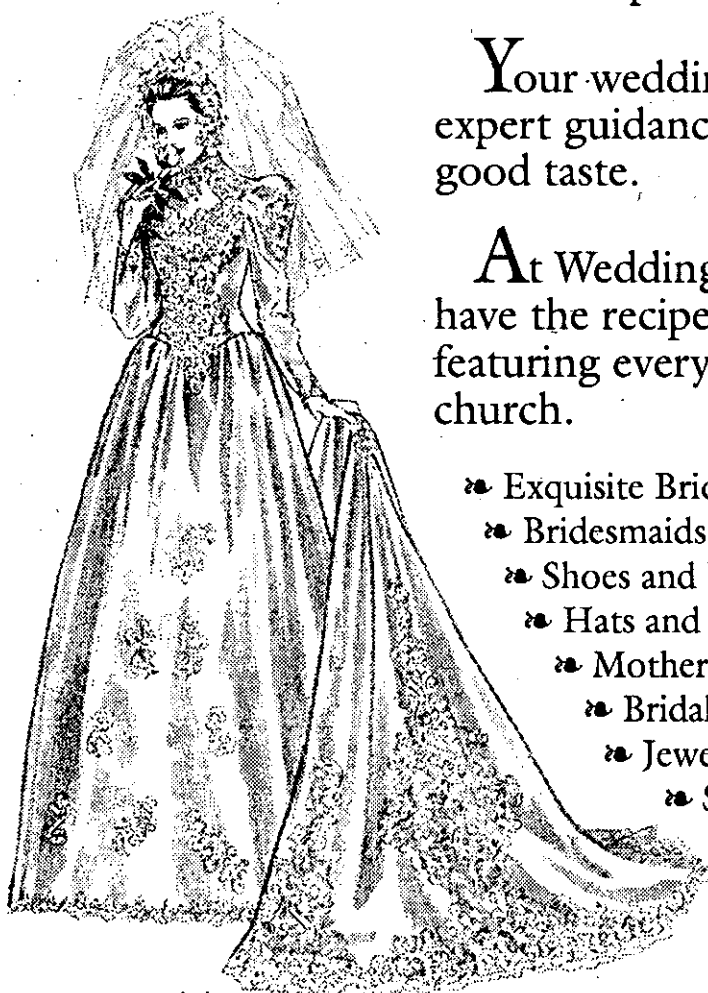
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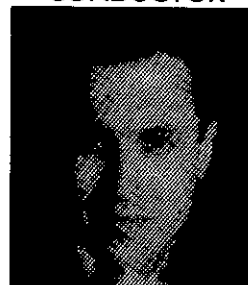


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# Schooling at St. Thomas blends books and faith

By Dev Tobin

As a kindergarten to eighth grade Catholic parochial school, St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar seeks to prepare its students for high school with a solid academic training and a firm foundation in faith, according to longtime Principal Sister Mary Frederick Coyne.

The school enters its 36th year this fall with an enrollment of 237 students, reflecting a steady increase of about 16 percent over the last four years, said Sister Frederick, who has been at the school on Adams Place for 23 years.

The school welcomes just one new teacher this year to its staff of 15 — Linda Heim, a part-time physical education teacher who replaces 32-year veteran Marie Koonce.

One of the highlights of the school's educational program is the joint seventh-eighth grade language arts class, now in its second year.

St. Thomas graduates will be well-prepared academically and socially for high school through their work in the joint class, its teachers say.

The class stresses grammar, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and handwriting, as well as an appreciation and understanding of literature and history through library research, plays, short stories, poetry and novels, according to Barbara O'Brien, one of the teachers.

"The students are reading high

school material already," O'Brien said. "Through the joint class, they also get the opportunity to learn cooperatively and see themselves as a part of the whole school, not just one particular class."

"After they've been together as a class for seven years, they have comfortable expectations about who will answer questions in class," noted teacher Theresa Heilsberg. "It's good for them to mix with students they don't know and the class prepares them for high school, when they will be taking different subjects with different people."

Heilsberg is a social studies teacher, and O'Brien is an English teacher, so they work to design units that cross traditional curricular lines.

For example, as part of a unit on the town of Bethlehem's bicentennial this year, the students will first take a gravestone rubbing of someone who lived 200 years ago.

The joint class also creates more social interaction between seventh and eighth graders.

"At first, all the seventh graders stick to themselves at recess, but after a few weeks, they start to intermingle with the older children," O'Brien said.

Sister Frederick noted that the school's emphasis on basic language skills pays off in success in local essay contests, including four winners in last year's Black History Month contest and 37 winners in the St. Sophia's heritage



Planning Friday's field day are (seated, from left) St. Thomas student council members Liz Waniewski, Kevin Smith and Taza Schaming, along with (standing, from left) teacher Barbara O'Brien and Principal Sister Mary Frederick Coyne. Elaine McLain

contest.

For Heilsberg, the strong academic foundation of the school

goes hand-in-hand with religious teaching.

"The reason we're here is to

teach the faith, because once children have a moral base, they are ready to learn," she said.

## LUMAC blueprint seeks balance between building, open space

By Mel Hyman

Protecting the abundance of open space in the southern section of town will be a primary thrust of the town's master plan, currently edging toward completion.

Bethlehem has never had a master plan before. A study was done in the early 60s, but no plan

was ever adopted.

The current document, in the works since the Land Use Management Advisory Commission was formed in March 1989, is moving ahead on target and is expected to be ready for review next March.

"Basically it will be a blueprint for development and preservation," said LUMAC chairman Jeff Lipnicky. "We're wrapping up the existing conditions report, which includes an inventory of traffic, natural resources, housing stock and the like, he said.

The report will recommend what areas of the town should be developed and at what density, Lipnicky said. At the same time, "we'll be looking at ways to conserve our open space."

The town has been in the midst of a development surge for several years now and the trend shows no sign of abating despite the nationwide recession.

"Lately we've seen a lot of development in North Bethlehem. That's been the most active part of town," Lipnicky said.

There also have been a lot of proposals — mostly for single family homes — in southern sections of town, including properties along Glenmont, Wemple Road, Feura Bush Road and the Route 9W corridor.

"One of the objectives of the report is make sure the whole town isn't developed and we can preserve the rural character of the town," he said.

There should be plenty of opportunities for public input before the town board considers adoption, he said. When — or if — it's accepted, it will be up to the planning board and town board to implement its recommendations through new subdivision regulations, changes in the zoning code and adoption of an official town map.

## Hoblock speaks out before chamber

By Susan Graves

Albany County Executive Michael Hoblock is taking his case for change in the county charter to the modern-day cracker barrel luncheons at local chambers of commerce and various local civic groups.

He told a recent gathering of the Bethlehem chamber that he has "no control" over most county-related matters. County control, said Hoblock, rests in the hands of 39 part-time legislators.

Hoblock lamented the unique structure of county government, saying that it operates like no other in the state. There is no system of checks and balances under the current county charter, he said, which

renders the county executive powerless when it comes to hiring and firing and implementing decisions. "The \$311 million budget is all run by 39 part-time individuals," he said. Consequently, according to Hoblock, trying to operate the government is "almost impossible."

As a result, problems like improvement of the Albany County Airport can get grounded easily, according to Hoblock. Though no one denies improvements are sorely needed at the facility, for example, airport renovations have been sent back to square one by a sudden action of the legislature, he said.

"We need improvements — I can show you what needs to be done — yesterday," Hoblock said.

Six months ago Hoblock formed a steering committee that had been meeting with airline principals. He said the committee and the airlines had come close to an agreement, but that the deal was undercut when it was presented to the legislature.

"The airlines kept saying, 'Who's in charge?' and it's very difficult to answer except to send

them 40 people," Hoblock said.

"I put together a steering committee which met once a week, and we were moving it forward. ... I thought we just about had it together, and in the quiet hours, the legislature said 'Let's throw it to the voters for a referendum.'"

Legislator Robert Reilly proposed the referendum, and the legislature approved it by voice vote. "First of all, I agree this is a good example of the need for charter reform," Reilly said. The problem is that too many groups without authority have been making their own recommendations about the airport, but the fact remains, "Right now the authority lies with the legislature," he said.

"We have a responsibility to get this done and get it done in the right way," Reilly said. "Everybody realizes the present system is not working."

But putting the airport question up for referendum undermines the steering committee's effort, Hoblock said. "You can imagine what that's done to our credibility," with the airline representatives, he said.

The bottom line for Hoblock, the first Republican to lead the county in 70 years, is changing the structure of county government. "My position is very clear. If we keep it in political hands, it ain't going to work."



Hoblock

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## New Scotland Dems win Conservative nod

Continuing an Albany County tradition, two New Scotland Democrats won the Conservative line on the November ballot in this month's Sept. 15 primary.

Thomas Dolin outpolled Acting Town Justice Robert Johnson III 32-11 for the Conservative line in the town justice race, according to unofficial Board of Elections figures.

Dolin will also appear on the Democratic line and an Independent line on the November ballot, and Johnson, appointed last November to replace retiring Justice Don Chase, will run as a Republican and an Independent.

In the Conservative primary for the 38th County Legislative District, incumbent Democrat Charlie Houghtaling of Feura Bush defeated Republican Annette Plouffe of Westerlo 11-3, according to the unofficial tally.

The 38th District includes Feura Bush, Clarksville and New Salem in New Scotland, and the Town of Westerlo.



# Treasures, tidbits captured in book

By Mel Hyman

In case you're a history buff or maybe just interested in knowing a little more about this picturesque little town you're living in, there's a treasure in store for you called *Bethlehem Revisited: a Bicentennial Story 1793-1993*.

Where else can you get more than 400 pages of rich Americana generously illustrated with several hundred photographs, maps and drawings. Seems like a lot to say about a town that most of us use to sleep in, drop off the kids for soccer practice or pick up a bag of bagels along with the Sunday paper.

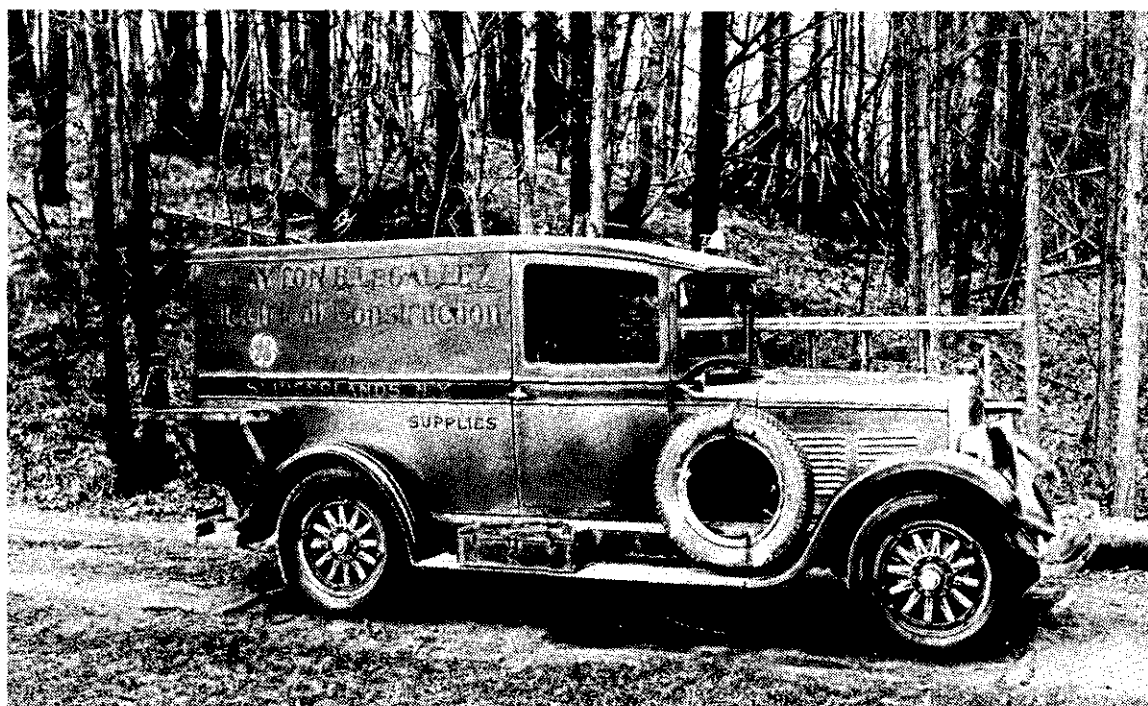
If you're not already aware of it, next year is the town's 200th birthday, and a lot has happened since the first settlers decided to meet and decide who would be mayor.

A crew of dedicated townsfolk, with Floyd Brewer at the helm, has been diligently picking out the highlights from the past two centuries and it has not been an easy task.

Just think about all the spicey things that must have happened along the way. In just the past year alone we had a garbage incineration controversy that had some people on the verge of a conniption.

Just to whet your appetite, Brewer has provided *The Spotlight* with some choice tidbits from the book.

A couple of hundred years ago we're told, "brandy was cheap in the Dutch period, rum in the English and the consuming of these beverages or beer took the place of the modern coffee break. Many workmen were in a state where their work was unreliable



As this photo from *Bethlehem Revisited* implies, Slingerlands wasn't always upscale homes and modern highways. If you had an electrical problem apparently Mr. LeGalez was the one to call.

before noon and by mid-afternoon any work at all was impossible." Oh, for the good old days.

Not all politicians are lawyers of course and to prove a point, the bicentennial history reminds us "the office holder with the longest period of service was John M. Oliver, who served from 1942 to 1959. Born in Slingerlands in 1887, his career after graduation from Slingerlands public school included operating a dairy business, playing semi-professional baseball, military service as a combat soldier in the Argonne Forest of France and an automobile salesman."

Did you know that Henry Hudson anchored just north of

Bethlehem on Sept. 17 and returned to Europe on Sept. 23? If you're not sure what year it was then you really have to order this book.

For all those farmers in hock because of the \$80,000 tractor sitting in the barn, take comfort. Back in the 18th century "preparing the soil for cultivation was ... arduous task. Plowing required a workhorse or oxen to be harnessed to a one-blade wooden plow — a simple but valuable instrument. Gradually, this implement was improved by making the section in front of the wooden moldboard of bare iron, thereby allowing the hog plow to penetrate the soil easier than its predecessor."

And for those agnostics among us count your lucky stars that you weren't around in 1632. During that year the patroon Kiliaen van Rensselaer "instructed the Rensselaerwyck sheriff that the inhabitants of the colony shall not ne-

glect to invoke the name of the Lord, and every Sunday and on the usual holidays they shall come together to read aloud some chapters from the Holy Scriptures, for which purpose a Bible is herewith sent to them."

The pre-publication price of *Bethlehem Revisited* is \$20 if an order is placed by Dec. 16 at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office.

## Church hosting turkey dinner Oct. 10

The Clarksville Community Church will host an old fashioned turkey dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10, with servings at 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

The dinner includes roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, rolls, beverages and home made pies.

Prices are \$7.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for children younger than 5.

For information, call 768-2164.

## BC student named outstanding musician

Nicholas Sattinger of Delmar was recently named an outstanding musician by the faculty and staff of the New York State Music Camp and Institute at Hartwick College in Oneonta.

The award is a substantial scholarship toward attendance at the New York State Music Camp and Institute in 1993 and is given annually to those campers who have made exceptional musical contributions to the program.

A vocalist and pianist, Sattinger is a student at Bethlehem Central High School.

## Five Rivers offering workshops for leaders

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar is offering a Project WILD workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Open to teachers and youth leaders, the program will introduce environmental education programs which emphasize water and creatures that inhabit it.

For information, call 475-0291.

## Nature program set at Five Rivers center

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, will offer a family oriented nature program on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m.

Led by center naturalists, this indoor/outdoor program will focus on fall changes and offer suggestions for things families can do outside in autumn.

The free program is open to the public. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, call 475-0291.

## Attorney to present on estate planning

Attorney Louis H. Pierro will present a seminar on elder law and estate planning at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m.

Pierro chairs the Albany County Bar Association Elder Law Committee and is an adjunct professor at Siena College.

For information, call 439-9314.

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# NS hearing turns to talk of roads and engineers

By Dev Tobin

A town board public hearing on procedural changes to New Scotland's subdivision ordinance evolved into a discussion on why the town forbids private roads.

"Has there been any consideration of allowing private roads for homeowners' associations?" asked Karen Moreau of Unionville. "Private roads might be one way to preserve the town's rural character."

"There are a couple of private

roads in town, and people are not too happy with them," responded Board Member Craig Shufelt. "They want the town to take the road over, and then we wind up

that one of the private roads in town, at Indian Ladder Estates, has been the subject of numerous complaints because of its run-down condition, but "The road is

need to have the town's consulting engineer review major subdivision plans and infrastructure improvements like roads and water systems.

"Why should I have to pay to have the town's engineer review my engineer's work?" she asked.

"Our man works for us, and your man works for you," explained Board Member Dick Decker. "Ours is a review function, not a design function."

While the ban on private roads and the provision that the applicant pay for the town's consulting engineer are embodied in the current law, the amended regulations will streamline minor subdivisions, according to Building Inspector Paul Cantlin.

"For subdivisions of less than four lots that are properly zoned, applicants can just go through the building department and not have to go before the planning board," he explained.

"This procedure reduces the timeframe for minor subdivisions, but if a subdivision was unacceptable before, it is still not acceptable," Shufelt said. "The quicker process will help both the buyer and the seller."

Developer Bob Iovanella called the new rules "a very well-written and concise document" and suggested that the town allow partial bonding for just the top course of pavement on subdivision roads.

Decker responded that fees and bonding are dealt with in a separate ordinance.

"The town board will consider adopting the revised ordinance at its November meeting in order to allow the county planning board an opportunity to comment, Reilly said.

The town board is also reviewing amendments to the zoning law regarding enforcement, and plans a public hearing in October on that matter, the supervisor noted.

## Private roads might be one way to preserve the town's rural character.

Karen Moreau

having to maintain someone's Rube Goldberg road."

Supervisor Herb Reilly noted

too steep to meet town specifications."

Moreau also questioned the

## V'ville considers selling, leasing village property to raise money

By Dev Tobin

To help ease the village's budget crunch, the Voorheesville Board of Trustees discussed selling the lot its salt pile used to sit on and leasing the house next to village hall at a special meeting Saturday afternoon.

The village bought the small one-family house between village hall and the ambulance building for \$75,000 last year for potential use as office space, Mayor Edward Clark explained.

In a letter to the village, the owner of Serendipity Day Care Center on Grove Street, Jill DePasquale, expressed an interest in the property as a satellite center for infants.

The board seemed receptive to the idea of leasing the building, since the village is not likely to be able to afford to renovate it into offices any time soon.

"We all know we won't have the

money to fix the building for the next three to five years," said Trustee Susan Rockmore.

Clark described the day care facility as a "very limited use that would provide a needed service to residents at no cost to the village."

DePasquale said the proposed infant center would serve six to 10 children. "The next step for us is to go inside and see what needs to be done to get the building ready," she added.

Another factor in her decision will be the terms of the lease, DePasquale noted.

Clark said the village "will have to see what the market will bear," and that a portion of the lease payment will go towards paying county, town and school property taxes.

Regarding the 1.4 acre salt pile lot on Voorheesville Avenue, Rockmore said that someone had approached her with a tentative offer to buy the property and build a two-family house on it.

The lot is currently in a single-family residential zone, which may make the offer moot, Rockmore noted.

The board nonetheless expressed an interest in selling the lot, provided any potential problems with salt contamination are understood by the buyer.

The board also approved Local Law #3 of 1992, which amends the zoning law to require a use variance instead of a special use permit before most structures, including satellite dishes and raised bed septic systems, can be placed in front yards.

It is more difficult to obtain a use variance than a special use permit, Village Attorney Don Meacham explained, since applicants must show hardship to get the variance.

In discussing the new law, the board also decided to delete language excluding motor fuel pumps from the definition of a structure.

"It's probably a carry-over from when farms had their own gas pumps out front," noted Deputy Mayor Daniel Reh. "With so many other controls on underground tanks these days, this probably won't be too much of a problem."



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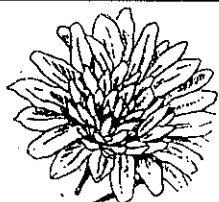
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## Matters of Opinion

### A bonus from effective government

Amid stringencies and uncertainties, Bethlehem's 1993 budget has been determinedly shaped by Supervisor Ringler and department heads into a realistically positive document that — if our tottering economy holds up — should spell relief to most property owners in the town.

The intent, briefly, seems to have been threefold: To enable the town government to continue to function effectively without reduction in services; to grant a modest cost-of-living increase to town employees after an especially lean year — and to make a small but welcome giveback to taxpayers.

The latter action, in an era when governmental costs continue to rise everywhere, reflects significant and strenuous efforts by Bethlehem's government. In effect, the 2.5 percent reduction in real property taxation through the two town-wide funds (general and highway) is possible because of the town's share of the recent county sales tax increase. (Modest increases must be made in the water and sewer funds, which cannot benefit from the sales tax windfall.)

This decision, to include residents in the town's good fortune, can be viewed as justifiable for reasons that include making a gesture to reassure hard-pressed householders that the town truly does recognize indi-

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viduals' problems at least as much as those of the equally hard-pressed government.

The alternatives to such a dividend for taxpayers could have been either greater spending on larger staff raises and on deferred purchases; or salting the sales-tax bonus away with an eye to easing future budgetary squeezes.

Altogether, the tax reduction probably was the more desirable choice — although it must be remembered that, according to the agreement when the sales tax increase was voted, this money will disappear after next Sept. 1.

The effect of our property tax relief is, in essence, a matter of Peter and Paul, for everyone is putting out more money every month in taxable purchases.

Residents with contrary views on the budget will have ample opportunity to voice them at a public hearing to be held on election eve, Nov. 2, at Town Hall. Meanwhile, the Town Board's work sessions on various aspects of the budget (Oct. 19, 20 and 22) are also open to attendance by all interested persons.

### How to get the county's job done

The blue-ribbon, bipartisan commission that County Executive Michael Hoblock charged last spring with responsibility of identifying weak spots in the county's troubled government came up with nearly a dozen "serious deficiencies that require immediate attention and purposeful action."

These cover the spectrum from excess staffing and inefficient operating practices to purchasing decisions, inadequate fiscal controls, and a lack of planning.

But underlying the shortcomings, in the commission's opinion, is their fundamental source: a structural weakness rooted in the county charter as it was framed in the mid-seventies. The fatal flaw?

Failure to give the County Executive "powers commonly granted to chief executives at all levels of government in the United States." Our executive has the responsibility of supervising administration of all departments — but lacks the tools and armament to get that job done. He can't even hire and fire the people whom he must depend on to run the departments effectively — or not. Albany County's Executive apparently is the only one in the state — and perhaps in the country — denied this basic power.

Inasmuch as the necessary prerogatives are reserved to the County Legislature (as they actually were throughout the wild-card tenure of James J. Coyne), it will be up to the

legislators to remedy the costly ills that beset the county's government. This would require a touch of statecraft which the Legislature ordinarily has failed to demonstrate. But, as the commission suggested, improvements in structure, operation, and efficiency should be seen as a non-partisan issue.

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Everyone interested in county affairs has known all along of these fundamental defects. In fact, as the commission discovered, the latest recommendation is not new at all. The same point was made by a "citizens' committee" (appointed by Jim Coyne) in the last months of Daniel P. O'Connell's influence and as Erastus Corning was emerging as his successor. The word went out to the committee: You can make your recommendations — but we will not do anything with them. This priceless heritage has persisted to this day.

This time, the commission hopes that the county's residents will "insist that their elected representatives will take appropriate action." So far, the smoke signals from the Democrats' tepee are not encouraging. They refused to hear Mr. Hoblock's proposal that not only charter review but reform be initiated in 1992. Some other time, was the response.

### 'The tear that comes after . . .

... Junetime's laughter,' as Al Dubin wrote in a bittersweet paean, putting appropriately melodic words in 1939 to Victor Herbert's much older refrain.

Many of us associate Indian summer with the harvest moon or the hunter's moon. One school of thought, which has achieved authentication in dictionaries' rulings, holds that this period of mild weather follows the first frosts of *late* (not early) autumn. Per-

haps the largest group of Indian summer's random considers that any little warming trend after a cool night or two in September must be it.

But all is more erroneous than legendary, the Old Farmer's Almanac now insists: Indian summer, we learn with all the certainty that publication confers, actually has fixed dates, namely from November 11th to 20th.

### Dogs running at large called menace to pets

Editor, The Spotlight:

What are we going to do about unleashed dogs running loose in Bethlehem — actually, even in Delmar and Elmsmere?

I am someone whose valuable Persian cat was accosted and killed on its own property in Elmsmere. Its territory was invaded by two dogs. These dogs form a pack and run just for the sheer pleasure and kill whatever is in their path.

I think it's time something more

### Vox Pop

drastic was done about this situation. Perhaps someone will have a suggestion for the dog warden? These dogs are still running loose.

I can't afford to take this case through the courts. Even though I feel like killing these dogs myself, I realize that their irresponsible owners are the culprits.

Elmsmere Charlotte Wright

### 'In our town of positives we can add one more'

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a town resident for 30 years, I believe the quality of life here to be pleasant and comfortable. Our town government is generally capable and serves its constituents quite well.

There does seem to be, however, a nagging suspicion in the minds of many town residents that we are often a semi-closed community where varied input from other sources is not sought, where non-insider strengths are not explored, and where new approaches are not welcomed.

In November, we will have an opportunity to vote for an independent Town Justice — Tom Dexter. His deep involvement in New York's justice and correction systems (along with his enthusiastic personality) will bring insight, intelligence, imagination, and innovation to our Town Court.

I hope that others who value our town's many positives will give it one more by voting for Tom Dexter, on the Justice Party line, for Town Justice in Bethlehem.

Delmar Constance K. Elliott

### Sportscards shuts shop in style of good sports

Editor, The Spotlight:

Slingerlands Sportscards would like to extend its appreciation to the Town of Bethlehem and the collectors, parents, and children who have supported us in our Slingerlands and Delmar locations.

We are sadly closing our retail operation due to the recession and an oversaturation in the sportscard market. We want to go out on top and in style while we still enjoy the hobby, rather than be forced to close in the future for reasons beyond our control.

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business — as a wholesale distributor, card show dealer, and a source of information for collectors. For wholesale inquiries, card searches, collection liquidations, and the like, feel free to contact us at our same phone, 439-2221.

We have enjoyed our interaction with, and commitment to, the community in the various school, church, and youth-related activities we have sponsored and supported. We will continue to do so.

Again, to any who have enjoyed the thrill of finding their favorite player's card in a new pack or in a showcase at Slingerlands Sportscards, we thank you.

David W. Eck

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## Your Opinion Matters

## Black flies and other pestilence

It's not quite as pesky as a swarm of black flies, but I'm plenty annoyed by the regular infestation by that unasked-for, unwanted bundle of trash that is being dumped on my sidewalk each Tuesday by the Times Union.

I beg their pardon — the T-U itself does not own up to proprietorship of this public nuisance. You will look in vain for the name of the outfit that's really perpetrating the dumping of tons of paper and plastic on the town's sidewalks and lawns. It's all being done in the name of a variety of front organizations, though if you were to look hard enough you could come up with the identity of Capital Newspapers. But the Times Union? No.

Well, I don't wonder at that. The reading-matter content of their throwaway publications is slight, inconsequential, and, well, frankly cruddy. News? Not a speck of it. Commentary? Not unless you would consider "Drop-dead glamour on top for evening" to be an editorial judgment. Information? Does "Shower-sculpture helps you clean up" qualify as informative? I remember when the old Liberty Magazine had a "Reading Time" label for its articles ("Reading

### Uncle Dudley

Time for this story: 8 minutes"). Reading time for the likes of this junk would be "Reading Time: Zero"). It has all been previously discarded by the parent T-U as unpublishable.

The first week of this infestation, I found the plastic bundle hanging on the screen door. But since then, it has been dumped on the sidewalk about 15 feet from the door. Perhaps I should leave it there as a broad hint I don't want it.

And recently, not one bundle but two have been dumped.

Is the proprietor having difficulty disposing of as many bundles as they've promised? Or are the carriers just exercising their God-given prerogative to cheat on their rounds in this additional way?

I'd say that the dumping can't be attributed to the weight of the bundles. At first, I was concerned that additional forests were being

destroyed just to get this stuff into print. I needn't have worried: the ads just aren't there in sufficient volume to keep this enterprise afloat for more than a few months (or weeks). Ordinarily, I haven't been bothering to open the bundles, but one week I did — and I counted a dozen "house ads" (promotions for the product) filling up the scant space for advertising.

While this throwaway business lasts, however, there's the matter of the trash that must be properly disposed of. There's already a glut of disposable items, even of "recyclable" matter. I would think that the managers of solid-waste disposal in the towns must have plenty of objections to the unwanted problem of carting off an additional 20,000-30,000 bundles of mixed paper and plastic.

The bag urges that we recipients keep it away from small children: "The thin film may cling to nose and mouth and prevent breathing."

One thing is certain: The contents will never cling to the brain. But be sure not to inhale.

## Seeking moral strength in a leader

One of the biggest bangs for the reader's buck is "World Monitor," published monthly in Boston. It originates in the same publishing auspices as "The Christian Science Monitor," but except for a quietly philosophical essay in the back of the magazine that is non-exhortative, there is no reference made to the particular religion. The essay in the October issue is entitled "Voting for Honesty." The page on which it appears contains a brief reference to the founder's "mandate" that the "Monitor" "injure no man but bless all mankind."

The essay on voting includes this useful reference: "One way to find the better candidate is to look for someone whose rhetoric comes closest to one's own sense of reality, who is honest to the facts as far as we know them — but above all who displays that deep moral strength that supported Lincoln through his time of testing." In further clarification of this, we read:

"When pollsters ask Americans what qualities they look for in a President, quite a few simply cite

### Magazine review:

#### World Monitor

Lincoln as an example. When pressed to elaborate, some mention the moral strength and inner calm that Lincoln displayed during a period of pervasive national anxiety and pessimism about the future of the country. Their answers seem to center on a hope that the person they elect will operate from some guiding set of moral and spiritual values."

Somewhere in the same firmament is the "cover story," in which Daniel Schorr offers a "Memo to the next President," described as advice on "How to get off to a fast start. . . . How to work on a new New World Order. . . . How to deal with allies who no longer need a superpower President."

The quite brief letter urges the (incoming or continuing) President to recognize that the leaders of other countries — much more

### Constant Reader

than in the past — doubt this country's strength, purpose, and capacity to adapt our policies to a world without a center of gravity — "so you have to move fast to get the world's attention."

I particularly liked this observation: "You must convince the world that, economically and psychologically, America, not either of its candidates, is the Comeback Kid." And,

"Forget everything you said during the campaign about recession and deficit, and whose fault they are. Talk about sacrifice, not about Morning in America. Others know we're in trouble — they want to know if we know it."

The closing counsel is this: "We used to see a world divided into

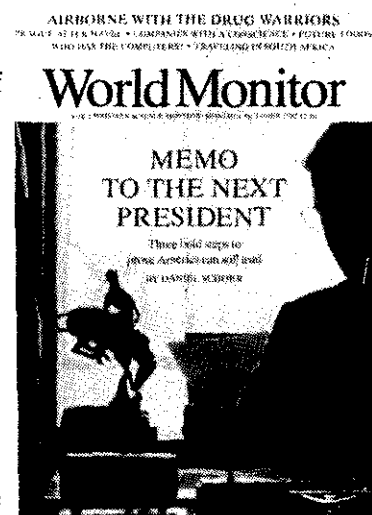
Free and Communist. Now it threatens to be divided into Settled World and Chaotic World. Your administration will have to organize the sane world to help save helpless people from madness."

On the same general theme, the magazine is running a novel competition: inviting readers to enter an "Oval Office Contest" by sending from one to three "priority moves" for the President-elect, using no more than 50 words for each of them. The three winning entries will be published in the Monitor's January issue "in time for presidential speech writers to see the results before they keyboard the next inaugural address." In addition to becoming a published author and a world-renowned thinker, each winner will receive a "World Monitor wristwatch." Entries are to be sent before Nov. 2 to "Oval Office Contest, World Monitor Magazine, One Norway Street, Boston, MA 02115.

Elsewhere in this issue, I got a lot out of an article on "Future Foods," with information on new techniques of processing genetically spliced vegetables for your table. Also, "Drug Warriors," a firsthand report from the battle against Caribbean drug runners. And, "Is There Life After Havel?" a letter from Prague by a returning native.

Actually, I had been hoping to write a column about the September "Monitor" and its fine article, "Was This Recession Really Necessary?" Look it up if you have a chance; otherwise, perhaps I can be of assistance in locating it. (Call or write "Constant Reader" at The Spotlight.)

World Monitor's cover price is \$2.50; they offer a year's subscription for \$18. (Box 11267, Des Moines 50347-1267).



## Mother Earth herself helps colds, allergies

The contributor of this Point of View is the Membership Associate for the Environmental Planning Lobby, a private group that works to protect New York's environment. She enjoys mountain biking and music, and became deeply interested in herbal healing after being formally introduced to the subject a few years ago while working in a health food store. She wrote on this topic recently for the Home Environment page of EPL's "Albany Report"

By Amy Karpel

I don't know many people who escaped the allergy season unscathed this year. However, I do know that anyone can find natural, herbal alternatives to orthodox allergy and cold medicines. For that, I feel fortunate.

Not only are herbal treatments relatively inexpensive and accessible to anyone who has a local food co-op or health

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food store, their effectiveness has been appreciated for thousands of years and shared by many cultures. Native Americans have always considered healing herbs to be mental and spiritual, and many would agree that there is a connection between physical and mental well being. Herbal combination remedies promote both because they are not drastic and they don't produce any unknown side effects.

Herbal combinations are believed to go to the root of the problem and treat its cause, while many orthodox and prescription drugs work only to treat the symptoms. In the case of allergy sufferers, symptoms might mean sinus congestion, itchy eyes, even asthma — but the allergy itself is the result of the body's reaction to foreign matter or a buildup in toxins. Herbal treatment cleanses the body of the problem, attacking both the symptoms and cause.

With today's vast environmental problems, allergies are particularly a problem, considering that our bodies' immune systems are contending with dirty air, soil, and water. Here are some suggestions for cold and allergy sufferers who would like to treat themselves with gifts from Mother Earth herself:

**Garlic:** Fresh garlic has amazing antibiotic properties and is excellent for fighting allergies, colds, and bronchial problems.

**Echinacea** (echinacea augustifolia): The roots of this plant are used to stimulate the immune system, cleanse, and resist infection.

**What is offered on supermarket shelves for cold and allergy sufferers tends to consist of unfamiliar chemicals — an all-too common problem in an environmental sense. (What is that stuff, anyway?)**

**Black Cohosh** (cimicifuga racemosa): Because of its natural sedative qualities, this herb is suggested to treat asthma and bronchitis, and helps to loosen mucus in the respiratory system.

**Pleurisy Root** (asclepias tuberosa): The root of this plant is used as an expectorant and helps to clear out the respiratory system and treat difficult breathing.

**Chaparral** (larrea divicata): The leaves and the stems are a great herbal antibiotic and excellent for helping colds and the respiratory system.

**Horehound** (Marrubium vulgare): This herb is used as an expectorant (excellent for children) and helps to loosen congestion in the chest, and treat lung and respiratory problems, and therefore is excellent for asthma, bronchitis, coughs, and colds.

**Ephedra** (Ephedra species): Commonly used to dispel problems associated with hay fever such as itchy eyes, runny nose, and a tight chest. It is usually taken as a tea.

**Fennel** (Foeniculum vulgare): Dried leaves and fruit are sometimes used as an expectorant or cough syrup because it is believed to relax the smooth muscles. It can be taken in the form of capsules or as a tea which tastes much like licorice.

**Spearmint** (Mentha viridis): Taken by inhaling fumes from a tea, it may help clear a stuffy nose and loosen mucus in the bronchial tubes

## Your Opinion Matters

## Genuine involvement by parents is vital

Editor, The Spotlight:

The loss of a child has again struck our community and it is especially tragic because alcohol abuse was involved. Through my extensive contacts with youths in the community as a soccer coach, scout leader, former church youth advisor (and with teens of my own) the reaction was one of sympathy — but the consistent, blunt assessment in this situation was not one of surprise. Of course there are no guarantees that some night any parent might get sad notification of a similar tragic accident. The best kids can wind up in the wrong place at the wrong time. Will this recent death make any difference? As in the past, this tragedy should, and probably will, lead to a spate of evaluation and criticism of our school and community drug and alcohol abuse programs. But again the blunt feedback I have gotten from our youth has been consistent and surprisingly cynical.

Parental attitudes and behavior say more than additional lectures on substance abuse. Many tolerate or even condone underage drinking at home with the capitulating rationale that they would rather have them drink at home instead of elsewhere. Presumably "elsewhere" is not someone else's home which limits the

party to just siblings, right? No! One set of parents were even quite proud that they collected car keys as kids arrived and required anyone who was drunk (by what definition, I don't know) to ride home with someone sober or stay overnight.

Some argue that we are hypocrites by not allowing our kids to drink. Drunk adults do a good enough job of slaughtering innocent people on the highways without having to recruit invincible youth. Just because we can't control drinking among ourselves as adults is no rationale to permit it among our youth.

*Did the death of a teenager from drunk driving have any impact on our behavior as adults? If not, how can we hope to get that message across to our kids?*

The point is that underage drinking, and driving while intoxicated at all ages, are illegal for very good reasons. Those providing liquor to minors are breaking the law. Where the liquor is coming from and where the parties are being held is usually no deep secret. Even the good kids can find out without much effort. But who wants to rat on a bunch of kids who are just having a good time? Who wants to get a kid in trouble with the law? Who wants to tell parents that their child is

dead or has killed someone else?

Another consequence of the recent accident undoubtedly will be a call for increased communication with, and activities for, our youth. Again parental attitudes are so important. Kids aren't stupid. They can clearly tell the difference between interest because there just happened to have been a crisis or because their parents really care about them day in and day out. Lines of communication are not built overnight and even the best kids will roll their eyes and feign boredom when parents announce that it's "time to have a serious discussion."

*As has been shown in many studies, parental interest and involvement is the single most important factor related to youth participation and success. This is what establishes lines of communication when it's time to have those serious talks.*

Our community has ample opportunities for youth activities and communication. The question is whether we encourage our kids to participate and, more importantly, support them when they do. I have seen tremendous support from many families within our community.

On the other hand, I have observed a disturbingly frequent lack of interest among many parents, especially among professionals whose interest in their children does not extend beyond their checkbook.

Is it any wonder that many parents don't know what their kids are doing, where they are, or who they associate with? Is it any wonder that many kids drop out, disappear, and get into trouble?

Delmar

Frank L. Rice

## Artists rue theft of works

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is to report the theft of three oil paintings taken from the Bethlehem Public Library Adult Education Art Exhibit held this month.

One was of a little girl in blue standing next to a bushel basket of apples. Another was of a woman wearing a white lacy hat. And a third was of four horses at breakfast in a barn with snow falling outside.

This thief not only took the paintings but hurt all the painters. Everyone takes such pride in what

they have accomplished, and joy in looking at them in their own homes.

If anyone should see these pictures, they will realize they are looking at stolen property and should notify the police.

(Name submitted)

### Word for the week

**Impecunious:** Having no money, poor, penniless. But "pecunious," which in its day meant "rich," is now regarded as obsolete and has no place in the dictionary.

## Karpel

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These are just a few of the herbs available to help with allergies, but their use doesn't stop there. In fact, herbal healers can be found to treat just about any disorder. The wonderful thing about using herbal formulas is that they stimulate the body's natural defense system and will often promote better health even after you stop taking them.

Unfortunately, as of late, herbal treatments and other nutritional supplements have come under fire from the federal government. Some federal proposals would virtually eliminate a majority of health food stores and make safe, herbal treatments inaccessible to many people.

There is some good news for those who appreciate the treasure of herbal healing. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah has introduced a new bill (S 2835) that would help to stop overly restrictive government regulations denying many people any access to nutritional supplements, including herbs. Ask Senators Moynihan and D'Amato and Representative McNulty to support the "Health Freedom Act of 1992," or ask your food co-op or health food store for more information. . . .

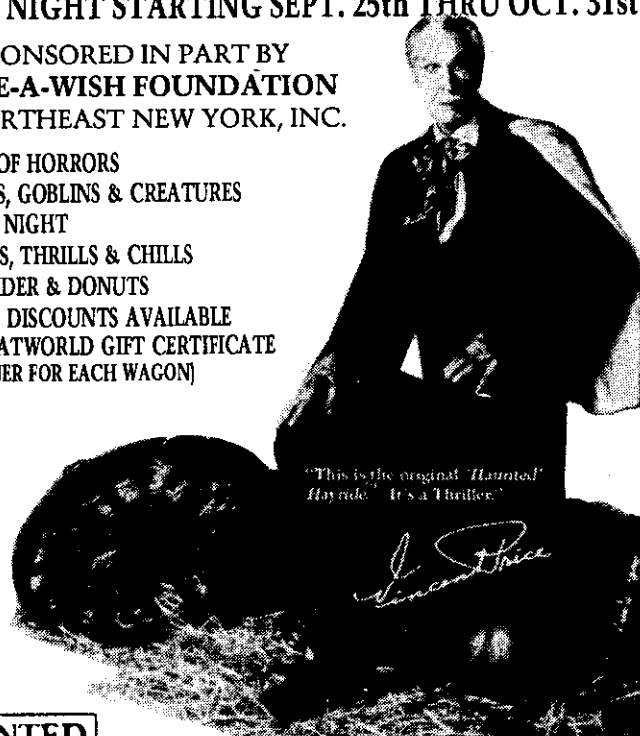
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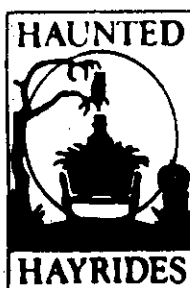
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## Your Opinion Matters

## To manage effectively, County Executive needs more power

On Sept. 22, a special Management Advisory Commission presented a 9,500-word report to County Executive Hoblock and made the report public. Findings and recommendations were made in 15 categories of county government. The Spotlight Newspapers are publishing the 2,500-word "Executive Summary" of the Report. The first segment appears herewith. In the two succeeding weeks, the Commission's findings and the recommendations will be published. The commission was chaired by Paul L. Gioia, and other members were David E. Blabey, Charles B. Buchanan, David R. Cornell, Joseph Gomez, Murray M. Jaros, and Ellen Sax. An editorial concerning the report is published on page 6.

The Management Advisory Commission was appointed by Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., the newly elected County Executive of Albany County, on March 23, 1992. The County Executive requested that the Commission "review the organization, management, and operations of the Executive Branch of Albany County government and its various agencies and make recommendations to improve their effectiveness and efficiency and to strengthen public confidence in Albany County government."

On the basis of its review, the Commission has concluded that the organization, management, and operations of the executive branch of Albany County government suffer from numerous and serious deficiencies that require the immediate attention and the purposeful action of the County Executive, the County Legislature, and the citizens of Albany County.

These include:

- A lack of coordination and communication among county agencies
- A virtual absence of long-

term capital planning, divided fiscal responsibility and inadequate fiscal controls

- Grossly inadequate standards with respect to purchasing and contracting decisions
- Chronically poor administration of civil service requirements
- The lack of coherent personnel policies
- The lack of a coordinated collective bargaining process
- Inadequate control over the provision of legal services, and
- Excess staffing levels and inefficient operating practices in several departments.

While these deficiencies may be addressed to a limited extent by administrative and legislative action, the Commission has concluded that the fundamental source of these problems is a basic structural weakness rooted in the current county charter.

This structural weakness results from the failure to invest the County Executive with the powers commonly granted to chief executives at all levels of government in the United States — powers that are essential to the effective and efficient management of county government.

The county charter designates the County Executive "the administrative head of the county government" and imposes upon him the responsibility to "supervise the administration of all departments of county government."

### Executive Lacks Powers

But it does not provide him with the basic executive powers necessary to effectively exercise those responsibilities.

Most important, the county charter grants the County Legislature, rather than the County Executive, the power to appoint and remove the heads of the various county agencies.

*It is the Commission's understanding that Albany County is the only county in the state — and perhaps the nation — that denies its county executive this basic executive power.*

In 1976, soon after the current county charter was adopted, a Citizens Review Committee was appointed by County Executive James J. Coyne to study the charter. The committee was chaired by Professor Joseph F. Zimmerman of the University at Albany. In its final report, the committee stated:

"It is inconsistent for the charter to make the County Executive accountable for the supervision of all the departments and not to enable him to choose the persons responsible for the day-to-day operations of such departments. In order for there to be consistency within the charter itself, the

Executive should have the power to appoint department heads and once appointed they should serve at his pleasure. If the County Executive is to be held accountable to the voters for the administration of county government, he has to have the necessary tools to carry out such function."

These observations by the Citizens Review Committee are as cogent and as relevant today as when they were made, more than 15 years ago.

### Structure Confuses

The Commission is convinced that the problems it has identified are not primarily the result of the failings of specific individuals or agencies, but the natural consequence of a structure of government that so confuses the legislative and executive functions that effective management of county government and clear accountability for its performance are practically impossible.

*Whatever considerations may have prompted the creation of the existing structure of Albany County government, it cannot be justified by any reasonable view of governmental organization or management and it should not be allowed to continue.*

The Commission is aware that the current county Executive and the majority of the county Legislature are of different political parties and that the issues raised by its report may be viewed from the narrow perspective of partisan political interests. The Commission sincerely believes, however, that improvement of Albany

County's governmental structure, its operation and efficiency, is a non-partisan issue

Whoever is County Executive, whether Democrat, Republican, or Independent, he or she should possess all the powers necessary to effectively manage county government and, in turn, be held accountable for its performance.

### Strengthening Confidence

While the Commission's recommendations would lessen the County Legislature's direct control over county agencies, they would not weaken the County Legislature. Public confidence in both the County Executive and County Legislature would be strengthened by a proper separation of executive and legislative functions.

The people of Albany County would be better served by a strong and independent County Executive and equally strong and independent County Legislature, each performing its responsibilities effectively — and each providing an important check and balance on the power of the other.

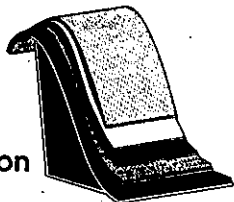
Consequently, the Commission urges the County Executive and the County Legislature to work together to address the issues raised in its report and to reform the county charter. The Commission hopes that its report will encourage the people of Albany County to focus on the important issues concerning their county government and to insist that their elected representatives take appropriate action.

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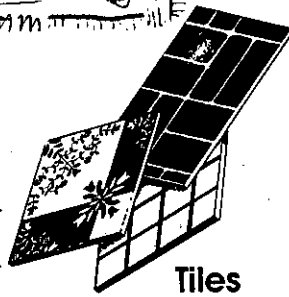
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Photos by Elaine McLain and Michele Bintz



In celebration of its 50th anniversary, the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company hosted the 1992 Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention and Mardi Gras Parade held last week in Feura Bush. Above, Altamont fireman Joe Dover, left, takes a break before marching in Friday's parade, while Onesquethaw volunteers, right, show off their anniversary cake float designed especially for the big event.



Despite cloudy skies, members of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company were in fine form for Saturday afternoon's dress parade.

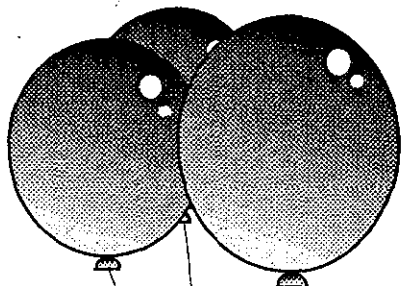


Parades were only part of the fun. Above, Dave Feller, man of the North Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department clowns around at Saturday's carnival.

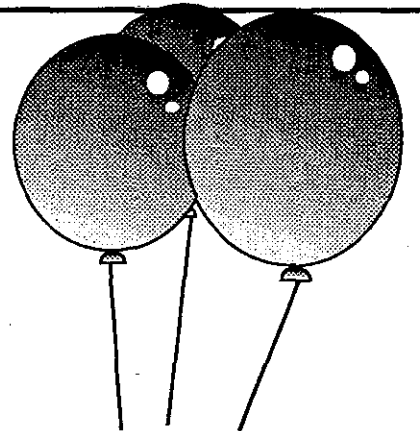


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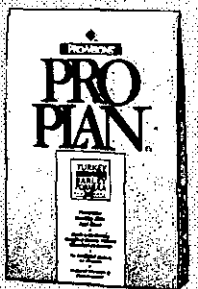
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# Memorial scholarship honors Charles Foster

By Susan Graves

Jardine Group Services has established a scholarship in memory of the late Charles H. Foster, the first business officer of the State University System.

The scholarship, which will provide \$5,000 annually to a son or daughter who New York state public employee, is in recognition of Foster's longtime dedication to improving the working conditions of government workers.

Foster's wife, Peg, said her husband was dedicated to a life of service to others. "He studied to be a Unitarian minister, what he wanted to do all his life is give service," she said. Foster eventually became a Roman Catholic and a member of the Church of St. Thomas Parish Council. He also worked with Bishop Howard J. Hubbard's finance committee. "There were so many things he was dedicated to," Peg Foster said.

To devote his life to various interests, he retired early from his state job, she added. "Nobody could believe he could retire with three kids in college."

In his memorial, James S. Smoot, who worked with Foster at SUNY Central, referred to Foster's compassion and caring. "Those were the qualities woven through the fabric of my memories of Charlie as we talked about societal ills and the efforts to cure them. ... Charlie cared deeply for the people needing help, and the people given responsibility for planning the delivery of that help," he said.

Foster was a founding member



Charles Foster

of the Research Foundation of SUNY, a former president and permanent secretary of the Upper Hudson Association of Phi Beta Kappa, national officer and local division chairman of the American Red Cross, president of the Civil Service Employees retirees and chairman of its pension fund committee.

Foster was also a member of the Pension Justice Committee of the Retired Public Employees Association. That committee, said Sherwood Davies, a member of the committee, "Worked tirelessly in trying to better the lot of retirees — especially those who were hit hardest by inflation."

In 1986, the Fosters established an emergency loan fund for undergraduates at the University of Rochester.

Foster, who died in 1990 of leukemia, was a person more or less open to anyone who needed help, his wife said. "he never turned down a request from anybody."

## Mom

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He said was punched in the face and the medical report from Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released, indicated bruises, contusions and a possible fractured nose, according to Det. James J. Corbett.

Assault charges have been filed against two Bethlehem Central high school students. The police investigation has been completed, and the paperwork forwarded to the Town Court for possible issuance of an arrest warrant, Corbett said.

"It looks to have been very short-lived," Corbett said. "One of the individuals allegedly struck him and then the other individual came up and hit him."

There have apparently been few repercussions among the student population. "He liked to wear these protest shirts, but actually there hasn't been much talk about it at all," said high school junior Jamie Sommerville. "No one really mentioned it until the story in today's paper."

Therese Doherty said there was verbal provocation of some kind and that her son returned to school for the first time yesterday — Tuesday Sept. 29.

"He was very apprehensive and concerned. What I'm really angry about is that no one from the school has called us. Not one person. The police weren't even contacted. The only thing the school is interested in is covering it up" and protecting its image.

Efforts to reach high school Principal Dr. Jon Hunter were unsuccessful.

## Homestead

(From Page 1)

books.

The homestead law was enacted in March to mitigate the effects of revaluation on residential homeowners, whose taxes were expected to rise as a result of the townwide reassessment.

The Oct. 7 meeting will be a workshop session, although the public is welcome to attend.

"Since we passed homestead in March, a whole process has occurred," said Councilwoman Sheila Fuller. "You've had grievances, small claims cases. We want to know how many homeowners had assessment reductions and how many in the non-homestead category had either increases or reductions."

If there is no change in the board's sentiment on homestead, then the law remains on the books and farms, businesses and utilities face a larger tax hike than homeowners.

If the board decides to rescind the local law, then it would have to schedule a public hearing before bringing it up for another vote.

"In order to have a public hearing, one of the yes votes will have to change," Fuller explained.

Asked to forecast the outcome, she quipped, "It's going to be a big secret" until the board meeting next week. Fuller and board members M. Sheila Galvin and Charles Gunner voted in favor of Homestead in March. Supervisor Ken Ringler and board member Fred Webster voted against it.



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# Ravena library names director V'ville church gears up for '92 auction, bazaar

Mary Beth Farr has been named director of the Ravena Free Library. She is a graduate of the School of Information Science and Policy at the University at Albany with a master's in library science.

Farr previously served as an interlibrary loan librarian at the College of Saint Rose Library and has worked at both Russell Sage College and the New York State libraries.

She is replacing Rachel Baum who has taken a position with the Upper Hudson Library System in Albany.

Baum will continue to assist the growth and development of the Ravena Free Library as well as the 26 other member libraries in her new role as general services consultant.

A hands-on presentation of "Creatures that Crawl: New York State's Other Animals" will be hosted by Ken Barnett on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the library. For children of all ages, no registration is required for a half-hour of fun with some furry animals.

## NEWS NOTES

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### Becker reschedules parents nights

Due to some unexpected parking lot work at Becker Elementary School, the large number of automobiles expected at parents' night could not be accommodated, so the schedule has been revised.

The revised scheduled is "Grade-two parents' night will be tonight, Wed., Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. Grade-three is scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. And grade-four is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. Child care will be available at \$1 per child.

### REACH to feature curriculum program

The REACH parent support group is featuring a program on Curriculum Compacting in conjunction with the R-C-S staff.

The in-service workshop will

be on Thurs., Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Church Street.

Dr. Deb Burns from the University of Connecticut will present this special session.

R-C-S REACH teacher Janine Torresson has been assigned to Ravena and Pieter B Coeymans Elementary schools and will be on hand at 7:15 p.m. to meet with parents.

### PARP honors Christopher Columbus

The 1992 Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) Program at Becker Elementary will begin Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at the school with an evening of song and storytelling. The program runs five weeks, through Nov. 5.

The program's "Exploration" theme honors the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to America.

PARP is designed to encourage parents and children of all grade levels, to discover the joy of reading together.

Families participating in this program will sign a contract agreeing to read together at least 15 minutes a day, five days a week. Weekly time sheets will be maintained.

Students completing the contract will receive a book of their choice from the fall book fair and international cafe exhibit.

Volunteers are needed to help in reading, in kick-off activities and at the book fair/international cafe finale. Call 767-9222 for information.

### Board of ed to meet

The next R-C-S board of education meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the board office on 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk. A 6 p.m. work session is also open to the public.

# V'ville church gears up for '92 auction, bazaar

The 1992 Auction Bazaar at church grounds of the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church is set for Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A bake sale, homemade crafts, children's games, while elephant, and snack shack are some of the booths available. Irving Mott is donating his time to be auctioneer at the bazaar.

All items to be auctioned will be on display at 9 a.m., and the auction will begin at 11 a.m.

A new Farmers Market with homemade canned goods, vegetables, plants and more is also slated. Once again the ever-popular used clothing will be on sale and there will be a new booth offering sporting equipment for sale.

### Committee to discuss middle school concerns

The Middle Level Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School in Room 101.

The committee is made up of parents, teachers and administrators and designed to discuss fifth through eighth grade programs and activities.

For information, contact the high school at 765-3314.

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. in the high school library. The committee plans to discuss concerns related to the junior senior high school and to make recommendations to the principal.

For information, call 765-3314.

## NEWS NOTES

**Voorheesville**  
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### Nursery school children to get acquainted

On the first day of nursery school Tuesday, Oct. 6, children and parents will visit Rosemary Pakenas, nursery school teacher and Terri Mirabelle, teacher's aide.

The children will meet other children and acquaint themselves to their "cubbies" and the Voorheesville Community Nursery School at the social hall of the First United Methodist Church. Classes are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday either from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Homecoming weekend begins Friday, Oct. 2

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will hold Homecoming Weekend starting Friday, Oct. 2. Students will have an all-sports pep rally and bonfire behind the Legion Hall at 7 p.m. at the Village Park.

### Sporting events set Saturday

Sports enthusiasts will be in for a treat on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 9 a.m. for cross country races to be held at the Schenectady Invitational. At 10 a.m., the boys soccer team will have a home game against Watervliet High School, and at 1:30 p.m. the Voorheesville football team will challenge Tamarac High School. The community is invited to all events.

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# Peek into censored books at town library

By Dev Tobin

What do the Emperor Augustus, the medieval papacy, Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union and too many American schools and libraries have in common?

They have all banned books, as the National Banned Books Week display at the Bethlehem Public Library illustrates.

There have been no recent controversies at the library over censorship, according to Anna Jane Abaray, public relations librarian.

"The freedom to read is a basic constitutional right that librarians consider to be very important," Abaray said.

The "List of Books Some People Consider Dangerous" compiled by the American Library Association accompanies the display and runs to more than 40 pages, with some deliciously ironic listings.

For instance, censorious dislike of Ovid's *The Art of Love* stretches from the Roman Empire, where Augustus banished the ribald poet in 8 A.D., to an expected proscription by the Roman Catholic Tridentine Index in the Middle Ages, and ends with the book being seized by U.S. Customs in 1929.

The distinction between the "free world" and totalitarian regimes is sometimes blurred when viewed through the lens of censorship.

Voltaire's *Candide*, for example, was suppressed in the Soviet Union in 1935, and U.S. postal authorities in 1944 warned a bookseller that advertising *Candide* in a catalog would violate regulations against sending obscene matter through the mails.

Even a book about book-banning, Nat Hentoff's *The Day They*

*Came to Arrest the Book*, was challenged in 1991 in the Albemarle County, Va., schools because of its "inflammatory" attitude towards authority.

While some of the listings are historically curious, others result from offenses to "politically correct" sensibilities.

The listing for Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is both historically interesting and illuminating of current events.

Entries from the 19th century note that the book was banned in Concord, Mass., as "trash suitable only for the slums," and ex-

cluded from the Brooklyn Public Library's children's room on the grounds that "Huck not only itched but scratched, and he said sweat when he should have said perspiration."

Dozens of citations from the late 1950s to the present tell of censorship based on Twain's repeated use of the word "nigger."

Presence of the "n" word also led to censoring Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind* by the Anaheim, Calif., schools in 1978 and the Waukegan, Ill., schools in 1984.

Many of the books censored nationally are for young people,

but the Bethlehem Library has not had many complaints lately, according to Beverly Provost, head of children's and young adults' services.

"There was a lot of fuss when books started to present a franker discussion of sex, but it blew over," Provost said. "Most of the censorship pressure comes in the schools, not in public libraries."

If parents have a problem with a children's book, they are asked to fill out a form specifying their concern, Provost explained.

"We get occasional verbal complaints, but people rarely go through with the form," she said.

## Coward comedy



Starring in "Fumed Oak," a Noel Coward one-act-comedy, are the Rev. Richard Reynolds and Carolyn Savery. The play will be presented as dinner theater at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church Oct. 9 and 10 at 6:30 p.m.

## NS history group hears Feura Bush talk

The first meeting of the Town of New Scotland Historical Association will be Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The program will be a slide show presented by Robert Parmenter, town historian on Feura Bush and the historic district which surrounds the village.

Officers for the 1992-93 season are: Ann Eberle, president; Charles Clarke, vice president; Mark King, treasurer; Ann Richards, recording secretary; and Ethel Smith, corresponding secretary.

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# Banned materials on display

Books that have been challenged or banned from American schools and libraries in the past and present are on display at the library during National Banned Books Week.

The observance affirms Americans' freedom to read, a guaranteed First Amendment right.

The event is sponsored annually by the American Library Association and a coalition of organizations representing American bookstores, publishers, journalists, authors and the Library of Congress.

A complete list of challenged books and the reasons they were challenged is part of the display.

Books objected to in the last year include the *Official Catholic Directory* which a complainant said was a "religious" book purchased with public funds, books about Halloween as "satanic," Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and *Tom Sawyer* because they were "racist," and four children's

picture books based on the story of Noah's Ark, because they differed from the biblical account.

Head of Children's and Young Adult Services Beverly Provost announced this week that the friends of the Bethlehem Public Library have donated a remote lapel microphone for use with the library's recently updated community room sound system. "This new piece of equipment will enhance the sound quality of children's programs for large groups," she said.

The lapel mike is also available for use by community groups using the facility.

Several holiday-theme programs for children and young adults are scheduled in October. The short films "Dragon Stew," "The Witch Who Was Afraid of Witches" and "Lonesome Ghosts" will be shown for preschoolers at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 and 3. No registration is necessary for the 40-minute program.

Back by popular demand are "Not for the Faint of Heart," the library's scary storytelling fest for students in grades-five and up, on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. and

"Boo!," the annual Halloween gathering where preschoolers, ages 3-6, can show off their costumes on Friday, Oct. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 31, at 10:30 a.m. Please call to register.

While waiting for Halloween, students in grades-six and seven are invited to get serious—about school that is. The library is offering a one-session "Study Survival Course" on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.

Bob Carte of the Colonie Youth Center will cover topics such as time management, taking notes, listening and test-taking skills, and how to write a great paper. Librarians will work separately with parents, showing them how to assist their children with research in the library.

Students and parents are encouraged to sign up together for the course, co-sponsored by the library and Bethlehem Networks Project.

All library programs are free and open to the public. For information or to register for a program, call the Children's Room at 439-9314.

Anna Jane Abaray

# Literary series to begin

By Susan Graves

Helen Adler is just as excited about presenting her ninth lecture series at the Bethlehem Public Library as she was about her first.

"I'm just so delighted that these people have shown how they can use their minds," she said. Adler, who retired from Bethlehem Central after 23 years in the English department, chooses books for the literary series that she said she herself wants to read or re-read.

Some of the titles for this year are Stendhal's *The Charterhouse of Parma*, Henry James' *The Princess Casamassima*, Charles Dickens' *Hard Times* and George Eliot's *Middlemarch*. "These are books people do not ordinarily pick up on their own."

Moving from the school to the adult arena provided a chance to reach a different audience. "I felt it would be nice to move on to another audience," she said.

That audience, Adler feels could offer a lot to younger students. "It would be wonderful for kids to see a sense of a love of learning," among the adults—some of whom are in their '80s—who have attended the series.

In 1973 at Bethlehem Central, Adler had introduced an elective



Helen Adler

advanced placement course focussing on the novel. "It was therapy. Kids would see these things and relate them to their own lives," she said. Her idea was to have students read something serious and useful to encourage them to read things they wouldn't read.

The literary series usually attracts about 30 participants who attend lectures beginning today, Sept. 30 and ending in April. The lectures at the library on 451 Delaware Ave. are at 7:30 p.m., and all are welcome to join at any time during the series. For information, call 439-9314.

## Library plans talk on Salem witchcraft trials

The Bethlehem Public Library will mark the 300th anniversary of the Salem Witchcraft Trials with a lecture by Richard A. Bosco, distinguished service professor of American Literature at the University at Albany, on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The talk is entitled, "The Salem Witchcraft Trials and their Effects."

For information, call 439-9314.

## Poet lectures on poetry as aid to self-growth

Poet Charles Rossiter will present a lecture and discussion on writing poetry at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

etry as an imaginative and creative tool for self-growth and for transforming and interpreting life's experiences.

He will talk about writing po-

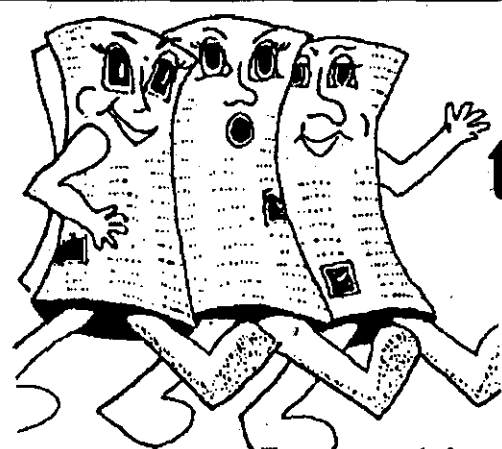
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sociation and a coalition of organizations representing American bookstores, publishers, journalists, authors and the Library of Congress.

A complete list of challenged books and the reasons they were challenged is part of the display.

Books objected to in the last year include the *Official Catholic Directory* which a complainant said was a "religious" book purchased with public funds, books about Halloween as "satanic," Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and *Tom Sawyer* because they were "racist," and four children's



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## Columbus anniversary highlighted

The library has a great display this month on loan from Voorheesville resident, Marilyn Stracuzzi. The exhibit is to commemorate the 500 anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America.

On exhibit beginning Thursday, Oct. 1, will be a collection of World's Columbian Exposition memorabilia.

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The fair, held in Chicago in 1893, was planned to celebrate the 400 anniversary of Columbus' voyage and presented to the American public for the first time the double wonders of electricity and the Ferris wheel.

Plan to stop in anytime in October, Monday through Friday from

10 a.m. until 9 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The library will be open on Columbus Day.

Photographs by longtime Delmar resident, Florence Becker, are also on exhibit. Born in Brooklyn, Becker lived for a time in Culver City, Calif. where she had access to major motion picture studios.

She is a past president of both the Bethlehem Art Association and the Delmar Camera Club.

Becker has previously had solo shows at the Bethlehem Library, the Rensselaer-Newman Foundation and Cultural Center and the Mechanics Exchange Bank and a two person show at the Albany Institute of History and Art. Her work has won numerous photography awards from newspapers, camera organizations and art shows and has been published in

many New York state brochures.

Scheduled at the library next week is a meeting of the board of trustees on Monday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, from 1 until 3 p.m., the Nimblefingers needlework group will meet under the direction of Magdalene Zeh.

Sessions will run through Oct. 20. To sign up, call the library at 765-2791.

The Writer's Group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. for discussion of works in progress. New members are always welcome.

Sign-ups are under way for the AARP's 55-ALIVE defensive driving course cosponsored by the Friends of the Library and the New Scotland Senior Club.

The two-session course will be on Oct. 17 and 24, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Open to drivers over 50, the course will result in a 10 percent reduction in auto insurance when successfully completed. Sign up in person at the library. A check for \$8 should be made out to AARP.

Christine Shields

## County committees re-elect chairmen

Both the Democratic and Republican county committees re-elected their chairmen as the November election nears for county, state and national offices.

County Legislator Harold Joyce of Albany was tabbed for his second two-year term as Democratic chairman, and Joyce then reorganized the top committee posts.

The committee elected Sheriff James Campbell of Watervliet as first vice chairman, replacing Ruben Gersowitz; County Legislator Frank Comisso of Albany as second vice chairman, replacing Colonie Democratic committee chairwoman Betty Momrow, who replaced James Giblin as treasurer; and County Clerk Thomas Clingan of Cohoes replacing Nicholas Sacca.

George Scaringe of Colonie was picked for his ninth two-year term as chairman of the county Republican committee.

## Church planning rummage, bake sale

The Glenmont Community Reformed Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, will host a rummage and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the church building fund.

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### "Getting Started on The Heart Diet"

Thursday, October 8 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
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Learn about *The Albany Medical Center Heart Diet* with one of our registered dietitians. Janet Mourninghan, RD, CDE, CNSD, will introduce you to *The Heart Diet* and help you make the first move toward a healthier heart. She will provide free copies of *The Heart Diet*.

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## The Spotlight recalls 10 years ago

This week in 1982, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

• The Town of Bethlehem prepared to move into the computer age by purchasing a \$75,000 computer system to handle word processing, payroll, water billing, property assessment data and court and police records.

• Leslie Gohlke of Slingerlands received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. A counselor at Camp Little Notch at Lake George, Gohlke also was co-leader of a Delmar Cadette troop and organized a field day for Delmar Girl Scouts.

• The new officers of the Bethlehem Grange were Helen Raynor, Henry Mayers, Alice Britenbaker, Hazel Martin, Randall Drobner, Helen Van Alstyne, Clarence Klahn, Ben Meyers, Nettie Harding, Florence Klahn, Betty Atkins, Betty Morehouse and Harry Wickham.

• In a letter to the editor, a recent Bethlehem Central graduate commented on the "dangerous situation of 16, 15 and even 14-year-olds guzzling down beer at teenage parties. ... Parents must keep a closer grip on their kids, or the town will suffer greatly."



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They usually erupt or come through the gums between the ages of 16 and 30, one in each of the rear four corners of your jaw. Not everyone develops all four wisdom teeth, however, and there are even some people who don't develop any wisdom teeth at all. But most people do, and the complications can be painful as well as detrimental to your dental health. Sometimes wisdom teeth become impacted because they don't have enough room to break through the gums (our ancestors had bigger jaws to accommodate wisdom teeth). When this happens, they can throw your other teeth out of align-

ment. Sometimes they become infected, resulting in a painful and potentially hazardous abscess.

If your wisdom teeth are not causing any problems, perhaps they will not need to be extracted. But they should be checked carefully by your dentist and treated as needed to protect your dental health.

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## DWI

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Safety Administration, approximately one of every 200 babies born today will die in an alcohol-related automobile accident.

According to IIHS figures, the likelihood of being involved in an accident begins to increase significantly with a BAC of .05 percent, the legal limit for driving while ability impaired, a lesser charge than DWI in New York state.

At .15 percent, the likelihood of dying in a single-vehicle accident is more than 380 times what it would be for a completely sober driver. Police have charged that Christopher Arnold, 17, of Delmar, had a BAC of .15 percent at the time of the Aug. 26 crash which killed Bethlehem Central High School junior Erin Cox.

"The prototype DWI offender is a white male, age 29 to 35," said Albany County Stop DWI Administrator Denis Foley. "The tragedy in this county is that teens make up a disproportionate number of DWI fatalities."

Drunk teenagers are more apt to die in accidents than are older intoxicated drivers, according to

a 1991 report published in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

"First of all, teenagers are inexperienced drivers anyway, and they're risk takers by nature," said Foley. "Your average alcoholic is very cognizant of DWI laws and tries to drive well to avoid getting caught."

"DWI is the leading cause of death among teens in Bethlehem and Colonie," Martin said. "The subtle statement is that young people are going to drink anyway, and with that we send a subtle message to teens that it's okay to drink. We tell them everything about drinking, except for 'No, there isn't any acceptable amount of alcohol for young people.' We need to change the attitude of our schools and parents. We wouldn't let our children play with matches and set themselves on fire."

Foley said Albany County has cut DWI fatalities by a third over the last 10 years and is the "toughest county in the state for prosecution of felony DWI."

The first-ever plea bargain to second-degree manslaughter in the state for a DWI-related death was achieved in Albany County. Michele Martin's death led to the

state's first homicide conviction for DWI.

The county qualified for the Stop DWI program, through which money from DWI fines is used to fund anti-drinking and driving programs and further DWI prosecution, in 1981, making it the first county in the state to do so. Foley said there are now approximately 2,000 drunk driving arrests in the county every year.

But while Albany County may be tough relative to other areas in New York, 12 states mandate jail or community service for first time alcohol-impaired driving, which this state does not. In Albany County, most DWI arrests charges are plea bargained down to DWAI.

Foley said DWI rates have been reduced on most major types of roads. "Rural roads are the only type of roads where the DWI rate has remained high," he said.

## Niskayuna church to host flea market

The Niskayuna Reformed Church's sixth annual antiques and collectibles flea market will be on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church, 3041 Troy-Schenectady Road.

## Taxes

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general fund.

For the average property owner with a home worth \$135,000, town taxes next year would approximate \$261.90. The savings accrued from homestead would be relatively small — about \$6.75 off this bill.

Taxes for those in the non-homestead category would increase by a fairly significant amount. If the town board votes not to rescind homestead, next year's tax bill would be \$306.45 based on an assessment of \$135,000.

Ringler noted that the one-year windfall from the county is just that — a one-shot deal.

"Revenue sharing from New York state continues to decrease," he said. "Interest rates have dropped, and as a result, revenues from our investments have decreased. We do not expect the rates to improve next year. With all this in mind, we once again asked our department heads to be very frugal in their budget requests."

The budget provides for an

increase in employee salaries of 3.5 percent. This is tied in with the projected cost of living increase for 1993, Ringler said.

Over the past three years, appropriations have risen an average of 4 percent overall, he added, which approximates the inflation rate over that period.

A major chunk of the appropriations increase for next year will go toward expenses incurred from repairing the town's tennis courts and enhancing the police department's 911 emergency dispatch system.

## Environmental walk set for Five Rivers

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is sponsoring a walk at Henry Hudson Park in Albany, on Friday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. The walk will be led by a center naturalist and will focus on the ecology of the Hudson River and the history of the park.

Participants should meet at the park and be dressed for the outdoors. The program is free and open to the public.

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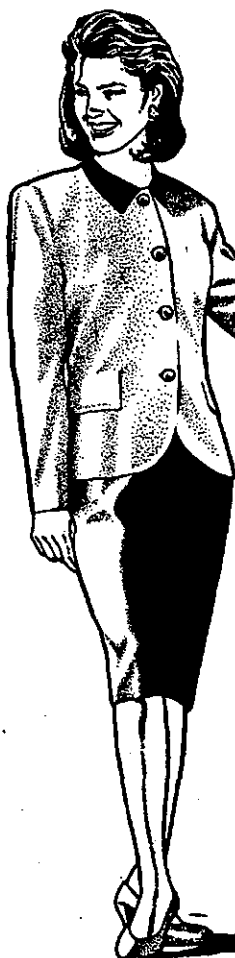
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# Today's Women

# Principal gives high marks to RCS summer school

By Michele Bintz

In a presentation at a recent Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board meeting, high school Principal Andy DeFeo concluded that the first summer school session offered in the district in a number of years was true a success story.

"We really worked hard to try and remove the 'summer school' stigma from this year's program," said DeFeo. He said this year remedial courses were offered and an enrichment program was added

for students looking to expand a week-long professionals monitoring program at General Elec-

***We really worked hard to try and remove the 'summer school' stigma from this year's program.***

Andy DeFeo

mer.

The district offered a two-day marketing seminar, a computer camp, a leadership conference and

tronic. A mentor training program similar to the "natural helpers" program offered throughout the school year was also included in

the enrichment portion of the program.

"There were several instances where students required instruction in given subjects. Rather than turning them away, we permitted alternative classroom instructional strategies to be implemented easily," DeFeo said.

Of the 217 students in grades eight through 12 recommended to take the remedial sessions over the 30-day summer school program, 102 (or 47 percent) actually

enrolled and completed the program, DeFeo said. Of the 128 students in the program, 18 did not finish.

DeFeo noted that average daily attendance was 94.6 percent, exceeding attendance norms established throughout the regular school year. Eight students graduated as a result of their participation in the program.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON

# Nisky no match for ferocious BC

By Michael Kagan

Unlike previous whippings, the Bethlehem Central Football team was a little more creative in how it racked up its points on Saturday. On the road, the Eagles trashed the Niskayuna Warriors, 32-7.

The game featured what Bethlehem victories usually feature: Mike Gambelunghe's rushing. It also featured his passing.

The Eagles' senior running back, widely considered to be one of the leading rushers in the area, gained 119 yards and tiptoed his way to three touchdowns. Just another day at the office.

But in the second quarter, when the game was just beginning to get a little redundant, Gambelunghe scored a new way: hitting Brian Ragone for a 39-yard scoring pass

on a halfback option play brought back from last season. It made the score 20-0.

Gambelunghe had opened the scoring in the first quarter with a two yard touchdown run, and quarterback Josh Lanni, who usually handles the passing, found junior Rick Sherwin from five yards out for another six points.

Gambelunghe ran for a five-yard touchdown in the third quarter, when the Warriors posted their only score, and plunged 15 yards for a score in the fourth quarter.

Still, it didn't quite live up to BC's 54-0 thrashing of the Warriors a year ago, but that was at home. Gambelunghe was involved in four touchdowns in that one as well, but that day got to be the one holding the ball at the end of each play.

## Mixed results for harriers

The Bethlehem Central cross country teams ran in a home meet last week against Saratoga and Scotia in Tawasentha Park at the Guilderland International Invitational.

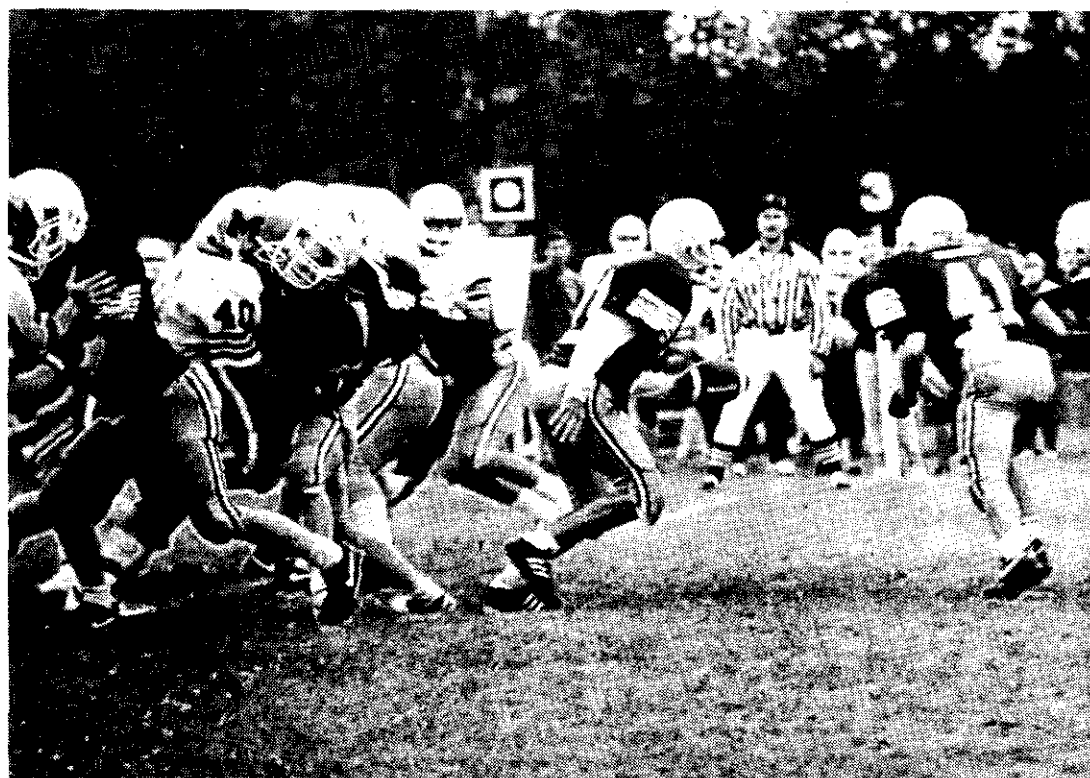
On Tuesday, the girls team split a dual meet, losing to Saratoga and beating Scotia.

Leading the girls over Scotia was Kristen Ruso, who finished 6th overall. Behind Ruso were Nicole Mizener, Katie MacDowell, Cara Cameron, Betsy Hallenbeck and Jill Foster.

The boys were defeated by Saratoga and Scotia. Competing in the varsity race for BC, in order of finish, were Pete Loux, Nathaniel Sadjack, Matt Goldberg, Andy Macmillan, Ken Schultz, and Andy Loux and Jeff Ciproni. Finishing 6th in the JV race was Scott Rhodes.

In the girls Division I race at Guilderland, Ruso placed 3rd. Next were Mizener in 17th, Cameron, 37th and Hallenbeck 42nd.

In the boys varsity race, P. Loux and Schultz finished in 80th and 85th place, respectively.



RCS quarterback Chris Romano hands off to fullback Mike Jordan during Saturday's game against Mohonasen. The Indians dropped a close contest. Elaine McLain

## RCS gridders fall to Mohonasen

By Kevin Van Derzee

On a cold, rainy first weekend of fall, the Ravenna-Coeymans Selkirk football team lost a defensive struggle to the visiting Warriors from Mohonasen, 13-0.

After exchanging punts, the score stood 0-0 at the half. The Indians had the ball inside the 20 a couple of times, but could not capitalize.

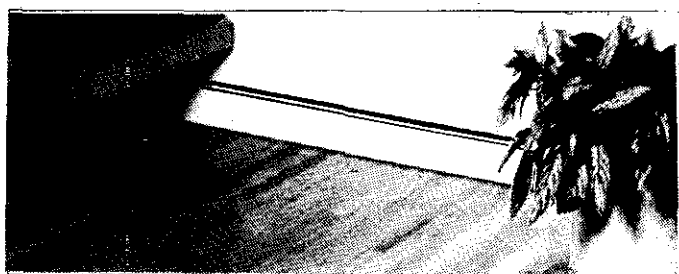
In the second half, RCS received the kickoff and gave up an interception on the first play from scrimmage. When Mohonasen failed to score,

they were forced to punt, but the Indians fumbled the ball on the second play of the series. This time Mohonasen took advantage of the turnover and scored on eight plays.

After the Indians received the ball they were once again forced to punt. When Mohonasen got the ball back they mounted another drive and attempted a field goal.

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# V'ville girls hang tough

Two ties and a win last week

By Greg Sullivan

The Voorheesville's girls varsity soccer team played arguably their best soccer of the season last week, but somehow did not manage to tally one in the win column.

Plagued by a lack of scoring power, the Ladybirds, despite dominating parts of every game, came away with only two scoreless ties and a 2-1 overtime loss to powerful non-league rival Oneonta.

The frustrating week began last Tuesday, as Voorheesville traveled to Mechanicville to play a fellow class C opponent. The game began much the way Voorheesville coach Jim Hladun would have liked it. "We controlled much of the first half, but couldn't seem to put the ball in the net."

Thus was the story for the rest of the game, with an evenly played second half winding up scoreless and causing the first of three overtime games in a row for the Ladybirds.

Toward the end of the second overtime a thrilling moment arose for Voorheesville, however, as forward Megan McCartney banged a shot off the post. Soon, however, time ran out and the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

On Thursday, Voorheesville played probably their toughest opponent of the season in Oneonta. Coach Hladun respected the skilled style of play that Oneonta demonstrated by commenting that "they were well disciplined and well coached."

The Ladybirds came out hard, played aggressively and soon found that they were right in the game. It took until the second half for the 'Birds to get on the board, when senior midfielder Kate Pakenas found the back of the net on a Beth Lucia corner kick to tie the game at one goal apiece.

This is where the score stayed until late in the second overtime period when Oneonta received a "gift" of a goal. On a controversial call, an Oneonta player was awarded a penalty kick which she converted to give her team a 2-1 victory. Despite the ending, coach Hladun seemed happy. "We played real well and turned ourselves around this game. The girls seemed happy even though the game ended the way it did."

The final game of the week was perhaps the most frustrating as undefeated rival Watervliet came to Voorheesville Saturday morning. The Ladybirds came out strong and thoroughly controlled the game, but couldn't manage to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities. As the final seconds ticked down, Voorheesville had outshot their opponents 20-3 but had failed to score, once again resulting in a 0-0 tie.

# V'ville boy booters on a roll

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville boys soccer team blazed through its second full week of play, leaving badly singed opposing teams in a trail of smoke. Since losing to Waterford in their season opener, the Blackbirds have been virtually untouchable. Their record now stands at 5-1.

The first game of the week, on Monday, Sept. 21, was in question for most of the game. Although V'ville dominated the ball, they had a hard time getting it into the net. The game remained scoreless at the end of regulation time.

Just two minutes into the first overtime, sophomore Tony Adamo netted V'ville's first goal. Then, during the second overtime, senior Kevin Meade sealed the win for the Blackbirds with another score. Voorheesville picked up the win, 2-0.

In their next game, on Wednesday, Sept. 23, Voorheesville buried Cohoes, 9-0. The Blackbirds stunned their opponents with a staggering 47 shots on goal to Cohoes' 19. Senior Greg Sullivan topped the charts for V'ville with a hat-trick, while sophomore Adam Keller and Kevin Meade chipped in with two each. Senior midfielder

Brad Rockmore and senior sweeper Kevin Relyea added one goal each. Junior standout goalie Craig Panthen kept Cohoes scoreless with 12 saves.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the red-hot Blackbirds outshot their opponents by a wide margin, 51-11. Senior Kevin Meade paved the way with four goals and two assists.

Forward Greg Sullivan pitched in with two goals and two assists, while seniors Brad Rockmore and Rich Schultz, and sophomores Adam Keller and Tony Adamo, all had single scores. Sharing the goalkeeper position, Craig Panthen and senior Frank Hart had to make just five saves between them.

Coach Bob Crandall says that Voorheesville is a fairly well-bal-

anced team. He believes that his team does many things very well.

"We're starting to come around," he says. "We're beginning to feel more confident and much more comfortable with each other. All season, we've been having consistent effort from the defense. We have no real superstars, but balanced play from a lot of people. I feel that this is to our advantage."

Crandall is pleased with the way many of his players have been playing. Shawn Doyle has had some exceptional games as of late. "Brad Rockmore is a strong force in the midfield, and sophomores Adam Keller and Tony Adamo have been scoring well."

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## Midget Hawks trip up Ravena

The Pop Warner Midget Hawks swooped down on the Ravena Indians and came away with a hard fought 6-0 victory. The Hawks stingy defense led by Erik Hjeltnes and Jeremy Deyoe secured the win. Offensively, Omar Feliciano pounded through, while Pete Bulger and Micah Pernell led the blocking.

The Junior Pee Wees Condors (A) team battled to a 0-0 tie with Ravena. Evan Daily's six solid tackles and Mike Conway's leadership spearheaded the defense, while Aaron Griffin's passing and the offensive play of Danny Hazen and Bobby Bestler showed signs of future success.

It was a heartbreaking loss to Belmont 6-0 for the Condors (B) team, despite the excellent offense of QB Andre Perillat and running back Tim Rice. The line was anchored by John Mooney while the defensive stalwarts were Andy Rodgers and John Santola.

The Pee Wee Falcons were overpowered by a strong Ravena team 32-13, despite Billy Noonan, David Raab, and Sean Demarest providing the scoring punch. Brian Venter and Chris Hogan had strong defensive efforts.

A 24-19 tough decision saw the Midget Eagles lose to Albany. The Eagles were driving for the victory score when time ran out. Kevin Fournier led the way with 100 plus yards rushing and two TDs, aided by the strong running of Tim Brozowski. Adam DiMuria's 80 yard interception return for a TD sparked the defense, along with the tough play of Andy Karins and Dan McGuire.

Pop Warner's Annual Tin Can Drive involving over 200 players and cheerleaders takes place this Saturday.

## BC lady volleyballers rebound

By Jared Beck

Opening the season with two losses would be an ominous way to start for many ballclubs. That's exactly what happened to the Bethlehem Central girls volleyball team, with defeats at the hands of Ravena Sept. 10 and then Scotia on Sept. 17.

But the Eagles have come on strong of late, winning three of their last four and evening up their non-league record at 3-3.

On Sept. 15, Bethlehem swept

by Saratoga 15-10, 15-12 at home.

"The team really pulled together," said Coach Nancy Smith. "Amy Winters had a solid game at the net as did Lynda Smith." Erin Murphy, coming off an injury sustained over the summer, impressed the coach with her consistent setting.

"It's still early, but we have a talented ballclub that gets along," Smith said. "We're learning new plays right now. Hopefully, by the end of October, we'll be in top form."

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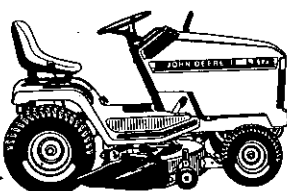
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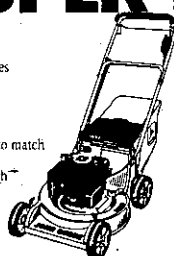
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# BC girls field hockey team in tough contests

By Laura Del Vecchio

The Bethlehem field hockey team continued its season with a win, and two tough losses, including a double overtime game against Columbia.

The first game of the week was very well attended on Monday night at home under the lights on the Bethlehem football field. The extra fans helped cheer the BC team to a 3-0 victory over Ichabod Crane.

All three goals were scored by co-captain Stephanie Sodergren, who has scored a total of seven out of the season's goals so far. Unfortunately, new team member, Kamal Bakari was sidelined due to injury.

The second game of the week was Wednesday. Bethlehem traveled to Saratoga, which was one of the better sports programs in the area. The game ended in a 2-0 loss for BC. Goalie, Colleen O'Neill played a remarkable game with 17 blocks on goal.

The final game of the week found BC facing the Columbia Blue Devils. BC got off to a good start by scoring in the first half. Even

so, Columbia dominated the game. BC's goalie, Colleen O'Neill held the Blue Devils off for as long as she could, but eventually Columbia scored.

The game remained tied and the two teams went into sudden death overtime—BC's third overtime of the season.

The two teams played two overtime periods without scoring. In this situation in field hockey, the teams alternate doing corner hits until one team scores. After many corners, the Blue Devils finally scored to win the game 2-1. BC now holds a record of 3-5.

Despite the team's record, much overall team improvement has been evident this season. In the words of the Columbia Blue Devil's coach, "I can't believe that we're going into overtime with Bethlehem!"

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## Bethlehem

Thursday, Oct. 1

Girls volleyball — Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
Boys volleyball — at Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.  
Boys soccer — Shaker, 4 p.m.  
Girls soccer — at Shaker, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Football — CBA, 7:30 p.m.  
Boys volleyball — at Saratoga, 4 p.m.  
Girls volleyball — at Niskayuna, 8 p.m.  
Field hockey — Burnt Hills, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Cross Country — Grout Invit, 9 a.m.

## Voorheesville

Thursday, Oct. 1

Boys soccer — Lansingburgh, 4 p.m.  
Golf — at Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Girls volleyball — at Ravena, 4 p.m.  
Golf — Guelderland, 4 p.m.  
Girls swimming — Burnt Hills, 3:45 p.m.  
Girls soccer — Holy Names, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Football — Tamarac, 1:30 p.m.  
Boys soccer — Watervliet, 10 a.m.  
Cross Country — Grout Inv at Sch'dy, 9 a.m.

# A good week for BC girls tennis

By Josh Norek

The Bethlehem girls tennis team won two of its three matches last week, advancing its season record to three wins and three losses.

On Monday, Sept. 21, BC trounced Columbia 8-1 at home.

Bethlehem's only loss resulted when Sarah Novick was forced to retire from her match due to bad blisters. Winners included Penny Silk, Lauren Boyle, Kelly Dobbert, Maggie Plattner, and Lauren

Brown at singles.

Doubles winners were Allison Thomas and Jen Singerle, Margaret Billings and Cory Cunningham, and Julia Krepostman and Sarah Burtis.

Bethlehem faced Burnt Hills on Wednesday, defeating their opponents 7-2. The line-up was moved up in order to make up for the absence of Novick, who was still out due to blisters.

"It was a tough match, but we were a little bit stronger than Burnt Hill," said BC coach Grace Franze. The matches were also marked by some controversy as line judges had to watch in order to settle disputed calls.

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Bethlehem's sole winner was Jen Piorkowski, who won (2-6, 6-4, 6-4). Cory Cunningham and Margaret Billings were ultimately defeated in three sets, but "played the match of their lives," according to coach Franze.

BC's next match will be on Thursday at Scotia.

## THE YOUTH NETWORK

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

### COMPACT sets goals for fighting substance abuse

Bethlehem Community Partnership is a coalition of concerned individuals formed by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Bethlehem Networks Project. Invitations were sent out to several community people to join together at an overnight retreat and attack the problem of alcohol and other drug use in our town.

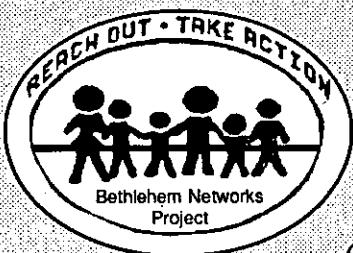
The group met for the first time in March at the Rensselaerville Institute. Approximately 40 community members attended the overnight and worked hard, but also enjoyed themselves.

One of the results of the overnight workshop is a COMPACT which you can see at the Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem Town Hall and the Bethlehem School District Offices. All Community Partnership members signed the COMPACT which clearly spells out our visions and goals for the community.

The Community Partnership met again in April and divided into four task forces and identified tasks to work on during the spring and summer.

One task force worked on an informal survey of teens concerning alternate activities. A second group targeted the relationship between youth and businesses in town. The results of their work will be reported to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at an October meeting. The third task force created and distributed a brochure of information for middle and high school age students about summer volunteer opportunities. The fourth group published a list of activities for teenagers who were bored during the "dog days of August."

We are very proud of our Community Partnership accomplishments. We look forward to working together again on Oct. 23 and 24 at Roaring Brook Conference Center in Lake George. We will be working on making the goals of our COMPACT a reality. All cost will be met by the Networks grant. Call 439-7740 if interested in joining.



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## The top scorers at Del Lanes

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Tanner, with Robert Coultier

## Kennedy, Tanner married

Jennifer Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy of Youngstown, Niagara County, was married to Jeffrey Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Tanner of Clarksville, on July 11.

The Rev. Knight Washburn conducted the service at the First Presbyterian Church in Lewiston, Niagara County. A reception followed at the Niagara Club in Niagara Falls.

Cynthia Coultier was maid of honor. Brooke Paivlak, and Shannon and Kelly McMillan were bridesmaids.

Drew Cavanaugh was the best man. Dave Kennedy, brother of the bride, Ray Soto and Jeff Salemi

were ushers, and Robert Coultier was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Lewiston High School and Paul Smith's College. She is employed at the Holiday Inn in Blacksburg, Va.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Paul Smith's College and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University. He is enrolled in the master's program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

After a wedding trip to Disney World, the couple resides in Blacksburg.

## Kids' Place under construction now

The construction of the new Kids' Place creative playground at the Elm Avenue Park begins Wednesday, Sept. 30, and continues through Sunday, Oct. 4.

Hundreds of volunteers are expected every day to build the playground.

There is plenty of work, from day care and cooking to carpentry and clean-up, available for everyone, organizers say.

The project, supported by community fund-raising and an anonymous \$50,000 donation, will provide an innovative, Robert Leathers-designed playground for the town's children.

For information, call 439-4087.

## Area Girl Scouts plan October Riverwalk

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council and the Mohawk Pathways Girl Scout Council plan a daylong Riverwalk on Sunday, October 4, along the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers.

The walk is designed to showcase the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers and the NYS Barge Canal.

The Riverwalk will feature a historic theme at Schoharie Crossing in Montgomery County and a Brooks Bar-B-Que at Collins Park in Scotia.

A Riverwalk map including program descriptions and locations of parking lots and shuttle bus stops will be available after Sept. 15 through Shop 'N Save, Key Bank, and the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council.

For information call 439-4936.

## Welcome Wagon sets trip to Boston Oct. 17

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The trip will leave from and return to the CDTA Park and Ride lot on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The cost is \$20 per person.

The deadline for reservations is Oct. 5. For information, call Sue Ellen Walsh at 439-0122.



Mr and Mrs. Jerry Ellis

## Gerbracht, Ellis wed

Lisa Gerbracht, daughter of Patricia and David Gerbracht of Glenmont, and Jerry Ellis, son of Barbara and Gordon Ellis of Schenectady, were married Sept. 5.

The Rev. Alan Rhodes conducted the service at Herkert's Banquet House in Schodack, Rensselaer County. A reception followed at the banquet house.

Lori Lawson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The bridesmaid was Noreen Deleskiewicz.

The best man was James Steenburgh. Ushers were Gordon

Ellis, brother of the groom, and Ron Witkowski.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany Business College. She is employed with the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department.

The groom is a graduate of the Mohonasen High School and SUNY Cobleskill, and is currently working with CONTEC International.

The couple will reside in Albany.

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## Obituaries

### Carrie Deitz Butler

Carrie Deitz Butler, 98, formerly of Albany, died Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar.

Born in Schodack Landing, she moved to Albany in 1922. For more than 25 years she was a waitress at the former DeWitt Clinton Hotel in Albany, retiring in 1969.

She was the widow of Walter Butler. Survivors include a sister, Ruth Buckley of Schodack Landing.

Services were from Ray Funeral Home, Castleton, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery, Castleton.

### Alfred I. Cook

Alfred I. Cook, 77, of Glenmont died Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he moved to Glenmont 45 years ago.

Mr. Cook was assistant supervisor of maintenance for the state Court of Appeals in Albany.

He was a charter member of the Selkirk 2 Volunteer Fire Co., and was a Mason and member of Mount Vernon Lodge 3 in Albany.

He attended the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Lebrecht Cook; a son, Roger Cook of Glenmont; two daughters Carolyn Greer of Delmar and Joyce Layman of Selkirk; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Chicorelli Funeral home, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to the Utica Masonic Home, in care of Mount Vernon Lodge 3; or to the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

### Donald E. Kenyon

Donald E. Kenyon, 72, of Devon Road, Elsmere, died Saturday, Sept. 19, at his home.

Born in Syracuse, he had lived

in Elsmere since 1963.

Mr. Kenyon worked 49 years for New York Telephone and later NYNEX. He retired in 1985. He continued as a consultant to NYNEX for three years after retirement.

He was an officer of the First Presbyterian Church, Albany, and a former officer of the Delmar Presbyterian Church. He belonged to the National American Legion, the Albany Institute of History & Art, the Smithsonian Institute, the Telephone Pioneers and the Friends of Mills Mansion in Rhinebeck.

A memorial service was from First Presbyterian Church, Albany. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Chittenango, Madison County.

Arrangements were by Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

### Susan Roberts

Susan Ellen Roberts, 42, formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

She was raised in Delmar and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School. She attended Skidmore College.

She was very active as a volunteer for both health care support groups and the arts. In particular, she was known for her work with children.

Survivors include her parents, Mary E. Roberts and Arthur C. Roberts both of Glenmont; a son Christopher Darby Moore of Albany; a sister, Margaret L. Roberts of Albany; and a brother, Arthur C. Roberts Jr. of Delmar.

Services were from First Presbyterian Church, Albany, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital, 317 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Arrangements were by Tebbutt Funeral Home Inc.

### Virginia Maserjian

Virginia Sears Maserjian, 74, of Good Samaritan Home in Delmar, died Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Maserjian, a native of Albany, had lived most of her life in the city.

She had worked in the accounting and payroll office at Albany Felt Co., and at J.C. Penney Co. She also worked for the Dime Savings Bank in Albany. She retired in 1982.

She was the widow of Samuel Maserjian.

She is survived by two brothers, George Sears of Tampa, Fla., and Dr. James Sears of San Diego, Calif.

A memorial service was from Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Altamont Reformed Church, 129 Lincoln Ave., Altamont 12209.

### Ernest H. Okesson

Ernest H. Okesson, 72, of Wemple Road in Glenmont died Tuesday, Sept. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was born in Westerlo and lived in Glenmont for 47 years.

Mr. Okesson was a member of the Construction and General Laborers Union Local 190 in Albany for 28 years. He had worked on many construction projects for companies in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York.

Survivors include his wife, Helen M. Okesson, and a brother, William F. Okesson Sr. of Tucson, Ariz.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar with burial in Westerlo Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Albany.

### Charles Lee Smith

Charles "Bud" Lee Smith, 76, of Route 1, Essex County, a former Delmar resident, died Friday, Sept. 25, at the Vermont Respite House in Williston.

He was born in Ridgefield,

Conn., and lived in Delmar for most of his life. He was a foreman at the Watervliet Arsenal before retiring in 1978 after working there for 29 years.

Mr. Smith was an Army veteran of World War II who served with the 3rd Armored Division in the European theater.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Fuller Smith; a son, Mark Charles Smith of Charlotte, Vt.; a sister, Nancy VanValkenburgh of Leesville, S.C.; and two grandchildren.

Services were in from Frank P. McDonald and Son Funeral Home, Troy and St. Augustine's Church, Troy. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy.

Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

### Albert F. Melick

Albert F. Melick, 70, of Sunset Drive, Delmar, died Friday, Sept. 25, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He was born in Albany.

Mr. Melick was an Army veteran of World War II who served in the European theater. He was awarded a Purple Heart.

For 25 years he was a mail carrier at the Delmar Post Office. He retired 15 years ago.

Mr. Melick was a member and former captain of the Elsmere Volunteer Fire Co.

He was husband of the late Evelyn Campbell Melick.

Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia E. Wood of Averill Park; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Cemetery in Glenmont.

### Gardener to address mothers' group

Mary Ellenbogen, a master gardener with the Cornell Cooperative Extension, will speak to Mothers' Time Out about perennials and fall gardening on Monday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, Delmar.

For information, call 439-9929.

### Delmar residents named to Sage staff

Carolyn C. Daley and Dr. Jeffrey K. Soleau of Delmar were recently both appointed to positions at The Sage Colleges.

Daley will serve as assistant director of campus life at Russell Sage College. Previously, she was special events coordinator and coordinator of summer orientation at the college.

She holds a master's degree in education from the College of Saint Rose and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Soleau was named an associate professor and chair of the Division of Humanities at Sage Junior College of Albany. He was previously a lecturer in philosophy at Siena College.

He has a Ph.D. in religion from Duke University, a master's degree from Yale Divinity School, a master's degree in social welfare from the State University of New York at Albany and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Yale University.

### Open house slated for R-C-S parents

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School will host an open house for parents on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program will start with parents visiting their children's homerooms and then following their children's schedules.

Each teacher will give an overview of the course they are teaching.

Members of student organization will be on hand to answer questions about clubs and to help give direction to classes.

For information, call 756-2155.

### Cherry Hill needs teaching volunteers

Historic Cherry Hill, an Albany house museum, is seeking volunteers to teach curriculum related programs to school children.

Museum teachers volunteer six hours monthly and conduct programs on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the school year.

Individuals with teaching-related experience are preferred.

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

The deadline for registration is Oct. 13. For information, call 434-4791.

### BC class planning 10-year reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1983 is planning its 10-year reunion for next year and is searching for the addresses of graduates.

For information, call Lisa Wood (Apicelli) at 482-7173, or Leslie Trosset (Horn) at 432-4305.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

# Family Entertainment

CALENDAR • ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Fall's golden glory spreads over state

By Robert Webster Jr.

If you're looking for a view to rival the thrill of a great fireworks display, Mother Nature will be putting on her own dazzling show over the next couple of weeks.

Once again, just before the trees are reduced to bare brown bones, she provides a spectrum of colors, from yellow to orange and maroon.

To catch a glimpse of this golden glory, head north into Hamilton County or "almost anywhere" in the state next weekend, said Arlene Booth, tourism trade specialist for the state Department of Economic Development.

Other areas with expected good color for the Columbus Day weekend and beyond are the lower Adirondack Mountains, the Catskills and the southern part of Columbia County. "We're really just beginning to see some color out there."

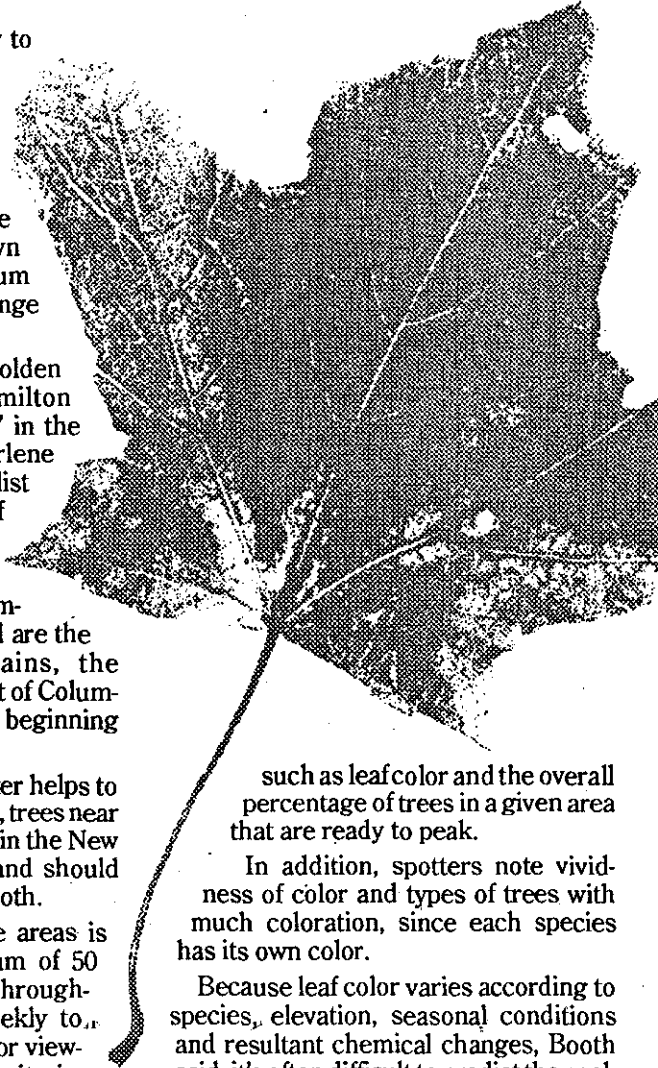
Because air warmed by water helps to retard the leaves' color change, trees near Lake George, as well as those in the New York City area and Long Island should peak later in October, said Booth.

Predicting peak fall-foliage areas is not done scientifically. A team of 50 volunteer spotters, scattered throughout the state, call Booth weekly to report what areas are prime for viewing. They look for certain criteria,

such as leaf color and the overall percentage of trees in a given area that are ready to peak.

In addition, spotters note vividness of color and types of trees with much coloration, since each species has its own color.

Because leaf color varies according to species, elevation, seasonal conditions and resultant chemical changes, Booth said, it's often difficult to predict the peak



Although leaf peeping is normally done by car, a quiet walk in one of the many local parks or preserves brings fall's colors up close and personal.

## Free family festival celebrates other cultures

By Eric Bryant

More than 35 museums, historic sites and other cultural centers will pool their resources for "Discovery Day," a free family festival at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Through "discovery centers" set up by each of the participating organizations, kids of all ages can learn about the world around them. Storytelling, songs, films, art-making activities and games will help bring different cultures, technologies and people to life.

The day's activities will include an opera produced by and starring students from Albany's Public School 19 — "The Third One Over: The Story of Christopher Columbus."

Also scheduled are "Discovering Albany's Past" — an exploration of the capital city through artifacts and art objects — and storytelling from the Imagination Celebration's Mary Murphy.

Popular folk singer Ruth Pelham will conduct a sing-a-long and Robert



Ruth Pelham

Moss, author of *Fire Along the Sky*, will give a lecture on "The Mohawk Discovery of Europe." Films will run throughout the day on topics as diverse as the Crow Indians of Montana and the island of Montserrat.

Also, the Senior Chorale of Albany Jewish Community Center will present a program of Italian, Spanish

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viewing season for particular areas.

The volunteers, some of whom have been spotting peak fall foliage for years, call her each Wednesday beginning in mid-September with an assessment of foliage for the following weekend. Sometimes a fluke, usually due to weather conditions, brings an unusually quick and thus unpredictable color change in an area. "It's not a scientific method we use, it's a tracking method to track color changes across the state," she said.

Fall outing trips can be planned as a Sunday drive to view the varied leaf hues and shades, or by attending a specific event set in colorful foliage areas.

There are many scenic routes to take. A drive on Prospect Mountain Highway above Lake George is one example of a beautiful view, according to Booth. "Anywhere you go, you're guaranteed to see some incredible scenery."

One scenic route not well known to the public is Blue Ridge Highway, Exit 29 off Interstate 87. Following this route west to Newcomb provides a show that is one of

Mother Nature's finest. Sightseers can follow up the trip with a visit to the Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center in Newcomb on Route 28N, 25 miles west of Interstate 87.

The center, which features a 3.5 mile trail, an exhibit on preservation and conservation, a short slide show and travel information, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Areas closer to home which provide a full fall foliage view are Grafton Lakes State Park on Route 2, 12 miles east of Troy, and Thacher State Park on Route 157, 15 miles southwest of Albany.

Other ways to enjoy the season's beauty include a chairlift trip up a mountain at a ski area, a voyage on one of the area's many excursion boats and a hay wagon ride, said Booth.

To receive a schedule of other planned activities in the Capital District and the eastern New York area, or an updated foliage report, call 1-800-CALL-NYS or 474-4116.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**LIPS TOGETHER TEETH APART**  
comedy, Capital Rep., Albany.  
Oct.-Nov. 1. Information, 462-4531.

**CHRISTOPHE COLUMB**  
opera probing the myth of The Great Navigator, Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany.  
Oct. 2, 8 p.m.; Oct. 4, 2:30 p.m.  
Information, 473-1061

**O'SHAUGHNESSY'S DEAD!**  
comedy, The Original Works Repertory Theatre, Saratoga Springs. Oct. 1-3, 8 p.m.  
Information, 583-1916.

**THE LISBON TRAVIATA**  
Darius Milhaud opera, Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany. Oct. 2 and 4.  
Information, 473-1845.

**NUNSENSE**  
musical, The Arts Revival in Athens. Oct. 2-4, 9-11, Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m.  
Information, 945-1580.

**ELEEMOSYNARY**  
comedy, The Ancram Opera House, Ancram. Oct. 2-25. Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m.  
Information, 329-3300.

## MUSIC

**THE NEW WORLD ENLIGHTENS THE OLD WORLD**  
North/South Consonance Ensemble, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Albany.  
Oct. 4, 3 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**CAROL CHANNING AND RITA MORENO**  
music and comedy, Proctor's, Schenectady. Oct. 2, 8 p.m.  
Information, 346-6204.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY COLUMBUS:**  
"An Incongruous and Anachronistic Retrospect of the Past 500 years," cabaret-style music and comedy event, Siena College, Loudonville. Oct. 3, 7 p.m. Information, 783-2432.

**HOOT SHOWCASE**  
William Robert Foltin, Bill Flores, Chris Gallagher, Eighth Step, Albany. Oct. 4, 3 p.m.  
Information, 434-1703.

**NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS**  
each Friday, 12:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany. Information, 434-3502.

## ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

music director and conductor David Alan Miller, Oct. 2-3, 8 p.m.; Fri., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall; Sat., Palace Theatre, Albany. Information, 465-4755.

## COLUMBIA FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

concert, First Presbyterian Church, Hudson. Oct. 3, 8 p.m.  
Information, 678-9928.

## CITY LIGHTS

featured at the New Town Tavern, Troy. Oct. 2, 10:30 p.m.  
Information, 272-9211. The Chambers, Albany. Oct. 3, 10 p.m. Information, 449-3923.

## DOUBLE CELEBRATION:

Eighth Step & Hudson River Sampler, Albany. Oct. 3, 8 p.m.  
Information, 434-1703.

## DOUG SERTI BIG BAND

in concert, with Anita O'Day, The Omni Albany Hotel. Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Information, 373-1277.

## FINDLAY COCKRELL

pianist, noon concerts, SUNY Albany. Oct. 20 and 21.  
Information, 442-3995.

## ONE HEART

Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuka, Thursdays, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Monaco's Village Inn. Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

## DANCE

### TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES

Cliff Brodeur will call mainstream with plus dancing from 10:30-11 p.m. Dolores Randall will cue rounds. Oct. 3, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7571.

### SINGLE SQUARES OF ALBANY

Plus Level Square Dance with Rounds, St. Michael's Community Center, Cohoes. Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Information, 664-6767.

### OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

Lisa Greenleaf, caller, Guildland Elementary School. Oct. 3, 8-11:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### OKTOBERFESTS

mini-German Alps Festivals, Hunter Mountain. Oct. 3-4, 10-12. Information, 263-3800.

## ARTS FESTIVAL

designed to inform and entertain, Hudson Boys' and Girls' Club, Hudson. Oct. 3-4. Information, 828-3015.

## DISCOVERY DAY

free family festival, Albany Institute of History & Art. Oct. 4, noon-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## COLUMBUS DAY PARADE AND STREET FESTIVAL

Central Ave., Albany. Oct. 3, 1 p.m. Information, 434-5075.

## FOLK ART IN THE PARK

performances, workshops and demonstrations, Oct. 4, 11 a.m., Grafton Lakes State Park. Information, 273-0552.

## WILD WEEKENDS WITH DEAN DAVIS

presentations featuring live animals, New York State Museum, Albany. Oct. 24-25, Nov. 21-22. At 1, 2 and 3 p.m.  
Information, 474-5877.

## THIRD ANNUAL WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

environmental education day, Ski Windham. Oct. 2-3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 734-4300.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY ARTS FESTIVAL

Hot Mediums, Columbia County. Oct. 2-12. Information, 766-9510.

## TOURS

### EMPIRE STATE PLAZA ART COLLECTION

express tours, Thursdays, through Oct. 15, 12:30 p.m.  
Information, 473-7521.

### EXPRESS TOURS

The Masters Series: Milton Glaser. Oct. 2: McKinney Library, Oct. 9, Flapping Our Wings: Birds Depicted in Art. Oct. 16; Calico and Tin Horns: Thomas Locker, Oct. 30, Albany Institute of History & Art. 12:15 p.m.  
Information, 463-4478.

## LECTURES

### GRAPHIC DESIGN IN AMERICA: A CRITICAL SURVEY

J. Abbott Miller, partner in Design Writing Research; New York and Ellen Lupton, curator of Contemporary Design, The Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design. Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## BEVERLEY MASTRIANNI

abstract sculptor, The Hyde Collection. Oct. 5, 1:30 p.m.  
Information, 792-1761.

## THE MOHAWK DISCOVERY OF EUROPE

story of four "Indian Kings", Albany Institute of History & Art. Oct. 4, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## AN EVENING OF RADIO HISTORY

The College of Saint Rose, Albany. Oct. 6, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Information, 454-5209.

## CHERRIE MORAGA

Chicano and feminist, a collection of writings, University at Albany's uptown campus. Oct. 1, Information, 372-0785.

## A SHAKESPEAREAN DREAMS THE THEATER

Stuart E. Oman, founder of the Orlando Shakespeare Festival will speak, Skidmore Campus, Saratoga. Oct. 1, 8:15 p.m.  
Information, 584-5000.

## Piano preludes



Findlay Cockrell plays Debussy's *Preludes* in two free concerts, Oct. 20 at noon and Oct. 21 at 12:20 p.m., in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center of the University at Albany.

## THE HISTORY OF GRAPHIC DESIGN IN TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICA

and its influence on American culture, series, Albany Institute of History & Art. Oct. 1-22. Information, 463-4478.

## AUDITIONS

### APPROXIMATE ANSWERS

casting call, The New Works Theatre Group, Berkshire Farms Center and Services for Youth, Canaan. Oct. 3-4, 7 p.m. and Oct. 5, 11 a.m. Information, 794-8775.

### FIRST NIGHT ALBANY

7th annual festival held New Year's Eve. All artists are encouraged to apply.  
Information, 434-2032.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### CATSKILL GALLERY

submit slides and proposals for exhibits, Catskill Gallery and Mountain Top Gallery. Reviewing work for exhibit from July 1993-June 1994.  
Information, 943-3400.

### THE POETRY PROJECT

interested participants, artist-run readings, Greene County Council on The Arts. Information, 672-4662.

## CLASSES

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES

fall classes for adults and children, RCCA, The Arts Center, Troy. Information, 273-0552.



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## VISUAL ARTS

### EDGES OF THE CITY

photographic exhibition, Spencertown Academy. Oct. 3-15. Information, 392-3693.

### THE ONE-COLOR/TWO-COLOR SHOW

highlighting graphic design techniques, The College of Saint Rose, Albany. Through Oct. 18. Information, 432-6960.

### GARDENS OF PARADISE

Oriental Prayer Rugs from the Huntington Museum of Art, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Through Nov. 8. Information, 792-1761.

### ASSEMBLAGE OF ASSEMBLERS

art made from found, altered and artist-made objects, by Norman Hasselris, Nobuko Kamecke, Leah Rhodes and Al Strausman, Greene County Council on The Arts, Catskill. Through Nov. 7. Information, 943-3400.

### GUERRILLA GIRLS

poster show, Bennington College. Through Oct. 16.

### THE ONE-COLOR/TWO-COLOR SHOW

works by graphic designers, College of Saint Rose, Albany. Through Oct. 18. Information, 454-5209.

### WATERCOLORS EXHIBIT

displayed at The Colonie Memorial Town Hall, Newtonville. Through October. Information, 783-2728.

### UPSTATE 88

works of 10 members, The Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy. Through Oct. 24. Information, 274-4440.

### LIVING TRADITIONS: MEXICAN POPULAR ARTS

folk art paintings, textiles, weavings, ceremonial masks, dance costumes, carved animals, ceramics, Huichol yarn paintings and embroideries, SUNY Albany Museum, through Nov. 22. Information, 442-4035.

### WATERSHED

"Land Use and Conflict in the Catskill Mountains," traveling exhibit, Greene County Council on The Arts, Windham. Through Oct. 4, Wed.-Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

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**ALBANY COUNTY**
**BRAIN POWER**

lecture on natural sciences, College of Saint Rose, Science Center Amphitheater, Room 369, 993 Madison Avenue, Albany, 2:40 p.m. Information, 454-5274.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

through November, Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton Streets, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**BABYSITTING**

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

**SQUARE DANCE**

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

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**
**CHORUS REHEARSAL**

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

**FASCINATING TROY ARCHITECTURE**

tour, Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, Polk Street, Troy, 10 a.m. Cost is \$11. Information, 274-5267.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**
**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**

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

**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 1**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**RESTORATIVE PHYSICAL THERAPY**

in the nursing home setting, Campus Center 224, Sage Albany Campus, 5 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Capital Region Geriatric Center, West Columbia Street, Cohoes, 10 a.m. Information, 438-2217.

**SHARE MEETING**

support group for persons who have experienced the loss of an infant, St. Peter's Hospital, Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

through November, Townsend Park, Central and Washington Avenues, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**SENIOR CHORALE**

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

**BABYSITTING**

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

**SENIORS LUNCHE**

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE**

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 2**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**"CHRISTOPHE COLUMB"**

opera by French composer Darius Milhaud, Empire Center, at the Egg, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

**CHRONIC FATIGUE IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME**

conference, Oct. 2 and 3, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, 8 a.m. Information, 437-0691.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

through November, Ten Broeck Street and Manning Blvd., Albany, 3-6 p.m.

**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**

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**
**RECOVERY, INC.**

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 3**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**FARMERS' MARKET**

through November, First Congregational Church, Quail Street and Maple Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m.-noon.

**CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME**

conference, Oct. 3 and 4, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, 8 a.m. Information, 437-0691.

**BALLROOM DANCE COURSES**

YWCA of Albany, 28 Colvin Avenue, 2-4 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

**COLUMBUS DAY PARADE**

parade route will follow Ontario Street to Central Avenue, ending at State and Lodge, 1 p.m. Information, 445-0711.

**KID PIX**

film series, featuring "The Adventures of the Great Mouse Detective," Oct. 3 and 4, New York State Museum, 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Cost is \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Information, 474-5877.

**COURSE ON SEED USES**

George Landis Arboretum, Lape Road, Esperance, 10 a.m. Cost is \$8. Information, 875-6935.

**SIBLING PREPARATION PROGRAM**

Oct. 3 and 17, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 for families with one child, \$15 for families with more than one. Information, 454-1550.

**CHILDREN'S SPINAL HEALTH DAY**

offered by Dr. Marc J. Kerschner, Capital Chiropractic Office, 1822 Western Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For an appointment, call 456-0510.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**
**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES FLEA MARKET**

16th annual, Niskayuna Reformed Church, 3041 Troy-Schenectady Road, Schenectady, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 785-5575.

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 4**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**SCOTTISH DANCING**

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

**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST CANCER**

5K non-competitive move-along-a-thon to celebrate the hopeful side of cancer, Lake House, Washington Park, Albany, 9:30 a.m. Information, 438-7841.

**EXPECTANT PARENT TOURS**

Oct. 5 and 19, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Information, 454-1550.

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 5**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**BEING AND BECOMING ASSERTIVE**

workshop, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Cost is \$18. Information, 489-4431.

**SURVIVING WITH CANCER**

support group, through Jan. 18, Pinnacle Place, McKown Road, Albany, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 459-0703.

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO SAVE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE**

two-part training program, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Avenue, Albany, 1-4:30 p.m. Information, 273-3416.

**EXPECTANT PARENT TOURS**

Oct. 5 and 19, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 454-1550.

## SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

### Capital Rep opens new season with Terrence McNally play

Following a spring and summer of fund-raising to overcome a \$450,000 deficit, the Capital Repertory Company in Albany opens its new season Friday (Oct. 2) with Terrence McNally's much-praised play, *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*.

The play which is being staged by artistic director Bruce Bouchard, deals with a pair of couples who spend a weekend on Fire Island on the Fourth of July. Amidagay culture community, they try to understand their own relationships as one of the wives mourns the loss of her brother to AIDS.

Kate Kelly, actress-wife of Bouchard, plays the woman who has lost her brother and she is married to a New Jersey contractor, played by Chris McHale, described as redneck type. The other couple is played by Claywood Sempliner and Lee Brock, a WASPish pair.

Preview performances of the play are being presented tonight (Sept. 30) and Thursday night prior to Friday's official opening. It'll run through Nov. 2.

For more information, call 462-4532.

### Former College of St. Rose professor returns to Albany Civic Theater

Maria Sz Aronson who retired several years ago from her post as professor of drama at the College of Saint Rose, returns to the Albany Civic Theater after an 18-year absence to direct a play close to her heart—Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead*.

The production opens Oct. 9 for a three-weekend run.

This absurdist play was written in the 1960s by Stoppard to examine the "worm's eye" view of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* are minor characters in Shakespeare's tragedy and are often confused and even cut out in some productions. Stoppard makes *Hamlet* a minor player and does a "what if" with the two minor roles who are doomed in Shakespeare's play.

Professor Aronson who taught the Theatre of the Absurd at St. Rose, also directed some of Stoppard's other works at the college. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and Drama in her native Hungary, Aronson has previously directed *All My Sons*, *Rashomon* and *Where's Charley* at ACT.

Dom Fanelli and Matt Sokalor play the hapless pair in this production along with Jeff Lucchese as The Player, a character who connects the lives of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* and *Hamlet* for the audience.

For information and reservations, call 462-1297.

### Proctor's Theater announces schedule changes for 2 shows

Two touring shows booked for performances at Proctor's Theater have changed the dates of their Schenectady appearances because of rerouting of the tours by the shows' producers.

The four performances of *Nunsense 2*, originally scheduled for Jan. 12-14 will now be three performances April 20-21, including a matinee on April 21. The Jan. 12 performance was cancelled and ticketholders may exchange tickets for another performance of *Nunsense 2* or for a different Proctor's show, obtain a refund or get a gift certificate good for one year. The tickets for the Jan. 13 and 14 performances of *Nunsense 2* will be honored at the April 20 and 21 performances.

The performances for *Breaking Legs*, originally scheduled March 30 and 31, are now scheduled for April 6 and 7. Ticketholders for the March 30 performance can use their tickets for the April 6 show and the March 31 ticketholders will be admitted at the April 7 show.

For additional information about these changes, ticketholders may check at Proctor's box office.

### AROUND THEATERS!

*I Ought To Be In Pictures*, Neil Simon's comedy at the Lake George Dinner Theater through Oct. 16 (668-5781)...*Love Letters*, A.J. Gurney's two-character lover affair through letters, at Oldcastle Theater, Bennington tonight (Wednesday) through Oct. 18. (802/447-0564)...*Nunsense*, outrageous comedy about nuns doing a musical benefit, at Theatre Barn, New Lebanon through Oct. 11. (794-8989)

## DINE OUT

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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 30**

## BETHLEHEM

### A DAY IN THE BERKSHIRES

Delmar Progress Club Antique Study Group, visit to Williams College Museum and Clark Art Institute, bus leaves 8:30 a.m. from Kenwood Avenue parking lot, \$25 cost includes lunch. Information, 439-5236.

### KIDS' PLACE PLAYGROUND

through Oct. 4, volunteers build new community playground at Elm Avenue Park, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0991 or 439-4087.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

### WELCOME WAGON

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

### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

### NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

### BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

## NEW SCOTLAND

### NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

### MOUNTAINVIEW

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 1**

## BETHLEHEM

### ALTERNATIVES TO YOUR CD INVESTMENT

sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

## BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### BOWLING

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

## NEW SCOTLAND

### FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7 to 8 p.m.

### FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

**FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER 2**

## BETHLEHEM

### RECOVERY, INC.

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

### CHABAD CENTER

services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 3**

## BETHLEHEM

### FIVE RIVERS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

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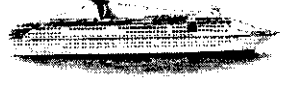
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### CHABAD CENTER

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

**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 4**

## BETHLEHEM

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

worship service, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m., at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 475-9086.

### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

worship service, 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, 8 a.m.-noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

### DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

worship and Sunday school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9252.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

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

### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

## 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.

### 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 Road, Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service, church school, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour, adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

morning worship, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont. Information, 439-4314.

### SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road, Slingerlands. Information, 438-7740.

### LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship meeting, Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Route 396, Beckers Corners, 11 a.m. Information, 235-1298.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

## CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Clarksville. Information, 768-2916.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship, 10 a.m.; church school, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Worship service, 9:15 a.m.; bible hour for children and adults, 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m.; nursery care provided for Sunday services, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

### NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

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

### ONESQUETHAW CHURCH

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

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship, 10 a.m.; church school, 11:15 a.m.; nursery care provided, Route 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

### UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Turnpike, Unionville. Information, 439-5001.

### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

### FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

### GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, 11:30 a.m., 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Information, 756-6688.

**MONDAY**  
**OCTOBER 5**

## BETHLEHEM

### DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB MEETING

Bethlehem Library community room, Delmar, 10 a.m., information, 439-5236.

### A VARIETY OF SURPRISING ENTERTAINMENT

Delmar Progress Club Drama Group presentation, Bethlehem Library community room, 7:30 p.m., information, 439-5236.

### MOTHER'S TIME OUT

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

### BLANCHARD POST MEETING

Poplar Drive, Elsmere, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

### DELMAR KIWANIS

Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

### AL-ANON GROUP

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

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

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Sunday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m.

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Neil Simon's very first comedy hit

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Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m.

### "Rememberin' Molly"

A new play by

Martin P. Kelly

(a sequel to last season's Irish comedy "Home To The Greenhorn")

Directed by Joan A. Jamison

Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at 5 p.m.

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439-1766



**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

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**NEW SCOTLAND****4-H CLUB**

7:30 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

**QUARTET REHEARSAL**

United Pentecostal Church, Route 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.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 6****BETHLEHEM**

**MAKE GRAPEVINE WREATHS**  
reservation deadline is Oct. 1, Delmar Progress Club Garden Group, information, Doris Gold, 768-2279.

**TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP**  
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1 to 6 p.m.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**DELMAR ROTARY**

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

**ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM**

Delmar Masonic Temple.

**NEW SCOTLAND****STORY HOUR**

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

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7****BETHLEHEM****DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB CREATIVE ARTS GROUP MEETING**

create a leaf collage or mobile, Bethlehem Library community room, Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Reservations, 459-5924.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**  
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

**ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

**BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS**

on application of Gregory Jackson, 7:30 p.m.; Gregory Jackson and Paul Gutman, 7:45 p.m.; Chester and Michelle Deleskiewicz, 8 p.m.; town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4955.

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 8****BETHLEHEM**

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**  
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

**BETHLEHEM WORK ON WASTE**  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 449-5568.

**DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, 8 p.m.

# SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan,

Woody Allen says life doesn't imitate art. It imitates bad television.

While this might be true for him, it's not often true for teenagers. It's hard to say convincingly that life even imitates good television.

This, of course, is the year of the young person's television show, started by the now famous zip code dramas. There are now quite a few shows about glamorous high school life in the 90s, one about junior high school, at least one about high school 20 years ago and another about high school 40 years ago. There's even a cable channel with a daily soap opera about junior high school.

I won't say here which I think are good and bad so readers can choose for themselves which to imitate.

But just as adult life doesn't imitate General Hospital, teenage life doesn't much imitate TV dramas, regardless of the postal address of the featured locale. In many shows, the actors look like they're old enough to fit in very well on the next line up of age-group oriented shows, and of course most of the schools around here don't have such a high percentage of acne-free faces.

Obviously, there are shows which are more realistic and don't give teenagers lives like those of well-known

Hollywood stars, including sizeable bank accounts and personal troubles. But many of these relatively more down-to-earth programs are really intended more for adults who want to look back on their younger days, and not for teenagers who have to live that down-to-earth life everyday.

The shows targeted at teenagers tend to be the ones which make teenage life most glamorous. Since when has going to high school been glamorous?

Unfortunately, it looks like we're going to have to dispute Woody's insight here. People watch television, good or bad, generally for its entertainment value, and the purpose of entertainment is largely to provide an escape from everyday life. If we didn't need an escape, there'd be little reason to take time out from life for entertainment.

If television really did imitate life, or vice versa, it probably wouldn't be very satisfying. That's probably why popular shows about teenagers make young life into the kind of fantastic dream many of us like to be able to imagine having.

Now, those of us who watch these shows may know that many in the adult world look down on them. How hypocritical. Check out the dramas, day or prime time, about adult life. There's not much imitation going on there either.

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**VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
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Bid forms and terms are available at the Village Office during

**LEGAL NOTICE**

regular office hours. Vehicles may be inspected at the Public Works Garage located at 12 Altamont Rd., Voorheesville, N.Y. by appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE, N.Y.  
Phyllis Robillard  
Village Clerk

Dated: September 21, 1992  
(September 30, 1992)

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
WHEREAS, 1993 assessment rolls 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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

hold a public hearing with reference thereto, at 7:30 p.m. on the 14th day of October 1992, at the Bethlehem 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 23rd day of September 1992.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Councilwoman Galvin, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller and was duly adopted by the following votes:

Ayes: Mr. Ringler, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gunner, Ms. Galvin, Mrs. Fuller.  
Noes: None.

Dated: September 9, 1992  
(September 30, 1992)

## Albany Symphony kicks off season

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will begin its fall season with concerts Friday at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and Saturday at the Palace Theatre in Albany.

New ASO music director David Alan Miller will open the season with two symphonic compositions. The performance will begin with John Adams' "Harmonielehre" and conclude with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. In 1985, "Harmonielehre" was named "Best Classical Album" by both *Time* and *USA Today*.

Before each concert, there will be a "Classical Conversation" period. The informal discussions will begin at 7 p.m. and focus on the musical selections included in the evening's performance.

Friday's discussion will be at the Capriccio Banquet Theater, 33 Second St., across from the Troy Savings Bank Music

Hall. On Saturday, the discussion will be at the Albany Center Art Gallery at 23 Monroe St., near the Palace Theater.

## Hunter sets Oktoberfest

The Hunter Mountain Oktoberfest will return for two weekends in October, Oct. 3 and 4 and Oct. 10 to 12.

Modeled after the Hunter Mountain German Alps Festival, the events include entertainment from the Alpiners, Dominos International, Bud Gramer and his Melodies, Rudy Ruf and Johnny P., Schupplattler Dancer and Turtle Frog Music for children.

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By Gerry Frey

### "Video Rentals!"

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# Festival

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and American folk songs.

The program is free and will run from noon to 5 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany.

Participating organizations include: the Albany County Historical Association, Albany Jewish Community Center Preschool, Brookside/Saratoga Center History Center, Capital Repertory Theater, Chesterwood Museum, Clermont State Historic Site, eba Dance Theater, Empire State Aerosciences Museum, Empire State Plaza Art Collection, Hall of History Foundation, Historic Cherry Hill,

## Spencertown fall folk series opens Oct. 10

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason will open the Spencertown Academy's Fall Folk Music Series on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. at the academy, located in Spencertown between Route 22 and the Taconic State Parkway.

The two played and arranged much of

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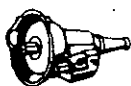
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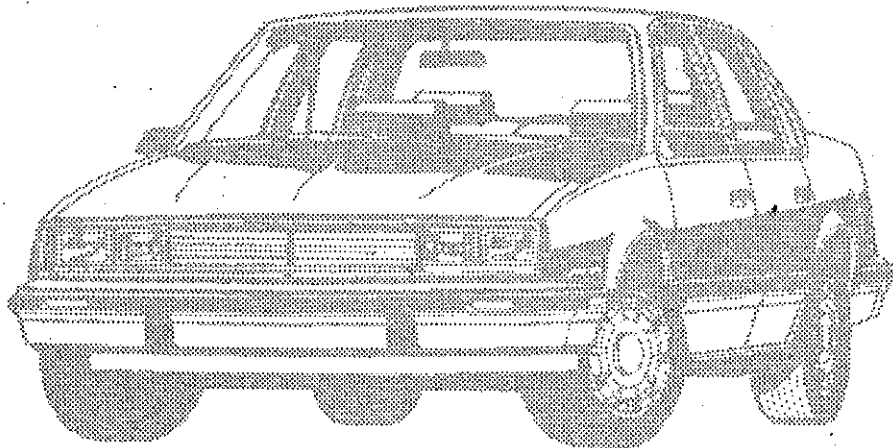
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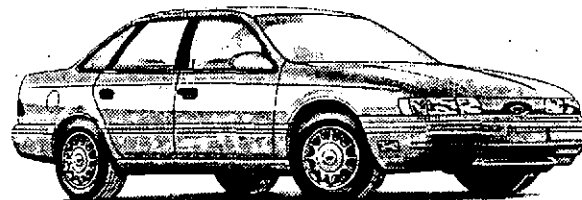
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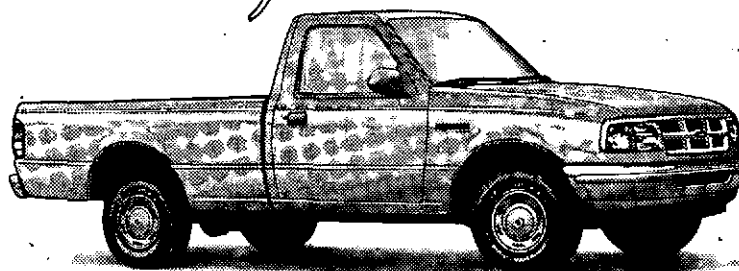
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- Oct. 12-15, Northway Mall, Colonie
- Oct. 16, Empire State Plaza, Albany (plaza level at State Street entrance)
- Oct. 19-24, Wilton Mall, Wilton.

Times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at all sites.

"I encourage motorists to take advantage of these free, 10-minute tests," State Energy Commissioner Francis J. Murray, Jr. said. "Trained technicians will check tire pressure, oil, belts and other operating system components to make sure your car is getting the most from its gasoline."

"In addition to saving you money and reducing air pollution, proper vehicle maintenance can prevent a breakdown or equipment failure, which are potentially dangerous situations," Motor Vehicles Commissioner Patricia B. Adduci said. "New York State requires an annual safety inspection and, in some areas, exhaust emissions testing. However, more frequent regular maintenance is necessary to assure a safe, efficient automobile."

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Thomas C. Jorling said: "Motor vehicle exhausts are responsible for over 50 percent of the emissions that cause ozone, 90 percent of the carbon monoxide and 55 percent of the toxic air pollution in New York's urban areas. Under Governor Cuomo's direction, New York State has taken the lead to compel the production of cleaner vehicles. Within the next year, new regulations will require regular emission testing in most of the State, including the Capital District. Citizens can do their part now to reduce air pollution by ensuring that their cars and trucks run at maximum efficiency."

Motorists who visit the Checkup will receive free information on automotive safety and efficiency.

Assisting with the Checkups are AC-Delco, Alldata, the American Automobile Association, the American Lung Association, Bear Automotive, Car Care Council, Environmental Systems Products, the Gasoline and Repair Shop Association of New York, Gates Rubber Company, Hudson Valley Auto Club, Hudson Valley Community College, Mobil Oil Corp., New York State Office of General Services, Northway Mall, Parts Plus

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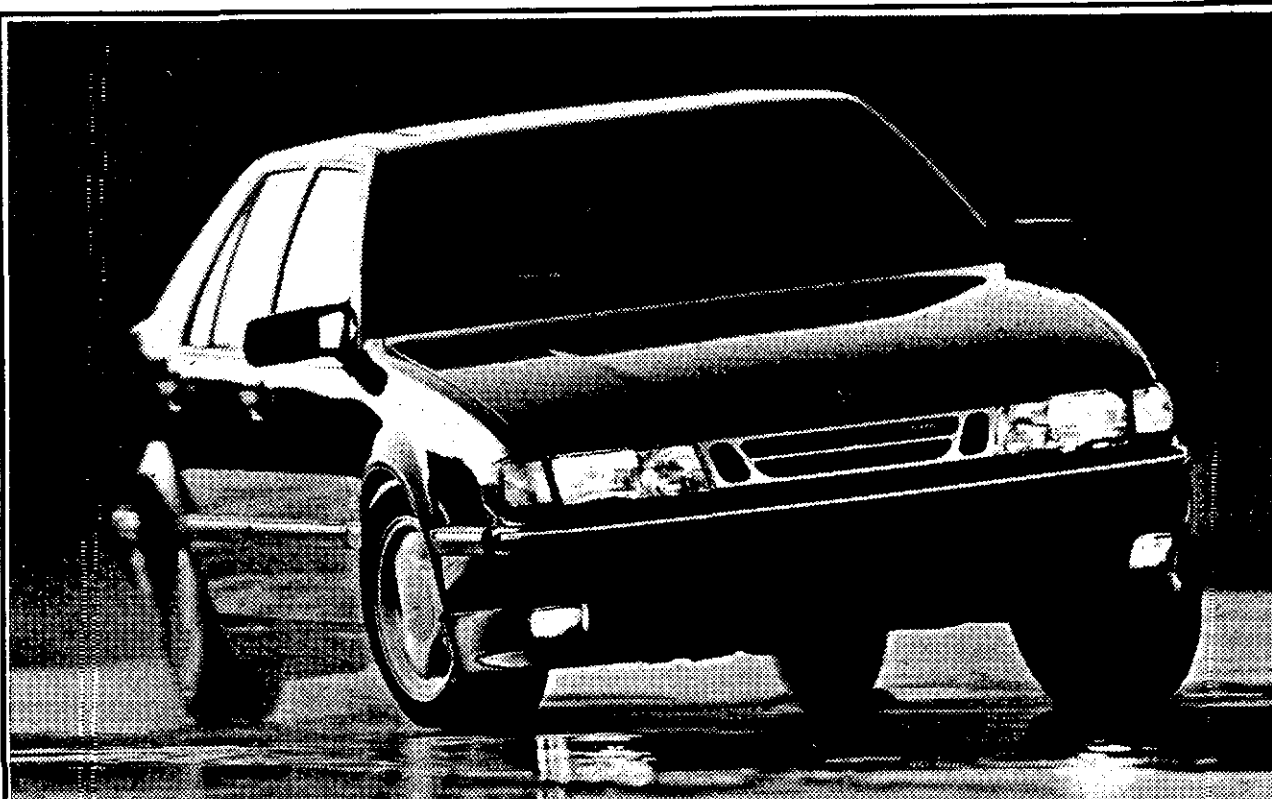
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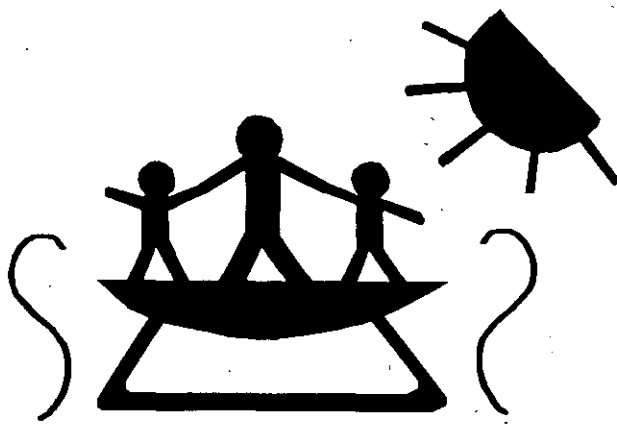
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Of course, **KIDS' PLACE** would not be a reality without the help, support, and guidance of those individuals and businesses below, as well as hundreds of others. If you are not listed below, please accept our apologies and warmest thanks for your support in our efforts.

The Playground will officially open on Sunday, October 4, in the late afternoon or early evening (depending on how the work goes!). Please join us as we run, jump, slide, skip, and hop our way onto **KIDS' PLACE!**

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# Patented process can cut heating, cooling costs

By Dev Tobin

Two years ago, when the Bethlehem Lutheran Church embarked on an expansion that would double the size of its building, one thing church officials didn't want to do is double the heating and cooling bill.

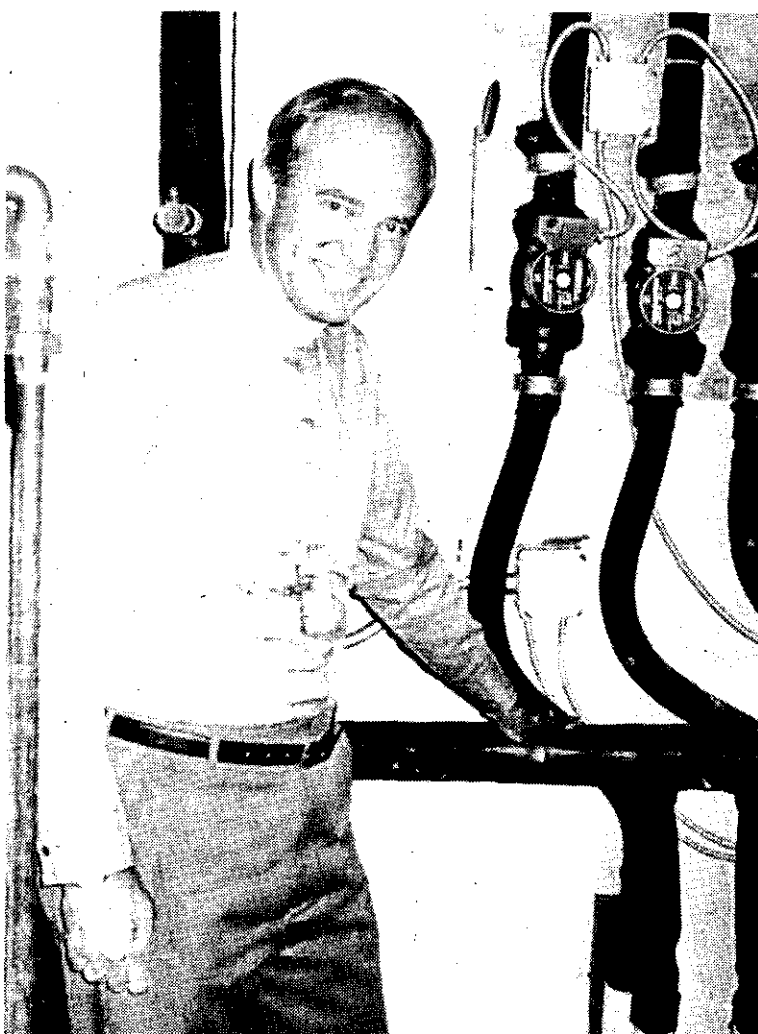
So the church turned to Geotech, a Troy firm with a patented process for extracting heat and cooling from fluid circulating in underground plastic pipes.

"The system has worked very well and provided significant savings," said the Rev. Warren Winterhoff, pastor of the church. "And it cost us no more to install than a conventional heating and air conditioning system."

The Geotech system is basically a heat pump that uses a heat exchanger and a compressor to either extract heat from the 50 degree Fahrenheit fluid or deposit excess heat in the fluid to be dispersed in the ground.

The fluid — a solution of anti-freeze and water — circulates underground in a series of closed loops, the length and number of which are determined by the size of the space to be heated and cooled.

Conventional heat pumps, which use air as the exchange medium, do not function well at low temperatures, and also need to use more electricity to make the exchange.



The Rev. Warren Winterhoff of Bethlehem Lutheran Church has reason to smile as the earth's natural heat in these pipes provides energy to both heat and cool the church's recent addition.  
Dev Tobin

While most residential installations require one heat pump and two or three closed loops, the size of the church addition (approximately 8,500 square feet) required five heat pumps and 12 closed loops buried up to 300 feet in the ground.

"There are still some wrinkles to be worked out, but the Geotech people have been really wonderful to deal with," Rev. Winterhoff said.

Geotech was founded in 1982 by Thomas O'Connell, a Siena College assistant professor of computer science, after he obtained a patent for the multi-loop system.

Paul Goody of Geotech explained that the company's system provides lower operating costs compared to conventional systems.

"Normally, the difference in start-up costs in a 2,000-square-foot house is about \$4,000, but we estimate operating costs will be at

least 15 percent less than the cheapest alternative," Goody said.

The Geotech system also has a lower environmental impact. "There's no chimney, and the system uses far less electricity than air-to-air heat pumps," Goody pointed out.

For residential developer Dave Michaels of The Michaels Group in Latham, the Geotech system offers several advantages, especially in areas where natural gas is not available.

"The Geotech system is clearly more economical, quieter and more aesthetically pleasing than air-to-air heat pumps," he said. "We will continue to offer it as an option in our custom developments."

Michaels noted that, after working with Geotech for three years, he was impressed that they are constantly updating and improving the system.

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# Proper insulation can eliminate unwanted noises in your home

With more people entertaining and staying home these days, a quiet atmosphere takes on a new priority.

To help combat the noises produced by everything from appliances inside to sirens outside, more consumers are looking for ways to "soundproof" their homes.

If you are building a new home, or renovating or adding to your existing house, you have a perfect opportunity to add soundproofing. One of the most economical ways to accomplish this is with basic home insulation. It can be relatively simple and inexpensive, and can add greatly to the comfort and the value of your home. Soundproofing may be especially beneficial when you're ready to sell your home.

Materials placed in walls and ceilings can provide a barrier to sound from the outside and from room to room. Some materials, like lead, reflect sound energy, but aren't practical for wrapping rooms. Other alternatives exist, but experts say fiberglass insulation is best because it absorbs sound and also saves energy.

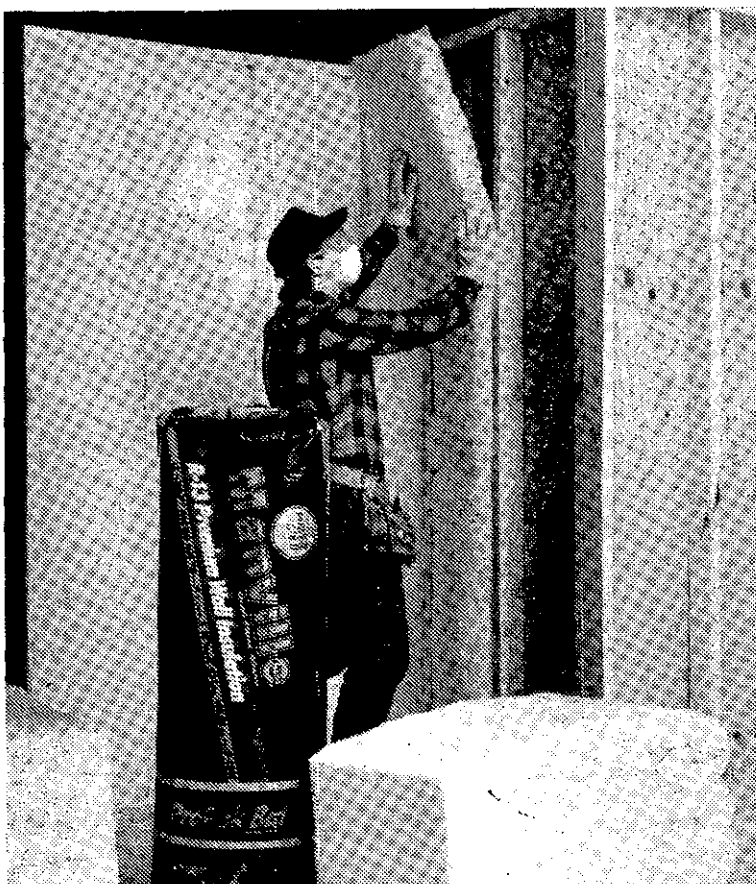
When most people think about insulation, they think about insulating the exterior walls. This is important for controlling sound from the outside. But, insulating the interior walls is just as important for reducing noise between rooms inside. Ceilings and floors are also a vital area to reduce noise from overhead or below.

For added sound control, insulate your heating and air conditioning ducts. If you have metal ducts, wrap them in fiber glass insulation with a vapor-retardant facing. If you're adding new ducts, consider a high-efficiency system made from rigid fiber glass insulation boards.

In addition to insulation, if you are in the process of renovating or remodeling your home, here are some additional sound-proofing steps you can take:

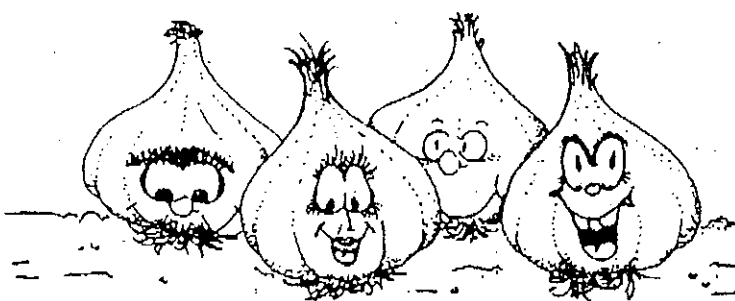
- Install thick carpeting and padding throughout your home to reduce impact sound.
- Caulk around windows and use weatherstripping at the bottoms of doors.
- Choose solid wood, insulated core doors.
- Use thick glass insulating glass and storm windows to help reduce sound transmission through windows.
- Select quiet, high-quality appliances.
- Install telephones, doorbells, intercoms or audio built-ins on interior walls only, never on party or corridor walls.
- Caulk holes made by wiring which penetrates connecting structure with elastic non-hardening caulk or dry packing.

For a free booklet, "Practical Tips for a Quieter Home," contact the CertainTeed Home Institute at 1-800-782-8777.



Proper insulation installed in walls and ceilings can provide a barrier to sound from the outside and from other rooms. Building a new home or remodeling an existing one is an excellent opportunity to add soundproofing.

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## Garden windows blossom

Minor remodeling sometimes leads to major results.

Take the kitchen, for example. Of all the remodeling projects undertaken by homeowners, only minor kitchen remodeling can turn a profit.

According to *Remodeling* magazine, minor kitchen remodeling costs an average of \$8,320. This minor remodeling, however, re-

sults in an average increase in the resale value of your home of \$8,345—slightly more than the remodeling cost.

Remodeling doesn't have to be a major project. It could mean adding something as simple as a garden window behind the sink as a way of improving the view while providing space for a favorite plant or two.

## VCR craze out of control in U.S.

According to Sharp Electronics Corp., a leading supplier of VCRs:

- If you lined up, side by side, all of the VCRs sold in the U.S. in 1991, they would stretch approximately 1.7 times longer than the Great Wall of China.

- The total number of minutes people in the U.S. spent watching rented movies last year is equal to

almost 600,000 years.

- The number of VCR tape rentals in the U.S. in 1991 (4.09 billion) is almost equal to the number of years the earth has existed (4.5 billion).

- The weight of all of the household VCRs sold in the U.S. in 1991 would be equal to about 15,000 average-sized hippopotamuses.

## Look for Blue Star on gas appliances

Consumers who are purchasing natural gas appliances should look for the Blue Star Design Certification Seal from the American Gas Association Laboratories or a similar safety certification from another nationally recognized testing agency.

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## Check house carefully before deciding to buy

After making some basic decisions, like location and whether you want to buy a new house or an old one, and saved enough for a down payment, you will need to thoroughly check out the house you're considering buying.

How can you tell if the house you've chosen is of good quality? Here are some hints from the experts on what to watch for:

- Start at the bottom. Check the basement for stains on the walls and floors. If the basement has been newly painted, check for moist odors.

- Check for slopes in the floors, slanting walls or sagging rooflines and windows out of plumb. In a newly built house, a twisted frame may show up in a small slant here and there, but it could mean costly repairs over time.

- Turn on the faucets to check the pressure and look for rust in the water. Also check the quality of the faucets. If the contractor is paying attention to quality, it will show in the bathrooms and kitchen accessories.

Remember, though your own inspection is important, be sure to get a final inspection by an engineer before you sign a contract.

## Temporary storms easy with staple gun

For additional insulation from winter's cold air, you can make excellent temporary storm windows by covering them with clear plastic.

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# Chimney sweeps

(From Page 1)

Two nights later, when a chimney fire filled his home with smoke, Grant got some first-hand information and decided on a career.

Since that time, Grant has been a full-time chimney sweep, working throughout the year and supplementing his cleaning work with masonry and chimney re-lining. He services most of his yearly woodstove customers during the summer months and attends to chimneys in the fall.

use, should be cleaned every five to 10 years, he said.

A poorly-maintained stove, fireplace or gas furnace is not only a fire hazard but a potential health threat as well, Grant said. An improperly vented or poorly set up stove can leak carbon monoxide and other pollutants back into the home. During cold winters, Grant said, fatalities from leaking stoves are all too common.

Unlike the stereotyped roof-climbing sweeps in movies, most chimneys are now cleaned from

a small camera up into the chimney to see if flue tiles are crumbling or broken.

Much of the sweeps' other equipment deals with health and safety. Respirators, gloves and protective hand creams all guard against the possible side effects of working with the carcinogenic creosote. With the image of Dick Van Dyke dancing across sooty rooftops ingrained in most people's minds, many customers are surprised to see sweeps appearing at their door in regular work clothes instead of black top hat and tails.

"A lot of people expect to see the top hat and tails. ... We all used to wear them back in the beginning but things have changed," Grant said.

According to the book *For Whatever Soots You*, the traditional outfits originated several centuries ago in Great Britain, when sweeps would deck themselves out in the cast-off formal clothes of undertakers.

In those early days, sweeps would carry only two or three brushes because that's how many sizes of coal chimneys there were. As the years progressed and chimneys were made from various materials and in various shapes, the job of the sweep became a bit more complex.

Today, there are 6,000 members in the national chimney sweeps' guild. The guild holds certification testing and oversees the progress of a profession that has gone from being a quaint idea to a viable business option.

Larry Grant

**A lot of people expect to see the top hat and tails. ... We all used to wear them back in the beginning but things have changed.**

"It's all related work. I keep pretty busy throughout the year but these three months, September, October and November, are probably the busiest," Grant said.

Sweeps made their comeback during the OPEC oil embargo of the 1970s. When fuel prices skyrocketed, many Americans turned to the humble woodstove to heat their homes. However, continuous burning in woodstoves obviously causes more creosote buildup than a fireplace that gets used a half dozen times each year.

Enter the chimney sweep, fully equipped to solve the problem.

Grant recommends woodstoves be cleaned about once a year, although each stove is different and should be checked on a regular basis. Fireplaces, depending on

the bottom, with a vacuum canopy around the base to keep collected soot and ashes from entering the home. Other equipment is used, but one factor joining the old and new traditions is that all the work is done by hand. There are no quick and easy roto-brush machines to make the job easier.

While the technology of chimney sweeping has remained pretty constant over the last 100 years, new-fangled contraptions like the miniature camera used by Top Hat and Tails Chimney Sweep John Oppenheim help jazz up a centuries-old profession.

"I call it the sweep and scan," said Oppenheim, an eight-year veteran of the field who works out of Rotterdam. Oppenheim pushes



Larry Grant of Altamont proves chimney sweeping isn't all top hats and tuxedos these days. Safety equipment helps keep carcinogenic creosote from harming the modern sweep.

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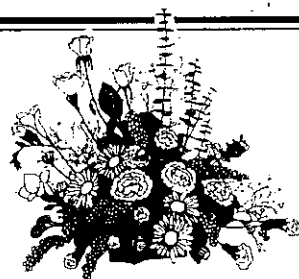
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# Fall is an ideal time to plant many trees, perennials

By Susan Graves

It's not quite time to pull up stakes in the garden, the yard or the back forty. Fall, in fact, is an excellent time to plant, said Pam Yourno, a landscape design consultant from Slingerlands.

"The best time to be in the garden is in the fall," she said. "It's more relaxed — a time to enjoy and take notes and photos, to be resurrected in the spring."

In the autumn, trees and many perennials can be planted with ample time for them to settle in before the harsh winter months.

Yourno said cool and overcast early mornings are the perfect time to plant, and suggests five basic steps for amateur landscapers.

First, make sure the plants are in good shape. "When shopping, shop for healthy plants," she said. It helps to check the leaves and stems at the bottom of the pots or root balls. "If the leaves are all the way out," the plant has been in the container for too long.

The next step involves preparation. "Preparing the soil and checking the PH of the soil and digging the hole wide and deep enough," are critical factors, she said.

When planting trees, the hole should be dug at least twice as wide as the root ball and one-and-a-half times as deep, Yourno said. Once the hole is the proper size, organic matter such as peat moss or compost should be added.

If peat moss is used, it should be saturated with water before putting it in the ground. Yourno said she puts her garden hose into the peat moss bale before planting.

The tree should then be turned on its side so it can be cut away from its container. "Slip it out or cut the container away with tin snips," she said.

After the tree is out of the container, long cuts should be made about an inch into the ball from the soil level to the bottom of the roots. This severs the roots that have

grown in a circle and gives them room to grow normally in the earth.

Now it's time for the actual planting. The ball should be set into the hole and the soil dug out of the hole plus the added material put in.

***The best time to be in the garden is in the fall. It's more relaxed — a time to enjoy and take notes and photos, to be resurrected in the spring.***

The new plant should be thoroughly watered to be sure all the air is removed. Watering should be continued according to the needs of the plants right up until the ground freezes. "Slowly and deeply is the best way to think when you're watering," Yourno advises. Just because all the leaves are off, doesn't mean the plant isn't

still making roots.

Many perennials can also be planted or divided and transplanted in the fall. "Most perennials will not suffer any stress with fall plantings," said Yourno. As with trees, soil PH is an important consideration.

gardener is to leave a stake in the ground as a reminder of where the new plants are.

Along with the garden "dos" are some "don'ts" to keep in mind.

Before plopping that tiny evergreen tree right next to the house, consider what it's going to look like when it's fully grown. That 2 or 3-foot baby may someday soar to a height of some 50 or 60 feet.

"Give the tree enough space for its roots and arms to grow," Yourno suggested.

Keep in mind that trees are living organisms with their own likes and dislikes. Some varieties prefer shadier areas while others enjoy life in the sun.

Another important part of caring for the garden and lawn in the fall is cleanup. Leaves that are left matted over flower beds can foster the growth of diseases and insects.

Pam Yourno

Further, she added, it's a good idea to put evergreen or pine boughs over the plants as winter cover.

Another tip for the forgetful

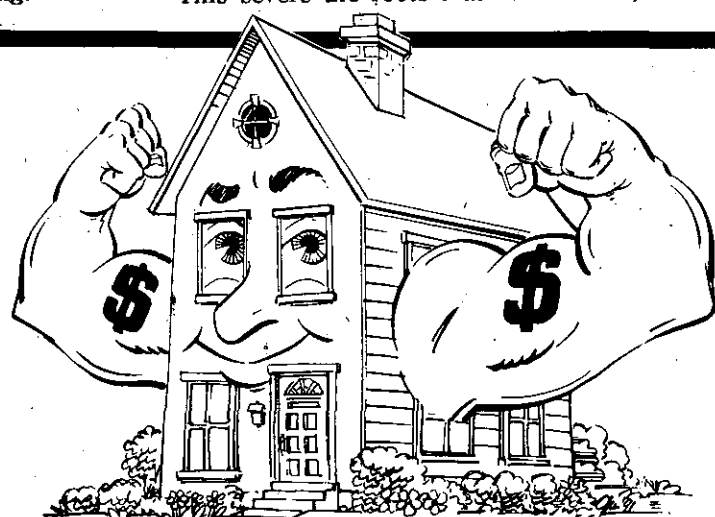
## Reducing closet clutter is key to smart storage

Organizing may be one of the most frustrating and time-consuming chores around the house. No matter how big the home, there is never enough storage space for all the household and lawn items which accumulate.

Smart utilization of space makes all the difference in cleaning house. Freeing up floor space by using hooks and brackets, and using sturdy wire shelving units help organize common "clutter" rooms like the garage and laundry room.

The key to home organization is to take advantage of what once may have been considered useless space and make it useful.

Organizing the home is also the perfect opportunity to give away or discard items that haven't been used for years. Churches, synagogues, community centers or the Salvation Army are usually happy to receive unwanted items. Some groups will even do home pickups.



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# Put autumn leaves to work for spring garden

By Mike Larabee

Fall is the season when Mother Nature brings her own brand of improvements to local homes, rolling out a thick, golden-brown carpet of leaves and branches across driveways, lawns and rooftops.

## *It all depends on your nose.*

Sharon Fisher

It's a classic touch, if a little predictable and a bit timeworn, that drives right to the heart of style for the season — crisp colors giving way to somber earthtones in tune with the change of seasons. But it's not for everyone.

If the natural look isn't exactly your idea of proper home aesthetics, fall will mean something else. It means it's time to get your hands on a good rake or mower, and time to figure out what to do with all that yard waste.

While public workers will generally collect leaves for transportation to municipal composting sites, your best bet, in an era of intense waste reduction and recycling efforts, might be to let yard wastes decay naturally in some out-of-the-way corner of your property.

And come spring, when you've got plenty of rich compost on hand to add to garden beds, you'll be glad you did. "The best thing is composting on site," said Joseph Stockbridge, the town of Colonie's environmental services director.

To ready leaves for home composting, Stockbridge offers advice that not only will improve the final product, but will save you the blisters and back strain inevitably associated with raking leaves. Don't put away your lawn mower too early, he said.

"It's easiest to compost if the materials are ground up already," said Stockbridge. "The easiest way

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to do that is to just mow your lawn."

Stockbridge recommends that you start at the outer edge of a section of your property and begin circling on an inward spiral, taking care to direct your mower's spray of chopped leaves and grass toward a central pile.

"Once you do that, it will be all mixed up nice and mulched up nice, and there will be a little bit of grass in there too. It makes a nice compost mixture," he said. "Then all you have to do is put it in your home composter, and in a month or so you'll have fairly decent compost if you turn it a couple of times and add a little bit of water."

Your compost container, Stockbridge said, can be anything from chicken wire wrapped around four posts to a homemade wood-slat box to a fancy plastic composter purchased at a garden or hardware store. The important thing, he said, is that the material get plenty of air and remain moist while it decays.

"Home composting can be done very low tech," he said. "As long as you can turn it every once in a while, it will work out very well."

At a time of increased emphasis on recycling, leaf composting is the ultimate in waste diversion, said Sharon Fisher, coordinator of the town of Bethlehem's recycling efforts. "After it biodegrades, it becomes a usable enrichment for the soil and will replenish the



Bethlehem Recycling Coordinator Sharon Fisher digs into the town's giant compost pile, located behind the public works garage on Elm Avenue East. If you don't have space on your own property to compost yard waste, most municipalities will collect the fall debris and bring it to a central site like Bethlehem's.

Mike Larabee

soil," she said.

Fisher emphasized that you don't even need a container to compost, just space enough to let leaves and yard waste decay in relatively small piles.

"Small leaf piles in the backyard will biodegrade in six months to a year," she said. "If you're really attentive to it, by springtime you can have compost to add to your gardens."

"Small leaf piles will decom-

pose really fast," she said, adding that even the "leaf mountains" people used to build at back property lines will work fine, if you have the time. "There's nothing wrong with it (one large pile),

except it decomposes slower and in the process of decomposing slower, you may get a few extra smells."

"It all depends on your nose," she said.



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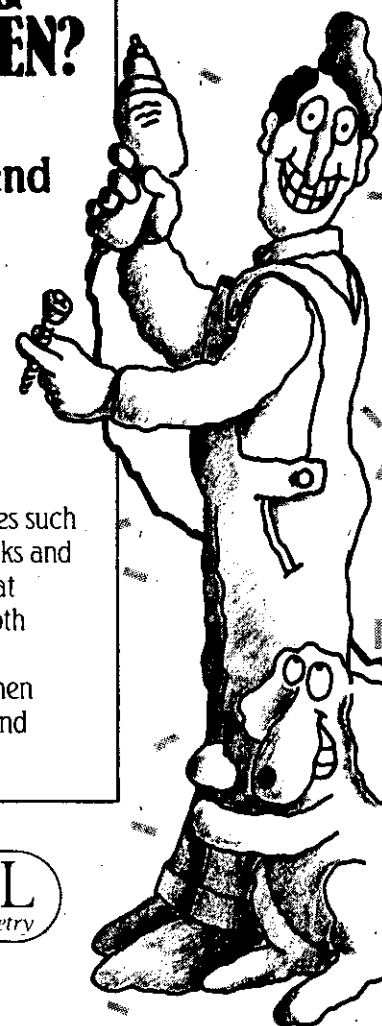


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# Earth-friendly products making their mark

By Kathleen Shapiro

The label on the mysterious bottle of liquid in Rich DeFries' hand reads like an exotic salad dressing or a cure for stomach upset: fermented corn, coconuts, vinegar, citrus oils.

It's not for eating, although the list of ingredients might lead you to believe you could toss back a glass of it and not suffer anything worse than a mildly bad aftertaste. Instead, the bottled mixture is for cleaning and polishing your furniture.

With the greenhouse effect and anti-pollution measures making headlines, the all-natural elixir is just one item on the growing roster of "environmentally friendly" cleaning and home care products slowly finding their way onto the market and into the hands of consumers across the Capital District.

"A lot of people equate environmentally-friendly products with not doing as good a job," said

DeFries, who owns Shaker Lumber and Hardware on Watervliet-Shaker Road in Latham. "In actuality, some of them work as well, if not better, than the traditional products."

The new brand of water-soluble varnishes, for example, are harder and much more scratch-resistant than their traditional counterparts. "In trying to create an environmentally-friendly product, some companies have created a better one," said DeFries.

Besides containing fewer fluorocarbons and more organic and biodegradable materials, many environmentally-friendly products are also healthier to use since they lack harsh ingredients that can cause potential health problems or allergic reactions.

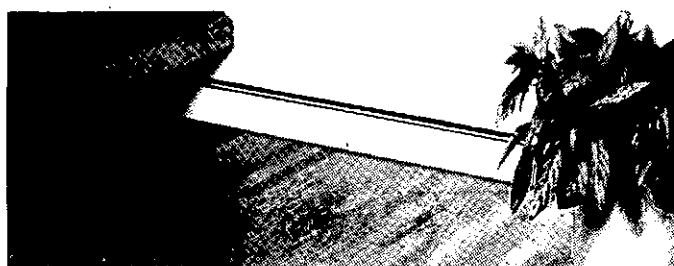
Stacked on DeFries' shelves alongside the "mainstream" polishes and liquids are tub and tile cleaners containing citric acid and witch hazel instead of chlorine



Unlike most lawn care experts, SafeLawns owner Ned Rosinus relies exclusively on organic fertilizer and seed to cultivate a lush, green lawn. "It's not a quick fix," says Rosinus. "It takes a long time to build a lawn." On the plus side, organic lawn care requires fewer applications than chemical care and offers long-lasting effects. Although lawn care is a year-round job, fall is a particularly good time for feeding and seeding the lawn in preparation for winter. Safelawns also does chipping and shredding, mulching and seasonal cleanups.

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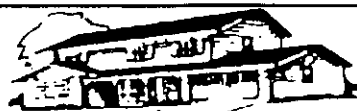
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Out back, DeFries sells natural cedar wood. Although roughly 25 percent more expensive than pressure-treated lumber, cedar—which is naturally resistant to decay and insects—has the advantage of not being treated with chemicals like DDT, arsenic and other toxic compounds.

sects and other pests, and have started making solvents and wood stains that are less harmful to the environment.

Many hardware stores also carry environmentally-friendly devices such as energy-saving light bulbs that last 20 times as long as normal bulbs and use half the electricity, and water savers for the shower and toilet which can cut the amount of water used in half.

Because most of these products are marketed in small quantities, many consumers aren't even

The price of organic fertilizers, seeds and other supplies is one of the reasons Ned Rosinus has to charge more for his lawn care services than other companies which rely on chemical-based products.

The owner of SafeLawns, an Albany firm specializing in organic lawn care, Rosinus is hoping he will be able to bring his prices down once the use of environmentally-friendly products becomes more widespread.

Organic lawn care is "a lot more labor intensive and the products cost quite a bit more," he said. "People want to have the service, but when they're hit with the price, it can be discouraging."

Instead of synthetic or petroleum-based garden products that can seep through the soil and get into the groundwater supply, SafeLawns uses an aerating technique that punches holes in the ground, allowing more air, water and natural fertilizers to reach the roots. Certain types of grasses can also be cultivated to naturally repel insects, weed growth and plant disease. The result is a stronger, healthier lawn maintained without the use of dangerous chemicals.

"I'll roll around on the lawn, I'll let my dog roll around on the lawn. I'd even let my kids roll around on it," said Rosinus.

"People are going to become more and more aware," he predicted. "Soon all chemicals are going to be outlawed. We can't keep throwing petro-chemicals and toxins into the ground."

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Although sales of traditional products still far outweigh those of environmentally-friendly products, DeFries sees the demand for them increasing as new laws are passed banning chemical emissions and limiting the use of petroleum-based products.

Others in the business agree. "We know it's coming, so we're starting to transfer over," said George Orsino, manager of the Persico True Value Hardware Store in Glenmont.

In addition to natural cleaners, paints and polishes, companies have started relying on a variety of scents and soaps to deter in-

aware they exist. "It's hard to get people to try something new," said Orsino.

Limited supplies and increased development costs also drive up the price. Consumers can expect to pay 10 to 15 percent more for a product labeled environmentally friendly, said DeFries, adding that the costs aren't likely to come down anytime soon.

"They seem to be getting more expensive instead of less," he said, attributing the increase to stricter environmental laws that require more testing and increased production costs.

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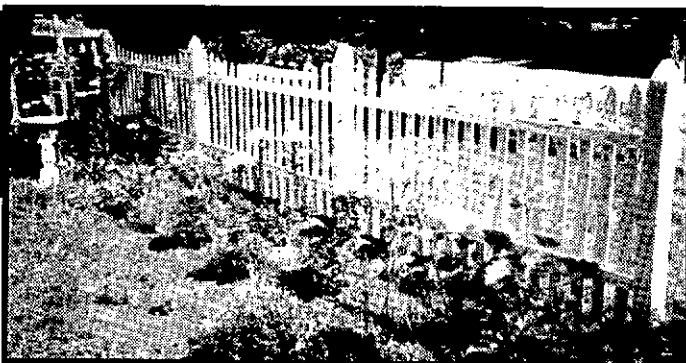
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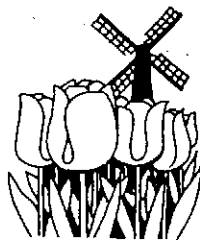
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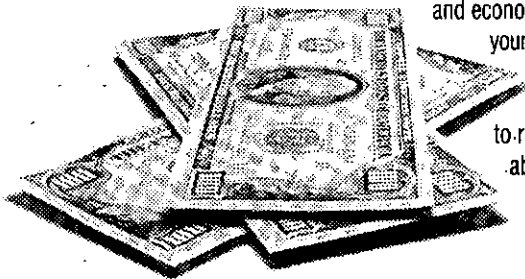
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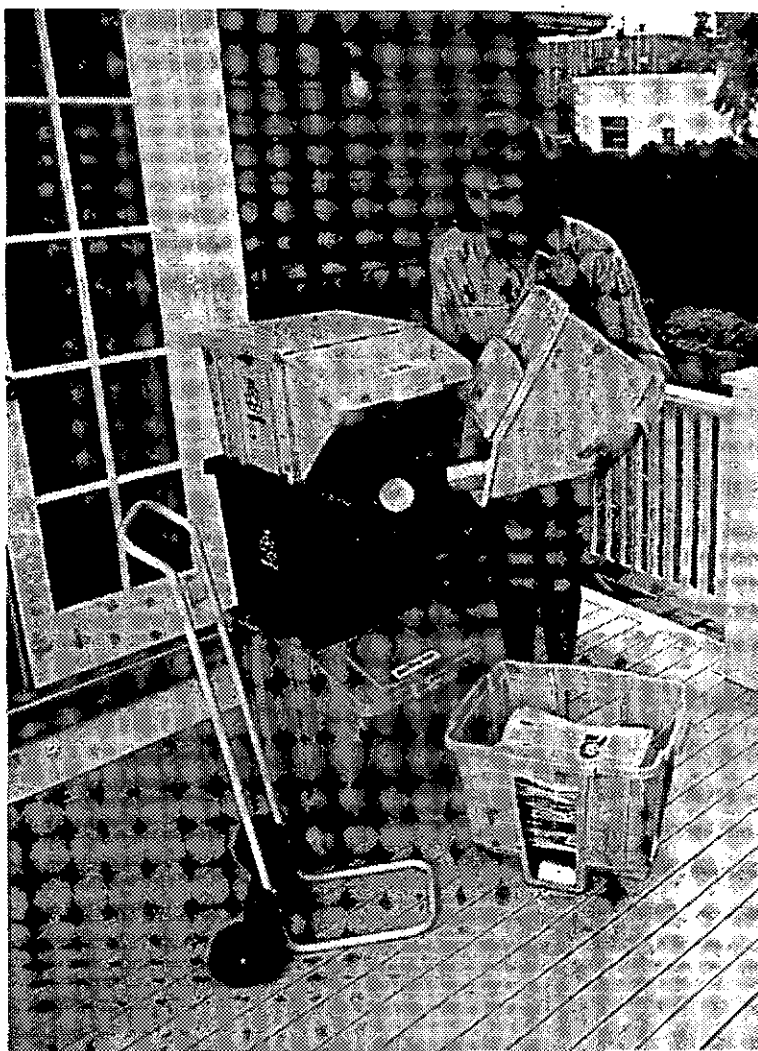
By recycling, you and your household can adopt some environmentally responsible habits. All it takes is a pinch of organization and a dose of common sense. If you develop a system that is comfortable for you and your household, it's sure to work. And you're sure to stick to it.

While there's no single right way to organize for recycling, a little planning and know-how helps. "The bottom line is recycling can be convenient, as long as you develop a system that's right for you," says Jamie Hill, recycling program research analyst for the National Solid Waste Management Association.

It's relatively easy to make recycling as simple as throwing garbage away. First, find out exactly what is and isn't being recycled in your community. Some communities recycle plastic milk jugs and soda bottles. Others don't. Most recycle newspapers, aluminum cans and glass.

Find out if you need to separate newspapers from glass and aluminum cans or if you can throw everything in one bin. Your county or municipal solid waste office can provide this information.

You're going to need a place to put those recyclables until collection day or until you have time to haul everything to the recycling center. If you need to sort aluminum cans from newspapers and



Having a household system for recycling can make being environmentally responsible as easy as taking the garbage out. A system also helps family members to develop sound habits to take out of the house.

glass, consider putting a set of stackable bins in your kitchen, pantry or anywhere else that will be convenient. You can designate separate bins for cans, bottles and newspapers, and eliminate the need for sorting later.

Before you throw those recyclables in the bin, give them a

quick rinse in cold water. This will get rid of food residue and will keep odors to minimum. It's not necessary to run glass jars through the dishwasher. A better method is to give them a quick dunk in

your dirty dishwater.

Most recycling programs don't require that you peel labels off of glass jars. However, many do ask that you remove labels from soup and food cans and that you take

the plastic or metal tops and rings off glass or plastic beverage containers. "It's good to do as you go along," says Hill. "Otherwise you've got hordes of things piling up, and that's when it becomes a real irritant."

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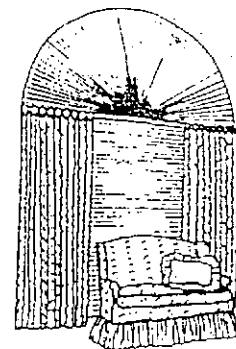
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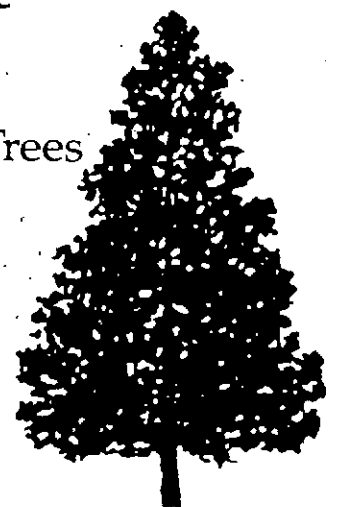
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and send motor and gas valve when more warm air is needed. When the proper temperature is reached, the blower and gas valve shut down, saving not only on gas but on the electricity required to run the motor.

This translates into significant energy savings. For example, a

typical variable capacity furnace has an Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) of 93.5 percent, which is the amount of gas burned to directly heat your home. And because the furnace's motor is not running at full speed all the time, it uses a lot less electricity to operate. The operating energy

needed is about the same amount as an 80 watt light bulb.

As with many other appliances, electronics and new technologies have helped to shrink the cabinet size of furnaces. Some brands are only 40 inches tall—small enough to easily fit into closets or, if placed on their sides, in attics and crawl spaces.

Another new feature of gas furnaces is "hot surface ignition," a technology borrowed from gas stoves. A silicon carbide igniter eliminates the need for an energy-wasting standing pilot light.

"Consumers are so used to the furnaces of their childhood," says furnace company representative Frank Hartman. "Remember the large, noisy 'monsters in the basement' that blasted out hot air? Remember the pilot light that Dad had to relight? The new furnaces are so quiet we often have a hard time convincing consumers that they are even operating. But once they experience the comfort, they're convinced."

If you're thinking about replacing your heating system with a high-efficiency gas furnace, be sure to ask your heating contractor about utility rebate programs. Many utilities offer rebates to homeowners installing efficient equipment.

Also, if you're planning to build or buy a new home, ask your mortgage lender about Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEMs). Many lenders will allow you to amortize the cost of installing or upgrading to high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment. Your lower monthly utility bills may qualify you for a larger mortgage, and perhaps a more expensive home.

You may also want to consider adding a central humidifier and electron air cleaner to your heating system. A humidifier will make your house feel warmer at a lower thermostat setting, eliminate annoying static electricity, and may even reduce colds and other respiratory illness. An air cleaner removes tobacco smoke, allergens and pollutants from your indoor air, resulting in a cleaner, healthier home.

Your local heating contractor can answer any questions you may have about new heating technologies. To locate your nearest contractor, look under heating or air conditioning in your local yellow page directory.

## Improving insulation can lower fuel bills

Winterproofing the house now can help lower utility bills over the winter.

Energy experts recommend the following steps: check windows and doors for caulking, install storm windows, fit fireplace dampers and doors tightly, and determine the amount of insulation in various parts of the home, starting with the attic.

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## New combination heaters increase energy efficiency

To increase energy efficiency and reduce costs, homeowners have the option of choosing one natural gas appliance for two separate jobs — heating water and heating air, according to the American Gas Association.

The combo-heater system takes hot water (135 to 140 degrees F) from a regular residential gas water heater and circulates it through a closed system to a specially-designed air handler.

The air handler extracts heat from the water and uses it to warm air. While a fan or blower moves the warmed air (100 to 110 de-

grees F) through ductwork, the cooled water is returned to the water heater to be reheated.

In most combo-heater systems, the water loses only about 15 degrees while circulating, thereby providing plenty of warm air.

Using one natural gas burner to do two jobs saves money because natural gas is currently the most economical home energy source, according to the Department of Energy.

The combo-heater system also has other advantages, including low initial cost and high efficiency. In addition, the combo-heater

system reduces the space needed for separate systems and can be installed with a vent through the wall, eliminating the need for a chimney.

Low maintenance costs are another plus, as routine service can be performed easily and quickly. And, by continually circulating the water, the system eliminates sediment buildup that can cause hot water heater failure.

For air conditioning, the air handler in the combo-heating system is equipped with a cooling unit that operates from a standard air conditioning compressor.

### Plan an all-year garden of colorful blossoms

What better way to improve your home than with an all-weather garden.

The most eye-catching homes seem to be ones with gardens that bloom all year, providing a vivid show that continues throughout each season, notes the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN). Spend the winter planning a garden of year-round color. This may seem a daunting task, but it's as simple as a visit to your local garden center and a quick chat with the professionals there.

According to retail garden center experts, the secret to a garden bursting with color all year-round is in timing the bloom periods of the various plants in your garden. This way, when one flower is finished budding — whether perennial or annual — another is budding nearby.

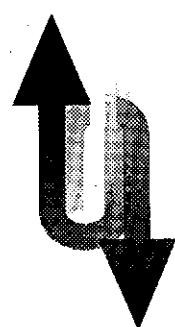
Once you've determined which plants bloom in which month and how they fit into the light and moisture conditions in your yard or garden, you're halfway there.

Plan a colorful landscape by selecting both perennials, which typically bloom for several weeks, and annuals, which provide rich color for longer periods of time. Don't forget spring bulbs like crocus and daffodils, which can be planted among annuals and perennials for early-season color.

Winter plants with colorful berries and attractive bark will brighten your garden on even the most cold and dreary day. Make a rough diagram of your lawn or garden to determine where you will place each successive "star," noting the flowering date of each plant and shrub.

Be creative in choosing the colors for your garden, and don't be afraid to mix them together in unusual groupings. You might combine differing shades of the same family, such as pinks with scarlet reds, or opt for vivid contrasts instead, grouping lilac shades with peach tones or deep blues with creamy whites.

Ask the experts at your local garden center for advice on planting and caring for your year-round garden, and wake up to color regardless of the season.



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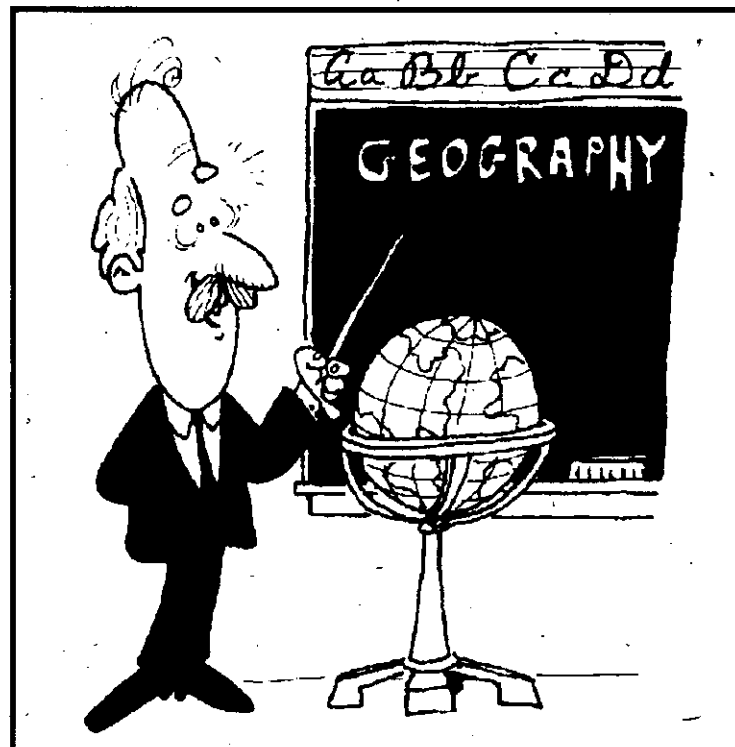
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## Energy plans could save schools \$

Good news may be in store for parents and taxpayers. By putting more effort into upgrading schools' energy management programs, school districts can improve the quality of the learning environment for students and save millions of dollars for taxpayers, experts report.

Currently, schools waste nearly \$2 billion each year due to lack of energy management programs. According to a study by the American Association of School Administrators, the utility bill for the nation's public schools reached an all-time high of \$7.4 billion for the 1991-92 school year.

Until recently, when a school district wanted to install energy conservation equipment or renovate its heating, ventilating or air conditioning system, it was unable to take advantage of this contracting due to strict public bid laws. Legislatures in nine states have now passed laws specifically allowing school districts to use private sector financing to achieve guaranteed savings and let schools use predicted future savings to improve or enhance current maintenance and operations.



Finally, schools can do more than just teach economics and global responsibility when it comes to conserving energy. In the past, schools wasted nearly \$2 billion a year due to lack of comprehensive energy management programs. Public bidding laws have long restricted school districts' abilities to make necessary energy improvements. Now, though, some state legislatures are allowing districts to use private sector financing to fund proper energy maintenance.

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# Woodstove sales heat up as technology improves

By Mel Hyman

Just a few years ago, woodstoves were the rage.

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Although demand subsequently slumped a bit, new technology has recently pumped up sales again. "I think the thing that cooled the market was not pollution, because the new (stoves) are burning incredibly clean," said Tim Madden, owner of Matchless Stove and Chimney Inc. of Glenmont.

"The romance dropped off when people got tired of cutting logs and dragging them inside."

Woodstoves using pellet-sized chips instead of firewood are the newest vogue, so you'd better not be left out in the cold. For those investigating a primary or secondary heating system, woodstoves fueled by compressed hardwood sawdust offer some big advantages.

The new pellet-fired stoves will cost about \$1,900, according to Madden. For one thing, he noted, these units are highly efficient and produce only a modicum of pollution.

"The old (stoves) used to give off 50 grams of smoke per hour. The new ones give off only about five grams per hour."

Pellet-fired stoves have really started to catch on, Madden said. "They're very clean burning and extremely convenient to the point where you can vent them out the side of your house, just like a dryer." No chimney is needed.

One load of pellets used to cost a bit more than a cord of wood, but new suppliers have entered the marketplace and prices have dropped, Madden said.

Conventional woodstoves are still available in a wide variety of

sizes and designs. Prices can range from \$600 for a stripped-down steel model to \$2,500 for a cast-iron stove with a baked enamel exterior and glass doors. You can count on a few hundred more for installation.

If you want to get old-fashioned, you can even find coal-burning stoves. Some area stores still offer Franklin stoves, which can best be described as freestanding fireplaces.

Woodstove technology has advanced far beyond what it was only a dozen years ago. When the so-called, airtight units first came out, there was a problem with them.

Because not enough air was let in, the fire often went out or burned at such a low temperature that considerable amounts of creosote and soot resulted.

When it comes to do-it-yourself projects, if you've never installed a woodstove before it's best to seek advice from a local chimney sweep. Or better yet, pay someone who knows what they're doing.



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# Barrier-free home products have come a long way

At one time, the words "barrier-free products" conjured up images of awkward and drab-looking items that drew unwanted attention to their users.

"There was a huge misconception on the part of designers who created barrier-free products for

the physically challenged and senior citizens as to how these items should look," explains Peter Warshaw of the Delta Faucet Company, former chairman of the Plumbers Manufacturers Institute (PMI). "This misunderstanding led them to make products that

were institutional or different in appearance."

Those who require barrier-free or accessible products resent designs that set them apart from the rest of the population. "They do not want to be reminded that they have a problem. Being singled out

as the user of an odd-ball-looking product is an indignity that can easily be spared," says Warshaw.

The tide is finally turning. An increasing number of manufacturers have become sensitive to the special needs of handicapped and older Americans. As a result, there are more attractive, accessible products on the market that can be used by the entire population.

One catalyst to this surge of barrier-free products is the fact that baby-boomers are getting older. The U.S. Bureau of Census says that adults 65 and older make up 12 percent of the population. However, by 2025, that number will soar to approximately 20 percent. Mature Americans will be the proverbial 1,000 pound gorilla that businesses can not afford to ignore.

Meeting the special needs of that market are accessible products for the home that are more stylish and main-stream in appearance.

"Esthetics are important," says Warshaw. "It's very depressing to the user if the product is visually unattractive."

Two of the most popular places in the home to remodel are the kitchen and the bath.

For the latter, many items are quickly becoming standard such as grab bars by the toilet, tub and shower; higher sinks that accommodate wheelchair-bound users; non-glare lighting around vanity mirrors; and extra-large medicine cabinets.

Anti-scald devices protect the bather from injury when water supply fluctuations cause sudden

temperature changes. In addition to protecting the aged and handicapped, anti-scald devices are useful in preventing unattended children from having accidents while in the tub.

In the kitchen, barrier-free amenities such as D-shaped faucet handle pulls, low utilities, organized storage compartments and pull-out work surfaces are being incorporated into standard designs.

Accessible plumbing products for the kitchen and bath must meet strict code guidelines issued by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI). To be code-approved, faucets must operate with no more than five pounds of force pressure and not require tight grasping. However, this does not mean that faucets must look dramatically different to accommodate this code.

Barrier-free products are beneficial in several ways. They promote self-reliant, independent living for the disabled and seniors. Some products, such as single lever faucets, require less maintenance and are readily available. And, as Warshaw points out, accessible products "allows the handicapped user to maintain a sense of dignity."

If renovations or additions are being planned in your home, you may want to consider incorporating barrier-free items. In these instances, it is suggested that you call your local building department to get advice on accessible products. If you want to update your home gradually, replacing your faucets is an easy and relatively inexpensive way to start.

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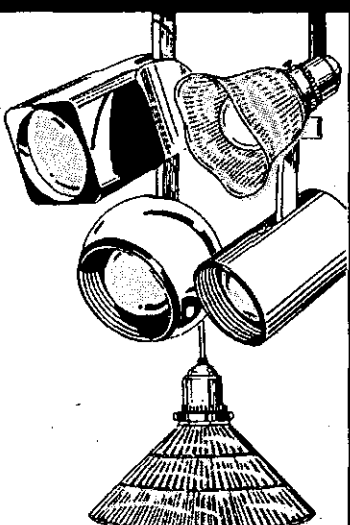
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Taking an objective look at how your family lives is the first step in making the right carpet choice. Put yourself through an initial "lifestyle interview," asking questions such as "In which rooms do I spend most of my time?" and "Do I prefer a casual or formal home environment?"

Once you've identified these lifestyle concerns, you can create the right mood for the room or area you're carpeting. And that's where color plays a critical role.

"The Joy of Designing with Carpet" recommends choosing a color scheme that feels best to you and also complements the room's function. It also explains how dark colors create a cozy look, how pastels and tints can enlarge a space, and how contrasting colors create energy and excitement. It also reviews the three fundamental color schemes: monochromatic, analogous and complementary.

Carpet style and texture also are important considerations. Surface character varies from style to style, contributing to the casual or elegant look of a room. Velvets are smooth, while friezes are "pebbled," for instance.

Another shopping tip for extending carpet-life: Buy good quality cushion. It absorbs foot-traffic impact, insulates against cold and noise, makes for a more comfortable walking surface, and can add years to the life of your carpet.

Once the carpeting has been ordered, it's a good idea to plan for the delivery: do any painting or wallpapering first, find out whose responsibility it is to move the furniture and whether the installer will remove any old carpeting; trim door bottoms if necessary to allow

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Give your windows a custom finished look and add height for architectural interest in your room with an elegant balloon valance over tailored drapes attached at the ceiling line. Carry your print or solid color theme through the accessories. You could cover the bed headboard, storage hat boxes and photo frames, as well as skirting an inexpensive table with the

same print or a solid.

Add a couple of scatter rugs. Be on the lookout for accent pieces to continue the theme. Look around the house at what you already have, such as a lamp with matching color tones.

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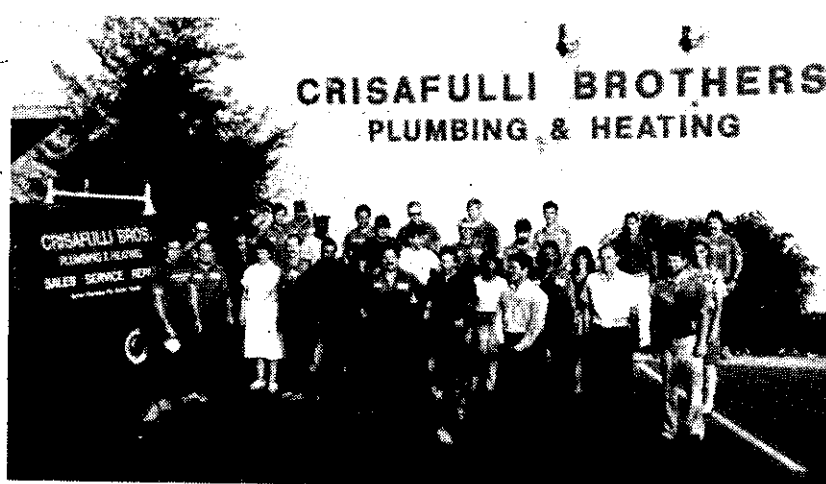
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Lightening falls into three categories: general, task and accent. *General lighting* fulfills living and safety needs, and is usually placed overhead in the kitchen or on the wall in a small bath. Many of today's larger two-person baths incorporate privacy zones—enclosed areas that set off water closets, bidets showers.

*Task lighting* aids in performing food preparation, cooking and cleanup chores. The fixture over the sink and the range-hood light are common examples.

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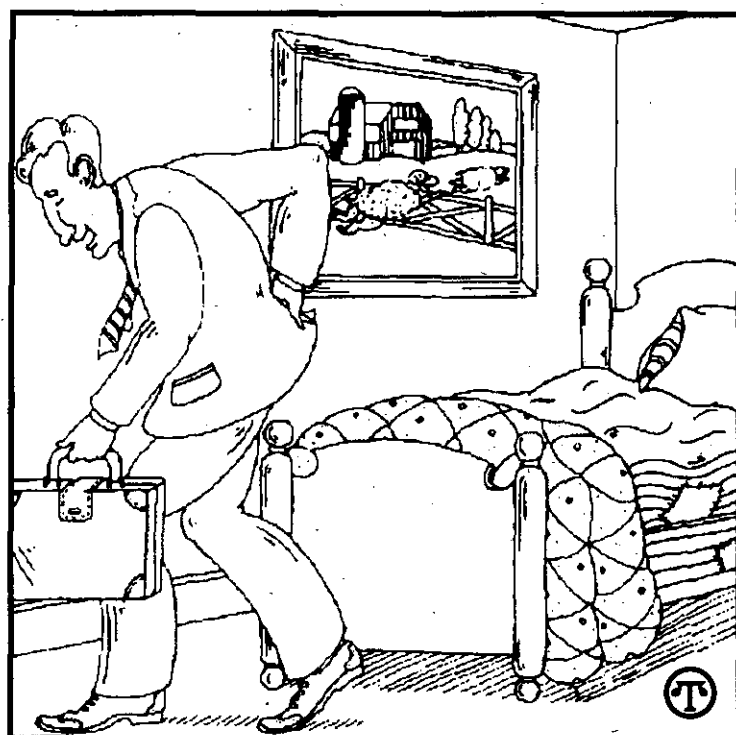
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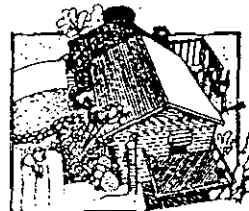
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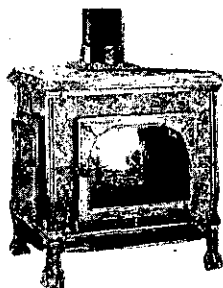
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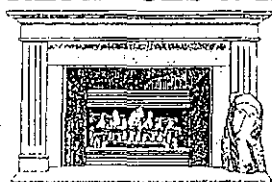
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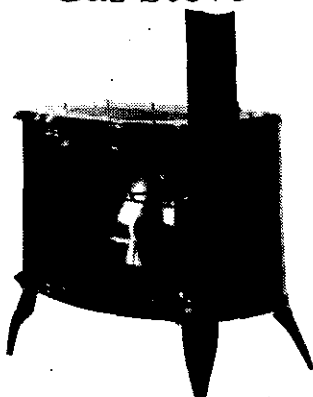
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# Heating costs needn't send budget through roof

By Dev Tobin

Many homeowners spend too much money heating their ceilings, according to Henry Andersen of Cairo, Greene County, local distributor of Radiantpanel heating systems.

"Forced air heat sends all the heat to the ceiling, where no one sits. Ceiling air can be as much as 12 degrees warmer than floor air," Andersen said. "Low-density radiant heat, on the other hand, heats objects, not air."

**Forced air heat sends all the heat to the ceiling, where no one sits.**

Henry Andersen

Andersen, who installed the panels in his house six years ago, said his heating bills have declined 30 percent as a result.

"It's a nice, even heat, and is especially good for people who suffer from allergies, because it doesn't blow dust particles around," he added.

The system can also be set up

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Accessorizing a room is easy. You choose the things you like to put on shelves, arrange on tables and hang on walls. But when it comes to lamps as accessories, many people are stumped as to what type of lamp and what height shade they should buy.

A clue is to first determine the function of the lamp. Will it be used as task lighting, to read, sew or work at a desk, or will it be ambient lighting, providing background or mood light?

Once the use is determined, shade height is easy to choose. For task lighting, such as a lamp beside a reading or work area, the bottom of the lampshade should be at eye level. If the light is behind the reader, the shade should be high enough that the reader's shadow does not fall of the reading matter. At a desk, the bottom of the shade should be at eye level.

When buying lamps, consider all your options: Table, floor accent, swing arm, chandelier, pendant, torchiere, sconce or wall washer. The best place to see all your options is in home lighting and department stores.

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The Radiantpanel is only one inch deep, and when installed, is indistinguishable from a baseboard, Andersen said. "Our slogan is, 'Give us an inch, and we'll heat your home.'"

Radiantpanel is American-made, using polyethylene cross-linked tubing, introduced in Europe more than 20 years ago, to achieve its high efficiency.

While most Radiantpanel installations are in residences, high-ceilinged institutional buildings including churches can also benefit from the system's economy.

"Sacred Heart Church in Cairo has the panels under each pew. People can't see it, but they can feel it in their warm feet," said Andersen, adding that the church's pastor calls the panels "Henry's heavenly heat."

Radiantpanel comes in varying lengths, is easy to install and does not require a specialized boiler.

To provide other forms of radiant heat, the tubing can be custom-installed in concrete slabs, frame floors or walls, or even in



Henry Andersen of Cairo holds a Radiantpanel used to heat his home. Panels are made in lengths of up to eight-feet.

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# Have winter plans on deck for spring projects

By Robert Webster Jr.

As winter begins to creep up on us, homeowners' thoughts turn to visions of cranky cars, shoveling, skiing and snowball fights.

But how many people know that fall is the best time to plan deck construction?

"Building decks is mostly a spring project," said Dave Denny, owner of Denny Building Constructors Inc. in Delmar. "People like to have it ready for the beginning of the summer season."

That's where the advance planning comes in, as homeowners considering adding a deck onto their homes are faced with a wide array of choices, from what type of lumber to use to the style of rail-

ings.

"Most people have an idea of what they want when they come in," said Denny, "but they are always looking for suggestions."

Because almost all decks are custom-tailored to fit the needs, space and vision of the homeowner, taking the time to put your vision of the ideal deck on paper is the first, and most important, step.

"You need to decide if you want benches, stairs and railings," said Denny. "You also have to consider how high off the ground the deck should be and if you want items like tables built in."

The next step is to make sure the materials and workmanship are nothing less than top-notch.



A new deck provides added living space at a modest cost, and is an excellent way to add value and beauty to a home. Spring is the best time to begin construction, so start planning the project now so it will be ready for next summer. *Robert Webster Jr.*

"A company should use quality, pressure-treated lumber, galvanized nails or screws, and they should know all of the building codes," he said. "Railings should be safe and secure, especially for children, and, if there are stairs, they should be the proper height."

Although prices for new decks run the gamut from extremely expensive to dirt cheap, a good 14 by 20-foot deck, "installed by professionals," would run from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

But Denny was quick to warn against unbelievable bargains.

"You need to make sure the materials and workmanship are the best. If you don't ask, you will be replacing your deck only a few years down the road."

Regular deck maintenance is a must to ensure that it will last for a reasonable length of time, said Denny.

For the average deck, a gallon of stain or sealant — which sells for about \$25 — every year or two is enough maintenance to keep a deck looking good for 40 to 50 years, said Denny.

Once you've decided on the deck of your dreams, installation is a relatively simple process that will take about "three days to a week," said Denny.

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# Fall fix-ups brace homes for winter

Fall is the perfect time to start preparing your home for the winter months ahead.

Seasonal maintenance — making sure your home is as safe, comfortable and energy-efficient as it can be — is important. Experts recommend 10 simple steps every homeowner should take before Old Man Winter comes calling.

- Seal your home against drafts by caulking and weatherstripping around doors and windows. This inexpensive procedure can help save money on energy bills.

- Remove screens and install storm windows and doors.

- In homes with hot water heating systems, bleed air out of all radiators.

- Check insulation levels to make sure they meet recently upgraded R-value recommendations by the U.S. Department of Energy. Attics and crawl spaces are the most important areas to check.

- For safety, efficiency and economy, the furnace should be professionally inspected and serviced before the start of each heating season.

- Replace the furnace filter in the fall, and clean or replace it periodically during winter months.

- Inspect the chimney and vent pipes to see if they are in good working condition. Check for cracks or broken masonry around the chimney.

- Clean fallen leaves and other debris out of the gutters. Install leaf guards on the gutters and wire cages on the downspouts.

- Shut off water to the outside faucets to prevent freezing and broken pipes.

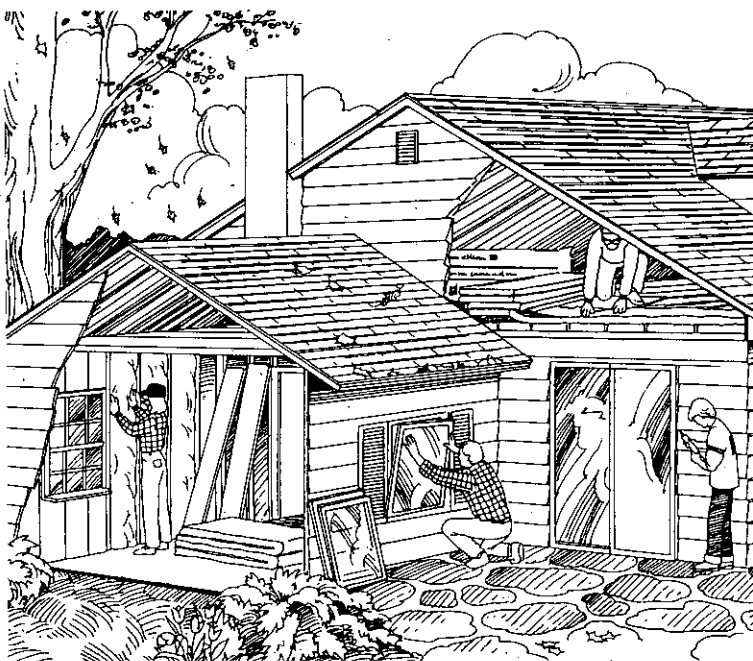
- Wrap water pipes and ducts in any exposed areas such as unheated crawl spaces.

Remember, prevention is the best cure. A cold, drafty house can cost plenty in fuel bills. Take the time now to avoid any problems this winter.

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Seasonal maintenance to ensure energy efficiency is important to get your home ready for the winter. Drafty houses can greatly increase fuel bills, so now is the time to avoid winter problems. Prevention is the best cure.

## Winterize plants against the cold

While you're snugly inside during winter's icy blasts, you can rest assured your plants are weathering the season right along with you by following these helpful winterizing suggestions.

First, provide mulch for your plants, whether they're in containers outside or in the ground. Mulching plants helps keep the soil warmer when the temperatures drop, and it also makes it easier for the soil to retain moisture. Check out the many types of mulch available at your local garden center or make your own from hardwood bark, pine bark, composted leaves or pine needles.

Second, surround young or tender plants with burlap, old sheets, old blankets or dark-colored plastic. Provide your plants with their own shelter by placing three or four stakes around the plant and attaching one of these coverings.

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## Builders boost insulation standards

For the first time in more than eight years, the Department of Energy and the Council of American Building Officials (CABO) have raised the minimum recommended insulation levels for new home construction.

A recent national consumer preference study found that buyers rank energy efficiency along with location, price and design as one of the most important features they look for in a home. The new guidelines are especially important because, after mortgage payments, heating and cooling costs remain the single largest home expense — nearly two thirds of monthly utility bills.

In order to reduce these costs, energy experts recommend that potential home buyers evaluate the following factors when looking at a house:

- **Orientation and siting.** The position of the house in relation to sun can make a big difference. There should be few windows facing north in northern climates, and the opposite in southern climates. Shielding from prevailing winds is also important.

- **Attic and wall insulation.** The kind of insulation, and how much was installed in the attic, basement and side walls is a primary contributor to a home's energy efficiency. Glass fiber insulation is very popular because of its excellent thermal protection, and because it will not absorb moisture and will not rot.

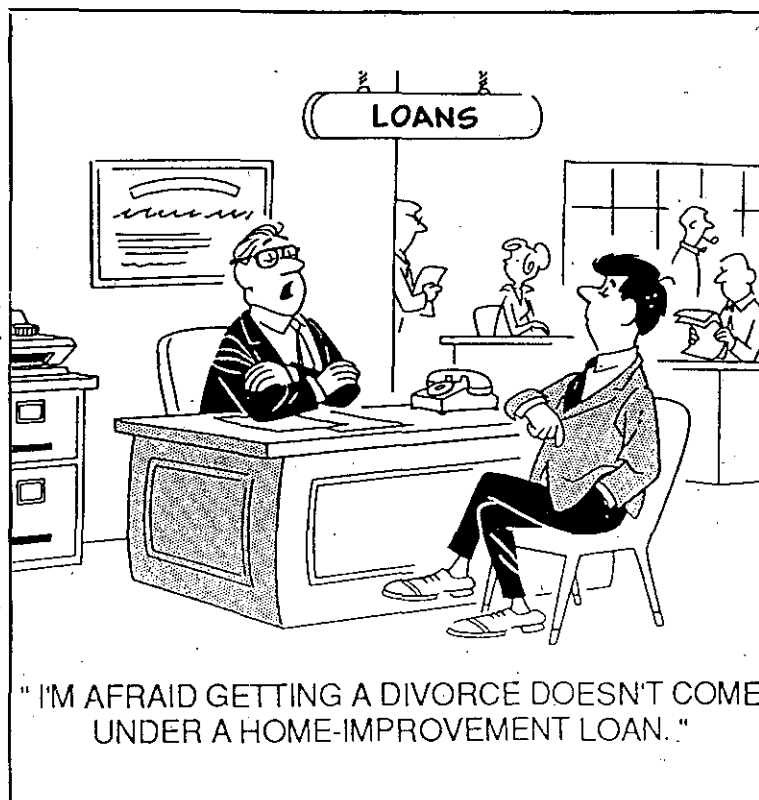
- **Windows and door.** Storm windows and doors create a dead air space that serves as insulation. Double glazed windows offer effective protection. Low-E glazing reflects heat into the home in

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- **Caulking and weatherstripping.** All possible air infiltration areas, including windows and doors, should be properly caulked and sealed.

- **Heating and cooling equipment.** High-efficiency furnaces and heat pumps are now available, and most new homes move conditioned air from the furnace, heat pump or central air conditioner through ductwork. The ductwork should be insulated with blanket insulation.

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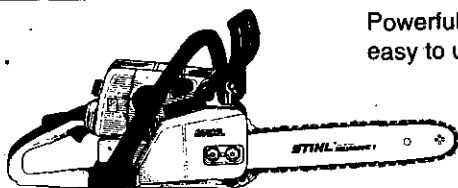
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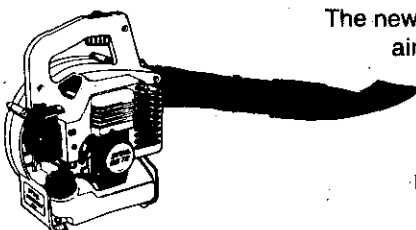
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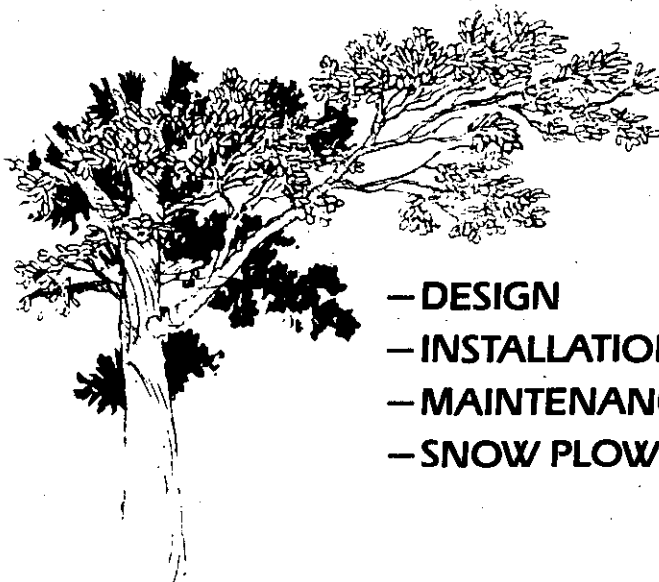
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Most home switches are either single pole or three way. Single-pole switches control a light or outlet from a single location and have two screws of the same color. Three-way switches control a light or an outlet from two locations. They have two screws of the same color, usually brass colored or silver, and a common terminal screw, either copper colored or black.

With a three-way switch, label the wire to the common terminal screw—black or copper colored. Unscrew all the wires and remove the old switch. Attach the labeled wire to the common terminal screw of the new switch, connect the other wires and tighten the screws.

The job is even easier if the switch is backwired. Backwired switches have slots that release the wires when the blade of a screwdriver is inserted into the release slot. Once the wires are free, discard the old switch. Strip the wires, using the gauge on the back of the replacement switch as a guide, and slip the stripped wires into the terminal holes in the back.

To replace an ordinary single-pole switch, unhook the wires and remove the old switch. Loop the stripped wire ends clockwise around the terminal screws on the replacement switch. Tighten the screws to tighten the connection.

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## Herbs can add flavor to kitchen decor

Herbs have always been used for tea, medicines and healthy flavoring, but harvesting homegrown herbs may not be for everyone.

If you're remodeling your kitchen, or building a new one, herbs can add fresh flavor in the form of a new style of ceramic tile

which features rosemary, thyme, oregano or bay. Delicate leaves and flowers in soft pastel shades of green, lavender and peach can blend with country or contemporary kitchen decor.

Homeowners enjoy adding a personal touch when they re-

model, especially in kitchens. And kitchen backsplashes are traditionally the place to introduce decorative tiles.

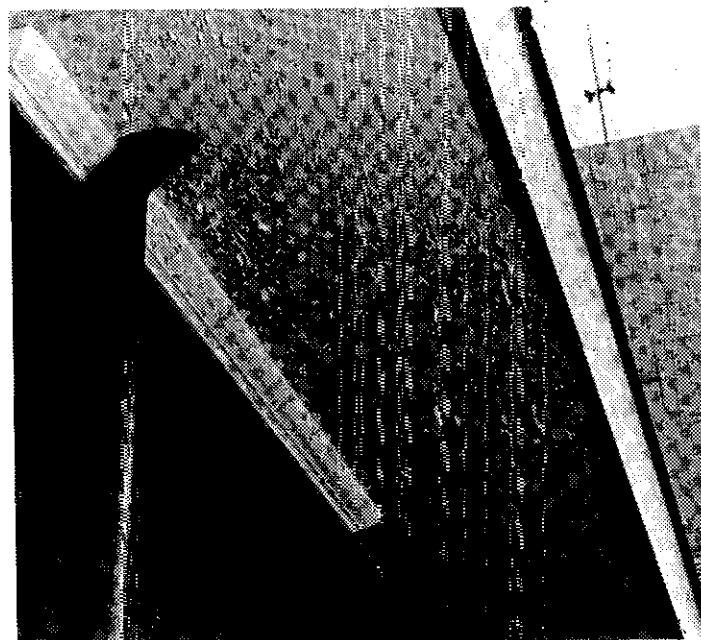
The herbal series is timeless and allows for a wide variety of designs. Some decorators use just one herb, and repeat it in a band in the center of the backsplash. Others use the backsplash as a showcase for several different herbal designs with no solid color tiles.

Another idea is to alternate decorative tiles with plain tiles in the center two rows for a checkered effect. Decorative tiles can also be used on the countertop itself in scattered form, as a border or as a trivet-like inset.

When planning a ceramic tile backsplash, the placement of electrical outlets and switch plates should be worked out in advance.

For the bathroom, a new ceramic tile design uses four tile shapes that fit together like a well-engineered puzzle. The pieces can be mixed and matched to add a variety of color.

## Trouble bubbles



Fall is an excellent time to take care of some of those odd jobs you've been putting off since the spring, like scraping old chipping paint off an outdoor overhang.

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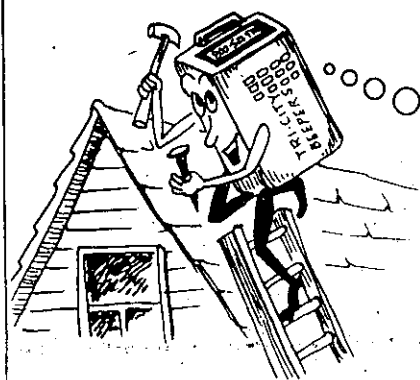
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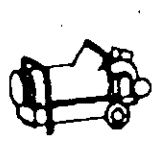
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## New shower head can save water and energy

Eighty-nine percent of Americans say they're concerned with the environmental impact of the products they use, a recent survey found. As a result, an increasing number of America's manufacturers are now designing their products with the environment in mind.

A good example of this is the completely redesigned Original Shower Massage SM-60 Series shower head from Teledyne Water Pik.

The new shower head features a revolutionary patented water conservation mechanism called

SmartFlow. This water-saving device automatically senses the available water pressure and adjusts to deliver no more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute, regardless of household water pressure. The SmartFlow technology saves water without sacrificing the feel of a high-performance shower.

Although many shower head manufacturers now restrict shower head flow to 2.56 gallons per minute, the new Shower Massage Series shower head stands out by paying special attention to performance and convenience as well.

One of these conveniences is the pause setting which helps consumers save water and makes cleaning the shower and bathing children or pets much easier.

### Leaks in basement can hurt foundation

Prolonged dry weather, especially during the summer, can mask the symptoms and telltale signs of moisture or leakage in a basement.

Basement leakage is one of the most common problems faced by homeowners, and can be difficult to solve permanently. It can substantially detract from the home's market value, and even cause serious damage to the foundation.

Waterproofing companies suggest these clues to detect water leakage problems:

- Excess rust around the base of water heaters, furnaces and washer and dryers.
- Rotting, discoloration or water marks on wooden stairs.
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## Buy the hot water heater that best suits your needs

When it comes to home energy use, water heaters are surpassed only by furnaces and air conditioners, so choosing one that's efficient and the proper size can make a big difference in utility bills, according to the American Gas Association.

Under federal law, all manufacturers are required to produce water heaters that meet or exceed the efficiency requirements mandated in the National Energy Conservation Act of 1987.

These higher-efficiency water heaters contain such features as improved insulation, more efficient burner systems, refined flue baffles and more efficient heat transfer technology. Because of the added engineering, they cost slightly more than previous models, but the lower operating costs and fuel savings from a natural gas water heater will quickly make up for the price difference.

The Federal Trade Commission requires that manufacturers put an "EnergyGuide" label on all water heaters. This large yellow label helps consumers compare value by determining which model will be the most economical to operate. The guide also shows consumers how to compute annual operating costs by using local utility rates. On average, a high efficiency gas water heater will heat water for less than half the cost of a comparable electric water heater.

Water heaters also carry a "first hour rating," which tells the consumer how much hot water the unit can supply in a one-hour period if it starts with a full tank of hot water. For example, a 50-gallon gas water heater may have a first hour rating of 67 gallons.

Because electric water heaters do not heat water as quickly as gas water heaters, larger tanks are required to achieve a comparable first-hour ratings. Therefore, first-hour ratings, not tank size, should be used to compare units.

To estimate a household's hot water requirements, use the following chart:

- Shower — 10 to 15 gallons
- Bath — 15 to 20 gallons
- Dishwasher — 12 to 15 gallons
- Clothes washer — 10 to 12 gallons
- Hand dishwash — 4 gallons
- Shaving — 2 gallons
- Food preparation — 5 gallons
- Hand/face wash — 2 gallons
- House cleaning — 5 to 12 gallons

Estimate the gallons of hot water required during the hour of the day when the household uses the most hot water. Then look for a water heater with a first-hour rating that matches the usage.

## Solar screens can help save energy

Storm windows have become more efficient with the addition of solar screens, which can help save energy all year long.

Instead of conventional insect screens that usually come on storm windows and cover only the bottom window, storm windows with solar screens can keep heat inside during the winter and outside

during summer.

These storm windows are also effective in controlling heat and cold that is transferred by conduction and convection.

Most of the sun's radiated heat passes right through conventional storm windows, and household furnishings exposed to direct sun become quite hot, even in the

winter months. This radiated heat can also add significantly to summer cooling costs.

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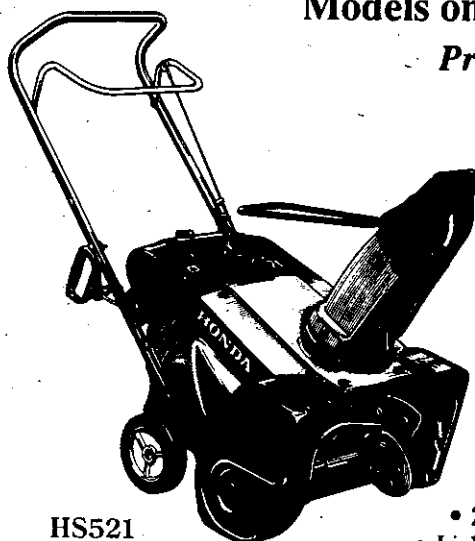
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## Energy audit can help reduce home heating costs

As the cost of home heating continues to rise, consumers are constantly looking for ways to upgrade the energy efficiency of their homes.

But, before deciding on which energy saving improvements to undertake, it may be a good idea to call a local utility company for an energy audit to determine specific problems in the home.

As part of the audit, a professional energy specialist will come to the home and inspect it from basement to attic to find out what areas of the home may be losing energy. The auditor will check windows, door frames, the attic entranceway, the air conditioner, garage door and the foundation sill for caulking and weather stripping. He also will look for proper amounts of insulation in the attic, crawl space, sidewalls, and under the floors.

The auditor will also check the water heater tank for proper insulation and the electrical outlets and switches for air tightness. The water heater's thermostat is checked to make sure it is not set too high, and faucets are checked for water flow restrictors.

Among the most common defects uncovered by the energy audit is inadequate insulation—which happens to be the leading cause of energy waste in most homes. Upgrading the insulation levels in the attic or crawl space is a simple do-it-yourself project.

After the audit is completed, the homeowner usually receives a detailed report about other ways to reduce heating costs, along with an estimate for the cost of improvements and the period of time required to recover the cost through fuel savings.

## When picking paint, quality counts

The selection of an exterior house paint may seem like an easy decision. However, choosing the proper paint involves more than just cost comparison.

To begin with, a home is the most important investment the average person will ever make. After spending tens, or even hundreds of thousands of dollars on a home, it makes little sense to cut corners on a product that helps protect that investment.

Another consideration is that the cost of paint is usually just a small percentage of the cost of repainting. On contractor-applied jobs, 80 to 85 percent of the cost of re-painting goes for labor. Paint cost usually amounts to as little as 15 to 20 percent of the job, according to paint contractors.

For these reasons, many professional painters recommend that homeowners invest in a top quality product that will perform well and last longer than cheaper grades of paint.



When a contractor paints a house, 80 to 85 percent of the cost is labor, while only 15 to 20 percent goes for the paint.

Experts advise that the best home exterior paint is top quality acrylic latex.

On average, a typical homeowner pays about \$45 more for a

quality acrylic latex to paint the exterior of a home. This may be a small investment, since manufacturers maintain that a top quality paint will last an average of five years longer than an ordinary latex house paint.

One of the reasons for the durability of top quality acrylic latex paint is a characteristic called "elasticity."

Elasticity allows paint to expand and contract with the surface on which it is applied. This capability minimizes the stress on paint and lessens the potential for problems like blistering, cracking and chipping.

Quality exterior latex finishes adhere better to painted surfaces, so they last longer. They also hide surface imperfections and previous coats of paint better than standard grades of paint. In addition, they offer better resistance to common problems like chalking and dirt collection.

Also, many top quality acrylic latex paints contain more additives than ordinary latex paints that fight problems and resist damage from the sun, air pollutants and harsh coastal environments.

Paint dealers can often recommend the best product available for each specific job.

## Oriental rug retailers produce product video

A new consumer videotape for those considering buying an Oriental rug has been produced by Oriental Rug Retailers of America (ORRA).

"The Mystique of Oriental Rugs" dramatizes the making of Oriental rugs—from the gathering of wool from sheep to skilled weavers creating richly patterned, jewel-toned carpets in a wide range of designs and colors.

The entire Oriental rug-making process unfolds in this 14-minute color film which also explains tribal design motifs of Persian rugs such as the Kerman and Sarouk, as well as Chinese and Indian rugs.

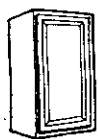
"The Mystique of Oriental Rugs" videotape is available for \$25, including handling and shipping, from ORRA, P.O. Box 4728, Dept. M, Medford, Ore. 97501.

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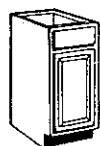
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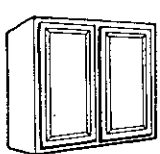
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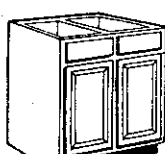


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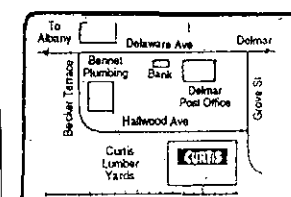
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According to Dr. Rudi Scheffrahn, a leading termite expert and associate professor of entomology at the University of Florida, termites infest homes in every state.

A particularly insidious type of termite is the drywood termite, which thrives in warm, moist coastal regions. These insects can infest a building as it's being constructed and, since they work from the inside out, they can eat away at your home for years, before you even know they're there.

Fortunately, professional pest control operators can find and fight this enemy within before it's too late to save your home. During a thorough inspection, a professional will check all walls, joints or cracks, the attic and roof, crawl space and basement and other structures on the property including wooden decks, garages, tool sheds and carports.

Many say the only sure way to kill all drywood termites, powder-post beetles and other wood-eat-

ers is with a wood-penetrating gas fumigation.

This thorough procedure has been proven effective for decades on homes, schools, museums and other buildings. Your home is covered with tarps and a licensed fumigator releases the required amount of gas fumigant into your home. The gas penetrates the wood, reaches termites' hideouts and destroys the existing infestation.

After the fumigation, the applicator aerates and clears the gas from your home so you and your family can move back into a termite-free house.

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## Alarm systems more popular

A growing number of Americans are installing electronic locks and alarm systems in their homes. Among the systems available are card readers, which replace keys with credit card-sized cards. There are also systems that use keypads, which let you code a set of digits that will unlock the door.

Alarm systems generally fall into two categories.

- Security systems that automatically notify the authorities of an emergency. This generally requires the services of a central alarm station company which monitors your alarm system and calls the police in an emergency.

- Alarm systems that set off lights or sirens, but do not automatically notify the authorities.

According to the Associated Locksmiths of America, the trade association for locksmiths, most alarm systems can also be used as medical alert systems for the elderly and handicapped to alert authorities to medical emergencies. May say the best way to choose the right system is to seek advice from a professional locksmith, particularly one who displays the ALOA symbol in the store window. A professional locksmith will usually survey your home and discuss your needs before making recommendations.

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