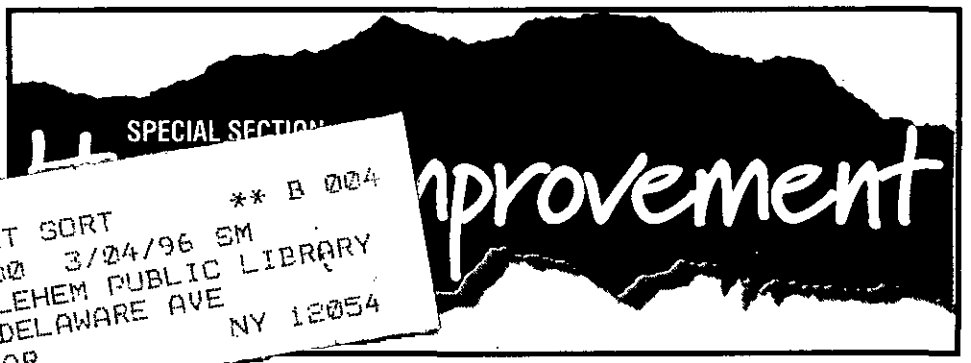


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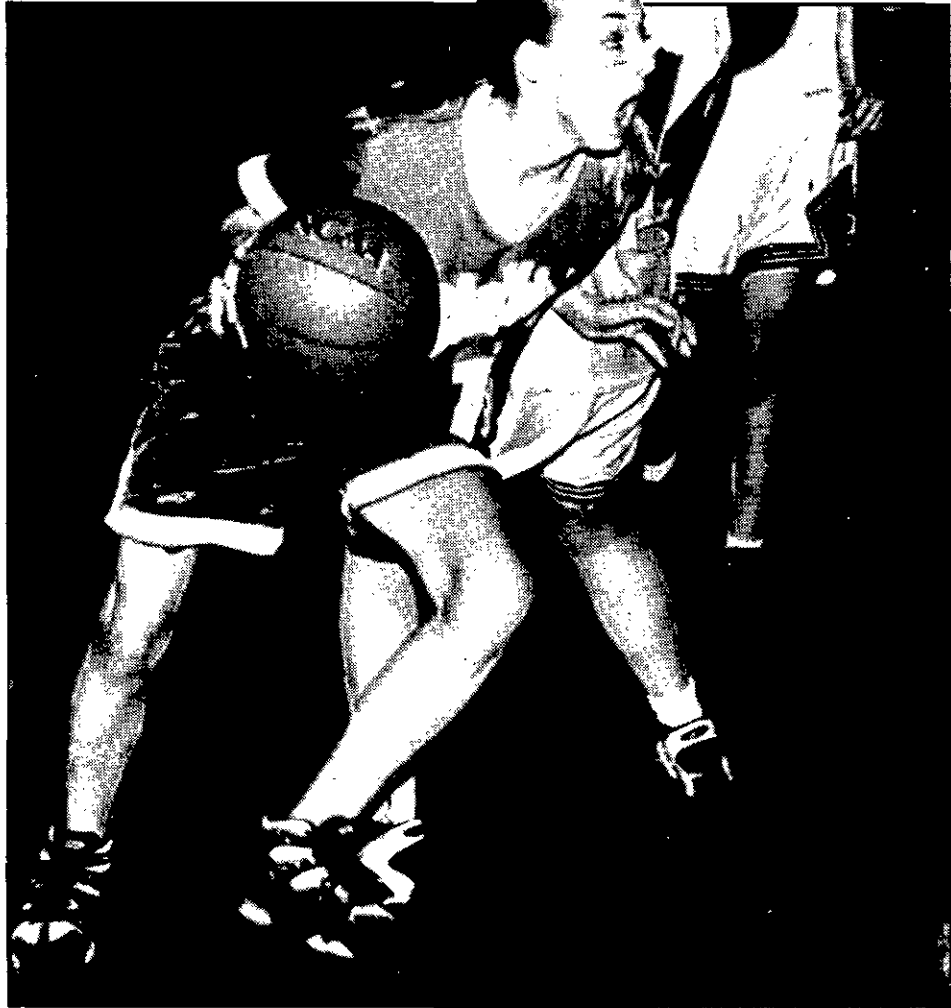
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## Voorheesville teams capture sectional titles



It's full steam ahead for Voorheesville's Becky Dawson during the Section II, Class C girls basketball title game that the Lady Blackbirds pulled out in overtime. *Jonathan Getnick*

### Girls fight uphill battle for crown

By Jacob Van Ryn

Head coach Jack Adams' reaction summed it all up. As he turned toward the fans from Voorheesville, he thrust his arms above his head and a huge smile crossed his face.

The girls basketball team from Voorheesville High School had just accomplished what none of their predecessors had done before. They won the Section II, Class C girls basketball title with an exciting, overtime victory against the top-seeded Cambridge Indians.

Going into the Class C final, which took place at Colonie High School on Saturday afternoon, the 'Birds knew that this game would not be easy.

"They are a very good team, and they have a very good player in (Kathleen) Reed," Adams said. "We knew that in order to win, we would have to play well."

During the first half, the teams adjusted to one another and learned a little more about the opposition's ability and strengths. As the first half came to a close, the 'Birds went on a 6-0 run, giving them a 21-19 lead.

During the third quarter, both teams were able to run their offensive sets fairly successfully, but due to strong defensive pressure, the 'Birds had built a five-point lead as the final session got under way.

In the fourth quarter, both teams played

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### Victory gives Blackbirds lifelong thrill

By Kelly Griffin

"Not everyone gets this chance," said Voorheesville boys basketball coach Skip Carrk. "Being a part of a championship team is very special. It's something these kids will remember for the rest of their lives."



Skip Carrk

After defeating Middleburgh in the Class C final Friday night at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Voorheesville is indeed a championship team. This is the first time that Voorheesville has held the Class C title since 1983.

The Blackbirds (18-6) were set to advance to the Class C-CC playoff game against Mechanicville Tuesday (last night). A Blackbird victory would mean travelling to Hudson Valley Community College Saturday for the first round of the state tournament.

"What we've done has really been great," said Carrk of his team's post-season play. "I'm very happy for the

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## N. Scotland official: Compromise on zoning

By Dev Tobin

As the controversy over changes to New Scotland's zoning law enters its stretch run, Councilman Richard Decker has suggested a compromise that may please both opponents and proponents.

In a letter to the planning board, which will review and report on the changes this month, Decker proposed maintaining the controversial two-acre RA-zone density requirement in the northern part of town, and increasing the density to one lot per acre in the southern part of town.

Current RA zoning permits one-acre lots, with half-acre lots allowed if public water and sewer are provided. The RA zone covers most of the town below the

Helderberg escarpment and outside the hamlets of Feura Bush, Clarksville, Unionville and New Salem.

"The location and topography of the north end of town appears to contribute to the threat of rapid, uncontrolled development," Decker wrote. "On the other hand, as many residents of the southern end of town point out, the topography there protects that region from overdevelopment, and restrictive zoning in that region may be less necessary."

Karen Moreau, one of the leaders of New Scotland Citizens for Better Government, which opposes two-acre density, said the group's consensus was

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**We're not just looking at how this proposal affects us personally, but how it affects the whole town.**

Karen Moreau

## BC gets grip on spending

Special ed costs might even come down

By Dev Tobin

After rising an average of 20 percent annually over the last five years, Bethlehem Central School District spending for special education is beginning to come under control, according to Cheryl MacCulloch, BC's director of pupil personnel services.

And, for the first time this decade, actual expenses are estimated to decline in the current year, compared to the previous school year (1993-94).

In last week's budget work session, MacCulloch reported to the school board that special education spending will rise just under 8 percent in 1995-

96, when overall school spending is projected to rise 4.7 percent.

MacCulloch said that "child study teams" at every building have often found ways to meet students' needs short of a formal referral and evaluation for special education services.

Referrals for psychoeducational evaluation are down by almost 50 percent from three years ago, she noted in her report.

The school board approved MacCulloch's proposal to bring 13 students back to the district from BOCES placements, saving more than \$100,000.

The board also heard a report on the

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MacCulloch

# BC music department to present band festival

The Bethlehem Central Music Department will present a district band festival on Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school lower gymnasium on Delaware Avenue.

The program will consist of separate performances by the combined elementary school bands, the combined middle school bands, and the combined high school bands.

All 600 students will perform in the grand finale in Fantasy on

Yankee Doodle composed and conducted by Mark Williams.

The piece was especially commissioned for the 1995 band festival by the school district and the Bethlehem Music Association.

Williams of Spokane, Wash. won the Western International Band Clinic's Gralia Competition for one of his school band compositions.

The community is invited to attend the concert.

For information, call 439-4574.

# Library announces annual book sale March 18-19

The Bethlehem Public Library will hold its annual book sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19.

The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Volunteers from the Delmar Progress Club will help set up for the sale and work at the cashiers' tables during the two-day event.

Used hardcover and paperback adult and children's books will be for sale along with magazines, puzzles and a wide assortment of records. Sets of books, including encyclopedias, and used equipment will be sold by silent auction.

Sealed bids for items can be submitted at the cashiers' tables during the sale. At the conclusion of the sale, they will be opened and the high bidder will be notified.

Donations of children's materials and recent fiction and nonfiction books in good condition are being accepted for the sale.

For information, contact Cathy Howell at 439-9314.

# 13-year-olds arrested after BC bus driver hit

A Bethlehem Central school driver was struck in the face by a BB pellet last week while he was heading down Kenwood Avenue with a busload of middle school students.

Two 13-year-old middle school students were arrested in connection with the incident, according to Bethlehem Police Det. James Corbett. The boy who fired the gun was booked on an assault charge and the student he gave the gun to after discharging it was arrested on a weapons charge.

Both boys were released and their cases will be referred to Albany County Family Court.

A third middle school student, who brought the pistol onto school grounds and sold it to the boy who later discharged it, was suspended.

Bus driver Andrew Alteri was lucky, said Corbett. He was struck beneath the nose, the detective said, but the pellet could just as easily have hit him in the eye. As it was, the driver turned around and returned to the Middle School, where he sought medical attention from middle school principal Steven Lobban.

"The kid said he was pointing his pistol at someone and that he thought the safety latch was on," Corbett said. "That's ludicrous because there's nothing of the sort on that weapon." He discharged it in a reckless manner and (the pellet) ricocheted around the inside of the bus like an aluminum can.

Bethlehem Schools Superintendent Les Loomis said it was the first such incident he could recall in his nearly eight years in the district.

"We view this as a serious incident. All three boys involved were suspended by their principal and referred to a superintendent's hearing where two of the boys received additional discipline."

Mel Hyman

# Town honors Troop 58

Supervisor Sheila Fuller has proclaimed Sunday, March 12, as Troop 58 of the Boy Scouts of America Day in the Town of Bethlehem.

"For the past 75 years, Troop 58 of the Boy Scouts of America has provided the young people of Elsmere with guidance, inspira-

tion and training to help them become useful citizens to both their community and nation," Fuller said.

A dinner to celebrate the occasion is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the American Legion Hall on Poplar Drive.

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# Zoning board moves date of next meeting

The Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals has rescheduled its March 15 meeting to Wednesday, March 22.

The meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall located at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-4955.

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# Bethlehem rebuts Clearwater petition

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor is working on a point-by-point rebuttal of a petition filed with the state Department of Environmental Conservation seeking to revoke the town's permit to build a new \$13.9 million water system.

The thrust of the petition, submitted last week by Delmar attorney Joseph Glazer, who represents Clearwater for Bethlehem, is that incomplete and misleading data on the quality of the water was included in the town's permit application to the DEC.

The source of the six-million-gallon-per-day system is an aquifer that lies underneath the Hudson River. A series of wells on the riverbank will draw water from the aquifer into an infiltration gallery. From there the water will be piped over to a treatment plant on Clapper Road.

Secor said a cursory review of the petition reveals glaring inaccuracies and untruths.

"Their arguments are based on incorrect information and inaccurate data. We will respond to each specific point, but they are all things we've heard before and they are no more valid now than they were then.

"This project was carefully and thoroughly researched," he said. "We worked very closely with the DEC and the Department of Health in putting this together. There's a whole array of things here that we feel are baseless. We're dealing with the health and safety of the community here and we're going to approach it from a factual and scientific basis."

It will probably take about two weeks for EnCon to review the petition, said regional water engineer Fred Sievers. Submitting incomplete or inadequate data does constitute grounds for revoking a permit.

"We'll be evaluating (Glazer's) allegations against the data provided by the town when we issued the permit. ... We realize there's a lot of concern about this, and it will receive priority attention from this department."

Glazer, who at one time worked in the environmental protection bureau of the state attorney general's office, insists that he's

not grasping for straws and that relevant data casting doubt on the purity of the water source was deliberately withheld.

He asserts that the town failed to submit two engineering reports that reflect negatively on the project. He also claims the town's environmental assessment form was insufficient because it failed to address the need for an additional storage basin to be built in the Delmar/Elsmere area and the governmental requirement that any new water system provide for an expansion of the existing water district.

In a nutshell, Glazer said, the town's new system, which was undertaken to meet the growing demands for water by the town's commercial sector (in particular, the Selkirk Cogen plant off Route 32) violates numerous state health and safety regulations.

The two reports in question, Secor replied, were based on preliminary test borings and actual data compiled when the wells were in place showed no problems.

"All they're doing is throwing up smoke," he said. "Repeated testing showed the water to be of excellent quality, free from bacteria and chemical contaminants."

# Railroad wonders



Captivated by the model railroads at the Empire & Eastern Operating Society show at Shaker High School are, from left, Adena Worona and Arielle Worona of Slingerlands and Sean Lee. *Luba Ricket*

# Fisher's Hollow subdivision wins key approval

## Planners OK necessary road connections

By Mel Hyman

The hotly debated Fisher's Hollow development off Fisher Boulevard in Slingerlands has cleared a major hurdle and seems well on its way to conceptual approval.

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week voted to allow road connections to be made to the 33-acre subdivision from adjacent Daniels Street and Caldwell Boulevard.

That has been the main stumbling block thus far for Charlew Construction Co. of Schenectady, which wants to build 59 single-family homes on the former farmland, ranging in price from \$190,000 to \$230,000.

A neighborhood contingent from Daniels Street and Caldwell Boulevard roundly criticized the Charlew site plan at a public hearing before the planning board last August.

The primary concern was an expected increase in traffic on their roadways (which are now dead-end streets) and the effect that might have on safety — both vehicular and pedestrian.

They also expressed concern for the open space that the project would erase, noting that the subdivision would sit on top of one of the few remaining vacant farm tracts in Slingerlands.

In response to residents' concerns, the planning board commissioned a traffic study of the impact the project would have on Caldwell Boulevard and

Daniels Street.

While there would be a definite increase in the volume of traffic, it was by no means significant enough to scuttle the project, said planning board chairman Douglas Hasbrouck.

"The numbers (of vehicles) did not come anywhere near the numbers we set as a threshold. It was not something that would have a significant impact on people's lifestyle."

Regarding the open space issue, Hasbrouck said the board "really can't" deny an application

merely on aesthetic grounds. "You have to be very specific and spell out your reasons for denial."

The only real problem remaining, Hasbrouck said, concerned the historic Revolutionary War cemetery on the site.

"We still need to clarify who will own it and who's responsible for maintenance." Access to the site does not appear to be a problem.

"What the law requires in terms of long-term maintenance is not clear," Hasbrouck said. "We know of no organization that would as-

sume responsibility. And the town may or may not have a role. We don't know yet. ... Other than a few odds and ends, there are no other major issues."

As part of the Fisher's Hollow project, Hasbrouck said Charlew has agreed to help pay for an upgrade of Fisher Boulevard out to New Scotland Road.

The easternmost section of Fisher Boulevard would have to be widened and paved before the Fisher's Hollow and Cedar Ridge subdivisions could function properly.

# Neighbors still opposed to project

By Mel Hyman

As far as Jon Bartow of Daniel Street can ascertain, the feelings of neighbors to the proposed Fisher's Hollow development haven't changed.

They remain adamantly opposed to the construction of 59 single family homes on 33 acres of abandoned farmland off Fisher Boulevard.

The reasons are many and varied, but the central concerns are the project's density and an expected increase in traffic that could make an already hazardous intersection at Caldwell Boulevard and New Scotland Road a real threat to safety.

"We'll be creating a potentially deadly traffic flow at this intersection," Bartow said. "I have this uneasy feeling in my gut that if all this project goes forward, then someone will die and it will be too late to look back."

Sight distances at this intersection, which already has an accident history, are clearly inadequate, he said. Any added traffic load could mean that controlled chaos turns into real chaos.

Numbers alone, which the planning board relied upon in its study, do not tell the whole story, Bartow said. Rather than making a bad situation even worse, the planning board should withhold support for the project until the developer comes up with "an optimal traffic flow situation."

The overall density of the project is also a major issue for people living nearby, Bartow said. Carving up the rural tract into bite-sized, half acre lots will not only compromise the lifestyle of people living in the vicinity, it will mean added pressure on the Bethlehem schools.

The decision by the board to "not even publicly consider alternate parcel development plans in light of citizen comments and the traffic study is unfortunate," he added.

"While it is reasonable to say that residents on these streets have had a sense that eventual development of the land would be likely, I for one never expected that a proposal of the type presented would ever receive town support."

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# BC board moves on athletics

## Educators take steps to end self-funded sports

By Dev Tobin

The Bethlehem Central school board took some steps to end self-funding of interscholastic athletics at last week's budget workshop, but the board could not agree on how much to aid ice hockey, the district's newest, most expensive, and, as of next year, only remaining self-funded sport.

Members of the Bethlehem Central Athletic Association had asked the board to raise the district's athletics spending by \$55,000, to what they described as the average in the Suburban Council, a level which would have fully funded all current sports.

"Self-funding is the antithesis of the educational process, something we need to get away from," said Bruce Svare, BCAA vice president. "BCAA members are prepared to work extremely hard for a budget that gets us up to the average."

Following the administration's recommendation, the board agreed to add about \$18,000 to the

budget to provide full funding for the following "modified" (middle-school) programs — boys and girls soccer, girls basketball, boys baseball and girls softball.

The additional funding will also provide an athletic trainer for five days this year, as opposed to three last year, and a fourth coach for indoor track, which expects almost 100 participants next winter.

Board member Dennis Stevens proposed adding another \$8,000 to fund ice hockey at roughly the average per-athlete level provided in other sports, but the board refused to go along.

"I don't think we can fund hockey this year, or next year, or the year after that," said board president William Collins.

"I thought we wouldn't be asked to do this (provide hockey funding)," said board member Pamela Williams

At the June 2, 1993, meeting where the parents were given the go-ahead to raise money for a hockey team, several board members warned parents not to

expect even partial funding in the near future.

"There's no chance we will ever fund this. The day it costs the taxpayers a penny, it's over," said late board member Bernie Harvith.

Ice hockey is expensive (almost \$27,000) because of transportation to and rental of an out-of-district rink.

The team is supported by parents who have organized a major fund-raising raffle in each of the past two years.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis suggested that "Parents seek leadership to get a rink built in town" as a way to lighten the self-funding load.

From comments at the meeting, it appears a majority of the board would support funding at about the \$4,000 level, which would pay for the coaches. The board may revisit providing partial hockey funding at its March 22 meeting, Loomis said.

### Bethlehem chamber to meet March 16

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 a.m. at Howard Johnson's on Route 9W in Albany.

Guest speaker will be Lyn Dolan, executive vice president of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$9 at the door. Reservations are required. For information, call the chamber at 439-0512.

### Delmar guitarist to play at Borders

Delmar resident Joe Hetko will perform with fellow guitarist Rosanné Raneri on Friday, March 24, at 8 p.m. at Borders Books & Music located at 59 Wolf Road in Colonie.



Lefu Gu helps ninth-grader Regan Burns with a free-sketch painting.

## Artist in V'ville residence

By Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

Students in Marie Triller's and John Lopez's studio art classes at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School in Voorheesville recently had a unique opportunity to study with a prominent Chinese artist.

Lefu Gu, who currently lives in the districts' humanities committee, he has taught at Najing Normal University in China and came to the U.S. in 1989 as part of an exchange program.

Gu has won awards not only for his painting but for his calligraphy and poetry as well. He specializes in two traditional styles of Chinese brush painting, free sketch and detailed.

In detailed painting, the artist puts color on paper in layers, in effect making a sketch to work from.

Free sketch, the style Gu taught in Voorheesville, is executed on absorbent paper with only one layer of paint. Each brush stroke must be perfect because there is no opportunity to correct errors.

Triller said Gu is "One of China's most famous painters when he came to the U.S." She feels it is a very rare occurrence for students to work with an artist

of this caliber.

Gu began his residency at the school with a slide show and lecture comparing Chinese and Western painting styles.

In his classes, students practiced the technique with paintings of black ink bamboo canes and watercolor orange blossoms.

On Gu's last day, he moved quietly through his classes correcting technique and encouraging students as they worked on their final paintings. Gu said teaching here is "not all that different from teaching first and second year from university students in China." He said he thought some of the Voorheesville students have real talent.

Triller said the students found the technique challenging but said their final works were "surprisingly accomplished."

Ninth-grader Regan burns thought that free sketch wasn't that hard to learn but that "It was difficult to do well."

The community is welcome to view the finished paintings on display in the school lobby.

Triller and Lopez said the program was so worthwhile they hope to invite Gu back next year.

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# V'ville hires professional planner

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville village board has hired a professional planner and an engineer to help it deal with planning and zoning issues related to the village's moratorium on raised-bed septic systems.

Planner and attorney Joel Russell of Woodlea Associates comes highly recommended by the New York State Planning Federation, explained Trustee Daniel Reh.

"He'll review all our regulations, and spend a day up here in April talking to all the principals," Reh said. "Then he'll write recommendations on where we're soft and where we're good."

Russell is an advocate of "flexible zoning," and has written that conventional zoning is often too rigid, "preventing the harmonious mixing of uses that historically has characterized every lively village ... and requiring that virtually

every errand be done by car."

Based in Salt Point, Dutchess County, Russell has done a lot of consulting with towns and villages in Columbia and Dutchess counties, Reh said.

Mayor Edward Clark said that he and Planning Commission Chairwoman Kathryn Scharl "also investigated prospects (for the planning consultant) and came to this name by different routes."

Russell will be paid up to \$3,000 for his services, Clark said.

The village will also hire, at an hourly rate, engineer Hank LaBarba to review more specifically how village law can be amended to deal with potential site problems related to raised-bed septic systems.

The apparent failure of one such system led the planning commission to request, and the village board to enact, a four-month moratorium on subdivisions and

building permits for lots where raised-beds are required.

LaBarba was hired "primarily to protect us from overlooking anything, or neglecting some technical aspect" in reviewing how village regulations should be amended with regards to raised-bed systems, Clark said.

In other business, the board scheduled a public hearing on its proposed 10-year contract with Cablevision for Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m.

A key element of the agreement is that customers will not be billed directly by the company for the village franchise fee. Also, the company's agreed to provide materials and supervision for installing a cable outlet in each classroom of the high school and elementary school, along with a two-way audio-video link between the two schools, according to village attorney Don Meacham.

"We've gotten what we can out of them," Meacham noted.

Also, in an agreement with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the board voted to test the Vly Creek below the Salem Hills sewer plant to see whether chlorination is necessary.

"It's a mandate; we have to do it," commented Reh.

The test will cost about \$2,500, Clark noted.

In another matter, the board appointed Karen Lausa to the planning commission, replacing Robert Cureau, who retired.

The board also approved spending \$1,200 to complete a records management project for which the village had already received an \$8,400 state grant.

## Extension offering workshops

The 4-H program of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will offer three workshops for teachers and day care and afterschool staff this month.

The workshops will be held in the auditorium of Child's Nursing Home at 25 Hackett Blvd. in Albany and at the William Rice Jr. Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

"Chick Hatching" will be offered today, March 8, from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. at the nursing home and on Thursday, March 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the extension center. The workshop will focus on how to hatch chicks using a simple still air incubator.

"Greening the Thumb" will be offered on Monday, March 13, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the nursing home and on Tuesday, March 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the extension center. The workshop will focus on how to grow plants for educational purposes either in soil or hydroponically.

"Agriculture in the Classroom" will be offered on Tuesday, March 28, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the nursing home and on Wednesday, March 29, at the extension center.

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## Matters of Opinion

### Compromise

New Scotland residents turned out 300 strong, braving an ice storm to get there. They came armed with petitions to the town board, duly signed by neighbors and other like-thinkers. They debated for four hours and more than 60 spoke. Then they learned it was all for naught. The meeting was premature. The re-zoning proposal, loved by some and hated by others on which the board had planned to act, needed first to go to the planning board, the lawyers decided.

Perhaps it was for the best. The board appeared ready to approve the proposal which, in general, would raise the minimum size of a building lot from one to two acres. Those in the rather sizable minority of opponents, particularly those owning large tracts such as farmers, regard the idea as confiscatory. Proponents see it as the only way to preserve the town's rural ambience.

There already is talk of a compromise and the "workshops" the planners have scheduled just might formulate one. As we noted last week, the financial well-being of many landowners may be affected by this decision. It would seem that a bit more time devoted to consideration of all options might be in everyone's best interest.

### Party time

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce this Saturday evening will continue a tradition it started 11 years ago by honoring three people who contributed a bit more than the rest of us in 1994 to the well-being of the town.

Outgoing town board member Fred Webster will receive the Chamber's Citizen of the Year award, Harold Williams its business person of the year citation and Floyd Brewer will be honored for his special contribution to community spirit.

The efforts of the three honorees, as was the case with those cited in years past, helped make Bethlehem the special place that it is. Should you wish to join the Chamber's "thank you" party, tickets are available by calling 439-0512.

### Sprucing up

This week's supplement to your *Spotlight* is on home improvement, a subject most of us have been thinking about over the winter.

In general, the subjects covered fall into two categories — what you can do to increase the value of your home (fix up the kitchen, add a bathroom) and things you can do to make it more fun (add a Jacuzzi) and safer (install carbon monoxide detectors) to live there.

We don't pretend to cover every option or idea, but there should be enough to get you started.

Give it a read.

### Pass the salt

Dan Formica will reopen his Delmar McDonald's at 6:30 a.m. Friday. On Thursday at 10 a.m., at a special ceremony, someone will cut a ribbon and dignitaries will appear. To which we say, fine, that's how we do things in this country.

The town has been without one of its favorite restaurants and meeting places while all this re-decorating went on. But we personally have been too long without access to some of the best french fries in the world.

### High flying 'Birds

For the first time, both the Blackbirds and the Lady Birds have reached the sectional finals in the same year. The teams deserve kudos for their outstanding records this season. Head coaches Jack Adams of the girls and Skip Carrk of the boys have nothing but praise for their teams. Meanwhile, we wish the players success in their upcoming games.

### Editorials

## Public also pays for private pensions

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your *Spotlight*, March 1 lead editorial ("It sure beats golf") has some factual and implied errors.

Social Security recipients do not lose a dollar of benefits for every dollar earned over specific limits. For ages 60 to 64 they lose one dollar of benefits for every two dollars they earn over the limit. For ages 65 to 69 they lose one dollar for every three dollars earned over a higher limit. From age 70 on there is no offset at all.

You imply that public pensions are not taxable in New York. They are exempt from state income tax only, as are the first \$20,000 of private sector pensions. They are subject to federal income tax just as are private sector pensions.

You complain that the pensions

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your two examples receive are "more than what most of our salaries will ever be." One of them, the new Albany County Airport CEO, previously served as head of the New York State Department of Transportation, Dormitory Authority and Office of General Services. A person in the private sector with similar responsibilities would have been paid much more in salary than our commissioners, would be receiving a much higher pension, have received lucrative stock options and in retirement would have been retained as a consultant at near his former salary. And all of this would have come from Mr. and Mrs. John Q.

Public every time they purchase goods and services. Private companies do not print money. They receive their money from you and me as consumers. And the CEO would also receive a pension higher than most people's salary.

Finally, many private sector retirees have full or part time jobs. Are they also double dippers because both their sources of income are also paid for by the consuming public? Taking your argument to its logical conclusions no retiree from either the public or private sector should do any work for pay because that takes away from non-retirees. Give me a break.

Bertold E. Weinberg

Elsmere

## Clearwater is 'muddying the water'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The latest letter from Linda Burtis asserts that the new supplementary water supply project was decided behind closed doors. *Not true!* She then writes, "What ever happened to the original four options? We will probably not know."

That's *not true* either. A written review of options was publicly presented in 1991 and has been on file in the library ever since. I checked to see what the real facts are.

When the City of Albany sent the water contract cancellation notice in August of 1990, the Town Board publicly discussed the situation and directed that a comprehensive study be done to assess Bethlehem's future water needs and which option could best meet those needs. The Town Board next met publicly with the Town

of New Scotland Town Board to openly discuss the cancellation notice and the possibility of joining together to develop a new water supply.

After months of exploration and research, a comprehensive engineering report discussing water supply options was publicly presented to the Town Board in November of 1991 and placed on file in the library. News stories appeared in the Times Union, Spotlight and Ravena News Herald. This report was the subject of the public hearing held in January of 1992 which was again well covered in the press. This project will provide high quality water from a modern water purification plant located in Bethlehem and save us \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 over the next 15 years as compared to the cost of securing water from the City of Albany!

For Clearwater to say that decisions were made behind closed doors or that information about water supply options may never be known is not correct. The public record is clear and open.

This is a well-designed project which will provide high quality water to meet Bethlehem's future needs. It is an investment which is already paying dividends.

Taxes are going down in Bethlehem and are projected to go down again next year! There is no increased cost to the taxpayer. There is, in fact, a significant cost savings. These weekly attacks are wearing, but to have them contain such obvious misstatements is troubling. Clearwater's tactics are muddying the water."

Dorothy Maeder

Delmar

## Fans supported varsity hockey squad

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Hockey Boosters thanks the nearly 5,000 people who supported our first varsity ice hockey team throughout our season. Your purchase of our "Jeep" door prize tickets, attendance at games, purchase of goods and services such as cakes, hats, car

washes, even garage sales, made it possible for 30 young men and women to have a much deserved opportunity.

We hope it is not necessary to "self-fund" the entire cost of the hockey program in future years, but if it is you can count on us to work hard to do it. We hope we

will be able to continue to count on your support.

Sandy Powell

Bud Mosmen

Bethlehem Hockey Boosters

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## Your Opinion Matters

## Need, needles and a duty of community

The writer of this Point of View is assistant director, donor resources, of American Red Cross Blood Services in the New York-Penn Region. She lives in Albany.

By Liz Gaulke

Almost everyone knows someone who needs blood. A relative who needs open heart surgery requires eight units of blood. A newborn infant needing a blood exchange because of Rh factor complications uses one unit of blood. A hip replacement requires four to eight units of blood, a liver transplant can use 200 to 300 units of blood and people undergoing chemotherapy can receive as many as 20 transfusions over a course of treatment.

In the 16-county area served by the Albany office of American Red Cross Blood Services, this means one thing — the Red Cross and our community must work together to increase blood collections.

Living in an area that serves almost one million people, it's easy to see that many donors are needed to serve patients' needs. There is no substitute for blood. And there's only one source — healthy, volunteer donors.

But a decline in the number of people at donation sites has not lowered the need for blood. Hospitals still require blood and blood products for patients. More than 1,300 units of blood are needed daily to maintain an adequate blood supply for these facilities.

Even the commitment of the

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Red Cross to provide people with the safest possible blood supply affects collections. Stringent health histories and computerized pre-check procedures help ensure that only healthy blood is being collected and shipped to hospitals for patient transfusion.

The Red Cross continues to improve ways of working with communities both locally and across the region. This cooperative effort will enhance the blood program to better serve staff, sponsors, volunteers and ultimately patients.

To help increase collections, the Red Cross is streamlining operations. Donors are encouraged to schedule donation appointments for better service. When donors make an appointment and keep it, Red Cross staff are more prepared to serve donors efficiently. Timely donors keep blood drives cost-effective, more productive and on track to help ensure that blood will be available for patients who need it.

**Every 17 seconds someone somewhere needs blood. The best way to ensure blood is there when someone you know needs it is to donate regularly.**

To further boost blood collections, communities can take an active role in the blood collection process. It is important for each and every community to take ownership of their blood program. By teaming with the Red Cross, com-

munities, businesses and schools improve donor recruitment resulting in increased blood collections at local blood drives.

Donating blood is easy and safe. The entire process takes about an hour; the actual donation takes six to eight minutes. Highly trained professional staff use sterile, one-time-use needles to draw the blood, which then is tested and processed in Red Cross laboratories.

Each donor completes a health history every time he or she donates. Sometimes a person's health changes between donations and the Red Cross wants to ensure the blood is as safe as possible for all patients and that giving blood is healthy for the donor.

Any healthy individual, age 17 or older who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate. Volunteers can donate every 56 days or eight weeks.

One misconception individuals have about donating blood is that people can wait until someone they know needs it. Don't wait. People just can't show up at the hospital where a friend or loved one is being treated and expect to give blood for that patient's use. Testing each unit of blood takes more than eight hours.

The best way to ensure blood is there when someone you know needs it is to donate regularly.

Every 17 seconds someone somewhere needs blood. Please take an hour out of your busy schedule to make sure that somebody's parent, child or friend gets the life-saving blood they need and deserve.

## Short-sighted 'greed' moves 'property rights movement'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Will historians look back on the 20th century and see the profound move away from big government as asserted by Nancie Marzulla of the property rights movement or will they see the growth of organizations fighting to overthrow laws that protect individuals and society for the "good" of individual property owners?

The act raised by Ms. Marzulla that recent polls indicate that Americans want smaller government is not grounds to eliminate regulations. A similar poll taken at nearly any time in our history would probably yield the same results.

The property rights movement would have us believe that the environmental problems of the past really didn't exist or have been corrected so we no longer need be concerned. The fact that we cannot eat fish from any New York State waters more than once a week, that environmentally-related health problems continue to increase, or that the number of species extinctions grows daily certainly does not support their viewpoint. Maybe they should ask Ward Stone as he shovels the incinerated ashes of thousands of animals he sees killed annually by chemical contamination and habitat destruction whether we should stop regulating.

So what is the motivation of the property rights movement? *Greed!* This is a movement founded by big business and corporations that think operating in a socially responsible manner does not maximize profits and have hidden their intentions under the guise of a

## Correction

The date on which Supervisor Sheila Fuller cancelled her February 27 meeting with the Clearwater group was Friday, February 24. The cancellation date in a letter in last week's edition was incorrect.

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"grass roots movement."

We have one of the highest standards of living in the world but the property rights people think we need to squeeze one more million onto that annual report or fill that wetland for the profit that would come from one additional house in the development. We will all pay the cost of their arrogance and greed.

John Spencer

Delmar

## Some prefer Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

Elsmere vs Delmar. That's the issue in the letter to the editor in March 1 *Spotlight* from George D. Tilroe.

Even if writers locate their subject in Elsmere it will not overcome the growing practice of major associations, commercial and otherwise, located in Elsmere from showing Delmar on their letterheads or their listing in the NYNEX directory.

Alexander J. Woehrlie

Delmar

## Bridge should tilt

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in reply to the letter which appeared in the March 1 *Spotlight* entitled "Bridge tilts," written by someone who was understandably reluctant to have his or her name used.

First of all, it would not be an improvement to make the new bridge level. Level bridges are avoided wherever possible because of the drainage problems they present. Also, architects do not design bridges. Civil engineers design bridges.

Russell Parker

Elsmere

## Ramundo blamed for zoning plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

Monday night, Feb. 27, was a first in New Scotland.irate voters came out on an icy night and filled the school auditorium.

The occasion was the public hearing on the proposed changes to the zoning laws. The town has averaged 15 new houses per year for the past five years. The cry is we have to stop development, we don't want to become another Colonie or Guilderland. Yet we do not have water and sewers or soil type to become this kind of town.

If the proposed changes were adopted it would set aside 50 percent of the land, mostly in the northeast part of town, to become unusable. This is a conspired and orchestrated plan by freshman councilwoman Victoria Ramundo to take over running of the town and domineering the town board.

We need zoning to have controlled growth and to preserve our property values. We have a master plan costing over \$70,000 and a zoning ordinance adopted less

than two years ago.

As I said at the hearing, I was mad and so are the voters in the town. If the town board members stick their heads in the sand and continue to ignore the voters and

vote the new zoning in we will do everything in our power to unseat them in November. This is not a threat, it is a promise.

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# Registration day set March 11 Author to discuss parenting issues

An election for two seats on the Voorheesville board of trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, from noon to 9 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 156.

Registration day for the election will be on Saturday, March 11, from noon to 5 p.m. at the village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Trustee Richard Langford, a 12-year veteran of the board, has decided not to run for re-election, and Kevin Garrity, a planning commission member and former head of the Salem Hills Park Association will be unopposed on the ballot to take Langford's place.

Trustee Harvey Huth will also run unopposed. Huth is the former chairman of the planning commission who was appointed to the board in December.

## GOP plans dinner/dance

The New Scotland Republican Committee will host its 19th annual spring dinner dance on Friday, April 7, at Crossgates Banquet House on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

Cocktails will be served starting at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. the cost is \$22 per person.

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### Voorheesville

Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen  
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This year's guest of honor is former Bethlehem Supervisor, and current county executive candidate, Ken Ringler.

There will also be a silent auction and live music.

To reserve a ticket, call Diane Carrol at 767-3404.

## Science department sponsors workshop

The high school science department is sponsoring a hands-on science workshop for pupils in kindergarten through sixth-grade and their parents on Tuesday, March 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

## PTA announces business meeting

The PTA will hold a short business meeting on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

The meeting will be followed by the hands-on science workshop in the gymnasium.

## School board to review preliminary budget

The Voorheesville board of education will conduct a preliminary review of the 1995-96 school budget at its meeting on Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

## Town to conduct regular meeting

The New Scotland Town Board regular meeting will be on Monday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

## Planners to review zoning changes

The New Scotland Planning Board will begin to review proposed changes in the town's zoning law at its meeting on Tuesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

## Kiwanis slate clinic

The Kiwanis Club Blood pressure clinic will be on Tuesday, March 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

## Breakfast meeting set

The United Methodist Men of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold a breakfast meeting on Sunday, March 12, at 8 a.m.

Bob Panthen will talk about hiking in the Presidential Range in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. For reservations, call Tom Roe at 765-4414 by Friday, March 10.

Dr. David Sadler, nationally known coauthor of *Failing at Fairness: How America's Schools Cheat Girls*, will speak on parenting issues on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:45 p.m. at the R-C-S middle school.

For information, call Judy Karis at the middle school guidance office at 756-2150.

## Elks plan Vegas night on St. Patrick's Day

The Bethlehem Elks are planning a Las Vegas night on Friday, March 17, at the lodge on Route 144.

For information, call 756-6447.

## Teachers available to talk with parents

Parents of students in the R-C-S district are encouraged to contact their child's teachers at anytime.

Call the senior high school at 756-2155 and leave a message for a faculty member to return your call.

If you want to meet with all of your child's teachers, call the guidance department to make an appointment.

You do not have to wait until the middle or the end of a marking period to schedule a meeting.

## Students capture business awards

Four R-C-S students were recognized in a recent Future Business Leaders of America competition.

Amber Sickles won fifth place

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### Selkirk South Bethlehem

Grace Capra  
767-2640



for business communications, Tara Kordich took third place for job interview, Jennifer Montesano won third place for public speaking and Doug Wojociechoski brought home first place for financial information processing.

## Parent volunteers needed for work program

The R-C-S district is seeking parent volunteers to help coordinate summer employment opportunities for students.

Parents who can donate eight hours a week to the program can call Principal Andrew DeFeo at 756-2155.

## PTSA sets meeting date

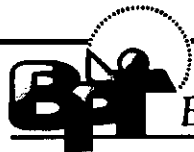
The PTSA will meet on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the library at the high school.

## RCS girls, mothers to build self-esteem

"Out of Bounds," an activities program designed to develop self-confidence, will be offered to Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School girls and their mothers (or other important female adults) on Saturday, March 11.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ravana Elementary School on Route 9W. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is limited. For information, contact Judy Karis at 756-2155, ext. 372.



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# Take a 'byte' of computer info Program for the birds

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Everyone is invited to bring a bag lunch, and free coffee will be served. These programs are free and open to all.



An RSVP by calling the library at 439-9314 is appreciated but not required.

On March 9, Tony Ardito, editor of *Tri-City Computing Magazine*, will discuss some of the exciting experiences he has had publishing this free monthly magazine from his Albany office.

Since October 1994, the magazine has been covering the local computing scene with articles ranging from a review on the new Microsoft Windows 95 operating system to a monthly column on client/server computing trends.

He had edited a similar publication in Florida while never leaving Albany. He says, "I answered an ad for an editor on the Internet. We did the whole thing by electronic mail, fax and regular mail. I thought I'd try it here."

Ardito has a background in archaeology and historic preservation consulting.

He has written numerous magazine articles and reports for the historic preservation of hundreds of buildings.

On March 23, Norman D. Kurland, a Bethlehem resident and University at Albany administrator, will speak about CRIS-NY, the Capital Region Information Service of New York.

CRIS is an open access, community-wide computer information network that is being developed. The network links personal computers via phone lines. Area residents and businesses will be able to use CRIS to send and receive messages, have on-line conferences, and gain access to data

bases or the Internet.

According to Kurland, who is CRIS project director, some 30 communities across the nation are now operating such networks, or "free nets," and more than 100 others, like CRIS-NY, are in the planning stage. CRIS-NY, which is based at the University at Albany, was initiated at a regional conference sponsored by the *Times Union* and the Rockefeller Institute in June 1993.

Leaders from all sectors of the community, including Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney, are volunteering their time in the planning process.

On Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m., Charmaine Cave, a speech and language therapist, will present "Nurturing Language Development," a free program geared for early childhood education and kindergarten teachers.

Cave, of The Children's Workshop for Language, Movement and Music, will outline early child development and demonstrate how activities such as singing, listening, moving to music and playing instruments can enhance it. Dress appropriately for freedom of movement.

Register by calling the children's room.

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to the "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" on Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m.

Join Alice, The Mad Hatter and The White Rabbit for some silly stories and fun activities. Children can come dressed as their favorite character from *Alice in Wonderland*.

Register and bring a half-dozen cookies to share. The library will serve "tea."

Barbara Stevens, from Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will show how to "Revitalize Your Recipes With Low Fat Cooking" on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m.

She will discuss low fat cooking techniques and the Food Pyramid, share recipes and answer questions. Registration is requested.

Pre-teens in grade-five and up are invited to see "Black Beauty" at the After School Theatre Video Film Festival on Wednesday, March 15, at 4 p.m.

This new version of Anna Sewell's classic novel is written and directed by Caroline Thompson, who did "The Secret Garden" and "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey." Free popcorn will be served during the 88-minute show.


Anna Jane Abaray

## Dinner theater debuts revue about romance

*Romance on Wry*, a new musical revue about love and marriage, will be debuted by Riverview Entertainment Productions on March 11, 12 and 19 at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Evening shows will begin with a prime rib dinner at 5 p.m., followed by the performance. The revue stars Riverview veteran performers Grace DiBattista Hepburn, Bill Hickman, Larry Maranville and Melissa Putterman Hoffman.


Tickets for both the dinner and show are \$19 per person. For information, call 463-3811.




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Refreshments will be provided, and the games can continue past our regular 9 p.m. closing time.

We'd like to make this a regular occurrence, so if you are interested in having these evenings continue, let us know.

The March and April edition of the library newsletter, "The Bookworm," was sent to Voorheesville

school district homes this week. If you are a library patron who does not receive a newsletter by mail, you can pick one up at the library or leave your name and address at the desk and ask to be added to our mailing list.

"The Bookworm" keeps you current on all our children's and adult programs, as well as library hours, board of trustees names and numbers, changes in policy or procedure, and many new items we add to the collection. Each month there is also a list of favorite reading material endorsed by one of our staff members.

Nimblefingers is going strong for the winter. Everyone is enjoying Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. tea and chatting while their needles are flying through an assortment of projects. New members are always welcome.

Tax Help for Seniors continues on March 15 and 29 and April 5. Call ahead for an appointment.

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# Sports

## Leach satisfied with season

By Joshua White

The Voorheesville wrestling team concluded its season by sending six grapplers to the Section II Tournament at the Glens Falls Civic Center on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Senior Jim Cook (126) and junior Bryce Fortran (132) were the only Blackbirds to win a match in the tournament. Both were then ousted in the second round.

Senior Matt Cootware (145), junior Jesse Clement (215), sophomore Todd Dombrowski (112) and eighth grader Ryan Spanswick (105), who all qualified for the tournament by placing in the Class D tourney, were eliminated in the first round.

"The Section II tournament is very competitive because it includes Class A, B, C and D," said head coach Dick Leach. "Bryce (Fortran) beat a seeded wrestler and compiled a strong effort. Jim (Cook) was solid as well.

"His second match could have gone either way. Considering that

### Wrestling

none of our wrestlers were seeded, we had a fair showing."

Despite the season ending, many Blackbird grapplers had solid individual records. Cootware led the Birds with a 26-5 record.

In addition, Cook was 21-13 and Fortran was 23-14. Other surprises included Spanswick (16-12), Dombrowski (13-14), sophomore Jim Shear (14-10) and junior Griffin King (15-6).

The Blackbirds finished their season with a mediocre record of (6-5-1) in league competition. More importantly, the team picked it up a notch in the end by winning four of their last five matches.

The one loss in the streak came at the hands of eventual league champion Averill Park.

"The kids wrestled well at the end of the season and that is what you always hope for," said Leach. "Unfortunately, in the league and

section tournaments we were plagued by some illnesses and injuries."

Leach feels that this season was a positive one and hopes to have the same results next year.

"This season was a continuation of the past two years," said Leach. "Our goal has been to improve and gain more experience.

"I think we operated more as a team this year as we were able to cover most of the weight classes. As a result, we didn't have to forfeit many matches. Our depth allowed us to change our lineup."

The conclusion of the season brings to an end the the school careers of Cootware and Cook.

"We are going to lose to outstanding leaders in Matt Cootware and Jim Cook, but we have a strong nucleus of juniors and sophomores on the rise," Leach concluded.

### Diamond Dogs open

The Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs will open their 1995 Northeast League season on Friday, June 16, at Newburgh. The Dogs' home opener is scheduled for Saturday, June 17.

Albany-Colonie will host the downstate team again on Sunday, June 18, and will host Torrington, Conn. on Monday, June 19.

For information, call 869-9234.

## Squeakers mark BBC

The Bethlehem Basketball Club kicked off its playoff season with some startling upsets and some last minute heroics.

In ACC action, Maryland's tenacious defense caused Florida State to turn the ball over with two seconds left. Greg Thompson made the most of the miscue by banking in a runner to propel the Terps to a 28-26 victory.

Kevin Collen's sweeping hook from within the paint with a mere six seconds to go brought a determined Wake Forest quintet back to victory over Duke, 46-44.

Mike Mooney and Tom Regal led Virginia to a 35-25 win over Georgia Tech. Patrick Davis' sterling floor game was not enough for the losers.

With Kevin Carroll and Matt King at the helm, North Carolina edged Clemson 32-28. Clemson's Russell Pryba and Louis Ambrosio combined for 29 in defeat.

In NBA action, the seventh-seeded Warriors behind Travis Davey and Kim Comtois pulled off the upset of the day in ending the Bulls' playoff hopes 36-29. Corey Reid and Katie Strait led the Bulls.

The Nuggets, with Bob Baldwin and Josh Myer, stopped the three point shooters of the Hornets in a 34-32 thriller. Adam Fryer and Lauren Mosier combined for 16 for the losers.

The Suns looked sharp in a 36-26 win over an outmanned Knicks squad. Matt Elfeldt and Brian Lobel tallied 20 points between them to lead the Suns. Ajay Murthy and Joe Gerstenzang's full court hustle inspired the Knicks. Led by Brian Hahn's double digit assists, the Sonics beat the Spurs 49-31. Jay Gertz' rebounding and passing led the Spurs.

Action continues on Sunday at the Bethlehem Central Middle School. The BBC will conduct an auction on Sunday evening, March 12, at which time the lucky winner will be drawn for four lower level, tickets to the NCAA tournament at the Knickerbocker Arena on March 17-19.

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# Girls

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stifling defense, especially Cambridge, which held Voorheesville to just two fourth-quarter points. Those points came with about six minutes left in the quarter when point guard Jane Meade hit a jumper.

Still, Cambridge would need a little luck in the late going. Trailing by five with just over a minute left to play, Cambridge's Becky Iseman scored her only points of the game, cutting the 'Birds lead down to three.

The Indians' defense then caused a Blackbird turnover and they were within striking distance. With two seconds left on the shot clock, Reed heaved up a desperation three-point shot that hit nothing but the bottom of the net, tying the game at 37.

The 'Birds had the ball with 35 seconds left, and needed a basket for the victory. But they were not able to get a good shot away, as they had used most of the 30-second shot clock.

Cambridge came down with the rebound and got the ball to Reed. As Reed penetrated to the basket, a foul was called with four seconds left on the clock. Reed went to the free throw line for a one-and-one to try to clinch the game for the Indians.

She was unable to convert, and the game was headed into overtime.

"We got lucky that she missed the free throw, but they were lucky to hit that shot that tied it up," Adams said. "If we had scored a few more points in that fourth quarter, it would've been much easier."

Before the overtime, Adams could not help but think about his team's 0-2 overtime record during the regular season. Shortly after

the extra session began, Voorheesville's Kristin Person hit a three-pointer that gave the 'Birds a lead they would never relinquish. Cambridge was only able to score one field goal during the overtime, and Meade's clutch foul shooting would seal the title for the 'Birds.

"It's especially nice because earlier in the year, when we got into these close games we lost, but now we're winning those types of games."

The final score of the contest was 43-39. Meade and Person each had 15 points for the winners, while Reed had 17 for the Indians. "The kids played a nice game, especially on the defensive end," said Adams.

After the game, Meade was named Most Valuable Player of the Class C tournament. Meade and Kristin Person were named to the Class C All-Star team for their performances throughout the title run.

"We're delighted with the win," Adams said. "It's a good thing to have happen for us, especially since the girls worked so hard during the season."

The win lifted Voorheesville's record to 17-6. The 'Birds were set to play Cohoes, winner of the Class CC title, Tuesday (last night) for a birth in the state tournament. During the regular season, the 'Birds split with Cohoes, winning by 14 at Cohoes, but losing by 10 at Voorheesville.

## Nursery school to host garage, bake sale

The Tri-Village Nursery School is planning its annual garage and bake sale for Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

For information, call the nursery school at 439-1455.

# Boys

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kids. The expressions of the players, the excitement and pride on their faces, makes all of our hard work worthwhile."

Going into the Middleburgh game, Voorheesville knew exactly what it had to do, the coach said. "We knew that if we played our style of basketball, we would succeed," said Carrk.

A mainstay of Voorheesville's game has been its tenacious defense. The 'Birds' defensive effort was so effective that it held Middleburgh scoreless for the entire second quarter, a feat Carrk thinks could be a record at the Civic Center. This defense compensated for Voorheesville's inconsistent shooting on offense.

"Like the other sectional games we've played, we struggled from the perimeter," said Carrk. "But we've been successful despite that fact, so I have a feeling that we will be even more formidable when we get our shooting touch back."

Voorheesville and Middleburgh kept pace with each other right up until the final minutes. With three minutes remaining, Middleburgh gained a four-point lead. "At that point in time, they had risen to the occasion," said Carrk. "To win the game, we needed to rise to an even higher level."

Voorheesville's solution was to go on a 8-0 scoring run. The spark came when senior guard Adam Keller stripped the Middleburgh point guard and capitalized on the breakaway layup. On the next Middleburgh possession, senior forward Josh White intercepted an entry pass to regain control of the ball for Voorheesville.

It was a costly turnover for Middleburgh, as junior guard Joe Robichaud found himself wide

open on the wing and sank a well-timed three-pointer.

The Blackbirds then grabbed the rebound on a missed Middleburgh shot and worked the half-court offense to earn junior Andy Bayus an opportunity to hit another three-pointer. When Middleburgh was forced to foul in the last seconds, Voorheesville hit a couple of free throws to cushion the lead. The scoreboard read 45-39 in Voorheesville's favor at the final buzzer.

"It was a well-earned victory," said Carrk. "Nothing was handed to us. We had to fight every step of the way."

Carrk was also pleased with the balance of scoring. "Dave (Burch) played consistently, but he wasn't the whole offense for us. We were playing well enough as a team that we didn't have to go one-dimension. I think that the more games we win without having to rely on only Dave, the better off we'll be."

Burch finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds, and was named the All-Tournament Most Valuable Player. Keller, who tallied 12 points in the final game, was named to the All-Tournament team. "We're really proud of Adam (Keller)," said Carrk. "He's had a great season. He always plays with a lot of

hustle and enthusiasm. And he is a fine athlete and a nice person as well."

Carrk also raved about the play of White, especially his performance in the fourth quarter of the Middleburgh game. "He pulled down some big rebounds for us down the stretch, and he had that key steal at the end of the game. He was a very important part of the victory."

"I'm really impressed that, in each game in the tournament, a different player has stepped it up and made the difference for us," said Carrk. "Kids like Jacob Van Ryn, Joe Robichaud, Jason Diehl, Adam Keller and John White — with teamwork like that, we just can't lose."

In the semifinals against Maple Hill the previous Tuesday, defense was again Voorheesville's claim to fame. The team held Maple Hill's Craig Peper, a 6-foot-6 center averaging 24 points per game, to a mere five points. "Our defense has never been tougher," said Carrk of the 37-33 win.

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# For BC girls, it was a great season **Dolphins finish first in February freeze**

By Janice Gallagher

Despite three tough losses to perennial powerhouse Shenendehowa, the Bethlehem girls basketball team had its most successful season in recent history, finishing with an 18-4 record.

The team is losing four seniors (Julie Davidson, Louise Doody, Janni Plattner and Karena Zornow), but a strong squad of junior varsity players is expected to buttress the seven returning varsity

players. It looks like the team will remain strong for next season.

Still, it will be difficult to replace the height they will be losing, as well as the scoring strength of Zornow, who averaged 12 points per game.

"We have the potential to be successful next year," said coach Kim Zornow. "The girls are now realizing what they need to do in the off-season to be competitive next year. And if they go to camp, stay in shape, and keep touching a basketball, we should have a good season next year."

As for this year, everyone seemed quite pleased. Karena Zornow, who will play for the

Division I University of Vermont next year, said "there was no one dominant player this year because we really played as a team."

His sister, the coach, agreed. "This year was great overall. The kids worked hard, and we were very teamwork oriented. We had three losses to the team that won the section and has won the state competition frequently. That's nothing to be ashamed of.

"To be competitive against Shen in the future we have to play tough competition all year," coach Zornow said. "This may mean that our record won't be as good, but we will be more prepared when it comes time for sectionals."

The Delmar Dolphins were hosts and winners at their third annual February Freeze meet on Feb. 26, which drew 448 swimmers to RPT's Robison Pool.

In the senior age group, swimmers 15 and older, Steve Corson was third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Reid Putnam was fourth in the 100-yard backstroke and 50-yard freestyle and fifth in the 200-yard individual medley (IM) and 100-yard butterfly. Brian Strickler was second in the open 500 free and sixth in the 50 free.

Among senior girls, Cailin Brennan was second in the 100 fly and sixth in the 200 IM. Sara Growick was fourth in the 50 free and sixth in the 100 free. Sarah Hotaling was fifth in the 100 back and eighth in the 50 free.

In the 13-14 age group, Tom Roman won the 400 IM and was third in the 100 free and 50 free and fourth in the open boys' 500 free. Sean Boyle was third in the 200 IM and fourth in the 100 fly and 100 breast. Bob Pasquini was third in the 100 breast. Scott Strickler was second in the 100 free and fourth in the 50 free and 100 free.

Among girls, Stephanie Fong won the 100 breast and was seventh in the 50 free. Maggie Tettelbach was third in the 50 free, fourth in the 100 free, and tenth in the 100 back.

Among 11-12 swimmers, Brian Dowling won the 100 IM, and was second in the 50 fly, third in the 100 free and 100 fly, and fifth in the 50 free. In the 100 fly, Bobby Crow was sixth and Drew Golden was ninth. Andrew Wilsey was eighth in the 50 breast.

In the girls races, Lisa Fong won the 100 IM and 50 free, and was fourth in the 50 fly and fifth in the open 500 free. Melanie Hill was fifth in the 100 back and 10th in the 100 IM. Beth Malinowski was sixth in the 100 IM, seventh in

the 100 back, and tenth in the 50 fly. Elyse McDonough was second in the 100 back, third in the 50 free, fourth in the 100 IM, and seventh in the open 500 free.

In the 10-and-under age group, Brad Bailey was ninth in the 100 free. Caleb Bonnell was eighth in the 50 breast. Rick Grant was fifth in the 100 fly and 10th in the 100 IM. Thalys Orietas was second in the 100 free and 50 free, and third in the 50 breast.

Among the girls, Kathleen Shaffer won the 50 fly, and was second in the 100 fly, third in the 100 IM, and fourth in the 50 breast.

Courtney Arduini was fifth in the 50 fly and the 100 back, seventh in the 100 fly and tenth in the 100 free. Becky Corson was second in the 100 IM and 50 breast, third in the 50 fly and 100 fly, and fifth in the 100 free. Teresa Rosetti was fourth in the 50 fly, fifth in the 100 fly and seventh in the 50 free.

Among 8-and-under swimmers, Patrick Shaffer won the 25 breast, was second in the 25 fly and 100 IM, and fifth in the 25 back.

Scott Solomon won the 50 free and 100 IM, and was third in the 25 breast and 25 back, and fourth in the 25 fly.

In the girls races, Emily Fong was second in the 100 IM and 25 back, and third in the 25 fly, 25 breast and 25 free. Emily Malinowski was eighth in the 50 free and ninth in the 25 fly.

Personal bests were posted by Liz Hart, Galina Rybatskiy, Lauren Conti, Angela Rosetti, Sara Gold, Sondra Conti, Kate Finnigan, Tim Pasquini, Gregory and Steven Blendell, Richard Bailey, Steven Troiano, Matt Pasquini, Mike Blendell, Katie Wilsey, Jeanne Drucker, Tiffany Bowdish, Katie Parafinczuk, Kathleen Hart, Jennifer Sokoler, Larisa Suparmanto and Katie Van Heusen.

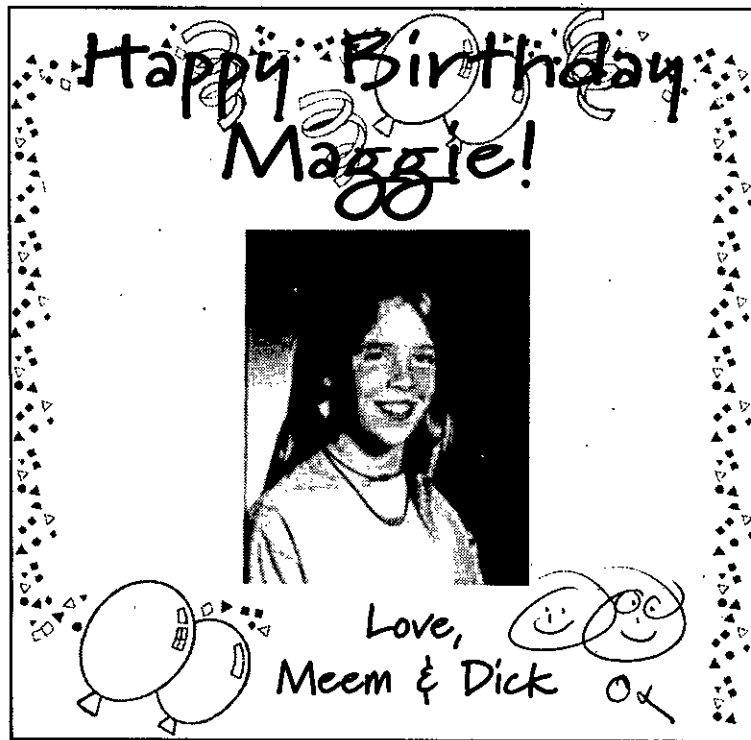
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On Saturday, March 4, several MiddleWorkers met to write a "Parent to Parent Handbook." The handbook will contain information about middle school years and answers to all the questions you asked, wished you had asked, and forgot to ask about middle school years.

The dedicated and talented people who worked on the Parent to Parent Handbook are: Diane Alston, Susan Backer, Maria Barrington, Jessie Braverman, Barbara Carkner, Debbie Feller, Sharon Felson, Linda Graf, Jean Kerwin, Steve Lobban, Mona Prenoveau and Mary Regal. Everyone worked diligently, had fun and accomplished a great deal.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Masons, who allowed us to meet in their very comfortable building and provided us with refreshments. We are especially grateful to Masons Cliff Thompson and Carl Rymski, who helped us organize and set up. Thanks also to Detective Chris Bowdish, who made arrangements for the day.

Watch for the Parent to Parent Handbook, which will be distributed to middle school parents early in the 1995-96 school year.



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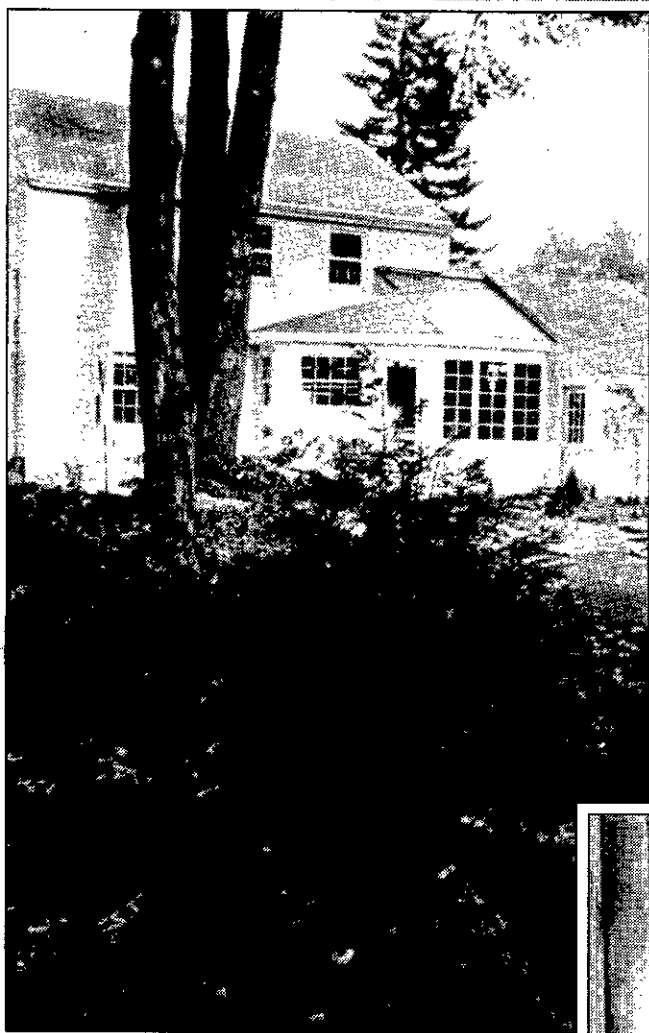
## ***New kitchen opens up backyard splendors***

**By Susan Graves**

If you've owned your home for 10 years or longer or live in an older home, chances are there are changes that could make the house a lot more user friendly.

Many kitchens in older homes, for example, are cramped, poorly organized and inadequately lighted, leaving a lot to be desired.

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The bottom photo shows the exterior of the Fernbank Avenue home before it was redone to open up the view of the back yard. The top shot shows the exterior as it now looks. The photo on right is a shot of the new kitchen.

*Doug Persons*



# Health concerns and hot tubs a perfect match

By Mel Hyman

How times have changed.

Just 10 years ago, the average person was probably dreaming about settling down in their lounge/recliner with a brewski or two when they got home from work.

That same person in 1995 is probably thinking more about slipping into their hot tub or Jacuzzi at day's end and the beverage of choice will more likely be sparkling water or apple juice (although that point can certainly be debated).

For area hot tub dealers, the way the public has latched onto their commodity is reason to rejoice.

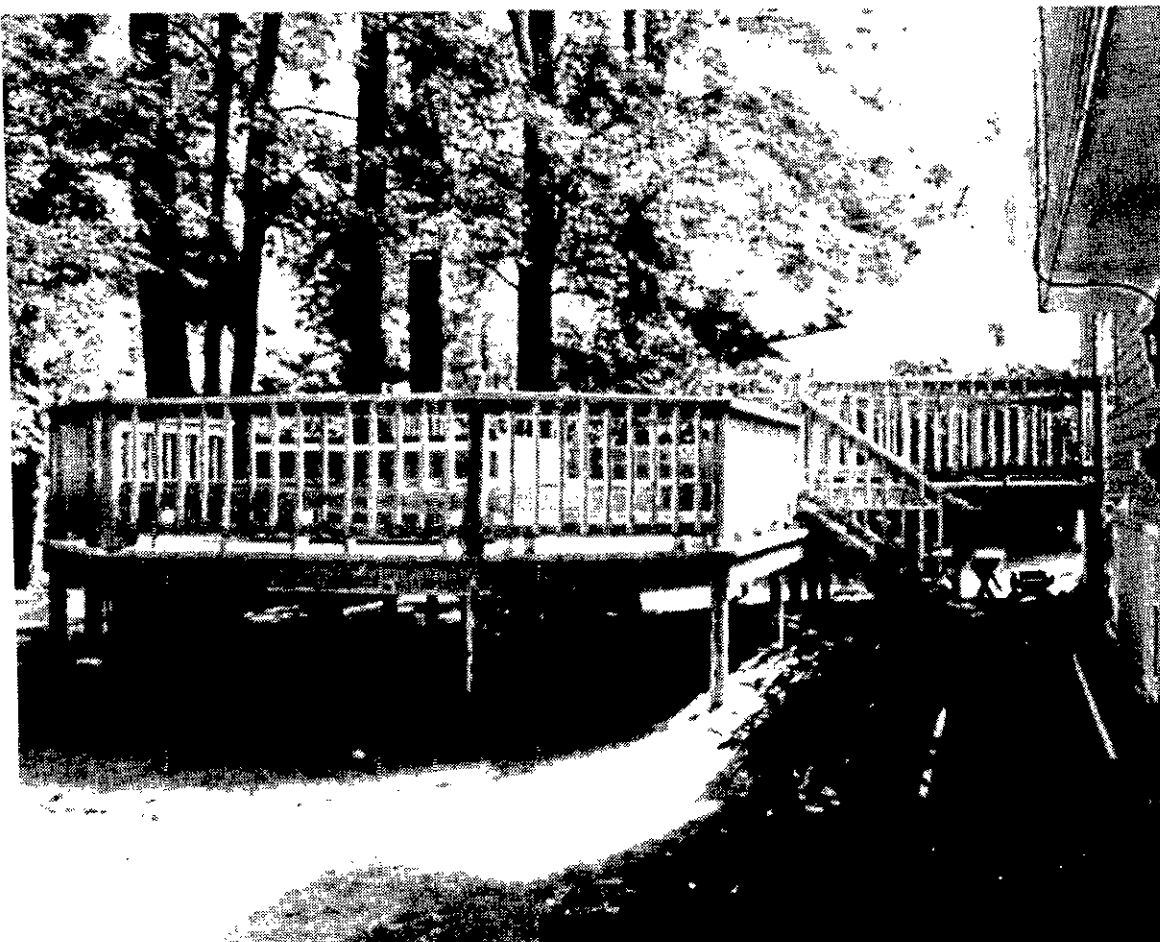
"In the 1980s, they were more

like a novelty item," said Anthony Brennan, general manager of AFrame Pool and Patio on Route 9 in Latham. "In 1995, there's a wide acceptance of the fact that they can go in any home and are available at a number of prices.

"Right now it's split about 50-50 between people who put them inside (their homes) and those who like them outdoors," he said.

For starters, a hot tub/Jacuzzi is not just a jazzed-up bathtub. They are self-contained units that remain filled with water for three to four months. A filtration system keeps the water clean and at a snugly warm temperature so that you can jump in whenever the impulse arises.

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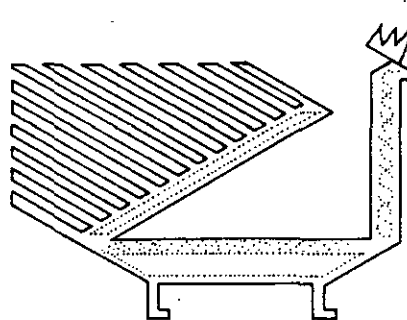
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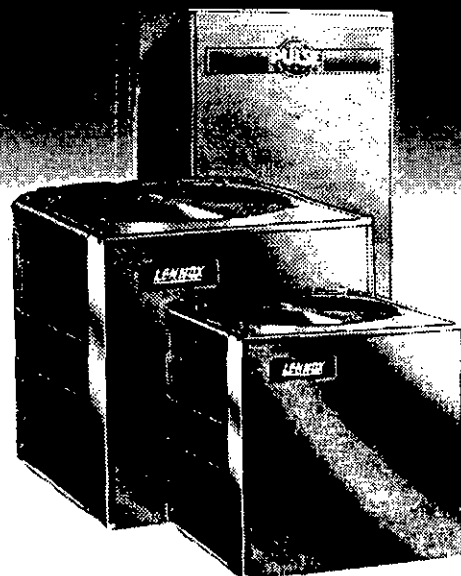
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Indoor hot tubs or Jacuzzis are cheaper to install in a new home.

indoor Jacuzzi, according to Brent Histed, president of Delmar Interior Designs on Delaware Avenue.

With the fitness rage that's sweeping the country, more and more people are choosing to make hot tubs an integral part of their environment — mostly for therapeutic reasons, Histed said.

"They're great when you have tired or sore muscles, and they're good for older people too, especially those suffering from arthritis."

Once again, the price can vary greatly, Histed said. Hot tubs that are included in new construction may only add about \$1,000 to the total pricetag.

But if you're including a hot tub in that addition or renovation you've got planned, then the starting price is about \$2,500.

Maybe you're more interested in having a Jacuzzi for the occasions when friends stop over. Many people will have one installed on the backyard patio, so that when the weather is appropriate, you can invite friends or neighbors over for a relaxing dip.

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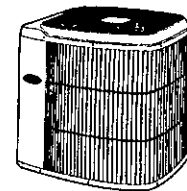
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# Pet owner credits CO detector with saving lives

By Eric Bryant

Kay Hammond is just thankful that her pet cockatoo didn't end up like the proverbial canary in a coal mine.

Hammond, a Loudonville resident and bird fancier, received a carbon monoxide detector as a Christmas present two years ago, at the same time a friend received one. A year later, when the friend's detector lost its battery power and began beeping, hers did as well.

Hammond's beep was for real.

"We called Niagara Mohawk, who came and examined our furnace. They red-tagged it right away," she said.

A buildup of carbon in the flues leading to the chimney was found to be the culprit. Power company officials repaired the problem and have returned since then to check it. "Now, I'm a big booster for these detectors," she said. "Since this happened, I know of seven families that have purchased them."

Tragically, nothing has done more for the increase in carbon monoxide detector sales than the death last September of tennis great Vitas Gerulaitis.

Napping in a friend's poolside bungalow, Gerulaitis succumbed to the poisonous gas, thought to be coming from an improperly installed pool heater. The death touched off renewed concern about carbon monoxide (CO), which is colorless, odorless and often deadly. In 1991, the last year

**In 1991, the last year federal statistics were recorded, 594 people were killed from unintentional exposure to CO.**

"We figured it was just the battery," she recalled. "That's all theirs was."

But new batteries, a trip to the store where the detector was purchased and a call to the manufacturer convinced her the problem was more serious.



The sale of carbon monoxide detectors soared after tennis great Vitas Gerulaitis was poisoned by the deadly gas last fall. The devices work on much the same principle as smoke detectors.

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Carbon monoxide deaths have become even more insidious because newer homes are better insulated and can trap the gas more effectively. Today's cleaner burning fuels also cause little to no burnoff odor.

In its initial stages, the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning — headaches, dizziness, nau-

sea — mimic those of the flu. At higher concentrations, such as those found in Gerulaitis' death, the gas can cause death within hours.

Consumer Reports, which coincidentally tested CO detectors just four months before the tennis star's death, recommends that each home be equipped with at least one detector near the sleeping area.

Although prices have come

down in the past few years, most carbon monoxide detectors cost between \$50 and \$90 — compared to the \$7 to \$10 price for most smoke detectors.

"Sales took off after the (Gerulaitis) incident," said Bill Schmitt of the Town of Colonie Fire Investigation Service. Schmitt is currently putting together a manual for Colonie firefighters on how to deal with calls relating to the gas. "Right now, the fire service is playing catchup on how to handle these calls."

A case in point is a recent incident in the city of Chicago where the detectors were mandated last year. According to Schmitt, an unusual air inversion caused pollution to be pushed closer to ground level. In one 24-hour period, city firefighters responded to 1,000 carbon monoxide detector calls.

The fire investigator said 15 of 70 suspicious gas calls responded to by Colonie firefighters since the beginning of the year have been detector alarms.

Hammond, who contacted Niagara Mohawk instead of the fire service, is convinced that her carbon monoxide detector was a lifesaver — not only for her but her pets as well.

"Our cockatoo would probably have been the first to go," she said. "These are important, especially to animal owners. Pets can't tell you if it's affecting them."

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# New lighting technology can lead to brighter rooms

By Corinne Lynne Blackman

Kathy Baselice did not like living in the dark. That's why, when her family decided to build an addition to their kitchen, her first requirement was a brighter room.

The problem is a common one but, fortunately, a variety of solutions are available.

Traditionally, lamps and simple overhead fixtures were used to provide illumination. Today, Baselice discovered, new technology gives a wide choice in lighting options.

When Baselice moved into her four bedroom home on Huntersfield Road in Delmar, the kitchen had only two lights, one over the workstation and the other over the eating area. When the opportunity came to renovate the room, one of her major concerns was to improve the lighting.

"I stressed that I wanted my kitchen to feel like daylight, even at night," said Baselice.

Four years and 26 light bulbs later, Baselice can pick and choose; isolate and designate the areas of the room she wants lit, due to the technology of recessed lighting. In her new kitchen, recessed lights are placed throughout the ceiling, allowing for different illumination at different places in the room.

"It's very popular in kitchens, living rooms and family rooms," said Stephen Bub, owner of LeGallez Electric on Hudson Avenue in Delmar.

Bub, who completed the electrical work on the Baselice's home,

believes this trend in lighting is quickly replacing harsh fluorescents.

"I love it. It provides a lot of light. I don't have to keep all of them on at the same time. The switching is designed so I can decide which parts of the room I want lit," said Baselice.

The flexibility of being able to choose different light sequences is attractive, Bub said, which has added to the popularity of Hide-A-Lites, a low voltage alternative to fluorescents.

Hide-A-Lites provide a softer glow to kitchen areas, he added. "It's a nicer way to have the under-cabinet light. It's not the white florescent glow. It's an incandescent glow, as opposed to the stark whiteness," Bub said.

According to Baselice, the Hide-A-Lites installed above her kitchen cabinets provide an additional source of light, especially at night.

While Baselice's use of Hide-A-Lites is more decorative, they also have a practical use.

"We put them underneath the cabinets for indirect lighting, which is very popular." As its name suggests, this "shallow light does not show, it tucks in," said Bub.

Bub, whose family-owned business has been in operation since 1914, said he has filled many orders for the soft, sometimes romantic glow.

As technology changes to meet today's modern life-styles, consumers want more than just bargains in a showroom. Advice on prob-

lem-solving and design is also important, according to the owner of Colonie Lighting on Railroad Avenue in Colonie.

"Apart from having the product, we have a proactive approach to lighting, layout and design," Chandler said. "They come to us with lighting problems and we solve them."

Specializing in unique table and floor lamps, Colonie Lighting also provides a broad spectrum of services, ranging from consultation to repairs, targeted at helping the consumer with daily lighting issues, he said.

"People who come to us are looking for the right solution to their decorating needs," said Chandler. "We provide more solutions to everyday problems than the average fixture showroom. We manufacture and repair fixtures and lamps, providing custom solutions to lighting problems."

With more than 15 years of experience, Chandler said he is ready to help customers with their problems. "People come to us with lighting needs, mostly of an aesthetic nature. Some with vision problems. We have specific lighting for those tasks. We have elderly with special needs and we are able to focus on that."

Although light is still a necessity in a home, decorators now tend to use lighting arrangements to complement a variety of styles. "Prior to the 1980s, lighting fixtures were sold with little attention paid to decorating value.



The recessed lights in Kathy Baselice's newly remodeled kitchen can be used to illuminate isolated areas of the room. Corinne Lynn Blackman

People were frustrated with finding lighting products that synchronized with their decorating tastes," Chandler said.

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By Dev Tobin

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pare to have their house on the market for five or six months before the deal is closed, Ader said.

Location and price are most important in marketing a house, Ader noted, but next is its condition, and “simple cosmetic things like a freshly painted front door and clean closets make a house more attractive” to potential buyers.

For Abbey Farbstein of Roberts Real Estate in Delmar, having a house in “tip-top condition” to show to potential buyers is the



**‘Cheerful’ is the key word — buyers will have an emotional bias in favor of houses that are well-decorated, fresh and clean.**

Abbey Farbstein

pare your house for sale.

You are not alone. At the end of January, there were almost 6,000 homes listed in the Capital Region Multiple Listing Service, an increase of about 7.5 percent over last year, according to James Ader, executive vice president of the Greater Capital Region Association of Realtors.

At the same time, sales are down slightly, so the “curb appeal” (real estate slang for the outdoor appearance of a house that encourages a potential buyer to want to look inside) and overall good condition of your house are essential for success in a very competitive market.

People wanting to sell should

only way to go.

“‘Cheerful’ is the key word — buyers will have an emotional bias in favor of houses that are well-decorated, fresh and clean,” she said.

Farbstein said that “curb appeal” is important because many people drive by before deciding to go inside.

“A well-manicured lawn, neatly clipped shrubbery and cleanly swept walks create a good first impression,” she said.

Farbstein agreed with Ader about painting the front door; adding that painting the whole house, or at least the trim, should be considered if the need for repainting is obvious.

Christine and Mark Fitzsimmons of Delmar spent about \$4,000 sprucing up their house before they put it on the market. The major expenses were painting and a new water heater.

Dev Tobin

Inside, Farbstein said that she asks her clients what they would change if they were staying in the house, and usually gets an honest appraisal of what needs to be done to make the house as marketable as possible.

The kitchen is the most important room of the house, and signs of wear-and-tear there have to be dealt with, Farbstein said.

“A bright and attractive kitchen

is crucial,” she said. “If the cabinets are dull, paint them. If the counter shows wear or is outdated, replace it. If the floor is worn, put in new flooring.”

In the bathroom, old and peeling wallpaper should be replaced (“not a major expense”) and all dripping faucets should be repaired, she added.

One intangible people often are not aware of is the pet, tobacco

and/or cooking odors in their house.

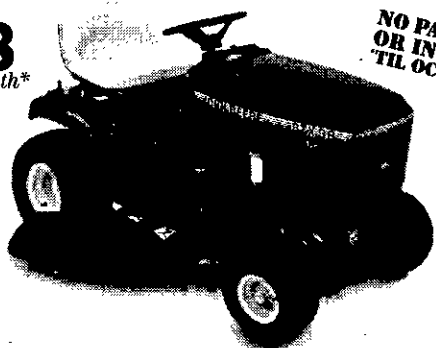
“You don’t smell your pet, but the buyer will, and it will be a big turn-off,” Farbstein said. “I also advise owners not to cook fish or smoke inside while their house is on the market.”

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thoroughly, packing up clutter from closets and cupboards.

"Sometimes I recommend a professional cleaning team, and renting a self-storage unit" so the boxed clutter does not just end up in the way in the basement, she said.

Depending on their degree of handiness, sellers can do most of the ultimate home improvement work themselves, Farbstein said.

In cases where doing these basic improvements is not possible, Farbstein warned that the market value of the house will inevitably suffer.

Before marketing their house, sellers should also consider taking care of major repairs, like roof replacement, if possible.

"In the 90s, buyers just don't have the time to do a lot of repairs, or even the time to supervise a

## Plastic boards might be safest bet

The headlines were everywhere — "Researchers Astonished: Wooden Cutting Boards Safer Than Plastic." "Wood Cutting Boards Safest, Study Shows."

For years, we had been taught that plastic was better than wood. But early in 1993, a study from the University of Wisconsin stated that wooden cutting boards were safer than plastic.

But new scientific research already has been completed that supports the belief that plastic (acrylic) cutting boards are, in fact, safer than wooden cutting boards.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) conducted a detailed comparison between wooden and acrylic cutting boards.

They found that bacteria are readily absorbed into dry wooden cutting boards. At least 75 percent of the bacteria absorbed into the wood remain alive inside the cutting board for several hours.

Plastic cutting boards absorb no bacteria. Thus, when cutting boards made from wood and acrylic are contaminated with bacteria and then washed, more bacteria are washed off the plastic cutting board.

The widely publicized study from the University of Wisconsin suggested that it was possible the wood was injuring the bacteria and could have some antimicrobial properties. However, there was no hard evidence to support this speculation.

In contrast, the FDA/NSF study went to great length to avoid any potentially misleading speculation about its observations. No assumptions were made.

The results of the FDA/NSF study show that, because of its nonporous nature, plastic is much easier to clean than wood. Secondly, bacteria absorbed into wood remain alive and active for several hours. Wood has no measurable anti-bacterial effect.

contractor doing the repairs," Farbstein said.

First-time buyers, in particular, are leery of having to do a lot with their new house, since most of their available cash has gone into the down payment and closing costs, she added.

For Christine and Mark Fitzsimmons, time was of the essence in selling their Delmar home because they were committed to a new home under construction in Glenmont.

They took Farbstein's advice, and were able to sell their home quickly, said Christine Fitzsimmons.

"We had the exterior and interior painted, put in a new water heater, had all the carpets cleaned, had a termite inspection done, had the chimney cleaned and inspected, and decluttered everything and had a big garage sale," Fitzsimmons said.

The couple spent about \$4,000 to prepare their house for sale, but "It was worth it. Appearance means a lot because if the outside or inside doesn't look good, buyers are not as interested," she said.

## Hardwood floors take lots of abuse

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# Dishwasher decorations can liven up kitchen's look

Creativity in the kitchen needn't be limited to food preparation. You can become your own decorator by designing an imaginative front panel for that kitchen mainstay — the dishwasher, according to Julie Bundy, Maytag Company's manager of consumer education.

The front panel can become a rotating gallery, showcasing children's art, enlarged photographs, posters, theater playbills, or other decorative items you fancy, Bundy said.

**Your dishwasher front can even change designs with the seasons, or be decorated for holidays and special family celebrations.**

Julie Bundy

"Hobbies or special interests can be reflected by displaying sheet music, book jackets, collections of matchbooks, coins or autographs, postcards or greeting cards, travel souvenirs, etc.," she added. "Your dishwasher front can even change designs with the seasons, or be decorated for holidays

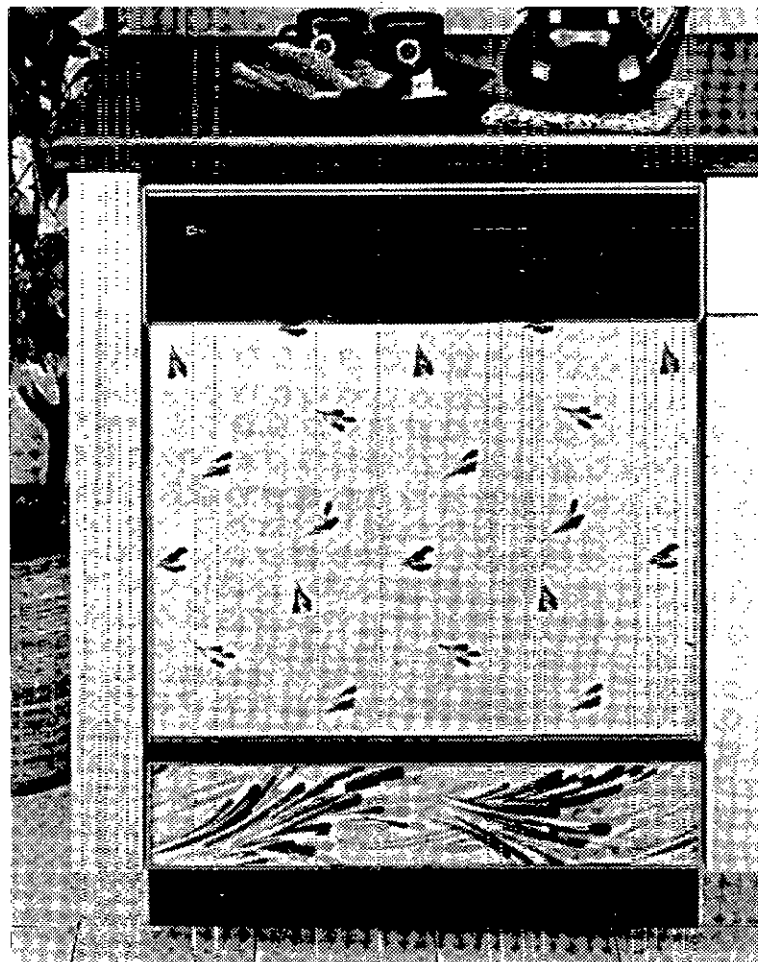
and special family celebrations."

Other suggestions include using a piece of decorative wallpaper or a piece of patchwork quilting, a hand embroidered sampler, gingham fabric or folk art to complement an Early American or country kitchen decor. For an Oriental accent, select a tatami mat, silk painting, an Oriental kite, or a paper reproduction of a kimono design.

It's easy to transform any dishwasher from ordinary into a work of art, according to Bundy. "For extra protection and washability, just mount your selection on one-eighth-inch-thick tempered hardboard to fit the space indicated by the manufacturer. Cover with a sheet of clear acrylic plastic the same thickness of the hardboard."

Bundy also suggested that delicate fabrics be placed on a lightweight poster board cut to the exact size of the panel. Smaller items selected for a collage can be mounted on cardboard backing. Artwork, such as a photo, can be enlarged to the desired size.

When mounting fabric, a photo or poster, Bundy suggested the following procedure: Cut the de-



Adding a decorative look to a dishwasher can be as simple as covering it with wallpaper that matches the rest of the kitchen.

sired artwork to the proper size, then lay it on the hardboard so that the design is straight and placed as you want it. Carefully pick up one quarter of the material to be mounted. Apply a spray adhesive product on both the hardboard and the underside of the material you're mounting. Lower this portion and apply gentle pressure to make sure it's secure. Continue this procedure on the remaining three quarters.

When the entire area is glued, check to make sure there are no wrinkles or bubbles, always smoothing your work from the center outward toward the edges. Voila! Your kitchen workhorse, the dishwasher, has been transformed into a designer showcase!

Of course, there's more to a dishwasher than a place to display art. To help consumers with their selection, Maytag Company offers a dishwasher buying guide.

To order a copy, send your name, address and 25 cents per copy to Maytag, Department 213YGMT, Newton, Iowa 50208.

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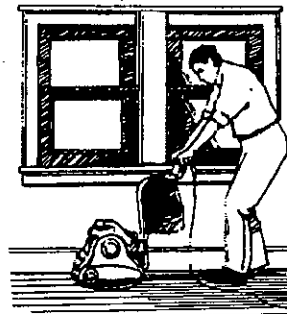
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Enclosed porches (California or Florida rooms) are ideal locations for goldfish aquariums. Goldfish, unlike tropical fish, do not need a heated aquarium and are a great addition to spring and summer living.

Goldfish are fun and beautiful. In fact, a study conducted by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania in 1980 concluded that watching ornamental fish in home aquariums helps relieve stress.

So, if you have some extra space and would like something your whole family could enjoy, consider an aquarium with ornamental goldfish.

To go about starting a goldfish aquarium, you will first want to locate a good dealer.

If you have a friend who has an aquarium, ask for a reference; otherwise, the phone book lists

most tropical fish retailers.

Tropical fish are warm-blooded and require a heated aquarium. Goldfish do fine in an aquarium with a water temperature around 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

When visiting a tropical fish store, get an idea of different sizes of aquariums and the type of equipment you will need.

A goldfish aquarium should be covered with a reflector using fluorescent lights, which do not throw off a significant amount of heat.

In terms of a stand for your aquarium, your dealer will have a selection, but you could also consider building one to match the decor of your room.

This is relatively simple, but be sure it's very sturdy, since the weight of the aquarium and water is quite heavy.

A good idea is to build an open stand out of two-by-fours and then cover the front with decorative paneling to match your room decor.

Leave the back open so that the wiring and tubing from your aquarium's pump and filter can be stored out of sight.

In addition to the reflector, you will also need a good filter, since goldfish are rather messy. The Whisper Power Filter and Bio-Bag

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Even though you don't need a heater, it's a good idea to use a thermometer to make sure the water temperature does not rise beyond 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

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# More than looks count in the roof over your head

The roof over your head can do more than just protect the interior of your home from the elements. If properly coordinated with the design of the home and its surroundings, a roof can add beauty and elegance that can distinguish your home from its neighbors.

In fact, professionals say an attractive and well-designed roof adds immeasurably to the "curb appeal" of a home and can increase its overall value.

According to the National Roofing Contractors Association, the total market for residential roofing in 1994 is estimated to be more than \$4 billion. While a large part of this market is for new homes, a major portion is for re-roofing projects.

Yet, despite the fact that choosing a new roof is a very important decision, the average homeowner knows little about the subject. In fact, most homeowners are not aware of the different types of roofing shingles available and cannot readily identify the brand of shingle currently installed on their roof. This is not surprising, since a new roof is not a frequent purchase and, once installed, requires little maintenance.

Most homeowners rely on professionals to guide them in choosing a new roof. But by taking a little time to study the subject, you can maximize your investment and assure your satisfaction for years to come by making a more informed choice.

## Building a firm foundation

According to Bob Garrett, director of marketing, Residential Roofing Products for GAF Materials Corporation, while the part of the roof that you see is very important, its performance depends to a large extent on the part that you don't see.

Garrett recommends homeowners consider their roofs as a system, an integral unit in which several components work together to provide maximum protection to the home and comfort to the residents within.

Today's roofing shingles are stronger, lighter and more flexible than ever before, but even the highest-quality shingles can't handle the job unless they're installed over a proper base.

In parts of the country subject to severe winter weather, for example, ice damming can be a problem. Because the eaves of your house are not heated by the warmer air in your attic, melting ice can refreeze and form a dam, causing water to back up under the row of shingles above it. When this happens and water comes in direct contact with the non-waterproof plywood beneath the shingles, your roof can leak. To prevent this, professionals recommend installing a layer of waterproof underlayment at eaves, in valleys and with flashings. While adding very little to the installed cost of the roof, it not only protects against ice damming, but can also prevent expensive damage from water leakage due to wind-driven rain in all climates.

Another investment recommended by professionals is a high-quality fiberglass-reinforced underlayment between the plywood roof deck and the shingles themselves. This additional layer helps add important dimensional stability to your asphalt roof without adding substantially to its cost.

## Choosing the shingle that's best for you

Now that you have provided a strong, stable foundation for your new roof, you're ready to pick the shingle that best meets your particular needs and requirements. And, there are many from which to choose. A whole new generation of asphalt shingles with textures, colors and shadings hardly dreamed of as recently as 20 years ago is now available.

The first thing you need to consider is how long do you want your limited warranty to last. Shingles are available with limited warranties ranging from 20 years all the way up to 40 years. Of course, you'll pay more initially for a longer limited-warranty period, but you'll have the protection of the limited warranty for a longer period of time.

According to Garrett, this may actually reduce your overall cost per year compared to a less expensive shingle. A roofing professional can help you make this comparison for yourself.

The second thing you'll want to consider is the configuration of your roof. Does it have lots of interesting hips and ridges, or is it essentially a straight-shed roof line? If it has more of a configuration, you may want to consider a laminated shingle to highlight and accentuate its attractive angles.

Laminated shingles are the fastest-growing segment of the roofing market today. Their dimensional look accentuates the natural beauty of the roof.

Finally, if you have chosen a laminated shingle roof, you can make it even more distinctive by topping it off with special hip and ridge shingles that enhance its various slopes and planes.

While slate roofs have historically provided both beauty and durability, they are very expensive to install and maintain. An excellent alternative is an asphalt shingle. These non-laminated shingles are specially designed to simulate the look of slate, yet are economical.

## When durability is the first criterion

Even if your roof is a traditional straight "V" shape, the right shingle can still enhance both its appearance and its performance.

Some shingles are made from a strong, stable, fiberglass mat and specially formulated asphalt. Although they are not laminates, they are heavier than traditional strip shingles and carry longer limited warranties. A professional roofing contractor can be a big help in choosing a new roof. If possible, have him show you other roofs which use the same material you're interested in.

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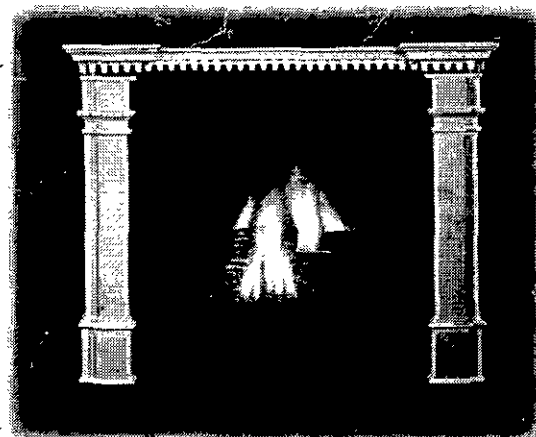
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# Screens are first line of defense against insects

This time of year, it seems like cold wind, rain and snow will last forever, but it is really time to prepare for spring and summer. Getting a head start on the little jobs now can prevent backbreaking work later on.

For instance, now might be a good time to repair or replace window and door screens.

Screens not only are a home's first line of defense against flying insects, but they also are important in natural ventilation — helping to keep down air conditioning bills — and with proper upkeep, can make a home more attractive.

There are two popular types of screening, aluminum and fiberglass. Both are corrosion-resistant — unlike old galvanized steel screens — and inexpensive.

And even if you are all thumbs around the house, it is easy to replace old, worn-out screens or make new ones, using common household tools and some inexpensive materials.

All you need to put new aluminum or fiberglass screens on existing frames is a new piece of screening, a screwdriver, utility knife or tin snips, concave hand roller tool and vinyl-coated replacement spline. Spline is the rubbery strip that anchors screening to the frame; the hand roller is a special tool used to install spline.

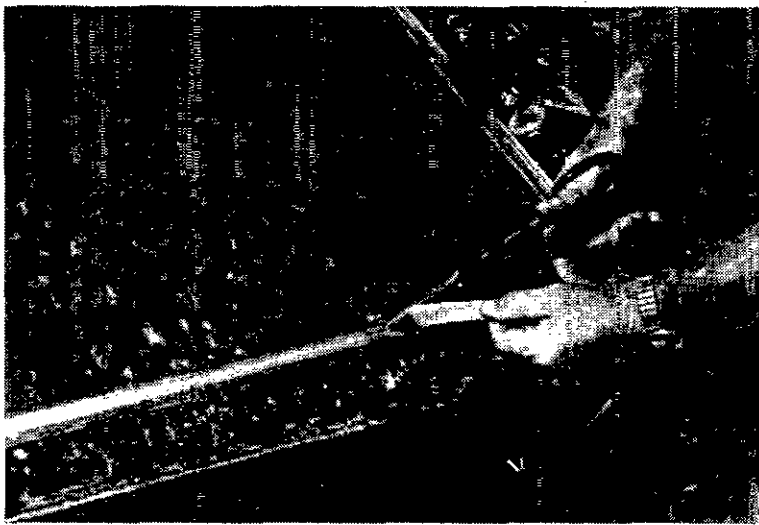
After gathering the materials, the first step in replacing screening in an aluminum frame for a single- or double-hung window is removal of the old screening. Lay the screen on a flat surface, with the spline channel up, and use a screwdriver to start pulling out the spline.

Next, place the new screening on the frame, with a one-inch overlap around the sides. Then, starting at any corner of the frame, use the concave hand roller to secure the screening and spline in the channel, making sure the screening is completely taut around the frame. To finish, just trim off the excess screening, and the repaired screen is ready to install.

If you are working with wooden frames, you will need a workbench, wood blocks and two C-clamps to make sure the screening is taut.

Start by removing the molding over the spline channel, if one is present. This should be done carefully with a wide chisel or putty knife. Next, attach the old screening as you would with an aluminum frame, and cut a new piece slightly larger than the area to be covered. Staple or tack the new screening to one end of the frame, and place the frame on the workbench with two-by-four wood blocks under each end. Fasten the C-clamp along each side of the screen to bow the frame; then, pull the screening taut and tack down the second end.

After the ends are secured, remove the clamps and blocks, and use new spline and the concave roller to fasten the screen. If the screen has a center rail, put it back on; then, just trim off the excess screening, and replace the decorative molding.



Screens are a home's first line of defense against bugs and also an important way to keep your house ventilated.

If you find that the wooden frames are weakening with age, a little preventive repair can help stretch their life.

To straighten and stiffen weakened corners, try screwing L-shaped metal braces on each side of the frame. If either wood or metal screens are bent out of shape, though, the best bet is to

buy or build new frames.

When checking window screens, be sure not to overlook front-door and backdoor screens. Of course, homeowners with sliding screen doors should pay extra attention to the door tracks. Any kinks in the bottom track should be straightened to help the doors roll smoothly.

Ventilating your home naturally by making full use of window and door screens improves air circulation, makes the home more comfortable and reduces electric bills for homeowners with air conditioning.

Standard-mesh aluminum and fiberglass screening are available at hardware stores and home supply centers along with replacement spline and hand rollers.

Rolls of screening are generally available in widths up to 84 inches and often can be cut to order, so be sure to have the measurements of the screens you

need to replace.

In addition, many screening packages are offered with easy, do-it-yourself instructions.

If you are still not convinced that it's easy to replace old screens, call a local screening dealer for installation service. They are usually listed in the yellow pages under 'Screens — Door and Window.'

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If your air conditioner is no longer cooling properly, it could involve something as simple as replacing a fuse, resetting a circuit breaker or ensuring that the thermostat is set properly.

If an electrical problem isn't the cause, and the system still runs but doesn't cool enough, the refrigerant may be low. However, if the problem involves any major part, such as the compressor, you would hear strange noises similar to those of mechanical equipment not running correctly.

When your air-conditioning system starts giving you more problems than seem cost-effective to fix, you should consider replacing it. Because newer equipment usually is much more energy-efficient than older central air-conditioning or heat-pump systems, you might actually save money by replacing your old system before it completely wears out. In some cases, the money you save in reduced utility costs might pay back the purchase price of a new system years earlier than you think.

For information about the basic rules to follow for keeping cool this summer at minimum cost, send for ARI's free pamphlet, "How to Keep Your Cool and Save Cold Cash."

Send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to ARI, Dept. 94-FCG, 4301 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 425, Arlington, Va. 22203. No phone orders are accepted.

## Give roof extra protection against leaks

Every winter, the damage done to roofs can be a costly reminder of nature's fury.

Leaks caused by the harmful effects of high winds, ice and snow can cost homeowners thousands of dollars in repairs.

Properly installed waterproofing shingle underlayment could make a difference.

Waterproofing shingle underlayment is an advanced version of standard shingle underlayment, or roofing felt. It is typically made using polymer-modified (rubberized) asphalt. The asphalt makes it waterproof; the polymers make it elastic and sticky. Waterproofing shingle underlayment comes in rolled sheets and is applied atop the bare roof deck, under the shingles. (Application by a professional roofing contractor is recommended.)

Waterproofing shingle underlayment creates a waterproof barrier beneath the shingle system, so that pooled water or wind-driven

rain or snow can't penetrate the roof deck via nail holes or open seams in the roofing felt.

Waterproofing shingle underlayment helps protect against four basic types of water infiltration:

- standing water trapped on the roof at the eaves by "ice dams" — ice that forms at the edge of the roof, blocking drainage;
- rain or snow that is driven by high winds up low-sloped roofs and beneath shingles;
- rain or snow that penetrates areas of the roof that may be susceptible to leaking, such as in valleys or at roof openings (around chimneys, skylights and the like); and
- rain or snow that penetrates areas left exposed when shingles are blown off the roof in high winds (until the missing shingles can be replaced).

Which homeowners should consider using waterproofing shingle underlayment? Consider

this: Though ice dams are associated with regions of heavy snowfall, water infiltration can be a problem anywhere wind-driven rain is forced beneath shingles, or where shingle blow-off leaves the deck exposed.

When to use waterproofing shingle underlayment depends on the specific needs and budget considerations of the homeowner and, to a lesser extent, the level of sophistication of the builder or roofing contractor.

Whether the project involves new construction or re-roofing, a knowledgeable builder or roofing contractor should be able to offer several options that include the use of waterproofing shingle underlayment.

As effective as waterproofing shingle underlayment is, no one element of a roofing system ensures leak-free performance.

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## Pocket doors increase access

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The reason? Conventional doors are designed to swing in and out of entryways in arcs of up to 10 square feet, acutely limiting the manner in which people in wheelchairs can approach and go through them.

However, with a pocket door frame kit, nearly any inside entryway can be quickly and affordably converted to make access easier.

The frame kits allow doors to slide across entryways, instead of having to swing through them. So, all of the floor space surrounding either side of the doorway can be used.

The door itself slides inside the adjacent wall virtually out of sight when open, then across the entryway when closed.

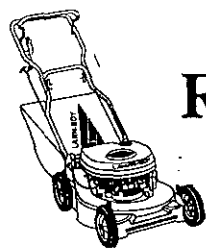
Furthermore, most kits fit doors in a broad range of sizes, including wider dimensions to facilitate wheelchair access.

Installation using the kits is a job that construction professionals can handle in just a few minutes and that do-it-yourselfers can normally complete within a half-hour.

In addition to creating accessibility, pocket door installation can enhance household decor by contributing a modern look and making interior spaces feel open and uncluttered. The frames can be used with doors of virtually any design.

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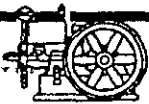
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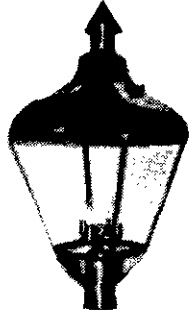
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# New vinyl siding products save on installation and maintenance

"I think that I shall never see/  
Siding lovely as from a tree."

For generations, that's been the refrain of homeowners and contractors alike. But now, more and more of them are singing a different tune — turning to today's new generation of vinyl siding for better value, easier maintenance and looks that are virtually indistinguishable from wood.

Economics are part of the reason, but only part. At roughly half the cost of premium wood siding, vinyl siding offers immediate savings.

Still, nobody wants his or her home to look like a bargain — and, until recently, most homeowners were faced with the limited color selection, bland texture, plastic sheen and telltale construction details of yesterday's vinyl siding.

## Ssh! Quiet heater at work

Remodeling homeowners can find themselves in a corner when it comes to providing heat to rooms with little available wall space.

How can they economically place heat into rooms with new uses, where radiators or baseboard haven't been before and may not fit?

Often these new living spaces are hard-to-heat areas, as are many existing kitchens and baths. What can a homeowner do to bring heating comfort to them?

The affordable answer is an electric kickspace heater, which are designed to fit unobtrusively into unlikely household spaces and deliver industry-standard heat output efficiently and economically.

"Kickspace heaters are problem solvers," said Alan Levi, a fuel oil contractor based on Long Island, N.Y.

"They provide excellent auxiliary heat for smaller rooms and rooms that feel the cold," Levi explained. "Often, homeowners remodel a section of their house and only think about heating it afterwards. When that happens, kick-space heaters are a smart solution."

Kickspace heaters are compact, fully self-contained heating units complete with their own heating coil, motor and fan. They are designed to fit in a variety of low-level spaces around the home: at the bottom of kitchen or bathroom cabinets, bookcases or vanities, or within stair risers. They can also be employed in restaurants or retail establishments.

New kickspace heaters are also quiet. "If there's a drawback with kickspace units, it's in the noise the fan makes," said Levi. With this problem in mind, new products are designed to run quietly at very low decibel ranges and without vibration.

Many kickspace heaters are easily installed by anti-slip floor mountings that don't use screws. Installation of the lightweight unit

No more. Today's vinyl siding is designed to appeal to homeowners' pride, as well as their pocket-books, combining the convenience and affordability of vinyl with the look, texture and detailing of traditional wood carpentry.

For one thing, installers now have ways to hide or eliminate the unattractive accessories that used to trumpet "non-wood construction," thanks to new trim products. From dramatic, extra-wide corner posts with quarter-round inserts to the traditional accents of wide window casings to the heights of gable trim, a wide variety of decorative trim and accessories captures the classic appearance of custom wood carpentry and enhances the beauty of any home.

That realistic "wood look" can be heightened even further with

new vinyl-siding products that take their texture from actual wood shingles, panels or clapboards. Some new siding products are molded from the natural texture and low-gloss finish of painted rough-cut and smooth-sawn cedar, while others reproduces hand-split cedar perfection shingles or the look of clear, vertical-grain cedar siding with a semi-transparent stain.

And to perfect the illusion, many manufacturers offer more than 20 colors, from delicate pastels to deep, dark hues, offering homeowners a range of choices previously available only with high-maintenance, painted wood finishes.

Vinyl siding, of course, never needs painting. And because it's free from the warping, shrinking, knots and other imperfections often found in wood, it helps cut waste and installation costs too. Even more important, its exceptional durability virtually eliminates the need for costly exterior maintenance.

All in all, today's vinyl siding offers more than ever the good looks of wood in an unprecedented choice of colors, trims, and finishes; easy care that keeps it looking new year after year with just soap and water; and savings to match its style. Best of all, the only one who has to know it's not wood is you.

involves two simple solder connections and power to an easily accessible junction box. Flexible hosing can be snaked through walls to a basement boiler.

Kickspace heaters make very effective combinations with radiant heat arrangements and zoned systems, according to Levi. They also come in floor and wall versions.

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## Vila's tips for buying tools

To many people, spring means warm weather, sunshine and long walks outside, but to do-it-yourselfers, spring means action! They can finally repair the damage of winter's harsh weather and give their home a fresh, new look.

The key to making home improvements go smoothly is an organized, efficient workshop and, in his new book, "Bob Vila's Workshop: The Ultimate Illustrated Handbook for the Home Workshop," Vila offers common sense tips on how to select the best tools.

Since there are so many tool manufacturers, and so many types and models of virtually every tool, Vila recommends that people start sensibly. They should first invest in the basic tools that they will need again and again — wrenches, screwdrivers, a drill, a circular saw and other multi-purpose tools.

When do-it-yourselfers first set up their workshops, they don't have to own every tool they'll ever need. A rarely used or expensive tool that will only be needed for a special project can be rented or borrowed from a friend. Also, borrowing tools allows people to see if they like a particular brand or model, making their decision easier when they finally decide to buy the tool.

When purchasing equipment, Vila says, the feel of a tool is part of its pleasure. A quality tool, especially a handheld tool like a chisel or plane, should be an extension of one's hand.

He explains that many professional craftspeople recommend purchasing tools from a fair, friendly, knowledgeable local dealer and developing a good working relationship. While the prices may not be as inexpensive as those in a catalog, do-it-yourselfers will be able to get a feel for the tools before buying them and will probably encounter fewer hassles if the tools break.

A reminder Vila gives to those who are stocking their workshop is to be true to their tight budget or to advance their personal quest for the best. And, remember, the best isn't always evident. People should learn as much as they can about individual tools before buying them. This will make things easier in the long run.

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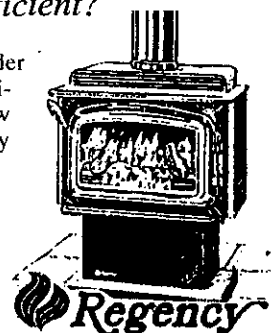
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# New laminate flooring brings beauty and durability

You walk all over it. You spill food and drinks on it — not to mention bright red nail polish! Your grand piano or double-freezer sits on it. You have parties where people put out cigarettes on it. Your children occasionally test their crayons and permanent markers on it.

Without a doubt, years of wear and tear have not been good to your floor. In fact, in this age of high technology, it's too bad there isn't some type of floor that could take the abuse and still look like new. Or is there?

Widely used in Europe since 1983, laminate flooring is the suc-

cessful transition of high-pressure melamine laminate from the countertop to the floor. An extremely durable material in which colors and designs can be varied and combined almost infinitely, high-pressure melamine laminate flooring is the latest home-decorating trend to hit this side of the Atlantic.

The world's first laminate flooring, Pergo, was invented in 1977 by Swedish-based Perstorp AB, one of the world's largest producers of laminate surfaces.

Among other product benefits, Pergo is approximately 20 times stronger than the laminate usually used for kitchen countertops, says Hans Johansson, senior vice president of product and design development for the Swedish firm of Perstorp AB.

"Years ago, using a high-pressure melamine laminate to create a floor was unthinkable," said Johansson, whose designs for Perstorp heralded a revolution in floor products and made the company the market leader in its category throughout Europe.

"As it turns out, not only is high-pressure melamine laminate extremely strong, but it also works with any decorating scheme — and feels very comfortable under-

foot," Johansson said.

As the first company to manufacture laminate flooring, Perstorp built its reputation on laminates' unique construction, comprised of three main elements — the wear-resistant decor surface, which is made of a durable, high-pressure melamine laminate; the moisture-resistant wood-based core, which naturally adapts to environment and variations in temperature and humidity; and a balancing laminate glued to the back of the core for stability.

"The end result is a high-pressure melamine laminate flooring highly resistant to stains, cigarette burns, moisture, fading and indents from high heels, furniture and appliances," said Johansson.

In more ways than one, laminate flooring is the first true revolution in the flooring industry since cushioned vinyl made its debut in the 1960s.

Constructed in rectangular planks measuring 47 inches by 8 inches — not peel-and-stick squares or rolls like vinyl or carpet — laminate floors have an interlocking tongue and groove fit that come together to form a "floating floor."

Unlike other flooring products, a floating floor is not directly attached to the subfloor. This means it can be laid directly over almost any floor or subfloor, as long as it is dry, level and smooth.

Laminate flooring can be easily installed by a do-it-yourselfer or a flooring professional. In most cases, it can be fitted on top of old floors without having to change doors or thresholds.

To help create a graceful transition between the laminate flooring, walls and adjoining flooring, there are also a comprehensive range of wall bases and moldings also made of laminate.

Caring for a laminate floor is as easy as installing one.

Tough stains, such as nail polish, ink, fruit juice and even tar, are easily removed with acetone (nail polish remover) or household solvent. Polishing and waxing are never needed.

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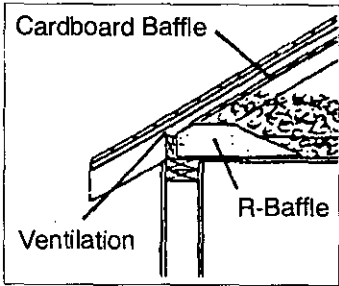
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**Q: What is ice damming?**

As we all know this winter was a mild winter, but last winter there was a lot of ice damming in the area.

Ice damming basically is caused by the heat of the home rising to the roof causing the snow to melt. The water goes down passed the outside walls to the eaves, where it's colder, it then freezes and builds up, this then causes water backup which in turn gets underneath the shingles which are not designed to protect the home in that fashion and it gets inside the house which causes a much more severe damage inside walls and ceilings.

The correction of this problem is a very difficult one. The main reason for this is that 30-40 years ago when we were building our homes, the rafters were placed on the outside plate or the top of the walls, so there was no space available for insulation. Insulation has the definition of the non movement of air. So between our outside top plate and our walls and rafters themselves there's a small space anywhere from 4, 6 to 8 inches depending on the pitch of the roof and the rafter used. Still this is not an adequate space to get in a minimum of 12 inches of insulation or an R-38 factor that they look for today in our national codes.



There are styrofoam devices that help; styrofoam insulation helps insulate in these small areas however this problem is not something that is going away to go away easily. You're going to help the situation by venting the area properly, by getting as much insulation in the area between the top wall plate and the rafter but it's still going to emit heat through the roof at a rate that's more than in a new home where their building with energy trusses to provide adequate space for insulation. Other devices such as ice and water shield and metal sheeting on the outside eaves helps to prevent the buildup because the ice cannot attach to it and generally will slide off.

I hope I've answered your question, but if not please feel free to write again.

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Such a security light will automatically turn itself on when motion is sensed in the protected area, alerting a would-be prowler that he's been spotted.

Today's units utilize a high-tech, passive, infrared system to concentrate on a selected area.

The motion detector studies the darkened area and responds only when a heat source, such as a person or automobile, moves into the protected zone.

When the motion detector senses movement, it instantly turns the outdoor lights on. After motion stops, the lights will stay on for a predetermined time, then shut off automatically.

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# Vinyl windows suit more needs

Wouldn't it be great if you could instantly replace all your leaky, drafty, sticky, high-maintenance windows with brand-new ones, identical in every respect — except that they never need painting, they are easy to clean from inside, they make your home more comfortable, and they help save you money on heating and cooling?

You can. With today's custom-made vinyl replacement windows, it's just about that easy.

Homeowners looking to replace old wood windows with new wood ones face a dilemma. Custom wood replacement windows require a long wait and carry a custom price tag.

Stock-size wood replacement windows are often only available in a limited range of sizes and shapes. That means the window opening requires patching, painting, papering and filling — to make your home fit them. And all too often, the compromises change

## New thermostats save thousands in energy costs

More than 80 percent of all homeowners qualify for this opportunity: Invest as little as \$49, and earn up to 400 percent or more for every year you keep this investment.

In this case, the investment is a programmable thermostat, and it's one of the smartest spring home improvements you can make. It can save you up to \$200 or more in the next year, \$2,000 or more in 10 years, and \$4,000 or more over the next 20 years.

It can also make your home more comfortable while helping protect the environment by reducing demand for electricity.

These estimates are from Honeywell, the leading maker of thermostats. Yet, although a programmable thermostat can cut your heating and cooling bills by as much as one-third, fewer than 20 percent of U.S. homes have one.

This is a smart and easy spring home improvement. Programmable thermostats are easy to find because they are sold in most hardware and home center stores.

They are also easy to install — a do-it-yourselfer can finish the job in as little as 10 minutes.

Then, just touch a few clearly marked keys to enter your family "schedule," and the programmable thermostat automatically switches to an energy-saving temperature when no one is home or when you're asleep. It's as easy as using a bank automated teller machine.

For information on programmable thermostats, call Honeywell at 1-800-345-6770, ext. 7177, and ask for its free brochures.

the look of the home, inside and out.

In contrast, the best of today's vinyl replacement windows are custom-made, in an exceptionally broad selection of styles, designs, and options, to offer an exact fit for every taste and every budget — as well as every opening. Manufacturers offers a wide range of styles — including double-hung, casements, gliders, picture windows, bays, bows, and geometrics — all made-to-measure with a choice of colors and options.

### Custom vinyl windows offer beauty, thermal efficiency and long-lasting performance.

A vinyl replacement window is made to the exact measurements taken by a window-replacement professional. Your local window distributor can help you find one. The professional you select can slip your window quickly and snugly into the existing openings without disturbing your wallpaper or trim.

And thanks to today's advanced vinyl window design and engineering, most windows can complement your home with the slim, graceful exterior lines and elegant detail formerly available only in custom wood carpentry.

Custom vinyl windows keep a

snugger lid on expenses too. Right at the start, they cost significantly less than custom wood windows.

Once installed, they help hold down energy costs. Double-pane glass with a low "E" coating helps keep heat inside in cool weather and outside in warm weather for year-round savings, helps reduce damaging ultraviolet rays and does it all without adding a tint or haze to the view.

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## Kitchen

(From Page 1)

A Delmar couple recently solved their kitchen dilemma with the help of Steven Carberry, whose goal is to make the home you're living in more like your dream home come true.

Carberry, owner of Renovations and Remodeling, recently completed a kitchen remodeling addition for the Fernbank Avenue couple, who wanted to open up the kitchen area so they could enjoy the view of their backyard. The couple spends a lot of time working in the garden, Carberry said, so "They wanted to gain an eating area with windows exposed to the backyard."

The kitchen in the home was

about 40 to 50 years old, and a small window over the sink afforded only a limited view of the yard, at best. Carberry, who focuses on "generally smaller remodeling" projects, came up with a plan that would open up the access to the backyard.

Although Carberry admitted, "My niche is smaller, which is why I stay busy," the kitchen project was a detailed and involved piece of work on the inside and outside of the house. The addition took nearly three months to complete. "It's an inconvenient room to have remodeled," because of the time it takes, he said.

Philip McGuire, owner of Kitchen & Bath World Inc. on New Karner Road in Colonie, said he worked closely with Carberry to achieve the desired results. The owners, Carberry and McGuire

all put their heads together to design what McGuire called a unique kitchen.

The cabinets are natural finish maple, manufactured by Plain & Fancy custom cabinet makers. "We also used a special new Formica (Formica Novell manufactured by General Electric) for the countertops," McGuire said. That, along with an integrated sink, gives the new room a distinctive quality.

"It makes for a very original look," he said. "By integrating a sink, you can actually bond a sink to a countertop" as opposed to the conventional way of dropping it in, McGuire said.

The end result of the detailed planning was worth it — a once dark and closed-in room is now light and open to the outdoors. "They had specific desires for a room, and that's what the design centered on," Carberry said. "They went for simplicity and I think they really achieved it."

Carberry matched the new roof on the addition with the original slate on the house, and installed new windows on the outer wall of the kitchen — giving a vastly improved view of the yard and bringing more light into the house.

Carberry advises homeowners who are contemplating a remodeling project to first make a list of what they want changed. The contractor can discuss the pros and cons of the project with the homeowner before drawing up specific plans.

Although Carberry said he usually does all the work on a project himself, he had help on this job. Still, he said, "When they deal with me, I will be the person who shows up every day. ... I'm involved from start to finish."

## Foil a home burglary

Light, time and noise are a homeowner's greatest weapons in the fight to prevent a home burglary, according to the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.).

There are more than 5 million home burglaries each year and nine out of 10 of these crimes are preventable.

To help prevent home burglaries, the I.I.I. offers the following suggestions:

Think like a burglar. "Case" your house the way a burglar would and look for easy ways to enter your home. This will help to identify your greatest security weaknesses. Look to see if valuables, such as expensive electronic devices or artwork, are visible from the street. If a passerby can see your belongings, so can criminals.

Keep in mind that a burglar's three worst enemies are light, time and noise. Exterior lights mounted out of reach can reduce the risk of a break-in. Also, make it time-consuming for a burglar to break into your home by installing simple security devices like padlocks, bars, grates, and door and window locks. These devices can discourage intruders and keep them from entering. Noise is another important deterrent. Dogs, alarms and other noisy security devices reduce the risk of a break-in.

Trim trees and shrubs near doors and windows. High fences and shrubbery can add to your privacy, but privacy is a burglar's asset. Consider trading a little privacy for added security.

Take a look at your doors. Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood and at least 1 3/4 inches thick. Frames must also be made of strong material. The best lock will not deter a burglar if it is installed in a weak door.

Install a sophisticated burglar and smoke alarm system. Systems that ring at outside services or that contact police and fire departments are highly effective in reducing burglaries, fire-related damage and injuries.

Don't exchange security for personal safety. Don't make your home such a fortress that you are unable to escape in the event of fire or other emergency.

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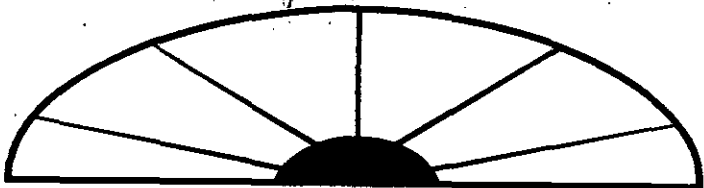
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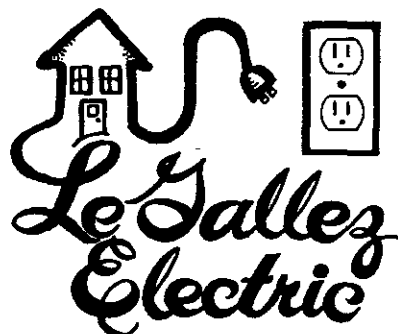
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# Births

## St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Robert Paul Held, to Pamela and James Held, Delmar, Feb. 8.

Boy, Jack Ryan Saunders, to Pamela and William Saunders, Delmar, Feb. 10.

Girl, Alexis Anne Church, to Ashlee Mathusa and John Church III, Delmar, Feb. 14.

Girl, Michaela Linnea Carl, to Penny and Brian Carl, Clarksville, Feb. 15.

Girl, Juliana Elizabeth Flavin, to Diana Newcomb and Randy Flavin, Unionville, Feb. 15.

Boy, Tyler Garrett Davison, to Wendy and Martin Davison, Glenmont, Feb. 19.

Girl, Sara Katherine Stathopoulos, to Nancy and Jim Stathopoulos, Delmar, Feb. 21.

## Albany Medical Center

Boy, Jeffery Micheal Burnham, to Tammy Salisbury and Henry Burnham, Delmar, Feb. 7.

## Samaritan Hospital

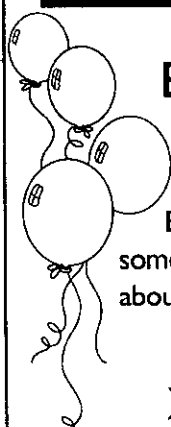
Boy, Jeremy Scott Hempstead, to Dawn and Scott Hempstead, Delmar, Dec. 30.

## Bethlehem Preschool announces open house

Bethlehem Preschool on Route 9W in Glenmont will host an open house for families exploring their kindergarten options on Thursday, March 9, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The school offers full and half-day kindergarten and a kindergarten enrichment program for children who attend half-day public schools. The school uses computers, field trips, science projects and special math and reading programs.

For information, call the school at 463-8091.



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Dr. Peter and Emy Reusswig

## Eiben, Reusswig marry

Emy Beatriz Eiben, daughter of the late Joseph and Olga Eiben of Gardena, Calif., and Dr. Peter Norton Reusswig, son of William and Nancy Reusswig of Glenmont, were married Sept. 5.

The Rev. Charles Ara performed the ceremony in the Bel Air Bay Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif., where a reception followed.

The maid of honor was Alicia Reid, and bridesmaids were Cynthia Scheffler, the groom's sister, Hillary King, Julie Acosta and Lori Goldberg.

The best man was David Reusswig, the groom's brother; grooms-

men were Paul Theiss, Dr. David Balaban, Dr. David Kaplowitz and Keith Brown; and ushers were Dr. David Levine and Dr. William Bohan.

The bride is a graduate of Pepperdine University.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Amherst College and New York Medical College. He is employed as an anesthesiologist by the Anesthesiology Group in Denver, Colo.

After a wedding trip to Ibiza and Mallorca, Spain, the couple lives in Golden, Colo.



David and Elizabeth Reusswig

## Papa, Reusswig marry

Elizabeth Marie Papa, daughter of former Delmar residents Joseph and Emma Papa of Albany, and David Lee Reusswig, son of William and Nancy Reusswig of Glenmont, were married Nov. 5.

The Rev. Thomas Parke performed the ceremony in Bethesda Episcopal Church in Saratoga Springs, with a reception following at the Saratoga Golf & Polo Club.

The matron of honor was Kim Hess, and bridesmaids were Cynthia Scheffler, the groom's sister, Emy Reusswig, the groom's sister-in-law, Susan Godell and Elizabeth Laubzick.

The best man was Peter Reusswig, the groom's brother, and ushers were Mark Papa and Mat-

thew Papa, brothers of the bride, Thomas Valentino and Todd Zick. The ring bearer was Andrew Scheffler, the groom's nephew.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended the University at Albany. She is employed as a licensed real estate agent for Realty USA in Delmar.

The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Allegheny College, is currently studying for a master's in hydrogeology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is employed as a laboratory manager by Fibers ID, Inc., in Albany.

After a wedding trip to St. Maarten, the couple lives in Delmar.

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# Community Corner

## V'ville informational meeting set for kindergarten parents

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For additional information, call JoAnn Donohue at 756-2382.



# Obituaries



Dr. Edward Stasio

## Dr. Edward A. Stasio

Dr. Edward A. Stasio, 62, of McCormack Road in Slingerlands, died Monday, Feb. 27, at his home.

Born in Bristol, Pa., he was raised in Queens. He was valedictorian of Grover Cleveland High School in Queens, then graduated from City College of New York and received his medical degree from Cornell University in 1958.

Dr. Stasio served his internship at Albany Medical Center Hospital and did graduate training at Albany Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology from 1959 to 1962. He then served in the Army Medical Corps as a captain from 1962 to 1964.

He was an attending physician at Albany Medical Center, Memorial, St. Peter's and Child's hospitals. He was a clinical assistant professor at Albany Medical College and a former chief of the Department of Otolaryngology at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Stasio was a member of the Albany County Medical Society, the American College of Surgeons, the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, Eastern New York Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Association.

He was also a member and past president of the Optimist Club of Albany, a former member of the Lake George Club and a member of Phi Beta Kappa at City College of New York.

He attended the First Presbyterian Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Ruether Stasio, formerly of Troy.

Services were from St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, Siena College, Loudonville. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208, or the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

## William J. Reinisch

William J. Reinisch, 88, of Delmar died Wednesday, March 1, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy. He was a longtime resident of Albany before moving to Delmar in 1981.

He owned and operated Kulzer-Reinisch-Prouty Diesel Truck Service on Watervliet Avenue from the 1930s until 1950. He then sold his business to Cummins Diesel and continued to work as a diesel mechanic until his retirement in 1971.

Mr. Reinisch was a communicant of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Bewsher Reinisch; a daughter, Judith Gilligan of Delmar; a son, Robert J. Reinisch of Waterford; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery.

## Florence K. Farr

Florence K. Farr, 92, of Delmar died Thursday, Feb. 23, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Clayton, she was a graduate of Potsdam State Teachers College. She taught in several public school systems in New York and worked for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district from 1948 until she retired in 1966. She was a teacher and principal at the Feura Bush school for several years.

She was the widow of Kenneth M. Farr.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy M. Farr of Delmar, and a sister, Marion Spencer of Hermon.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Canton.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, the Delmar Reformed Church or the DARE program of the Bethlehem Police Department.

## William Taylor

William Francis Taylor, 61, of Acushnet, Mass., a former Delmar resident, died Saturday, Feb. 18, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a 1951 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Taylor was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

He was a sales manager at the Tobin Packing Co. before moving to Massachusetts. He owned and operated the Standard Laundry in New Bedford for eight years and was a sales agent for the Metropolitan Insurance Co.

He was a communicant of St. Francis Xavier Church and past president of the church's home-school association. He was a board member of the Acushnet Board of Appeals and a member of the

Freetown Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the Acushnet American Legion Post.

He was husband of the late Marjorie A. Guertze Taylor.

Survivors include three daughters, Lori Taylor-Vitorino of Acushnet, Lynn Taylor-Durand of East Freetown and Colleen Archer of Carver; two sons, Christopher Paul Taylor of New Bedford and Eric Joseph Taylor of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters, Elizabeth Spalt-Hall of Centerville and Barbara Mott of Cashmere, Wash.; a brother, Robert E. Taylor of Duanesburg; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor made an anatomical gift to the New England Medical Center in Boston.

Arrangements were by the Rock Funeral Home in New Bedford.

Contributions may be made to the New England Medical Center Cancer Research Center, P.O. Box 848, 750 Washington St., Boston, Mass. 02111.

## Amy Kimmerer

Amy Kimmerer, 94, of Delmar died Monday, Feb. 27, at the University Heights Nursing Home.

Mrs. Kimmerer was born in Hatboro, Pa., and was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Richard G. Kimmerer.

Survivors include three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Hearley & Son Funeral Home, Guilderland.

## Arlene LaFountain

Arlene Miller LaFountain, 69, of Feura Bush died Thursday, March 2, at her home.

Born and educated in Northampton, Mass., she lived in Feura Bush for the past five years.

She was a waitress at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Albany and for Friendly's restaurants in the area from 1968 until she retired in 1990.

Mrs. LaFountain was a member of the People's Baptist Church in Colonie.

Survivors include two daughters, Carole West of Delmar and Mary Tyler of Jackson, N.J.; four sons, Gary LaFountain of Bartonsville, Pa., Gerald LaFountain and Richard LaFountain, both of Esperance, and John LaFountain of Feura Bush; a brother, Charles Miller of Florence, Mass.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Czelusniak Funeral Home in Northampton.

Burial was in Bridge Street Cemetery in Northampton.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1650 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

## Paul D. House Jr.

Paul D. House Jr., 70, of Delmar died Monday, March 6, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Newark, N.J., he graduated from Albany High School and attended Siena College.

He worked for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. as a service supervisor, before retiring in 1987 after 39 years with the company. He then worked as a driver for the handicapped for the Center for the Disabled.

Mr. House was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Mr. House was a member of the National L.S.M. (Landing Ship Medium) Association and the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

He was a volunteer driver for the Bethlehem Senior Van, a member of the Del Lanes Senior Bowling League, and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Busch House; his mother, Florence Rugar House of Delmar; and a daughter, Heather J. House of Ithaca.

Services will be on Friday, March 10, from the First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave.

Calling hours will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Applebee Funeral Home on 403 Kenwood Ave.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054, or the Bethlehem Senior Services, c/o Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

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# Family Entertainment

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## Top cats in town for weekend show

By Tom Murnane

The Howard Johnson's Convention Center on Washington Avenue near the University at Albany will be rolling out the red carpet — and matching scratching posts — this weekend for a feline beauty



Moe

contest featuring some of the most beautiful kitties in the country.

Dubbed the "Wins of March," the national Cat Fanciers Association-sanctioned "all-breed" cat show is being co-sponsored by the Tri-State Cat Fanciers Association and the local Whiskers No-

Kill Animal Shelter.

More than 220 of the "top cats" from Canada, New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania that compete on the CFA's national show circuit will be on hand — er, paw — to strut their stuff for the eight judges who are being flown in for the event, said show manager Debbi Stevenson.

Numerous award-winning breeds, including Abyssinians, Balinese, Birman, Exotic Shorthairs, Himalayans, Orientals, Maine Coons, Persians, Siamese, Scottish Folds, Somalis and Tonkinese, will be featured in the show.

Rather than receive prizes, show winners are awarded points at each contest, with awards being given each year for the cat that has collected the most points.

Competitors will be scrutinized in several categories that vary from breed to breed, including eye color, fur, and even how, well, "catty" they are.

"Behavior and disposition is very important," Stevenson said. "You look for



## Even big folks like teddy bears



Nationally-acclaimed children's performer Gary Rosen will sing during "The Teddy Bear Jamboree" on Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m. at the Empire Center at the Egg. Tickets for the event are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

ones that don't hiss or bite and that are easy to handle."

Part of the proceeds from the show's admission and entry fees will benefit the Whiskers shelter. How much will be left for Whiskers after expenses is unclear, since the show costs can run higher than as \$12,000, Stevenson said.

In addition to the cat show, visitors can watch grooming demonstrations and even get close-up looks at the cats in the "benching areas" as they prepare to compete.

Special guest "Moe," a cat found by Niagara Mohawk workers when he was a 1 day old — hence his name which is short for "Nimo," — will be on hand for visitors to see. Moe was taken by one of the Nimo workers to Whiskers Shelter, which found the then-kitten an adoptive family.

Breeders will also be selling pure-bred kittens and will offer advice on different breeds' temperament, maintenance and health care. Vendors will be present to sell their wares, including cat toys, pottery, furniture, clothing and cat carriers.

Admission for the two-day event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

For information, call 725-9747.

# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

## "Retired" Broadway actor keeps busy trekking to Capital District for roles

As Don Perkins drives west on Route 2 over the mountain enroute to Troy, he knows he made the right decision to move to this part of the country from his New York City apartment.

The actor who is currently working in the New York State Theater Institute's *Ten Little Indians* at Russell Sage in Troy, is convinced that "there's nothing more beautiful than spring and fall from the vantage point above Petersburg on Route 2."

Almost four years ago, the Broadway and touring performer was invited to the Williamstown Theatre Festival to recreate his role of John Adams in a revival of the musical *1776*. "Even though I was born in Boston, I never really had visited Western Massachusetts or eastern New York," Perkins admits. "I fell in love with the area immediately."



Martin P. Kelly

When he was asked back to Williamstown the following summer, his wife, Carol came with him and they rented a house. "I was in three shows that summer and when I finished, we both decided we'd stay here so we continued renting and closed down our New York apartment," Perkins says.

"A year later we bought a house, just east of the Williamstown town line in North Adams and have never been happier," the wiry actor says.

For more than 40 years since he graduated from Emerson College in his native Boston, he has been performing. He got his first professional job in a small summer theater in New Hampshire and made his Broadway debut in Brendan Behan's *The Bostyal Boy*.

Since that time, New York and touring companies have kept him busy, including playing the pivotal John Adams in *1776* for a total of 1790 times over a 21-year period.

Last fall, he made the trip regularly from North Adams to Albany during the height of the fall foliage as he rehearsed for his role of Fezziwig in the production of *A Christmas Carol* at the Palace Theater in Albany.

"But, I was really anxious to get back home to this region where there are so many things to enjoy," the actor says. "I love skiing and feel comfortable on the slopes."

Supposedly retired, his agent in New York is still finding jobs for him, including this current role as a proper British judge in Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*.

There's no question that he is solidly in love with the life he's found in the Berkshires with his wife and their 18-year old cat. "It's a Norwegian forest breed," Perkins explains. "His name is Leo and he looks something like Sylvester, the cartoon cat." Yes, even Leo liked the transition from city cat to country cat, the actor laughs.

Reservations available at 274-3256.

## Theater Barn announces auditions for local actors for summer productions

Auditions are slated for 2 p.m. March 18 at the New Lebanon Congregational Church in New Lebanon on Route 22 in Columbia County.

All local actors are invited to try out for roles in six musicals and two plays during the summer season. Actors are asked to sing a ballad of their choice or do a contemporary monologue.

Call Joan Phelps for more information at 794-8989.

## New musical revue opens at Delmar Methodist Church

The dinner theater presentation of *Romance On Wry*, a whimsical revue of love and marriage, opens Saturday, March 11, at the First Methodist Church of Delmar on Kenwood Avenue. Also: March 12 and 19, both Sundays.

The Riverview Entertainment Productions' offering features Grace DiBattista Hepburn, William Hickman, Larry Maranville and Melissa Putterman Hoffmann as the singers who also engage in the comedy sketches. Trudy Ferguson is the pianist.

Prime rib dinner served at 5 p.m. before each performance. Reservations, info available at 463-3811.

## Around Theaters!

*Talk Radio* at Albany Civic Theater through March 19 (462-1297) ... *Nonsense*, the musical at Schenectady Light Opera through March 19 (393-5732) ... *The Game of Love and Chance* at the Capital Rep in Albany through March 23 (462-4534).

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### "THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE"

romantic farce by Marivaux, Capital Rep, Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through March 12, Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4534.

### "TEN LITTLE INDIANS"

murder mystery based on Agatha Christie novel, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, March 8 to 10, 14 to 17, and 21 to 23, 10 a.m., March 12 and 19, 2 p.m., March 18, 24 and 25, 8 p.m., \$15, \$13 senior citizens and students, \$8 children. Information, 274-3256.

### "TALK RADIO"

by Eric Bogosian, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, weekends through March 19, Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 4 and 8 p.m., Sundays, 3 p.m., \$10. Information, 462-1297

### "NONSENSE"

musical comedy, Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., March 9, 10, 11 and 12, 8 p.m., \$15, \$7.50 children. Information, 355-1699.

### "ROMANCE ON WRY"

musical revue, Riverview Entertainment Production, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, March 11, 12 and 19, 5 p.m., \$19 show and dinner. Information, 463-3811.

### "THE PHYSICISTS"

by Friedrich Durrenmatt, Bernhard Theater, Skidmore Theater, Saratoga Springs, March 9 and 10, 8 p.m., March 11, 3 and 8 p.m., and March 12, 3 p.m., \$7, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 581-7400, ext. 2347.

## MUSIC

### ALLAN ALEXANDER

lute and guitar player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, March 11, 18 and 25, 7 and 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

### THE MICHAEL PANZA BAND

Sandalwood Lounge, Sheraton Hotel, Saratoga Springs, March 10 and 11, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Information, 383-6009.

### UNION COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

College Center, Union College, Schenectady, Wednesday, March 8, 8 p.m. Information, 388-6201.

### CELLAR STAGE!

showcase hosted by singer-songwriter Jim Gaudet, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, March 10, 8 p.m., \$7. Information, 434-1703.

### THE WHIPPER-SNAPPERS

The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m., \$9. Information, 434-1703.

### DENNIS BLAINE

classical guitarist, Barnes & Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, March 10, 8 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

### HARVEY SUTTON

pianist to play pop selections from the 50s and 60s, Barnes & Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

### JACK FRAGOMENI

jazz guitarist to perform with bassist Mike Formanek, Loudonderry Cafe, Stuyvesant Plaza, Guilderland, Saturday, March 11, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., \$5. Information, 489-4288.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

St. Joseph's Hall, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. Information, 346-5093.

## TERI ROIGER AND JOHN MENEGON

jazz duo, Justin's, 301 Lark St., Albany, Sunday, March 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 436-7008.

### CARIBE MAMBO

Latin jazz group, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, March 10, 8 p.m. Information, 482-0724.

### MOUNTAIN DULCIMER MUSIC FEST

sponsored by the Dulcimer Association of Albany, Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11. Information, 272-3024.

### MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

CHORAL FESTIVAL Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

### EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

to premiere commissioned *Maid of Domremy* by Dalit Hadass Warshaw, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m., \$10, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 382-7581.

## DANCE

### EIGHTH STEP COUNTRY DANCING

First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Albany, Friday, March 10, 8 p.m., \$6, \$2 children. Information, 438-3035.

### OPEN HOUSE

School of the Albany Berkshire Ballet, 25 Monroe St., Albany, Saturday, March 11, 4 p.m. Information, 426-0660.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### ARTWORK NEEDED

for fibers exhibit at the GCCA Catskill Gallery, 398 Main St., Catskill, May 13 through June 25. Deadline for slide submission, March 15, \$20 entry fee. Information, 943-3400.

## ARTWORK NEEDED

for juried art exhibition sponsored by the Irish American Heritage Museum, May 25 through June 23. Deadline for slide submission, March 10, \$15 entry fee. Information, 432-6598.

## AUDITIONS

for Park Playhouse production of *Damn Yankees*, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, March 10, 6 to 11 p.m., and March 11, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 434-2035.

## CLASSES

**ADULT THEATER WORKSHOPS** New York State Theatre Institute, Russell Sage College, Troy, through May 6. Information, 274-3295.

### ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTS CLASSES

conducted by Old Songs, Roi Smith Center, Route 155, Guilderland, beginning March 8. \$60 per six-week class. Information, 765-2815.

## READINGS

**MIRIAM GRACE MONFREDO** to read from her latest historical mystery *Blackwater Spirits*, Haven't Got a Clue Mystery Bookshop, 1823 Western Ave., Guilderland, Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m. Information, 464-1135.

## FILM

### SHORT FILMS

"Son for Sail," by Jurgen Vsyeh and "Hello Photo," by Nina Davenport, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, March 9 through 11, 5:30 and 8 p.m., and at Lulu Cafe-Gallery, 288 Lark St., Albany, March 21 and 22, 7 and 9 p.m., \$3. Information, 453-1000.

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**MARCH 8**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
orientation for Habitat for Humanity of the Capital District volunteers, Evangelical Protestant Church, Clinton Street, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 462-2993.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**  
"Building a Successful Consulting Practice," presented by adult educator Charles Bradley, Russell Sage Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

**JOINT MEETING**  
of the American Association of University Women, Albany Branch, and the University Club of Albany, Dr. Karen Hitchcock to speak on "Opening the Information Superhighway," 141 Washington Ave., Albany, non to 1:30 p.m. Cost, \$12.50. Information, 463-1151.

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**  
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**

**NUTRITION TALK**  
"The Mediterranean Diet and Heart Health," given by Dr. Lorraine Platka-Bird, Bush Memorial Center, Sage Troy Campus, First Street, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**SQUARE DANCE**  
Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**  
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 9**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**INDOOR GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
third annual Oldcastle Northeast Operating Companies tourney to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Omni Albany Hotel, State and Lodge streets, Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 489-2677.

**YACHDAY**  
support group for Jewish gays, lesbians and bi-sexuals, Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4412.

**NYSAWA CONFERENCE**  
New York State Association of Women in Administration, continued on March 10, on "Honing Your Interview Skills" and "Leadership and Learning: Lighting the Beacon," Century House, Latham. Information, 442-2796.

**CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP**  
Capital District chapter, monthly meeting, Mercy Room Three, St. Peter's Hospital, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-2436.

**REFLEXOLOGY DEMONSTRATION**  
Sister Florence Majewski, certified health provider of Touch for Health and Reflexology, to give a reflexology demonstration, Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

**THE QUEST**  
a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

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

**SENIORS LUNCHEONS**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 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**  
**MARCH 10**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**ADDICTION TREATMENT TALK**  
T. Habberfield, Ph.D., to speak on "Strategies for Working with Clients Who Have a History of Relapse," sponsored by St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center, Polish Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension and Rapp Road, Albany, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information, 452-6733.

**GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW**  
eighth annual, through March 12, to benefit Wildwood Programs, Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 10 and 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 12. Cost, \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens, free for children under 10. Information, 356-6410, extension 418.

**MOUNTAIN DULCIMER MUSIC FEST**  
and March 11, seventh annual, sponsored by the Dulcimer Association of Albany, McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. March 10, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 11. Cost, \$21. Information, 272-3024.

**MOTHERS' DROP IN**  
sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

**COOKING DEMONSTRATION**  
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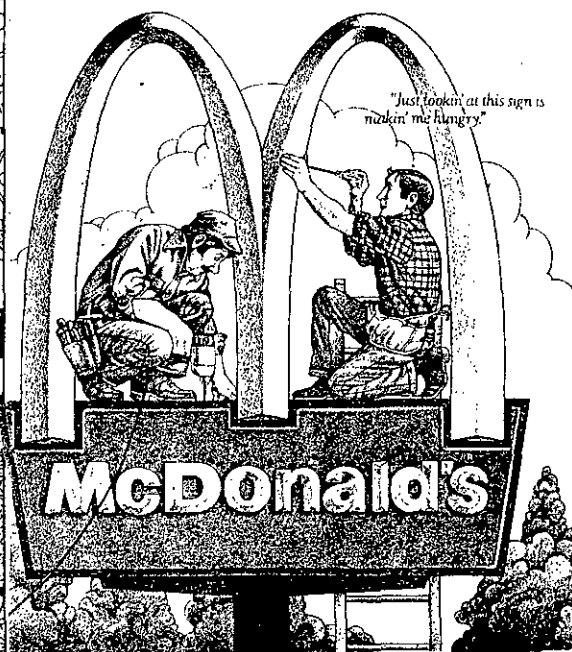
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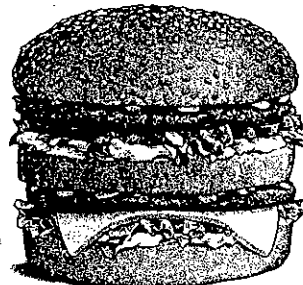
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 8

**BETHLEHEM**

**TOWN BOARD**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BC SCHOOL BOARD**  
auditorium of Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

**EVENING GROUP**  
of the Delmar Progress Club, musical evening with Jack Hotchkiss, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9316.

**GLENMONT PTA**  
at the school, Route 9W, 7 p.m. Information, 463-1154.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**  
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 5:30 to 11:45 p.m. Information, 459-9048.

**BINGO**  
Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**  
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

**DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**  
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

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

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

**RED MEN**  
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

**SECOND MILERS LUNCHEON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., noon. Information, 439-6003.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**"BIRDS ARE BACK"**  
family evening story hour, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**  
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

**AA MEETING**  
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 477-4476.

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

## THURSDAY MARCH 9

**BETHLEHEM**

**NURTURING LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT**  
program on childhood language development, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**BCCO BREAKFAST**  
Bethlehem Central High School's PTA, at the school, 700 Delaware Ave., 8 a.m. Information, 439-4921.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
for parents of prospective kindergarten students, Bethlehem Preschool, 397 Route 9W, Glenmont, 4 to 6 p.m. Information, 463-8091.

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**  
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**"LUNCH BYTES"**  
computer education program with Tony Ardito, editor of *Tri-City Computing Magazine*, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
Mohawk Chapter, Beverwyck Retirement Community, 40 Autumn Drive, North Bethlehem, 1:30 p.m. Information, 895-2116.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., child care available for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**  
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185**  
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

**ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

**AA MEETINGS**  
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Bible study, 10 a.m., children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

**"ROMANCE ON THE WRY"**  
musical revue presented by Riverview Entertainment Productions, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 5 p.m., \$19. Information, 463-3811.

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

**AA MEETING**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**LIFESTORIES MEMORY WRITING**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

## SUNDAY MARCH 12

**BETHLEHEM**

**"ROMANCE ON THE WRY"**  
musical revue presented by Riverview Entertainment Productions, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 5 p.m., \$19. Information, 463-3811.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
for people caring for frail or elderly relatives, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 3 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**  
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**  
church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
worship service and Sunday school, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**WOOL WEAVING DEMONSTRATION**  
by weaver and spinner Mary Badcock, Indian Ladder Farms, Route 156, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 765-2956.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

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worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

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worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

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worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

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worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

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Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
worship services, 8:30 and 10 a.m., church school and nursery care, 10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

## Weekly Crossword

### "Friends"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- 1 Man's friend
  - 5 Lone Ranger's friend
  - 10 Ernie's friend
  - 14 Capital of So, Yemen
  - 15 Humiliate
  - 16 Region
  - 17 Chair
  - 18 Tonto's friend
  - 20 Lifeguard fringe benefit
  - 21 Pub offerings
  - 22 Purloined
  - 23 Flicka's mom & others
  - 25 Feed the kitty
  - 27 Drool
  - 29 Ralph Kramden's friend
  - 33 Rabbits' relatives
  - 34 Consumers' friend
  - 35 Eggs
  - 36 Crafts' relatives
  - 37 Lugs
  - 38 Iowa city
  - 39 Caesar's 56
  - 40 Old Mid East currency
  - 41 Sting
  - 42 King Arthur's friend
  - 44 Odors
  - 45 Caps
  - 46 Vegetable
  - 47 Moving about
  - 50 Enthusiastic vigor
  - 51 Frail meaning not
  - 54 Dean Martin's former friend
  - 57 Burgundy for one
  - 58 On
  - 59 Occurrence
  - 60 Land measure
  - 61 Despicable persons
  - 62 Partygoer's friend
  - 63 Rind

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- 3 Former friend of 54 across
- 4 NY's neighbor
- 5 Having greater stature
- 6 Woodwind instruments
- 7 Ms. Fabray & others
- 8 Mao \_\_\_\_\_tung
- 9 Over to Burns
- 10 Jest
- 11 Therefore
- 12 Fisherman's need
- 13 Weedy plant
- 19 John Jacob \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Greek god of war
- 24 Sts. relatives
- 25 Snake
- 26 Dirs.
- 27 A determined verb
- 28 Newly hatched insect
- 29 Chew away: 2 wds
- 30 Harry's friends
- 31 Not hidden
- 32 American editorial cartoonist & family
- 34 Unacceptable acts
- 37 Slant

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## FRIDAY MARCH 10

**BETHLEHEM**

**Q.U.I.L.T.**  
Quilters United in Learning Together, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m.

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING**  
sponsored by Tri-Village Nursery School, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7 to 10 p.m., \$5. Information, 439-0553.

**AA MEETING**  
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**CHABAD CENTER**  
Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**GARDENING PROGRAM**  
"Herb Gardening for the Beginner/Uses for Culinary Herbs," Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

**ADULT GAME NIGHT**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

## SATURDAY MARCH 11

**BETHLEHEM**

**LAS VEGAS NIGHT**  
sponsored by the Tri-Village Little League, Blanchard Post, Poplar Drive, Elsmere, 8 p.m. to midnight. Information, 439-0716.

**"MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY"**  
for children 3 to 6, with Alice, the Mad Hatter and the White Rabbit, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:50 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
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**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

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# Spending

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work of the district's technology committee.

The Target Technology Initiative developed by the committee includes putting an \$850,000 proposition before the voters in May.

The proposition would fund three computers in each elementary classrooms for three months and 50 laptop computers with associated peripherals at the middle school and high school, noted Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

To a board member's question about security for the laptops, Wooster replied that the staff would be "pretty vigilant."

"Laptops will help us reach the maximum number of students with a minimum amount of funds," Wooster said.

Board member Dr. Stuart Lyman said that the proposition is necessary because the district's current inventory of computers is outdated.

"We have 12-year-old Apple IIe's that should have been gone six years ago," he said. "We need a system, like with buses, so we don't fall behind like this again."

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said that the proposition is "a significant first step, but clearly only a first step. No one should get the false impression that this will meet the full needs of the district forever."

The board will meet again tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the middle school auditorium for a brief meeting and a budget work session.

On the agenda are elementary and middle school instructional programs and staffing. Also, the board must make a final decision on the technology proposition and this year's bus proposition.

## La Leche League to give feeding tips

The La Leche League of Delmar, a breast-feeding support group, will meet on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m.

# Delmar Progress Club plans busy month

The Delmar Progress Club has announced its schedule for the month.

The club's evening group will host a musical evening with Jack Hotchkiss at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, in the library's community room.

The club's literature group will discuss "Hinterlands" on Tuesday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the library.

The club's antique study group will meet at the Bethlehem Historical Society on Route 144 in Selkirk on Wednesday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. The program will be on "A History of Photography."

The club is planning its annual book sale for Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, at the library.

The garden group will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the library. The program will be on "Attracting Songbirds."

The creative arts group will meet in the library's community room on Wednesday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m. The program will be on "Patchwork Animals."

The music group will meet on Friday, March 31, at 2 p.m. in the library's community room for "Talent Showcase Reprise '95." The public is invited.

For information on any of the meetings, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

## Historical society to hear about flowers

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association will meet on Thursday, March 16, at 8 p.m. at the Cedar Hill School House in Selkirk.

Anita Sanchez, a senior environmental educator at the Five Rivers Center in Delmar, will lead a program on "Native Spring Flowers."

For information, contact Helen Smith at 439-3916.

# Zoning

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"definitely against" the proposed compromise, which she called "Mason-Dixon line zoning."

"It's not enough to say, 'We'll zone your land the way you want it,'" said Moreau, a Pangburn Road landowner. "We're not just looking at how this proposal affects us personally, but how it affects the whole town."

Decker's proposal "ignores the master plan, which designated the northeastern part of town as a place where dense development can occur," she said, adding that the compromise seems to be "a way to stop Tall Timbers," a 170-lot subdivision proposed for the former golf course on Hilton Road.

Decker's letter is dated March

1, two days after more than 300 residents packed the high school auditorium for the latest public hearing on the proposed zoning changes.

After the public hearing, the town board decided to refer the zoning amendments to the planning board for its review and report.

The planning board's review will take place at three workshops this month — last night (Tuesday), and March 14 and 21, all at 7 p.m. in town hall.

The town board, hoping to receive the report by the end of the month, has scheduled another public hearing for Thursday, March 30, at the high school, although the auditorium will be unavailable that night.

## NS Lenten service slated Thursday

The 23rd annual Henry Tiger ecumenical Lenten service, sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis, will be Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of New Scotland on Route 85.

The Rev. Gregory Pike, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of New Scotland, will speak on a Lenten theme.

Refreshments after the service will be provided by the Presbyterian Church and the Kiwanis.

The annual ecumenical service is co-sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of New Scotland, New Salem Reformed Church, St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church and Voorheesville United Methodist Church.

## Author talks on ways of fighting sexism

Dr. David Sadker, co-author of "Failing at Fairness: How America's Schools Cheat Girls," will speak on issues related to parenting and helping children reach their potential on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:45 p.m. at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School on Route 9W in Ravena.

Sadker teaches at American University in Washington, D.C., and has been involved in training programs to combat sexism and sexual harassment around the globe.

For information, call Judy Karis at 756-2155, ext. 372.

## Teachers to learn about language skills

A workshop on early language development for preschool and kindergarten teachers will be offered on Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Charmaine Cave, a speech/language therapist, will lead "Nurturing Language Development: Music Makes a Difference." The workshop will focus on how singing, listening, moving to music and playing instruments can enhance early language development.

For information, call the library at 451-9314.

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- More than 1,000 residential units could be built in North Bethlehem in the near future, estimated **Bruce Secor**, Bethlehem's public works commissioner. "We've really got to do some planning up there," Secor said.

- According to a front-page story on growth in New Scotland, the old Indian Ladder drive-in was one area that could see rapid development, as soon as a public water supply becomes available.

- Voters in the Voorheesville Central School District decisively defeated (484-226) a \$393,500 proposition, most of which would have gone to build a new track at the high school.

- The Rev. **Arthur Hagy Jr.** was appointed senior minister of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, replacing the Rev. **Lee Adkins Jr.**

- Bethlehem Central swimming prodigy **Chris Drew** became the first eighth-grader to win a sectional title when he finished first in the 100-yard backstroke.



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