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Capitol connection



Bethlehem Central High School senior Joshua Kagan talks with Gov. George Pataki, following a student press conference at the Capitol last week. Elaine McLain

Local Republicans like Dole in Thursday vote

By Dev Tobin

For 48 hours or so, the national political spotlight has shifted to New York, as the top three Republican presidential candidates crisscross the state and flood the airwaves with commercials before Thursday's primary.



Murphy

Locally in Bethlehem and New Scotland, as in the rest of the state and the nation, the Republican establishment is firmly behind U.S. Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kansas.



Cossac

Committeemen and women are getting out the vote for Dole; organizers for conservative columnist Patrick Buchanan are counting on a grass-roots effort; and millionaire publisher Steve Forbes' campaign will supplement its massive media

buys with phone banks and literature distribution.

Dole is "very well-qualified, but needs to get some momentum going," said Brian Murphy, Bethlehem town Republican chairman. "I find it unbelievable that Buchanan's poll numbers are as good as they are in New York."

The local committee cannot spend any money for Dole in the primary, but will "ask our people to get the vote out," Murphy said.

He said that having popular state Sen Michael Hoblock "leading off" on Dole's ballot line will "absolutely help."

"I haven't heard locally of any Buchanan groundswell," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller, who supports Dole as "the best and most-qualified candidate, a proven leader."

New Scotland has been "fairly quiet so far," according to town GOP chairwoman Judi VonRonne.

Dole is expected to do well in New Scotland, because Republicans there are

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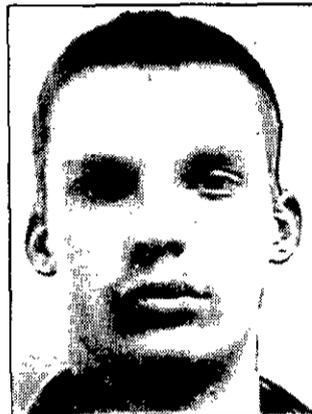
Delmar DWI parolee arrested for break-in

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem police Monday arrested Christopher Arnold, who served two and a half years in state prison for vehicular homicide and DWI that led to the death of 16-year-old Erin Cox in August 1992, and charged him and two other local residents with felony burglary and criminal mischief.

Arnold, 21, of 13 Bedell Ave., Delmar, was arrested at 6:36 a.m. and charged with third-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief, both felonies, and misdemeanor petty larceny in connection with a break-in at Bethlehem Terrace Apartments on Blessing Road early Monday.

Also arrested and charged with the same offenses were Mark Herzog, 21, of Bethlehem Terrace, and a 16-year-old youth whose name was not released because he is eligible for youthful offender status, police said.



Arnold

Herzog, then 17, spent a week in the hospital after suffering a broken leg and internal injuries in the same crash that took Cox's life.

The episode began when the three youths were "partying" in Herzog's apartment and allegedly decided to break into the clubhouse, where they allegedly stole some stereo equipment and phone apparatus before returning to Herzog's apartment, according to

Lt. Frederick Holligan.

The suspects then allegedly returned a second time to the clubhouse and caused damage to the building's interior by throwing billiard balls at glass mirrors, ripping down ceiling tiles and damaging some wall hangings and paintings. Holligan termed the damage "extensive," although there was no immediate estimate of the

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Board nixes plan for NOW

Municipal waste cited as concern

By Mel Hyman

New Options on Waste will have to wait to open a recycling facility in the town of Bethlehem.

The town board by a 4-0 vote last week rejected NOW's application for 11 variances to the solid waste ordinance, thus shelving any plans the firm had to move

into the old Barker Steel building in the Port of Albany.

The main reason cited was the company's plan to accept municipal solid waste, which they would pick through for recyclables and then ship the rest to the town of Rotterdam landfill.

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Foundation honors dialysis pioneer

By Susan Graves

When Dr. John Kiley began his medical career, nephrology was an uncoined word, and a kidney failure diagnosis was essentially a death sentence. There was no treatment and no hope.

But 50 years ago, Dr. Kiley, a graduate of Harvard Medical School who interned at Albany Medical Center Hospital, became part of a select group who changed that bleak diagnosis.

Kiley, 75, became the leader of a team at the then Albany Medical Hospital who attracted worldwide attention for their work on what was then known as "artificial kidney" treatment.

Kiley, physician and T. Babe... sent on...

working on hemodialysis. A paper written by the Albany group published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation in 1951 is still referred to today.

"We terminated the death sentence of a kidney failure diagnosis," with dialysis, Kiley said. "Dialysis was new, but it worked and saved lives."

This month, the National Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York will honor Dr. Kiley for his pioneering work and "truly outstanding career" with its Roger E. Coene Research Award.

Kiley credits Wolf as the "brains" behind the operation, although Kiley was the head of the group in Albany.

"He was a genius at Albany," Kiley said of Wolf.

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Dr. John Kiley

Albank eyes Chopper site for Slingerlands branch

Delmar woman is good Samaritan

She is trying to help Scotsman dying of cancer

By Mel Hyman

The proposed new Price Chopper center in Slingerlands already has a would-be tenant — besides Price Chopper, of course.

Albank, which also has a branch in Delaware Plaza, plans to occupy the 3,308-square-foot bank building that will be one of the two free-standing outparcels on the site.

While no contract has been signed, Frank Vaselewski, Albank senior vice president for retail banking, said "I know we want to be there, and I think we will be."

Building project blueprints recently submitted to the town planning department have Albank penciled in as the bank building tenant.

"We think it's a great spot, especially the way the population has been expanding out there," Vaselewski said. "We've been looking for a spot in Slingerlands for quite some time."

There are no plans to close the Elsmere Albank branch, Vaselewski said. "We're doing quite well there, and will remain in Delaware Plaza."

The Price Chopper building project plan was accepted by the town board last week and referred to the planning board for review. The planning board will hold a public hearing on the plan, and issue a recommendation to the town board, which has lead agency status for the project.

The town board granted Price Chopper a zoning variance in December for the 21-acre site at the junction of New Scotland and LeGrange roads

Despite some opposition from Slingerlands residents, the board decided that the overwhelming public desire for a second supermarket chain in town far outweighed the disadvantages, primarily increased traffic on nearby roads.

Albank, formerly Albany Savings Bank, has 57 branches in New

York and Massachusetts, and seven in Vermont.

An additional six branches will be opening in Vermont, Vaselewski said, as a result of of Albank's recent purchase of Green Mountain Bank branches.

The Slingerlands Albank will be a full-service facility handling savings, checking, commercial loans and investment services.

Besides ALBANK, the Price Chopper center is slated to include a 7,020-square-foot professional medical building, a 63,385-square-foot supermarket and 25,050 square feet of retail space contiguous to the supermarket.

Price Chopper plans to open the new shopping center in December.

Sewing guild to try gold work embroidery

Fran Ripley will teach a hands-on class on "Gold Work Embroidery" at the meeting of the Embroiders' Guild on Wednesday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The evening division of the Embroiders' Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar. The group will continue its study on color theory.

For information, call 477-4511.

Five Rivers walkers to look for blackbirds

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will host a nature walk to search for the red-winged blackbird and other signs of spring on Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead the walk. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

By Susan Graves

When Jean O'Donnell answered the phone in her Delmar home one morning last week at about 6 a.m., she was barely awake and none too happy about her caller's pronouncement.

O'Donnell said a man introduced himself as her husband's long-lost father and said he wanted to speak to him.

"I told him my husband's father was from New Jersey and hung up," she said.

But the man called right back, pleading, "Don't hang up. I'm calling from Scotland, and it's very important, and very expensive."

"He was really very desperate to get in touch with his son," whom he had lost touch with, O'Donnell said.

This time she stayed on the line and learned that the caller, John O'Donnell of Coalbridge, Scotland, had been recently diagnosed with terminal cancer and wanted very much to re-establish connections with his son and family in the U.S.

Jean O'Donnell, whose family is of Irish descent, said she agreed to call all 16 John O'Donnells listed locally in the telephone directory

WAMC garden expert to speak at library

Garden writer, landscape consultant and WAMC/Northeast Public Radio's "Environmental Gardener" Laurence Sombke will discuss organic gardening at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave in Delmar on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.

To register for the program, call 439-9314.

Normanside to host SUNYA golf fund-raiser

The third annual Great Dane Classic Golf Outing will take place on June 17 at the Normanside Country Club on Salisbury Road in Delmar.



Jean O'Donnell, with her daughters Megan, 6, and Erin, 3.

to try to help. She kept her promise, reaching 15 of those listed, but was unable to contact one who had changed to an unlisted number. Of the 15 she spoke with, none knew of any connection to the man from Scotland.

She said all of the O'Donnells

she spoke to, however, were very interested in the story and "rooting" for the Scotsman.

"I don't know what kind of water went under the bridge, but it would be really nice if he could make his peace," she said. "He's offering the olive branch."

Lecture series to begin

The first lecture-discussion of Christian adult education in the spring series at New Scotland Presbyterian Church will be Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

Retired University at Albany biology professor Richard Hauser will speak on "Easter Island: History, Music, Faith," at the church on 2010 New Scotland Road.

Located 2,200 miles west of Chile, Easter Island is the most remote inhabited place on earth. Discovered by the Dutch, visited by the English, claimed by Peru and now governed by Chile, its population is of Polynesian ancestry.

"Attendance at Sunday Mass in 1980," said Professor Hauser, "was a memorable occasion: birds flying in and out and chirping loudly, babies crying, the service in Spanish, the singing beautiful, acapella, and in Polynesian."

Hauser's presentation will be accompanied by slides and recordings.

Refreshments will be served. For information, call the church at 439-6454.

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Dems endorse Rena Button to challenge Faso for Assembly

By Mel Hyman

Rena Button of Delmar will carry the Democratic banner in the campaign to unseat Republican Assemblyman John Faso this fall.

Button, 70, was interviewed by members of the Albany County Democratic Committee last week and designated as the party's candidate for the 102nd state Assembly seat.

The wife of former Republican Congressman Dan Button, Rena Button said she has been endorsed by the Democratic chairmen of the other three counties in the district — Schoharie, Greene and Columbia — but has not yet been officially designated in those counties.

But it should only be a matter of time, she said. "There's no one else seeking the nomination."

Faso, a five-term Republican from Kinderhook, has had no problems turning back challenges during his past few campaigns. He defeated Coeymans Democrat Anthony Schwartz by a wide margin in 1994.

But Button is not intimidated, citing widespread concern about the effect of Gov. George Pataki's layoffs and relocations of state workers.

"I think he's vulnerable," she said. "Every Republican in the state is. I'm pledging to be a full-time legislator, just like I will be a full-time campaigner."

"I think these are very difficult times," she continued. "We need some creative thinking on job development, on job training, and we need to recognize that the American way is to care for people who can't help themselves, such as the disabled and the young."

Button has run once before for political office. In 1967 she ran for Albany County Clerk and lost by only 500 votes.

"At the time that was the highest county elective office," she noted. "That was before the county executive form of government was instituted."

Albany County Democratic Chairman Leonard Weiss called Button "highly intelligent and a lovely person."

She should give Faso a run for his money, he said, especially since he hasn't really had a tough challenge lately. "Rena will be good opposition."



Rena Button, right, discusses adding the Independence Party line to the Democratic endorsement of her Assembly campaign with Thomas Golisano, Independence Party founder, at a fund-raiser in Colonie. Elaine McLain

Button, who retired from her job as executive director of the New York State Brain Injury Association last September, said she expects sufficient financial support for her campaign.

She predicted that she will run strong in all of the counties except perhaps Columbia, which is Faso's home base.

"The numbers suggest that the district has about 30 percent Democrats, 37 percent Republicans and about 30 percent are

unenrolled," she said.

"I hope to have a couple of extra lines," she said, including possibly the Independence Party line, which proved to be crucial in some townwide races last fall in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

The 102nd district includes the towns of Bethlehem, Coeymans, Rensselaerville and Westerlo in Albany County, all of Greene County except for Catskill, all of Schoharie County and three towns in Columbia County.

V'ville slates vote on new fire pension program

Trustees note 'significant' impact on village property taxes

By Dev Tobin

Voorheesville village board meetings are normally cozy affairs, with village employees and the two reporters there substantially outnumbering residents.

Such was not the case last week, as about two dozen Voorheesville firefighters and friends filled the upstairs meeting room at village hall to see if a proposed pension plan for fire volunteers would be put to a referendum vote.

Village trustees, who have been studying the proposed service award program for the past several months, acknowledged that the pension plan put the village between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

Despite misgivings about the impact of the pension plan on village taxes, the trustees voted unanimously (with one abstention) to schedule the referendum for April 16, between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

According to estimates provided by the firefighters' financial consultant, the cost of funding the \$480 annual pension payment for 50 qualified volunteers will be an estimated \$35,000 for the first 10

years, then about \$24,000 annually thereafter.

The cost is higher in the first 10 years because qualified volunteers are allowed five years credit for past service, and that one-time charge of about \$100,000 is borrowed and paid back over the 10 years.

The cost is palatable, as long as we have the sales tax money.

Mayor Edward Clark

Volunteers would qualify to earn credit for the service award program based on attendance and participation at fires, drills and other department events.

If the entire cost of the program were funded through the village property tax, the rate would rise 48 cents per thousand of assessed value (about 39 percent).

Firefighters have argued that the program is essential to attracting and retaining volunteers, adding that every surrounding volunteer fire company has a service award program.

Family suggestions win family prizes

If it's the Schreffler family from Delmar, each child gets a portion of the family garden to plant each spring as a way of expressing togetherness.

For the Meyers family, their way of keeping everyone involved is to create a story or poem that celebrates a member of their extended family, such as an 85-year-old great-aunt or a 90-year-old grandfather.

The Meyers and Schrefflers are two of the 10 families who were awarded prizes in the Bethlehem Community Partnership's Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families contest.

The winners are:

- The Lackner family of Jefferson Road in Glenmont — a family overnight at the Albany Omni, with dinner and breakfast at Fitzgerald's Restaurant.
- The Alston family of Jordan Boulevard in Delmar — a family portrait from Lynn Finley Studios.
- The Bayham-Caraco Stone family of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar — a family dinner at Mangia in Slingerlands.
- The Rarich family of North Helderberg Parkway in Slingerlands — a variety of family games from Ames department store.
- The Riegel family of Glendale Avenue in Delmar — a family dinner cruise on the Dutch Apple line.
- The Schreffler family of Kenwood Avenue — a \$100 food basket from Grand Union.
- The Teevan family of Delmar — family tickets to an event at the Knickerbocker Arena.
- The Armbruster family of Nathaniel Boulevard in Delmar — a day of family skiing at Jiminy Peak.
- The Rifkin family of Darroch Road in Delmar — a family package from Mike Mashuta's Training Center in Elmsmere.
- The Meyers family of Bender Lane in Delmar — a family dinner at Alteri's in Glenmont.

A total of 125 families submitted ideas and suggestions for the first-ever contest. Entries were judged on the basis of involvement, imagination and universality.

The contest judges were Dick and Mary Ahlstrom, Lorraine Smith, Mona Prenoveau, Jules Kerness and Chris Bowdish. All of the submissions will be published in a special supplement to *The Spotlight* on April 17.

"Our purpose was to promote dialogue and communication with families," said Prenoveau, coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project. "We wanted every family to come up with something that was special to them. By publicizing all of the suggestions, hopefully others will be inspired to incorporate them within their own families."

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plans for volunteer firefighters is "another unfunded" mandate.

"This is a horrible law; it pits local people against community service people," Reh said.

Trustee Harvey Huth, a member of the fire department, abstained from the vote.

In other business, Rockmore said that the village's annual budget meeting will be tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at village hall.

The board also decided to split the difference on a disputed bill for paving done in 1995 by the Cady Co.

The company admitted that it had not billed the village properly for all the work it did last year, and asked for a settlement of \$7,700.

Clark noted that the company had "always been reliable" and had been "doing business with us for years."

Rockmore said that the settlement would be \$4,700 above what the village had budgeted for the paving project, and that, even so, the village was "getting it (the paving) at a reduced price."

Trustee Susan Rockmore, the village's budget officer, noted that "Taxes will have to be raised significantly" to fund the program, but supported letting "those who will have to pay the taxes decide."

Rockmore noted that while village taxes are low, the overall property tax burden, including school, town and county, is "significant."

Mayor Edward Clark said he was initially reluctant to approve the pension plan, but decided to support the referendum because of the value of the fire department and the fact that sales tax revenue will help cushion the impact on village taxpayers.

"I want to send a message that we value them as much as other communities (all of whom have adopted similar plans)," Clark said. "The cost is palatable, as long as we have the sales tax funding."

Trustee Kevin Garrity said he favored "going to the community, because they will have to pay for this bill forever."

Trustee Daniel Reh said the state law that permits pension

BC board chips away at special ed spending

By Dev Tobin

At a time when state aid for special education is in doubt, the Bethlehem Central School District continues to bring special education students back to the district from private school placements.

The estimated savings in the 1996-97 budget will be \$150,000, Cheryl MacCulloch, BC's director of pupil personnel services, told the school board at last week's budget work session.

MacCulloch added that the district will save another \$32,000 by providing its own physical therapy services, instead of contracting for those services through BOCES.

She also reported that the district's program of using interns as teacher's aides "has been very successful," providing additional savings.

The board also tentatively approved, on the recommendation of Athletic Director Fred Powers, about \$10,000 in additions to the interscholastic athletics budget.

The additions include \$5,180 to double the athletic trainer's hours from two to four per day; \$3,615 to support the self-funded ice hockey program; and \$2,000 to recertify football and lacrosse helmets.

Continuing its budget deliberations, the Bethlehem Central school board will consider kindergarten-through-eighth-grade instructional staffing and programs following tonight's (Wednesday) board meeting at 8 p.m. in the

district office at 90 Adams Place.

Tonight's agenda for the regular meeting includes a progress report on the construction part of the \$14.8 million bond issue that was approved in December.

The board will consider other aspects of the 1996-97 budget according to the following schedule:

- March 13 at 7 p.m. — High school instructional staffing and programs, equipment and revenue.

- March 20 at 8 p.m. — Discussion and review of decisions made at prior sessions.

- March 27 at 7 p.m. — Final decisions and budget adoption.

- April 17 at 8 p.m. — Budget public hearing.

The public vote on the budget will be May 8.

All meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held in the district office, while the public hearing has traditionally been held in the middle school auditorium.

Workshop to focus on de-cluttering life

Helen Volk will host "Living Life Beyond Clutter," a workshop focusing on making life simpler, on Wednesday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

To register for the free workshop, call 439-9929.

Lifeguard training begins at BC in March

The American Red Cross will conduct a lifeguard training course at the Bethlehem Central High School pool on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The 48-hour course is an all-inclusive lifeguard training course that includes CPR and first aid. Those who successfully complete it will receive all certificates necessary to be employed as a lifeguard in New York state.

The 10-week session will begin on Thursday, March 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$75, which includes all textbooks, equipment and instruction.

Course participants must be at least 15 years old by the time the course ends, and be able to swim at least 500 yards.

For information, call 433-0151, ext. 3320.

Crayon techniques on tap at library

Children in grades four and up can redefine the role of the crayon in art in "Sgraffito" at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road in Voorheesville, on Saturday, March 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Color pigment suspended in wax can be melted, dipped, smeared, stippled, rubbed and incised to create artworks.

BOU seeking items for auction block

Local businesses are invited to pledge a gift or service for the 10th annual anniversary auction to benefit Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, or BOU.

The fund-raiser will take place at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m.

Businesses that donate will receive community recognition.

V'ville budget talks take political turn

By Katherine McCarthy

Budget talks turned political at Voorheesville's school board meeting on Monday when superintendent Dr. Alan McCarthy presented the district's preliminary budget, pointing out that projected increases were due largely to cuts from the federal and state government.

Stressing that these were only

The governor is saying that there will be property tax relief, but then the local entity raises taxes, which shifts the cost burden to the taxpayer. When there's a shift between taxing authorities, they keep the excess for themselves.

John Cole

initial expenditure projections, McCartney presented a total budget of \$13,021,563, an increase of \$240,955 (1.88 percent) over last year's budget. Of the total budget 57.4 percent is for instruction; 4.2 percent for general support; 5.79 percent for operation and maintenance; 5.52 percent for pupil transportation; 0.09 percent for community service; 16.6 percent for employee benefits; and 10.4 percent for debt service and interfund transfers.

Dr. Anthony Marturano, assistant superintendent for business, anticipates cutting the cost of employee benefits somewhat by negotiating further with insurers to lower their costs.

Voorheesville teachers, currently involved in negotiations with the board after three years without a contract, will continue to get

incremental increases per the Triborough amendment of the Taylor Law. The Taylor Law governs the negotiation of public employee contracts, and the Triborough amendment says that the terms of the last contract are in effect until a new settlement is reached.

McCartney does not expect a large budget increase when a contract agreement is reached, since the board has been continuing with increments and making allowances where they could in anticipation of a settlement.

Funding for special education will likely be shifted directly to the taxpayers, McCartney said, pointing out that the district might have to make up some \$82,000 in special education costs. "We are mandated by the state and federal government to provide these programs, but now funding has been cut."

Board president John Cole said that he had already spoken about this irony with aides of State Sen. Michael Hoblock (R-Colonie). "The governor is saying that there will be property tax relief, but then the local entity raises taxes, which shifts the cost burden to the taxpayer. When there's a shift between taxing authorities, they keep the excess for themselves."

Cole cited in particular the 8 percent sales tax in Albany County, noting that after it was raised from 7 percent, the schools saw none of the 1 percent increase.

McCartney and Cole called on constituents to contact Hoblock and State Assemblyman John McEneny (D-Albany) to protest cuts in the budget. "Write early, write often," McCartney urged, offering to provide copies of his letters detailing exactly the exact effects of the budget cuts. He pointed out the difficulty of projecting a final budget without knowing what the state's contribution will be.

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A snapping good time



Fifth graders Andrew Marra, left, Matt Taber, Shaun McAvoy and Kathleen Hart check out a snapping turtle held by animal life expert Dean Davis during a demonstration held at Elsmere Elementary School. *Elaine McLain*

Children's School receives grant to finance dance performance

The Bethlehem Children's School, an independent elementary-level school program located in Slingerlands, was recently awarded a \$730 New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program Grant.

The grant award, made available on a selective basis to non-profit community organizations across New York state, will enable the school to sponsor a public performance of the Okra Dance Company, a professional dance ensemble featuring African American dance traditions.

The performance, called "American Dance from Africa to Broadway," will take place on Sunday, March 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Slingerlands Methodist Church. It will be open to the public.

Admission is \$12 for families, \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 14. Youngsters ages 2 and under can watch the show for free.

For information, call 475-0305. In Elsmere *The Spotlight* is sold at Brooks Drugs, CVS, GrandUnion, and Johnson's Stationery

Penance service set at St. James Church

Rev. James Daley, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar, will be the homilist at a communal penance service on Wednesday, March 27, at St. James Church, 391 Delaware Ave. in Albany.

The penance service is part of a retreat organized by St. James Church centering on the theme "The Lenten Gospels" from March 25 to 28.

Participants have their choice of attending either a morning session at 11 a.m. or an evening session at 7 p.m.

For information, call 434-4028.

Casual Set closing its Delaware Plaza store

By Mel Hyman

Another women's clothing store is leaving Delaware Plaza.

Casual Set will close at the end of this month, according to owner Peter Weissman, who took over the store in October 1993 after Helen and Herman Rasker retired.

The Raskers ran Town & Tweed for 40 years and were original tenants of the plaza.

"Sales were declining when I bought the store, and unfortunately I wasn't able to turn it around," Weissman said.

Besides noticing an overall decline in traffic at the plaza over the past few years, Weissman said, "Delaware Plaza attracts a different customer than the one able to support a women's specialty store."

Sharon Fenno, owner of the Circles women's clothing store in Delaware Plaza, announced last week that she is also closing up shop at the end of March, and plans to open a new store in Stuyvesant Plaza.

Weissman has a Casual Set store at Stuyvesant Plaza, which he has owned for seven years. While people are not breaking down the doors at that location, he said Stuyvesant Plaza attracts a customer base that is more disposed to shopping in boutiques and specialty stores.

Weissman said some of his problems may be attributed to a nationwide slump in the women's apparel industry.

"It's not just Albany, and it's not

just Delmar," he said. "The industry as a whole is going through a slow period."

The size of the Delaware Plaza store was also a problem, he said. "It was really too big for us here. We had 5,200 (square) feet, and it was a problem to inventory. I just didn't have the sales to support such a large operation."

A resident of Glenmont, Weissman said he would have liked nothing more than to remain in Elsmere.

"We had many wonderful customers, and I'm really sorry to go," he said. "But you need more than your regular customers to keep going."

Soprano to revisit her roots in Delmar

The Bethlehem Progress Club will present lyric soprano Janice Baldwin Moule in concert at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Thursday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Moule graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and received her B.S. cum laude at Skidmore College in Saratoga. She completed her master's degree at Syracuse and LaSalle universities. She also studied with the Royal Shakespeare Company in London, England.

Moule is currently employed as fine arts chair at the Stuart Country Day School in Princeton, N.J.

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HY'S SPOTLIGHT

No room for little guy

Yet another small independent pharmacy has bitten the dust. Voorheesville Pharmacy has closed its doors after 70 years of doing business in the community. And although the CVS chain has purchased the assets of pharmacy owner William Candido, the store will likely not be replaced by another drug store.

Editorials

Candido, like more than 2,000 of his fellow independent pharmacists in the last year alone, has succumbed to pressures related to co-pay prescriptions by insurance companies that leave no room for profit for the little guy, or room, in fact, for the little guy to even break even. The money from the sale of Voorheesville Pharmacy certainly won't make its former owner rich; it rather will be used to pay creditors waiting in the wings.

The pharmacy's closing marks the end of an era when local patrons were more than just customers. Patrons were known by their first names, and they relied on the pharmacist for advice as well as for professionalism and service.

Most youngsters growing up today won't even know what that era means — or meant — to generations who enjoyed the personal touch that only a "mom and pop" operation can give. Losing another one is a bitter pill for many to swallow. The cliché "good things come in small packages" may be forgotten in the new era when many people shop in superstores or large malls.

Contest, a family affair

All of the 125 entries in the Bethlehem Community Partnerships' contest on ways to strengthen the family are winners. Ten families will enjoy actual prizes donated by local businesses, but the 115 others are deserving of the community's thanks for simple, yet creative ideas on doing things together as a family.

Whether it's singing in the car, like the Rifkin family (even though they admit they're no competition for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir), or calling a family meeting to resolve a problem (even with some screaming and yelling) like the Rarich family, or paying tribute to a special family member (an 85-year-old great aunt and 90-year-old grandfather) in the Meyers clan, the ideas show that doing things together pays off for everyone.

Hats off to the families who entered the contest and also to the partnership for a great idea.

Olympian torch bearer

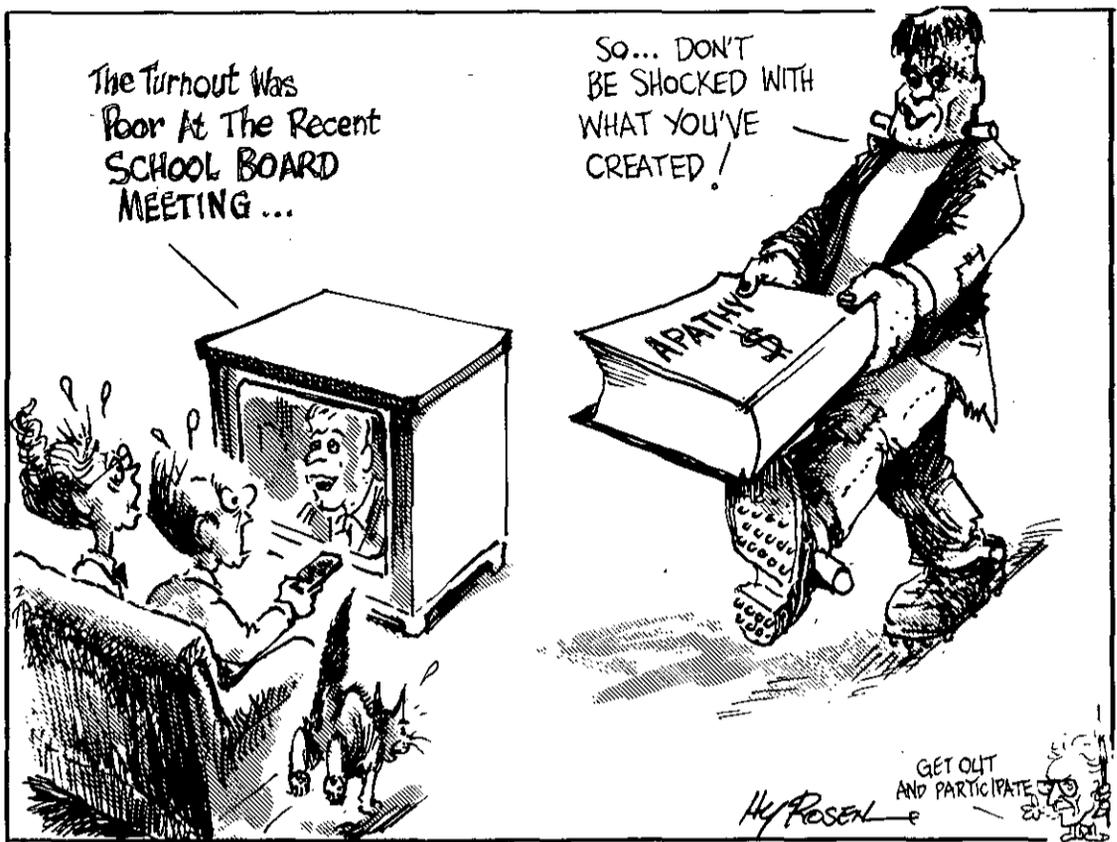
Lauri Rosmarin-Plattner of Slingerlands has earned a well-deserved honor as a carrier of the Olympic torch on its way to the summer games in Atlanta. Rosmarin-Plattner was chosen because of her involvement with Equinox, famous throughout the area for its annual Thanksgiving Day dinner that serves thousands who otherwise might not enjoy a holiday meal.

We salute her tireless efforts for the past 10 years on this Equinox endeavor, as well as her work on the board of the organization that provides a necessary refuge for victims of domestic abuse and troubled youth.

She truly is a heroine worthy of the honor that has been bestowed upon her. Rosmarin-Plattner is a shining light as a volunteer and a perfect choice as a torch bearer to herald in the Olympics. Bravo!

Kudos to our students

Bethlehem Central High School senior Joshua Kagan and Clayton A. Bouton High School senior Kristen Nestler interviewed Gov. George Pataki last week in a Capitol press conference. The students, both active as editors of their respective student newspapers, were well-prepared and deserve commendation not only for their involvement in their schools, but also for their interest and knowledge of issues beyond the halls of academe.



Managed care tentacles widespread

By Joseph Glazer

The writer is a Delmar resident who is legislative director of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association.

Point of View

treatment was anticipated.

As popular as white wine and brie in the 1980s, managed care has taken on some of the same dimensions — everybody is into it, nobody is sure exactly why, and in the long run, it probably isn't good for you. And, particularly like brie, many people think it stinks.



Since the early 1990s, managed care has become a rapidly growing portion of private and public health services in New York. Starting with managed care for Medicaid recipients in 1991, that effort was hailed as the first step in getting primary care for people in poverty out of the emergency room. Improvements in access to health care, and a reduction in cost from the highly expensive reimbursement for emergency room

The aspiration was laudatory. As the logic goes, people who have a primary care physician have better health. Primary care supposedly translates into preventive health care, and good health is less expensive than skyrocketing hospital costs. For people who had never seen a doctor outside of an emergency room, it made sense.

Created as a voluntary program, shifting ideology and taxpayer savings led to Medicaid managed care's expansion. Managed care spread like the flu without a vaccine. Between 1992 and 1995, several aspects of everyday life encountered the influx of managed care. 1993 was a banner year, with managed care being applied to both workers' compensation and no-fault auto insurance managed care. In 1995, New York adopted a law requiring Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) to have enrollment annually for direct pay or individual policies with the same bene-

fits as those provided in group policies.

Managed care's tentacles now reach into virtually every facet of life, far beyond the initial mission of providing regular, primary care for preventive health needs. In fact, applying managed care to workers' compensation and auto insurance has nothing to do with that mission. The only way to apply preventive care in the work place or in the car is to prevent accidents, and managed health care has nothing to do with that. Therefore, there must be another motive for applying managed care outside its greatest mission.

Managed care can be financially effective for the insurer. With the creation of a health care gatekeeper — an individual or entity that the insurance industry designates as virtually omnipotent — cost controls are imposed. The gatekeeper decides what care is appropriate, from diagnosis to duration of treatment. Erring on the side of cost savings, managed care has come under fire for its shortcomings in providing proper care.

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Your Opinion Matters

crafted, malpractice on the part of the gatekeeper is nearly impossible. So, what the gatekeeper says goes, whether it is good medicine or not.

Chapter 729 of the laws of 1993 created a managed care demonstration project for Workmen's Compensation. On workers' comp, much of the regulatory authority for establishing the program lies with the state Department of Health. In managed care for Medicaid, the regulator is the Department of Social Services. Motor Vehicle No-fault managed care, established by Chapter 726 of the laws of 1993, puts the state Insurance Department in the regulatory driver's seat. Of course, each plan is as different as the agency responsible for it.

The scenario sounds like a New York State Bar Exam essay question of the future. Suppose a person leaves his home in the morning for work. He is a regional salesman and uses his private car with the no-fault managed care option. He is on his wife's group health insurance policy for their family. His workers' comp coverage contains a managed care contract. Along the route, he picks up his Medicaid-dependent mother and takes her to the senior center. At the entrance to the senior center, he is struck by a self-employed independent contractor who pays for his own health coverage through open enrollment. All three are seriously injured. Who pays for what health care? Which doctors do they see, and how is that determined?

Frightening? Yes. Farfetched? Not really. What managed care has become is unmanageable policy, long on perfidy and short on uniformity. In such an accident, it would take the skills of magicians Penn and Teller to obtain coverage for your injuries.

It appears that skepticism has ruled the start-up of workers' comp and no-fault managed care. Although adopted in 1993, neither law has taken full effect. No-fault auto continues to stumble over consumer protection hurdles, and few if any unions have collectively

bargained managed care into workers' comp.

What started as a reform is now in need of reform itself. The regulations for providing services through managed care should be uniform. The guidelines for standards, access, paperwork and provider certification should apply to all.

Managed care companies should be held accountable for their actions. New York state currently does not allow the corporate practice of medicine, and managed care is not considered to be such. The law says that only medical providers and facilities are practitioners, and only they can be held accountable for medical practice and malpractice. If a gatekeeper is the final decision-maker in day-to-day health care matters, shouldn't that person, and thus that person's employer, be responsible for the decisions made.

Legislation is pending in Albany to create a managed care bill of rights. Another proposal will allow direct legal actions against managed care companies for malpractice. These proposals are necessary checks on the burgeoning managed care field. Failure to enact these reforms will ultimately result in public opinion turning against managed care, demanding to throw the good out with the bad.

For the foreseeable future, managed care will be with us. It is something that we are going to have to live with. We should, however, redouble our efforts to ensure that it is not something consumers have to die with.

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Parent to letter writer: Get involved

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to respond to Mr. "Name Submitted," and the letter entitled "Man urges wake-up call on police stationed at BC." I want to send a wake-up call to him directly and anyone else who has the same questions.

I am a parent of two high school students and a member of the Lab School Parent Support Group (the Lab School PTA) and BCCO (the high school PTA).

I would first like to cite some statistics. There are approximately 1,200 students at the high school. Therefore, I believe it is safe to assume that there are at least 2,000 parents or guardians of those students residing in the district. At a typical BCCO meeting, there are 10-to-15 adults, including Principal Jon Hunter, and they are the same 10-to-15 people at every meeting. They are also the same people you see at: Lab School PTA, BOU, Shared Decision Making site team, Presidents Council and all the other school-related groups that serve the school community, including those parents who chaperone dances.

This represents less than one percent of the potential. With the exception of school budget hearings, the same can be said for school board meetings.

Having attended BCCO meetings, I heard of incidents at the high school and of the "safe haven" concept, a policy supported by the Shared Decision Making site team and of the idea to place officers in the schools on a trial basis. I, for one, supported the idea. Having chaperoned dances at both the high school and middle school. I had having had conversations with the DARE officers, including Officer Vince Rinaldi, while at the dance at the high school, I am aware of what goes on and why the presence of a police officer is appropriate.

I admit that I was not present when the school board dealt with

this issue, but I did pick up the phone and call a school board member who was more than willing to discuss the issue with me. He noted that mine was the only call that he had received on the subject and was able to confirm there was open discussion and subsequent approval by the board.

When my ninth-grade daughter asked me why I was writing this letter, I explained I was writing about the issue of police officers in the schools. Her reaction was "What's the big deal?"

My point in writing this is: If Mr Name Submitted wants to find the answers to his questions, he needs

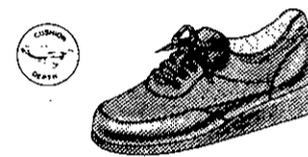
to wake up and get involved, go to school board meetings, join BCCO and chaperone a dance.

If you're not going to make the effort and take the opportunity to come to meetings and ask the questions and make your opinions known, then don't complain about the decisions made by the few who do. We don't need another high paid specialist to diagnose the problem. In my opinion, the malady is the lack of parents who get involved. The cure is get involved. That is what our students deserve.

Ed Languish

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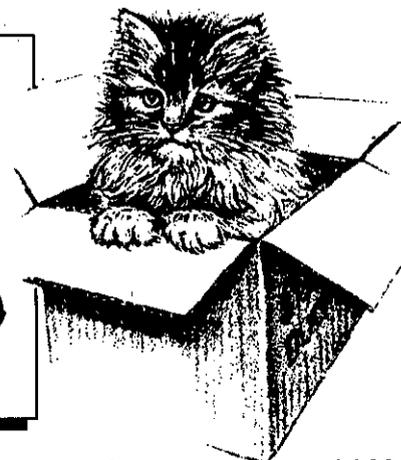


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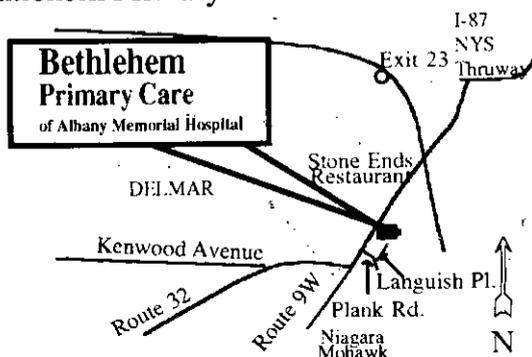
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Don't tap into TAP aid

Editor, The Spotlight:

Amid the turmoil surrounding the annual budget battle in Albany, a proposal for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) that would seriously harm college students has gone nearly unnoticed.

Thousands of middle- and lower-income students depend on TAP to help pay for their higher education. Students who meet the eligibility requirements have always been guaranteed a set amount of funding for the school year. If more students than expected applied for TAP, the state has always found the extra money. But this year, Gov. George Pataki's proposed budget would predetermine the total TAP allocation.

Under this plan, if more students than expected apply, the amount of aid each student will receive for the second quarter will

be less than anticipated.

This will obviously cause financial problems for all students, and no doubt would force a significant number to drop out, creating scheduling and budgeting problems for the colleges.

It would also send the wrong message about responsibility and the need to plan ahead. How can we expect students to heed such advice if the state itself does not set the proper example?

We must maintain the system whereby students who are eligible for TAP receive what they are promised.

Beth A. Tarquino

Campus Director
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BC principal commends athletes for awards

Editor, The Spotlight:

The student athletes of Bethlehem Central High School won first place in the Suburban Scholastic Council Sportsmanship Award for the fall sports season.

The council recognized the following BC teams: boys' soccer, boys' volleyball, girls' field hockey

and girls' swimming.

We are extremely proud that the more than 600 students who participated in our athletic programs have been recognized by fellow coaches, athletes, and parents as outstanding sportsmen and good competitors.

Jon Hunter

BCHS Principal

Parents say thanks to all

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents and members of the Bethlehem girls' basketball teams for making Orange Crush night the success that it was. The Mononasen players and parents felt honored that they were asked to be a part of this celebration.

We would also like to congratulate coach Kim Zornow and the varsity team on another spectacular season and wish our six seniors who have given us many thrills throughout their playing years good luck and best wishes. Thank you, Laura DeVecchio, Melanie Finkel, Katie Sherwin, Kiley Shortell, Abby Smith and Krissy Westphal.

We would also like to thank Mr. Subb in Delmar for its generous discount, enabling us to have plenty of food for Orange Crush night.

Don and Jill Comtois, varsity parents, Bill and Dixie Stevens, JV parents, Tom and Eileen Hitter, freshmen parents and Pat Pinchback, seventh and eighth grade parent

BOU auction looking for local resources

Editor, The Spotlight:

If you do business in Bethlehem, or are someone with a special service, skill or talent and want to support the increasingly successful efforts of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU), then this letter is for you.

BOU is a nonprofit organization that unites town resources to encourage responsible decision-making, helps strengthen families and promotes healthy lifestyles for youth. Successful BOU projects include the Father's Day Run, Helpcards for Teens and middle school and high school Peer Helpers.

Our youth already has enough, you say? Perhaps, but not always enough of what counts.

If you know someone who attended a local parenting class, the Bethlehem community benefited. If you know a young person who played open basketball or youth track, Bethlehem benefited. If you know someone who found success through the "Step-up" program, Bethlehem benefited. All these BOU projects help to provide what counts.

Letters

For the last few weeks, dozens of volunteers have been reaching out to businesses and residents for donations to this year's BOU auction, an annual event that has become one of the community's favorite happenings.

Scheduled for Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the high school at 700 Delaware Ave., the auction is BOU's sole annual fund-raiser. The public is invited to this 10th year auction/celebration, and we hope you will come.

The auction is a win-win event. Last year, more than 150 businesses, individuals or groups contributed items as diverse as a disposable camera, a haircut and manicure, an oil change, one year of home-made desserts, theater tickers, a pasta gift basket and dinners at area restaurants.

The auction offers free admission for all ages to a fun, G-rated evening. Highest bidders in three categories bring home the booty.

How does the donor benefit, in addition to self-satisfaction, gratitude and public recognition? A local optician donated any frame in the store (valued up to \$250) and gained a whole family of new customers. A nursery owner donated a plant for each season, and the four visits resulted in plant sales greater than the donations. Insurance companies donated a safe-driving course and provided a jump start to a claim-free driver.

If you have something to offer, get on the phone and call us. You can reach us through the Bethlehem Networks office, an offshoot of BOU, at 439-7740. And please call soon. The deadline for the auction brochure is coming soon.

Lorraine Smith and Lynn Rhodes
BOU Auction gift co-chairwomen

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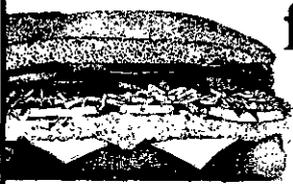


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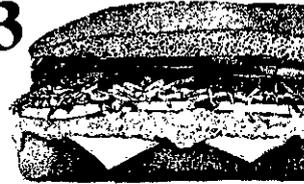
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V'ville board member calls for tenure reform

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have read with interest the proposal of state Education Commissioner Richard Mills to raise educational performance by requiring students to take Regents exams.

As I finish my 13th year on the Voorheesville school board, please forgive my skepticism.

In 1984, the talk was of Commissioner Gordon Ambach's "Regents Action Plan." Five years later, it was Commissioner Thomas Sobol's "Compact for Learning." And now it's "Everyone will take Regents exams."

It is easy to raise standards, the hard part is achieving them. Without reform of the teacher tenure system, Mr. Mills' worthy plans will go the way the others went.

The problem with the tenure system is not that it protects grossly incompetent performance. Truly incompetent teachers are generally weeded out before they get tenure.

The real shame of the tenure system is that it protects mediocrity. Too many teachers, once they gain job security, are content to get by with minimal performance.

Requiring all students to take Regents exams will result in the inclusion of many of the slower students into general Regents

courses, which will lower the average performance of the class.

If teachers continue to "teach to the middle" of the class, then the more able students are going to be more bored, frustrated and shortchanged than they are now.

We need a system that challenges students at all ability levels, that allows them to bypass course content they already know and do alternative academic work. To accomplish this with classes that have students of widely varying abilities requires creativity, flexibility and hard work on the part of the teacher — the very qualities the tenure system discourages.

In the absence of tenure reform, perhaps the best approach is to group classes by ability levels, but that can have social and educational disadvantages for the slower students.

Tenure, if it is to be kept at all, should be made renewable on a periodic basis, perhaps every five years. However, strong safeguards need to be provided to ensure that well-qualified senior teachers are not let go by budget-conscious administrators or school boards in order to hire less-expensive replacements.

Steven Schreiber

Voorheesville

Let's move faster on water contract

Editor, The Spotlight:

The \$13.9 million water plant in Bethlehem is now on line, and in a few months warmer weather will be here. Yet, there is still no renegotiated contract with Albany to purchase supplemental water during peak demand seasons.

This long-term contract is even more urgent given the possible siting in Bethlehem at the Port of Albany of New Options on Waste.

The site is within the flood plain and its uncontrolled runoff would flow directly into the Hudson River. Here is yet another potential river polluter upstream from Bethlehem's new water system.

Mayor Jerry Jennings has stated that after the elections he wanted to go back into negotiations with the "expectation that a new contract will be reasonable and fair for both sides. We're willing to accommodate their needs." (Spotlight, Dec. 6, 1995)

It is hoped that this bipartisan spirit will be demonstrated by both Mayor Jennings and Supervisor Sheila Fuller and that a new long-term water contract will soon be announced to accommodate Bethlehem's future growing residential needs.

Nancy Scholes

Delmar

Writer has suggestion for evaluating BC

Editor, The Spotlight:

I agree with Sherwood Davies' letter regarding the Highlights report on Bethlehem Central's evaluation of itself. He is right when he says different statistics should be compiled for a more accurate picture of BC's performance.

I would like to offer one more suggestion for evaluation. Let's look at the standardized test scores of special education students in the schools and compare those with the special education test

scores of comparable districts.

I wonder how many of these students ever take Regents? AP courses? Are in Lab School? Enter college? Are there any new programs being developed? Where are the performance charts on these students?

Just like we measure a country by the way it treats its underprivileged, perhaps we should evaluate a school district by the way it educates its special education students.

Name submitted

Don't knock parties without proof

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read the article about Matt Clyne's accusations against the town Republicans and Conservatives.

Just because the Conservative Party did not back the Democrats doesn't mean that he (Clyne) can smear their reputations. He has no proof that any wrongdoing has taken place, just a suspicion. The accusations have no validity, un-

less Mr. Clyne comes up with proof.

The Conservatives looked at the issues and decided that the Republicans were better qualified. I agree with one of Mr. Clyne's ideas, that the Conservative Party is important. But that does not guarantee that all Conservatives will vote for candidates the party backs.

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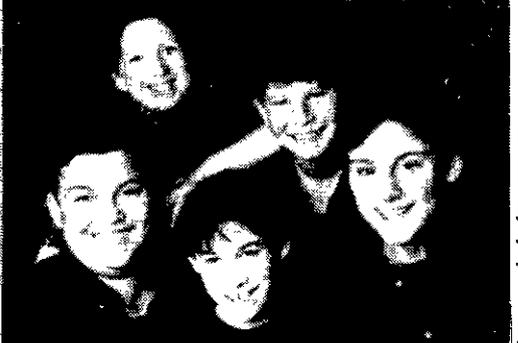
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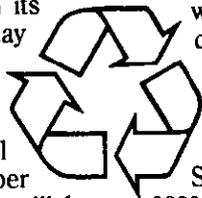
Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Recycling outdated hardcover books and worn out paperbacks has been a tremendous success. It has helped residents do some spring cleaning and the library to divert some books from its book sale, set for Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17.

The book recycling bin will remain at town hall until March 18. The paper made from these books will be used to make new products.

Since new telephone directories have been delivered, a second recycling bin has been set up at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar as a dropoff for telephone directories and multiple listing books. Rupert Road Transfer Station is also accepting telephone books throughout the month. If you miss the collection this month, the town will again recycle in July



when the Transwestern books are delivered.

Greeting cards arrive throughout the year and can be recycled with home and office mail or with shiny magazines and catalogues. The fronts of cards can also be made into new cards if they are sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude St., Boulder City, Nev. 89005. The fronts become part of new cards the organization uses to raise funds. To purchase these finished cards, call 1-702-293-3131.

So far, the special recycling programs have all been very successful. Continue to look for those oddball recyclables that can not be recycled curbside. If you know of anything new, please let us know. We appreciate the community's enthusiasm for the special recycling collections at town hall.

Glenmont school PTA to hold craft fair

The Glenmont Elementary School Parent Teacher Association will hold its 15th annual craft fair on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Over 80 crafters from throughout the Northeast will exhibit and

sell a wide range of products, including many spring and Easter items.

Admission is free, and refreshments will be available.

For information, contact Sandra Ryther at 475-7568.

Mardi Gras celebrants



Seniors Anna Kustyn, left, and Shirley Kunze are decked out for the Mardi Gras luncheon held recently at St. Thomas Church in Delmar. Mary Ahlstrom

Jewish women's group to hold dinner seminar

The Business and Professional Women's Network, a program of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, will host a dinner seminar on Thursday, March 7, at Temple Israel at 600 New Scotland Ave. in Albany.

A cash wine bar will be open at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dairy dinner at 6 p.m.

"The Jewish Juggler: Caring for Others, Caring for Ourselves" is the theme for the evening. Related discussions will provide an oppor-

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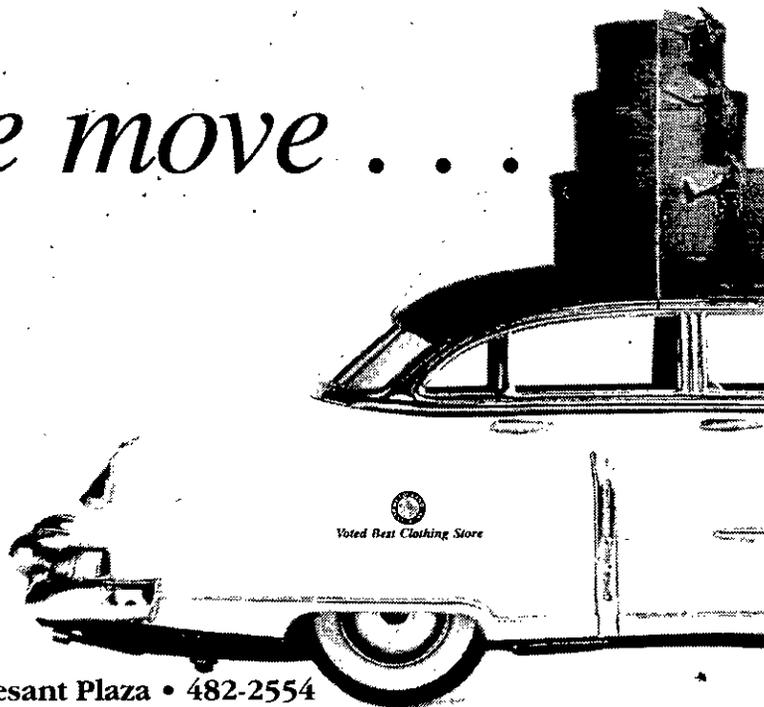
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RCS students celebrate music in school month

In celebration of Music in Our Schools Month, students in grades five through 12 will perform an instrumental concert on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High auditorium.

All are welcome to come and listen to our young musicians.

Parents' group to meet

The next meeting of the middle school Parents In Education will be on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the middle school large group room.

Bird nesting program slated at sanctuary

A program entitled "Cavity Nesting Birds" will be presented at the Hollyhock Nature Sanctuary in Selkirk on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m.

The program will deal with the hows, wheres, whys and whens of putting up nesting boxes.

For information, call 767-9051.

Flamenco ballet to visit RCS high school

The RCS Senior High School is hosting the Boston Flamenco Ballet on Friday, March 8. Three shows will be performed. The cost is \$4.50 per student.

For information, call Josie Prozik at 756-2155.

Continuing ed course registration under way

The RCS continuing education

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program includes classes on everything from computers to country dancing. Classes begin on Monday, March 11, and registration must be received by March 8. In-person registration will be on Thursday, March 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria.

Sunday service set for Girl Scouts

The annual Girl Scout Sunday Service will be at St. Patrick's School Hall on March 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. The theme for this year's service is "Friendship."

Free CPR lessons on tap at RCS school

People at least 12 years of age who would like American Red Cross certification in adult, child and infant CPR can participate in "Save A Life Saturday" on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Route 9W.

A continental breakfast is provided at the free class, but participants should bring a bag lunch.

To register for the program, call the Ravena Rescue Squad at 756-2096.

Marketing seminar set at extension office

A marketing seminar designed for home-based and micro-businesses will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County offices on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The program will feature a one-hour live satellite broadcast to help potential and existing home-based and micro-business owners with marketing issues and trends related to their product or service.

Subjects that will be discussed during the seminar include positioning, promotion, production and pricing.

For information, call the cooperative extension at 765-3500.

RCS reading festival to draw kids' authors

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School will host its fifth Young Readers and Authors Festival on Saturday, April 13.

Nationally-known authors Alane Ferguson, G. Clifton Wisler and William Selator will be on hand to sign books and give presentations to Ravena students.

The event will begin at 9 a.m., and an autographing session will take place around noon. The cost is \$10 per student. Adults can participate for free.

For information, call the RCS Middle School at 756-2155.

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Career center assists in job, college search

The Career Resources Center is one of the library's more specialized services. The center's programs and resources are designed to help students and others find up-to-date information on colleges, trade schools and jobs.



As high school guidance offices concern themselves more and more with students' personal issues, the CRC's value to the career-seeking community increases. For the college-bound, it provides catalogues on microfiche for every two and four-year college in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Hard copies of catalogues are available for 80 percent of state colleges and 20 percent of those in the nation.

Copies of Barron's, Peterson's and Lovejoy college guides as well as the rating publications, College Finder, Fisk Guide to Colleges and Rugg's Top Ten are available for in-house use. Past copies are kept for circulation. For students considering studying abroad, World of Learning is available.

For students who are not going on to college, the American Trade School Dictionary binder receives constant updates, and the series "Careers Without College" is on shelf. The helpful hints carrel offers tips on the practicalities of

writing resumes, networking and preparing for a job interview. Another carrel is devoted to civil service announcements.

Job hunters will find a number of useful resources, including the city-by-city National Job bank series, the relocation carrel for job seekers on the move and Workstation, an on-line service provided by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Workstation lists nationwide job openings in the private sector. Users can narrow the search from state, region, job title and contact person. The center expects to acquire additional on-line and CD-ROM materials in the future.

Patrons who want to learn how to use the center's resources can register for "Exploring the CRC," scheduled every other month. Center librarian Denise Coblish conducts an in-depth tour, with an overview of the history of the collection. She also provides instruction on using materials in the center. Because each station is limited to five persons, some individualized help is available.

The library is seeking nominations for the office of trustee. The trusteeship is a 5-year term beginning on July 1. A petition containing at least 90 signatures must be filed with the school district clerk at 90 Adams Place in Delmar by Monday, April 8. Board treasurer Melissa Palmer's term expires on June 30.

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Club members honing skills for Kooshball Olympics today

Get in the mood for the summer games in Atlanta with your very own Kooshball Olympics when the First Wednesday Club meets today, March 6. It's an afternoon of fun for fourth, fifth and sixth graders with Meg Seiberger-Hughes from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Registration is also being taken for a two-part seminar on improving business writing skills. Mary Lou Cummings has condensed her popular series into two Saturday workshops designed to help business people learn to communicate more clearly, concisely and effectively.



There are only a few club openings left, so call to sign up now.

Transportation is available from the elementary school.

On Saturday, March 9, Joan Mullen will present a three-hour watercolor workshop on the art of Chinese brush painting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be available courtesy of Friends of the Library. Space is limited, so call now to register at 765-2791. The free program is funded by a grant from Arts Decentralization.

Cummings is a professional instructor and consultant who has performed her magic with executives from many local organizations such as Key Bank, the Red Cross, EnCon, and Equitable Life Insurance.

The class will meet on March 16 and 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Sign-up is necessary. Participants will be expected to bring a writing sample to class.

Paintings from well-known artist Diane Wozniak are on display in the hall gallery this month.

A collection of old fishing lures and tackle is also on display. The collection dates from the late 1800s and is on loan from David Bayly.

Barbara Vink

PTA to present winter festival

The Voorheesville PTA is planning a day of fun and games at its winter festival on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the elementary school.

Pupils who return the free ticket forms distributed at school will be eligible to win exciting door prizes. As part of the festival, Parents as Reading Partners is sponsoring a book walk. Lunch and snacks will be available at nominal cost.

Everyone is invited to this free event.

Landscaper to discuss designing perennial gardens

Mardel Steinkamp, a registered landscape architect and owner of Helderledge Farm, will present a program on designing a perennial garden at the Helderview Garden Club meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the public library.

Guests are always welcome. For information, contact Ivy Brockley at 765-2108.

Notre Dame Band to perform at high school March 11

The Voorheesville Friends of Music will sponsor the University of Notre Dame Band, under the direction of Luther Snavely, in concert on Monday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school on Route 85A.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be reserved by calling the high school at 765-3314.

The Voorheesville Friends of Music is a nonprofit group of parents, community members and teachers dedicated to providing enrichment opportunities in music to the children of the Voorheesville Central School District and the community.

For information, call Debbie Baron at 765-9371.

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Kindergarten registration set for parents

A registration meeting for parents of children entering kindergarten in September is set for Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium at the elementary school.

Parents can make an appointment at this meeting for kindergarten screenings, scheduled for March 26, 27 and 28.

Families who are new to the district should call Joann Donohue at 765-2382.

Scouts invite seniors to annual tea

The Girl Scout Troops of Voorheesville invite the senior citizens of our community to join them for the 1996 Heritage Tea on Sunday, March 10, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Scouts will present entertainment from around the world and serve international refreshments. For information, call Barbara McKenna at 765-4846.

Extension to offer plant science workshop

The Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering a teacher workshop in plant science on Tuesday, March 12, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Rice Center on Martin Road. The workshop will share technical information, resources available from Cooperative Extension and ideas for student activities.

For information, call the 4-H office at 765-3500.

V'ville trustees set special meeting tonight

The Voorheesville board of trustees will hold a special meeting tonight, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall on Voorheesville Avenue to discuss the 1996-97 budget.

Voorheesville's zoning board of appeals also meets tonight, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

Town board slates meeting

The next meeting of the New Scotland town board is on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

Blood pressure clinic scheduled at church

The Kiwanis-sponsored blood pressure clinic is on Tuesday, March 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

'Under the Big Top' features clown crafts

"Under the Big Top," a program for toddlers ages 22 to 35 months, will be presented on Friday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The program will be repeated on Saturday, March 9, at the same time.

Stories, fingerplays and a clown craft will be featured.

For information, call the youth services department at 439-9314.

Traveler to tell about Tristan da Cunha

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will host a presentation by Dr. Melita Gesche on her voyage to the remote, volcanic island of Tristan da Cunha on Monday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Gesche will illustrate her talk with video and slides.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

QUILT group to meet

QUILT (Quilters United In Learning Together) will meet Friday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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Their shoeboxes contain a myriad of memories

Pen pals Karly & Lindsey pour over years of letters

By Katherine McCarthy

As a fifth grade English project, Karly Decker of Delmar and Lindsey Kroll of Appleton, Wisconsin, became each other's pen pals. Now 16, their shoe boxes and folders of saved letters are written proof of their friendship.

Lindsey visited Karly in Delmar last week, and they laughed when they looked back at the very first letters they wrote to each other.

"They were so mechanical," Lindsey said. "Like about the weather, school, movies." Karly added, explaining that they'd been given a format to follow, and that all the class's letters had gone in a bundle to the Appleton classroom. At the end of the year, the students were able to get their pen pals' home addresses and continue writing, and Karly and Lindsey have been keeping the post office busy ever since.

Their words tumble out, often on top of each other, as they talk about their correspondence.

"We just really liked each other," they seemed to say at the same time. "At first, we wrote two times a month," Lindsey said. "Now we're busier, so we don't write so often," Karly explained, hastening to add that it's nothing personal, "we're just busy." She glanced at Lindsey, and laughed self-consciously, "we should make a pact, no more apologizing about not writing sooner."

Their signatures track the progression of their friendship, beginning with "your pen pal," moving on to "yours truly," "sincerely," and "your friend."

"I remember the first time Lindsey signed a letter 'Love',"

Karly laughed, and Lindsey reminded Karly of the little friendship squiggle that accompanies all their letters.

The contents of their letters now take friendship for granted, as they write about personal things and their feelings, sometimes even sharing confidences they wouldn't with hometown friends.

Asked for particular details, they thought carefully before answering. "It's easy to spill your guts, because you know someone will listen," Lindsey explained.

"Lindsey really responds," Karly said, "like last year when my grandmother died, she was real supportive."

"With boys and parties," Lindsey said, "she doesn't know who I'm talking about, and things never get back to people, so it's safe."

Karly recalled a recent, revealing letter. "I hadn't been going out much, and I didn't have a lot to tell her about, so I just spilled my guts about how I was feeling, and I really felt better."

Lindsey felt flattered that Karly had said so much, "and I felt I could say anything."

Lindsey's recent five-day visit was only the second time the girls had seen each other.

"I was scared the first time," Lindsey said, "I didn't know if I should hug Karly or what. This time it was like she was an old friend."

Karly's mother remembered how nervous Karly was when the girls met for the first time two years ago. The Krolls had travelled to Utica to attend a wedding, and Lindsey had asked if they could press on to Delmar so she

could meet Karly." When the families met," Kathy Decker said, "everyone clicked. We all got along well."

Karly and Lindsey acknowledged with knowing glances that their mothers were very similar. Other similarities and differences were on the agenda for the rest of Karly's visit.

Karly plays on the Bethlehem girls basketball team, and was looking forward to introducing Lindsey to her friends at last Friday's game.

Mostly though, they planned to talk, and go over past letters. Karly looked at the letters they held on their laps. "We have our whole lives on here."

Building inspector wins state VP post

Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanigan was recently elected fifth vice president of the Association of Towns of the State of New York at the group's annual meeting in New York City.

Flanigan is the first Bethlehem town official to hold the post of vice president, and is in line to become president of the association within five years or less.

Prior to being elected vice president, Flanigan served on the group's executive committee. An active member of the Association of Towns for 28 years, Flanigan has also served as the town's building and fire inspector since 1968.

Flanigan is a resident of Slingerlands and has been a member of the Slingerlands Volunteer Fire Department for 44 years, including 14 years as fire chief.



Lindsey Kroll, left, of Appleton, Wisc., and Karly Decker of Delmar read some of their letters going back to fifth grade.

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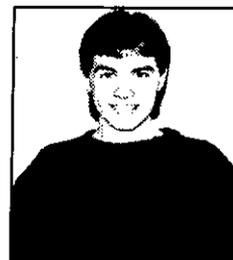
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Sports

Duke nips Wake Forest in BBC

Nate Turner netted 14 as Duke squeaked by Wake Forest 43-40 in Bethlehem Basketball Club action Sunday.

Matt Vnuk led all scorers with 17. Florida State continued its winning ways beating Maryland, 45-26. **Paul Wolfert** and **Carly St. Lucia** combined for 20 in the victory. **T.J. Drucker** had six to lead the Terps. **Sam Abrams** and **Jake Day's** sterling defense and rebounding highlighted North Carolina's 50-45 win over a tough Clemson squad.

Nathan Crouse's hustle and play-making inspired the losers. **Tim Rice** and **Jason Weinstein** teamed up to lead Georgia Tech to a 34-29 upset over Virginia. **Avi Rasowsky** had 10 to lead the Cavaliers.

In the NBA, **Mike Campbell** and **Matt Thibdeau** scored from all areas of the floor as they combined for 36 of the Sonics 55 points in a one-point thriller over the Rockets. **Chuck Abba** had a league-high 30 in the loss.

The Spurs upended the Suns, 59-37, as **Lauren Murray** and **Mitch Lane** combined for 29 to lead the winners. **Ryan Sweeney**

had 13 for the Suns. **Rebecca Hoghe** had a season-high eight points in the Nuggets 38-33 win over the Knicks. **Russ Pryba's** 17 was not enough for the losers.

The hot shooting of **Chris Sherin**, together with the tenacious defense of **Dave DeLong** proved too much for the Magic as they came out on the short end of a 42-24 game vs. the Bulls. **Greg Thomson** and **Brad Glass** combined to score 14 for the victors.

Regular season action will continue for three more weeks in the Big Ten. **Ryan Flansburg** threw in eight points to spark Northwestern in a 34-28 win over Minnesota. **Aaron Griffin** had 17 for the Gophers.

Dan Kidera was a perfect eight for eight from the foul line as Ohio State beat Purdue, 32-29. **Nitin Roper** had seven to lead the Boilermakers.

Michigan, with **Sean Myrtle's** 18 leading the way, beat Iowa 39-30. **Pat Heenan** had 13 in the loss. Wisconsin led all of the way in a 36-25 victory over Indiana. **Lance Ellers** and **Jason Fudin's** pressing defense stopped the Hoosiers in their tracks. **Robby Kuhn** and

Lauren Schucker's assists set up a

e of easy baskets for the losers.

And in the finale, Penn State beat Michigan State, 36-20. **Laura Blumenthal** and **Zach Mastin's** errorless ballhandling was too much for the Spartans to overcome. **Josh Gaul** and **Nicole Hill** played superbly in the loss.

Star bowlers

The following people earned bowling honors the week of Feb. 25 at Del Lanes in Delmar:

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Women: **Heather Selig** 247; **Susan Herzog** 651 triple; and **Kathy Novak** 854 four games.

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Bethlehem Central's Kiley Shortell drives to the basket during the Eagles' 58-43 tournament semifinal loss last week to Bishop Maginn, the eventual Section II champion. Shortell scored 13 against Maginn, while sophomore Nicole Conway led the way for BC with 15. *Doug Persons*

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Builders association good resource for buyers

By Tom Murnane

Some people out there would love to add a den or remodel an existing bathroom, but they don't know how to find a reputable contractor.

On the other side of the fence, there are many independent contractors out there who might need professional guidance and support to survive in a competitive field where 85

home builders groups.

Started five-years ago to meet the ever-changing world of home remodeling, the group which boasts a roster of more than 40 local home builders and material suppliers, is reaching out to other independent contractors and related businesses to sign up, said association chairman Ric Kaplowitz, a Slingerlands contractor who joined the group about three-years ago.

Advantages for joining, which costs \$55 per year, include being added to a list of recommended home remodelers that prospective customers use to find a reputable contractor for their home. Other member services include group health benefits, group rates for beepers and cellular phones and continuous training through various seminars held throughout the year, he said.

"We're here to help maintain a certain level of professionalism, because the worst thing that is happening to our business is people hiring others who are not qualified to do the job," Kaplowitz said.

Fellow council member Frank Webb, owner of Coventry Construction Inc. in Slingerlands, agrees. Simultaneously, they targeted the worst offender and the bane of professional remodelers' existence: the dreaded brother-in-law.

"Everyone seems to have a brother-in-law that claims to be a remodeler. But then they get in there and make mistakes that



Frank Webb and Ric Kaplowitz of the remodelers council review plans for a building project.

Doug Persons

could end up being very costly, just in the name of trying to save a few bucks up front. That's the wrong way to go about it for your most important investment," Webb said.

Trying to save money by cutting corners to remodel your home is a common problem that can be avoided by using common sense, Kaplowitz said.

By calling the council, a customer will be getting a professional, not some "fly-by-night" operation that will either use shoddy materials or workmanship after taking a sizeable deposit on the work.

"There are things you can do," like asking for and then checking out the references of that firm that wants to work for you, common sense things," Webb said.

As the economy began to change, and continues to change, so to did the demand for home remodeling — and the kind of remodeling requested by customers, Kaplowitz and Webb said.

"You're seeing fewer new homes being built, and that means people are either staying in their current homes longer and need to expand, or they are buying more affordable, older homes with the idea of remodeling," Kaplowitz said.

As a result, the job requests have become more elaborate and sophisticated.

"You're seeing a lot more requests for cathedral ceilings these days, more so than ever before," Webb said.

"And more people are using their computers to draw what

they want and then simply hand the piece of paper to us and say, 'OK, here you go. This is what we want.' A lot of time the drawing might be unrealistic, but then you have to go through with them and show them what will work. The computer's a help, though, because it gives you a visual idea of what the customer wants," Kaplowitz said.

"The bottom line is they want quality, professional service at a reasonable price, and that's what they can find if they use the council. There's a lot more to remodeling than meets the eye. Just like doctors who specialize in a specific area of medicine, we are home builders who specialize in remodeling."

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Frank Webb

percent of new contractors are out of business within three years.

But for concerned customers and contractors alike, there is help: the Capital Region Remodelers Council at 96 Everett Road in Colonie, an arm of the Albany Area Home Builders Association, which is affiliated with state and national

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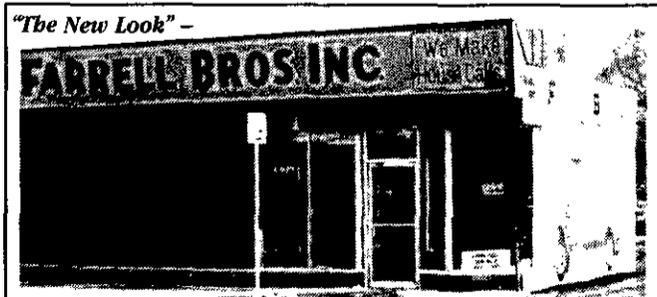
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Attics can make comfy rooms

By Tom Murnane

If you'd like to move up in the world, consider your attic.

After all, the attic is not just for storing boxes, old wedding dresses and family heirlooms anymore, according to several local contractors.

With some money and imagination, that dark, dusty attic can be converted into a nice warm bedroom or a bright, quiet study, said Tom Brooks, owner of Harbrook Associates on Railroad Avenue in Colonie, that has been in business of selling windows and doors to contractors since 1955. "One of the keys to making attic space workable is ventilation and lighting, and two of the most common ways are with skylights and dormers," Brooks said.

Contractors can make more headroom space in attics, and brighten up the room at the same time with dormers, which are constructed on site and are room ex-

tensions that protrude from the roof. And with windows normally installed in dormers, you can create more head space and improved lighting simultaneously, he said.

"You can use different types of windows and all different shapes and sizes. With windows that are different and playful, your attic can become a neat, interesting space," Brooks said.

Insulation, heating and the flooring are other major concerns, since attics are not usually built to serve as living areas, said Matthew MaLossi of Crawford Door and Window Sales, located on Third Avenue Extension in Rensselaer.

MaLossi cautioned prospective remodelers to contact their local building department before they embark upon any attic project, because in some localities, it is illegal to create a "living space" in a third-floor attic.

And while requirements vary

from locality to locality, building codes in most areas require that the window area total at least 10 square feet, or 10 percent of the total area.

The town of Bethlehem prohibits certified contractors from remodeling third floor attics into living areas, although they are allowed in Cape Cods and one-story houses, said John Mooney of Harold H. Geurtze and Co. at 17 Woodridge Road, Delmar.

"If you want to put something up there legally, there are other ways to get around the fire codes. We are allowed to put in recreation areas, such as a small gym. As long as it's not considered a living area, then you're OK," Mooney said.

Some people try to hire contractors "under the table" to skirt the town codes, but it's not worth it to longtime construction firms like Geurtze's, Mooney said.

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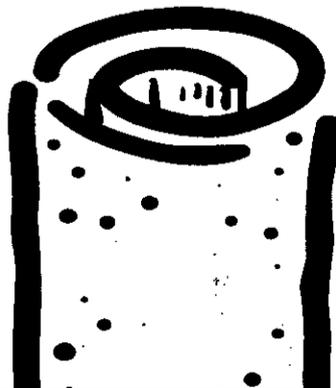
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The "Spirit of the West" wall mural from Environmental Graphics features a mountain scene.

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Part of the appeal of photographic wall murals is that they deal with reality, not an artist's concept of reality. These murals

allow the environment to be brought into the home. And if the mural features plant life, for example, putting real plants in front will enhance its realism even more.

The wall murals that give the greatest sense of space expansion are the ones that lead the eye furthest beyond the wall. Good examples are Environmen-

tal Graphic's "Spirit of the West," which features Wyoming's majestic Grand Teton mountains, and "Cinnamon Bay," which pictures a secluded cove in the Virgin Islands. The eye is drawn to the horizon, miles in the distance.

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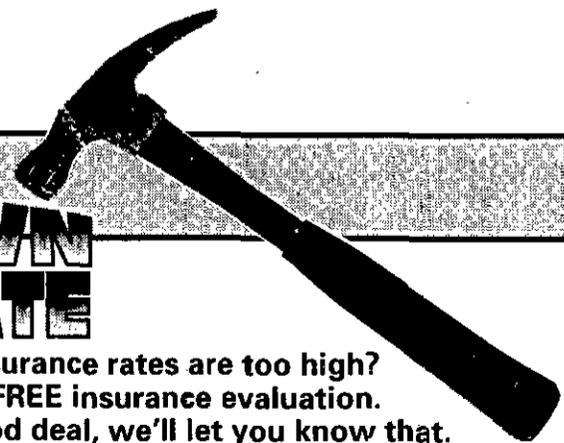
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Severe winter damages homes top to bottom

By Dev Tobin

This winter has put extraordinary stress on homes, with record snowfall and cold early, followed by the worst snowmelt and rain flooding in years.

Before the snow melted, the edges of many residential roofs were covered with ice dams several inches thick.

"It's been a rough year for shingles," said Jim Malo of J.E. Malo Construction of Latham.

There are no quick fixes to prevent the formation of ice dams, Malo said.

"The best solution is to have a roof installed correctly, with proper ventilation and insulation in the attic," Malo said.

You don't have to paint with siding, but you should keep it clean.

Bob Mosall

Ice dams are caused by heat from the house melting snow, then the water freezing when it gets over the colder eaves, Malo said.

"People should stop trying to make their attics warm," he said. "The roof decking should be as cold as the outside."

The first and least expensive step to prevent ice dams is to "make sure insulation in the attic is installed correctly," and there is good ventilation, he noted.

If ice dams form, a rubber ice and-water shield that underlays the last four feet of roof shingles is the best way to prevent damage from water from ice dams, Malo added.

The wettest January thaw in memory probably surprised



Ice dams created headaches for many homeowners this year.

more than few homeowners with water in their basements.

"Ten years ago, it looked like winter was over, but in the last few years, people are getting water in their basements, which can be a drastic problem if the basement is finished," said Gary Johnson of New England Structural in Delmar. "If you need your basement dehumidifier on all the time, then there's something wrong."

Preventing water infiltration through the foundation can be relatively easy if installing correct gutters and improving drainage around the foundation

by regrading does the trick, Johnson said.

"The degree of water infiltration determines the cure," he said, adding that other solutions involve installing an interior trench or sump pit in the basement, or, "in the worst case," exposing the exterior wall of the foundation and fixing cracks and treating the wall with a masonry waterproofing product.

Winter weather can damage a home's appearance as well as its structure.

While many people may think aluminum or vinyl siding is

"maintenance-free," pressure-washing the siding every few years is a low-cost way to preserve its appearance, according to Bob Mosall, owner of R. Mosall Pressure-washing of North Bethlehem.

"You don't have to paint with siding, but you should keep it clean," Mosall said.

Homes near high-traffic roads will pick up dirt and salt from the road over the winter, and the salt can cause discoloration of the siding, Mosall noted.

Also, runoff from roofs can cause dirt to bounce up and hit siding, and should be cleaned, he added.

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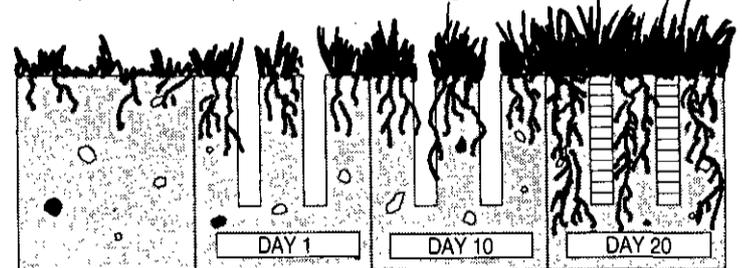
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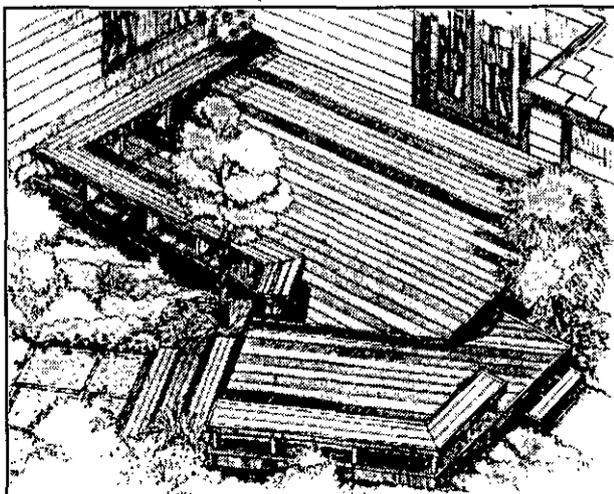


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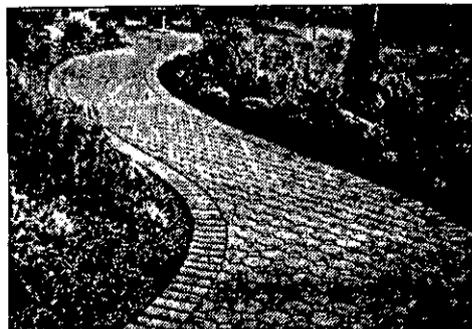
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By John Thorpe

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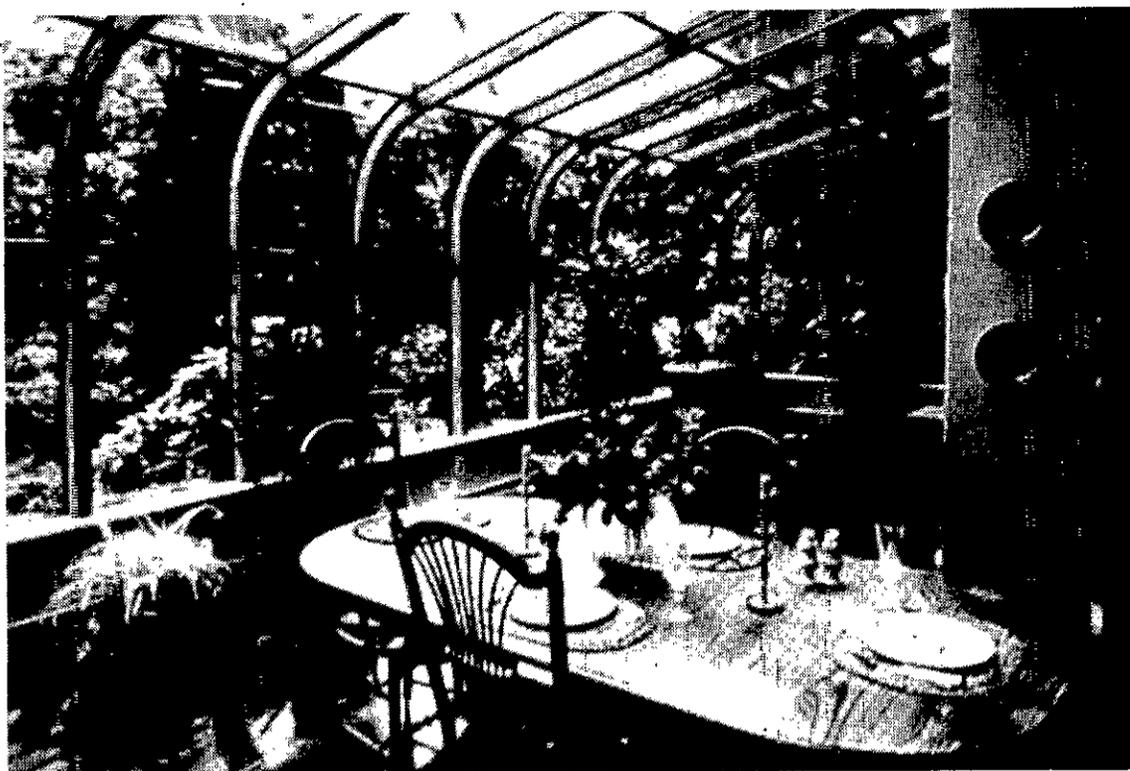
And, Albright added, sometimes customers find a room of glass can enhance their enjoyment of summer, too. "We can turn a screen porch or deck into a sunroom, too, because insects

often keep people off their decks and porches in the summer."

Most renovations can be done for anywhere between \$3,000 and \$30,000, depending on how elaborate one wishes to get, Albright added. The company also specializes in spa enclosures, so you can star gaze from your hot tub, and has even done remodeling of kitchens, where sliding glass doors are pushed out 5-7 feet and enclosed to form a sunny sitting or eating area.

Today, of the 42 different kinds of glass available (dependent on the angle of the windows and where they're located.), all consist of two separate panes sealed together, but not before argon gas is blown in, giving the pane an insulation factor of R-9, previously unheard of in the industry.

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they are comfortable."

Sunrooms have seen use as everything from family rooms to exercise rooms, Albright said, and, "No matter where your sunroom is in the house, that's where everybody will end up. It's like a magnet."

For those who don't want an entire room, but are looking for a bit more charm and space to a home, a vaulted or cathedral ceiling might be the answer.

Patrick Mooney, of Harold H. & Co. Guertze's General Contractors in Delmar, said some people prefer to add more space and light to a room by utilizing a vaulted or cathedral ceiling, along with a skylight.

"A higher ceiling makes a room seem more airy and bigger," he said. "And the skylights are often very popular with them. Anything to let the sun shine in makes a home

seem bigger and warmer."

Ceiling modifications often depend upon personal preference and the type of home, Mocney added, but done correctly, will rarely cause a room to become colder or more drafty.

"Of course, you must re-insulate," he said, "but if it's done properly, you really shouldn't lose any more heat than before."

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Trellises and arbors climbing in popularity

A few thousand years ago, while the men of their clan were off hunting mastodons, some women decided to try to grow desirable fruits close to their caves so that they could cut down on their gathering trips.

They quickly found that they were onto something. The well-tended plants grew like crazy. Soon they were running rampant, sprawling and crawling, twisting and twining, and getting all tangled up with one another. The women stuck a few sturdy branches into the soil so that each vine had its own support to climb on. Thus was made one of the giant steps in the history of agriculture. Women had invented the trellis.

By the time the pharaohs were piling up their pyramids, trellises had become commonplace in both the country and city. Farmers grew grapes, hops and other vine crops on long rows of trellises. In cities, even the poorest home had its own crude overhead trellis with climbing plants providing shade, as well as fruit for the table.

The palaces of the wealthy gloried in broad-trellised decks and porticos covered with gorgeous flowering plants and fruits developed for their beauty rather than for productivity.

And so, the utilitarian trellis became a decorative feature of both home and garden. With the spread of civilization and the development of sophisticated architecture, the design of gardens was elevated to an art. Along with the hybridizing of native plants for the beauty of their flowers and foliage came the creation of structures to support them.

Almost universal in the gardens of those early cultures was the arched arbor, evocative of cool, shady lanes between lines of trees. Arbors were popular with the Romans, who were wild about roses, which they carried with them to every part of their empire.

During the Dark Ages, the trellis and the arbor endured throughout Europe in kitchen and castle gardens.

Later, when Marie Antoinette played at being a simple dairy-maid, leafy arbors for rustic love trysts became a favorite feature of Versailles and other playgrounds of the aristocracy.

From the earliest days of settlement in New England, European immigrants brought with them to America their beloved climbing roses, honeysuckle and berry vines, and also their trellises and arbors.

As more recent times saw a shift of emphasis to lawns in open, park-like yards, there came neater, less rambunctious flowers, stiffly-manicured floral borders and fewer garden structures. The last two decades, however, have seen a resurgence of the informal garden with its profusion of old-fashioned roses and flowering vines like clematis and honeysuckle. And, of course, arbors.

Arbors have become popular, too, for the charm they add to a property when used as an entryway. Casual, unforbidding and decorative, they provide a welcoming note. At the same time, they make a positive statement to the visitor about the owners and the pride they take in their home. More and more, owners of both traditional and contemporary homes are finding a place for an arbor, either as a decorative element in the garden or to frame the entry to their premises.

While a small arbor is essentially a simple structure, it is not an easy do-it-yourself project for the average homeowner. It requires a good grade of lumber, preferably rot-resistant, quite a few joints and careful workmanship to ensure that it will stand up to all sorts of

weather.

The best-looking arbors include lattice in their assembly, and that can create a deterrent to the home craftsman. Having one custom-built can be a costly

proposition. So it is not surprising that reasonably-priced, ready-to-assemble versions are making an appearance in home centers and building material and garden supply shops.

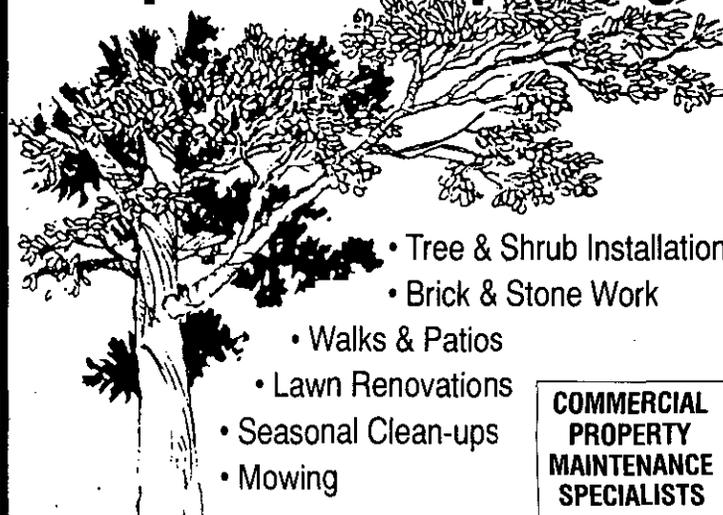
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Check out replacement window claims

With the entry of some of the nation's largest window manufacturers into the replacement-window market, a credible sales force with a reliable and extensive product line is becoming available.

Still, with the wide variety of manufacturers in the replacement-window industry, there are a number of things to look for when considering replacement windows.

The first thing to look for is a company that provides a complete program, with factory-authorized dealers who handle the complete replacement process themselves.

The company representative should consult with the homeowner to determine the exact window and door needs, install the windows and doors, and then do a customer satisfaction audit once the products have been installed.

The company should have a complete and diverse product line, including double-hung tilts, casements, awnings, garden bays, angle bays and bow

windows, as well as sliding patio doors, french doors and center-swing doors.

As the replacement-window needs of homes are unique, the products must be built to exact specifications for a perfect replacement fit. Acesthetic options, like color choice, wood-grain interiors, and grilles in the air space, provide valuable choices and set companies apart from their competition.

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Replacement windows historically have been a vinyl product. Although the attributes of vinyl have stood the test of time, replacement-window salesmen often have selected inexpensive products, motivated more by profit than what is best

for the customer.

To ensure you have a quality-constructed vinyl product, make sure the vinyl is made with high-impact stabilizers. These will prevent rust, corrosion, blistering, flaking and peeling.

You also should look for a thick, multi-chambered design in the vinyl extrusions, as this will reduce expansion and contraction, as well as provide superior insulation. The corners should be fusion-welded on both the sash and frame to provide strength and durability.

Silicon glazing of the sash will decrease water and air infiltration, and there should be a variety of glazing options, such as insulated glass, and argon gas, because these provide the highest energy-efficiency performance, while protecting interior furnishing from the sun's rays.

Last, but perhaps most important, is the warranty. Choose a replacement-window product which offers a strong warranty backed by a long-standing company.

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Slow economy spurs more home remodeling work

Hardware store owner sees more people keeping homes longer

By Martin P. Kelly

When the economy is down, home improvement tool and supply companies turn down their research and development operations to save money. This, according to Frank Esposito of Menands True Value Hardware, is the way companies survive during an economic downturn. As a result, there is nothing really new on the market in home improvement to attract customers.

"This is particularly true for the Albany area," the Menands retailer says. "We have had so much uncertainty about employment and transfers, that people are waiting until the dust settles before making any improvements generally."

Esposito has run the hardware business on Broadway near the Menands Market for the past 14 years. In relating that his store's inventory carries upwards to 25,000 items from a relatively new square head screw to a large riding mower, he remains optimistic.

head screw, the square head permits a screw driver to exert more leverage on the screw because there is more surface connection between screw and screwdriver.

So, too, gardening suppliers have added some simple things that would seem obvious but are only a relatively recent development in the past few years. "They've added foam rubber grips on shovels, rakes, hoes and similar tools so people don't have to wear gloves or develop blisters," he said.

"This is particularly important because more than 50 percent of my garden supply customers are women," Esposito said, "including purchases of small power mowers."

The larger rider mowers are still mostly a male purchase, he said.

Citing the \$50 million in lawn and garden purchases each year in the country, means that women are an important part of this business.

What he finds is that often

many area people come to the Menands Market to buy flowers to plant.

"It's generally a good season for us," he said. "We're about a good month away from the first influx of these customers."

Not adverse to talking about the New York economy, Esposito cites the need for more efforts to bring back big manufacturers with tax incentives.

"We also need to cut some of the taxes on retailers also," he said. "I just got my workmen's compensation insurance bill and there's a \$1,600 state surcharge on the premium."

Most of all, Esposito is convinced that a more stable atmosphere must be created in the region concerning unemployment.

"With the problem with Garden Way, for example, and the cutbacks at General Electric," he said. "The state's uncertainty about moving workers to Kingston and the cutbacks in the state work force all contribute to a lack of customer interest in buying home improvement items."

But Esposito said that "customers are more sophisticated about tools and home improvement equipment now. There is much more information available in the press and television to help them make choices."

He believes that this knowledge helps him because more informed customers can be more specific about their needs.

In addition to being more informed, today's customers are more price conscious than previously," the Menands retailer said.

"They pretty much know what a tool should cost but that doesn't hurt us because we are able to stay competitive."

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But, as for new developments, they will come with an upsurge in the economy.

"The square-head screw is an obvious development in recent years that should have been thought of years ago," Esposito says.

Instead of a straight, single-slot screw head or a Phillips

customers he may lose to the "big box" stores, as Esposito calls, often return when they find on a "day to day" basis, prices are about equal.

As a True Value distributor, Esposito claims he gets the advantage of volume buying. "There's very little wholesale difference between stores my size and those of the 'big box' variety," he said. "What we can offer is more personal service."

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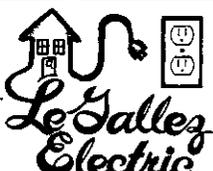
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Whether people are doing the work themselves or hiring professionals, proper planning is an important part of any home-improvement project. When hiring a contractor, people need to know exactly what they want done, so they can explain the work and get realistic estimates.

Do-it-yourselfers need to plan ahead to ensure they have set aside enough time for the project, have the right equipment and materials, and understand what needs to be done.

Having the proper equipment means not only having the tools designed for the task at hand, but also having tools that are in good condition. It is a good idea for do-it-yourselfers to check that tools are in working order before beginning a project. All handles should be fixed firmly into the tool, and jaw teeth, cutters and blades should be sharp. Any tools that are dam-

aged should be thrown away.

If, when planning a project, do-it-yourselfers find that they don't have a tool they need, they can buy, rent or borrow it. Renting or borrowing allows them to see if they like a particular model or brand, making the decision easier when they finally decide to buy the tool. If people want to buy the tool, home-improvement professionals recommend going to a knowledgeable local dealer. While prices may not be as inexpensive as those in a catalog, do-it-yourselfers will be able to get a feel for the tool before buying it.

After buying the proper equipment, people should follow the manufacturer's instructions when using each tool. Tools should be kept clean, dry and away from excessive heat. Before using a tool near electricity, people should shut off the current. If they are doing continuous work, it is a good idea to wear gloves or use comfort grips to avoid blisters or calluses.

With the proper planning and right tools and materials, people are well on their way to a successful project.

Author tells how to liberate kitchen

How do you make an apartment or house a home? The easy answer may be "move in," but creating a space and style that reflects your tastes while enhancing your quality of life isn't that easy.

"Style is not irrelevant — far from it. But no style works well unless you pay some attention to what's underneath — the bare bones of structure, design and fixtures," says international home-design expert Terence Conran in his book, "The Essential House Book: Getting Back to Basics."

Conran, founder of the chain of Habitat stores now in more than 20 countries, is also the owner of the Conran Shops in London and Paris and, as an avid cook, is the author of books on kitchens and dining areas, as well as books on bedrooms and baths.

His tips are designed to bring simplicity and common sense to home design, and focus on key elements that make a home work the way it should — efficient and flexible organization of space, good lighting, well-planned storage and sensible surfaces and materials.

The kitchen, he says, is the most important space in the whole house. These days, it is a place where the family is sustained both physically and emotionally.

The demise of the dining room — one of the most dramatic changes during the past century in the way people inhabit houses — parallels the renaissance of the kitchen. Eating or lounging in the kitchen is no longer a working-class necessity or bohemian eccentricity. It has become the accepted norm that suits an informal but busy lifestyle.

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- Keep the color palette simple. A monochromatic color scheme or one that uses only two dominant colors will visually stretch space. Although the color palette may be monochromatic, you still can create visual interest by incorporating

different textures and patterns.

- Use double-duty furniture to save space. Choose versatile pieces, like Laura Ashley's over-scaled Cressford ottoman that provides extra seating but also serves as a coffee table. Upholstered dining chairs can function equally well in a dining room and as extra seating when pulled into a living room.

- Minimize the need for storage pieces with built-in storage. Built-ins not only house a tremendous amount, but also camouflage space-stealing architectural elements like vertical beams or broken-up walls.

- Reflective surfaces can "fool the eye" into thinking that a room is bigger than it is. Using mirrors is an old trick that works. So does putting glass doors on cabinets and bookshelves.

for efficient furniture placement. For example, a bay window makes a lovely spot to nestle a small sofa or chair. An awkward wall niche may be just the place to put a desk and chair or a small table. The end of a room,

hide a lot of clutter.

- If certain rooms, like formal dining rooms, are rarely used, consider temporary furniture. A folding table covered with a colorful table cover, for example, can accommodate a dinner party, then be tucked away so the room can be used for other purposes. Another dining-room option is a table that can expand with leaves.

particularly if the ceiling slopes down, can be a cozy nook for a bed.

- Instead of space-grabbing furniture,

- Avoid elaborate, heavy window treatments that may overwhelm a small room. Choose simple window treatments, preferably ones that are installed within the window frame, like Roman blinds or shades, and make sure they let in lots of light to visually expand the room.

- Use wallpaper creatively to make rooms look larger and taller. For example, some styles can add interesting texture instead of busy pattern, while others can give the illusion of higher ceilings. Wallpaper borders also create the illusion of width.

- Keep the floors understated. Opt for plain carpet, like wool sisal, or bare wood floors with small accent rugs rather than busy-patterned carpets.

Laura Ashley offers trained design professionals who can help with design-related problems. For information about the Laura Ashley Home Styling program, call 1-800-367-2000.

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- Don't automatically put all of your furniture against the walls to try to make a room look bigger. Creative placement of furniture — like floating it in the center of the room — often makes small spaces look larger.

utilize space-saving options like shelves. For example, if there's no room for a night stand, add a long shelf behind the head of the bed or along the adjacent wall. Or, choose furniture that also can provide hidden storage. A skirted round or square plywood table can

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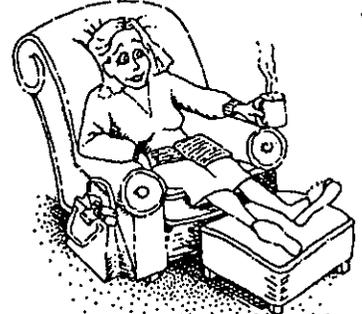
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Tips offer ways to brighten up your drabby kitchen

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1. Flooring—Say goodbye to hard-to-clean floors. With Georgia-Pacific's EternaFloor™, the look of real wood combines with a brilliant, long-lasting finish of an extremely hard lacquer to give you an easy-to-clean, wear-resistant surface. EternaFloor easily can be installed directly over a variety of subfloors, including concrete, vinyl and wood. You won't ever have to worry about refinishing, since this floor is virtually maintenance-free. Its prefinished top-coat offers shine and protection for years to come.

2. Working windows—Let the sun shine in your kitchen. Create a cozy window seat, or grow herbs right on your windowsill. It's easy with Grand View Vinyl Windows from Georgia-Pacific. Designed to visually open any room, a garden or bay window ensures maximum insulation and lowest air-infiltration rates.

3. Moulding magic—Available in a wide variety of shapes and contours, Georgia-Pacific real wood moulding can add immediate drama to your kitchen. Customize your cabinets with moulding profiles along the tops or add panel moulding to flush cabinet and drawer fronts. Create an attention-getting ceiling with a cluster of lights surrounded by moulding. Your dishwasher door even can blend in with a new moulding-framed front glued in place with epoxy. And, it's easy to build an overhead pot rack with moulding to



With a few changes, kitchens can have a whole new look.

display and store your wares at the same time.

4. A fabulous faucet—If you're looking for fashion appeal and value-packed performance, then take a look at the wide selection of kitchen faucets available from Delta Faucet Co. These faucets come in a variety of finishes to match any kitchen decor and are known for their reliable operation. For instance, the Waterfall™'s elevated spout swings 360 degrees, so it's easy to clean large pots. Other convenient and timesaving accessories include a contemporary-style vegetable sprayer and updated soap dispenser.

5. Pre-hung wallpaper—If you like the look of wallpaper, but

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6. Organized cooking utensils—Now, you can find exactly

what you're looking for without rummaging through your "junk drawer" or hunting through cabinets. Cover the top half of a wall with a perforated hardboard, like Clutter Cutter from Georgia-Pacific. Attach small hooks into the holes in the board, and hang your cooking utensils, measuring cups, small pots and pans. Everything you need will always be right at your fingertips.

7. Tempting tiles—Decorative tiles can add a splash of color and design to countertops, backsplashes or even the floor. There are lots of sizes, colors and shapes to choose from, but one constant remains: You'll need to install a stable, moisture-

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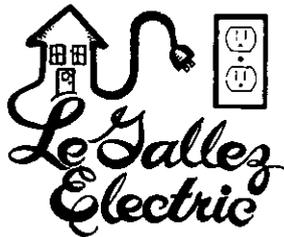
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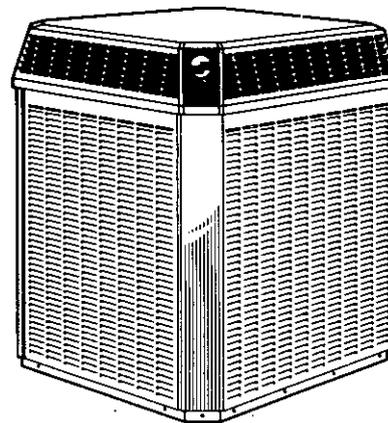
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There are two types of homes in every marketplace, the home people live in on a daily basis and the home people make ready for sale and present to the public. And there are at least two major mistakes that owners

overlook when selling their home. They never look at their home through the buyer's eyes, and they seldom realize home buyers will drive through neighborhoods and make a decision about looking inside a home based upon their impression of the house from the street.

Some exterior mistakes that many sellers make include:

- garage doors open, showing a messy garage
- cars parked in the driveway and in front of the house
- car repairs in the driveway, along with bicycles, lawn mowers and yard equipment.

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Decorating tips:

- Moulding choices depend on the size and scale of your room. Crown mouldings, for example, work best in rooms where the ceilings are eight feet or higher. Choose narrower mouldings for smaller rooms, wider ones for larger rooms.

- Mouldings should be widest at the floor level, becoming progressively narrower as they approach the ceiling.

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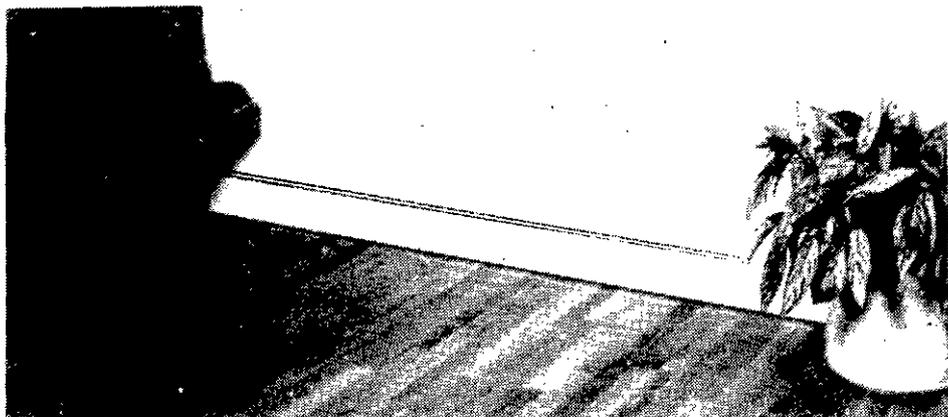
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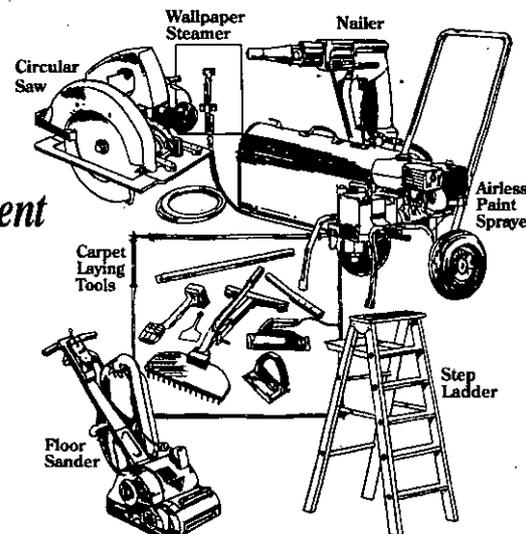
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Fresh coat of paint can do wonders for a kitchen

Paint is the easy, affordable answer if you want to give your kitchen a new look but are hesitant to delve into a costly, time-consuming remodeling project.

So says Shari Hiller, a well-known color maven and home fashion consultant for Dutch Boy Paints.

"A fresh coat of paint can do wonders for a tired kitchen," explains Hiller. "It can brighten a dark room, and make a great big space appear cozy. It can lend richness, drama and depth. It can make simple spaces important, and it can add great personal style."

Unless you've repainted before, it's hard to believe what a

change a few hours with a gallon of paint and a brush can bring to a room, says Hiller. "You may find that painting walls is enough, but if you want more of a change, take a paint brush to the cabinets as well. With some of today's fancy finishes such as sponging, rag-rolling or combing, even battered old cabinet doors can look so good that you won't want to replace them."

Painting is easy, but can you really do it yourself? Nancy Kraig, a color expert for Martin-Semour Paints, says yes.

"It's hard to imagine somebody who can't use a brush or roller," she says. "And, actually, some of the new painting

techniques that create such dazzling effects are even easier. Take sponging, for example. The cloud-like effects it creates on walls, cabinets or pieces of furniture are fabulous, and yet it's hard to make a mistake. You apply a solid-color base coat and then dab a sponge dipped in paint of another color onto the surface, allowing some of the background to show through. Then, if you don't think you've got enough color, let the first layer dry and sponge on some more. Waiting for the various layers to dry is almost the hardest part of the process, I think."

"Combing, which involves the

removal of wet paint from a freshly painted surface to create stripes, is a bit more difficult than sponging," she adds. "But I feel that with relatively little practice, the average person can achieve highly professional results."

She feels that sponging and combing are great finishes for tired cabinetry. "They produce a very luxurious look," comments Kraig. "Squint a little bit, and I think it's easy to see an heirloom where you just had a tired cabinet before."

Neutrals work wonders. If yours is one of the white laminate kitchens that dominated the housing market back

in the 1980s, paint can be a fantastic pick-me-upper. Hiller says she recently saw such a kitchen, which had been given a dramatic new lease on life with a coat of deep raspberry on the ceiling.

"Before, this kitchen was white everywhere," she says. "White cabinets, countertops, floor, walls and ceiling. So it's no wonder the owners found it cold and clinical. The infusion of raspberry gave it great warmth and personal style. It didn't even look like the same kitchen."

However, if you have kitchen cabinets made of wood, she recommends sticking to neutral tones such as taupes, beiges, peach, soft gold, pale orange, and, of course, the entire spectrum of whites, which ranges from snowy tones to creamy hues.

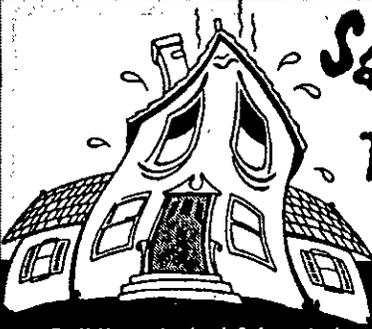
Creating texture if you're viewing with neutrals is one of the tricks Hiller has taught show, "Room-By-Room."

Room accessories count, and make-overs become even more effective with the right accessories. For a country look, Hiller suggests framed cross-stitch samplers, old-fashioned mason jars and cooking utensils, and all sorts of folk art.

For what Hiller terms a "salsa mood," go with cactus plants in terracotta pots, colorful platters, ropes of red peppers and jars of beans.

The contemporary kitchen can benefit from brightly colored canisters and serving pieces in simple shapes, modern art in sleek frames and dramatic designer cookware.

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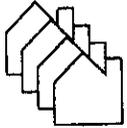
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Boredom cited as main reason for purchasing new furniture

When American families decide to replace their furniture, it's not because of exciting new styles, eye-catching advertising, great sales or any other industry-inspired motivating factors. Instead, the main reasons people give for replacing furniture have to do with wear and tear, comfort, and simply becoming tired of their current furnishings.

"People aren't buying new furniture because there's something out there they absolutely have to have in their homes," says Britt Beemer, founder and chairman of America's Research Group at a news conference at the Fall International Home Furnishings Market. "They're only buying when they're sick and tired of the furniture they own."

Beemer's analysis of attitudes toward new furniture purchases was based on a survey of 1,000 consumers conducted by America's Research Group.

Those surveyed had either purchased a sofa, living-room table, recliner or master bedroom furniture in the last two to three years or planned such a

purchase in the next year or two.

Those interviewed were given a number of considerations for replacing their furniture, including comfort, retail store appeal, new style from manufacturer, change in home decor, unexpected extra income and wear due to usage over the years.

In every single product category, considerations inside the home dictated the timing of new furniture purchases.

Of those who had purchased or planned to buy a new sofa, the desire for something different was listed by nearly one in two as the chief cause of their decision.

Simply getting tired of the sofa and worn fabric followed, with almost four in 10 saying that this consideration was definitely a strong influence on their buying decision.

When it came to purchasing a new living-room table, the top reasons for replacing the old table were: "I just wanted something different" (44.3 percent); "I got tired of it" (34.3 percent); and "the table had nicks and dings in it" (29.2 percent).

In choosing to replace a recliner, again "the desire for something different" topped the list — chosen by 45.2 percent of those surveyed. "The old recliner is no longer comfortable" was the reason given by 37.6 percent, while 36.3 percent said "their recliner fabric is worn and no longer looks nice."

Just wanting something new and different also ruled the purchase of bedroom furniture, with nearly half saying that is what motivated their new purchase.

Growing tired of the bedroom furniture was cited by 45.6 percent, and the desire for bigger bedroom furniture was given by 30 percent of new bedroom furniture purchasers.

"When the furniture industry is asking someone to spend \$500 to \$1,000, there must be a good reason," Beemer says. "Without a strong and compelling reason, consumers are simply postponing the purchase until they have to replace old and worn furniture."

The survey was conducted by telephone from America's Research Group's headquarters in Charleston, S.C.

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Exterior care enhances home values

Buying a home is a sound financial investment. Maintaining a home secures that investment. Giving your home the yearly face lift it needs ensures its value and can enhance the curb appeal of your home, neighborhood and community. In terms of current homeowners to future home buyers, maintaining a home's exterior could be the difference between a house for sale and a house that sells.

Probably the most difficult obstacles to maintaining the home's exterior are time and money. However, with the inception of advanced formulated cleaners, giving your home the necessary maintenance it needs shouldn't put a strain on you or your budget.

Renewers specially formulated to restore your home's exterior allows you to remove grime and stains.

Keep in mind:

- The first impression of a home is largely determined by the condition of what is most dominant — the exterior wall. Harsh winters can be brutal to your home's siding. Instead of another coat of paint or worse—replacement of costly siding, simply remove the layers of grime, stains and oxidation from vinyl and aluminum siding, stucco, painted wood, brick and fiberglass to revitalize your home and remove years from its exterior face.

- Part of your home's transformation includes those finishing touches to your garage floors, driveways and sidewalks. Oil deposits, gasoline and grease from vehicles will stain, weaken and create slippery driveway surfaces. Rain and groundwater also can create white deposits or stains on patios, porches and

steps. When these stains are untreated, they are harder to remove.

- Special care always should be paid to the exterior wood structures of your home in order to maintain and protect their natural beauty. If your wood structures are in relatively good shape by the end of winter, simply restoring your wood fences, decks and siding by removing grime, stains and the occasional bird dropping could be all the spring maintenance needed. By maintaining your wood structures, you can keep peace in the neighborhood, since unkept fences and wood siding not only affects your property value, but the neighborhood as well.

- Don't forget about your lawn and garden. When using exterior cleaning products, be sure that the chemical makeup or wash-off won't harm your vegetation with petroleum distillates or bleach.

Planning stage key to at-home projects

Before the birds begin to sing in the trees, many homeowners already have their spring home-improvement projects planned. Whether it's replacing windows, reshingling the roof or installing new flooring, they're ready to take action as soon as the weather gets warm.

Whether you are doing the work yourself or hiring professionals, proper planning is an important part of any home-improvement project.

Whether you are doing the work yourself or hiring professionals, proper planning is an important part of any home-improvement project. When hiring a contractor, you need to know exactly what you want

done, so you can meet with professionals, explain the work and get realistic estimates.

And you also need to plan ahead to ensure you have set aside enough time for the project, have the right equipment and materials, and understand the work before you.

Having the proper equipment means not only having the tools specifically designed for the task at hand, but also having tools that are in good condition. It is a good idea

to check that tools are in working order before beginning a project. Handles should be fixed firmly, and jaw teeth, cutters and blades should be sharp. Damaged tools should be thrown away.

If, when planning a project, you find that you don't have a tool you need, you can buy, rent or borrow it. Renting or borrowing allows you to see if you like particular model or brand, making the decision easier when you finally decide to buy the tool. If you want to buy the tool, many home-improvement professionals recommend going to a knowledgeable local dealer. While prices may not be as inexpensive as those in a catalog, you will be able to get a feel for the tool before buying it.

After getting the proper equipment, you should follow the manufacturer's instructions when using each tool. Tools should be kept clean, dry and away from excessive heat. Before using a tool near electricity, shut off the current. If you are doing continuous work, it is a good idea to wear gloves or use comfort grips to help avoid getting blisters or calluses.

With proper planning and the right tools and materials, you are well on their way to a successful project and a more beautiful home.

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Laminate floors offer durability, easy cleanup

Time at home is becoming more of luxury than ever. People constantly are searching for ways to simplify their lives to provide more time for family and fun.

This move toward simpler lifestyles is spilling over into home design, creating a demand for carefree surfacing options. Renewed interest in easy maintenance is driving the resurgence of decorative laminate as a preferred surfacing option. Products that are easy to maintain mean we spend less time doing household chores and more time with our families.

For years, laminate has been used on counters and cabinetry for its durability and low-maintenance characteristics. And, for the same reasons, laminate is now traveling onto floors.

Laminate flooring has been popular in Europe for many years, but the U.S. market is just now beginning to note its benefits, Wilde says. A surface of high-pressure decorative laminate, provides the same wipe-clean maintenance as laminate counter tops. It is a great alternative to traditional flooring options, such as wood, tile and vinyl, in areas where impact-resistance, wear-resistance and easy maintenance are important. "Kitchens, entries, children's rooms and playrooms are all natural choices for laminate flooring."

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Studies show they also relieve stress

Aquariums can be a delight for the whole family

The arrival of spring signals that everyone will soon be enjoying the beauties of nature.

Another natural beauty that can be enjoyed within the home is ornamental fish. The fascinating movements, bright and distinctive colors, and various shapes of ornamental fish are a delight for the whole family.

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 goldfish retailers.

Tropical fish are warm-blooded and require a heated aquarium. Goldfish do fine in an aquarium with a water tempera-

ture around 65 F. 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 also could build one to match the decor of your room. This is fairly simple, but be sure it's sturdy, since the weight of an 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 the wiring and tubing from your aquarium's pump and filter can be stored out of sight.

In addition to the reflector, you also will need a good filter, since goldfish are rather messy. The Whisper Power Filter and Bio-Bag Filter Cartridge system is an easy way to maintain a crystal-clear aquarium. Your dealer can help with a selection.

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 F.

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Goldfish aquariums are easy to set up and require minimal maintenance.

mometer technology is the liquid crystal digital thermometer, which affixes to the outside of the aquarium, yet measures most accurately the water temperature.

If you are going to keep a lot of fish, you also will want a separate air pump in addition to the filter to add more oxygen to the water.

Decorating your goldfish aquarium can be great fun. There are multi-colored gravels, highly decorative backgrounds, hundreds of ornaments, and plastic aquarium plants that are so real in reproduction it's almost impossible to distinguish them from live plants.

Most good retailers will have

a complete assortment, and your selection should be based on the size of your aquarium and the amount of money you decide to spend.

Once you have set up your aquarium, you should add a chlorine neutralizer to the water and initially add only a few fish. These few fish will help develop the proper biological conditions necessary to maintain a fully stocked aquarium. After three or four weeks, assuming everything is functioning properly, you can go ahead and add the rest of the fish.

Aquarium maintenance is much simpler than people think. Every two weeks, a partial water change (not greater than 20 per-

cent), by siphoning the water from the bottom of the aquarium, is all that's required.

A device called the Hydro-Clean Gravel Cleaner allows efficient siphoning by separating the debris from the gravel and removing it with the water from the aquarium. On a monthly basis, your filter will require only minimal maintenance.

Following this simple routine, your goldfish will live a long and prosperous life. In fact, one of the biggest problems people have is spending too much time maintaining their aquarium. On a daily basis, goldfish should be fed a small quantity of a quality flake food or pellet.

Goldfish are truly beautiful and have been increasing dramatically in popularity. There are many different body shapes and colors to choose from in a variety of price ranges. They will survive at much lower temperatures and could be left in an unheated area for most of the year.

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Windows can look opulent and classy

Windows covered only with blinds were, not so long ago, the height of fashion. But that's all changed now. The newest look is a dressed-up opulence.

Gone are the pinch pleats. Today, loop-top panels that hang from decorative hooks on decorative rods are the basis of much window dressing. Scarves that simply drape over the rods or swags, jabots, cascades and other top treatments that are hung on the rods can be layered for a more formal decor or a change of pace—or season.

The new look is best exemplified by soft, flowing window dressing that hangs in loose, unconstructed folds, in its antique coloring. Over the panels, extra-long scarves in black and antique are combined and draped asymmetrically with the longest one "puddling" on the floor, enhancing the opulent decorator character of the style. Leaf rod and hooks add to the drama and decorative effect.

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Window buyers given helpful tips

With the entry of some of the nation's largest window manufacturers into the replacement-window market, a credible sales force with a reliable and extensive product line is becoming available.

Still, with the wide variety of manufacturers in the replacement-window industry, there are a number of things to look for when considering replacement windows.

First, find a company that provides a complete program, with factory-authorized dealers who handle the complete replacement process themselves.

A company representative should consult with the homeowner to determine the exact window and door needs, install the windows and doors, and then do a customer satisfaction audit once the products have been installed.

The company should have a complete and diverse product line, including double-hung tilts, casements, awnings, garden bays, angle bays and bow windows, as well as sliding patio doors, french doors and center-swing doors.

As the replacement-window needs of homes are unique, the products must be built to exact



Locating a reliable company is important when replacing windows.

specifications for a perfect replacement fit. Aesthetic options, like color choice, wood-grain interiors, and grilles in the air space, provide valuable choices and set companies apart from their competition.

Replacement windows historically have been a vinyl product. To ensure you have a quality-constructed vinyl product, make sure the vinyl is made with high-impact stabilizers. These will prevent rust, corrosion, blistering, flaking and peeling.

You also should look for a thick, multi-chambered design in the vinyl extrusions, as this will reduce expansion and contraction, as well as provide

superior insulation. The corners should be fusion-welded on both the sash and frame to provide strength and durability.

Silicon glazing of the sash will decrease water and air infiltration, and there should be a variety of glazing options, such as insulated glass, and argon gas, because these provide the highest energy-efficiency performance, while protecting interior furnishing from the sun's rays.

Last, but perhaps most important, is the warranty. Choose a replacement-window product which offers a strong warranty backed by a longstanding company.

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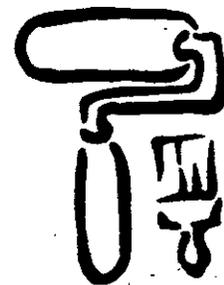
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Microwave installation an easy project

Consumer spending on remodeling has doubled over the past decade, according to the National Association of Home Builders Remodelers Council, and at the top of homeowners' lists for remodeling is the kitchen. Many people will give their kitchen a new look with a sleek design and uncluttered counters. One cost-effective way to do this is with an over the range microwave oven.

Over the range microwave ovens are designed to maximize space and leave the counter clutter-free. Space requirements are approxi-

mately 30 inches wide, 16 inches high and 14 inches deep. Key features are a full complement of microwave capabilities, exterior exhaust or recirculating fan, and hood light, both of which can be used independently. For many, the over the range is an exciting replacement to an existing range hood/fan.

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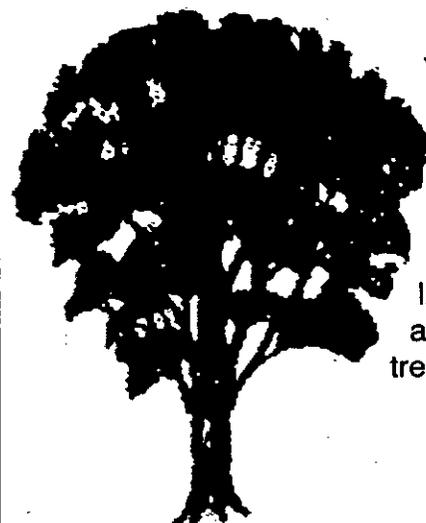
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The dream ends for V'ville boys Ladybirds keep it up in quest of CC-C title

By Adam Cole
The Cinderella post-season run for Voorheesville finally ended last Friday when the Blackbirds lost 52-39 to the Mechanicville Red Raiders in the Section II, Class CC championship game.

including 3 of 4 from three-point range. "Their third quarter shooting was just too much to come back from," said Blackbird head coach **Bill Logan**. "We played real tough against a real good team. We had a lot of fun and that was my goal."

called the victory a major upset. "We were a huge underdog. I don't think that they were used to seeing a tough zone defense, and that caused them to miss a lot of shots."

By Matt McKenna
The Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team won a trip to Adirondack Community College with its triumph in the class CC sectionals. The girls beat fellow Colonial Council teams Watervliet and Mechanicville last week to win a berth in the C-CC championship game against Corinth.

14, and Meade chipped in with 12 points and 11 steals.

"We didn't play as well as we wanted to tonight," said coach **Jack Adams**. "But as the game went on, our defense took over and we started to take the ball right at them. I was also very happy with how we closed out the game from the foul line."

After falling behind by 10 points late in the first quarter, the Blackbirds played solid defense and went into the half down by a point. They held Mechanicville to only one point in the second quarter.

Leading the Blackbirds against Mechanicville was senior **Michael Beadnell** with 12 points. Beadnell was also named to the tournament all star team.

The Birds were led by **Andy Bayus** who collected 22 points and seven rebounds. **John Christianson** added 10 for the Blackbirds who finish the year with a 10-14 record.

Graduating seniors this year are **Beadnell, Bayus, Joe Robichaud, Jason Patterson, Ryan Foster** and **Brandon Emerick**.

The trek started last Wednesday, when the Blackbirds traveled to Colonie High School to take on the Cannoneers of Watervliet. These teams had met twice during the regular season, with Voorheesville coming away with easy victories.

This brought the girls to the finals against Mechanicville, which came into the game with a record of 12-11. The Blackbirds were trying to make it 23-0.

The game started slowly again, as Mechanicville trailed by only 9-6 after the first period. The Blackbirds began to break it open in the second quarter as **Becky Dawson** scored five points and pulled down four rebounds. The Birds went on to win, 53-30.

Meade had 13 points and four steals, and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Dawson chipped in with 12 points and 14 rebounds, and Person added 11 for the victors.

"Mechanicville played very hard today and gave us a run for our money," said Adams. "This was a very important game for us. We were defeated in the C-CC game last year, and we really wanted to get back to it and avenge the loss."

McKenna & Strickler lead Section II at state championship swim meet

The Bethlehem boys varsity swim team put the finishing touches on an outstanding season at the New York State Championship meet last weekend at the Erie County Community College Natatorium in Buffalo.

Leading the charge for Section II was **Brian McKenna** of Voorheesville High School who captured first in the 100-yard breaststroke.

backstroke. The 200 yard medley relay team of Denkers, Strickler, Teresi and Finley was 11th.

Both teams started off slowly before Voorheesville turned up the pressure and forced a large number of turnovers in the second period. Sophomore **Jane Meade** had 10 points off of five steals in this span. The Blackbirds took a 32-18 lead into the locker room during halftime.

Watervliet came back in the third period, but only got as close as 14 points as Voorheesville continued to pressure them into mistakes. The Blackbirds finished the game completing 24 of 29 from the free-throw line. The final score was 64-34.

Kristin Person led all scorers with 18 points. **Regan Burns** had

Having won their 25th straight Section II Championship two weeks before, the Eagles had high hopes of a strong showing at the state swim meet.

His time of 51.21 seconds made him the only swimmer of the 320 competing in the state meet to gain All-American status. He was also ninth in the 100-yard butterfly.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Barclay, Strickler, Finley and Putnam swam a strong race in the consolation finals, but were disqualified on a technicality.

Community Sports Association will host a men's doubles tennis tournament Saturday, March 16, at Capital Region Tennis club, formerly Southwood Tennis Club, on Route 9W in Albany.

Seven of the 18 swimmers on the Section II team were from BC: **Seth Finley, Adriaan Denkers, Reid Putnam, Sean Barclay, Greg Teresi, Brian Strickler** and **Steve Corson**.

Strickler had the highest place finish of the Bethlehem group, taking fifth in the 200 individual medley. He was 15th in the 100 yard breaststroke.

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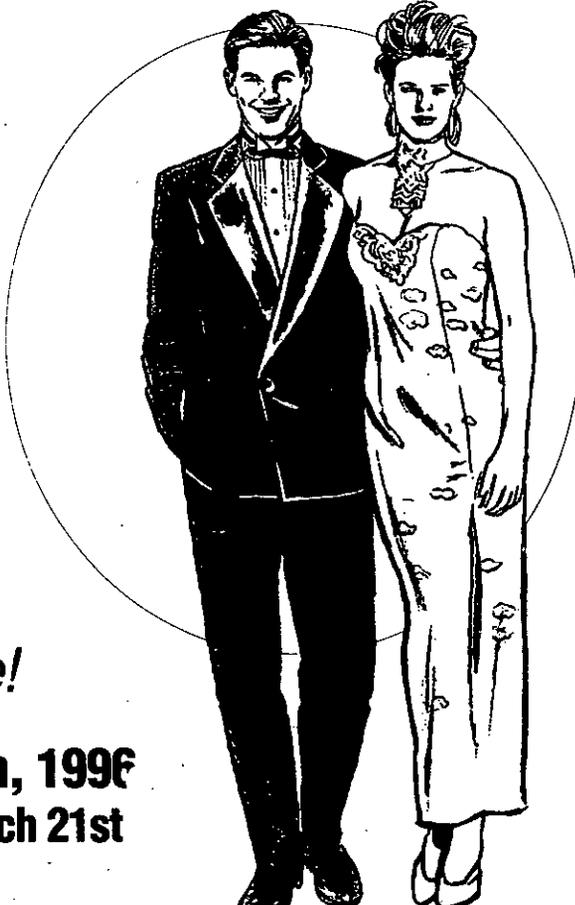
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NOW

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While all four board members present (Councilwoman Doris Davis was absent due to a death in the family) expressed doubts about what the company's actual aims were, they did not close the door completely.

"I'd like to encourage the applicant to come up with something that would be acceptable to the town," said Councilman Ted Putney. "I hope some type of middle ground could be reached."

NOW president Richard Deitz planned to move his waste processing facility from its current location on South Pearl Street in Albany to the Barker Steel building this spring. He was prepared to spend \$2 million to acquire and renovate the abandoned structure.

Space constraints at the current site prompted the company's desire to move. The new location (80,000 square feet) would have doubled the company's capacity to process co-mingled recyclables and construction debris.

Councilman George Lenhardt said his no vote was based on his understanding that the facility would "not be devoted to just clean recyclables. The disadvantages far outweigh the advantages."

"I've visited both (the new and old) sites several times, and I've read more about solid waste and garbage than I thought I would for the rest of my life," said Councilman Bob Johnson. "But the idea of bringing in municipal solid waste makes me uncomfortable."

"Our own solid waste ordinance (which forbids importing solid waste into town) was well put together over a long period of time, and it should not be treated frivolously," said Councilman Ted Putney. "I am particularly concerned about the flood plain question. While it is a fairly rare event, it could be devastating to the river."

Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor told the board that during the recent flooding, there was "a foot-and-a-half to two feet of water inside the former Barker Steel Building," which is about 50 feet from the river.

Secor told the board that based upon his and Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph's review of the project, "We just feel

it's too large of an operation for this size facility," processing 1,200 tons of waste materials per day.

Tim Welch, spokesman for New Options on Waste, said "The bottom line was that 100 percent of that material would have left the town of Bethlehem. If we didn't get that message across, we failed."

"There were some forces that were marshalled behind the scenes that based their opposition on things that had occurred in the past," Welch added. "The BWOW (Bethlehem Work on Waste) group was just looking for a chance to assert themselves again."

Deitz said he planned to meet with Fuller "to see what the problem is, and if it's something we can iron out, we'll go ahead."

"We probably didn't do a good job at educating (the town board)," he added. "I felt really bad that we weren't able to contact them at all after the public hearing."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said her decision was based on there being just "too many discrepancies in the company's final presentation. It's business. It's jobs. It's very important to the town of

Teleflora reaches out to help Easter Seals

Teleflora is working with the New York Easter Seals Society to raise money to help people with disabilities.

Teleflora will donate 10 percent of the purchase price of any flower arrangement ordered through their company to Easter Seals.

To order a flower arrangement, call 1-800-577-7864.

Volunteers needed to deliver meals

The St. Peter's Hospital Mobile Meals Program is seeking volunteers who can spend 90 minutes a week delivering meals to homebound seniors.

A flexible schedule between 10:30 a.m. and noon is available, as well as a choice of days.

To register, call the hospital's volunteer office at 454-1515.

Dole

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"conservative, but not that far right," VonRonne said. "I hope a lot of people get out and vote."

Town Clerk Corinne Cossac, the senior elected Republican in New Scotland, said she would probably vote for Dole.

"I want somebody who knows the ropes, who can get things done," Cossac said. "Dole is knowledgeable in foreign policy and has paid his dues."

The New York primary may seem anticlimactic to James Kiepper of Delmar, a retired University at Albany professor who spent a week in New Hampshire prior to that state's primary.

Kiepper said he thought Buchanan would do "quite well" in upstate New York, "especially in the hinterlands."

Buchanan won in New Hampshire because "People thought he was talking their language," while "Dole hasn't sharpened his message" and people "got sick of" Forbes' "overkill of TV commercials," Kiepper said.

Buchanan organizer Dave DeWard of Troy said that the local effort is "a labor of love, with people calling (lists of registered Republicans) from their homes."

Buchanan supporters are also calling local talk radio shows "just like Pat," tapping into a free and, at least in New Hampshire, effective way of encouraging people to vote for Buchanan, DeWard said.

A Forbes spokesman who requested anonymity because he is a Republican committeeman in Albany said that Dole's support is "like a large parking lot puddle — it may look impressive but it's only an inch deep."

The spokesman said that the local Forbes campaign will be calling likely voters and getting literature out before tomorrow's primary.

Polls will be open tomorrow from noon to 9 p.m. Only registered Republicans can vote in the presidential primary.

Voters will choose three delegates and three alternates who will represent Dole, Buchanan or Forbes at the national convention in San Diego.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at P.J.'s Mini Mart and Stewarts

Pioneer

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Early dialysis treatment was very different from the way it is used today.

"When we started, this was a big job," a process that lasted about six hours," Kiley said. Early treatment was also limited because of the necessity of having to use a different vein for each procedure. Improvements in vascular access, however, soon made dialysis more efficacious.

"Today, there are relatively no limitations to the machinery available," for dialysis treatment, he said adding that some doctors tend to under-use dialysis.

"Even doctors tend to think the least is the best," he said. "There's a tendency to under-treat."

Some patients even do "very, very well" when they are dialyzed at home. Kiley recalls one woman who treated herself at home, and led a very active life as a full-time music teacher and was also very active in her church as well.

The luxury of hindsight makes the strides of Dr. Kiley and his colleagues seem simpler than they were at the time. "It's one thing to look back, but when we started out, it was an experiment," he said.

Throughout the Albany group's history, there were times when they were in the national spotlight.

Kiley remembers the nationwide attention in 1962 when about a dozen newborns in Binghamton were near death from salt poisoning. The infants had been fed formula made with table salt rather than sugar, and one of the babies manifested what Dr. Kiley believes was the highest serum sodium level ever recorded — 274. Because of dialysis, that story ended happily with "dramatic and amazing recovery."

During the crisis, Kiley said he summoned help from Larry Finburg, a dialysis expert working in New York City at the time. But Finburg got stranded in Syracuse in a snowstorm, and Kiley ended up working for 36 hours straight to save the babies.

"He (Finburg) got there just in time for the press conference, I went to bed," Dr. Kiley quipped.

Dr. Donald McGoldrick, head

of nephrology at Albany Medical Center Hospital, credits Dr. Kiley with "training virtual all of the doctors" in nephrology in this area.

"He was also instrumental in starting the home dialysis program," McGoldrick said.

McGoldrick, who interned at the medical hospital under Kiley said, "He was an excellent teacher. He is a giant in this field."

Kiley believes dialysis will remain the mainstay for the treatment of kidney failure. "It's hard to see how there could ever be enough available organs to transplant," he said, given the number of patients suffering with kidney disease.

Dr. Kiley is now partially retired, working part-time at the Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

He believes doctors today should remain true to themselves.

"The best guideline is to honor your intellectual satisfaction. I think medicine will always be rewarding, but people attracted by economic rewards may very well be disappointed," he said. "Sickness is not an area to generate a profit."

RCS reading festival to draw kids' authors

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School will host its fifth Young Readers and Authors Festival on Saturday, April 13.

Nationally-known authors Alane Ferguson, G. Clifton Wisler and William Selator will be on hand to sign books and give presentations to Ravena students.

The event will begin at 9 a.m., and an autographing session will take place around noon. The cost is \$10 per student. Adults can participate for free.

For information, call the RCS Middle School at 756-2155.

Project Wild workshop slated at Five Rivers

A Project Wild teacher workshop will be held Wednesday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Participants should dress for indoor/outdoor activity. Pre-registration is required.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Book group to mull 'The City of God'

The Bethlehem Public Library's Adult Great Books Discussion Group will meet at the library, located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, on Wednesday, March 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

A selection from *The City of God* by St. Augustine will be discussed.

New members and guests are welcome, but only those who have finished the reading may participate in the discussion. Reserve copies of the text are available in the library.

For information, call the reference desk at 439-9314.

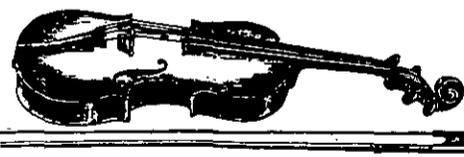
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Obituaries

William M. McHugh

William M. McHugh, 33, of Berne and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, March 2, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Schoharie County.

Born in Albany, he had lived in Delmar for most of his life. He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Rochester Institute of Technology.

He was a former research analyst for the state Commission on Corrections. He was an equipment operator for the state Thruway Authority.

Mr. McHugh was an avid skier and held a black belt in karate. He was a former taekwon do instructor in Delmar.

Survivors include his parents, Bernard and Dawne Schumaker McHugh of Delmar; three sisters, Gail J. Douglas of Glenmont, Barbara M. Lasnik of Delmar and Kathleen M. McHugh of Rochester; and a brother, Bernard J. McHugh Jr. of Glenmont. He was the dear friend of Kim and Karla Birch of Berne.

Services will be at 8:45 a.m. today, March 6, at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany, and at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

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

Paul Moran

Paul W.F.J. Moran, 84, of Delmar died Friday, March 1, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Wichita, Kan., he was a former chief engineer for the state Dormitory Authority in Elsmere. He was a graduate of Pittsburg State College in Kansas.

In 1945, Mr. Moran moved to Niagara Falls, where he worked for the DuPont Co. and the Carborundum Co.

He moved to Delmar in 1967 and became chief engineer for the Dormitory Authority. He retired in 1984.

Mr. Moran was the author of the first energy code for construction of buildings in New York and also of the first roof decking code.

He was instrumental in the funding, design and construction of five Roman Catholic churches and schools in the Midwest and New York.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas, and was involved in the Boy Scouts at various levels for many years. He received the Silver Beaver badge.

He was a former commodore for the LaSalle Yacht Club and the Carborundum Navy, both in Niagara Falls, the Council of Yacht Clubs of the Hudson Valley, and Albany Yacht Club, where he originated and edited the club's newsletter.

Mr. Moran was a 30-year member and a past commander of the

Power Squadron in Niagara Falls and a former board member of the Mohawk-Hudson squadron.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Fern Anderson Moran; a son, Paul William Thomas Moran of Fairport, Monroe County; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

Francis W. Mendel

Francis W. Mendel, 60, of Delmar died Friday, March 1, at his home.

Born in Cohoes, he was a graduate of LaSalle Institute in Troy and Siena College, with a degree in finance.

He was an Air Force veteran.

Mr. Mendel worked for Blue Cross for 27 years, rating large health insurance contracts. He also worked for Wright Employee Services in Colonie.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Murphy Mendel; two sons, Stephen Mendel of Wildwood, N.J., and Gary Mendel of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Karyn Mendel and Catherine Mendel, both of Delmar; his father, William Mendel of Maryland; and two sisters, Barbara Pansiewski and Monica Flatley, both of Maryland.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Menands.

Contributions made to St. Peter's Hospice Home Care Division, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Thomas Mensching

Thomas E. Mensching, 87, of Fairfield Court in New Scotland, died Thursday, Feb. 29, at his home.

Born in New York City, he lived there for many years, before moving to Voorheesville.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

He was a stagehand and scenic carpenter for the IATSE union in New York. He built scenery for TV, Broadway and road companies.

Mr. Mensching had also worked for NBC, CBS and the Metropolitan Opera in New York. He worked on the Jackie Gleason Show and the Perry Como Show.

He was husband of the late Rita Bunt Mensching.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Lauria of Smithtown, Suffolk County; a son, Thomas E.

Mensching Jr. of Voorheesville; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & son Funeral Home and St. Matthew's Church, both in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Earl Washburn

Earl Theodore Washburn, 88, of Elsmere Avenue in Elsmere, died Thursday, Feb. 29, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

Born in New York City, he was a longtime resident of Bethlehem.

Mr. Bird had been a salesman for the former Bird & Son in Albany. More recently, he was area manager for the former Howmet Corp. in Albany.

He was a member of the Onesequethau Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife Helen Washburn; two sons, Earl Washburn Jr. of Roxbury, Delaware County, and Robert Washburn of Concord, N.H.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

Burial was in Pawtucket, R.I.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Church Memorial Fund.

Linda Leonard

Linda Leonard, 47, of Clarksville died Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she had lived in Clarksville for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Leonard worked for the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

She was a member of Clarksville Community Church, the Onesequethaw Fire Department, and the Albany County Fire Police Association. She was a 4-H leader for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Keith Leonard; two daughters, Bobbi Jean Jeune and Jamie Lynn Leonard, both of Clarksville; a son, Dustin K. Leonard of Clarksville; her parents, William and Helen Springer of Voorheesville; three brothers, William Springer of Milford, Del., Kenneth Springer of Berne and John Springer of Voorheesville; two sisters, Cheryl Applebee and Karen Springer, both of Voorheesville; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Spring burial will be in Onesequethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to the Albany County Deputy Sheriffs Union for the Christmas for Hilltown Families Fund, c/o Sgt.

Mike Winnie, 390 New Salem Road, Voorheesville 12186.

Galusha service

A memorial service for Louise Galusha will be held Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.m. in the chapel at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Refreshments for family and friends will be served in the church lounge following the service.

V'ville Navyman off on overseas mission

Navy Chief Petty Officer Dean R. Barkenhagen, son of Patricia A. Freestone of New Salem Road in Voorheesville, recently departed from Norfolk, Va., on a 30,000 mile, six-month overseas deployment aboard the fleet oiler *USS Merrimack*.

Barkenhagen is one of 333 sailors aboard the oiler, which serves the *USS George Washington* battle group. The 10 other ships and submarines in the group carry over 80 tactical aircraft and are armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Notre Dame concert to raise music funds

The University of Notre Dame Concert Band will perform in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School gymnasium in Voorheesville on Monday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Voorheesville Friends of Music.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

For information or to reserve tickets, call 765-3314, ext. 213.

Mothers' Time Out to hear design tips

Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet on Monday, March 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Katie Olsen from K.O. Designs will speak on custom window treatments and other interior decorating services.

For information, call 439-9929.

Marketing seminar set in Voorheesville

A marketing seminar designed for home-based and micro-businesses will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County offices on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The program will feature a one-hour live satellite broadcast to help potential and existing home-based and micro-business owners with marketing issues and trends related to their product or service.

Subjects that will be discussed during the seminar include positioning, promotion, production and pricing.

For information, call the cooperative extension at 765-3500.

Elsmere woman earns law firm promotion

Anne M. Hurley of Elsmere was recently promoted to the post of officer and director of Carter, Conboy, Case, Blackmore, Napierski and Maloney, P.C.

Hurley has been associated with the law firm since 1988. She is a 1985 graduate of SUNY-Buffalo and a 1988 graduate of SUNY-Buffalo School of Law.

She is a trial attorney practicing in the fields of medical malpractice, personal injury and premises liability litigation.

Library seeking reading volunteers

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar is looking for adults willing to read stories to children during National Library Week.

Drop-in read-aloud sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 15 to 19.

For information, call the youth services department at 439-9314.

Church singers join to present Requiem

The Delmar Reformed Church Chancel Choir and members of the First Presbyterian Church Choir of Albany will present Charles Gounod's *Requiem* at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Sunday, March 10, at both the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services.

For information, call 439-9929.

Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.

Indian Eagle venture teaches valuable business skills

By Katherine McCarthy

On Thursday evening, employees of Indian Eagle Enterprises will be attending their company's awards dinner, an unusual event, given that the company has been out of business for over a month.

Indian Eagle is unique, though. It's this year's Junior Achievement project, and the 60 student participants from Bethlehem and Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk high schools will happily celebrate their company's establishment, growth, profitability and demise.

Selkirk Cogen and GE Plastics sponsored Indian Eagle, and 16 advisers from both companies assisted the students during their 15-week introduction to the workings of the business world.

"We all worked incredibly hard," Beth van Bladel, a senior financial analyst at Selkirk Cogen, said, describing the Monday night meetings that lasted about 90 minutes. "The goal is for kids to get a true feel for what running a company is about."

They did. With the help of their advisers, they worked from the ground up, beginning by choosing their company's name, a combination of their sports teams' nicknames.

They elected corporate officers and set their salaries. Officers were paid \$1.25 per night, employees 40 cents per hour, plus a 10 percent sales commission.

Then they went public: each member of the company bought a share of stock, at \$1 per share, and then gave family and friends the chance to invest in Indian Eagle. Other departments were created, each one with a student manager — marketing, finance, human resources and production.

Indian Eagle's primary product, "Party In a Bag," was the advisers' brainchild, but the stu-

dents did all the work. The marketing department designed and priced the product, comprised of a video from Leeder's, pizza from PizzaHut, a Carvel ice cream cake, apple cider, popcorn and breath mints. The package sold for \$15, a savings of \$6.65 over the regular price of those goods. Customers actually purchased a bag with coupons, designed by the marketing department and approved by the merchants who would redeem them.

"We got great support from community merchants, who gave the students a price break, and waited until the project was complete to collect their payment," van Bladel said.

It's really a great way to get hands-on experience.

Heather Mann

"The marketing department had to decide on the pricing, remembering that they wanted to make a profit," van Bladel said, which required taking into account the cost of the items as well as the company's salary costs.

"The kids sold enough to meet their payroll and commissions, with a little bit of profit," van Bladel reported happily.

The students also sold decorated candles and did some face-painting at a Junior Achievement trade show at the Clifton Country Mall in December.

No casual dressing and hanging out was allowed, though. "They had to figure out who would work which shifts, and they had to dress professionally," said van Bladel.

Robin McMahon, human resource generalist at GE Plastics, said the project was a learning experience for the advisers, too.

"The advisers got an understanding for what high school students are about, and some of the problems they face, like drugs in the schools," McMahon said. "For us, it was a huge commitment of time, since we often met again during the week."

GE Plastics also took the students on a tour of the plant, and arranged for guest speakers like the plant manager and security personnel.

McMahon and van Bladel both participated in Junior Achievement when they were in high school.

"It's a great extension of high school," McMahon said. "It provides an introduction to the real world at a time when most kids haven't really started thinking about it yet."

Florence Dufek, Junior Achievement program manager, praised the students and advisers of Indian Eagle.

"The kids worked hard and I was very pleased with their accomplishments," Dufek said. "The advisers from GE Plastics and Selkirk Cogen, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, were very energetic and involved."

Of the 14 Junior Achievement companies in the Capital District, Bethlehem/Selkirk had one of the highest levels of participation.

"We actually could form two companies there, if we had more corporate sponsors," Dufek said. "We get kids who come back every year, and you really get to see their development. We had one young lady who started out as a little ninth-grader, and she's graduating this year as a very confident and outgoing woman. These are the kinds of kids we should be seeing more of in the news."

Heather Mann, a junior from Bethlehem, was enthusiastic



Selkirk Cogen financial analyst Beth van Bladel, right, helps Jessica Burns, a Bethlehem Central High School freshman, prepare the financial records of Indian Eagle Enterprises.

about her experience with Junior Achievement.

"It's a great program, especially how the students come together as a group," she said. "It's really a great way to get hands-on experience."

Mann did secretarial work in the marketing department.

"We bought the raw materials, figured out what to do with them, priced the product, set the salaries, and then passed it on to finance," she recalled.

During February vacation,

Mann attended the regional Junior Achievement Leadership Conference, where students participate in workshops, look at colleges and careers, work on the Internet, and engage in some team-building and competitions.

Will Mann pursue a business career? "Oh, yeah," she responded immediately, "and I'll definitely do Junior Achievement next year. I think more people should get involved with this. It teaches you about working with your peers, and learning business."

Youth Network

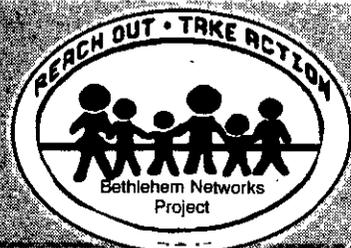
A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

Networks offers free self-esteem workshop

On Thursday, March 14, parents of elementary school children are invited to take part in a workshop, Self Esteem — Parenting for the 90s, sponsored by School's Out and Bethlehem Networks Project. Gwen Guillet, a Bethlehem Central guidance counselor, will conduct the free workshop.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn valuable parenting techniques, and learn how to foster responsibility and independence. Children with high self-esteem believe they are capable, respect their individuality and have a sense of creativity and imagination.

The workshop will be at Delmar Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Call 439-9300 to register. Child care is available upon advance request only.



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David O'Brien and Nicole McCauslin

McCauslin, O'Brien to marry

Nicole Elizabeth McCauslin, daughter of Steven and Elizabeth McCauslin of Delmar, and David L. O'Brien, son of David and Linda O'Brien of Glenmont, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the Junior College of Albany and the University at Albany. She is

employed as a clerk in the accounting department of Key Bank in Albany.

The future groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed as a microfilm technician in the Albany County Bureau of Records in Albany.

The couple plans a Sept. 14 wedding.

Elletson, Jamieson to marry

Susan Lynn Elletson, daughter of Jon Elletson of Kingsport, Tenn., and Jane Elletson of Delmar, and Dr. Mark Allan Jamieson, son of Lee and Gloria Jamieson of Nipomo, Calif., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Maryland at College Park. She is employed as a marketing manager by Robert

Half International in Menlo Park, Calif., and is pursuing a master's degree in marketing.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of California at San Diego and Georgetown University School of Medicine. He is a medical resident at Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

The couple plans an Aug. 24 wedding.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, David Lloyd Clark, to Joy and Ford Clark, Delmar, Dec. 24.

Girl, Sara Lynn Paul, to Carolyn Herbert and Roy Paul, Feura Bush, Jan. 26.

Boy, Kevin Michael Rooney, to Christine and Michael Rooney, Glenmont, Feb. 9.

Girl, Elizabeth Joan Hite, to Nancy Doran-Hite and Charles Hite, Delmar, Feb. 14.

Boy, Alexander Payne Kerker, to Kimberly and Charles Kerker, South Bethlehem, Feb. 20.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Taylor Leigh Crandall, to Michele Myers and Matthew Crandall, Glenmont, Feb. 3.

Girl, Kayla Marie Seligmann, to Marie and Randy Seligmann, Slingerlands, Feb. 5.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Nicholas Andrew Lehring, to Tina and Andrew Lehring, Delmar, Feb. 11.

Boy, Alexander Michael Minas, to Diane and Constantinos Minas, Slingerlands, Feb. 16.

St. Clare's Hospital

Boy, Corey William Russell, to Gail and Kent Russell, Delmar, Feb. 13.

Dean's List

The following local college students were recently named to the fall semester dean's lists at their respective schools.

Colgate University — Alexander Teeter of Delmar.

Norwich University — Matthew Messina of Delmar.

Roanoke College — Joshua Stein of Delmar.

Russell Sage College — Becky Carey, Michelle Hammond, Abigail Mansky and Margaret Reppenhagen, all of Delmar; Susan Heckman of Feura Bush; Danielle LeBuis of Selkirk; Jessica Murphy and Kauthar Umar, both of Glenmont; Gretchen Storm and Lynn Sutton, both of Slingerlands; and Rebecca Bailey, Linda Conway, Noelle Crisafulli, Lynn Edmunds and Megan McCartney, all of Voorheesville.

SUNY Oneonta — Laurel Ingraham of Clarksville.

University at Albany — Timothy Pitz, Richard Sherwin and Penelope Walker, all of Delmar, and Alicia Cacciola of Clarksville.



Elizabeth and Jeffrey Parent

Keens, Parent marry

Elizabeth A. Keens, daughter of Robert and Martha Keens of Delmar, and Jeffrey J. Parent, son of Roland and Barbara Parent of Jamestown, R.I., were married Nov. 4.

The Revs. James Daley and James Walsh performed the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with the reception following at the Omni Hotel in Albany.

The maid of honor was Melissa Grey, and bridesmaids were Kellie Keens, the bride's sister-in-law, and Laura Parent and Diana Parent, sisters of the groom.

The best man was Michael Parent, the groom's brother, and ushers were Robert Keens, the bride's brother, and Mark Milewski.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Syracuse University. She is a graphic designer with Andersen Consulting in New York City.

The groom, also a graduate of Syracuse University, is an account executive with Seltel in New York City.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Brooklyn Heights.

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Community Corner



Rummage sale to benefit nursery

A rummage sale to benefit the Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School will be held at the Slingerlands Methodist Church on New Scotland Road on Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A "bag sale" of unsold items will begin at 12:30 p.m. More than 24 families will participate in the event. Sale items will include clothes, toys, books, games, baby items and household goods.

For information, call Mona Markell at 439-9634.

International theme in full bloom at Knick flower show

By Joshua Kagan

Spring is only a couple of weeks away, and this weekend's Capital District Garden and Flower Show is poised to usher in the new season in style.

More than 20,000 people are expected to pack the Knickerbocker Arena, where 15 large garden exhibits will illustrate this year's theme of "Gardens Around the World." Senior landscaping students at the State University of New York at Cobleskill researched the country represented in each exhibit and developed preliminary designs for landscapers.

"We wanted the gardens to be different and this just seemed to fit," said Kathleen Lein of Wildwood Programs, the group that will benefit from the show. "People have reached out and are doing some really creative things. The Hawaiian exhibit is even having a volcano."

In addition to the volcano, the Hawaiian exhibit will feature waterfalls, volcanic rocks, ponds and exotic plants designed to appear as they would from the air. Other highlights include Polynesian, Italian, French, Japanese, Egyptian, Australian and African gardens.

"You'll see a lot of things you'd see in other countries, especially their landscapes," Lein said. "This is not just a backyard patio."

This year's show will be the first to feature an international market and ethnic music and dance performances. Groups slated to perform include El Jaleo, a flamenco dance band, the Pokingbrook Morris Dancers and the Eleanor School of Dance.

"Our concept is that there are a lot of people there in the late afternoon who don't want to leave," Lein said. She said she hoped the music would provide a

"coffee house atmosphere" in the evening.

There will also be two contests—one in floral arrangement that has about 60 entries so far and a birdhouse competition. There will be 46 demonstrations and workshops on gardening, landscaping, flower arranging and care of plants.

"I think gardening and landscaping are very popular hobbies in the area," said Lein. "It's a way for the average homeowner to get ideas on what they can do with their homes."

More than 110 vendors will be present selling a variety of plants and garden products.

"Wildflower the Rabbit," the show's mascot, will greet children and introduce them to a play area with swings and art activities.

There will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for prizes donated by participants and local merchants, including an heirloom outdoor train and box seats to Yankee Stadium.

A preview party is slated on Thursday, March 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Arena on South Pearl Street in Albany. The 21-piece swing band, The Joey Thomas Big Band, will perform. Tours of the exhibits will be given at the party.

Tickets to the party cost \$60 and can be purchased by calling 356-6410, extension 418.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Wildwood Programs. The Schenectady agency has helped children and adults with neurological impairments and related learning disabilities for 28 years.

The show will run from Friday to Sunday, March 8 to 10. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6.50 at the door. Children under 10 get in free.

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This waterfall will be among the 15 large garden displays visitors will see at the "Gardens Around the World" show at the Knickerbocker Arena this weekend.



More than 20,000 people are expected to pass through the exhibits this weekend at the Knickerbocker Arena in Albany, where they will see gardens with an "international theme."

Godspell concludes its Schenectady run Sunday at Light Opera House

An ensemble production of *Godspell* concludes its two-week run at the Schenectady Light Opera House with performances Thursday through Sunday (Mar. 7-10) after sold-out performances this past weekend.

The Stephen Schwartz musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, has been a popular favorite since the early 1970s. At one time, more than 20 professional companies were touring the world.

An off-Broadway success for three years, the musical has become a popular presentation for community theaters and schools, given the youthful exuberance built into the story that has a Lenten theme.

Thomas Dalton Bambury has directed and choreographed this production at Schenectady, working with a young cast which portrays a touring troupe of actors enacting the last days of Christ before Easter.

The 10-member cast has been drawn from regional performers, a number of whom are appearing with the Schenectady Light Opera Company for the first time.

Reservations: 355-1699.

Two regional summer theaters plan auditions for new season

Despite the snow and cold weather that persists in the region, two Columbia county summer theaters are planning auditions for area actors to perform in the 1996 season.

This Saturday (Mar. 9), the Theater Barn in New Lebanon on Route 20 will audition actors for a season of mostly musicals.

The shows will include *Marry Me A Little*, *Once On This Island*, *Unexpected Guest*, *Pump Boys & Dinettes*, *Most Happy Fella*, *Little Mary Sunshine* and *Nunsense*.

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By Martin P. Kelly

Actors are urged to bring a ballad and an uptempo song to the audition. Non-singers need to bring a two-minute monologue.

Auditions from 1 to 3 p.m. for the paid positions will be held in the Palmer House on Route 22 in New Lebanon, one-half mile south of the Route 20 intersection. Info: 794-8989.

The following weekend, Saturday and Sunday (Mar. 16 and 17), the Mac-Haydn Theatre will audition singer/actors for its season of musicals which include *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Sound of Music*, *Funny Thing on Way to Forum*, *Grease*, *Crazy for You*, *Meet Me In St. Louis* and *Brigadoon*.

Character non-singing men and women are also needed.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Yankee Trader Restaurant on Hoffman Street in Chatham. Children ages six to 13 will also be auditioned for several of the shows.

Dancers should bring tap shoes. Information is available at 392-9292.

Gigi plays Proctor's for one performance as stage version of famed movie

The stage adaptation of Lerner and Loewe's Oscar-winning movie, *Gigi*, plays one performance Thursday (Mar. 7) at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady as part of a nation-wide tour.

The Cinderella story helped make Audrey Hepburn a major international star when the film became an Oscar hit. The actress had performed in the non-musical version of the show on Broadway and toured with the show in the early 1950s. From there she was chosen to play in the musical version in Hollywood.

Reservations for the 8 p.m. performance at 346-6204.

St. Patrick's musical revue prepares for eight-performance week

Great Day for the Irish, a six-performer musical tribute to St. Patrick's Day, prepares this weekend to launch eight-performances in the region, including a weekend at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

The Riverview Entertainment Productions' staging of the revue, plays three days in Cobleskill, and then plays Friday and Sunday evenings (Mar. 15 and 17) as a dinner theater presentation at the Delmar church.

On Saturday (Mar. 16) the company travels to Little Falls and Old Forge for two separate performances and on Sunday afternoon (Mar. 17) also plays at Costanzo's Riverside Restaurant in Waterford for a matinee.

The revue features Dick Harte of Delmar as the master of ceremonies and comic along with Janet Stasio of Slingerlands who lends her soprano voice to leading Irish ballads.

Information on the production available at 463-3811.

Around Theaters!

Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck's novel adapted for stage at Capital Rep in Albany, through March 17 (462-4534)



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THEATER

"THE GRAPES OF WRATH"
adaptation of John Steinbeck's epic, The Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through March 17, \$18. Information, 462-4534.

"WRITE ME A MURDER"
mystery by Frederick Knott, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga State Park, Saratoga Springs, dinner package available at Gideon Putnam Hotel, 8:15 p.m., \$15. Information, 587-4427.

"GIGI"
musical/comedy, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Thursday, March 7, 8 p.m., \$24.50. Information, 346-6204.

"A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY"
directed by Michael Noonan, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, weekends through March 17, 4 and 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 462-1297.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER
guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays through March 30, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

AMERNET STRING QUARTET
program of Haydn, Barber and Debussy, Kiggins Hall at Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, Thursday, March 7, 8 p.m., \$14. Information, 274-2098.

THE TERESA BURNS BAND
Martels, Broadway Avenue, Albany, Saturday, March 9, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

COBBLESTONE
Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, March 8, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

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Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, March 9, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

HAIR OF THE DOG
Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Sunday, March 10, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

JOHN GORKA
The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, March 8, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 434-1703.

SONNY PERLEY
The Century House, Route 9, Latham, Friday, March 8, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 785-0834.

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER MUSIC FEST
Dulcimer Association of Albany's eighth annual festival, McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Albany, Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9. Information, 272-3024.

DANCE

DAYTON CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY
Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Thursday, March 7, 10 a.m. and Friday, March 8, 8 p.m., \$25. Information, 473-1845.

ONTARIO BALLET THEATRE
concert performances, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, 8 p.m., \$10.

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ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

ART CLASSES
watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES
ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$25. Information, 463-4478.

DANCE CLASSES
winter session of classes, eba Center for Dance and Movement, corner of Lark and Hudson streets, Albany. Information, 465-9916.

WORKSHOP DAY
assortment of craft related workshops, Shaker Meeting House, Albany-Shaker Road, Latham, Saturday, March 9. Information, 456-7890.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW
Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost, \$6.50. Information, 487-2000.

"JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE"
family program, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Sunday, March 10, \$15 per family. Information, 463-4478.

LECTURES

WATERCOLOR SEMINAR
presented by Joan Mullen, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

READINGS

WAYNE KOESTENBAUM
acclaimed pop-intellectual poet reading from his works, Recital Hall, University at Albany's Performing Arts Center, Albany, Tuesday, March 12, 8 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

VISUAL ARTS

"PEOPLE AND PLACE"
"People and Place: Changing Land Use and Landscape in Rensselaer County," chronological look at land use in the county, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, through June. Information, 272-7232.

VIETNAM MEMORIAL GALLERY
featuring "Healing The Wounds of War: A Veteran's Return to Vietnam with His Wife," New York State Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through April 15. Information, 474-6784.

BURNS STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHS
state-of-the-art photographs from the 1950's, New York State Museum, Albany, through April 1. Information, 474-5877.

TOM BREITENBACH
display of paintings, Diemel Art Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through March 8. Information, 274-4440.

JUDY KATZ
watercolors, Mountaintop Gallery, Main Street, Windham, through March 16. Information, 734-3104.

"ERASTUS CORNING"
photographs and memorabilia of Albany's long-time mayor, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July 28. Information, 463-4478.

DEREK HAFFAR
various works of art, Columbia Greene Community College, through March 8.

"DREAMS AND REALITY"
acrylic art by Diane Tucker, Crafter Gallery, 429 Broadway, Saratoga. Information, 584-4132.

"LLAVE: A KEY TO THE SECRET"
curated by Andrea Nasrallah, Rathbone Gallery, Sage Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through March 11. Information, 445-1778.

WILLIAM JACKSON
exhibit of computer graphics, Spencertown Academy Art Gallery, Route 203, Spencertown, through April 1. Information, 413-528-7421.

THE OILS OF JULIE MALLOY
Canterbury Gallery, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, through March 31. Information, 439-2955.

MARK BENJAMIN AND MARK MCCARTY
photography exhibit, The Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, March 8 through April 18.

FASHION EXHIBIT
"A Passion For Fashion: London and Paris Style in Albany," Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, March 9 through June 9. Information, 463-4478.

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ALBANY COUNTY

FOREIGN POLICY AND THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA
Dr. Jean Stern, Chairman of the Siena College Political Science Department will speak. reservation required, The University Club of Albany, 141 Washington Ave., Albany, noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost, \$12.50. Information, 489-2233.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

FARMERS' MARKET
Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIORS LUNCHES
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB
Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCENECTADY COUNTY

"ENDOMETRIOSIS: IS HYSTERECTOMY THE ANSWER?"
Dr. Asma Niaz will address the long-term complications of endometriosis, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

WRITING WORKSHOP
for advanced fiction writers, room 210, Proctor's Arcade, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 381-8927.

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP
First United Presbyterian Church of Troy, 1913 Fifth Ave., Troy, 2 p.m. Information, 674-2243.

ALBANY COUNTY

"MANAGEMENT OF ORAL-FACIAL PAIN"
Gary Wadwa, M.D., will discuss oral-facial pain, registration required, Albany Memorial Hospital's Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 447-3554.

CHORUS REHEARSAL
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

"STORIES ALONG OUR SPIRITUAL PATHS"
Marni Gillard, M.S., will present a workshop designed to help participants maintain healthy spiritual lives, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$12. Information, 489-4431.

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

FARMERS' MARKET
corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

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

SENIORS LUNCHES
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.

CLUB 55+ JOB CENTER

program designed to assist mature individuals desiring employment, registration required, to continue every Friday for six weeks, Career Central, 230 Central Ave., Albany, information, 447-5961.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL
hosted by fifth graders, treasure hunt, arts and crafts, music, refreshments, raffles, fund-raiser for whale trip, Altamont Elementary School, Altamont, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost, tickets for booths are 25 cents apiece.

LAMAZE WEEKEND GETAWAY
breakfast and catered lunch, full use of hotel facilities, overnight accommodations, for expectant mothers and their partners, reservations required, Albany Marriott, Wolf Road, Albany, information, 452-3456.

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.

SENIORS LUNCHES
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCENECTADY COUNTY "EMPTY MIND IN ZEN"
Rev. Keido Fukushima, head abbot of Kyoto Rinzai Sect and Zen master of Tofukuji Monastery in Japan will give lecture, Reamer Campus Center Auditorium, Union College, South Lane, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 388-6172.

SATURDAY MARCH 9

ALBANY COUNTY

"A GIFT OF LOVE"
champagne reception, silent auction and music by local artists to benefit the AIDS Unit of Albany Medical Center and the Opera Excelsior's benefit fund, Cohoes Music Hall and Visitors Center, Remson Street, Cohoes, 7 p.m. Cost, \$25. Information, 456-8558.

FORUM ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

to specifically address the methods that women's organizations can do to prevent domestic violence, reservations by March 6, lunch included, question and answer session, Marriott Hotel, Wolf Road, Albany, noon. Cost, \$14. Information, 439-4348.

MINIATURE SHOW AND SALE
doll houses, accessories and workshops, to benefit the local unit of the American Cancer Society, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Cost, \$3.50 and children under 10 \$2.50. Information, 438-7841.

SUNDAY MARCH 10

ALBANY COUNTY DANCE PROGRAM

"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

hosted by the Women's League of the Italian-American Community Center, reservations required, fashions by the "Casual Set" of Stuyvesant Plaza, Italian-American Community Center, 257 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Cost, \$13. Information, 489-6266.

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

MONDAY MARCH 11

ALBANY COUNTY

PRESENTATION ON PERFORMANCE-BASED EDUCATION

Guilderland High Principal Jack Whipple will speak on putting a greater emphasis on students being accountable for their education, Guilderland Central High School, School Road, Guilderland Center, 7 to 8 p.m. Information, 452-6700.

SCENECTADY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING
Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

TUESDAY MARCH 12

ALBANY COUNTY

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FOSTER PARENTS
St. Catherine's Center for Children, North Main Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 435-9029.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
support group to meet at the Teresian House, Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

RETIREMENT AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR WOMEN
pre-registration required, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

TRUE FRIENDS
female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

BINGO
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SENIORS LUNCHES
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Anthony's Park Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 489-0936.

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SCENECTADY COUNTY

MS SELF-HELP GROUP
Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Schenectady County, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP
group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

ALBANY COUNTY

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

FARMERS' MARKET
Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

"ADOPTION: WHERE DO I START?"
program sponsored by the Adoptive Families Coalition to explore adoption, Colonie Community Center, Room 6, 1653 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 427-8813.

"THE QUALITY EQUATION: AN HMO PERSPECTIVE"
breakfast program sponsored by the Institute for the Advancement of Health Care Management of the School of Business, University at Albany, Alumni House, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Information, 442-3913.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF LOUDONVILLE HOME FOR ADULTS, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Loudonville Home for Adults, LLC.
SECOND: Albany County has been designated as the county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 12, 2075.
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is c/o Gerald Levine, 87 Melrose Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers.
(March 6, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF WESTMERE HOME FOR ADULTS, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Westmere Home for Adults, LLC.
SECOND: Albany County has been designated as the county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 12, 2075.
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF WEB DESIGNS, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Web Designs, LLC
SECOND: The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located: Albany County.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: July 4, 2076.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Ms. Deborah J. McGinn; 4 Malpass Road; Albany, New York 12203-4804.
FIFTH: The name and street address within the State of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served: Deborah J. McGinn; 4 Malpass Road; Albany, New York 12203-4804.
SIXTH: The Effective Date of the Articles of Organization shall be upon filing
SEVENTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SPECTRUM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC

Articles of Organization of Spectrum Capital Management Group, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 26, 1996, effective upon date of filing. Office Location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 3434 Carman Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.
(March 6, 1996)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SARATOGA HOLDING COMPANY, LLC

Articles of Organization of Saratoga Holding Company, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 26, 1996, effective upon date of filing. Office Location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 3434 Carman Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.
(March 6, 1996)

LEGAL NOTICE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EW ENTERPRISES, LLC (UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK)

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certified that:
FIRST: The name of the Com-

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pany is EW ENTERPRISES, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is c/o EW Enterprises, LLC, Latham Circle Mall, 800-19 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more managers.
SIXTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or to its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for any matter in respect of which such manager shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability, there shall have been a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such manager that establishes that such manager's acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or that such manager personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not legally entitled or that with respect to a distribution the subject of \$508 of the LLCL, such manager's acts were not performed in accordance with 409 of the LLCL. Neither the amendment nor the

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repeal of this Article shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article in respect to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provisions. The Article shall neither eliminate or limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to the Adoption of this Article.

SEVENTH: The Company shall have the power or indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under penalties of perjury, this 18th day of January, 1996.
(s) Eugene Weiss
Manager
(March 6, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CONTRACTORS ALLIANCE, LLC

UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: CONTRACTORS ALLIANCE, LLC.
SECOND: The county within this state in which the principal office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany County.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: December 31, 2025.
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address

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within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process served against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

c/o BREAKELL & COUCH P.C.
11 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by: A Board of Managers consisting of one Manager appointed by each Member.
SIXTH: The members of the limited liability company will not be liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company by reason of their membership.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 2nd day of January, 1996, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
s/MARK W. COUCH, Organizer
(March 6, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SPECTRUM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC

Articles of Organization of Spectrum Capital Management Group, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 26, 1996, effective upon date of filing. Office Location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 3434 Carman Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
(March 6, 1996)

The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH**

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BETHLEHEM

BC SCHOOL BOARD
meeting and budget workshop, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

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, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB
Swiss Fondue restaurant, 1903 New Scotland Road, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
evening prayer and Bible study, 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wynan 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, 479-6469.

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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 3:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**THURSDAY
MARCH**

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BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

HELDVIEW GARDEN CLUB
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**FRIDAY
MARCH**

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BETHLEHEM

"UNDER THE BIG TOP"
and March 9, program for toddlers 22-35 months, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

ASTRONOMY PROGRAM
introduction to seasonal constellations, Five Rivers Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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.

QUILTERS MEETING
Q.U.I.L.T. (Quilters United In Learning Together), United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 434-8073.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY
Ladies Auxiliary, Selkirk Fire Co. #1, Maple Avenue, Selkirk, 4:30 to 7 p.m., \$5.

**SATURDAY
MARCH**

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BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

RUMMAGESALE
to benefit Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, Slingerlands Methodist Church, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 439-9634.

PASTA DINNER
held by the Bethlehem Lab School, Bethlehem High School cafeteria, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 5 to 7 p.m., \$6. Information, 439-0268.

NEW SCOTLAND

PAINTING WORKSHOP
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

SLIDE SHOW

presented by the Audubon Society of New York State, Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary, Selkirk, 10 to 11 a.m. Information, 767-9051.

**SUNDAY
MARCH**

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BETHLEHEM

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.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 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
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 439-0358.

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.

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. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-2016.

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.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, youth group, 6:30 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

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., adult classes, 11 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 available, coffee/fellowship following services, youth groups, 6:30 p.m., 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

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 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior choir or chime choir practice, 9 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., recorder group practice, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH
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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
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, 9:30 p.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.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

**MONDAY
MARCH**

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BETHLEHEM

VOYAGE TO TRISTAN DA CUNHA
presentation about remote volcanic island, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT
Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

SUNSHINE SENIORS
covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-7179.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND TOWN BOARD
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD
large group instruction room, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A. Information, 765-3313.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME CONCERT BAND
proceeds to benefit Voorheesville Friends of Music, reservations available, Voorheesville High School gymnasium, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$5 adults, \$3 students. Information, 765-3314, ext. 213.

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

**TUESDAY
MARCH**

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BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BINGO
Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

Spotlight on Dining

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ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY
Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

A. W. BECKER PTA
Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

PLANNING BOARD
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

BETHLEHEM

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP
discussion of "The City of God" by St. Augustine, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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.

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Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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.

"LIVING LIFE BEYOND THE CLUTTER"
Helen Volk will host workshop on simplifying life, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

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.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
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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, 479-6469.

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

THURSDAY MARCH 14

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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, 2 to 4:30 p.m. 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.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY
firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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.

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

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404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 6:30 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.

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

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all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PHYSICIANS SYSTEMS, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Physicians Systems, LLC.

SECOND: Albany County has been designated as the county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 15, 2010.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 2 Palisades Drive, Executive Woods, Albany, New York 12205.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers. (March 6, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE HENKE-WARREN AGENCY, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: The Henke-Warren Agency, LLC

SECOND: Albany County has been designated as the county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2075.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is c/o William H. Brown, 20 North Street, Albany, New York 12204.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers. (March 6, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CHA TECH SERVICES, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby formed under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is CHA Tech Services, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

THIRD: The formation of the Company is to be effective January 1, 1996.

FOURTH: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FIFTH: In addition to the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the LLCL, the latest date on which the Company may dissolve is December 31, 2045.

SIXTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the

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Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Ill Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205.

SEVENTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

EIGHTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 29th day of November, 1995.

Richard A. Langer (March 6, 1996)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF CLOUGH, HARBOUR & ASSOCIATES, LLP

Under Section 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Clough, Harbour & Associates, LLP.

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is Ill Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205-0269.

THIRD: The professions to be practiced by such partnership without limited partners is professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to Section 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 111 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205-0269.

FIFTH: The future effective date of the registration is January 1, 1996.

SIXTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

William A. Harbour, President (March 6, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ESSENTIAL STAFFING LLC Under §203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

The undersigned being authorized to execute and file these articles hereby certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "the company") is Essential Staffing LLC.

SECOND: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Saratoga County.

THIRD: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process,

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against the company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 20 Glen Terrace, Glenville, New York 12302.

FIFTH: The name and address in New York of the registered agent of the Company upon whom and at which process against the Company can be served are Mark Mastroianni, 20 Glen Terrace, Glenville, New York 12302.

SIXTH: The business of the company will be to supply temporary staffing of Allied Health Personnel and to perform all legally permissible purposes in addition to the aforementioned purpose.

SEVENTH: The company is to be managed by its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed this 19th day of October, 1995 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury. (March 6, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC= KEMPER REALTY ADVISORS, LLC)

Articles of Organization of Kemper Realty Advisors, LLC filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") January 31, 1996. Duration: January 1, 2016. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 504 Sir Charles Way, Albany, New York 12203; Purpose: consulting for structuring of commercial real estate transactions. (March 6, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of 637 Elm Avenue, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 23, 1996, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 2145 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL. (March 6, 1996)

BASIC ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE COMPANY

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF DENTISTS DIRECT SERVICES, LLC

Under Section 1203 of the limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the professional service limited liability company is: Dentists Direct Services, LLC.

SECOND: The professional service limited liability company is formed for the practice of the profession of dentistry.

THIRD: The county within this

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professional service limited liability company is to be located is: Albany.

FOURTH: The latest date in which the professional service limited liability company is to dissolve is: March 1, 2026.

FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the professional service limited liability company served upon him or her is: 7 Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207-1066.

SIXTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the professional service limited liability company can be served is: DSSNY Administrators incorporated, 7 Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207-1066.

SEVENTH: The Articles are effective upon filing.

EIGHTH: The professional service limited liability company is to be managed by: One or more managers.

NINTH: The names and residence addresses of all individuals who are to be the original members and the original managers: Dr. Milton L. Lawney, 4 Tiffany Avenue, P.O. Box 428, Conklin, NY 13748

Dr. Lawrence E. Volland, 4538 Sharon Drive, Lockport, NY 14094

TENTH: There are no other individuals, corporations, companies, partnerships, or other entities who are to be the original members or managers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 1st day of March, 1996, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Milton L. Lawney
Founding Member and Manager (March 6, 1996)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Raphael & Marie Vitillo, Selkirk; Peter & Lucy Vitillo Verardi, Nicholas & Jennie Vitillo and Otto & Mary Vitillo, Delmar, NY, for approval by said Planning Board of a four (4) lot subdivision of a 1.22 acre parcel located on the east side of Elm Avenue East at its intersection with Elm Avenue, as shown on map entitled, "Map of Proposed Vitillo Subdivision, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York", dated December 1, 1995, revised February 1, 1996 and prepared by Paul E. Hite, PLS, Delmar, NY.

Douglas Hasbrouck
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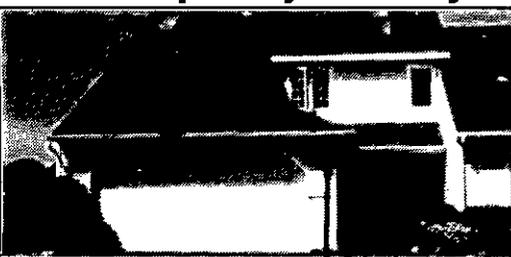


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amount of the damage.

"They also broke into a car parked next to the clubhouse and stole some VCR equipment," Holligan added.

Holligan said there was evidence that the suspects were drinking prior to the escapade, as there were "quite a few beer bottles lying around the Herzog apartment."

Bethlehem police responded, along with the department's K-9 unit, and tracked the suspects through the woods to New Scotland Avenue in Albany.

"The suspects then somehow got a ride to Delaware and Cherry (avenues) in Delmar where they were picked up," Holligan said. "We received a call that they were in this vicinity."

Officers Chris Pauley and Brian Hughes made the arrests with assistance from the Albany and Guilderland police departments.

All three suspects were sent to the Albany County jail pending a

preliminary hearing on Thursday, March 7, before Bethlehem Town Justice Peter Wenger.

Arnold was 17 in December 1992 when he was sentenced to one-and-a-third to four years in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree vehicular manslaughter and driving while intoxicated.

Cox was killed on Aug. 26, 1992, when a pickup truck Arnold was driving at a high rate of speed left Route 155 in Guilderland, ejecting her from the rear of the truck. Three other Bethlehem teen-agers in the truck, including Herzog, were also injured.

Arnold was released from state

prison on July 14, 1995. His parole was due to expire on Dec. 16 of this year.

Corinne Cox of Delmar, Erin's mother, said the news of Arnold's arrest was "very disheartening — it tells me that Erin's death meant so little to him."

She noted that Arnold "is not supposed to be drinking" as a condition of his parole.

Cox said she understood Arnold would have to serve the remaining 17 months of his sentence "if he breaks the law," and that she will "make sure he goes back and does his time."

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• Voorheesville Public Library trustees announced that they were negotiating to buy 1.7 acres at Prospect Street and School Road as the site for a new library.

• Seven members of the Bethlehem Central High School track team performed well enough in the qualifying meet to win a trip to the state championships in Syracuse. The seven were: **Jen Hammer** (two-mile relay, 1,500-meter run); **Tania Stasiuk** (two-mile relay); **Tricia Shultes** (two-mile relay, 1,000-meter run); **Heather Wolfe** (two-mile relay); **Kelly Ross** (high jump); **Connie Pogue** (45-meter sprint); and **Mark LeBeau** (1,000-meter run).

Volunteers to focus on AIDS curriculum

A two-day training program for community volunteers is scheduled for Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 23. The training program will familiarize participants with the interactive "Talking With Kids About HIV/AIDS" curriculum.

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