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Bethlehem budget holds line on taxes

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem town tax rate — both for the general fund and the highway department — remains the same in Supervisor Sheila Fuller's tentative 1997 budget.

Even though general fund expenditures will increase 2.9 percent to \$10.25 million, Fuller has once again been able to hold the line on taxes thanks to rising sales tax revenues received from Albany County.

Fuller said she's also had to turn down requests for new programs and personnel in order to keep the tax rate stable.

"Since I took over this office, I've

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Tree to return to Bethlehem library

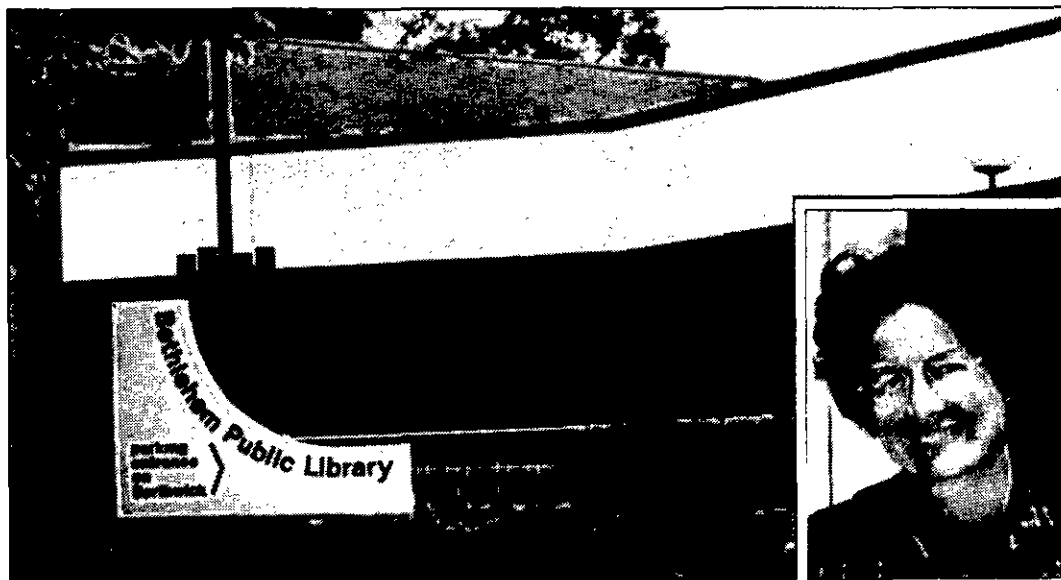
Committee restores, revises old policy

By Mel Hyman

The great debate is over and those people pining for a Christmas tree in the lobby of the Bethlehem Public Library will get their wish.

The 14-member ad hoc committee charged with recommending policy revisions regarding holiday displays in the library lobby has issued its recommendation to the board of directors: Seek legal counsel as to the constitutionality of allowing displays (religious or otherwise) in the library's public areas and use that advice as a benchmark for adopting a new policy.

That's exactly what the board did, and the result is a return to the old policy — with minor revisions — of allowing presentations in the library lobby by whatever group, on whatever topic (be it religious or secular), as long as it meets board parameters as to place, time and manner of presentation.



The U.S. Supreme Court says a Christmas tree is not a religious symbol, so the Delmar Progress Club will be able to decorate the Bethlehem Public Library for the holidays, says board president Susan Birkhead.

The bottom line for those upset by the board's 1995 decision not to allow Christmas decorations in the library lobby is that yes Virginia, in all likelihood there will be a tree in the lobby this year.

The board will consider a draft resolution of the new policy at its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

In the spring of 1995, because of concerns expressed to the board that religious symbols should not be displayed in public places, the board decided that a Christmas tree should not be part of the holiday decorations for that year.

U.S. Supreme Court decisions on this issue clearly state that a Christmas tree is not a religious symbol, said board presi-

dent Susan Birkhead, and that the content of displays could not be restricted as long as all groups and/or individuals had an equal opportunity to make presentations.

The other policy option available to the board, according to the advice supplied by the library's legal counsel (Roemer, Wallens & Mineaux of Albany), was to do away with public displays altogether.

"We see this as a very important resolution of the issue," Birkhead said. "The Bethlehem Public Library has traditionally allowed certain areas to be used by groups in a successful and constructive fashion. This enables the library to provide a service to the community and to

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NS town hall addition falls behind due date

By Dev Tobin

What casual observers have guessed at is now official — the New Scotland town hall addition is more than a month behind schedule and will not open in early November as originally planned.



The project to double the office space in New Scotland town hall will not be complete by the end of the month, as scheduled.

Progress on the approximately \$300,000 project, which will double the size of the current facility, is "discouraging," according to a report by architect Christopher Bovenzi.

Bovenzi said the following portions of the work have not been completed by the scheduled date, which has already passed: carpentry (90 percent complete); siding (50 percent complete); windows (95 percent complete); septic system (50 percent complete); gypsum partitions (75 percent

complete); metal and railings (not started); exterior concrete paving (80 percent complete); steel doors and frames (50 percent complete); and asphalt paving, ceramic tile, and acoustical ceilings (not started).

The town board met in executive session Monday to discuss the problem, and Supervisor Herb Reilly said he would be calling the general contractor J.N. Futia Co. in Albany this week to "lower the boom."

"We want the project to go forward," Reilly said, especially since the office for the assessor and the building

department next to the highway garage in New Salem no longer has a central heat source.

Last year, when the furnace in the New Salem failed last December, the town bought a larger furnace that could be used to heat the new town hall addition, Reilly said.

The New Salem office has a few electric space heaters now, but Reilly said that situation cannot continue into the really

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Chemical plant eyes site

New facility would bring up to 40 jobs

By Mel Hyman

The former Texaco tank farm on Route 144 will soon be the site of a chemical plant expected to bring 30 to 40 jobs to the town of Bethlehem.

Spurlock Adhesives, Inc. announced plans this week to build a new facility on a 55-acre parcel owned by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. The purchase price of the property is not known.

Headquartered in Waverly, Va., Spurlock is a specialty chemical producer that develops, manufactures and markets synthetic thermosetting resins and formaldehyde solutions for the building products, furniture and allied industries in the

Spurlock & EnCon set town hall meeting Oct. 8

Executives of Spurlock Adhesives, Inc., and officials from the state Department of Environmental Conservation will meet with interested residents at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m.

Officials will answer questions regarding Spurlock's new formaldehyde and resin facility to be constructed on a 55-acre parcel on Route 144.

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The site was formerly used as an oil/gasoline distribution center before being purchased by NiMo, which operates a

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BCMS PTA plans revival

By Katherine McCarthy

Change is afoot at the Bethlehem Central Middle School's PTA, as new president Jeffrey Zogg seeks to create a stronger partnership between parents, teachers and administration.

"The two most important elements in a child's growth are parents and teachers," Zogg said, stressing the importance of knowing what a teacher has to offer, and how a parent can support that.



Zogg

Principal Steven Lobban said he is "looking forward to an emphasis on partnership." Parents and teachers "need to be hooked up to help each person be successful," he said.

Zogg has a three-point plan to make the PTA a strong organization: increase membership, improve communications and set up good and substantive programs for the monthly PTA meetings.

Last Thursday, as Zogg prepared to speak at the sixth-grade open house, membership was at 200 and growing.

Zogg has concrete plans for attracting more of the school's 1,170 parents to the PTA. Acknowledging that this is "no longer elementary school and some things are not coming home with students," Zogg seeks to supplement the bimonthly school communications with outside advertising.

Price Chopper is beginning a monthly community service ad in *The Spotlight*, which will have a message about the PTA meeting, Zogg said. The PTA is also setting up a Web site, something Zogg is excited about, and cites as an example of how important communication is.

"We had planned to use the district's Web site," Zogg said, "but another parent told us that via SUNY, we could set up our own free Web site."

Lobban and Zogg both hope that more communication will bridge the gap for parents of sixth-graders beginning at the school.

"New parents thirst for information," Lobban said, mentioning the package of introductory items that includes a "welcome to the PTA letter," which lets parents know where volunteers are needed.

Zogg pointed out that it is more

difficult for parents to keep abreast of their children's development once they hit middle school.

"In elementary school, you have one teacher, and you can know everything about your child," he noted. "In middle school, it's hard to know as much," because there are more teachers in the school's team concept.

Lobban acknowledged that a "parent can quickly get all he or she needs to know. You have to work through each team, and take some extra steps."

Lobban pointed out that this is a trade-off. "You can't sacrifice academics," he said, explaining the natural transition to academic intensity at the middle school level.

Lobban also pointed out that the timing is right for the increased partnership Zogg proposes.

"The staff has worked hard to restructure the school, moving from large to small with the creation of teams of teachers," he said. "Historically, middle school is a time when parents have moved away. Now they are re-engaging."

Zogg and Lobban look forward to increased communication with the School Improvement Team, where the PTA has three representatives. The School Improvement Team's priorities for this year include standardized testing, achievement, technology and adolescent development.

"Parents are involved with a multi-year improvement plan," Lobban said, "which goes back a couple of years. It looks at discipline, monitor programs and understanding curriculum."

"The PTA stereotype is one of bake sales," Zogg said. "Today, parents look for more, especially in this district. There's a quest for excellence, and through groups like Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Bethlehem Networks, there are a lot of involved people."

Zogg hopes that offering interesting programs at PTA meetings will give parents the opportunity to get informed and stay involved with their children's education.

The other officers in the PTA are vice president Anita Stein, co-secretaries Beth Monaco and Connie Alessi and treasurer Barbara Ruslander.

Bug catcher



John Cipriani, 4, of Selkirk, shows off his net for catching butterflies and other bugs during Saturday's fall festival at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Doug Persons

Bethlehem Dems choose Clyne again

By Mel Hyman

Fresh from his re-election as chairman of the town Democratic committee, attorney Matt Clyne says he's open to the idea of making a third run for Bethlehem supervisor.

Despite losses to Republican Sheila Fuller in 1993 and 1995, Clyne said he's "not ruling out" a run in 1997, which, in political parlance, often means he's giving it some serious thought.

Asked what his goals would be for the next two years, Clyne said bluntly, "Winning elections."

Winning elections has not been the hallmark of his six-year tenure, however, as Democrats have repeatedly come up short in their effort to break the Republican stranglehold on town government.

The only Democrat elected in a townwide election since Clyne's been chairman is George Kansas, who lost his bid for re-election to

the county legislature last year and was openly critical of Clyne's handling of last year's campaign.

Clyne said, "Anyone can compete" for the Democratic nomination for supervisor next year.

In preparation for next year's townwide elections — which will involve electing a supervisor and two members of the town board — Clyne has made a concerted effort to stack the town Conservative Party committee with people who may be friendly to his cause.

In 29 of the town's 30 election districts, petitions were filed designating two people each as Conservative Party committee members. Clyne who witnessed many of the petitions himself, defended the infiltration move.

"Call it what you will," he said. "We felt like we didn't want a repeat of the hosing we got in '94 and '95. I decided to correct that condition. We were not given a fair shake

by the Albany County Conservative Party leadership, so I felt it was time there was a change in the leadership.

"I want to see people in there who will at least listen to both sides," he added. "We were never even given an opportunity to make our case during interviews last year."

Republicans have generally swept the Conservative Party endorsements in recent townwide elections. Clyne turned the tables on the county Conservative Party leadership in 1993, however, when he snared the nomination away from GOP Supervisor Sheila Fuller by a write-in campaign in the September primary.

Clyne, who lost a write-in effort for the Conservative line in 1995, now has some major clout in Conservative Party circles and has at least 50 guaranteed votes should there be a primary next year.

GE land gift jump starts Bethlehem composting plant

By Mel Hyman

Construction of a \$750,000 state-of-the-art composting facility will begin soon on land formerly owned by the GE Plastics division off Route 32 in Selkirk.

The company, which owns about 700 acres in the industrial sector of town, last week donated 14 of those acres to the town for use as a residential yard waste composting facility. The open air operation will handle leaves, clippings and branches, and replaces Bethlehem's North Street facility, which closed earlier this year.

The facility will include a paved composting area, an access road from Route 32, staging and processing areas, a finished compost curing area, residential drop-off and pick-up areas, an equipment storage barn and a surface water collection pond.

"The site has been staked out and construction will begin in the next two weeks," said town Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor.

The town has offered composting on a limited basis for the past 20 years, he noted. "But it's a very bulky and lengthy process the way it is now. Before we could handle only a small portion of all the yard waste produced, and now we can handle whatever comes in from entire town."

By purchasing a \$65,000 machine that shreds and aerates the material before it is left to decompose, high-quality compost can now be produced in about nine months.

In 1993, the town was ordered to close its leaf and brush disposal site off North Street in Delmar by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Soon thereafter, Secor began the search for a suitable location to host a new facility. The search ended last year with selection of the GE site, but it took many months of negotiations before all the details were ironed out.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide a portion of our property to the town of Bethlehem for this important environmental project," said GE Plastics plant manager Steve Grover. "We are happy that we can continue the positive relationship we have enjoyed with the town of Bethlehem and our neighbors."

Secor noted that the GE parcel will be screened from view, and that noise will not be a problem because it is not near any residential developments.

The town highway department will operate and maintain the facility, and will also assist in its construction, according to town Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagen-dorph.

"We'll have much more of the finished product available to those who want to use it," he said, as well as being able to offer wood chips, which residents can use for landscaping mulch.

With closure of the North Street landfill, very little compost has been produced this year, Sagen-dorph said.

Nearly all of the bagged leaves are being transported to and buried in the Rupert Road construction and demolition debris landfill.

Another benefit of the new facility, Sagen-dorph said, was that it's located on a truck route, "which means our trucks won't have to be going through residential areas any more. That was a problem with North Street."

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New system helping to keep water rates stable

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem's new water system, derived from an aquifer underneath the Hudson River, appears to be helping keep residential water rates stable.

In last week's budget message to the town board, Supervisor Sheila Fuller noted that less than \$1,000 has been paid out to the city of Albany this year for supplemental water. That's because the town's new water system has lightened the load on the town owned-

and-operated Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland.

Now that Vly Creek water does not have to be used to supply industry, it can all be used for residential and commercial purposes.

In 1996, the town budgeted \$120,000 for payments to Albany, just to be safe, Fuller said. Because of the rainy weather this year which increased the capacity of Vly Creek, only a small fraction of that amount needed to be spent.

In 1995, prior to the new sys-

tem going on line, the town paid Albany \$1.2 million for supplemental water coming from the city's Alcove Reservoir in Coeymans.

The savings will continue to go toward stabilizing the water tax rate, as well as helping offset expenses related to the new system, according to town Comptroller Judith Kehoe.

The rate for Water District No. 1 (encompassing the tri-village area) will remain unchanged next year from the 70 cents per 1,000 gallons now charged.

Fuller further noted that the new system — which is exclusively used for industrial purposes — makes it possible to extend the town's water districts without fear of a shortage.

The water district extension approved for the Haswell Farms subdivision at last week's town board meeting easily "fits within the long-range projections" of the town, said Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor.

Moreover, Secor said, the water system hydraulics in town have improved significantly as a result of the new plant.

Water district taxes will not go up next year, Secor added, nor are they expected to increase in future years as long as the new water system continues to operate in the same "excellent fashion."

Movie classics light up screen at town library

Asilent film series will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, on the fourth Friday of each month through November at 10 a.m.

On Oct. 25, "Phantom of the Opera" with Lon Chaney and Mary Philbin will be shown.

"City Lights" with Charlie Chaplin and Virginia Cherrill will be shown on Nov. 22.

Coffee and tea will be served.

To register, call 439-9314.

Institute to highlight Rockwell treasures

Visitors to the Albany Institute of History & Art can get a closer look at the museum's feature exhibition, *The Rockwell Legacy: The Richard C. and Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Collection*, during a discussion led by museum educators on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m.

In "Spotlight on... The Rockwell Legacy," museum educators will examine fine furniture, paintings, silver and other pieces of the more than 100 examples of 18th- and 19th-century art and decorative arts in the exhibition.

The Albany Institute is located at 125 Washington Ave., Albany.

For information, call 463-4478.

Navy officer retires from active duty

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer John A. Dickinson, son of John A. Dickinson Sr. of Selkirk, recently retired from active duty after 21 years of service.

Dickinson most recently served with Naval Security Group Activity at Fort George G. Meade.

The 1975 graduate of Thomas A. Edison High School joined the Navy in June 1975.

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V'ville brass to press state for repairs

By Dev Tobin

Voorheesville village trustees will try to increase pressure on the state Department of Transportation to fix an inadequate 85-year-old culvert under Maple Avenue (Route 85A).

On several recent occasions, the too-small culvert has been over-

We can call write and nag state officials. We haven't done that in the past, but we will try it now.

Mayor Edward Clark

whelmed by storm water and/or snow melt from the north side of the road that is trying to get to the Vly Creek, according to residents who want something done to reduce the periodic flooding.

"It's a real hazard — not just a minor culvert that's having problems," said Glenn Schultz of Maple

Avenue. "In the January flood, you couldn't get emergency vehicles through."

Maple Avenue resident Alan Kowlowitz told the board at last week's meeting, "The issue must be pressed. The squeaky wheel gets the grease and it's time for us to get squeaky."

Kowlowitz said he had spoken with DOT staff that are doing preliminary work on the project to repair Maple Avenue's two bridges over the Vly Creek.

He noted that the bridge project, scheduled for next year, represents a window of opportunity for DOT to correct the culvert

"We should aggressively pursue this," said Kowlowitz, asking that the trustees write and call state Sen. Michael Hoblock and DOT staff to urge that the "very negative and dangerous" situation be taken care of.

Kowlowitz noted that he had found the culvert on DOT maps, which do not indicate that any maintenance of the culvert had been performed since 1911.

Village officials have been loathe to try to fix the problem with village resources, since the state owns the culvert under its road and the underground drains that lead to and from the culvert are on private property.

"We've been talking to the state to try to get them to accept responsibility," Mayor Edward Clark said. "The board has not accepted the idea that it's our responsibility to fix this by default, if the state and the property-owners won't do it. We're trying to get the proper authority to do this."

Clark added, "We can call write and nag" state officials. "We haven't done that in the past, but we will try it now."

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Albany man nabbed on burglary charge

An Albany man was caught allegedly burglarizing the Normanside Country Club last week.

Anthony Gennaro, 33, of 329 State St., was apprehended at 2:29 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, after Bethlehem police responded to an alarm going off at the Salisbury Road facility.

Bethlehem Police Officer Chris Pauley said after arriving at the scene, he noticed the suspect burst out of a door on the northwest side of the building and run into the woods. After an extended chase, Gennaro was taken into custody.

Forced entry was gained into the building through a door that leads into the dining room. The club's cash register was gone through, but no loss was reported.

Gennaro was charged with third-degree burglary (a felony), resisting arrest and criminal mischief. He was sent to Albany County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

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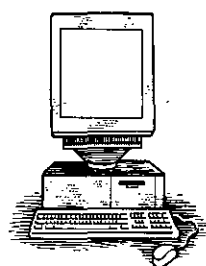
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On Monday, September 23rd, a group of exchange students from Spain who are participating in an exchange program through Bethlehem Middle School visited with Assemblyman John J. Faso. Assemblyman Faso explained the New York State legislative process to them.

The students were accompanied by Lisa and Nat Hancock and Kathy Campion. Ms. Hancock and Ms. Campion are Spanish teachers at the Bethlehem Middle School. As part of the program, the students will reside with local families who have children of similar ages for a two week period. During this time they attend school and take outside trips to help better acquaint them with this area of the country.

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Matters of Opinion

Sales tax holds line

If you think local government has lately been providing something (increased services) for nothing (no property tax increase), the truth will free you of such silly notions.

After four years of tax decreases, Bethlehem's proposed 1997 budget, for example, includes no property tax increase, despite an increase in spending of about 2.5 percent.

Editorials

Municipal budgets in New Scotland and Voorheesville have similarly offered the illusion of something for nothing for several years.

But revenue from other taxes, especially the now-surely-permanent 1 percent hike in the county sales tax, make up the difference, paying for annual raises for town employees and new programs such as the 24-hour paramedic service run by the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

So in reality, local taxpayers are getting the old reliable something for something — more services paid for by higher taxes.

It's no wonder that local politicians love the extra 1 percent on the sales tax, and the steadily rising revenues that tax provides in a recovering economy. Sales tax revenue makes municipal leaders look like fiscal geniuses, giving people services they want at no charge, and without passing the bill along to the next generation, like the spendthrifts at the federal level.

But, since there is no guarantee that the cushion the sales tax has given to municipalities in the 1990s will continue to increase every year, conservative fiscal management, and close scrutiny by town residents, is still essential in the town budget season.

Support local stores

It's officially fall fix-up season and the window of opportunity for home improvement projects, especially outdoor ones, is distressingly small, and closing a little bit every day.

Home improvement is one highly visible hallmark of healthy communities — clean, well-maintained houses send a powerful message that people care about their community.

As homeowners look for improvement supplies, whether for building or for lawn and garden, we once again encourage them to resist the siren song of the "big-box" retailers and shop locally.

We realize that price is important, as do small independent retailers who must be competitive in what they charge, but price is not the only consideration in purchasing building supplies. Quality, service, community involvement and convenience — which local small retailers excel in — also count.

The Spotlight's Home Improvement special section features information from local merchants, whose years of expertise will help make your project a success.

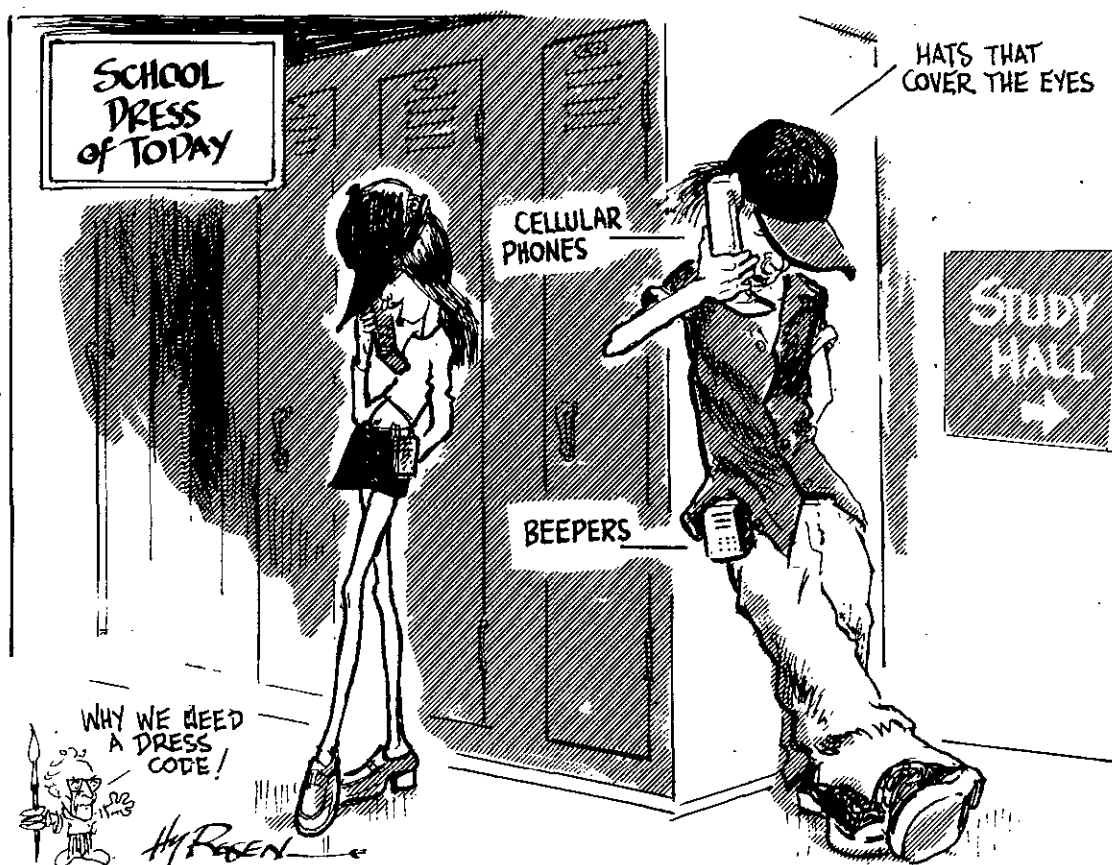
State should fix it

It may take a little election-year prodding for the state Department of Transportation to do the right thing about a dysfunctional culvert under Maple Avenue in Voorheesville.

During heavy rains and snowmelt conditions, the 85-year-old culvert is overwhelmed, and storm water moves out and over the road, creating a transportation safety problem and severe basement flooding.

As one perceptive resident put it at last week's village trustees' meeting, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease, and it's time for the village to get squeaky."

While village officials can add forcefully to the squeakiness, they are right to be wary of committing resources supported by all village taxpayers to solving a problem caused by a state facility and affecting a handful of private property-owners.



Survivor stresses importance of support

By Linda L. Hohn

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. The writer of this week's Point of View is a breast cancer survivor and one of the founders of the Capital District Breast Cancer Coalition. She has dedicated this piece to her mother Ethel Roberts Owens.



My diagnosis of breast cancer came at a time in my life when I thought I just might escape having this disease. My mother died of metastatic breast cancer at age 43. Other than her being ill (she was home and bedridden), there was no discussion or explanation of what was happening. I was 14, my younger brother 8 and my older brother 17. My father was devastated by his loss and was not prepared to raise us and work full time. And since we had recently moved away from our extended family to another town,

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there was no aunt or close friend to help fill the loss.

I had to care for my younger brother, do housework, cook and go to school motherless and "in charge." At an age when my interests were school and socializing — what a shock!

It was a struggle to keep up with all my responsibilities and try not to be "different" than my friends. However, anyone who loses a parent at a young age carries a sadness and sensitivity that makes us different.

The loss and grieving recurs with each holiday, birthday, graduation, marriage and birth of children. In my case, there was also the ever-present worry that one day I would have this disease and not live to see my children grow up. The media constantly remind us that the chances of getting breast cancer are greater when

your mother or sister has it.

During my life, I was followed closely because of my family history. I had check up with a surgeon and mammograms annually. During a routine exam, my doctor decided to biopsy a cyst. I was nervous but not overly concerned. However, under the cyst he found a small growth. Three days later, he called with the chilling news, "I'm sorry to say it was malignant."

My husband and I rushed to his office for his recommendation. The tumor was small and near the chest wall. The doctor and the tumor board at St. Peter's recommended mastectomy. At that same time, the research study on lumpectomies had come under question due to suspicion of falsified data. I decided on a mastectomy with reconstruction by Dr. Steven Lynch. He advised that psychologically it would be better for me to do it at the same time as the mastectomy.

The task I dreaded most was telling my daughter Laura (age

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23) and son Mark (age 19). I prayed for the courage and was able to tell them, with great hopes for a good outcome since the tumor was small and not aggressive. The staff at St. Peter's, my doctors and family cared for me with great skill, sensitivity and caring. When I was released from the hospital, I received the news, no lymph node involvement. My oncologist recommended an estrogen blocker as the follow up treatment for five years. After a short recovery, I returned to work very thankful for the outcome.

I think it's wonderful that breast cancer is not a secret anymore. There are support groups, therapists, and should there be an advanced illness Hospice will help both the patient and the family.

The big difference in the effects of losing a parent is whether or not there is a support system of family and friends to help ease the loss that children feel. I encourage relatives friends and neighbors to recognize the huge emotional gap in the lives of surviving children and spouses and try to reach out and offer that helping hand.

The good news is that there is intense research to develop a vaccine to treat breast cancer and new diagnostic methods and treatment that gives us all hope against this disease, that will strike 182,000

women this year. In our country, there are breast care centers dedicated to assessing risk, diagnosing, treating and supporting breast cancer victims.

I'm happy to be a 2 1/2 year survivor of breast cancer. I'm thankful for the skill of my doctors and for my faith in God. This experience was a blessing for me. I have met wonderful, courageous people because of it.

I am co-chair of the Capital District Breast Cancer Coalition. As a group of survivors, we have lobbied for pesticide registry legislation to gather information for researchers to determine any causal relation to cancer. We are participating in the race for the cure, a fund-raising walk and run at Albany's Washington Park on Saturday, Oct. 5. The coalition's next meeting is on Monday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. in Child's Hospital in Albany.

I was given a chance to realize how important it is to love, laugh and enjoy everyday, to appreciate my loved ones more, to deal in a positive way with the everyday challenges of life and to give back when the opportunity to help presents itself. My experiences have made me a stronger person.

Fax it to us

Why not fax your letters to *The Spotlight* at 439-0609? Remember, all letters must carry the writer's signature, address and phone number.

Letters are subject to editing in keeping with our rules for fairness, accuracy, style and length.

BCHS student steers clear of adult drivers

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am absolutely appalled at the behavior of drivers in the town of Bethlehem.

On Sept. 19, at about 2:15 p.m., my mother and I were on our way to Delaware Plaza when we were held up because of police cars and fire trucks farther down Delaware Avenue.

We proceeded to make a right onto Lincoln Avenue, then a left on Ellsworth and were directed up Bedell. We then sat, waiting to be directed by police officers as to where we should go.

A woman behind us, with a small child in the front seat, began beeping her horn at us until we were instructed to make a left back onto Delaware.

As my mother and I approached the stop light (in the right lane) at the corner of Delaware and Groesbeck, an emergency vehicle advanced toward us, so we pulled over. At the same time, a school bus stopped in front of CVS and put on its red lights so high school students could cross safely.

A man next to us pulled out in front of us and into the path of the oncoming emergency vehicle. Then a man sped up from behind our car, over the sidewalk and onto Groesbeck. Bicycle riders aren't even supposed to use the sidewalk.

Fortunately, no accidents occurred throughout this scenario. It's quite interesting, though, that adults in this town say how inexperienced young drivers, yet all of

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the people I saw Sept. 19 were adults.

I am lucky and very thankful to have taken drivers' education this spring, because I would not want to demonstrate as much ignorance as I saw that day.

BCHS senior Tara Rooney
Delmar

Letters policy

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Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams Street, Delmar, NY 12054. Letters may be faxed to 439-0609.

Residence seeks new volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The community residence at 397 Delaware Ave. houses nine developmentally disabled men. We were very pleased with the community's response to our recent anniversary celebration.

The warmth and enthusiasm shown prompted us to turn to the community to seek volunteers to enhance the lives of these men.

Volunteer opportunities range from helping with special events such as holiday parties or birthday celebrations to assisting with yard work, mending, cooking or activities involving more direct interaction with the residents. Training, if needed, is provided.

Volunteering at the residence is a valuable community service project for Scout troops, youth groups or students. For information, call Deb Goet, residence director, at 439-9960.

Lynne McKee, Linda Lange, Sally Gazzetta, Dr. Vince Gazzetta, Dr. Walter Pelham and Dr. Clifford Lloyd

Community residence
advisory board

Jump Start says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am pleased to be coordinating the Jump Start program at Hamagrael and Elsmere elementary schools once again this year.

I would like to thank *The Spotlight* for running an article on the program last year.

I hope that, as a result, many people will be aware of the generosity of this community in volunteering for this program, and that new volunteers may come forward as well.

Once again, thank you for bringing attention to our program.

Diane Hamilton

Jump Start coordinator
at Hamagrael and Elsmere

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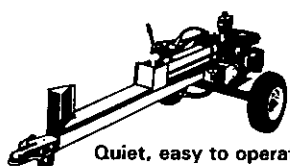
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Matters of Opinion

Resident still irked by news coverage

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your revision to my recent letter to *The Spotlight* "Resident irked about news story coverage" failed to indicate my irritation.

The *Spotlight* article on the Haswell Farms water extension in the Sept. 18 issue quotes Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's commissioner of public works, as follows:

"Sherwood Davies is in the business of trying to say that up is down and down is up."

"What Davies is saying is inaccurate."

"It's the same old stuff over and over again. They're tactics simply designed to scare people."

Mr. Secor did not make these remarks at the public hearing. Your reporter had a copy of my statement and failed to contact me on the article in order to clarify Mr. Secor's out of context quote on clearwell storage capacity.

I am concerned that as a taxpayer, I cannot make a statement

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at a public hearing without being ridiculed in *The Spotlight* by the commissioner of public works.

Sherwood Davies

Delmar

Town crew did good job

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem highway department employees did a fine job repaving Groesbeck Place. They were thorough and applied themselves diligently. I have resided in Delmar over 47 years and have always been pleased with the administration of this community.

Keep up the good work.

Louis Siy

Delmar

RCS High School slates open house

Parents of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School students will have the opportunity to meet their children's teachers and walk through their schedules at the school's annual open house Tuesday, Oct. 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

During the two-hour program, each teacher will give an overview of the course he/she is teaching, and parents can also learn about extracurricular activities and visit the school's computer lab, TV studio and journalism studio.

For information, call 756-2155.

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Selkirk

South Bethlehem

Linda Marshall
756-3520



Becker kids walk for wellness

Fourth-grade pupils at A.W. Becker School will Walk for Wellness on Friday, Oct. 5, beginning at 9 p.m.

Students clean up

Students in the RCS High School FHA/HERO group will participate in an Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Route 9W on Thursday, Oct. 3.

Environment classes slated for teachers

Educators interested in teaching on environmental stewardship can attend two different workshops at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County headquarters on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

"Tropical Rainforest," a teacher training program, will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

"Classroom Composting with Redworms" will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Both workshops start at 4 p.m. and run approximately three hours.

To register, call 765-3500.

Extension to train HIV/AIDS educators

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, located on Martin Road in Voorheesville, has scheduled a two-part HIV/AIDS Volunteer Educators Training Workshop for Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

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Parent-teacher groups meet

The Parent Teacher Organization of Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School and the Parent Teacher Association of A.W. Becker school will meet at their respective schools on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at both meetings.

Two flu vaccine clinics scheduled locally

The Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties will hold two flu vaccine clinics in Delmar during the first week of October.

The CVS at Glenmont Plaza in Delmar will hold a clinic on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The CVS at 256 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will hold a clinic on Monday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The clinics are open to anyone over 18 years of age. Those who would like to receive the vaccine should check with their physician regarding any possible allergies to the medicine.

A \$10 fee is charged for the vaccination. Those with Medicare Part B identification cards can receive a free vaccination.

For information, 489-2655.

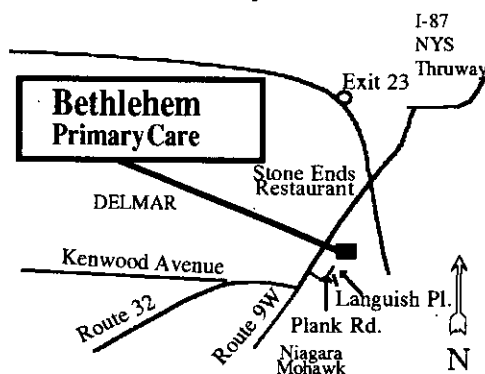
Insurance exec elected to board of directors

James E. Reed, president of PIA Management Services of Glenmont, a subsidiary of the Professional Insurance Agents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Capital Mutual Insurance Co.

Reed, who has been with PIA for 21 years, previously served as assistant executive director and executive director of the three-state alliance of organizations representing independent, professional insurance agents.

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Town historian to talk about local archives

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will hold a lecture on "Bethlehem Archives" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

The lecture, led by Bethlehem Town Historian Joseph Allgaier, will cover the history of the program to preserve local records and the town's collection. Allgaier will demonstrate the automated index he has created and help audience members use it to locate information of interest to them.

For information, call Marie Carlson at 439-9314.

Jazz concert to raise money for music club

Jazz saxophone players Nick Brignola and Mike Smith will present woodwind and brass clinics on Monday, Sept. 30, at 4:30 p.m. at Shaker High School, 455 Watervliet-Shaker Road in Latham.

A jazz concert will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds will be donated to the North Colonie Friends of Music.

Both events are co-sponsored by Cole's Woodwind and Brass Shop, Boosey and Hawkes Musical Instruments, Keilworth Saxophones and Besson trumpets.

For information, call 273-4711.

Hooray for school spirit



Bethlehem third-graders Erik Russo, left, and Kevin Cassidy came out for the fun, food and live music by "The Grateful Dads" at Hamagrael School's annual Fall Family Day Picnic on Saturday.

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The panel discussion will address many of the changes facing hospitals, consumers, graduate medical education and charity care with the expiration of NYPHRM on Dec. 31.

Panel participants will include: Robert Barnett, assistant director,

New York State Department of Health's Division of Health Care Financing; Dr. Philip Lumb, professor and chairman, department of anesthesiology, Albany Medical College; and Raymond Sweeney, executive vice president, Health Care Association of New York State.

The program will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the New York State Nurses Association Conference Center, 46 Cornell Road, Latham. There is no charge for attending, but space is limited.

For information, contact Kathleen Gersowitz at 442-3913.

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Extension extravaganza slated • Man charged for burglary

A fall extravaganza is set for Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension center on Rice Road. It'll be a fun day for the whole family with a petting zoo, cooking and gardening demonstrations, small business advice, 4-H Club information, and tours of the composting site.

The Handivan will also be in residence with home weatherization tips.

Canine good citizen certificates will be awarded. Dogs must be preregistered for this event. For information, call 765-3500.

The cooperative extension's gardening series starts tonight, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. with a talk on color in the garden. On Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. the topic is drying flowers. Learn the art of basic flower arranging on Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. and how to care for your lawn on Oct. 23, also at 7 p.m. The final program in the series, planning the perennial garden, is on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m.

All programs will be held at the Rice Center on Martin Road and are free of charge except flower arranging which has a \$15 materials fee. Preregistration is required. For information and to register, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

Music friends slate meeting Oct. 8

Voorheesville Friends of Music meets on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in Room 160 at the high school. Open house at the high school is set for Wednesday, Oct. 9, starting at 7 p.m.

Board to meet at center

The New Scotland town board's monthly meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. A public hearing on the Krumkill Road water district will be conducted at 6 p.m.

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Church to dish up pancake breakfast

New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 will dish up its first pancake breakfast of the season on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. A choice of blueberry or plain pancakes, or french toast will be served along with bacon and sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.75 for children ages six through 10. Children under the age of five eat for free. Breakfasts will be held the first Saturday of each month. For information, call the church at 765-2354.

Pressed flower designs topic of club meeting

Voorheesville Joanne Gannett of Colonie, a popular exhibitor at area craft fairs, will demonstrate the art of pressed herb and flower design at the Helderview Garden Club meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the public library. New members are always welcome.

For information, call Joanne King at 765-2261.

Flu shots available for senior citizens

Flu shots will be given to residents of New Scotland over age 60 on Monday, Oct. 23, starting at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Old New Salem Road in New Salem. You must register in advance. There is a \$3 charge for those over 65 and a \$7 fee for those under 65.

If the 100 shots allocated are not all reserved by senior citizens, younger residents can apply. To register for a shot, call Clara Appleby at 768-2324 or town hall at 439-4865.

Kiwanis sets clinic date

The Kiwanis sponsored blood pressure clinic will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

BCHS Class of 1955 to reunite this month

Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1955 will hold its "40-plus-one" reunion on Oct. 12 and 13 with a dinner and dance at the Day's Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The following classmates have yet to be located: Bob Clarkson, Benita Flansburg Hoffman, Carolee Hecht Wentworth, David Long, Robert Miller, Jean Milton McQuade, Carl Nelson, Bill North, Bill Penn, Harry Reynolds, Lee Ryan, Bob Shapiro, Fred Smith, Robert Smith, Nancy Stoughton and Joe Watson.

For information on the event or to help find former classmates, contact Dottie Weber Young at 286-3928 or Sally Ryan Devine at 439-5864.

Timber theft workshop scheduled in V'ville

Local farmers and woodlot owners are invited to attend a "Woodland Workshop" on timber theft scheduled at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County headquarters on Martin Road in Voorheesville on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Timber theft occurs when timber is illegally logged.

For information, call 753-4336.

Man charged for burglary

An East Greenbush man was charged with a felony and two misdemeanors last week after he attempted to steal a night deposit bag from a Delaware Plaza business, police said.

Mark Stephen Veit, 39, of 36 Lake Shore Drive, was arrested on Wednesday, Sept. 25, after police responded to a 911 call.

When police arrived they found members of the plaza security staff chasing a man in the parking lot.

Veit allegedly entered a restricted area in the rear of Geno's Auto Service at 154B Delaware Ave., and was caught rifling through a briefcase, police said.

A store employee who noticed him ordered him to leave. Upon discovering the money bag was missing from the briefcase, the employee took off after Veit and followed him into the Scissor Society.

When confronted by the employee, Veit reportedly handed over the bag and fled. A search of the vehicle being used by the suspect uncovered a used hypodermic needle that Veit admitted he used earlier in the day to inject heroin, police said.

Also found in the car was a driver's license belonging to a Slingerlands woman that was reportedly in a wallet stolen from the woman's place of employment in Gunderland.

Veit was charged with third-degree burglary, larceny and possession of a hypodermic syringe. He was sent to Albany County jail on \$5,000 bail.

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It is a harsh reality, but many patients will testify that had they delayed in having x-rays taken their outcome may have been a tragic one. The importance of dental x-rays is a topic everyone should be fully aware of.

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High flyers to zoom-in two programs

Two airborne programs highlight library events this week. On Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 pm, aviation enthusiast Irving Rosenberg will present a "History of Women in Aviation: 1784-1996."



Rosenberg, who was a young man when Charles Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic, has amassed an extensive collection of aviation artifacts and memorabilia, much of which is housed in Schenectady Airport's aerosciences museum.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m., science educators Melodee James and Wayne Trimm of Outdoor World for Learning (OWL) present "OWL's Live Raptors."

They will offer a hands-on look at birds of prey, describing their relationship to a changing environment.

James, director of OWL, is a certified teacher who serves on the board of Troy's Junior Museum.

Trimm is a wildlife artist, photographer and writer of international reputation.

October's bulletin board display features the Bethlehem Networks Project, a local organization that sponsors workshops on topics of community interest such as parenting and study skills, self-esteem, and substance abuse. Networks has also co-sponsored activities with School's Out, Inc., the library's youth services department and the PTA.

October's lobby gallery features watercolors by DiAnne Tracy

and oils by Carol Turner.

- The youth services display case holds Deirdre Jameson's cat collection.

- National Tole and Decorative Painting Month is commemorated by an extensive and varied exhibit by the Capitolers of Albany. Watch this column for more about this organization and their art later this month.

After you've strolled around the library looking at the exhibits, you might want to wend your way to the adult lounge. On Library Day it became apparent to staff that the existence of the lounge is somewhat of a mystery to many. You'll find it in the far left corner of the library, tucked behind the first range of nonfiction bookshelves. It is quiet, pleasantly furnished and well-lighted by a window wall, soon to be adorned with new curtains donated by the Friends of the Library.

The circulating art collection is also located here.

The adult lounge is an excellent performance space, as evidenced by Duo Dolce's Library Day concert. Acoustics are good enough not to need amplification, yet the sound does not carry conspicuously into other areas of the library. These advantages, plus the comparative intimacy of the setting, make for a perfect site for small musical groups—a fact not lost on our program planners.

Louise Grieco

Overnight program on white-tailed deer

Parents and middle school students can participate in an overnight education program on the white-tailed deer at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar from 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Tuition is \$25 per family. Five Rivers Limited families can participate for \$20.

To register, call 475-0291 by Sept. 25.

Nature center offering morning bird walks

Naturalists at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will lead bird walks every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. until Oct. 10.

Refreshments are offered at 7 a.m. before the walk. Participants should bring binoculars and bird identification books if possible. The center will have equipment for loan.

For information, call 475-0291.

RCS fifth-graders plan card collectors show

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk fifth-grade class will host a Comic Book and Collector's Card Show on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit this year's whale watch trip to Massachusetts.

There are a variety of vendors already committed to the show, but more vendors are being sought.

The show will be held at the RCS Middle School on Route 9W in Ravena, across from the Blue Circle Cement Co.

For information, call 756-3646.

Families to explore wildlife at Five Rivers

Families can explore the outdoors at a program taking place at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m.

Families will look at wildlife and its surroundings in a program led by center naturalists.

For information, call 475-0291.

Kids' auditions slated for Mr. Scrooge roles

Auditions will be held for children ages 12 and over who are interested in performing in the Village Stage's production of *Mr. Scrooge*.

Try-outs will take place on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3 and 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.

For information, call 439-9447.

Businesswomen's club to meet in Glenmont

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet today, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Guest speaker Sherry West will discuss "Shapes and Colors: Bringing Out the Beautiful You."

For information, contact Lisa Brock at 478-0421.

Button club to meet

The Half-Moon Button Club of the Capital District will meet at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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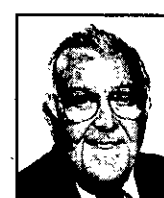
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Sports

V'ville girls poised for title run

By Matt McKenna

With the season half over, the girls soccer team is in second place and poised to make a run for the Colonial Council championship.

Last week, the girls hosted Holy Names in a battle for first place. The game was played rather evenly, with each team having only a few chances on goal.

The Blackbirds were surprised when Holy Names scored first on a long shot from outside the penalty area. The shot beat goalkeeper Lauren Lloyd in the upper corner.

Voorheesville came back in the second half and had several

chances to score, including some one-on-one opportunities. Julia Guastella knotted the score with 45 seconds left, and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

"Holy Names came here with one purpose, and that was to play well," said coach Jim Hladun. "They did that, and we were lucky to escape with a tie. It's disappointing when you have opportunities to score and you don't capitalize, but they played well and took us out of our game."

The girls also traveled to Watervliet to take on the winless Cannoneers. The Blackbirds dominated this game, controlling the

ball for both halves.

Guastella had two goals to go along with goals by Nicole Daigle and Caryn Adams. Voorheesville had many more opportunities, but the final score stayed at 4-1.

After the first round of league games, Voorheesville is in second place, behind Holy Names, with a record of 4-1-2.

The 'Birds are looking to get off to a good start in the second half of the season.

"Our defense has been strong," Hladun said. "We just need to finish better on offense. It will be very important later in the season that we get goals early and often."

BC golfers optimistic

By Annette Grajny

The Bethlehem boys golf team is off to a good start with a 7-4 overall record in Section II play.

Coach Rick Poplaski says team members are confident in their ability, and are intent on making a strong run for the Suburban Council title.

"There aren't any standout golf teams," he said. "The talent in the Suburban Council is spread out."

The Eagles are optimistic, especially since they won the Suburban Council Championship two years ago for the first time in Bethlehem's history.

The team is led by seniors Dan Burrell, Mike Del Giacco and Dan Conway; juniors Mark Svare, Pete Waggle and Keith Campbell; and freshman Mike Campbell. Burrell and Del Giacco are co-captains this year.

The Suburban Council Tournament will begin on Friday. "This week is very important," Poplaski said. "We still have tough matches, especially against Shaker, before the tournament gets under way."

Tennis team rebounds with 2 wins

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem girls tennis team rebounded with two big victories last week to improve their record to an impressive 7-2.

On Tuesday, sectional rival Niskayuna came to town for what would prove to be two competitive days of tennis. After a rain delay, the girls finished their matches on Wednesday and pulled off a 6-3 victory.

The doubles teams of Marni

Hillinger and Jenn Burroughs, and Jen Hahn and Heather McTighe recorded solid victories

On Thursday, Bethlehem played Columbia in its second and final meeting this year.

Columbia proved to be over-matched as Bethlehem easily defeated them, 9-0. Everyone involved played well.

Senior Francesca Bracaglia, sophomore Jen Katz and freshman Hillary Cooley re-

corded shutouts over their opponents.

The doubles teams of Alli Tom-bros and Courtney McGrath, and Hillinger and Burroughs, also recorded shutouts.

The girls are hoping their current momentum carries them into the sectionals, which start on Friday. Coach Grace Franze is predicting that the girls will be seeded third.

Blackbirds shot down by Taconic Hills

By Alison Leonard

The Voorheesville football team was overwhelmed by a larger and more experienced Taconic Hills team on Saturday, 60-27.

Voorheesville led at the end of the first quarter 7-6, but with just a few minutes left in the first half, Taconic Hills unleashed its offensive machine and scored three times in the span of three minutes.

"We played hard," said coach

Joe Sapienza. "Then our defense had a hard time with all their reverse and misdirection plays. It's real difficult when your team is young and Taconic Hills is big, made up of mostly seniors."

Voorheesville's first three touchdowns were scored by senior Shawn Alberry, junior Joe Dougherty and senior Mike Robichaud, who rushed for 48 yards.

The fourth Blackbird touch-

down was scored by junior Mike Oliver, who rushed for 52 yards and caught four passes.

Quarterback Greg Rivers had 171 yards and threw for three touchdowns.

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Crucial games on tap this week vs. Niskayuna and Shen

BC girls soccer team keeps right on ticking

By Andy Macmillan

The streak is intact.

The Bethlehem girls soccer team beat Shaker on Monday, 4-0, to improve its league record to a perfect 6-0.

Pearl Winner notched two goals for the Eagles, and a strong defense managed to keep Shaker off the board.

Last week, Colonie could do nothing to stop the Eagles' potent offense.

Katie Fireovid had a hat trick (three goals), while **Meg Stevens**, **Katie Smith**, **Emily Haskins**, **Lily Corrigan** and **Carrie Getz** had one goal each in the 8-3 victory.

Friday night's home game against Shenendehowa proved to be the toughest matchup of the year thus far.

Due to strong defensive efforts put in by both teams, neither squad could get much of an attack going in the first half.

But in the second half, with just over 20 minutes remaining, Fireovid scored on a cross from Smith,

putting Bethlehem up 1-0. That lone goal was enough to give the Eagles the win.

The key to the girls' win was their superb defense anchored by **Karly Decker**, **Leah Gissotti** and sweeper **Lisa Engelstein**.

Midfielders **Smith**, **Haskins**, **Corrigan**, **Addie Blabey** and **Emma Samelson-Jones** did a good job of controlling the field and getting back on defense.

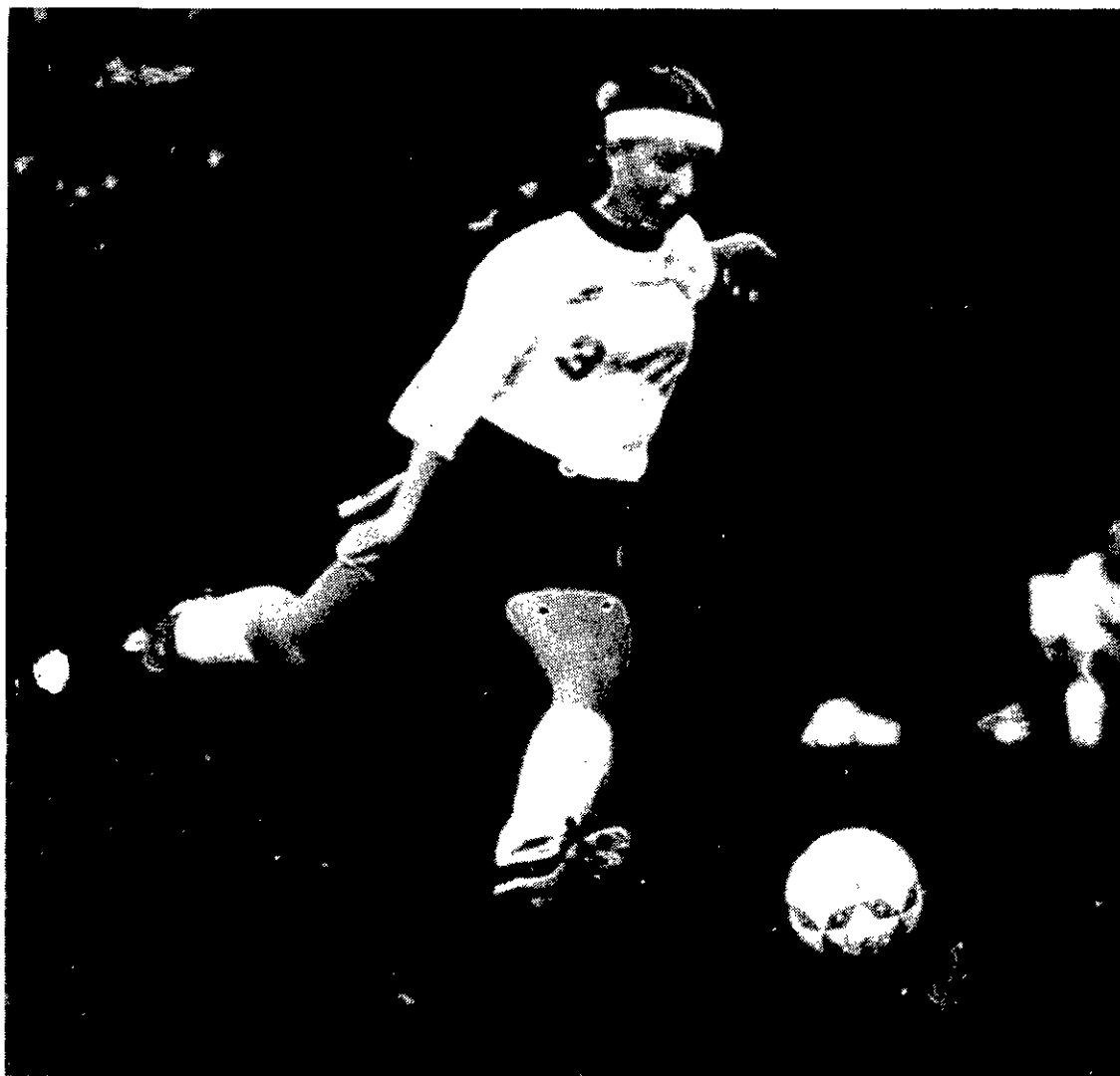
As always, goalie **Winnie Corrigan** provided some crucial saves late in the game, as she secured the shutout.

"No one player really stepped up for this game," Decker said. "The whole team did."

Coach **Brett Miller** said, "Both of our teams were even, but I guess we just played a little harder."

When asked about the possibility of a national ranking, Miller said, "Niskayuna is ranked No. 1 in the nation, so if we beat them, good things will start to happen."

BC will get an idea of just how good it is this week, when it hits the road to play Niskayuna and Shenendehowa.



BC senior Lisa Engelstein sends the ball back to her teammates during last week's 1-0 win over Shenendehowa. The girls put their unbeaten streak on the line this week against nationally ranked Niskayuna. Doug Persons

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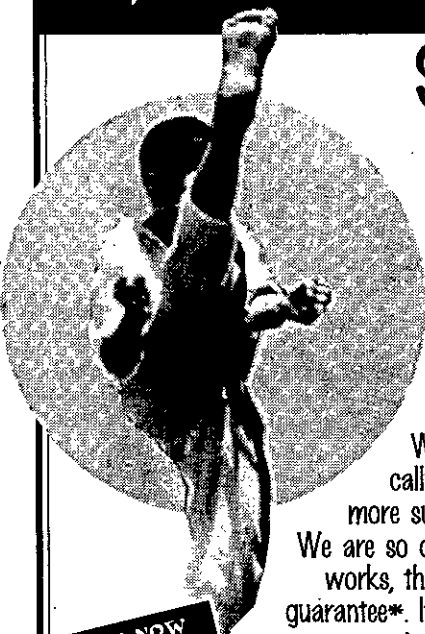
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A simple inspection while cleaning is a good way to determine if your windows are functioning properly. © Tremco 1996

Autumn cleanup is the perfect time to make windows shine for winter

If your fall clean-up plans include washing and installing storm windows, you may want to take the process one step further this year. Extreme temperatures and continuous exposure to the elements may have taken their toll on your windows. A simple inspection while installing storm windows or washing windows will tell you whether they are working properly.

"Windows are more than just cut glass in a frame that let you see the outside," says Daniel Reinbold, district manager for Larmco Windows in Cleveland.

Reinbold recommends a number of things to inspect to determine whether your windows may need repair or replacement:

- **Faded Drapes And Furniture** - Fabrics may fade naturally over time, but your windows may be largely to blame, especially if they are older. Newer windows are made with specially coated glass, called Low-E glass, to reduce the amount of damaging ultraviolet light that passes through, not only protecting fabrics but also reducing heat build-up in the summer. Low-E glass also helps reflect radiant heat back into the home during the winter.

- **Cracks** - Extreme temperatures may have caused the glass to crack, particularly in the lower corners. Aside from being unsightly, cracks reduce the energy efficiency of the window. A reputable glass dealer can help with replacement of cracked panes.

- **Damaged Drywall** - Condensation and ice from the window, especially on metal-framed windows, can cause damage to the surrounding drywall. The drywall can be replaced, but the source of the problem - condensation from the windows - can only be eliminated by replacing the window.

- **Peeling paint** - Peeling paint inside or outside the window indicates moisture around the window. Leaving the wood beneath the paint unprotected will lead to warping of the frame.

- **Warped frame** - If the wooden frame itself is warped, the window has been exposed to excess moisture in the form of condensation, which results when cold air outside leaks into your warm home, or from activities such as cooking, bathing and showering.

"Once you've noticed the signs of excess condensation, such as peeling paint, rotting wood and

warping, you may need to consider replacing the window itself," Reinbold said. "Some people try to prolong replacement by repainting or restraining the frame, but the underlying problem can only be corrected by replacing the entire unit."

It's important to select windows that are designed to correct the problems of the old windows, Reinbold said. Dual-pane replacement windows made with Low-E glass and argon gas to insulate between the panes are available in a variety of styles. The sealant used in the window unit is one of the most important aspects of its construction.

"Windows impact not only the beauty of a home, but also the value and energy efficiency," said Reinbold. "Consumers should arm themselves with the facts before they shop for replacement windows."

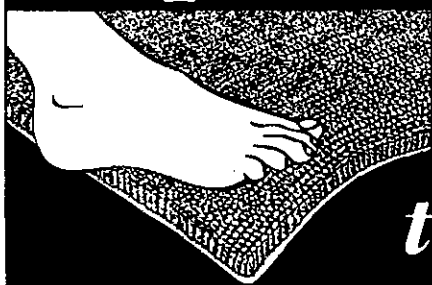
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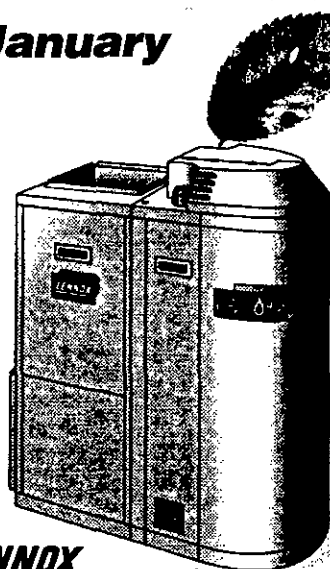
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'Smart' remodeler angling to catch design wave of the future

By Tom Murnane

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Once upon a time, the thought of your house being fully automated was reserved for Saturday morning cartoons. Remember the bed that woke George Jetson up every morning and that wonderful robot maid?

That kind of futuristic fun might be available now, according to Michael Tangora, owner of Tangora Technologies, a home remodeling firm based in Delmar that specializes in the increasingly popular trends of converting rooms into home theaters and entire houses into "smart homes."

Using primarily infrared and radio technology, as well as existing electrical or fiber optic systems, it is now possible to automate and control remotely almost anything that uses electricity. That means not just the television, but indoor and outdoor lights, a home security system and the stereo as well, to name just a few appliances.

And while this new technology is geared to making life easier, for some — such as people with disabilities — it makes independent living possible.

"The possibilities are almost endless in what we can do and what we will be able to do," Tangora said, calling smart home technology the "wave of the future."

"This is way beyond 'the Clapper,'" Tangora said, referring to the unit that allows people to control the lights and a television set with the clap of the hands. "We want our company (brother Patrick is co-owner) to ride the crest of that wave," said the 31-year old Delmar native. That wave has already hit states such as California, Texas and the Carolinas, but has yet to arrive with similar intensity in New York.

For New York to catch up, several things must occur, the business owner said.

"There has to be an increased awareness on the part of officials, homeowners and developers, that the technology exists," Tangora said. "That will happen, probably within the next three or four years, and then it will explode, and we

will be positioned to be the area authority on smart-home technology."

Tangora said it can be more challenging to retrofit existing houses because he often has to work with a home's electrical infrastructure.

Convincing residential developers to include plans for smart home technology in their new construction is getting easier as more people are becoming comfortable with technological advancements.

This is particularly true in the custom-home business, where the concept of building houses that are tailored to a family's needs is the name of the game.

Fiber optics, which allow up to 1,000 signals to be carried as opposed to the single signal wires of today, are still too expensive for many developers. That's one obstacle which will need to be removed for smart technology to see more applications.

Other examples of smart technology include installing a video camera in an outdoor motion detecting light system. When someone activates the detector, the camera is hooked up to a monitor inside, allowing a homeowner to see who is outside without leaving the house.

And today it is possible for a

person to put a movie into a VCR in one room that then transmit the movie to another television set.

For the elderly and disabled, one of Tangora's favorite new home gadgets is the "Master Butler," a voice-activated box that is tied into a home's signal receiver.

"A person can say 'lights on' and they will come on, but it is pre-programmed, so you have to be precise in what you say," Tangora said. The "Master Butler" was the most popular attraction at a recent Orlando, Fla. home remodeling convention, he said.

Other popular gadgets include five-function key chain remote controls that cost about \$39 or more versatile, larger hand-held remote controls that are more expensive, he said.

"A lot of people would be surprised at what they could do for not much money at all," Tangora said.

A growing niche market is the centralized vacuum industry, and Tangora has positioned himself as a local dealer for Beam central vacuums.

Forget about having to drag an entire vacuum around the house, hoping the electrical cord can reach an outlet.

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in the garage or basement, with a network of pipes connected to the system installed in the walls.

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And because the vacuum motor is in the basement or garage, there is no noise save for a slight hissing sound.

Tangora understands that some might be a bit hesitant to take a chance on investing in such systems. That's why he is turning his own Delmar home into a showroom for all the technology his business hopes to sell to homeowners and builders.

He and his wife, Heather, bought their Orchard Street ranch three years ago and have already converted it into a Colonial-style home. Inside, he has begun to rewire, installing wall-mounted sensors for his remote control and a Beam vacuum system.

Since Tangora Technologies is also involved in the growing home

theater market, Tangora has plans to convert a room in his house, so he can show, rather than tell, people what possibilities exist.

The average home theater, including remodeling work on the house, averages about \$10,000 to \$20,000, but can be dramatically less or more depending on what kind of system and quality of sound is desired, Tangora said.

While Tangora prepares for New York to catch up with the rest of the country, he supports and invests in his fledgling operation using revenues from his existing heating and air conditioning business.

Combined with brother Patrick's home construction and painting business, which specializes these days in Victorian home rehabilitation, Tangora hopes to have an established base of home owners lined up for the new technology.

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Still time to plan for Fall projects

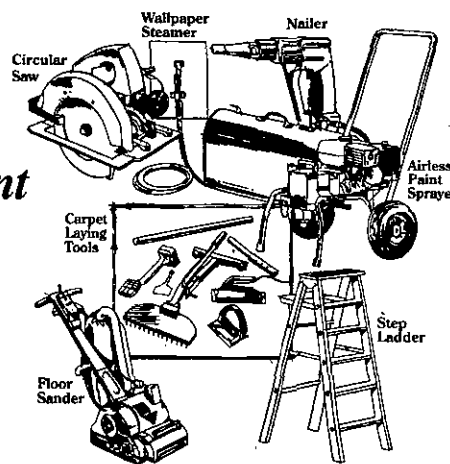


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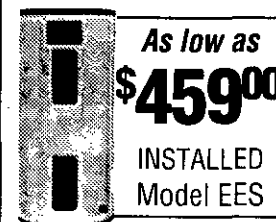
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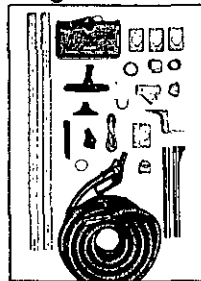
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Top 10 collection of energy-saving ideas

Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on your utility bill, according to the American Gas Association. Here are some tips:

1. Seal leaks around doors, windows or other openings, such as pipes, ducts — with caulking or weather-stripping openings.
2. Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, at least five degrees lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. (Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly persons or infants).
3. Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding) and install water flow restrictors in showerheads.
4. Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them.
5. Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens to keep sunlight out in the summer and let it in during the winter.
6. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended level of insulation.
7. If you have a woodburning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fire-place insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.
8. Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double-paned glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning.
9. Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded.
10. When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy savings and lower utility bills. Many natural gas utilities offer assistance and special programs designed to help consumers reduce their energy bills. Contact your local gas utility for more information.

How to prepare for the cold months ahead

With crisper temperatures upon us and memories of last year's severe winter, now is the time to think about readying a home for the cold days ahead.

To get homeowners started, the CertainTeed Home Institute has prepared the following guide for maintenance and home improvements this season:

- Clean and store outdoor furniture. It will last longer and be more quickly available in the spring if it is cleaned and thoughtfully stored now.
- Clean gutters and downspouts to prevent serious dam-

age to your home resulting from poor drainage. To clean them, choose a dry day since you'll need to stand on a ladder. Stand below the level of each gutter and using a towel, scoop out debris into a bag or onto the ground for sweeping up later.

- Upgrade attic insulation. If your home was built before 1980, chances are it needs more insulation to meet today's Department of Energy recommended levels for residential insulation.

- Maintain garage doors. Lubricate the rollers with a few drops of household oil or spray.

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Lawns need dose of TLC to survive the winter

By Mel Hyman

If you plan to take a laissez-faire approach and not bother doing anything to your lawn this fall, perhaps you should think again.

In the opinion of area experts, at a minimum you should make sure all of the leaves are raked out, and to help the grass get a running start next year, you should compost the lawn as well.

First of all, the grass should be cut relatively low, says Bob Rauch, owner of Capital Lawn Care in Ravena. "If you let it remain high, the snow will bat it down, and it will tend to rot."

And don't forget those leaves, Rauch said, "especially this year because the area has been hit hard by a disease called tar spot, which has basically killed the leaves on the maple trees."

"When these diseased leaves fall to the ground prematurely, if they're left on the ground there is a much greater chance of the disease reoccurring next year."

Leaf removal is also important, Rauch said, because if left on the lawn they can smother the grass and "rob it of light during winter." Light is important, even during winter, because it "helps build enzymes that the grass uses as food reserves" during the cold weather.

"A blanket of grass "also changes the Ph balance of the soil which affects how the grass will grow come springtime," he noted. Plus soggy, rotting leaves can "en-

courage insects and disease."

The only situation in which leaves can be left on a lawn is when they're ground into a fine mulch by a mulching lawnmower. In that case they act as composting agents adding nutrients and microorganisms to the soil, says Brian Herrington, owner of Horticulture Unlimited Landscaping of Selkirk.

Composting your lawn in the fall, by adding phosphorus-rich compounds, helps root development over the winter, Herrington said.

Compost, which is the end-product that results from the decomposition of organic materials, can come in various forms. One of the most effective and readily available is good old cow manure, but you need to make sure it's not too fresh because then the nitrogen content is too high and it can be "too hot" to use, Herrington says.

Adding compost to the lawn will improve its structure, texture and water holding capacity. It also works best when used in conjunction with aeration.

Other compost materials include straw, sawdust, kitchen vegetable scraps and weeds—as long as they haven't gone to seed.

Compost doesn't normally come ready-made, because the decomposition process can take several months.

Once you have it, however, you can mix it with your soil or let a bucket of it seep in water and use the water as fertilizer.

The right insulation keeps you toasty

Installing insulation is an easy way for homeowners to reduce their energy bills and save money in the long run.

The purpose of insulation is to prevent heat from invading the home during the summer and escaping in the winter. Think of insulation as an envelope around your living area.

Experts offer the following guidelines for buying insulation for your home or specifying it to a homebuilder:

- Practice the first rule of insulation: Some insulation in all areas is better than a lot of insulation in a few areas.

- Insulate in the right places. The critical areas to insulate are ceilings, walls and floors over unheated spaces, and areas around heating and air conditioning ducts.

- Choose insulation that's easy to install. Insulation should be easy to handle, nail, staple, glue and cut with a utility knife.

- Know your R-value. Choose insulation with a high R-value. "R" means resistance to heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power.

- Check the conditioning time period length of the R-value test.



Some R-value tests are conducted on insulation conditioned in a laboratory only six months, but look for insulation that has been tested for at least several years.

- Seek an R-value guarantee. Some manufacturers warranty R-values for up to 15 years.

- Look for third-party endorsements. The Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval and the National

Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center Thermal Certification are two standards of quality.

- Look for vapor retarder quality facers. Vapor retarders prevent moisture from damaging insulation.

- Choose insulating reinforced with glass fiber. This will provide exceptional dimensional stability.

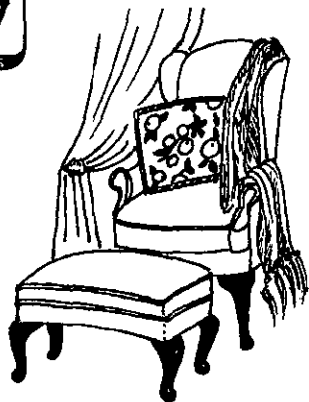
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Scientists have studied this phenomenon and found a scien-

tific explanation for the ability of a sunroom to alter our moods, even improve our health and increase our energy levels. Our bodies physically respond to the sunroom environment.

Sunlight has been proven to increase our energy level as much as 24 percent, according to *Current Health* magazine. It also activates the inactive Vitamin D in our system. Vitamin D helps keep teeth and bones healthy and is often referred to as the "sunshine vitamin" for its many therapeutic benefits.

Furthermore, experts agree that a change in environment and connecting with nature often helps us to reduce our stress level. That's why a vacation or a simple walk through the woods can be so refreshing.

It's no wonder the number one reason for adding a sunroom is for relaxation, as reported by 56 percent of respondents in a national survey of glass enclosure and so-

larium owners.

"With the long stretches of inclement weather around the country in the past year, sunrooms have become in even more demand," adds Jones. "People long to get outdoors but unusual amounts of rain and snow have kept them inside." An insulated or non-insulated glass enclosure or solarium can help bridge the gap.

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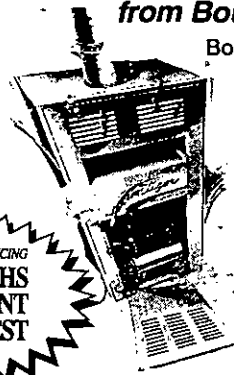
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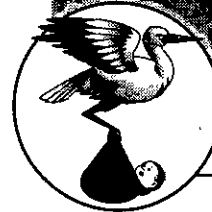
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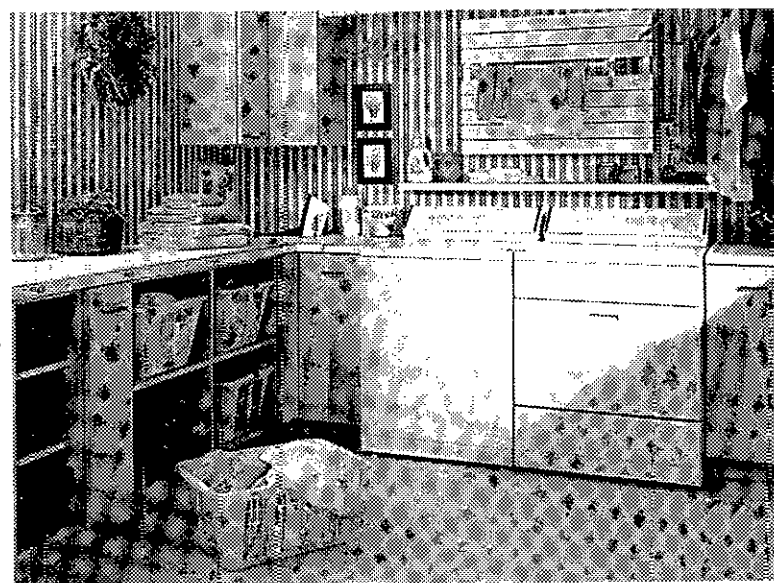
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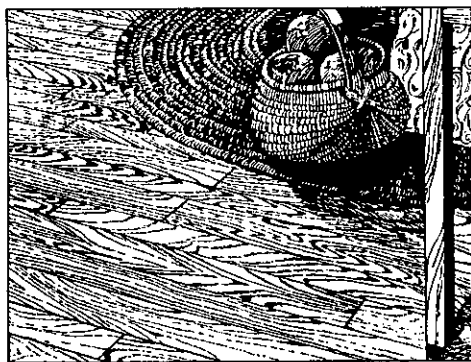
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Fall is the time to prepare to fight winter's wetness

Whether you live in a harsh northern area or a milder climate, the fall season beckons most homeowners to get their homes ready for winter.

Along with raking leaves and putting down that last application of lawn fertilizer, homeowners should begin sealing joints and cracks in roofs, driveways and gutters to get them ready for the ensuing cold, wet weather.

To help homeowners easily tackle these winterizing tasks, adhesives and sealants manufacturers have specially formulated repair products for nearly every use, and they've packaged them with easy-to-read labels that clearly spell out the products' applications

so consumers will feel confident they're using the right one.

Since harsh winters and hot summers can cause roofing materials to blister and crack, causing leaks and openings around chimneys, flashings and roof vents, homeowners should seal these cracks to prevent further damage to the roof or their home's interior from water infiltration.

A quality roof repair product should adhere well to roofing materials and be waterproof and flexible enough to withstand expansion and contraction caused by temperature changes.

Experts offer this rule of thumb when sealing any crack: The depth

of the crack should be no more than half the width. (For example, a 1/2-inch wide crack should be no more than 1/4-inch deep.) If a sealant is applied too deeply, it will tend to pull apart. You should clean as much of the surface as possible and fill any deep joints with a solid filler such as a polyurethane backer rod. To get a tight fit, use a backer rod with a wider circumference than the hole you are filling.

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Roof repair sealant can also be used to bond loose shingles. In this case, you'll need to apply

weight to the shingles until the sealant is cured. Some new sealant products can be applied to wet roofs and won't freeze.

Since water expands as it freezes, cracks in concrete surfaces like driveways and sidewalks can worsen if they're not filled before winter arrives.

Cracks in cement around basement window frames and in basement walls and floors should also be repaired to keep out drafts and foreign materials and reduce energy costs.

Before applying any concrete repair product, make sure that all surfaces are clean, dry and structurally sound.

Fill any deep joints with a solid filler. For horizontal cracks such as those on sidewalks, you can use sand as a filler. For vertical cracks such as those in walls, you can use a backer rod.

Specialized concrete repair products are ideal for sealing joints between concrete, brick, stone, cinder block, stucco and mortar. The products are often available in an easy-to-apply squeeze tube.

Cracks and holes in gutters and downspouts can greatly reduce the effectiveness of these devices to guide water away from your home.

If your gutters or downspouts have cracks, holes, or open joints, you should repair them with a flexible, watertight sealant that is specially formulated for these applications.

An application of gutter sealant between the back of a gutter and fascia board (a wood or plywood strip that's applied to the area where the roof and wall meet) will keep water from running down the wall.

End caps, section laps and fittings should also be sealed.

As with any sealant application, make sure surfaces are clean and dry. Additionally, remove any old paint or rust.

For best results, you should seal gutter seams from inside the trough whenever practical.

When a seam is sealed from the outside, you'll have a greater chance that damage-causing damming will occur.

In winter, this can lead to ice dams which can cause serious damage to roof structures and home interiors.

Larger gaps should be bridged with fiberglass tape before applying sealant. Then level the patch with a putty knife or spatula to minimize damming.

For holes larger than a 1/2-inch, place a piece of metal over the hole and seal around the edges.

Using a putty knife, tool the sealant firmly into place to ensure firm contact and a smooth lasting finish.

The efforts you take and the money you spend to keep ice and water from damaging your home in the next few weeks will be a mere dribble compared to the costly, professional repairs that you may need if you don't take these simple, preventive measures.

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Redecorate bathroom in just 15 easy steps

After you've moved into your new home, why settle for a bathroom with the decor of the previous owner? It takes less than half a day to turn a purely functional bathroom into a proud — and inexpensive — display of remodeling talent.

1. Personalize bathrooms to meet the tastes of those who use them. Paint clay flower pots with bright primary colors and fill with tub toys in children's bathrooms.

2. Create a textured accent wall or cabinets with one of the many faux painting techniques such as marbleizing, rag painting or sponging.

3. Replace sliding doors and walls of an enclosed shower with wrap-around shower curtains tied back with tassels or ribbon.

4. Stenciling and wallpaper borders are a quick fix for a tired bathroom. Hang border around the entire length of the walls where they meet the ceiling or use stenciling as an accent around medicine cabinets and mirrors.

5. An out-of-date light fixture might be the focal point of the room. Replace with track or recessed lighting to bring in softer light or to highlight artwork. If replacing an entire fixture is too involved, try switching your existing bulbs to lower wattage or even colored shades.

6. Mirrors enlarge and amplify light. Replace existing artwork with a mirror or even replace a protruding medicine cabinet with one that fits in the space between wall studs to provide a clean, flushed connection with the wall.

7. Replace ordinary towel bars with glass shelving and ornate metal brackets; stack a rainbow of towels, shells and potpourri.

8. Drab brown cabinets are an easy fix. A couple of coats of fresh white paint makes the room appear larger.

9. Get instant gratification by changing handles and knobs on cabinets and drawers. Choices include brass, ceramic and wood hardware from traditional designs to animals and clowns.

10. Remove old carpet or vinyl flooring and place new peel 'n stick tile over the subfloor.

11. Paint tubs or even cabinets. Hands dipped in paint create a whimsical theme along the side of a tub or pedestal sink in a child's bathroom.

12. Remove old curtains or shutters and hang mini-blinds with colorful balloon valances above.

13. Brass and chrome switch plates are a nice alternative to the old, plastic dinosaurs.

14. Create a decorative back splash behind the sink with hand-painted tiles.

15. Fresh flowers, green plants or silk flower arrangements aren't just for living areas. Try lush potted plants or even hanging pots around showers.

Demand grows for custom cabinets

Homeowners who seek good-looking solutions to displaying and storing such family room items as tapes, games, paperwork, books, trophies and art objects, are turning to designers who know how to interpret kitchen cabinetry in new ways.

Rutt, America's premier manufacturer of custom cabinetry, has seen a substantial increase in orders for what is termed "double-duty cabinetry" over the last few years.

Debi Oertle, a Rutt designer, explained that once today's homeowners have lived with a kitchen outfitted with custom cabinets, they often want them in other rooms around the house, like the dressing room, the den, the home office and the family room.

"Custom cabinetry crafted from fine hardwoods is just like fine furniture," she said. "And yet it provides exactly the kind of storage that's needed."

"Quality cabinetry can offer the fine detailing and rich wood surfaces of freestanding furniture, but with unbelievable convenience as an extra factor," she continued. "If, for example, a lot of drawers would untangle your entertainment room's contents, a custom wall of cabinets can provide them in a clean



sweep, without taking up floor space with several odd pieces of furniture."

Susan Bates, another Rutt designer, noted that custom cabinets can be designed specifically to bring together an assortment of functions in one integrated unit.

"A roomy wall of cabinetry will keep everything close at hand and yet out of sight," she said. "And the beauty of it is that it will present a facade that might be sleekly contemporary, warmly down-home, classically elegant, or anything in between."

The designers interview homeowners before coming up

with a custom cabinetry concept.

"We want to know how the cabinets will be used," she said. "Does the homeowner have any collections? Will he need a built-in bar? Wine racks? Extra-deep shelves for large books? Or special additions, such as turntables, dividers, pull-out shelves for entertainment equipment? Whatever the need, we design it, and Rutt crafts it."

But efficiency isn't everything. Both Oertle and Bates urged storage-hungry homeowners to explore the possibility of augmenting storage units with beautiful moldings, pediments, columns, wainscoting, valances, doors, and other appropriate design elements.

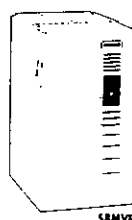
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Tips on energy efficiency

The following energy saving tips are simple, low- or no-cost, and will help you get more control over your home's electric bills according to the Edison Electric Institute, the national association of electric companies.

The tips cover the two largest energy using appliances in your home — heating/cooling and water heating. In becoming more efficient, you'll also improve your home's comfort and convenience. You'll make it kinder to the environment, too.

- Change your air conditioner's or heat pump's filter every month or two, depending on how dirty it is. You should be able to see light clearly through the filter. If not, it needs to be changed.

- During hot summer days, keep curtains drawn and shades pulled over windows facing east, south, and west.

- Move furniture away from the air registers, allowing for the free flow of cooled or heated air.

- Consider a set-back thermostat to control your heating and cooling systems. This thermostat limits the air conditioner's use to when people are at home.

- Close cooling vents in unused rooms. When using window air conditioners, don't forget to close doors to unused rooms.

- Select the right size water heater for the household. Keeping more hot water on hand than needed wastes electricity.

- Set the water heater at 120 degrees for normal use; for dishwashers without temperature boosters, set the heater at 140 degrees. (Use a regular thermometer under a faucet to check the temperature.)

- If the sides of the water heater feels warm to the touch, wrap a water heater blanket around the water heater, especially if the water heater is located in an unheated area of the house. In addition to insulating the water heater, wrap pipe insulation around the hot water pipe leaving the water heater for at least the first six feet.

- Install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators to get the most use from your hot water heater.

Outdoor lighting for all seasons

Most people associate low voltage outdoor lighting with summer activities on their decks or in their yards and gardens.

But once colder weather and shorter days begin, wouldn't you prefer coming home to the soft glow of outdoor lights instead of a dark, uninviting house?

Homeowners are increasingly realizing that the benefits of low voltage lighting — beauty, safety and security — apply throughout the year.

In fact, a low voltage lighting set makes a great holiday gift that can be enjoyed soon after it's opened.

"Low voltage lighting is an easy, economical way to brighten up the appearance of your home any time of year," said Phil Kinzer, marketing manager for Intermatic Malibu. "Whether you simply enjoy gazing out your window on a winter evening or want to highlight your drive, walkway and landscape for guests, low voltage lighting adds an exciting new look to any home."

Homeowners can install a low voltage lighting set in about an hour using ordinary hand tools. No special skills are needed.

A typical six-light set uses less electricity than a 60-watt bulb and costs just pennies per evening to operate.

And with low voltage lighting's unique design, you won't receive an electric shock, even if you touch the bare wires or cut a buried cable with a lawn mower or garden tool.

This feature is especially reassuring for homeowners who have children or pets.

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Low voltage lighting provides stylish safety for decks and walkways.

with low voltage outdoor lighting for your home and yard. All it takes is an understanding of a few basic principles, along with some imagination and experimentation.

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However, before you actually shop for a low voltage system, use a flashlight to experiment with different lighting effects.

"After you've determined which effects you like, look at specific fixtures and their recommended applications," said Kinzer. "Then determine which ones best suit your needs."

The wide selection of low voltage lighting styles will suit any taste.

The choices include traditional tier, mushroom, well, flood and globe light models, plus several new low-profile flare, edge, tier, well and brick lights.

Deck owners will also love the wide assortment of deck lights now available.

Low voltage fixtures are offered individually, as well as in sets containing several fixtures, a length of low voltage cable and a power pack that converts 120-volt house current to a safe 12 volts.

The products are available at full-service retailers, hardware stores, home centers, discount outlets, and lawn and garden supply retailers.

To help homeowners design, select and install their low voltage lighting system, Intermatic Malibu offers an informative 52-page booklet, "Light Up Your Life."

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Timing devices on the market take aim at outsmarting burglars

Nearly 2 million residential burglaries occurred last year, and the U.S. Department of Justice projects that three out of four homes will be burglarized during the next 20 years.

How can you protect yourself? "The best defense is to be at home all the time," says Mike Einstein, director of marketing for Consumer Products at Intermatic Inc., a manufacturer of security lighting and control products.

"Since that's not practical, the next best solution is to make it look like you're home when you're not."

Burglars generally want to work quietly, quickly and undetected. The challenge for homeowners is to either discourage burglars before they strike or scare them away by drawing attention to them.

Household timers can play a key role in giving homes a "lived-in" look. For example, you can set a lamp and appliance timer to turn a television on in your family room at 7:30 p.m. and off at 10 p.m. A bedroom timer can turn a light on at 10 p.m. and off 30 minutes later.

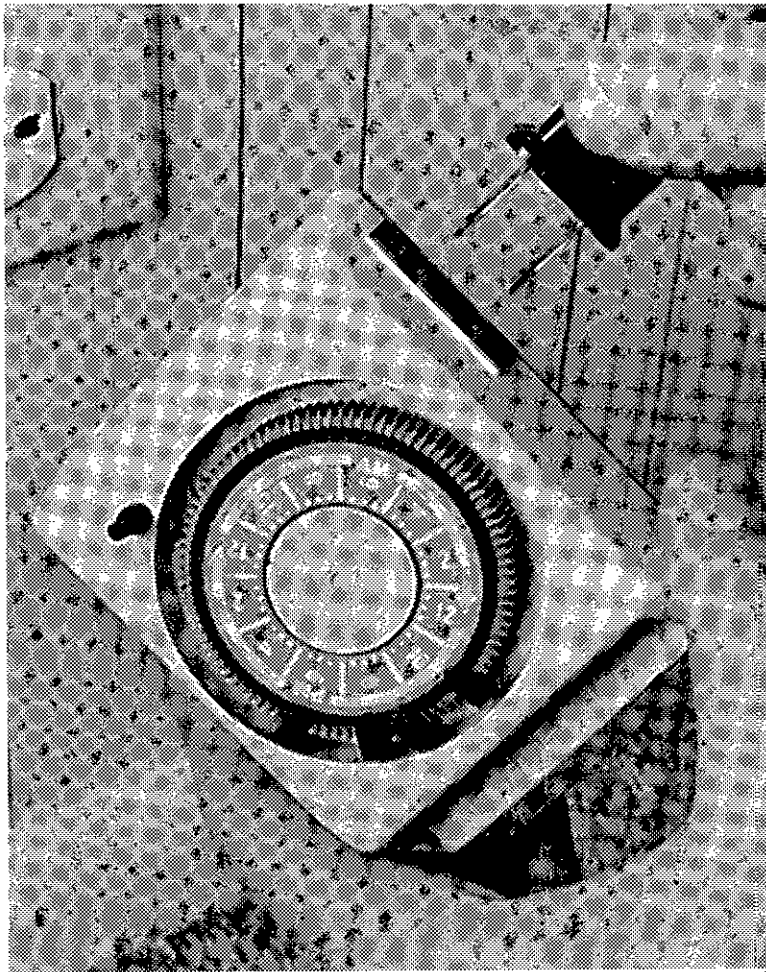
For additional security when you're away from home, Einstein recommends security timers with a random pattern that turns them on and off at slightly different times each day, eliminating a predictable timer-controlled look.

Another option is a programmable timer that allows you to schedule on/off times each day, making it perfect for vacations.

"Timers are a basic, inexpensive preventive measure readily available to every homeowner," says Einstein. "Studies also show that they're extremely effective."

While a house filled with light makes homes less inviting to potential burglars, sound-activated security switches provide an extra measure of deterrence.

These devices are designed to turn on either inside lights or outside floodlights when sound is detected. They feature an adjust-



A timer with a random on/off pattern, such as this Intermatic model, can confuse potential intruders and protect homeowners.

able sound-sensing setting and also help save energy by turning lights on only when they're needed.

According to Einstein, the most fundamental step homeowners can take to discourage break-ins is to make the outsides of their homes

less inviting. He suggests installing a floodlight in dark alleys or walkways that could be inviting to a burglar.

Similarly, low voltage outdoor lights can be used to highlight your landscape. Because the lights use safe 12-volt current, a typical set costs just pennies per night to operate. They're also easy to install, requiring only a few basic tools.

"Almost everybody has a friend or relative who has been burglarized," says Einstein.

"Odds are, it will happen this

year or next to someone you know. When you consider that the average value of items stolen in a burglary is more than \$1,300, the cost of protecting your home is a worthwhile investment. It's certainly much less expensive than gambling that you won't be victimized — and losing."

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Some solutions to home computer storage problems

You've just bought home a new computer. It's got games for the kids, the same software you use at the office and programs to balance the household budget. You're finally ready to get everything organized.

Almost.

Research has revealed several important differences between home and corporate offices. Understanding and acting on these differences can determine if your home office is orderly or chaotic.

Probably the most important difference concerns desktop storage needs, said Brain Matos, General Manager of Data Products with Alpha Enterprises, Inc.

The average employee in a corporate office doesn't have to bother with storing CD-ROMs, back-up tapes or other materials. He usually uses two or three programs during the day, and these are either installed on his PC or he works off a network.

"The home computer user on the other hand may find as many as a dozen programs bundled with his system when he opens the box. A family with school-aged children can easily purchase another half-dozen programs within a year," Matos said.

In addition to storing all those CD-ROMs and floppy disks, home office users need to keep manuals and documentation close at hand. After all, at home you will be the person responsible for determining why the printer won't print what's on your screen.

However, most home offices are often located in family rooms or bedrooms, which serve other functions. That means the space available for storage is usually very limited.

The best solution is to invest in a few desktop storage products. With the right units, you can organize your home office inexpensively and efficiently, Matos said.

He offered the following tips on choosing the best products for your home office.

Always think modular when buying desktop storage products. That allows you to customize the storage to your individual needs instead of vice versa.

It's also a good idea to choose a system rather than assembling a collection of incompatible storage products, Matos said. Another subtle but important aspect of buying a system is that the components are uniform and look like they belong together. That gives your work area a clean, uniform appearance. This is a consideration for any home office, but it's especially important for those occupying a corner of a room that receives visitors. Why spoil the decor of a family room or finished basement with a home office that looks like it was equipped at the local garage sale?

Another major difference be-

tween home offices and their corporate counterparts is the use of CD-ROMs. Not only do home offices require many more such media, they are used by the whole family and often traded among friends.

If that sounds like your situation, you might want to consider a separate CD-ROM storage system. One good model on the market is a vertical stacking rack that holds wallet-sized modular storage cases. Each case contains six CD-ROMs and their liner notes as mini-manuals for the software.

Cases should be easily labeled and tough enough to protect CD-ROMs during transportation in briefcases or backpacks. Look for a strong outer case that keeps out dust, while the inside contains devices like positive locking rings to securely hold CD-ROMs.

Most of us know that when space is limited, the solution to storage problems is vertical space.

But most of us also tend to forget that vertical space can mean down as well as up.

Take the problem of storing printer paper. It's one of those items that you forget about until you suddenly, immediately need it. So where can you find easily accessible, under-utilized space? Try looking beneath your printer.

A jet printer stand should be able to hold most inkjet or bubble jet printers. Look for a model that offers a pull-out drawer for quick availability. Some also come with a cubbyhole beside the paper tray to store envelopes.

The same concept that works for printer paper can also work for your computer keyboard. The basic alternative to keeping a keyboard on the desktop is a roll-out or swing-out drawer mounted under the desk surface.

Don't overlook existing storage possibilities. If your home computer is set on a desk, put that old hanging file drawer to good use with a hanging file drawer insert. This simple item can give you extra multi-media storage capacity, with some models holding as many as 36 CD-ROMs, 180 diskettes, data cartridges or other combinations of media.

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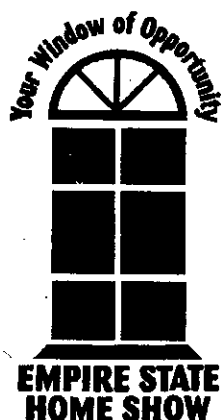
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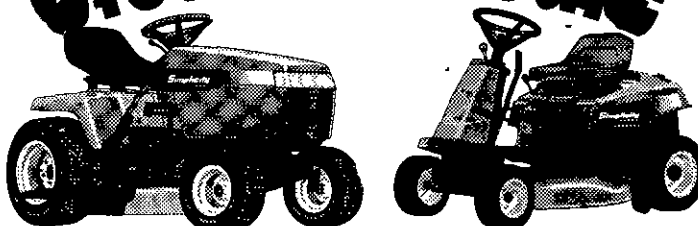
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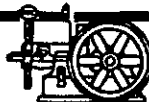
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Home organization experts suggest that you store out-of-season clothing under your bed in special rolling drawers. Use clothes organizers in your other

closets and then free up the remaining closets to create the extra room space you've needed.

Creating a home laundry room is easy when you make closet space work more efficiently. With a few shelves and a folding door, you're in business.

The doors are also a practical solution for converting closets into computer rooms, wet bars, toy rooms or even hideaway workbenches. They can also be used on utility rooms, pantries, wardrobes — anywhere you need more room at the doorway.

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A screwdriver and tape measure are the only tools you'll need for installation. An experienced handyman can mount the hardware and install the doors in about 10 minutes.

Choosing washers can send heads spinning

The variety of washing machines on the market today could send a shopper spinning.

Consumers should closely evaluate three critical components of a washing machine: the agitator, motor and temperature control, said Dan Pigatto, buyer of laundry products for Sears Brand Central. "Combined, these components determine a machine's performance ability."

Sears, which sells more laundry appliances than any other retailer, provides the following insights to selecting the right washer, he said.

An agitator is the upright piece located in the center of the washer basket. The vanes at the base of the agitator move back and forth, drawing water and detergent through the clothes to clean them.

There are two types of agitators available today: straight vane and auger-type vane.

A machine's motor determines the speed of the agitator and the rate of the spin of the wash basket. Most mid-priced washers come with two-speed motors — one to handle regular wash loads, another for knit

clothes that require more delicate care. A three-speed motor adds extra-delicate care for hand-washables.

Murphy: times are changing for overhead door systems

The overhead door opener was one of the earliest electronic home gadgets developed this century and, like many others such as the remote control, designed to make people's lives a little bit easier.

While the presence of such devices is nothing new — the first ones were introduced in the 1940s — the ones found say, in your grandparents' Nash (later American Motors) Rambler, are a far cry from today's versions, says Tom Murphy, co-owner of Murphy's Overhead Doors at 1148 Central Ave.

The hottest item these days is not found in cars, but rather on the exterior wall of the garage, Murphy said: the programmable combination door opener.

For \$38, a basic unit, which uses a computerized combination lock, can be hooked up with your existing door-opening system that eliminates the need to use a key.

"This is an ideal situation if you have kids who want to go in the garage or if you have garbage collection service, where the collector comes into your garage each week for the cans," Murphy said. "All you have to do is give your garbage collector the combination and you're set. As for the kids, if you think they might have told some of their friends what the combination is, because it's programmable, you can change it very easily."

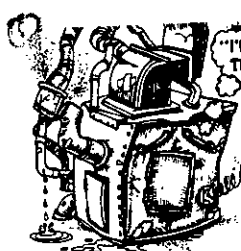
If your home does not have a door-opening system, Murphy's company offers a \$299 package to solve that problem.

More importantly, people with older systems should consider this package because the older ones do not have federally-mandated, modern safety features, Murphy said.

As a result, dealers like Murphy are barred from simply repairing old systems and many homeowners might have to buy new systems.

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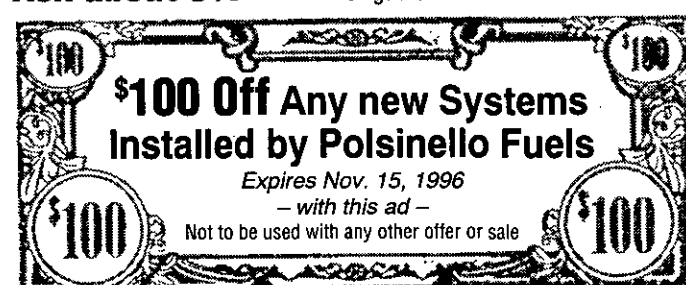


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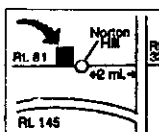
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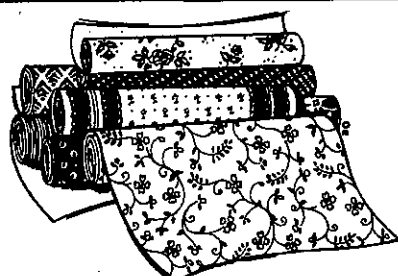
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Older homes need check-ups to remain in shape

Buyers beware: many old houses are riddled with age-related ailments

Few modern homes can beat the charm and character of America's homes built before the 20th century. Natural wood beams and trim built-in cabinets and cozy bedroom alcoves are only a few of the features that make older homes special and attractive to many home buyers.

Yet, along with their appealing style and atmosphere, many of these houses also possess an array of ailments and conditions specifically because of their age.

The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), the international organization of home inspection professionals, cautions buyers to be aware of these problems when they shop.

While a lot may be learned about a home by its outward appearance, its interior condition and future

lifespan can only be evaluated by an expert on home construction: the professional home inspector.

Ron Passaro, founder and past president of ASHI, says that ASHI inspectors know what to look for in older homes, and how to "listen" to what they may have to say. For example:

Plumbing

The plumbing of an older house must be looked at very carefully, since it could be on its second or third generation of piping. If incompatible metals have been mixed in the piping, there may be extensive corrosion.

Settlement

In addition to possible damage to the foundation, settlement of the structure can also cause problems in the plumbing system. Pipes

that were once pitched properly to carry waste water away may now be pitched the wrong way if settlement is severe.

Sagging

A common problem in older homes, sagging is often compounded by alterations to the house. Support structures are often cut with no thought to their ability to carry the weight of the building.

Wiring system

When many of the older houses were wired, the only electrical requirements were a couple of lights and an occasional outlet — clearly inadequate for today's needs. If the electrical system has not been modernized, or if modernization has been done by amateur, a sizable expenditure may be antici-

pated.

Energy conservation

When the old homes were built, this was not even a consideration. Special attention must be paid to the conservation measures that may or may not have been installed.

Proper ventilation

On the other hand, an unknowing homeowner, in an attempt to seal and insulate his house, may have created more problems than he solved. A house can be made energy efficient, but it must also breathe.

Heating system

The transition from old systems (wood or coal-burning stoves) to modern oil or gas-fired central heating was often made

by alterations to the existing equipment.

Sometimes these modifications were done properly; more often they were not, and supplemental heat is frequently needed.

In addition, heat distribution pipes or ducts may have deteriorated with age and need replacement.

ASHI advises home buyers to look closely at these aspects themselves before they fall in love with the home of their dreams, and to have a professional home inspection before they commit to a purchase.

Be careful not to hire an inspection "moonlighter" who may not be knowledgeable in all areas of home construction, and might use home inspections as a means of obtaining repair contracts.

Better Homes and Gardens creates better laundry room

While laundry is nobody's idea of a dream job, in the right environment, at least, it can be less of a chore.

That's what Whirlpool and *Better Homes and Gardens* were thinking when they created the idea-packed Ultimate Laundry Room. Anything that could possibly make doing laundry easier or more pleas-

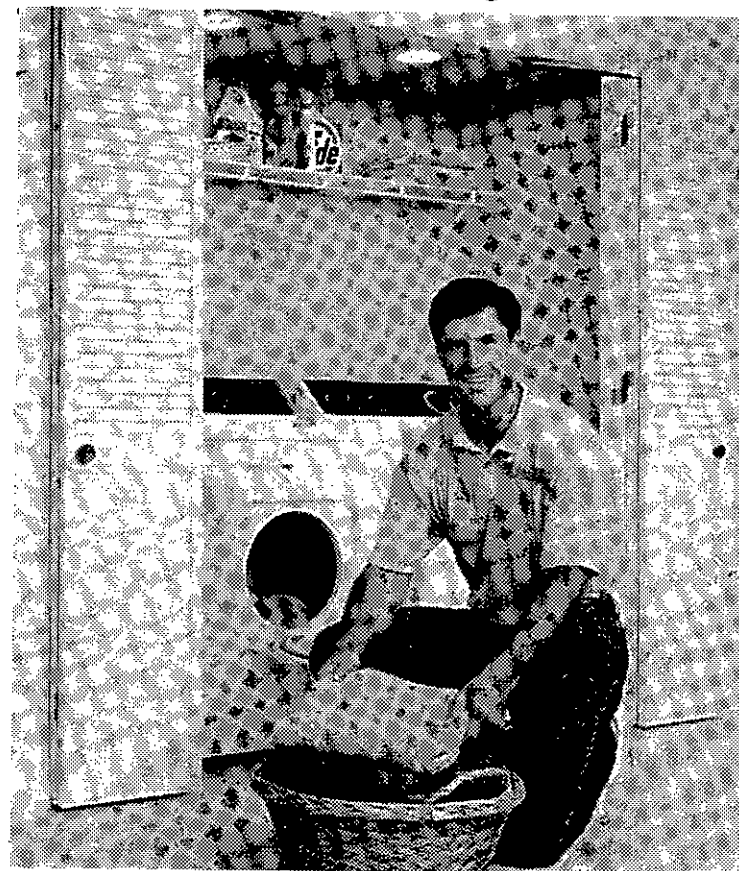
ant — except having a maid do it — is included in the design. From laundry sorting centers to tilt-out detergent bins to a wall-mounted heated drying rack, this laundry room has everything you need to get the job done.

But laundry isn't all you'll be doing in this room. The Ultimate Laundry Room also has a work-

bench/home office area, a gift wrap and craft center, a dry sink/potting area, an herb and flower drying rack and a recycling center. There's even a special kitty litter box with its own fan and vent to help keep unwanted odors from creeping into this special haven.

Want an Ultimate Laundry Room of your own? You can get a complete 7-in-1 plan for the laundry room from *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine. The plan contains photographs, individual materials lists and step-by-step construction details for each of the room's specialized areas.

To order the plan with a Mastercard, Visa or American Express Card, call: Better Homes and Gardens Reader Shopping Service at 1-800-881-4066. To mail order, send check or money order for \$24.95 to BH&G Reader Shopping, Dept. 9507, Box 9128, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9128. The price of the plan includes shipping, handling and sales tax, if applicable.



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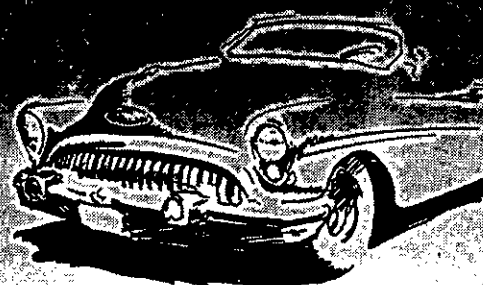
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Finished basements a way to solve space crunch

When an addition is out of the question, maximize the space you already have

Ever wish your home had more space, but think the cost of an addition will overwhelm you?

Well, you may be pleasantly surprised. There's a practical, affordable solution: finish your basement.

According to a survey of remodeling contractors, finishing a basement is far less costly than an addition, and a proven way to increase the value of your home.

Because basement space is flexible space, you can easily customize it to meet your family's needs.

A basement can be converted into a variety of livable spaces, including a family room, home office, home theater, extra bedroom, children's room or fitness room. And as your needs change, it's easy to modify basement space.

Regardless of whether you transform the unfinished space yourself, hire a contractor to do it, or decide to do a little of each, the design, planning and finishing process lets you express your creativity.

When planning the space, make sure there's enough headroom.

Most codes require a minimum of 7 1/2 feet from floor to ceiling.

When planning the ceiling, designers say suspended or "drop" ceilings are usually the best choice because they attractively cover exposed floor joists while permitting access to pipes, ductwork and wiring.

They also eliminate the messy, labor-intensive process of sanding and painting dry wall, they can provide an effective sound barrier between the basement and upper floors, and they can be installed quickly and easily.



Suspended ceilings like this one from Armstrong are popular choices for finished basements because they cover exposed floor joists while permitting access to pipes, ductwork and wiring.

Electric heat pump: one appliance doing work of both furnace and air conditioner

Lower your energy bills while adding to your quality of life

An electric heat pump is a single appliance that can heat your home in the winter, and then cool it in the summertime.

Buying one appliance to do the job of a furnace and an air conditioner can save you money, according to the Edison Electric Institute, the national association of electric companies.

Electric heat pumps can do both tasks because they exchange heat instead of creating it, like furnaces must do.

That makes heat pumps more energy efficient because it takes less energy to transfer heat from inside to outside, or vice versa, than it does to create it.

This fact can help you lower your monthly electric bills.

Many technological advances are making the electric heat pump more energy efficient.

In becoming more efficient, heat pumps return benefits to you that go beyond lower energy bills — greater comfort, quiet, and healthier indoor air quality.

Electronic, variable-speed drives use a compressor that continually adjust their speed to match the desired heating or cooling demand, pushing the standard en-

ergy-efficiency ratings up 30 to 40 percent.

- Scroll compressors have only two moving parts, giving them a 15 percent improvement in overall operating efficiency, quieter operation, and a longer life.

- Integrated heat pumps supply hot water as a free by-product of air conditioning. At other times, the heat pump heats the water directly, for the most energy-efficient method of water heating.

In northern climates, two types of heat pumps now can eliminate

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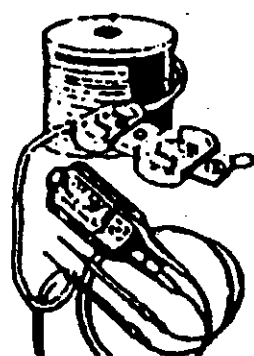
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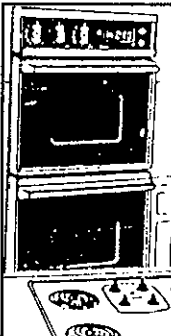
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New technology helps keep indoor work sites clean

As Americans, we say we value honesty, and we're quick to condemn those whom we believe are less than trustworthy. Auto mechanics, car salespeople and remodelers are on that list.

Apprehension on the part of homeowners who are reluctant to call a remodeler for fear of high-pressure tactics, bad advice, costly work, and unreliable work habits has not gone unnoticed by the trade.

Professional remodelers are now striving individually and as a group to improve every customer's experience.

"We're aware that when we do a project, we're basically co-habiting with the client for days or even weeks. We get to know the family, and they get to know us," explained Kirtland King, president of King Bros. Building and Remodeling Inc. in Delmar. "It's very important to me and to my crew to do everything possible to make remodeling a home something positive and not an ordeal."

King and other remodelers recognize they must be responsive to a changing marketplace. They have taken a number of steps to improve customer relations and communication and are using helpful new tools while on the job site.

For example, King Bros. recently purchased a dust-less dry wall sander which vacu-



Kirt King demonstrates the new dust-less dry wall sander which his remodeling firm uses to minimize dust and disruption.

ums up tiny particles of joint compound as it sands.

Anyone who has ever remodeled knows that dry wall sanding creates a lot of dust which gets into everything, including duct work. The dry wall sander is considered 98 percent efficient and is safer for the workers, too.

"We find the dry wall sander makes a big difference. Our customers really notice it and it saves us time with our daily clean-up," said King, adding that his firm has used the dust-less dry wall sander since August.

Earlier this year, King Bros.

also invested in a dust door and wall system — a non-damaging way to seal off the work area and contain dust.

The dust door is heavy duty vinyl with a curved zippered closure in the middle of it to allow access. It attaches to the door frame with a plexiglass arch system and no nails or tape to damage wood, wallpaper or trim.

By using the dust door system in conjunction with negative room pressure, a virtually dust-free environment is created.

To keep the lines of communication open, King Bros. and other remodelers are beginning to use Progress Posting, a sort of homeowner's notebook which details daily progress on the job, the next day's schedule, and any questions or needs.

While it can't replace face-to-face conversation, Progress Posting provides written updates and information for customers even when they return home after the work crew has left for the day.

Some remodelers are launching secondary businesses in response to homeowner's needs and requests. In certain areas, on-call emergency repair services are available.

On-call services are especially useful to traveling homeowners whose housesitter suddenly discovers a broken window, leak or other emergency which requires immediate attention.

There are also gutter cleaning services to assist homeowners who are unwilling or unable to complete this chore themselves.

"Creative concepts with your comfort in mind" is the motto of King Bros., where plans are underway to produce a videotape which will be available to prospective customers.

The video will include "walk-throughs" of previous jobs, design ideas, testimonials, and a visual demonstration of ways remodelers are responding to today's homeowners.

By viewing the tape in the comfort of home, potential clients will see the firm's work and get a sense of the company's attitude and ethics.

King has worked hard to improve his own business skills and knowledge base. He recently received his certified graduate remodeler (CGR) certification from the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He is the first CGR-certified remodeler in Albany County and only the seventh in New York state.

To become certified, a remodeler must successfully complete a number of business-related courses, have at least five years of professional experience, and earn customer and supplier recommendations.

King said he strives to be in the forefront of his industry, and he believes the key to that is earning

the trust of his customers and helping them find ways to be happier with their homes.

"It's a good feeling when we make a fine home even better. Home is important because that's where our families are," he said. "I think the work King Brothers does can contribute to the quality of family life by giving people more space for living and more livable space."

For information on the products and services described in this article, contact Kirt King at 475-1442.

Empire Home Show coming to HVCC

If you plan to build, remodel or just spruce up your house this fall, then make plans to attend the premiere of the 1996 Empire Home Show on Oct. 4-6 at Hudson Valley Community College.

Hosted by Albany Area Home Builders Association, this new exhibit for current and prospective homeowners will display hundreds of products and services, and offer tips and advice to help you start your next home project.

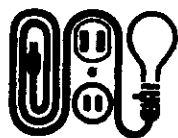
The show promises many nifty features, such as eight, fully furnished and decorated rooms brought to life by area interior design professionals.

Want advice on financing your new addition? Need help with messy closets? Then stop by one of the many free seminars being held on such topics.

Have a beautiful remodeling project that you have finished and want to show up? Then enter the Better Homes and Gardens/National Remodelers Council remodeling contest.

Show hours are Friday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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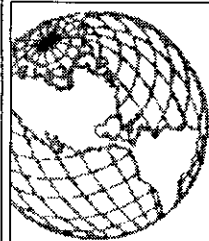
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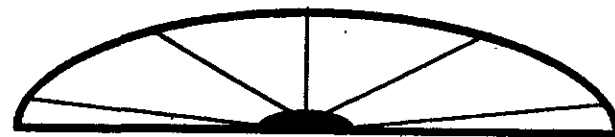
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Midget Hawks prevail

The Bethlehem Jr. Midget Hawks put their undefeated record on the line Sunday and came away with a tough 6-0 win over the Greene County Panthers in Cairo.

The only touchdown of the game came on a 27-yard **Mark Bulger** pass to **Brian Geurtze** just as the first quarter ended.

The Hawks' **Aaron Griffin** repeatedly charged through the Panther line to gain more than 50 yards in the game. Second quarter action featured impressive defensive work by the Hawks' **Tom Frankovic**, **Mike Spinelli**, **Art Ceas**, **Jeremiah Giaccone** and **Dan Hazen**.

The second half was a classic defensive battle as the Panthers suffered three turnovers. **Matt Sargent** recovered a fumble in the first play of the half. Soon after, **Bulger** came up with an interception. Then, with 58 seconds left in the game, **Mason Jones** came up with a decisive fumble recovery to clinch the win.

The Bethlehem Jr. Pee Wee team went on the road Sunday against the Scotia Tartans, where they were handed a tough 31-6 loss.

Despite great defensive efforts turned in by **Brian Nolan**, **Ryan Menrath**, **Josh Mack** and **Ryan Eder**, Scotia's offense proved to be too much to contain.

The Condor's offense struggled to find consistency throughout most of the game. **Ryan McKenna** had a few good scampers through holes opened up by **Shawn Bukowski**, **Ryan Paratore** and **Brad Roberts**.

Bethlehem's only touchdown came late in the first half from one yard out, when **Zach Patnode** ran it in behind blocks by linemen **Matt Carroll**, **Ryan Eder**, **Scott Fraser** and **Brian Trombley**.

In Pee Wee action Sunday, **Sean Myrtle**'s two touchdowns sparked the Falcons to a 32-13 win over the Greene County Indians.

For the second straight week, Bethlehem spread around the offensive firepower as four different players scored Falcon touchdowns.

Quinn Wilson and **Anthony Livreri** had short scoring runs to compliment Myrtle's efforts, while **Jerry Saliba** caught his first touchdown pass of the year on a perfect strike from **Alex Burke**.

On defense, **Jeremy Trotta** and **Chris Regal** terrorized the Greene County quarterbacks throughout the game from their defensive end positions, recording several sacks in the process.

Josh Goldberg, **Nate Pannucci** and **Devin Nolan** also had big games defensively. **Saliba** added a key interception for the Falcons, now 4-0 on the season.

Blackbirds struggle on offense

By Jonathan Abrams

The Voorheesville boys soccer team continues to have trouble on offense, as the Blackbirds lost two of three games last week.

The Blackbirds lost to Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 4-1, beat Mechanicville 3-2 and fell to Lansingburgh 2-0.

RCS's **Jason Dilwith** scored two goals, and **Mike Mullarkey** and **Jeff Andritz** each scored one. Voorheesville co-captain **Steve Pilatzke** scored the only goal for the Blackbirds.

Voorheesville goalie **Mark Panthen** made an admirable effort with 12 saves.

The Blackbirds rebounded from the loss to RCS with a win

over Mechanicville. **Bob Siemann** scored two goals and **Pilatzke** scored one to help the Blackbirds put a second mark in the win column.

Marc Maciariello scored both goals for Mechanicville.

Panthen had another fine game with 18 saves in goal.

Unfortunately, the Blackbirds' momentum was cut short when they dropped a close one to Lansingburgh. **Ben Donney** and **Kyle Barrett** scored the goals for Lansingburgh.

The Blackbirds played well for most of the first half until a defensive lapse cost them.

Throughout the second half, the

boys tried valiantly to tie the game, but to no avail. In the final minutes, Lansingburgh scored again, putting the final touch on their victory.

"We're playing better than in the beginning of the season," said Voorheesville coach **Bob Crandall**. "There is a lot more understanding of ball movement between the players. We need to put the ball more into our offensive players' hands because we're not shooting the ball often enough."

"At this point, we are taking giant steps forward, but baby steps backwards. I am confident that our team will continue to improve over the course of the season, and I have faith in all my players," he said.

Bad breaks hurt Eagles' cause

By Tim Kavanagh

After competing intensely for four hard-fought quarters, the Bethlehem football squad came up short in an emotional 27-6 loss to Suburban Council rival Niskayuna on Saturday.

The score did not show the real evenness of the two teams or the superior effort of the Eagles, however.

Head coach **John Sodergren** said the team "played with a high level of emotion in the first half," but just caught some bad breaks in the third quarter, which Niskayuna was able to capitalize on.

Football

Junior **Andre Ellman**, who had 12 solo tackles in the game, led the Eagles' defensive effort.

On offense, senior running back **Matt Quackenbush** was a key player, not only rushing for 75 yards, but also throwing a touchdown pass to backfield mate **Dave Raab**. Raab also broke free for a 32-yard run.

Heading into Friday night's homecoming game against powerhouse Schenectady, Sodergren urges the team's fans to "remain

positive." He said he hoped this week's spirit activities will "hopefully be positive and not a distraction."

The two teams should match up well, and it will be interesting to see what the stingy BC defense does against the Patriots strong ground game.

Library to be closed for Columbus Day

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, for the Columbus Day holiday.

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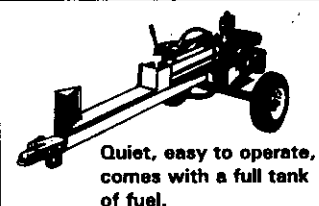
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Party time kicks off Sunday opening

Everyone is invited to a party on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. To celebrate the first Sunday opening, the Whippersnappers will perform at 2 p.m. In addition, there will be demonstrations, activities for children and refreshments.

Bring the family and make the library part of your Sunday routine.

**Voorheesville
Public Library**



Last-minute weekend video borrowers should take note that the library will be closing at 6 p.m. on Fridays beginning Oct. 4.

Videos are also located in a new site on shelves between the parenting books and mysteries.

Young adults now have their own, more visible section, where the videos were formerly housed. If you have trouble finding your favorite genre, ask for directions.

The display case is adorned with extra-special goodies from the Halloween trick bag of garage sale expert Carole Bulger.

The hall gallery is awash in watercolor flowers from the brush of Helga Pritchard. Pritchard came to America in 1958 from Germany. She is a graduate of Russell Sage College and studied with Salvatore Cascio, Edgar Burzel and Jane Kristel. Pritchard is retired and



The Whippersnappers, with George Wilson, left, Peter Davis and Frank Orsini, will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday.

indulges in her favorite pastimes of painting and gardening.

Art Expressions for adults meets Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your own materials to the community room for painting, sketching and sculpting.

The Writers' Group meets at 7 p.m. on Oct. 10 and 24. New mem-

bers are welcome.

Don't miss the Fall Harvest Craft Fair at SuperValu on Sunday, Oct. 13. Proceeds from space rental at the fair will be donated to the library to purchase books and materials.

This month, deposits from bottles returned to SuperValu can be donated to the library. There is a container at the market for bottle deposit slips.

Barbara Vink

Area sculptor's works on display at institute

The exhibit of Albany-born sculptor Charles Calverley (1833-1914) will remain open at the Albany Institute of History & Art at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany through Nov. 17.

For information, call 463-4478.

S. Bethlehem church planning pork dinner

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue in South Bethlehem will sponsor a roast pork dinner for the public at the Balsam Shade Resort in Greenville. The dinner will take place on Friday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m.

The menu includes homemade turkey soup, roast loin of pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut and apple sauce.

The meal cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

For information, call 767-2281.

Science educators to host raptor session

Outdoor World for Learning (OWL) will focus on birds of prey in a "Live Raptors" presentation at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m.

Science educators Melodee James and Wayne Trimm will offer a first-hand look at live raptors, describing their relationship to a changing environment and dispelling persistent myths about these magnificent birds.

For information, contact youth services at 439-9314.

Scary stories on tap at Bethlehem library

"What's Under My Bed?", "The Three Robbers," and "The Witch Who Was Afraid of Witches" will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, on Friday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m.

The program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

For information, call 439-9314.

Tour group to take in dinner, 'Phantom'

Rev's Tours of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church is sponsoring a trip to see "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theater on Friday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

Kathy Dodge Cravotta

Kathy Dodge Cravotta 45, of Farmington, Ontario County, a Slingerlands native, died Thursday, Sept. 19, of injuries she sustained in an automobile accident.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Eastman School of Music. She studied classical piano with Stanley Hummel of Delmar when she was 5-years-old.

She travelled throughout the country with a jazz trio that included Robert Cravotta, whom she married. Although they later divorced, they continued to perform together.

Ms. Cravotta was engaged and recently bought a home with her fiancé Joseph Galante.

Her album, Kathy with a K, was recently released.

Survivors include her mother, Irva M. Fitzmaurice of Ballston Spa and a son, Jason Cravotta of Webster, Monroe County.

Services were from the Profetta Funeral Home in Webster. Local arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Eastman School of Music, Preparatory Department Scholarship Fund, c/o Irva Fitzmaurice, 2560 Route 9, Box 10, Ballston Spa 12020.

Betty R. Tasso

Betty R. Milburn Tasso, 72, of

Selkirk, died Saturday, Sept. 28, at her home.

She was a supervisor for Hartford Insurance Co. in Delmar for 22 years before she retired in 1983.

Mrs. Tasso was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Losavio of Selkirk; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

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

Arrangements were by the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

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

Victor A. Taber

Victor A. Taber, 77, of Delmar, died Thursday, Sept. 26, at his summer home on Lake Ontario.

Born in Dale, Wyoming County, he was a graduate of the University of Buffalo. He received a master's degree from the University of Rochester.

Mr. Taber served in the Army under Gen. George Patton during World War II.

He was active in the Boy Scouts earning the Silver Beaver award for his service.

Mr. Taber worked for the state Education Department as director of educational testing until he retired in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Hatton Taber; a son, Arthur Taber of Naperville, Ill.; a daughter, Jerryanne Bier of Ferrum, Va.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for today, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. at Meyers Funeral Home, 741 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Marion Schwindeman

Marion Hauser Schwindeman, 95, of Glenmont died Monday, Sept. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Altamont, she was a graduate of Albany High School. Mrs. Schwindeman worked for the New York Central Railroad for more than 40 years in various business office capacities.

She was a lifelong member of Evangelical Protestant Church in Albany. She also sang in local light opera companies.

The widow of William Schwindeman, she is survived by a son, W. Richard Schwindeman of Westport, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home in Albany and Evangelical Protestant Church. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to

the Minister's Discretionary Fund of Evangelical Protestant Church, 82 Clinton St., Albany 12212.

Helen Dean

Helen Dean of Autumn Drive in Slingerlands died Friday, Sept. 20, at her home.

Born in Stillwater, Miss Dean had lived in the Capital District all her life.

A graduate of Russell Sage College, she worked for many years in the placement office of Albany Law School and also as registrar of Albany Medical College.

Miss Dean was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, the University Club, Friends of Pruyn House, the Shaker Doll Club and the Albany Institute of History & Art.

She is survived by many close friends.

Services were from Westminster Presbyterian Church, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy.

Contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany 12210, or to Russell Sage College, 45 Ferry St., Troy 12180.

Town historian to talk about record-keeping

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will hold a lecture on "Bethlehem Archives" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

The lecture, led by Bethlehem Town Historian Joseph Allgaier, will cover the history of the program to preserve local records and the town's collection. Allgaier will demonstrate the automated index he has created and help audience members use it to locate information of interest to them.

For information, call Marie Carlson at 439-9314.

Memorial Mass to be held for Maureen Evers

A memorial Mass for Maureen Evers will take place on Monday, Oct. 7, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Church at 35 Adams Place in Delmar. Evers died on Aug. 29.

For information, call 439-5573.

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Thanks to the generosity of Price Chopper, the Bethlehem Central Middle School PTA is able to provide parents, teachers, students and the community monthly updates on issues, events and details of activities at the Middle School.

This year, the BCMS PTA is working to build a strong partnership among parents, teachers and administrators at the Middle School. To accomplish this, we need strong communication among all of us. This Update feature is an attempt to do that. PTA meetings are on the first Monday of each month with agendas dedicated to substantive educational and community issues. We urge strong parent participation.

Coming Events:

October 7, 1996: Monthly PTA Meeting - 7:30 p.m. "Meeting the Educational Needs of All Our Students." A parent-teacher discussion on differentiated instruction - what is it and how I know it is being provided for my child?

October 10-11, 1996: School Picture Days. These dates have been moved up from the previously announced dates. Details will be provided from the Middle School shortly.

October 10, 1996: Seventh Grade Open House. Please note the time has been moved up to 7:00 p.m.

October 17, 1996: Eighth Grade Open House. Please also note the time has been moved up to 7:00 p.m.

Finally, thanks again to Price Chopper for their support.

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Tree

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support the diversity that each of us offers the town."

In line with the new policy, Birkhead said the board would be reviewing its display guidelines to "more clearly define what we mean by time, place and manner of presentation."

The main concern with manner of presentation, said board member Roger Beck, is that all exhibitors be aware that people of all ages visit the library and that clearly distasteful materials be avoided.

As far as the law goes, religious symbols are allowable in public places, regardless of the sect or persuasion they represent, Beck said. "The Progress Club will be able to display a Christmas tree, and any others in the town of Bethlehem can do likewise, whether it's the Chabad Lubavitch or whomever."

The library will be careful to note, Birkhead added, that the institution endorses no philosophy, idea or religion, and that the library is not liable for any loss or damage to items that are displayed.

Ad hoc committee member Bernard Ashe said the committee's recommendation was unanimous. "I'm happy with it. I think what occurred was just an unfortunate misunderstanding."

"I think that the committee did a fine job, and that everyone involved was interested in arriving at a just solution, which is the way it turned out," said committee member Mary Tinney.

A past president of the Delmar Progress Club, Tinney said she checked with club leaders, and "It is their wish and intention, if allowed, to put up a tree and decorate the lobby as they've done in the past."

Progress Club member Connie Strong of Glenmont said she was relieved that the controversy, which at one point prompted a 600-signature petition in favor of retaining the tree, was over.

"I'm glad we're getting back to the old traditions," she said. "You do your thing, and I'll do mine, and together we'll walk along in peace. This was never a case of selling religion."

The board is "very appreciative of the tremendous contribution made by the committee," Birkhead said. "We commend their honest evaluation and their thoughtful discussion of the issues. We're also appreciative of all the suggestions and ideas made to us by people in the community."

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Behind

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cold weather.

Efforts to reach Futia were unsuccessful.

In other business at Monday's special meeting, the board held its final public hearing on the Northeast Water District, which clears the way for construction to begin on that project.

The board also approved a five-year bond anticipation note for \$134,385 for the purchase of a Grad-all for the highway department.

And the board authorized Reilly to seek bids for a \$90,000 one-year revenue anticipation note to fund highway work that will eventually be paid for by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Blood pressure tests available at town hall

The town of Bethlehem will hold a blood pressure screening on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The screening is available to all town residents on a walk-in basis.

A volunteer dietician will also be available during the screenings to answer any questions.

Grand advice



Ryan Virgil of Delmar gets briefed by his grandfather Jim Altamari at the Bike Rodeo in Bethlehem on Saturday.
Doug Persons

Timber theft workshop Architect to present old railroad slides

Local farmers and woodlot owners are invited to attend a "Woodland Workshop" on timber theft scheduled at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County headquarters on Martin Road in Voorheesville on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Timber theft occurs when timber is illegally logged.

For information, call 753-4336.

Architect Michael J. Bosak will present a slide program on the renovation and adaptation of abandoned railroad stations on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Slides of Albany's Union Station will be shown.

For information, call 439-9314.

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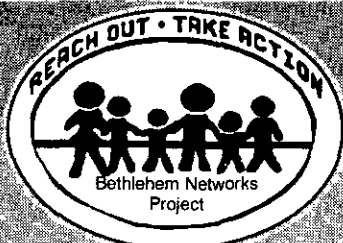
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Community Partnership holds workshop

During recent months, communities such as Colonie, Guilderland and Berne-Knox-Westerlo have been forming Community Partnerships using the Bethlehem Community Partnership as their model. Our community was the first in Albany County to bring together parents, students, the business community, the town, the school district, the church, and the police to work on preventing underage use of alcohol and other drugs. Dedicated Bethlehem Community Partnership members can be proud of what has been accomplished through their hard work: MiddleWorks, video on teen drinking, marijuana fact sheet, Friday night basketball, alcohol liability information sheet, summer volunteer opportunities brochure, brown bag project and many others.

Now you can be part of the work and fun of Partnership. The Bethlehem Community Partnership will hold a day-long workshop on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Casa Mia Restaurant on Rt. 9W in Glenmont.

This is an important event for anyone committed to promoting wellness and preventing underage alcohol and other drug use in our community. Join other dedicated people for a challenging and interesting experience. Enjoy a delicious lunch. See old friends, make new friends, and come together with others who share your concern about the youth of our community. For information, call Mona at 439-7740.



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Gus and Joan Ressegieu

Ressegieus celebrate 50th

Gregory "Gus" and Joan Dorsey Ressegieu of Delmar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 29 with family and friends at Bear's Steakhouse in Duanesburg.

The couple married Sept. 28, 1946, in St. Vincent de Paul Church in Cobleskill.

Gus retired from Orange Motors in Albany, and Joan retired from Smith Barney in Albany.

They have three daughters, Joan Frattura of Glenmont, Jean Pauly of Ravena and Jane O'Connell of Delmar; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Ali Elizabeth Gohlke-Schermer, to former Delmar resident Leslie Gohlke, Albany, June 20.

Girl, Regan Elizabeth Edwards, to Christine and Christopher Edwards, Delmar, Aug. 5.

Girl, Savannah Jayne Hotaling, to Tina and Ronald Hotaling, Coeymans Hollow, Sept. 16.

Boy, Zachary Joseph Flagler, to Mary Beth and Joseph Flagler, Delmar, Sept. 18.

Girl, MacKenzie Lauren Cox, to Tracy Burkins-Cox and Michael Cox, Glenmont, Sept. 20.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Samantha Clara Woolford, to Terri and Jay Woolford, Glenmont, Aug. 11.

Boy, Brian Isaac Greenberg, to Hope and Hank Greenberg, Slingerlands, Sept. 4.

Out of town

Girl, Stevie Nikole Rees, to Lulu and former Delmar resident Steven Rees of Denver, March 28. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. David Rees of Delmar.

Pinchback joins Noreast Real Estate

Noreast Real Estate Group recently appointed Patricia Pinchback as a licensed sales associate.

She will be specializing in the sales and marketing of residential property.

Pinchback has been associated with the Bethlehem Central School District for over 12 years.

Pinchback can be reached at Noreast's Delmar office at 439-1900.

Local Marine reports for duty in Missouri

Marine Cpl. John B. Cook, son of Judith I. Cook of 29 Altamont Road in Voorheesville, recently reported for duty with Marine Corps Support Activity in Kansas City, Mo.

Cook is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. He joined the Marine Corps in September 1993.

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Douglas and Darlene Pratt

Ellis, Pratt marry

Darlene Lyanne Ellis, daughter of Diane Ellis of Wilmington, N.C., and Douglas Robert Pratt, son of Douglas Elizabeth Pratt of Delmar, were married April 20.

The Rev. Matthew Hendricks performed the ceremony in St. Mark's Church, with the reception following at the Bellamy Mansion, both in Wilmington.

The maid of honor was Hampton Horton, and bridesmaids were Dixie Ellis and Deanna Ellis, sisters of the bride, Kimberly Clagett, Elizabeth Lindsey, Stephanie Carles-Cone, Dena Sheffield and Leigh Hodges.

The best man was Mark Rich-ter, and ushers were Michael Pratt

and Christopher Pratt, brothers of the groom, Andrew Williams, Jeffrey Adams, Kevin Perrault, Anthony Marsciano and Christopher Wallace.

The bride, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, is employed by the state of North Carolina as a social worker in Wilmington.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He is a physical education teacher in the Green County School District in Snow Hill, N.C.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple lives in Wilmington.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1986, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

• **Jack Welch**, chairman and CEO of General Electric Co., returned to the site of his early managerial success at the GE Plastics plant in Selkirk to mark the facility's 20th anniversary. "There is a unique spirit in the work environment here," Welch said. "I learned more here than any place I've been."

• Bethlehem Supervisor **Robert Hendrick** proposed a \$12.6 million budget for 1987. Hendrick said that the budget contained no property tax increase, since other revenues, like sales and mortgage taxes, were projected to rise.

• **John J. Clyne** of Delmar, a former County Court judge and ally of legendary Albany Democrats Erastus Corning 2nd and Dan O'Connell, switched parties to run for state Supreme Court justice as a Republican.

• Bethlehem Police Sgts. **Richard Vanderbilt** and **Colin Clark** were promoted to lieutenant.

Conservation group sets landscape art contest

Entries are being sought for a juried show of drawings, paintings and photos depicting the beauty of Albany County's natural landscapes.

The first-place winner will receive \$250 and possible reproduction as a poster print.

Up to five entries per person may be submitted.

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Community Corner

Blood drive & fund-raiser Saturday

Del Lanes will hold its annual blood donor drive and DARE program fund-raiser on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Bowling will only be \$1 per game for everyone. Proceeds go to the Bethlehem DARE program. The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will also be on hand, but you must make an appointment first by calling 439-2224.

There will be entertainment, and complimentary food and beverages. The bowling will be Rock 'N Bowl style with lights out and music playing.

Paddlewheel boat race, music highlight Albany Riverfest

By Zack Beck

Only one cruise ship can claim "fastest on the Hudson." This weekend both the Captain J.P. and the Spirit of St. Joseph cruise ships will duel in an old fashioned Mississippi paddlewheel boat race for that title.

The race will be part of the weekend long Albany Riverfest.

"It's an actual bonafide race," said Susan Cleary, program assistant for the Albany Urban Cultural Park. "There's a starting line and a finish line," she said. "It's a good natured rivalry. The captains know each other and it will be a lot of fun to see who will be the fastest paddlewheel boat on the Hudson."

The race will start at 3:15 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 6.

This exciting race will be only one of a number of other events going on as part of the Albany Riverfest sponsored by Fleet Bank. Headlining the musical performances will be "Three Dog Night Revisited" featuring Chuck Negron. Formerly the lead singer of Three Dog Night, Negron will be performing on his own this time around — singing popular songs such as "Joy to the World" and "An Old Fashioned Love Song."

"This is an event for everyone," said Cleary. The Riverfest will begin at noon on Saturday. The many attractions include an auto show, a boat show and an Albany food court where seven different Albany restaurants will set up at the preserve.

Kids will also find plenty of things to do with a variety of rides, clowns and sand art. "On Sunday, at 2 p.m. we will be



Headlining the musical performances at this weekend's Riverfest will be Chuck Negron, formerly the lead singer of Three Dog Night. Negron is one of a number of musical performers who will be appearing during the weekend long festivities.

having a special storytelling time for the kids, and the storytellers will be the Albany Tulip Queen and her court," said Cleary.

A farmer's market, sports games, and craft vendors will be setting up shop throughout the weekend.

The complete schedule of musical acts goes as follows:

On Saturday, Harmony Bay, an acoustic pop duo, will play at 12:15 p.m.; Native American Tales and Journeys will perform at 1:20 p.m.; Hair of the Dog, an Irish band will play at 2:20 p.m.; and Madras will perform rock & roll oldies at 3:20 p.m.

On Sunday, Caribe Mambo, a Latin-jazz celebration, will play at 1:45 p.m.; Supa Kumba, the undisputed heavy-weight of tropical beat music, will perform at 3 p.m.; Ernie Williams will play the blues at 4:10 p.m.; and Chuck Negron will top things off at around 5 p.m.

There is no charge for the event.

Race dinner cruises are available on both boats participating in the paddlewheel race. Reservations can be made by calling Captain J.P. at 270-1901 or the Spirit of St. Joseph at 449-2664.

The Riverfest will take place at the Corning Preserve on the banks of the Hudson River on Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 6. Saturday's events will run from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday's events will run from noon to 5 p.m. In the event of rain, activities will be relocated under the I-787 overpass bridge near the Boat Launch.

For information, contact Susan Cleary at 434-5132.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Family Entertainment

CALENDAR • ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Proctor's opens season with Anka to celebrate 70th year as theater

Paul Anka, currently on his Amigo Tour, will stop at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady this Saturday (Oct. 5) to help the theater celebrate its 70th anniversary and to kick off the 1996-97 season.

Anka, just elected to the National Songwriter's Hall of Fame, celebrates more than 800 songs he's written since the mid-50s. Among them is "My Way," a song that's become his signature song but he found even greater success in recording such songs as "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "Times of Your Life" and "Puppy Love."

Actually, Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley made "My Way" their song also.

Proctor's opening night is also a fundraiser for the theater which has become a hub of entertainment in Schenectady and the region.

A special gala package is available for \$100 which includes dinner, dancing and the show.

Info on opening night and the season: 346-6204.

Albany Symphony opens season with gala dinner Saturday

Not to be outdone, the Albany Symphony Orchestra will be holding a special dinner and tickets to the season opening concert Saturday, Oct. 5, as a fund-raiser.

Dinner will be served at the Steuben Club on North Pearl Street immediately following the concert.

Musical director and conductor David Alan Miller has selected a program that features American composers with the finale of the concert honoring George Gershwin with the playing of his *American in Paris*.



Martin P. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

The program also includes Leonard Bernstein's three dance episodes from his Broadway musical, *On The Town*.

Aaron Copland's piano concerto will be played by David Buechner while the concert will open with John Adams' *Lollapalooza* and be followed by Randall Thompson's *Symphony No. 3*.

Tickets for the gala dinner and show are \$75 while concert tickets range from \$13 to \$32. Info and reservations: 465-4755.

Cast at Capital Rep deep in rehearsals for season's opener

The cast for *Dancing at Lughnasa*, the Brian Friel Tony Award-winning play is in the midst of the rehearsal period for the opening of the season at Capital Rep in Albany Oct. 15.

The play, set in Donnegal, Ireland, in 1936 revolves around five sisters gathered during the last days of a dying uncle.

The sisters' preparation for a change in their lives in a small farming community is balanced by events in the larger world as Europe moves toward war.

The cast includes Bonnie Black, Shelley Delaney, Beth Wren Elliot, Cristine McMurdo-Wallis and Tamara Scott as the sisters. The two men in the play are James Coyle as the son of the married sister and Tom Lignon as the missionary priest/uncle who has returned home in his final illness.

Nick Mangano will stage this play. He directed last season's critically-acclaimed *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Info on the production and the season: 462-4534.

Cast for *Arsenic and Old Lace* gearing up for fast-paced farce

With Ed. Lange of Delmar at the helm as director, the cast of *Arsenic and Old Lace* is in the midst of rehearsals at the New York State Theatre Institute in Troy preparing for the official opening of the season Sunday, Oct. 13. Previews start Oct. 10.

This wild farce by Joseph Kesselring arrived on Broadway during World War II and helped audiences forget, for several hours, the problems outside the theater.

In the play, two elderly women in Brooklyn entertain lonely men with sips of elderberry wine. The wine is spiked with arsenic as the spinster aunts believe they are performing a service by ending the lonely lives. To dispose of the bodies, a brother of the aunts, thinking he is Teddy Roosevelt, buries them in the basement. "Teddy" thinks they are victims of malaria as he restages the building of the Panama Canal in the cellar.

Company members Eileen Schuyler and Carole Edie Smith play the aunts while Joseph Quandt is their reasonable brother, Mortimer, a drama critic, who steps into the middle of this situation.

Mychelle Lee Vedder who returns this year after playing the title role in a play about Amelia Earhart and Beauty in *Beauty and the Beast*, will be seen as Elaine, the minister's daughter next door and Mortimer's love interest. Joel Aroeste plays the brother, Teddy, a role that requires running up a lot of stairs.

Reservations and info: 274-3256.

AROUND THEATERS!

Mixed Emotions, Riverview Productions' dinner theater comedy at First United Methodist Church of Delmar Sat. and Sun., Oct. 5 and 6 (463-3811). ... *Four Bitchin' Babes*, a revue at The Egg Friday, Oct. 4 (473-1845). ... *Jest a Second*, Lake George Dinner Theater through Oct. 12 (668-5781). ... *Nunsense* at Theatre Barn, New Lebanon, through Oct. 13. (794-8989).

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"NUNSENSE"

Little Sisters of Lebanon to perform comedy, includes bingo, Theater Barn, New Lebanon, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., through Oct. 13. Cost, \$15 for evening performances, \$14 for Sunday matinees. Information, 794-8989.

"ARSENIC AND OLD LACE"

call for times and tickets, New York State Theatre Institute, River Street, Troy, Oct. 10 to 26. Information, 274-3200.

"THE BROADWAY KIDS"

young Broadway stars to sing and dance, The Empire Center at The Egg, Albany, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. Information, 473-1061.

RECORDING STAR PAUL ANKA

star to perform his biggest hits from the past 40 years, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. Cost, \$45.50, \$39.50, \$36.50. Information, 382-1083.

MUSIC

SOLO PIANIST GEORGE WINSTON

a variety of songs off his new album "Linus and Lucy" to be played, reserve tickets, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$22. Information, 273-0038.

"GREAT AMERICAN GALA"

Albany Symphony Orchestra to play Gershwin, Copland, Bernstein, and the works of other American composers, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue, Albany, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. Cost, \$13 to \$22. Information, 465-3333.

CAPRICCIO STRAVAGANTE

Skip Sempe, harpsichord, Guillemette Laurens, mezzo, baroque chamber music, Union College Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Oct. 7, 8 p.m. Cost, \$15 adults, \$7 students. Information, 372-3561.

DANCE

BARN DANCES

Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel, Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Loudonville, Oct. 13, 4 p.m. Cost, \$5 general, \$4 members, \$2 under 12. Information, 438-3035.

OLD SONGS CONTRA AND COUNTRY DANCE

everyone invited, bring soft-soled shoes, Masonic Temple, 138 Maple Ave., Altamont, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. Cost, \$7. Information, 765-2815.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

STEAMER NO. 10 THEATRE SEEKS ACTORS/DESIGNERS send resume, actors include headshot, to: Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join them for rehearsals of classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, Ten Eyck, Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

POETRY CONTEST

20 lines or less, any subject, any style, send to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, 609 Main Street, P.O. box 193, Sisterville, WV 26175. \$1,000 grand prize. Information, 304-652-1449.

CLASSES

DANCE CLASSES

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.

PUPPET WORKSHOP

children 5 through 12 can make puppets and how to use them as characters in two-day workshop, pre-registration required, The Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Avenue, Troy, Oct. 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Information, 235-2120.

FILM

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

more than 20 countries represented in a competition call for details, The Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 17 to 20. Cost, \$60 four days, \$35 two days, \$22 one day, \$6 single film. Information, 473-1845.

"MOLL FLANDERS"

adaptation of Daniel Defoe's novel, rated PG-13, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, Oct. 2 at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m., Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$2 downstairs, \$3 balcony. Information, 382-3231.

"COURAGE UNDER FIRE"

first woman to receive Medal of Honor is under a military investigation, rated R for violence and language, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, Oct. 6 at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m., Oct. 7 at 2 p.m., Oct. 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$2 downstairs, \$3 balcony. Information, 382-3231.

READINGS

"3 GUYS FROM ALBANY"

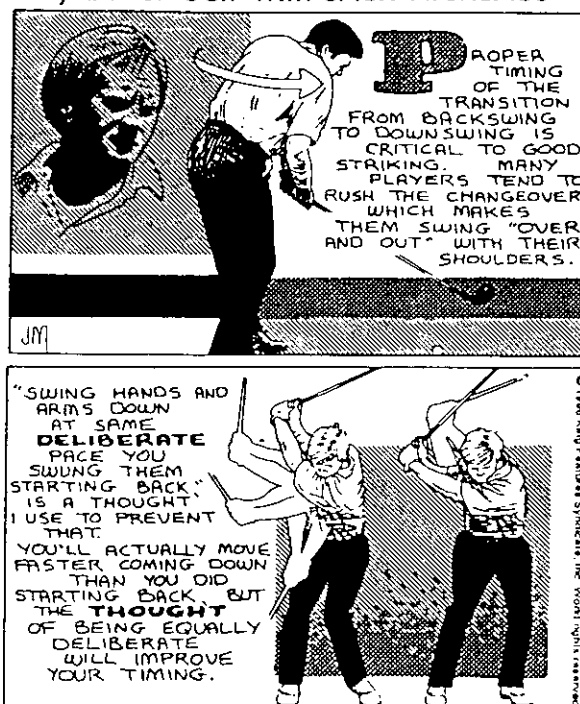
group to perform poetry from Andy Warhol, Frank Zappa, Elvis, Frida Kahlo, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0583.

LECTURES

SLIDE SHOW AND GALLERY TOUR WITH LEN TANTILLO

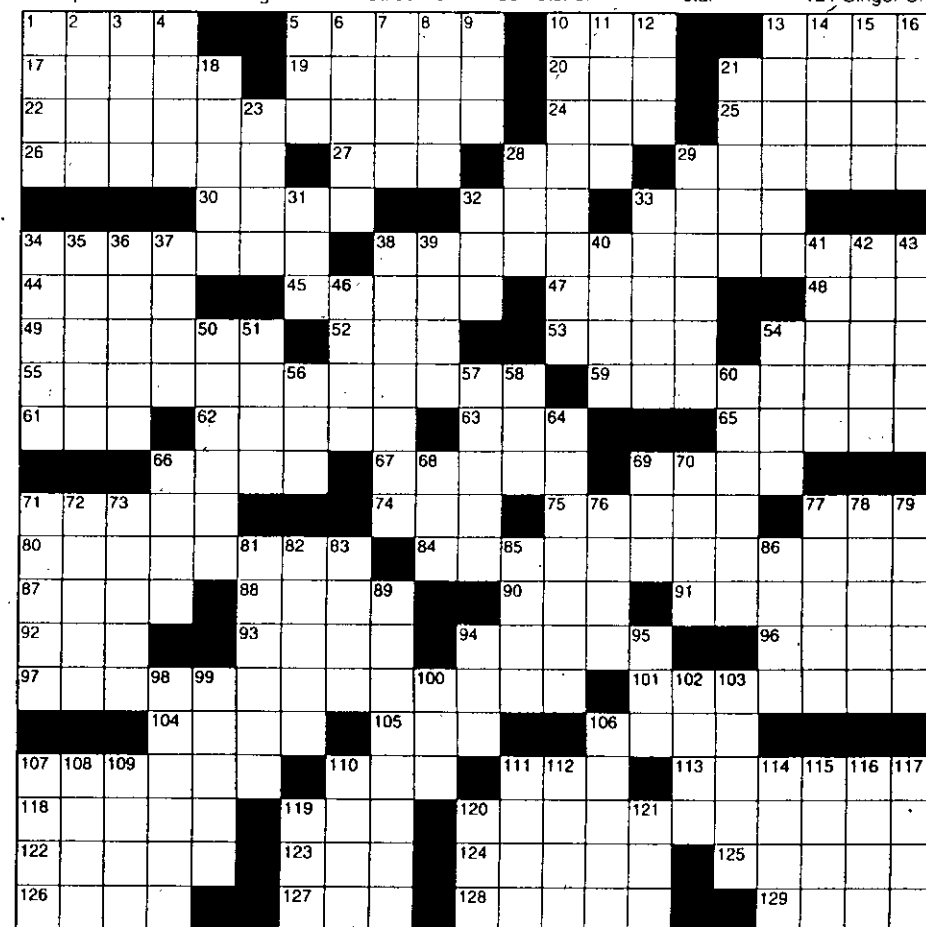
artist to discuss influences on him, book signing to follow, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Oct. 5, 2 to 4 p.m. Cost, museum members free, adults \$3, seniors/students \$2. Information, 463-4478.

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| ACROSS | 48 Casserole cover | 92 "Just — thought!" | 129 Michigan, for one | "Casablanca" | 81 Hebrew text |
| 1 Blood components | 49 Attended to pressing business? | 93 Ms. Minnelli | DOWN | 36 Approximate | 82 Mrs. Ralph Kramden |
| 5 Singer Donna | 52 Actor Charleson | 94 Hopkins of "Family Matters" | 1 Protected | 37 So, state | 83 Idle |
| 10 "My goodness!" | 53 "Pretty in —" ('86 film) | 96 Pedigreed pooch | 2 Goals | 38 Least remote | 85 — friendly |
| 13 Belfry sound | 54 Short skirt | 97 Farmyard singer? | 3 Nobel Elihu | 39 Author Ferber | 86 California city |
| 17 Cropped up | 55 Farmyard author? | 101 Atomizer | 4 Laos' locale | 40 In good shape | 89 Lincoln biographer |
| 19 French health resort | 59 "Werther" composer | 104 It may be tacky | 5 Red cap | 41 Dress shape | 94 Palm oil? |
| 20 Presidential nickname | 61 Matching pieces | 105 Start to paint | 6 — garde | 42 It suits some | 95 Bonfire residue |
| 21 Hood of "Our Gang" | 62 Intimate | 106 New York stadium | 7 Ready to eat | 43 Soprano Gruberova | 98 Horrified |
| 22 Farmyard rocker? | 63 "In — signo vices" | 107 Struck | 8 Show surprise | 46 Dome covers | 99 On one's toes |
| 24 Capture a crook | 65 "Maria —" ('41 song) | 110 Justice Fortas | 9 Actress Munson | 50 Decorates glass | 100 Fasten an oxford |
| 25 Presses | 66 January event | 111 Spare-tire material | 10 Port site? | 51 Creme — creme | 102 Swamp stuff |
| 26 Graceland, for one | 67 Animal trail | 113 Patrons | 11 Hunky-dory | 54 Turn soft | 103 Dressing type |
| 27 Born | 69 Legal wrong | 118 Sacrificial site | 12 "Charlotte's —" | 56 Get a galley going | 106 Construction material |
| 28 Mystery writer Josephine | 71 Gawd | 119 Actress Joanne | 13 Pastor's concern | 57 Shallow area | 107 Support |
| 29 Turning points | 74 Acapulco aunt | 120 Farmyard writer? | 14 Units of work at sea | 58 — Canals | 108 Lotion additive |
| 30 Take a breather | 75 Out of the way | 122 Use a toboggan | 15 Sheltered, at sea | 60 Peaceful sound | 109 Comic Laurel |
| 32 Faux — | 77 Exec's deg. | 123 "— the fields we go ..." | 16 Young girl | 64 Fireplace | 110 Field of study |
| 33 Mardi — | 80 Idol's perch | 124 Free-for-all | 18 Threshold | 66 Sherwood sight | 111 Took off |
| 34 Aquatic Australians | 84 Farmyard actor? | 125 Sixth sense? | 21 Boxer Roberto | 68 Film, for short | 112 Competent |
| 38 Farmyard patriot? | 87 Agatha's colleague | 126 English county | 23 Borrow permanently? | 69 Spasm | 114 "Norma" setting |
| 44 Morning wear | 88 Word of woe | 127 Say please too often? | 28 Label | 70 Aroma | 115 Jane Austen novel |
| 45 Jenny Lind, e.g. | 90 Aspen item | 128 Writer Rogers St. Johns | 29 Ill-tempered sorts | 71 "Aida" prop | 116 Take a gander |
| 47 Algerian seaport | 91 Use logic | 35 Peter of | 31 Shirley, to Warren | 72 Like a haiku | 117 Tender |
| | | | 32 Easy dessert? | 73 Off-the-cuff | 119 An Everly brother |
| | | | 33 West African nation | 76 Read quickly | 120 Pediatricians' grp. |
| | | | 34 Bluenoses | 77 Saunter | 121 Singer Chris |
| | | | 35 Peter of | 78 Penniless | |
| | | | | 79 "Lou Grant" star | |



LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE FRANKLIN SCHOOL PROPERTIES, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is FRANKLIN SCHOOL PROPERTIES, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on August 21, 1996 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is Franklin School Properties, LLC, 318 Delaware Avenue, Main Square, Delmar, New York 12054.

5. The latest date upon which the limited liability company shall dissolve is July 31, 2035.

6. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

Dated: August 28, 1996
Cooper, Erving, Savage, Nolan & Heller, LLP
Attorneys for Franklin School Properties, LLC
39 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(518) 449-3100
(October 2, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OR HUDSON HAMILTON DISTRIBUTORS, L.L.C.

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 Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is Hudson Hamilton Distributors, L.L.C.

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.

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FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

SIXTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as to amend 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 day of August, 1996

Kenneth B. Segel,
Sole Organizer
1 Oak Ridge, New York 12204
(October 2, 1996)

LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

BALLSTON REALTY ASSOCIATES, 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 Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is Ballston Realty Associates, 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

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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 Ballston Realty Associates, LLC, c/o Roemer Wallens & Mineaux LLP, 13 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more managers.

SIXTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or 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 managers acts were not performed in accordance \$409 of the LLCL. Neither the amendment nor the 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 2nd day of July, 1996.

(s) Alan M. Jezierski
Organizer
(October 2, 1996)

The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER
2
BETHLEHEM
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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
 Parks and Recreation Office,
 Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m.
 Information, 439-0503.

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BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

 Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont,
 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

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
STORY HOUR

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

THE LIBRARY CLUB

 all children invited, Voorheesville
 Public Library, 51 School Road,
 Voorheesville, 3:30 p.m.
 Information, 765-2791.

VOORHEESVILLE ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS
 village hall, 29 Voorheesville
 Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-
 2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR
CITIZENS
 Wyman Osterhout Community
 Center, New Salem, call for
 time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING

 First Methodist Church of
 Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8
 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING

 First United Methodist Church of
 Voorheesville, 51 School Rd, 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.

 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
HELDVIEW GARDEN CLUB

 Voorheesville Public Library, 51
 School Road, Voorheesville, 7
 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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OCTOBER
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 Bethlehem Public Library, 451
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AA MEETING

 First Reformed Church of
 Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.
 Information, 489-6779.

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STORY HOUR

 Voorheesville Public Library, 51
 School Road, Voorheesville, 1:30
 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

YOUTH GROUP

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

SATURDAY
OCTOBER
5
BETHLEHEM
ALUMNAE DAY

 Academy of Holy Names, 1065
 New Scotland Road, Albany,
 10:30 a.m. Information, 438-7895.

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 Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura
 Bush, 4:30 p.m. Information, 767-
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SUNDAY
OCTOBER
6
BETHLEHEM
"LOOK AT RAPTORS"

 "O.W.L.'s Live Raptors",
 Bethlehem Public Library, 451
 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m.
 Information, 439-9314.

NATURE WALK

 dress for the outdoors, Five
 Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm
 Road, Delmar, 2 p.m.
 Information, 475-0291.

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 451 Delaware Ave., 1:30 p.m.
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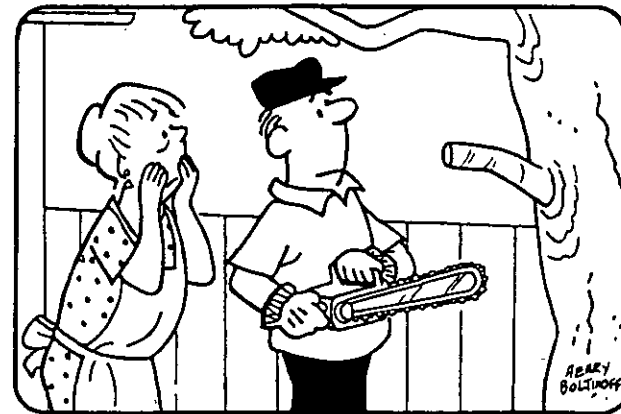
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AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER**
2
ALBANY COUNTY
FLU SHOT CLINIC

Center Health Care, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 437-5605.

SPEAKER

Women in Development, The Desmond Hotel, Albany, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-7405.

FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS orientation session, Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT CLINIC

Bellevue The Woman's Hospital, Troy Road, Niskayuna, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 346-9438.

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

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Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Stratton V.A. Medical Center Day Treatment Center, Myrtle Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 462-3311, extension 2329.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
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.

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER**
3
ALBANY COUNTY
JEWISH RESISTANCE IN THE HOLOCAUST

53rd anniversary of the revolt at Sobibor, lecture, Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 735-0035.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

FARMERS' MARKET

Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

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

Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

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 LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

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

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER**
4
ALBANY COUNTY
EMPIRE STATE HOME SHOW

through Oct. 6, Hudson Valley Community College, Physical Education Complex, Troy. Information, 438-6102.

FARMERS' MARKET

Sacred Heart Church, Walter Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

ROOFERS RECRUIT APPRENTICES

applications accepted by those at least age 18, Roofers Joint Apprenticeship Committee of the Capital District, Local 241, 890 Third St., Albany, 8 a.m. to noon. Information, 457-5519.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER**
5
ALBANY COUNTY
Antiques

40 dealers, WJ Central School, Main Street, Windham, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 734-3426.

LOCAL BANDS

Crossgates Mall, Albany, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

SAVE THE PINE BUSH

City Preserve, Rte. 155 and Old State Road, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 462-4062.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT ROAST BEEF DINNER

Guilderland Fire Department, 2303 Western Ave., Guilderland, 4 to 7 p.m. Information, 456-6986.

SIBLING CLASS

prepares young children for arrival of new baby, Bellevue Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Information, 346-9410.

FARMERS' MARKET

First Congregational church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER**
6
ALBANY COUNTY
WHY WE COLLECT ITEMS

discussion, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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.

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**MONDAY
OCTOBER**
7
ALBANY COUNTY
DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

Information on how to confront parents with these children, Capital District Child Care Council, 91 Broadway, Menands, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 426-7181.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

also on Oct. 14, 146 State Street, Albany, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$75. Information, 449-4161.

INFANTS

information session, Bellevue Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER**
8
ALBANY COUNTY
FARMERS' MARKET

St. Vincent De Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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CIVIL AIR PATROL

Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

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.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
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Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Schenectady County, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

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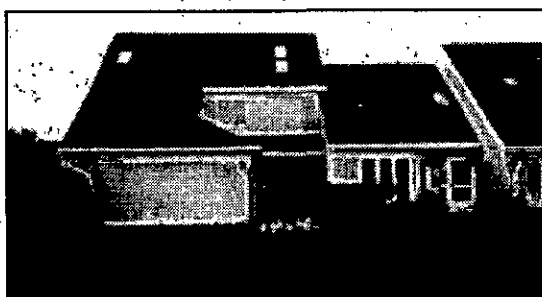
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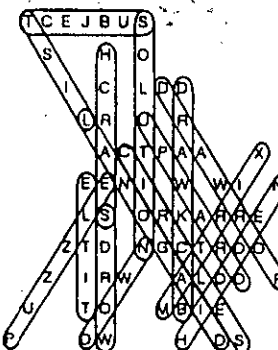
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The site has been unused since 1985 and is considered a brownfield (environmentally damaged site) by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Because the plant lies in an industrial zone, the only approval needed from Bethlehem is a building permit. The DEC is expected to hold hearings on the project before issuing its go-ahead, however.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said she is uncertain just what the new industry will mean in terms of taxes although it is expected to be significant.

The Bethlehem facility will include two formaldehyde plants, each capable of producing 135 million pounds of 37 percent formaldehyde each year, one resin plant capable of producing 100 million pounds of thermosetting resins per year and supporting equip-

ment for the movement of material.

NiMo chairman and CEO William E. Davis said, "This is a unique opportunity to take an environmentally challenged site and return it to productive use. The project demonstrates our commitment to re-energize the manufacturing base in upstate New York and bring jobs to the communities we serve."

Ironworkers union seeking apprentices

The Ironworkers Joint Apprenticeship Committee of Albany and Vicinity, Local 12, will conduct apprentice recruitment through Nov. 15, for five openings.

Applications can be obtained at the local office at 900 North Manning Blvd. in Albany from 8:30 to 10 a.m. the first and third Friday of each month during the recruitment period.

The committee requires that applicants be at least 18 years of age, have a high school or general equivalency diploma, have transportation to various jobs sites and apprentice classes, live within the local's geographic jurisdiction, and be physically able to do the work.

For information, call 457-5519.

Budget

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tried my hardest to hold the line on taxes, and thus far it's worked," she said.

The general fund tax rate for next year will be 42 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The same rate applied in 1996 and 1995. In 1994, the general fund tax rate was 49 cents per thousand.

Several new programs that were started in 1996 will be continued or seen through to completion in the coming year.

The Advanced Life Support (or 24-hour paramedic) program, started in January and administered by the Albany County sheriff's department, will be renewed at a cost to the town of \$297,000.

In the first half of this year, the program logged about 1,300 calls for assistance.

Construction of six new ballfields at Elm Avenue Park was started in 1996, and the surfaces will be ready for action next spring. The 1997 budget includes \$75,000 for the first year of debt service on this project.

"Due to the continued need of our residents to have a safe repository for household wastes, as evidenced by the event's success again this year, we plan to host our third annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in 1997," Fuller said. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for next year's event.

In 1992, a townwide reassessment was undertaken, and next year marks the start of a two-year process of updating the entire assessment roll. The tentative budget contains \$77,000 to cover the first phase of this initiative.

As usual, salaries of the town's 240 full-time employees account for most of the general fund, and that portion of the budget will in-

crease again next year as workers will receive 3 percent raises.

At the same time, Fuller noted, "We have not proposed any new positions, and we will continue our efforts to deliver quality services to our residents using existing staff levels."

Unanticipated savings will come from recently approved reforms in the state's workers' compensation system, according to town comptroller Judy Kehoe.

"Rates are expected to drop 18 percent next year, which is almost unprecedented," Kehoe explained. "We're figuring that our total 1997 workers' compensation bill will be about \$305,000, which gives us a net savings of about \$25,000."

The savings in workers' comp will help offset higher premiums paid to the state's retirement system, Kehoe added. The town's contribution to the system in 1996 was \$332,000, and that will increase 28 percent to about \$426,000 in 1997.

The tentative highway fund

budget calls for a 1.4 percent spending increase for next year, up to \$3.89 million. The current tax rate will remain at \$1.41 per thousand.

The cost of municipal utilities will also remain stable. There will be no change in the residential water rate of \$1.07 per thousand gallons, nor in the main water district's tax rate of 70 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The industrial water rate will increase as planned from \$1.25 to \$1.28 per thousand gallons.

Sewer district taxes will decline about 2 percent next year, even though expenditures will increase about \$147,000 to allow for the continued program of trenchless repairs to sewer mains and preventive maintenance at the sewage pumping stations.

Town board workshops on the new budget, which are open to the public, are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15, and Thursday, Oct. 17. A public hearing on the tentative town budget is slated for Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

RCS to host craft fair

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Parent Teacher Organization will hold its fifth annual craft fair on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at RCS Senior High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

For applications or information, call Diane Pry at 756-9503.

AIDS project volunteers needed

HIV/AIDS prevention education volunteers are needed to help with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schenectady County's "Talking With Kids About HIV/AIDS" Project.

Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old and complete 16 hours of training. The volunteer training sessions will be held five Tuesday evenings — Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22 — at One Broadway Center in Schenectady.

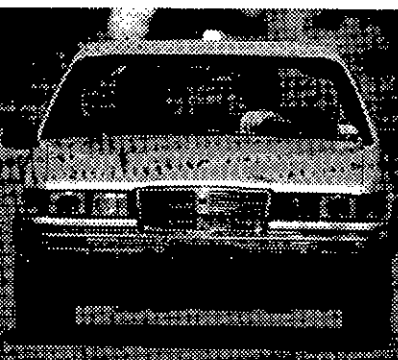
During the training, participants will practice interactive activities that will enable them to strengthen and update informa-

tion about HIV, get a better understanding of what puts children and teenagers at risk at different ages, and learn how to communicate sensitive information to them. They will also develop plans to encourage other adults in the community to communicate with young people about HIV prevention.

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