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Hallowed groundbreaking



Bishop Howard Hubbard, left, and the Rev. James Daley preside over the groundbreaking for the new addition to St. Thomas School last week. *Doug Persons*

LUMAC lurches forward

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem officials are preparing to bring the long-awaited master plan revision before the town board for a vote.

The first step in that process will come on Wednesday, March 12, when the board is expected to schedule a public hearing on the document for sometime in April.

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments on a local law formally adopting the comprehensive land use plan created by the town's Land Use Management Advisory Committee as a guide for development over the next 20 years.

Any time after the public hearing, the board can make a decision that could end eight years of research, study and debate.

Councilman Ted Putney, who served on LUMAC for several years, said it's time to get down to brass tacks.

"In my view, it's absolutely essential to adopt the plan now in order to have a development plan in place that protects the interests of all the people," Putney said. "The quality of life of everyone in town is at stake here, not just the special interest groups who have raised objections."

The group that has created the most

static about the master plan has been the Rural Landowners Association of Bethlehem, which, among other things, objects to the proposed minimum lot size requirements proposed for rural/agricultural and conservation area lands.

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Owners to spruce up Delaware Plaza

By Mel Hyman

The first impression of Delaware Plaza — its large freestanding sign — is about to change, just one of the improvements plaza owners Howard Nolan and Norris Macfarland plan on to keep the 40-year-old retail center up-to-date and attractive to shoppers.

The new freestanding sign will replace the old one that has been there since the plaza opened in 1957. Nolan said he's checking out artist's renderings of a new sign, which should be erected in the next two to three months.

New trees and landscaping will also appear this spring on the edge of the plaza bordering Delaware Avenue.

"It was supposed to have been put in last year when they were widening the road, but it was so late when they finished that it was put off until this year," he said.

Nolan said he's been besieged by phone

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Residents win battle to lower Rte. 85 limit

DOT admits speeding is a problem

By Mel Hyman

Slingerlands residents have won their longstanding battle to have the speed limit reduced on New Scotland Road.

The state Department of Transportation has notified Bethlehem that the speed limit along on Route 85 between Kenwood Avenue and the traffic signal near the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building will be lowered from 40 to 35 mph.

The reduction, which DOT has resisted for many years, was made after the agency re-examined the issue in light of "considerable public reaction to the fatal pedestrian accident" on New Scotland Road that occurred last Oct. 31, said DOT regional traffic engineer William Logan.

A large crowd turned out in January to voice their concern for traffic safety in Bethlehem, with many calling for stricter enforcement as well as a lower speed limit.

Logan subsequently released data collected by DOT last fall which indicated that speeding was indeed a problem on the state roadway. The greatest number of violations were recorded near Caldwell Boulevard (84 percent exceeding the speed limit) and the fewest were in the vicinity of the Slingerlands firehouse (24 percent).

The accident rate along Route 85 was also taken into account, and the most

accident-prone section was between the intersection of New Scotland Road and Cherry Avenue Extension (where the new Price Chopper Plaza is under construction) and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, according to Logan.

The re-evaluation also considered the

It should allay some of the concerns that people have about about speeding, especially in the area of the new Price Chopper.

Lt. Richard Vanderbilt



traffic impact from commercial developments like the Price Chopper project, the roadway configuration, possible residential development on the south side of Route 85, concerns raised by residents and local officials, and "my own familiarity with Route 85 in the town of Bethlehem," Logan said.

He added that it was deemed inappropriate to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph, and it would likewise not be beneficial to lower the existing 40 mph speed limit

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Putney



Plaza owner Howard Nolan, right, promises to keep improving the look of Delaware Plaza, including erecting a new sign.



Woman's death under investigation

While foul play is not suspected, it will be another week before Bethlehem police know the cause of death of a 43-year-old Slingerlands woman who was found dead in Elm Avenue Park last week.

Judith A. Stafford of Slingerlands was discovered about 7:30 p.m. Thursday in a wooded area of the park about 50 to 75 yards north of the entrance to the fitness trail.

She appeared to be a "very healthy young 43-year-old female," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan. She exhibited no vital signs when discovered.

Police were alerted to the fact that Stafford was missing late Wednesday. Her vehicle was first spotted in the parking area of the

park at 7 a.m. Thursday, but park employees did not make a report to police until 2:30 p.m., Holligan said, because it was not uncommon for them to see vehicles parked there in the early a.m. by joggers using the area.

After police ran a computer check on the vehicle and realized that it belonged to Stafford, volunteers from the Elsmere and

Delmar fire departments park employees and police officers searched the area. A state police helicopter with a heat-sensing device also scanned the area, but to no avail.

Finally, Stafford's body was discovered by K-9 police officer Wayne LaChappelle who was working the wooded area of the park with his dog Aaron.

Appeals board meets tonight

The Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals will meet today, March 5, at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The application of Charlotte Flag of Yale Avenue in Slingerlands will be considered at 7:30 p.m.

Arthur McGinn of Center Lane

in Delmar will have his application considered at 7:45 p.m.

Manor Drive residents Ronald and Michele Musto of Glenmont will have their application considered at 8 p.m.

For information, call 439-4955.

Police nab 3 for DWI

Bethlehem police last week arrested three people on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Michael L. Otero, 20, of 33 Bleeker St., Greenwich, Washington County, was stopped at 1 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, for not wearing a seat belt and weaving along New Scotland Road near the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building, police said.

While performing field sobriety tests, Otero had to lean on his vehicle to support himself, police said.

Two passengers were transported to police headquarters where they arranged for their own rides home. Otero was unable to undergo a breathalyzer test because he continued to vomit throughout the arrest procedure. He was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital for a blood test.

He was charged with DWI and released pending a March 18 appearance in town court. Officer Chris Hughes investigated.

Cherie D. Smith, 34, of 431 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, was stopped at 3:50 a.m. on Sunday, March 2, for making a turn on to Kenwood Avenue from Route 140 without signaling, police said.

She took such a wide turn that she ended up on the shoulder of the road, police said, and when she tried to compensate she wound up in the opposite lane of traffic.

She was charged with DWI and released pending a March 18 appearance in town court. Officer Chris Hughes investigated.

Gerald H. Graham, 44, of Park Lane West, Menands, was stopped at 1:30 a.m. Monday, March 3, for crossing the highway markings on Kenwood Avenue, police said.

Graham told police he was headed home to Menands and thought he was somewhere in Ravena, police said. He was charged with DWI and released pending a March 18 appearance in town court. Officer Brian Hughes investigated.

Girl Scouts to hold tea party

In honor of Girl Scout Sunday on March 9, the Girl Scout troops of Voorheesville will hold a "Heritage Tea" for the senior citizens of the community.

The event is a celebration of ethnic origins. Each troop will select a nation and prepare a food

dish and entertainment that represent the culture of that nation.

The tea will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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BC continues special ed cost control

By Dev Tobin

Five years ago, the double-digit annual growth in special education spending in the Bethlehem Central School District set off alarm bells among administrators and school board members.

Since then, the growth has leveled off, largely because BC administrators have successfully endeavored to bring special education students back to district classrooms from expensive private or BOCES placements.

At last week's budget workshop, Cheryl MacCulloch, BC's director of pupil personnel services, reported that adding another in-district special education classroom at the middle school next year would cost about \$94,000, but save nearly \$70,000 that would otherwise be spent on BOCES placements for four pupils.

"There's a need for a middle school class for children with learning disabilities and social/emotional issues that need attention," she explained, adding that BOCES programs for such students can cost as much as \$25,000 a year.

MacCulloch noted that bringing back three other pupils from BOCES or private placements to



Cheryl MacCulloch

existing BC programs would save another \$66,840.

"In 1994, we had 35 students in BOCES, and we've reduced that substantially," she said, adding that the district has had to hire "extra staff to work closely with the teachers in a more coordinated program."

Besides the middle school classroom, MacCulloch also recommended adding two aide posi-

tions (at \$33,847), and increasing middle school social worker by .2 full-time-equivalent (at \$8,930), middle school speech therapist by .1 FTE (at \$4,465) and Patrick Gunner's position to 11 months (at \$2,500).

MacCulloch also recommended that the district hire another school nurse (at \$26,275) to help deal with increased enrollment.

The school board tentatively approved all of MacCulloch's recommendations.

Also at last week's workshop, Fred Powers, BC's athletic director, recommended, and the board tentatively approved, \$7,198 in additional funding next year to pay for rental of indoor track facilities, increases in officials' fees and parking lot supervision at football games.

The school board meets again tonight at 8 p.m. for its regular first Wednesday of the month meeting, followed by a budget workshop on the K-12 instructional program. No instructional staffing issues will be discussed tonight; they are on the board's agenda for its workshop on March 12.

For information, call 439-7098.

NS reval adds \$17M to assessment roll

By Dev Tobin

Most New Scotland residential property taxpayers will see their taxes go down due to a \$17 million hike in the town's total assessed value, according to the recently completed revaluation update.

Taxpayers received formal notice of the revaluation in the mail earlier this week.

The town's overall assessment roll increased about 3 percent, due largely to major increases in assessments on the Vly Creek reservoir, various Niagara Mohawk parcels, several large new homes, and a general revaluing upward of vacant and farm land, Assessor Patricia McVee said at a special town board meeting last week.

The result is that 56 percent of the town's residential homeowners will see an estimated tax cut of more than \$100, McVee said.

In the residential class, 1,285 property owners will see an estimated tax cut of between \$100 to \$300; 157 will see an estimated cut of \$300 to \$500; and 109 will see an estimated cut of more than \$500, according to data compiled by McVee and William Lynam of the

state Office of Real Property Services, who worked on the revaluation with the town.

Also in the residential class, 874 property owners will see their taxes stay essentially the same (within \$100 either way); while 161 will see an estimated tax hike

"I tried to get it up somewhat, but didn't want to kill the farmers," she said.

Overall, the proportion of taxes paid by owners of farmland will increase from 2.42 percent to 2.79 percent under the revaluation, and the proportion paid by owners of vacant land will rise from 2.4 percent to 2.95 percent, according to revaluation data.

But McVee noted that new legislation provides a state tax credit for active farmers.

"With the state credit, most farmers will come out better, paying less taxes," McVee said.

State aid paid for most of the \$25,000 cost of the revaluation, she added.

Anticipating questions and challenges to the new values, McVee has scheduled special office hours, by appointment only, through April 19.

The extended office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 439-9020 for information or an appointment.

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Patricia McVee

of \$100 to \$300; 88 will see an estimated hike of \$300 to \$500; and 118 will see a hike of more than \$500.

McVee noted that while she did raise the values of vacant and farm land from the prior very low levels, the new values are generally short of full value.

For example, the King farm property at the corner of routes 85 and 85A in New Scotland, recently sold for \$480,000, saw its assessment rise from \$50,000 to \$192,000.

Bethlehem board approves Job Corps sewer extension

The Bethlehem town board last week approved an extension of the Bethlehem Sewer District to the Job Corps Center on Route 144.

The U.S. Department of Labor plans to construct a sanitary sewer force main along Route 144 from the Job Corps site to the town's trunk sewer line near the Vlomankill. The federal government will bear the entire \$300,000 cost of the project, which will also allow about 30 residences on River Road to hook into the municipal sewer system if they wish.

The Job Corps currently operates its own sewage treatment plant, which will be closed once the project is completed.

Homeowners wishing to hook into the extension will have to pay for their own grinder pump, as well as for the connector line from their house to the main.

Centenary celebration



The Rev. Darius Mojallali of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church presents a certificate honoring church member Pearl Grinnell on the occasion of her 100th birthday Saturday.
Doug Persons

Recent Vly Creek flooding concerns V'ville residents

By Dev Tobin

Twice in less than four years, the Vly Creek in Voorheesville has seriously flooded.

Now, with the Route 85A bridge being rebuilt near the elementary school this year, residents downstream worry that more water will flow through that structure during high water conditions only to be dammed by the smaller Stonington Hill Road bridge, flooding Maple Avenue and Mountain View Street residences and businesses.

The issue arose again at last week's village board meeting, as the trustees held a public hearing on amendments to village zoning law to deal with flood damage protection.

"Typically, bridges get bigger when you go downstream," said Peter Freehafer, environmental engineering technician for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

"But not here," said Trustee Daniel Reh. "We've defined the problem, now where can we get help to fix it?"

Freehafer noted that funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for flood mitigation projects was very competitive, and that many communities in the state suffered severe damage in last year's January thaw-flood.

Building Inspector Gerald

Gordinier said the village had applied for a FEMA mitigation grant to rebuild the bridge, and noted that the elementary school had received a FEMA grant, possibly because flooding affected the school's septic system.

Mayor Edward Clark said the village will also seek funding for the bridge through a legislative member item or the Environmental Quality Bond Act.

Freehafer warned that even if the bridge is rebuilt, "The flood plain is still going to be there. (A new bridge) may tweak it, but won't substantially control flooding."

In a related matter, the board granted a permit to allow Smith's Tavern to build a berm along their streamside property, just east of the Route 85A bridge.

In another matter, Clark said the village will consider working with the town of New Scotland to join the sheriff's Advanced Life Support paramedic service, but "We don't want to make it an open-ended concession and we'd want to make sure all sources of funding, from other governments and third parties, were exhausted."

New Scotland Councilman Michael Fields, attending the meeting as liaison to the village, suggested town and village officials get together in a special meeting to discuss participation in ALS.

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BCMS announces 2nd quarter honor roll pupils

The following pupils have been named to the high honor and honor rolls for the second quarter at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Sixth grade high honor roll

Joshua Alfred, Courtney Arduini, Emily Axford, Maura Ayres, Stephen Bagg, Emily Bango, Dane Barclay, Jonathan Bartow, Jonathan Baselice, Ariel Baumann, Marie Bell, Jonathan Berk, Emily Bernier, Laura Beyer, Brian Biche, Scott Birdsey, Meghan Blake, Michael Blendell, Michelle Blustein, Caleb Bonnell, Leda Borys, Elizabeth Bouyea, Stefanie Bowman, Scott Braaten, Devin Breen, Samuel Brody, Elizabeth Buckley, Andrea Burriesci, Maria Caruso, Emily Cohen, Jared Cohen, Kylie Conley, Ada Cornell, Kerry Cunneen, Matthew Curtin, John Davis, Danielle DeClue, Marianne Dinapoli, Nathaniel Drake, Erin Elfeldt, Brenden Ennis, Sarah Eson, Winter Eyres, Danica Feustel, Sarah Fischer, Virginia Fisher, Lindsay Franklin, Zachary Frone, Noah Fruiterman, Emma Furman, Evan Gall, Kevin Gallagher, Jeffrey Gardiner and Thomas Geyer.

And, Amy Ginsburg, Matthew Glannon, Hannah Gold, Richard Grant, Nicholas Graziade, Jennifer Greenfield, Bridget Griffin, Kevin Gutman, Elizabeth Hamm, Bethany Harren, Kathleen Hart, Naomi Hauser, Gregory Hedderman, Brian Heinmiller, Megan Herzog, Kathryn Himmelfarb, Julia Hoffman, Stephanie Holmes, Sarah Homer, Sarah Horn, Andrew Hough, Joseph Hughes, Chelsea Isdell, Anne Jackson, David Kadish, Kathryn Kapczynski, Jeffrey Kattrein, Christine Khaikin, Elisabeth Kispert, Lauren Kohl, Adam Kopp, Elizabeth Krom, Natsuki Kubotera, Joanne Kwok, Thomas Lackner, Audrey Lacy, Peter Laird, Andrea Larsen, Alexandra Leckerling, Caitlin Lennon, Zachary Levine, Hannah Lewis, Lohman Meghan, Antonio Lombardo, Caroline Lyons, Meredith Magin and Kathryn Mann.

And, Adam Marcal, Jennifer Marro, Kathleen McCarthy, Sean McManus, Dennis Miaw, Caroline Milano, Brett Miller, Joshua Modney, James Moehringer, Isabel Morgan, Margo Moriece, Lisa Morrissey, James Munro, Jordan Murray,

Joseph Nedy, Elizabeth Nussbaum, Craig O'Connor, Ana O'Keefe, Andrew Osterman, Nathan Pannucci, Jeffrey Pappalardi, Kathleen Parafinczuk, Thomas Parsons, Matthew Pasquini, Jaimee Peckham, Elizabeth Pesnel, Megan Peter, Kaitlyn Peterson, Emily Petraglia, Jonathan Pietrafesa, Colleen Plummer, Thomas Potter, Reid Prinzo, Peter Privitera, Keelin Purcell, Angela Rappoccio, Amy Reddy, Christopher Regal, Kelly Rider, Patrick Riegel, Matthew Robbins, Sarah Romeo, Maya Rook, Alexandra Rosenthal, Lindsay Ruslander, Maytal Saltiel, Anne Sandison, Brenda Schmidt, Dominik Schneider and Masa Senic.

And William Sherman, Adam Shpeen, Evan Siegel, Julie Silverman, Joseph Siniski, Allegra Smith, Brian Spath, Daniel Stevens, Matthew Suozzo, Larissa Suparmanto, Abby Svenson, Matthew Swiatowicz, Larysa Switlyk, Matthew Taber, John Thibdeau, James Traylor, Elizabeth Ulion, Alexis Vail, Kathryn Vanheusen, Nicole Vitillo, Stephen Vnuak, Megan Volo, Jessica Volpi, Katherine Wagoner, Lauren Wakeman, Karen Walenta, Keri Walsh, Molly Warheit, James Wheeler, Leonard White, Andrew Whiting, Kathryn Wickham, Jessica Willen, Susanna Winkeller, Marcie Worgan, George Yeager, Nabia Zalen, Denise Zebrowski and Jason Zogg.

Sixth grade honor roll

Charles Allardice, Aja Amaro, Anna Amaro, Courtney Atwood, Richard Bailey, Michael Barone, Patrick Blackwell, Matthew Blendell, Brett Boyd, Liam Brennan, Cayelan Brown, Christopher Brown, Steven Brunner, Christopher Bub, David Buckley, Liam Bunk, Robert Bushnell, Kristen Byrnes, Kara Cady-Sawyer, Kevin Caffrey, Christine

Capobianco, Julianna Carporta, Joseph Cardamone, Michael Cardwell, Casey Carroll, Anthony Cassaro, Charles Chapple, Heather Ciccone, Joshua Ciccone, Peter Cioppa, Dominic Ciprioni, Jason Colacino, Michael Connelly, Daniel Conophy, Tiffany Consentino, William Courtney, Trevor Cox, Nicholas Criscione, Brian Danchetz, Janna Delvecchio, Douglas DeMarco, Lauren DePaulo, Susan Donnelly, Jeanne Drucker, Gregory Dwyer, Clifford Eck and Patrick Farley.

And, Andrew Fisher, Mallory Fishman, Lindsey Fuhrman, Robert Gombel, Timothy Guernsey, Laura Guglielmo, Benjamin Hager, Patricia Hall, Matthew Harter, Nicholas Hasselbach, Tiffany Heilman, Jessica Heinbuch, Valerie Hettie, Matthew Hickling, Sarah Hill, Kevin Holmes, Jason Hoogkamp, April Hotaling, Jacob Houck, Sean Ireland, Jesse Irwin, Fiona Johnson, Dominique Jones, Shannon Kellogg, Caroline Kelly, Matthew Kidd, Andrew King, Maria LaJeunesse, Audrey Leczinsky, Inna Levchenko, Kristin Link, Angela Little, Ryan Looney, Amie Lytle, Joshua Mack, Timothy Magill, Andrew Marra, David Marsh and Vaughn Mauren.

And, Eric McArdle, Michael McGuire, Matthew McGurn, Theodore McInerney, Kevin McKeough, Conor McMahon, Patrick McNally, David Medvesky, Kate Metevia, Rachael Miller-Taber, Lindsay Monaco, Mary Moon, Jamie Mooney, Kevin Mooney, Stephen Moore, Lori Morrell, Michael Morris, Elizabeth Murphy, Daniel Noble, Alexander Novotny, Jason Nurmi, Patrick O'Shea, Daniel Otero, Kelly Pettit, Crystal Picard, Rozanne Piegare, Kristine Plog, Shannon Powers, Vanessa Preville, Ryan Quinn, Val Reid, Evan Romanoff, Christopher Rooney, Kaitlyn Rose, Matthew Rydberg, Daniel Sacco, Eric Schell, Erin Sheevers, Gregory Sieme, Salvatore Signorelli, Robin Singh, Katie Slingerland, Andrea Smerznak and David Smith.

And, John Smith, Kristen Smith,

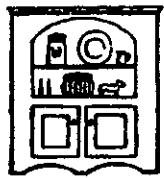
Jamee Stark-Riemer, Benjamin Suarato, Colin Summers, Brendan Tougher, Christopher Tracy, Alicia Travison, Jeremy Trotta, Lauren Truka, Brian Turner, Mansoor Umar, Kevin Ungerer, Lily Vandyk, Nicholaas Velvis, Marisa Villasenor, Dana Vroman, Rebecca Waldman, Katherine Weeks, Matthew Wiley, Jason Williams, Mary Wilson, John Wyluda and Jeffrey Young.

Seventh grade high honor roll

Christopher Abbott, Kathryn Adams, Arno Alarcon, Sarah Alba, Madeleine Andersen, Laura Baboulis, Megan Baldwin, Ellen Bandel, Harold Barnard, Jeffrey Barnet, Matthew Beauchaine, Geoffrey Bedrosian, Alec Betterley, Peter Bird, Daneille Blanchard, Laura Blumenthal, Katherine Bonafide, Martin Bonventre, Shannon Boynton, Nichole Bronson, Parker Brown, Elaine Carberry, Rebecca Cariati, Allison Carloni, John Carnes, Stephen Chamberlin, Chase Chaskey, Quinn Coffey, Susan Collen, Peter Cooley, Rebecca Corson, Christine Coulon, Lindsey Crusan, Kelley Curran, Laura Curtis, Miranda Davis, Lauren DiGiulio, Leslie DiPaolo, Katherine Donovan, Matthew Drislane, Andrew Eckel, Jennafer Engelstein and Seth Erlich.

And, Kathryn Fisher, Stephanie Garbo, Celinda Gebhardt, Jennifer Gerstenzang, Lauren Gordon-Fahn, Deborah Gordon-Messer, Nancy Gort, Hannah Gray, Aaron Griffin, David Guo, Jaimie Haas, Stephanie Halbedel, Shannon Halpin, John Hamm, Kristyn Hammond, Marisa Harrison, Laura Hayes, Philip Hazapis, Eric Herd, Kailin Jaffe, Melissa Jenks, Ryan Kahlbaugh, Aaron Kaplan, Daniel Kidera, Jozef Kopchick, Harris Kornstein, Robert Kuhn, Diana LaJeunesse, Heather Leary, Anne Lind, Kathryn Longley, Erik Lowery, Stephen Maltzman, Judith Mark, Jessica Matthews, Lisa McDonagh, Kristin McElroy, Thomas McGrath, Alison McKee,

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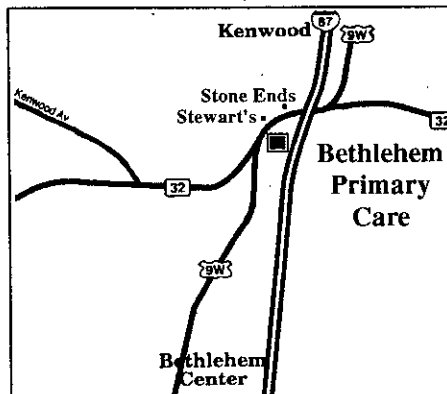
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Workshop to tackle 'Death and Dying'

"Dying and Death," a workshop to raise consciousness of the soul, will be held on Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15, at the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Ave. in Albany.

N. Michael Murphy, M.D., will lead the workshop. Murphy was the co-founder and medical director of St. Peter's Hospice and is a clinical professor of psychiatry at Albany Medical College.

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Spring means spruce up

The good news is that spring is just weeks away. But with the warmer weather and longer days come those home improvement projects you've been planning all winter.

Whether it's painting the spare room or the whole house, or getting an estimate from a contractor on more ambitious projects, homeowners will likely find useful tips in this week's Home Improvement special section.

A good rule of thumb for those who want to tackle projects themselves is to seriously contemplate the extent of a project and just how much expertise is needed. In addition, most do-it-yourselfers have a limited amount of time to work on their homes, a compelling reason to hire a contractor who can finish the job in timely fashion.

It's important to know if the project fits your budget and how long your routine will be disrupted.

Hats off to Eagles

Hats off to members of both the Bethlehem boys and girls varsity basketball teams for superlative seasons.

Girls coach Kim Zornow, in only her fourth year at the helm, guided the Lady Eagles to the title game of the Section II, Class A tournament. If the girls had had their normally accurate shooting touch, they could have slain the dragons from Albany and been sectional champs.

The girls deserve tremendous praise, especially for compiling a perfect 13-0 record in Suburban Council play. They made it to the sectionals, while basketball powerhouses such as Bishop Maginn and Shenendehowa fell by the wayside.

Who knows how far they will go next year.

BC boys coach Chuck Abba had a good team that no one expected would advance very far in the sectional tournament, considering how many excellent teams there were in the Big 10 and Suburban Council this year.

Yet they made it to the semifinal game against Albany — the only Suburban Council team to get that far. It was the best tournament showing by a BC boys team since the early 1970s.

In fact, if one of the Albany High guards hadn't made a three-pointer with only a minute left, the Eagles could have won the game. And considering the size of Albany High and the talent of its basketball players, that would have been a major accomplishment.

Abba's team achieved its success mainly through teamwork, discipline and unselfish play. It was an exciting season for the players, coaches, parents and the entire community.

Accolades should also go to the BC student body, which came out in force to support both the boys and girls teams this year.

Time isn't of essence

Members of Bethlehem Land Use Management Advisory Committee seem eager to have the town enact a master plan despite the fact owners of large parcels and farmers are still not happy with the document.

Even though the committee granted some concessions to owners of large parcels, the draft is still considered too restrictive by some of the landowners.

The committee's desire to have a master plan in place is understandable since they have worked for eight years on what essentially will be a blueprint for Bethlehem's growth once it is in place.

LUMAC's eagerness, however, is not a good reason to push the plan through. Given the time already spent on the master plan draft, a few more months seem negligible. And as we have said before, the concerns of many landowners should not be overlooked for the sake of expedience.

The public hearing set for March 12 should be a good forum for the committee to garner more input from residents.

Editorials

Freshman proposes reform plan

By Neil D. Breslin

The writer is the freshman state senator representing Albany County.

New York state's budget process is clearly failing. This past year's record-setting late budget follows a detrimental 12-year trend that increased budgetary costs and passed the state's fiscal problems on to local governments, school districts and taxpayers.

As a result, New York's credit rating remains one of the lowest in the nation, adding more than \$60 million annually in interest costs to the state.

I have proposed a plan which aims to reverse this trend by not only addressing key budgetary problems, but also by specifying long-term solutions that will ensure continuous fiscal improvement.

The following themes form the basis of my budget reform plan:

1) Restoring the public's confidence in the budget process.

This is the first step toward reform. Our whole government system is based on the people's faith and trust in their elected representatives. People have lost all faith in the budget process. In addition, taxpayers are tired of picking up the state's slack in the form of higher taxes and fees.

Passing a timely budget would be a positive step toward restoring confidence. To accomplish this, the budget consideration period should be extended by requiring that the governor submit his budget by Dec. 1, and by changing the beginning of the state's fiscal year from April 1 to June 1. If the Legislature fails to pass a timely budget, members' salaries, along with the governor's, should be withheld.

What is most frustrating to the public is the veil of secrecy which surrounds the budget process. Backroom deals and political influence are predominant in the public perception of budget negotia-

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tions. Unfortunately, these concerns represent the norm, not the exception, when it comes to the budget process.

Accountability is the issue here. If the people were aware of what was happening behind closed doors, state budget makers would have to address their concerns. The people control the government. We sometimes forget that. All budget hearings should be open to the public. Budget documents should be placed on the Internet and all developments during the process should be accessible to everyone.

2) Foster cooperation rather than confrontation.

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out of touch with the needs of their respective districts. In addition, it has been difficult for state budget makers to agree on what revenues are available in a given fiscal year, and how these revenues would be expended. This, coupled with political posturing and trading, has continuously crippled timely passage of the budget.

The only way to improve this is to open up the budget process and include more people in the decision-making process. We need to adopt an open consensus revenue forecasting procedure similar to the practice of a number of other states. This would involve representatives of the governor, the majority and minority parties of both houses in the Legislature,

the state comptroller, and private forecasting firms. Also, the conference committee system should be used in negotiating a compromise between the two houses of the Legislature.

3) Improve the state's fiscal and work force planning processes. The state does not have adequate long-term fiscal planning, nor does it properly monitor the state work force. The result — a "meat ax approach" — on state workers, and a cycle of debt coupled with poor financial decisions.

Under my plan, the governor would be required to submit, and the Legislature to approve, a long-range work force management plan that explicitly details any changes to the composition, structure or location of the state work force.

Also, the multi-year financial plan requirements should be extended from three to four years in order to mitigate the future impact of decreasing federal aid or diminishing state revenues. We need to monitor our current spending

and work force in order to protect what will be necessary in the following years.

The governor and the state Legislature should maintain a balanced budget throughout the year so that come budget time, they are aware of how much money has been spent on each specific area and what changes might be necessary. In addition, fiscal gimmicks, such as raiding the state employees' pension fund and "back door" borrowing, must be eliminated.

Government should take responsibility for funding sources and how that funding is spent.

This aggressive approach to budget reform will put the state's

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Your Opinion Matters

New York's budget still snagged in the Assembly

By John J. Faso

The writer is a Republican Assembly member who represents the 102nd Assembly district.

Nearly two full months after Gov. George Pataki submitted his 1997-98 Executive Budget, there is little public evidence of serious movement on budget issues in the Legislature, particularly in the state Assembly. It seems possible — some would say likely — that New York state once again will fail to have a spending plan in place until after the start of the fiscal year on April 1.

If the state budget is late this year, there will be even less excuse for it than usual. For one thing, revenues are coming in well above initial projections — which should, if anything, make the Legislature's job easier. Moreover, the governor's plan includes several major initiatives overwhelmingly favored by New Yorkers of every political stripe. Foremost among them is property tax relief.

Pataki's proposed School Tax Relief (STAR) program would result in a 37 percent school tax cut for residents whose homes are valued at the countywide median price, which currently is \$108,000 in Albany County.

Senior citizens who own a median-priced home and earn up to \$60,000 a year will receive a 45 percent tax reduction. When fully implemented in four or five years, the plan would generate a tax cut of \$550 for owners of median-priced homes and up to \$920 for senior citizen homeowners.

The governor's budget also includes the final phase of a three-year state personal income tax cut that will put more than \$51 million a year back into the pockets of Albany County residents — an average reduction of more than 20 percent.

On the spending side, the budget continues to rely on attrition rather than public employee



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layoffs to control state operations costs. The largest projected dollar savings are linked to further reforms in New York's costly and bloated Medicaid program — building on the progress made in the first two years of the Pataki administration, which made possible a sharp drop in county-funded

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social services spending around the state.

Obviously, some changes proposed by the governor are more controversial than others. But, as usual, there has been no open deliberation on any budget issue in the state Assembly. Instead, the conventional wisdom in some quarters is that we can't possibly pass a budget without also settling other big issues — such as the extension of New York City's rent regulations, which expire June 15, and the details of the state's welfare reform plan, which must be finalized before a July 1 federal deadline.

This outlook is based on the fundamental fallacy that nothing truly important can be accomplished unless it is somehow linked to the budget. But that doesn't have to be the case. The Legislature doesn't have to do everything before it does anything.

The negative consequences of prior late budgets have been especially pronounced here in the Capital District. State workers have been forced to worry needlessly about the timing of their paychecks. Contractors and vendors, including non-profit groups, are forced to wait for money the state owes them.

School districts and other local governments have encountered cash flow problems due to delays in aid payments. And the state itself ultimately has been stuck with higher borrowing costs, because Wall Street bond raters correctly view chronically late budgets as evidence of a lack of fiscal discipline.

The primary problem is not the Executive Budget law, but the way the Legislature does business. The Assembly, for example, currently functions more like the Soviet-era politburo than a truly democratic legislative body. Members of the Republican minority are excluded from budget negotiations and are even denied copies of draft budget legislation until the latest possible moment before a vote. Meanwhile, all 96 Democrats, including representatives of suburban and rural areas, publicly toe the line of their liberal, New York City leadership.

The inevitable result of this system is polarization and political standoff. Because there is no official channel for resolving disagreements between the Assembly and Senate, the state budget is settled in secret "leaders' meetings" and marathon staff negotiations as we approach the April 1 deadline, or in recent years, the end of the legislative session itself.

Meanwhile, between April 1 and final budget passage, whenever that may be, the atmosphere in the Assembly chamber becomes increasingly surreal.

Rank-and-file members are forced to spend most session days waiting for information updates and new agendas to emerge from the speaker's inner sanctum. Much of the "business" of the house is little more than make-work debate on bills that have no chance of passage in the Senate.

Several different versions of "budget reform" have been offered

Fire victims say thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to thank the entire community for their overwhelming donations to our family in our time of need.

To the family of Kevin Seaburg and the entire Selkirk Fire Department, we send our sympathy and prayers. Words alone cannot express what the community has done for us. We are proud to be a part of such a great community where people come together like a family.

Patty Lozano, Keith Whitten and children.

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to break the annual stalemate and get the budget back on a timely track. The most effective changes are embodied in the Budget Reform and Accountability Act, which I am co-sponsoring along with my Assembly Republican colleagues. The proposal has three key features:

1) Prior to March 1 of each year, all four legislative conferences would be required to submit a detailed alternative to the governor's budget.

2) The state comptroller would be required to submit his or her own written evaluation of the governor's budget and the legislative alternatives by March 15.

3) The Senate and Assembly would be required to openly hammer out their budget differences by pre-set deadlines in joint conference committees organized around each of the governor's appropriation bills and implementing legislation.

These changes would require all the key players in the budget process to put their cards on the

table, rather than hide behind rhetoric aimed at special-interest onlookers.

As for timeliness, the key is to put a stop to business as usual in the Legislature in the absence of a budget.

This could be accomplished through one more simple but dramatic reform — a law preventing either the Senate or Assembly from taking up any legislation after April 1 unless a complete budget has been passed.

Unfortunately, this idea was narrowly rejected when I offered it in the form of an Assembly rules change earlier this year, but it was encouraging to see a dozen Democrats vote with Republicans in favor of change.

There's plenty of blame to go around for New York's repeated failure to meet its budget deadline.

Rather than point fingers, we should work together to face up to our responsibilities and to resolve, once and for all, to prevent it from happening again.

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financial future back on solid ground. The elements contained in this plan will serve to improve the state's credit rating, save billions of dollars of unnecessary interest costs, open up the process for public review and input, provide for fair management of the state work force and ensure that state resources are expended effectively.

More importantly, local governments, school districts, not-for-profit providers, state employees and taxpayers will no longer be

used as pawns in the state budget process.

I will work toward enacting these initiatives.

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Matters of Opinion

Woman sets record straight about letter's intent

Editor, The Spotlight:

It has never been my style to "blow my own horn," but having been sent to the gallows by several people, I feel I have been forced into an unusual situation.

The responses in the Feb. 25 *Spotlight* to my letter the previous week all missed the point. I am not rich. I am the furthest thing from a snob in this world. I do not look down at others. I will try to explain simply so that everyone can understand my point.

The crack about "smelling the money in the air" was meant to be humorous.

We used to live in Albany. I grew up there. After getting married, we bought a house on an apparently safe street. But as it turned out, it was a pedestrian route for high school youngsters who used to throw rocks at my car, toss my garbage cans in the street, break into my home and attempt to stab a woman in her 60s.

These were not children of good homes, I suppose. Did I feel sorry for them? No! No matter what your income, there is no reason why people can't be

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brought up to value human life. If wanting to live in a safe, beautiful area where the schools are exemplary and where I can sleep soundly knowing my children are safe playing outside, then go ahead and call me a snob.

I fell in love with Delmar, and we struggled and gave up more than you can imagine to be able to purchase a home here. My husband works 16 hours a day. I gave up working (something I had a great passion for) to stay home and raise my children because I care about the future and I want my children to have the values I cherish—kindness, truthfulness, empathy and the courage to stand up for what you believe.

I donate the most I can toward a cure for cancer, disabled veterans and other charities. Every day, I commit a random act of kindness. I am the one holding the door open for your grandmother, letting you pull out in front of me on the roadways, helping strangers with heavy packages, giving away my belongings because it

makes me feel good. I am uncomfortable revealing this because I am what I am so that I can "look in the mirror," feel good about myself and know that I contribute to someone else's day, if even in a small way.

Talk about judging. If hard work and sacrifice are a crime, then I am guilty.

My point was that the retail tenant mix in town is not appropriate. Something called demographics should be consulted when putting in retail stores. For many years, I worked in the operations department of one of the largest shopping center developers in the world, so I do know a little about leasing retail space.

The stores in Delmar are not appropriate for this area. The town spends time hindering business like telling Dunkin' Donuts they can't put on a small table on their sidewalk, when it should consider that the Four Corners (except for the strip containing the Market-place, South Street Framers and sub shop) looks like a dead and decaying war zone.

Maybe the town could influence the owner of the building

where the barbershop is to paint its exterior. Maybe the town could place cobblestone on the sidewalk with some Victorian-style street lamps, supply some park benches, a flower or two, tear down the empty shredded canopy on the vacant store next to the Christian Science reading room and generally give the appearance of a nice, homey town that people would want to shop in. It's a shame that people who live here have to travel out of the area to find a variety of retail stores that could exist and flourish here.

If Delaware Plaza were a strip mall of retail "factory outlets" where people could buy quality goods at discounted prices, and if the Four Corners had the appearance of something we could all take pride in, would people snub the town and shop elsewhere? Would people from Albany and other towns come in droves to shop here? Would we collect more of a tax base, thereby lessening the burden homeowners have to carry?

By the way, at the restaurant that didn't care if I returned, there was no waitress. It was self-serve. I was the only one there (it's no

wonder). I cleaned off the table and returned my tray and straightened the chairs out before leaving. Is that snobbery? For those of you who weren't there, it seems inappropriate to malign me when you don't know what you're talking about. If anybody was snubbed, it was me.

But now the restaurant is empty, and I'm not there and neither are you. So what does that say?

My letter was grossly misinterpreted. More people I have talked to agree 100 percent with me. The town needs the dollars. The dollars are here. (No, I am not a millionaire, but there are some here who shop elsewhere).

Shame on the people who called me names without ever having spoken to me. Shame on the town for not getting a consultant to revamp this place, and shame on me for liking places like Wal-mart, where I can get more for my dollar and not have to climb over the weeds to get into the store.

Helene R. Sovern

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Your Opinion Matters

Resident heaps praise on Bethlehem business

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to respond to the letter in the Feb. 19 issue regarding local businesspeople who "are not interested in making money or keeping or making customers."

I agree with the writer's praise of South Street Framers, the Village Shop and Joyelle's. To her short list, I would add other local businesses that deserve at least as much praise. Floral Garden, Friar Tuck Bookshop, Little Country Store, the Paper Mill, Choices Hair Studio, I Love Books and Dinapoli Opticians should be added to the list.

Both my husband and I regularly patronize these businesses, because every time we have entered their doors, we have received prompt, gracious and helpful service as well as quality and satisfaction. The attention we received has always been more than adequate, yet never oppressive—overwhelming attention is often a problem at the writer's highly praised Stuyvesant Plaza.

I also agree with the writer's point that we need a good women's clothing store in Delmar. But although the writer has lived here for two years, she did not mention that Delaware Plaza formerly housed two upscale women's clothing stores, Casual Set and Circles. They both sold gorgeous clothes, but had to relocate for lack of business here.

Apparently "the smell of money in the air" is not as strong in Delmar as the writer would have us believe. Or perhaps our residents are merely demanding value for their dollar.

Priceless Kids and Payless Shoes, identified by the writer as

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low-end stores, adequately serve the needs of many local families of various incomes. Just because I never came to the plaza by bus from Albany, does that make me better than someone who does?

For those who seek high-end shoes, Saratoga Shoe Depot offers a beautiful selection of footwear and excellent service.

Yes, it would be nice to have a European-style bakery here, and, yes, Delmar desperately needs more good restaurants. But this is no reason to denigrate Yan's Chinese buffet. The restaurant provides a pleasant and tasty family dining experience.

For gourmet fare, Stone Ends, Capital House in Bethlehem and Herb Garden in New Scotland, are three of the Capital District's best eateries and should satisfy the writer's need to spend.

In my experience in Bethlehem, I have found that local business owners and managers very eager to please and very successful in their efforts. However, it must be mentioned that self-righteous, self-important attitudes would not do much to encourage such efforts.

Carol Tymann

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Business group invites all to meetings

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are gratified to see a dialogue developing over the pluses and minuses of shopping in the town of Bethlehem. We invite Helene R. Sovern, and all residents interested in improving the Bethlehem business climate, to put aside their differences and join our task force.

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the chamber of commerce office in Main Square in Delmar.

Whining is occasionally tolerated, but only as a precursor to taking action.

John C. Cody

Bethlehem First
Events Committee Chairman

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Woman gives merchants big round of applause

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to the letter from Helene Sovern in the Feb. 19 edition, I would like to express my support for our merchant community.

Many of the stores in Bethlehem contribute to a wide range of local groups including youth sports programs, graduation parties, school fairs and auctions, Scouting activities and the arts.

If Ms. Sovern's children participate in soccer or school music programs or a host of other activities, then they have benefited from our merchants' generosity. They donate money merchandise, time space and food.

Recently more than 50 local merchants and business owners purchased ads for Bethlehem Music Association, which uses money to support music programs in our schools, including hosting guest artists to perform and teach. The association also underwrites original compositions for the annual music festival and provides

scholarships and entry fees for talented students named to All-State performance groups.

Yes, it would be nice if we had a greater variety of stores, but we couldn't ask for nicer store owners. Any new business in town will have to meet a higher standard than just the quality and price of its wares. So, thank you merchants, business owners and service suppliers for your ongoing generosity.

Rebecca Marvin

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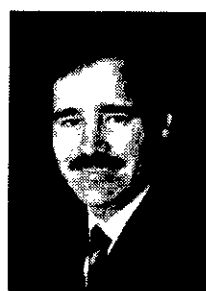
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Matters of Opinion

Letter reinforces belief that town has lots to offer

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was taught a very valuable lesson early in my life, and that was "Rise above it." I would encourage everyone to do just that — rise above the shortsightedness of one individual.

I certainly did not chose to live in this town because of the stores it had to offer, and I am sure most other residents didn't, either. Let's look beyond the materialism and look at the town itself.

Bethlehem is composed of top- Delmar

notch teachers, dedicated volunteer firemen and women, caring police officers and a combination of many different, unique and special individuals. Isn't that what really matters? These are the reasons I chose to continue to live in Bethlehem.

The only thing Ms. Sovern's letter did was prove to me how lucky I am to be able to enjoy this town and all it has to offer.

Amy H. Zick

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thanks to Jim Cornell's taking umbrage at my recent letter to the editor, I get to clarify my previously written remarks.

Over the past several years, there has been a growing suspicion that groups like Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air and Clearwater for Bethlehem have had a political undertone to them, which triggered my remarks about "partisans" and "political wannabes."

While I do not doubt that there are many people who are truly concerned about important issues such as clean water and clean air, they have doubtlessly been duped by partisans and political wanna-

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bes who wrap themselves in the cloak of environmental alarmism.

To those who are indeed concerned about the environment in our town (who isn't), I apologize.

However, I offer no apology to those who know that these groups have a blatant political agenda. Let me offer some insight: members of Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air and Clearwater for Bethlehem were significant contributors to twice-failed supervisor candidate Matt Clyne.

Three members contributed a total of more than \$500, in the last

filing period alone, to Clyne's campaign.

I say enough of the partisan environmental fear-mongering. If Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air want to work with town officials to bring mutually agreeable resolution to the Spurlock issue, it can be done quite well without these partisan political tactics.

It's counterproductive to the dialogue and damaging to their already shaky credibility among the majority of town residents.

As far as his resentment goes, I believe Mr. Cornell doth protest too much.

Fred Stratmann

Slingerlands

Spurlock deserves chance if review's a plus

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the opponents of the proposed Spurlock plant have persuaded Bethlehem town officials to do "whatever it takes" to monitor the project review by the state, let's keep in mind over the next few months what the town board has agreed to do. That is, to keep an eye on the process.

In other words, the town and its special attorney have not taken on the assignment of hounding Spurlock until its owners and managers give up on bringing new industry and new jobs to Bethle-

hem. Nor, from what we know now, is there any reason they should.

Perhaps the state Department of Environmental Conservation will decide Spurlock's formaldehyde-resin plant is not acceptable, even though it would result in the cleanup of a polluted former oil terminal along our most important waterway. If not, perhaps Bethlehem town officials will have reasonable grounds to argue DEC's review was not thorough enough.

Then again, perhaps neither of

those things will happen. Just maybe, DEC will find that Spurlock's application is good enough to pass New York's strict environmental tests. And just maybe, Bethlehem's leaders will conclude that DEC conducted a fair review, and the project should indeed go forward.

Somewhere in our community are 15 to 30 people who could have good, new jobs if the Spurlock plant is found to be environmentally acceptable and opens in Bethlehem.

Chances are, many more that those 15 to 30 would like such jobs and will apply if and when Spurlock starts hiring. Sure, Bethlehem should look carefully at the project. But let's at least say there's a chance we'll be able to welcome those new jobs to our town.

Robert P. Ward

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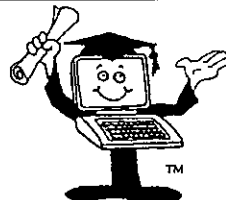
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RCS students to present choral music concert

A choral music concert will be presented at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school.

The concert is in honor of Music in Our Schools Month.

Elementary PTAs to meet March 11

Becker Elementary School PTA will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at the school Pieter B. Coeymans PTO will also meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the school.

RCS soccer league slates general meeting

Gear up for youth soccer. the RCS Youth Soccer League will conduct its general meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria.

Biography series continues at library

The second part of a series on "Lives Worth Knowing" is set for Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at RCS Community Library. The topic of the meeting is the autobi-

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ography, *All God's Dangers* by Nate Shaw, a union organizer and southern sharecropper. To register for the program, call the library at 756-2053.

Preschool story hour will be on Wednesday and Friday, March 19 and 21. Call the library to register.

Girl Scouts to mark 85th anniversary

A celebration of Girl Scout Sunday is slated for March 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Route 9W.

The event marks the 85th anniversary of national Girl Scouting and the 65th year of local activities.

The day's events include information about Thinking Day and Dimes for Daisy as well as displays of the World Association, Juliette Gordon Low and the four world centers.

Astronomers to meet at Five Rivers center

The Albany Area Amateur Astronomers will present an introduction to seasonal constellations on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

An indoor presentation by members of the group will be conducted, rain or shine. If skies are clear, an outdoor session will follow where participants will be able to view celestial objects through telescopes.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Taiwan youth concert to take place at library

The Capital District Taiwanese Youth Concert will take place on Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the community room at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The program features Taiwanese and classical music for piano, violin, cello and flute.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For information, call 482-2452.

'Irish Eyes' program honors Celtic heritage

The Emerald Isle and the Irish stories and songs that make up its heritage will be celebrated in "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," a program taking place at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. A video, games and crafts are planned.

To pre-register, call 439-9314.

Dolls on display give telling history lesson

The library has an unusual display to mark Women's History Month. The American Girls series of books is very familiar to school children and parents.

The books feature five young women in historical settings: Felicity, a colonial girl; Kirsten, a pioneer girl; Addy, a former slave; Samantha; an orphan from the early 20th century and Molly, a 10-year-old during World War II.

Each girl has her own craft book and cook book to help give historical perspective to her era, and each is personified in a doll, complete with an array of clothes, furniture and accessories.

Several young residents have loaned their dolls for the showcase this month. Don't miss seeing them on display.

Pastels by Delmar artist Colleen Skiff Kriss are on display in



the hall gallery. Kriss is a well-known art therapist and the founder and director of the Broadway Gallery Membership Group, a nonprofit arts organization pro-

viding exhibiting venues for more than 200 artists, musicians, poets and dancers.

She is dedicated to educating the public about art and offering support to artists.

"I am fascinated by the human form rendered in any medium," Kriss says of her work. Her exhibit this month focuses on the play of light and shadow and the rainbow of colors throughout light and shadows.

On March 9, youth services librarian Joyce Laiosa will conduct her first Sunday family story hour. She will tell stories and do fingerplays on the theme of "Hop into Spring."

The Library Club for fourth through sixth graders will meet today, March 5.

Artists are invited to drop in tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to join Art Expressions, the adult sketch club. Artists must bring their own materials.

The board of trustees will be busy with budget considerations on Mondays, March 10 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Recent policy changes enacted by the board require that CDs and videotapes can be returned by the book drop by the front door when the library is closed.

A new issue of the Bookworm, the library newsletter, is in the mail. If you do not receive a copy at home, you can pick one up at the circulation desk. Watch for wonderful programs coming up in the next few weeks.

Barbara Vink

Two library board seats open

Bethlehem Public Library is seeking nominations to fill two vacancies on its board of trustees.

Candidates are sought to fill the seat vacated by Robert O'Neill, who resigned last November, and a second opening which expires June 30.

Candidates who are running for re-election are Susan Birkhead and

Jordan Langner.

Those elected will serve a five-year term beginning on July 1.

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The 49th annual Tulip Festival Committee is requesting nominations for the 1997 tulip queen and her court.

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Eligible applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 21, and be residents of Albany County for the full year of their reign (from May 1997 through May 1998).

In recognition of her efforts, the queen receives a \$1,500 scholarship award.

The 1997 Albany Tulip Festival takes place May 9 through 11. The queen will be crowned at an elaborate ceremony on Saturday, May 10, at noon in Albany's Washington Park. The court will also receive special recognition.

Nominations should include the nominee's name, address, phone number and a letter detailing her qualifications, along with the nominator's name and phone number. Nominations can be sent to: Albany Tulip Festival Committee, c/o The Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany 12207.

The application deadline is Friday, March 21.

For information, call 434-5132.

Silhouette art graces display cases

The silhouette art of Ugo Mochi is on display in the library cases this month. The exhibit is generously on loan from his daughter, Jeanne Mochi Tartaglia.

An artist of international reputation, Mochi (1889-1977) was born into Florentine aristocracy. Mochi settled in New York in the late 1920s, and his works are in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian, Cranbrook Academy and the American and Berlin mu-



Silhouette artist Ugo Mochi depicts the dynamics of motion in his rendering of a polo match.

seums of natural history.

Mochi accomplished his "art of outline" by placing black paper on glass and overlaying it with white tracing paper containing his drawing. He then cut out the drawing in one piece using a lithographer's knife and mounted it on a white background.

Trained in sculpture, Mochi achieved astonishing illusion of volume and mass in his silhouettes. His expertise in animal sculpture led to research and observation of animals in their natural habitats, and subsequent illustrations of several scholarly books on animals published by Scribner.

The next exhibit of Mochi's work will be at Central Park Wildlife Gallery in the Central Park Conservation Center in New York City, from April 26 to Sept. 28.

Joan Mullen's Chinese brush painting returns to the northwest gallery this month. Mullen became interested in calligraphy and the related art of brush painting during a 1979 visit to Taiwan, where her daughter was pursuing Chinese studies at the University of Taipei.

Mullen has studied brush painting with Thelma VanAvery, Lucy Suhr and Leigh Li Yun Len. Her focus on flowers led to study of botanical drawing with Ann Jaster.

"I have always enjoyed flowers in my home," said Mullen, "and now my friends and I have bright ones all year round."

Six pencil drawings of Colorado wildlife by Mullen's son, David Utterback are included in the exhibit. Utterback, who has a degree from the School of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, has melded his lifelong interest in the outdoors and drawing, preferring black and white to color.

"In these days of Dayglo assault, we have shut down our senses to the point where a walk in the woods seems relatively dull. After learning to see beauty in a black-and-white drawing, we can find a trip in the woods much more rewarding," he said.

The photographs and photo collages of Sandra Mudge appear in the southwest gallery this month.

Mudge holds a fine arts degree from SUNY Purchase and is cur-

rently studying photojournalism at the University at Albany. She will begin graduate work this year at the Savannah School of Art and Design.

An advertising photographer for F/X Vintage Clothes, she also has done promotional material, live performance photography and set design for several local performing groups.

Mudge said her work juxtaposes the immortal and the temporal, blending images denoting the passage of time with ritualized objects of day-to-day existence.

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Kindergarten registration set March 6

Kindergarten registration is set for Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium. Parents of prospective kindergartners are asked to contact Joann Donohue at 765-2382 if they haven't received information about the meeting.

Children must be 5-years-old on or before Dec. 1 to register. There is also a new regulation requiring children who turn 6 on or before Dec. 1 to attend school from the start of classes in September of that year.

Scouts invite seniors to Heritage Tea

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts invite all area senior citizens to a Heritage Tea in honor of Girl Scout Sunday on March 9, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

The event is a celebration of ethnic origins. Each troop will select a nation and prepare a food dish and entertainment that represent the culture of that country.

For information, call 765-3747.

Church to dish up chicken dinner

New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85A will dish up a chicken and biscuit dinner on Saturday, March 8. Seatings are at 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

Reservations are not needed. Dinner costs \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children age 5 through 10. Children under age 5 eat for free.

Pupils tuning up for winter concert

A middle level winter concert of classical and popular music is set for Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The middle level chorus, directed by Margaret Dorgan, will open the program. Instrumental selections will be played by the seventh-grade band under the direction of Christopher Jansen. The eighth-grade band, directed by

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Everyone in the community is invited to this free concert.

Post to serve big Sunday breakfast

Breakfast will be served at American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to noon.

All-you-can-eat helpings of eggs, ham, home fries, french toast and beverages are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 5 through 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.

PTA readies for book fair

The elementary PTA is planning a book fair for March 13 through 15 at the school. The fair will be open to students and parents on Thursday, March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday, March 14, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on the large gymnasium stage. On Saturday, March 15, the fair moves to the school library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activity night set at elementary school

A fun-filled fifth- and sixth-grade activity night is planned for Friday, March 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

In addition to billiards, air hockey and ping pong, there will also be music, prizes and snacks. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$2 each.

For information, call the elementary school at 765-2382.

School board to discuss budget March 10

The next meeting of the school board is on Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

The 1997-98 school budget will be discussed. For information, call 765-3314.

Cubs to host dinner for moms

Cub Scout Pack 73 is planning its first mother-son dinner dance for Friday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at t Colonie Country Club on Route 85A. There will be a hot and cold buffet and music by disc jockey Christopher Dutkiewicz. Tickets cost \$13 per person.

For information and reservations, call Terri Berger at 765-2674.

Board to meet Monday, March 10

The New Scotland town board meets on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

Fifth-grader earns medal for essay

Abigail Hessberg of Slingerlands, a fifth-grader at Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, recently won a DARE medal at her school for an essay on the danger of drugs.

V'ville Legion post serving corned beef

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will hold a St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinner on Saturday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Coffee or tea will be included with the dinner.

The meal cost is \$8 per person.

For reservations, call 765-4712.

Old clothing needed for Grease production

The Bethlehem Theatre Support Group (BTSG) needs numerous items for the upcoming Bethlehem Central High School Stage 700 production of *Grease*, which will be presented April 10 through 13.

Shiny sharkskin suits, 1950s-style party dresses, crinolines, navy blue knee-length pleated skirts, red sweaters for cheerleaders, poodle skirts, leather motorcycle or bomber-style jackets, chiffon scarves and other clothes "greasers" might wear are needed.

To avoid the exorbitant cost of renting these items, BTSG's costume committee is turning to the community for help.

For information, contact Wendy Lefkovich at 439-8013 or Gayle Guzik at 439-5090.

Club sponsoring clinic

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

Youth group sets date for candle demonstration

The youth council at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road will hold a PartyLite Candle demonstration on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the church. Proceeds will go toward the group's trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City in November.

For information, call the religious education office at 765-2373.

Firemen earn kudos for community service

Congratulations to Voorheesville volunteer firefighter Ernie Sacco for 46 years of loyal service to the community and to Ray O'Malley for 25 years with the department.

Book group reading Stones from the River

Ursula Hegi's novel *Stones From the River* will be discussed on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Copies of the novel are available at the library's reference desk.

For information, call 439-9314.

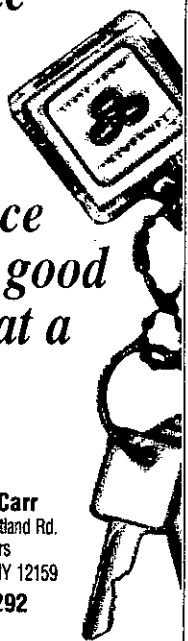
Astronomers to meet at Five Rivers center

The Albany Area Amateur Astronomers will present an introduction to seasonal constellations on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

An indoor presentation by members of the group will be conducted, rain or shine. If skies are clear, an outdoor session will follow where participants will be able to view celestial objects through telescopes.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

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Sports

BC girls put up a fight, but Albany High prevails

By Mel Hyman

It was a heck of a time for there to be a lid on the basket.

Poised on the precipice of a sectional championship, the Bethlehem girls basketball team couldn't put the ball in the hoop against Albany High.

As a result, the Lady Eagles dropped a 52-37 decision in the Class A title game that was witnessed by a large crowd Friday (including several hundred enthusiastic BC supporters) at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

Albany was led by Carolyn and Becky Gottstein, considered by many the top two players in the area. Bethlehem did its best to contain Carolyn, but Becky simply planted her 6 foot, 1 inch frame under the basket and retrieved rebound after rebound on her way to scoring a game-high 29 points.

"We talked about it the last three days, that Becky and Carolyn Gottstein were going to score no matter what we did," said BC coach Kim Zornow. "We knew that we had to score ourselves, but were just unable to do it."

Perhaps it can be chalked up to

tournament jitters, but Bethlehem's Nicole Conway, who led the Suburban Council in scoring this year, just couldn't find the range.

Katie Smith, Magan Sellnow and Karly Decker all did their best to try and keep the Lady Eagles in the game, but they too had tough nights.

"I think they were excited," Zornow said. "I think we didn't get as many second shots as we would have liked, but they (Albany) were big, and they just sat in the paint (under the basket)."

Zornow, in only her fourth year as head coach, guided the Lady Eagles to a perfect 13-0 record in Suburban Council play this year. Bethlehem also knocked off several tournament opponents before coming face to face with Albany, the champion of the Big 10 this year.

Since four of the five BC starters are underclassmen, it appears likely that this group of girls will continue to be one of the top teams in the area.

"I'm really proud of these kids," Zornow said. "We're only graduating two girls, so I think the rest of



Bethlehem's Magan Sellnow reaches high for a rebound during the Section II, Class A championship game against Albany High. Doug Persons

them will work hard over the summer, and now that they've had a taste (of success), we should be back again next year."

Besides BC's starting five of Bridget Murray, Conway, Sellnow, Decker and Smith, also returning will be sophomore Winnie Corrigan, the tallest member of the team, who was injured in practice a month ago and has been sidelined since.

Zornow also praised the Bethlehem student body which she said showed "outstanding" support all year long.

For Albany, the win capped a stellar season that saw the Lady Falcons capture their first Section II girls basketball championship in school history.

Local swimmer excels

Arianne Cohen of Elmsmere competed recently in the Eastern Interscholastic swimming and diving championships at LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

The meet, which had 542 swimmers from 68 independent schools nationwide, is considered the most competitive high school meet in the country.

Cohen, a sophomore at Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, Pa., placed third in the 200-yard freestyle and fourth in the 500-yard freestyle. The Germantown girls team finished first.

Both of Cohen's times qualified her for All-American consideration. Cohen will compete next in the Speedo Junior Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

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Oral Cancer

The "cancer examination" is an important part of the complete oral and dental exam. Many patients ask why we do this exam. Oral cancer claims approximately 9,000 lives per year. It is not surprising that smokers account for the greatest percentage of these deaths.

However, paying attention to warning signals and seeking immediate treatment can greatly increase the chances for successful treatment before the disease becomes rampant.

Most types of oral cancer begin as changes in the mucous membrane lining of the interior of the mouth. Because these changes are painless, many people don't consider that there is a potentially serious problem developing. When treatment is finally sought, it may already be too late. Early detection and diagnosis are the

keys to successful treatment.

There are several warning signals of oral cancer. If you notice a red sore on the lips, gums or inside of the mouth which persists longer than 2-3 weeks; if you have white scaly patches on the lips or inside the mouth; if you experience numbness or pain in the mouth or throat area which has no apparent cause; or if you have persistent bleeding in the mouth which has no apparent cause, you should contact your dentist or physician or and have an examination.

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Paint vs. siding: Both can be a homeowner's friend

By Dev Tobin

It's a dilemma faced by most owners of older homes. What do you do when your exterior paint job has given up the ghost of a decent appearance — repaint or put up siding?

New vinyl siding products have narrowed the cost gap between repainting and residing, according to Ric Kaplowitz, owner of Kaplowitz Co., a Delmar remodeling and contracting firm.

Kaplowitz estimated that a professional scrape-and-paint job on an average suburban colonial house would cost \$5,000 to \$8,000, while vinyl siding would cost \$7,000 to \$12,000.

"For not much more (than the cost of painting), you can create a maintenance-free exterior," said Kaplowitz, adding that there are "really good, durable vinyl siding products now, with color all the way through."

Regardless of whether you choose repainting or residing, you should thoroughly check a contractor's references and former jobs, Kaplowitz said.

"Call the references to make sure that the contractor has a track record of delivering to others what's being promised to you," he said. "Then go out and

look at completed jobs to see what kind of quality work they do."

Finally, "Get all the details in writing and use a New York state-approved contract," Kaplowitz said.

Roger Smith of Roger Smith Decorative Products in Delmar noted that a good-quality paint job can last up to 10 years, provided the proper groundwork is laid.

Basic pointers for first-time DIY house painters

When can I start? Where do I begin? And how much do I need? Those are just three of the many questions painters ask when the time comes to paint outside.

As the painting season starts up, some tips are in order to help make painting a little easier.

Painting outdoors is best during summer when the temperature is between 50 and 77 degrees, since paint only adheres within a certain temperature range, say painting professionals.

Getting started

Before beginning, analyze the

"Preparation is 90 percent of the battle," Smith said. "If an area is peeling, you need to determine what's causing it" and address the underlying problem, usually moisture from the house infiltrating through the wall, before investing time and money in repainting.

"Installing an exhaust fan in the kitchen or bathroom and proper attic ventilation are the main ways" to prevent in-house moisture from ruining exterior

paint, Smith explained.

Do-it-yourself home painting is obviously the least expensive way to update the exterior, but while do-it-yourselfers save on labor costs, they should not scrimp on paint and tools, since using high-quality paint and tools ensure a lasting job, Smith said.

If using good-quality paint means competing the job in one coat rather than two, that's a

substantial savings in time, for a contractor or a do-it-yourselfer, Smith noted.

"Good-quality paint will also last longer," he added.

Regarding tools, Smith advised, "If you use a \$4.98 brush with \$30 a gallon paint, it will look like a \$4.98 job."

Better brushes "hold more paint, so you can make longer strokes and cut in straighter lines," Smith said.

current condition of the home. If there are problems such as peeling, mildew or rust, correct them before you paint.

While painting over a problem might seem to be the easy answer, it is only a short-term solution that could lead to more problems in the future.

Paint selection

Consider using an exterior latex paint instead of traditional oil-based alkyd paint. The new latex formulations are designed to withstand the extremities of the outdoors.

Test the color first on a small area, keeping in mind that it

should compliment the bricks, siding and shingles. One paint brand, Dulux, offers 1.7-ounce paint testers perfect for experimenting with color.

For the best results, read the label instructions carefully.

Preparations

Begin by covering the outside area with drop sheets.

Wear safety glasses at all times, along with old clothing and a hat.

Take the time to prepare the surface properly by scraping, cleaning and drying the areas to be painted.

Scrape, sand and prime the

area to be painted, and wash it clean. Items that you may need include: a scraper, patching compounds, sandpaper, ladder, masking tape, screw driver and paint thinner.

Clean the surface with a sponge and Tri Sodium Phosphate detergent, which is available at any paint store.

Use primer before painting a new or bare area. There are primers for every type of surface.

General tips

- When painting with latex, use a synthetic brush; when painting with oil-based alkyd, use a bristle brush.
- Always stir the can first.
- Begin painting from the top and work your way down.
- Use a "can hook" to connect the can to your ladder.
- Keep outside stairs from becoming slippery by spreading a fine layer of sand after applying the first coat.
- Clean latex paint from hands and tools with water; clean oil-based alkyd paint with paint cleaner.
- Paint brushes should be hung with bristles pointing down when drying, or use a brush spinner to dry brushes and rollers.

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Log homes aren't just for the pioneers anymore

As far as value, they're attractive, energy-efficient and affordable

By Mel Hyman

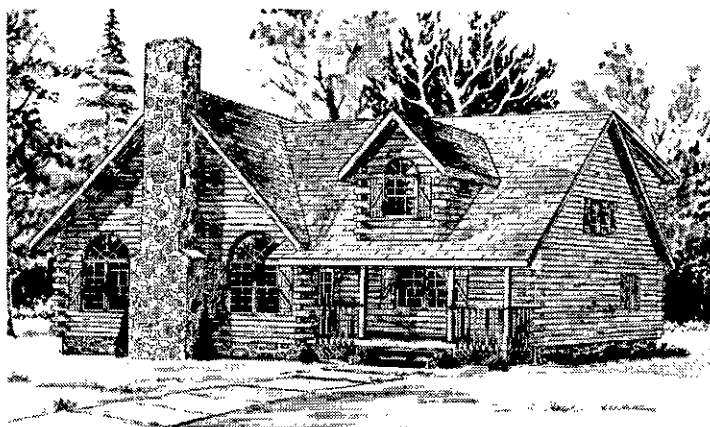
They can be strikingly attractive yet practical at the same time.

They're log homes, and they're becoming increasingly popular both here in the Capital District and throughout the nation.

In his spare time, Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who had his own log home built several years ago in Feura Bush, is a log home sales representative. And while they still account for only about 2 percent of the new home market (or 6 percent of all custom homes built), Vanderbilt says annual production has jumped 48 percent since 1988.

Depending on the design, log homes can be more energy efficient than the average "stick" home built with two by fours, but the main reason people opt for them is aesthetics.

"They fall in love with the look, both interior and exterior," Vanderbilt says. The rustic look is what most people have in mind when considering a log home, but that doesn't mean it



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Log homes today come in as many styles, sizes and shapes as contemporary homes. It's not unusual to see cathedral ceilings, lots of windows and other upscale features. However, fewer windows mean a more heat-efficient building.

can't be elegant.

"Typically, you find cathedral ceilings, lots of windows, porches, decks, and whatever else suits the buyer's fancy," Vanderbilt said. With more than 500 companies in the business today, there are a myriad of designs and models that people can choose from.

The type of wood used mostly depends on geography. In the Northeast, about 90 percent of log homes are built with white pine or red cedar, since they're plentiful in this region.

"Down South you'll find a lot of cypress, and in the Midwest and Plains states you'll see a lot of oak."

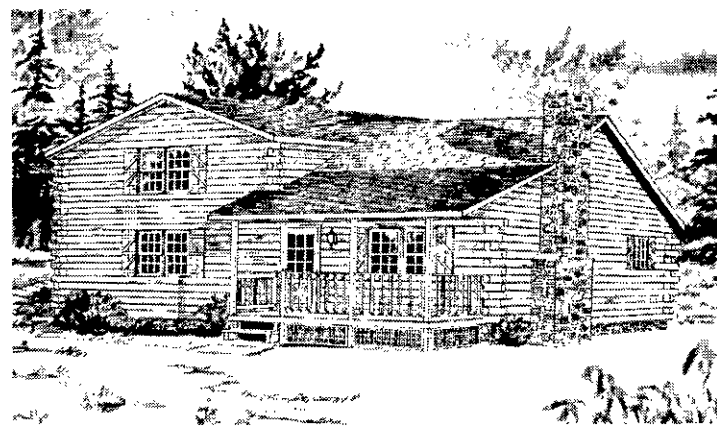
If you don't load up your house with windows, then log homes are more energy efficient, particularly in winter, because "the thermal mass of logs allows them to store heat and not just act as a barrier against the cold," Vanderbilt explained.

Cost-wise, log homes compare favorably with conventional new home construction, although a lot depends on how fancy you want them.

The average-size log home of 1,500 square feet — with three bedrooms and two-and-a-half

baths — costs about \$110,000. That's exclusive of the land cost, of course.

More than 500 companies currently market log homes in the U.S. Vanderbilt said there are a few things to keep in mind before embarking on this venture. Check out where the wood comes from and how it's dried — whether by kiln or through storage over time. And acquaint yourself with the types of construction, such as how the logs lock or fit together.



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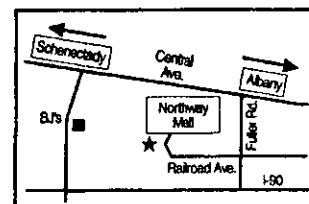
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Home improvement loans helpful, but remember the risks

By Martin P. Kelly

The dreams of winter become a reality when spring arrives and those home improvement projects are an immediate consideration. Depending upon the size of the job, a concern becomes where to get the money.

The most obvious source for a large job of \$5,000 to \$15,000, for example, would be a home equity line or home equity loan. They are mortgage-like loans given by a bank, depending upon the amount of equity you have in the house.

A simple analysis chart asks you to multiply the appraised value of your home by .75 and then subtract the balance on your existing mortgage. The amount left is what most banks will loan in a home equity loan or a home equity credit line.

The home equity loan is a closed-end loan, explains James P. Galvin, a loan officer at KeyBank. "Similar to a second mortgage, it is designed to be paid off at a definite date," he says. "You have a fixed amount of money repayable over a fixed time period."

Albank, for example, permits loans up to \$35,000 with 30 years to repay. Other banks have even larger limits for loans.

These loans resemble first mortgages: There are often closing costs including attorneys fees, title search, insurance and mortgage filing. Some lending institutions require points to obtain a loan, with a point representing 1 percent of the loan you are taking.

There are many questions to be asked when obtaining home equity loans and home equity

lines of credit.

A home equity line of revolving credit, says Galvin, gives you a specific amount of credit that you can use as you need it, with repayments similar to those of credit cards.

Depending upon your tax status, the home equity loan has greater tax advantages. It also usually pinpoints the use of the loan for home improvement, whereas the home equity line permits you to borrow as little as \$500 at a time, similar to a credit card. However, the temptation might be to use the money for something other than home improvement.

For home improvement needs

of lesser amounts than \$5,000, there are other avenues of borrowing.

It's possible to borrow on life insurance policies, which usually have a lower rate of interest on paying back the loan. So, too, borrowing on stock portfolios gives you an advantage of getting a low interest rate in repaying. Of course, if the portfolio rises in value, it might even cover the loan.

What many people overlook in these instances are collateral loans which allow you to borrow from your bank savings account, your 401K or certificates of deposit. Again, these loans have relatively low interest rates because you're borrowing from

yourself.

Whatever the source for borrowing funds, financial experts admit there are risks — your home, if you take out a home equity or home equity line loan; your stock portfolio if you borrow on stocks; your CD or 401K, should you borrow from these instruments. A life insurance policy can also be a risk unless you have a sure way of paying back the loan.

The important thing when preparing for home improvement and seeking ways of financing it is to know how you will be able to repay the loan, regardless of how you get the loan.

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Getting permits is key for home projects

By Tom Murnane

For those interested in building an addition to a home or doing some interior remodeling, be warned: You probably need to first ask for permission to do the work.

To make matters more confusing, different municipalities have different permit requirements, and the costs vary as well, said Dennis DeGennaro, owner of Camelot Association Corp., a Colonie company that specializes in home building, remodeling and real estate.

"Every town, it seems, asks for something different," said DeGennaro, whose fourth-generation, family-owned business is celebrating its 30th anniversary this month.

Permits do not come cheaply for some projects, he said. Take the town of Guilderland. For a \$26,000 home, a building permit alone costs \$95. But for that kind of work, a person will likely need to get other permits for such concerns as water and sewer work, so by the time all the permits have been secured, thousands of dollars have been added to a project's total cost.

For the uninitiated, there are a couple of simple, informal rules to follow, said DeGennaro.

"If you are going to do any kind of structural work, you are going to need a permit, but for something like doing some work on kitchen cabinets, you probably don't have to worry," he said, adding that permits are also required for electrical wiring work.

"You have to meet state fire safety code requirements and any work has to be inspected by the New York State Fire Underwriters Association," he said.

The best way to learn which permits are necessary is to go the permitting source, said DeGennaro, adding: "Most places have people who are pretty good at telling you what you are going to need for a certain type of project. Some people, however, don't bother to ask until they are in the middle of a project, and then they have to stop and wait."

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Cleaning schedule keeps housework manageable

Don't bless the mess, get organized! Follow these tips to cut the time you spend cleaning up.

First, create a realistic cleaning schedule. Divide into daily, weekly and monthly sections. Then, write a checklist and post it on the refrigerator door — where all family members will see it. Hang a brightly colored pen from the list and

check off the tasks as they are accomplished.

Daily

- Clear up the clutter as you go.
- Make family members responsible for their own mess — clean dishes after eating, wipe the bathroom sink after use, put clothes straight into the closet or

the hamper.

- Wipe down kitchen counters and appliances with a glass and surface spray cleaner.
- Empty trash cans into one bag and take it out.

Weekly

- Clean all surfaces in your home with just one all purpose cleaner and reusable cleaning

cloth, like Handi Wipes. Make sure to use a cleaner that is safe for all hard surfaces, like Murphy's Kitchen Care glass and surface spray.

- Strip beds. Do laundry. Vacuum.
- Put an old sock on each hand and dust with both hands.
- Let your microwave zap its own dirt by adding a few drops of a concentrated dishwashing liquid, like Ultra Palmolive, to a cup of water. Boil in microwave for three minutes.

The steam will soften caked-on, dried foods so they can be wiped off easily.

- Before you clean the bathroom, run a hot shower. Wall and tile dirt comes off faster when it's loosened by steam.

Monthly

- For larger jobs, use a product that is multi-functional, like Murphy's Kitchen Care cleaner. Add 1/4 cup to one gallon of warm water and you're set to clean the floors, fridge, walls and cabinets.

- File the papers on your desk.

- Recycle newspapers, magazines and catalogs.

A few final preventative tips

- Keep dirt from coming in by using mats at all entrance doorways.
- To save time cleaning the oven, place a sheet of aluminum foil on the lower rack.
- Throw salt on the logs in your fireplace. This can reduce the soot by up to two-thirds.

Done right, household chores don't have to be back-breaking activities

You've injured your back, and now all you want to do is lie around and let someone wait on you hand and foot. But if your family's like most, you won't have that luxury. And besides, physical therapists say a complete lack of activity is no better for your sore back than doing too much.

So how do you go about those household chores without making your injury worse? Here are some tips:

- When making your bed, don't stand on one side and reach. Instead kneel on the bed or walk around to the other side.

- Several small loads of laundry will place less stress on your back than one or two large loads. And avoid bending toward the washer and dryer — lean with your back straight instead.

- In the kitchen, store items

you use often between waist and shoulder height. When you need something on a lower shelf, get down on one knee. Put the item on the counter before you get

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up, so you can use your hands to hold onto a table or counter for support when standing.

- When standing at the kitchen sink or a counter, open a lower cabinet door and put one foot on a bottom shelf. This helps keep your back in a balanced position.

- Hold dishes up and close

when washing them by hand.

- When loading the dishwasher, put your rinsed dishes on the counter near the machine. Then get down on one knee to load the dishwasher so you won't have to twist and bend forward.

- If you must vacuum, move your feet and legs rather than reaching or bending forward, and avoid twisting. To clean under furniture, bend at your hips and knees while keeping your back straight.

- When mowing your lawn, avoid twisting your back. Pivot your feet, and always face your hips and shoulders in the direction the mower is going. Keep your stomach muscles firm, your head up and your back in a balanced position. And be sure to take frequent breaks to stretch.

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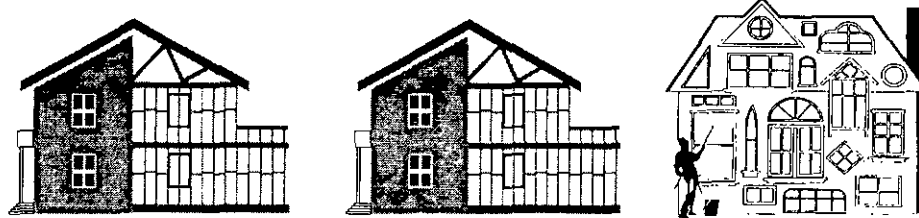
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Ceramic tile lends easy grace to any room in house

Ceramic tile has been a standby since the day it was discovered that if you bake clay, you get a hard, durable material that is both waterproof and fireproof.

Even though it's been used for centuries, ceramic tile is still one of the most popular materials used in home improvement projects. It's easy to install and provides a lifetime of use without deterioration. The color of real tile, made from baked ceramic materials, will never fade and because of the durability and low upkeep, real tile is an option that provides long-lasting quality.

Ceramic tile comes in a variety of colors, sizes, shapes and textures that gives homeowners a choice for their remodeling needs. It can be installed on walls, floors and countertops and can quickly give a room a new look.

There are two main divisions of tile: wall and floor tile. Popular wall tiles range in size from 4 1/4-inch squares to 6-inch by 9-inch rectangles. These tiles come in either a high glaze or matte glaze. Floor tiles go from "dots" (11/32-inch squares) to 9-inch squares. Commonly used sizes are 2-inch squares, 1-inch squares and the 1-inch by 2-inch rectangle. These tiles are generally unglazed. There are three types of floor tiles:

- Ceramic mosaics are less than six square inches in facial surface.
- Pavers are those unglazed

floor units measuring six square inches or more in facial surface.

- Quarries are made to resist especially severe conditions of weather and wear. They have a strong, dense body which can withstand extremes in temperature.

Wall Tile

Nearly all home surfaces that are true, level, free from moisture and foreign matter are suitable for laying tile. Wall tiling is one of the most popular methods to use tile, especially in the bathroom. To begin tiling, establish a level line for the bottom row and install the first row. If the floor is not level, make cuts in the bottom row of tiles. Once the bottom row is level, you should have no problem keeping the rest of the rows level.

To cut a tile, draw a pencil line across the glazed surface parallel to the raised bars on the back of the tile. Take a glass cutter and score the surface along the line. Once this is done, place the tile glazed side up over a nail and press on either side of the scored line. The tile should part cleanly down the line. For special cutting around fixtures and other unusual angles, use pliers to nip off small chunks of the tile and smooth the edges with a carborundum stone.

When applying the adhesive, make sure you don't put on too much; it could ooze out of the

joints between tiles. Once finished tiling, let the wall set for at least a day.

Grouting and finishing

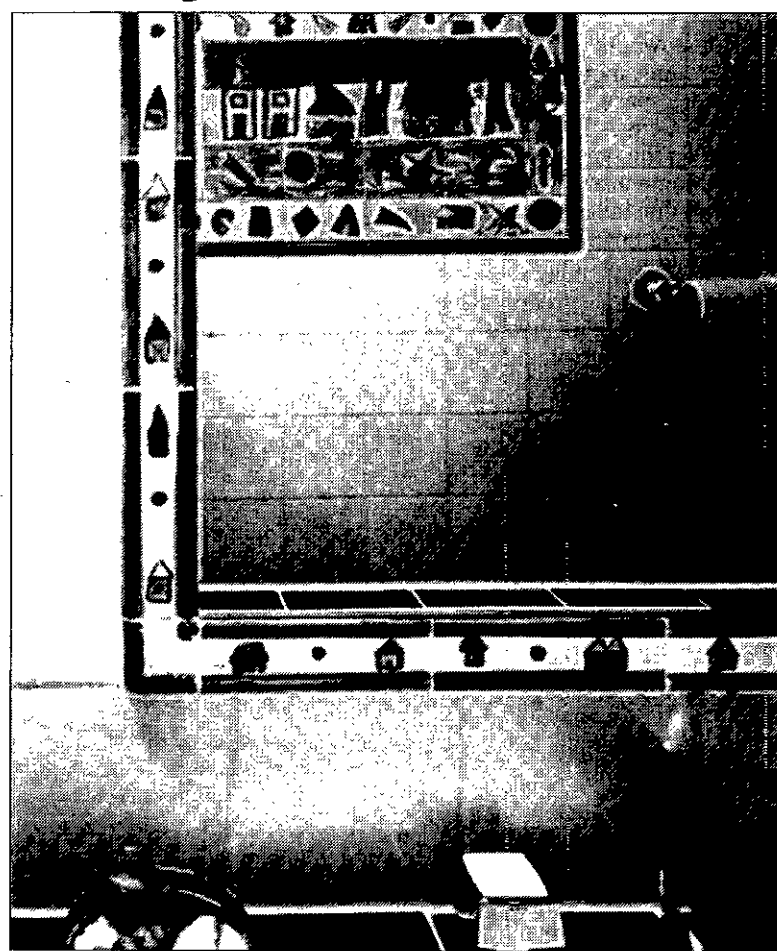
After the wall has set, soak the joints between the tiles at least four times in five-minute intervals. The soaking prevents the tiles from drawing water from the grout. Grout is a fine white cement powder that is used to fill the spaces between the tiles.

You'll need to mix the grout with water until it's the consistency of heavy cream. Let it stand for 15 minutes and remix. Once it's remixed, apply it to the tile joints. It can be applied with a sponge, a squeegee or by hand with a pair of rubber gloves. Make sure all joints are filled completely.

Clean up the excess grout on the tiles with a damp sponge or cloth. Before the final polish, wet down the grouted joints with a sponge several times in the following few days to ensure the grout sets properly. You can then polish the tiles with a dry cloth.

Around the tub

- Make sure your walls are waterproof before installing tile. You can either use waterproof drywall or prime the walls with waterproof paint. Fixture openings and all corners should be sealed with waterproof tape.



Cover the tub with newspapers for protection.

- Set the first tiles around the top of the tub, keeping the first row level.
- Spread the adhesive over a small area above the first row — don't make the area too large or it could dry before you tile it. Be careful that you don't apply too much adhesive to the wall.
- Using a twisted motion of your hand, press the tiles into place. Most wall tiles have self-spacing bars along their edges to maintain a uniform and straight line.

- Install the soap dish/grab bar after the row of tiles is installed. Pry the appropriate number of tiles loose and set the soap dish firmly into place.

- Straight lines are a priority with tiling. Use a carpenter's level to establish a straight line when tiling away from the tub.

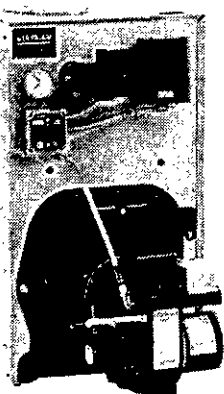
- Let the tiles set for a day and then soak thoroughly before grouting.

- Rub grout into the tile joints with a sponge, squeegee or a pair of rubber gloves. Force the grout deep into the joints. Wash excess grout from the tiles.

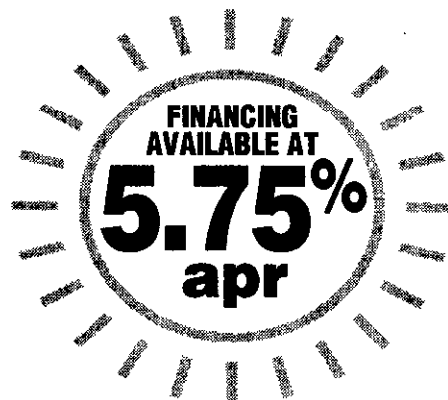
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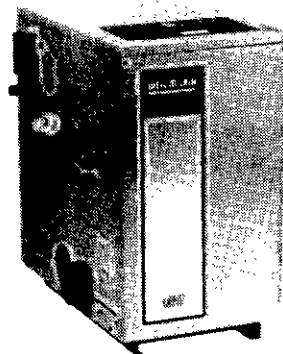


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This trend started gaining momentum over the last 10 years and is still a strong factor in American home-buying circles.

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"Adding energy efficiency to a room is one of the biggest concerns for today's remodeling homeowner," says Matthew

MaLossi of Crawford Door & Window Sales in Rensselaer, the local representative of Pella Windows and Doors.

MaLossi says those who do not have a lot of experience with remodeling are left with questions about energy-saving product selection.

"When it comes to selecting new windows, for example, many homeowners are unsure how to make the best use of their money," he said.

MaLossi suggests several factors to consider when selecting window products. First, consider the decor of the home. Many people prefer wood windows because they can easily match the wood trim of a home, while maintaining the highest level of natural insulation.

Also, MaLossi recommends that homeowners evaluate a window's U-value. For maximum energy efficiency, a window's total-unit U-value, a measurement of the amount of heat lost through both glass and window frame, should be as low as possible. A U-value of approximately .40 indicates good energy efficiency.

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Small is beautiful: Tips for decorating small spaces

Every man's — and woman's — home should be his or her castle, but not everyone has a home with castle-like proportions.

If your home's scale is on the diminutive side, here are some tips from the design experts to give those small rooms a large dose of spaciousness and charm:

- Keep the color palette simple. A monochromatic color scheme or one that uses only two dominant colors will visually stretch space.

Although the color palette may be monochromatic, you still can create visual interest by incorporating different textures and patterns.

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

- Minimize the need for storage pieces by putting in built-in storage. Built-ins not only house a tremendous amount, but also can camouflage space-stealing architectural

elements, like vertical beams or broken-up walls.

- Reflective surfaces can "fool the eye" into thinking that a room is bigger than it is. Using mirrors is an old trick that

Design experts offer ideas to give those small rooms a big boost.

works. So does putting glass doors on cabinets and bookshelves.

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

- Take advantage of irregularities in the room's proportions for efficient furniture placement. For example, a bay window makes a lovely spot to nestle a small sofa or chair. An awkward wall niche may be just the place to put a desk and chair or a small table. The end of a room, particularly if the ceiling slopes down, can be a cozy nook for a bed.

- Instead of space-grabbing furniture, utilize space-saving

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

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

- Avoid elaborate, heavy window treatments that may overwhelm a small room.

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

- Use wallpaper creatively to make rooms look larger and also taller. Wallpaper borders also create the illusion of width.

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



To make the most of a small room, be sure to avoid clutter with clever storage techniques. Artful use of furniture, colors and textures can also fool the eye into seeing a spacious hideaway rather than a cramped nook.

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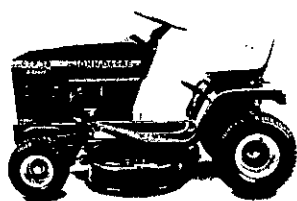
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Taking the office home

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Because most houses were built before the home office boom, today's typical home design may not accommodate special workplace needs, like soundproofing, wiring, lighting and storage space. If you plan to build a home office any time soon, here are some suggestions to improve your new work environment.

•**Soundproofing.** Neither you nor your client needs to be distracted by the dog barking or baby crying. If possible, convert a remote room of the house or a dry part of the basement into your office. Or, if you are building from scratch, consider

separating the home office from the rest of the house altogether, including a separate entrance, or constructing the office above the garage.

No matter where your office is located, installing insulation in the frame cavities of interior walls and floors is one of the best ways to absorb unwanted noise.

To further control noise, add resilient metal channels between drywall and studs or joists. Resilient channels break the sound-vibration path through a wall's or ceiling's wood studs or joists, thereby keeping the office quieter. Once unfaced insulation is installed between the studs, nail the channel directly to the studs or joists, approximately 24 inches on center and running perpendicular to the direction of the studs or joists. The drywall is then fastened to the channel.

•**Wire for the future.** Install an adequate number of phone lines and electrical jacks to keep the room flexible. You always

should consult an electrician to be sure there are enough circuits to handle your electrical needs for both now and the future. If you plan to centralize your desk, ask the electrician to wire outlets in the middle of your floor to eliminate stretching cables and phone lines across the floor.

Remember to forecast for the future. Don't overlook the importance of such technologies as video conferencing. While video conferencing systems are somewhat cost prohibitive today, more affordable systems with improved viewing are around the

corner. Although it's unclear how these new video systems will be wired, by incorporating both category 5 computer wire and coaxial cable into your wiring scheme, it is a safe bet you won't need to rewire your office down the road.

•**Lighting.** Make sure your office has good lighting, both artificial and natural. A lighting store can help you customize your lighting needs. If it's not already part of the room, consider installing a window or skylight in the office. Not only does a window or skylight

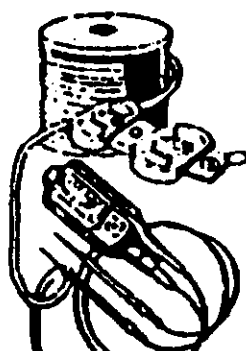
provide an excellent light source, it offers psychological benefits as well.

•**Storage space.** You never can have enough storage space, and as you prosper, so do your filing needs. A couple of standard three-drawer filing cabinets can swallow the room's space pretty quickly. A craftsman can customize your storage space, matching your furniture scheme. Surprisingly, customized cabinets can be less expensive than purchasing manufactured cabinets or files.



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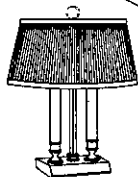
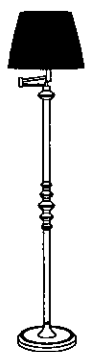
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The Homes from the Heart survey, an annual reader poll conducted by Associated Designs, an Oregon-based design firm, makes it fun and easy to think through these details for yourself.

In past years, readers from almost every state have participated, and many have said that completing the survey helped clarify their thoughts.

Home designers nationwide are always interested in the survey results, but Associated Designs is more than interested. The firm follows up by creating a home based on the expressed preferences of readers in each region.

In addition, the firm will design the 1997 Home from the Heart based on a nationwide compilation.

So grab a pencil and devote a few quiet minutes to describing the home that's in your heart. Get it down on paper.

And feel free to send along an extra sheet of paper or two with sketches or additional comments. Submissions should be sent to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Eugene, Ore. 97402.

Easy wooden floor care tips

Wooden floors need special care to look their best. Try these tips to keep your floors in tip-top shape.

For a wax finish

- Dust, mop or vacuum regularly.
- Buff to restore shine.
- When buffing no longer restores shine, apply a clear liquid wax specifically for wood floors.

Apply the wax evenly, allow the floor to dry and buff to the desired luster.

For a surface finish

- Dust, mop or vacuum regularly.
- Clean with a manufacturer's recommended cleaner.
- When cleaning no longer restores the shine, recoat the floor with a surface finish.

The frequency of recoating depends on the amount of traffic the floor receives. High-traffic areas receive the most scuffs and dirt, making them lose their luster more quickly than areas which are not used as frequently.

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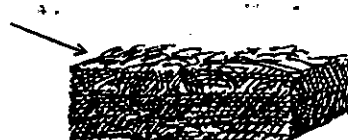
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Do your research before hiring a building contractor

So, you've been clipping pictures, saving money and discussing plans, and are now ready to begin that dream remodeling project. But have you put as much effort into choosing the right contractor?

With so much at stake, a hasty hiring decision can turn your dream into a nightmare.

Having so many accessible information sources today gives every homeowner the ability to arm him or herself with knowledge. Knowing the right questions to ask and demanding answers to them will smooth the way for a remodeling project with few surprises and rewarding results. Critical questions not explained by the contractor or left to guess by homeowners pave the way to trials, tribulations and just plain trouble.

For instance, did you know that a contractor who does not carry enough insurance or perhaps has none can sue a homeowner for injuries on the

job?

Do you know the specific quality and manufacturer of

verify the reference? Did you ask if the customer would hire this contractor again and why? Or why not?

No question is a dumb question when it comes to investment in your home, so don't be shy. Take a "need to know" attitude and you will minimize confusion, delays and disappointments. Qualified, professional contractors welcome working with informed customers and can be counted on to work with you.

products to be used in the project? You should, for they can greatly impact total job cost and even warranty protection in the future.

Does your contract explain when your project will begin and end? Is your contractor evasive or uncooperative with answers to your questions? Have you been provided with the names of three or more customers for whom the contractor has recently completed work? Did you call each to

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There are many places to find

the names of qualified professionals. Begin by asking family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about remodeling contractors they have hired. Call professional business organizations like the chamber of commerce. Go to area businesses that sell home building products to get names of contractors who purchase their building and remodeling merchandise. And seek out contractors who are members of professional organizations and associations. Many can be found in the yellow pages of your local phone directory.

One area resource is the Capital Region Remodelers Council, a division of the Albany Area Builders Association, incorporated in 1949. The council offers information to explain these and other advice tips to consumers. The information is free of charge as a public service.

The association can also send you names of area remodelers and their specialties. Just call 438-6102. You'll be glad you did. Now that you know some of the ABCs of choosing a contractor, happy remodeling!

Home buying session slated at town library

LOUDONVILLE — "Buy it Smart" is the topic of an educational home buying seminar to be held Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the William K. Sanford Town Library at 629 Albany-Shaker Road in Loudonville.

Steven Gally, a mortgage broker with Tri-City Funding in Latham, will lead a panel of area experts who will explain the home buying process. A real estate agent will also supplement the panel's discussion.

For information, contact Gally at 785-0011.

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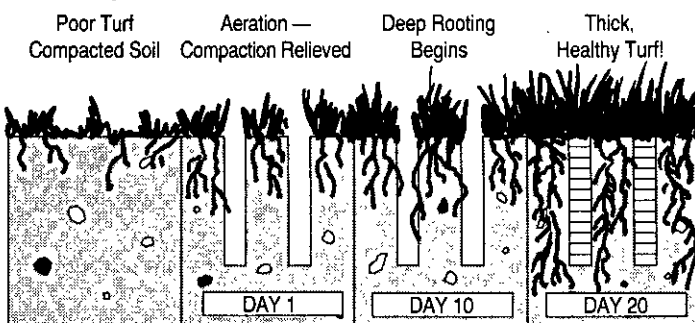
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Play it safe: Know how to handle home emergencies

It doesn't matter whether you own your own home, rent a house or live in an apartment, because it eventually happens to everyone.

It's Murphy's Law: Whatever can happen, will happen, eventually. The key is preparation and knowing what to do when something goes wrong, especially in an emergency situation.

The following are a few tips that may provide some guidance during those times of stress:

- **Power line fallen on roof**—Call the power company, police or fire department. Treat downed cables as if they were live cables. Stay far away from power lines and anything they touch. Keep people and pets away from the area.

- **Tree fallen on roof**—Call the power company, police or fire department. Keep people and pets away from the area.

- **Fall from roof, ladder or scaffolding**—Call an ambulance immediately. Cover the victim with a blanket to treat for possible shock.

- **Sudden leak through the ceiling from the attic or roof**—Install a temporary water barrier in the attic or pierce the

water-laden ceiling to minimize interior damage.

- **Icicles overhanging or falling from roof**—Break off icicles using a board or wooden broom handle.

- **Roofing material damaged or missing**—Install a temporary patch.

- **Fire in wood, power tool or outlet, or in cleaning or refinishing product**—Call the fire department, then use an ABC-rated fire extinguisher on the flames.

- **Electrical shock**—Knock the victim free of the electrical source using a board or wooden broom handle. *Do not touch the victim until they are separated from the power source.* Check whether the victim is breathing and has a pulse. If not, have someone call for medical help and begin artificial resuscitation or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) only if you are qualified. Otherwise, place the victim in a recovery position and seek medical attention immediately.

- **Spark or shock from a power tool**—Unplug the power tool cord at the outlet or shut off the power at the main service

panel. Repair the cause of the spark before using the tool again.

- **Extension cord sparks or is hot to the touch**—Shut off power at main service panel. Inspect extension cord and replace it with one rated for power tool being used.

- **Cleaning or refinishing product swallowed**—Call the local poison control center and seek medical attention. Follow emergency instructions on the product label and take product with you to the hospital.

- **Head injury**—Check whether the victim is breathing and has a pulse. If not, have someone call for medical help, and begin artificial resuscitation or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) only if you are qualified. Otherwise, place the victim in a recovery position and seek medical attention. If the victim loses consciousness, even for only one second, seek medical attention immediately.

- **Large object embedded under the skin**—Support the object in place with loose bandages and seek medical attention immediately. *Caution: Removing objects can cause hemorrhage.*

- **Electrical burn**—Seek medical attention immediately. *Caution: Never apply ointment to a burn.*

- **Cut or minor wound**—Apply pressure to stop the bleeding. If bleeding persists or if wound is deep, seek medical attention.

- **Skin scratch or puncture from rusted or dirty fastener or metal flashing**—Wash the wound using soap and water; seek medical attention concerning the possible need for a tetanus shot.

- **Bruise**—Apply ice packs to reduce the swelling. If pain does not diminish or swelling persists, seek medical attention.

- **Splinter**—Use a sterilized needle and tweezers to open the

wound and pull out the splinter. If the splinter is lodged deeply or if the wound becomes infected, seek medical attention.

- **Sawdust or cleaning or refinishing product in the eye**—Don't rub the eye; flush the eye with water from a garden hose and seek medical attention.

- **Cleaning or refinishing product on skin**—Wash the skin thoroughly with soap and water, and refer to the product label for additional information. If skin irritation develops, seek medical attention and take the product with you.

- **Faintness, dizziness, nausea or blurred vision when working in the hot sun**—Lie down in the shade with feet elevated; apply cool, wet cloths to the forehead and drink a non-alcoholic beverage. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

- **Strained back**—Apply an ice pack immediately. If pain persists, seek medical attention.

Keep burglars away from your home

How close are you and your home to becoming a crime statistic? Maybe closer than you think.

A burglary occurs every 11 seconds in the United States. Two-thirds of all crimes occur in households — one of every 10 suburban households and two of every 10 homes in the city will be victims of crime.

According to the FBI, more than 2.8 million burglaries were reported in the United States in 1993, with losses totalling \$3.4 billion.

Here are some easy steps you can take to help keep your home

from becoming an easy target for burglars:

- Install strong doors and locks.
- Keep all doors and windows — not just those at street level — locked and firmly secured, even when working in the yard or sleeping.

- Keep household tools and ladders that could help a burglar gain access to your home in a locked tool shed, garage or basement.

- Keep shrubbery well-trimmed. Shrubs near doors and windows are a perfect hiding place for burglars.

- Ask a neighbor to watch your home when gone for several days. Stacks of mail and newspapers, empty garbage cans and an unmowed lawn can signal an empty house.

- Install a security system that uses monitoring approved by Underwriter Laboratories, which indicates that performance and safety requirements have been met.

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Special paint prevents mildew from creeping back onto walls

Preventing mildew in moisture-prone areas, like bathrooms, almost seems impossible.

Humidity and condensation from baths, sinks and showers create an environment that mildew thrives on.

A traditional approach to dealing with persistent mildew problems has been to use oil-base paints, which provide a hard, durable and shiny finish that can be washed and scrubbed when it comes time to remove mildew growth. However, alkyd (oil-base) paints can take 24 hours to

dry, require hazardous solvents for cleanup and emit a strong odor. And, the organic oils in

humidity areas. These new water-base paints contain resins that produce a tight, water-resistant film that's hard, smooth and durable.

Before painting over mildewed areas, clean the surface thoroughly with a solution of two

cups bleach to one gallon water, followed by a clean water rinse. This will kill the existing mildew. Let the surface dry before painting.

This unique mildew-resistant paint is available at most hardware stores, home centers and paint and decorating outlets.

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these paints can serve as food for mildew. The mildew eventually grows back and stains the surface, so cleaning and repainting need to be done on a frequent basis.

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Metal roofing has many advantages

Q: My roof shingles are curled, cracked and stained with fungus. I've heard that metal roofing eliminates these problems. Should I consider a metal roof?

A: Yes. Metal roofing is quickly gaining popularity, especially with homeowners who are fed up with the short life of traditional roofing materials. While metal roofing costs more upfront than composition shingles, it's actually cheaper because it lasts much longer, requires less maintenance, and provides a better appearance (and greater value) for your home.

Metal roofing has advantages in every climate, especially in areas with threats of fires or airborne sparks, severe storms, or extreme heat or cold. Another advantage is that some metal roofs can be installed directly over your existing roof without the added cost and mess of a tear-off.

Q: Won't a metal roof make my house hotter in the summer?

A: It depends on the metal. Steel will absorb and transfer the radiant heat of the sun, but not all metals do. Aluminum, for example, reflects radiant heat;

that's why NASA uses aluminum to shield satellites in space, where there's no atmosphere to diffuse the heat of the sun.

One metal-roofing manufacturer had its aluminum-roofing product, Rustic Shingle, tested by the Florida Solar Energy Center. The center found it to reduce attic heat gain by up to 34 percent more than traditional roofing materials. This can add up to substantial savings on your utility bills. If you decide to use a metal roof that is not aluminum, you will need to install a radiant-

heat barrier in your attic to achieve similar results.

Q: I don't like the "industrial" look of flat metal roofing with vertical lines. Are there alternatives?

A: You are describing "standing seam" roofing, so named for the vertical seams that stand up between the panels. And, yes, there are many alternatives. Most popular are the products that resemble cedar shakes, tile or slate. These give a traditional, stately appearance with all the benefits of metal roofing.

Central vacuum set-up makes cleaning a snap

If you're looking for an easier way to keep your home clean, a central vacuuming system might be in order.

Imagine being able to hook a hose up to an outlet in the wall, much like an electrical outlet, and vacuum each room without having to lug a canister or upright unit throughout your house.

"Outlets can be installed in any room, wherever it's most convenient for the home owner," says Jan Garzia of Lexington Vacuum on Central Avenue in Albany. "Then you can just plug in a hose, and it will draw suction from the base."

The base unit is most often placed in the basement or garage, and acts as the canister part of the vacuum system. They are round, shaped much like a barrel, and usually about a foot in diameter by two feet long. They must be emptied periodically, according to "how much dirt you have in your house," Garzia says.

Lexington keeps two Eureka models in stock, but sells others as well, including commercial-grade models.

Once your central unit is in place, a 20- to 50-foot hose will do for cleaning almost any room, and attachments like wands and brushes can run as on any other vacuum.

"You can even put an electric power nozzle on the hose for carpeting," says Garzia. "It just plugs into an electrical outlet, which will probably be right next to the vacuum outlet."

Most systems can be installed by homeowners, as kits are provided to guide you step by step. You'll simply need to tell the dealer the square footage of your house.

"It's great for new construction, perhaps more so than older houses," Garzia adds. "The time to do it is probably when you're buying a new house."

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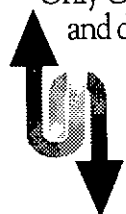
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New ranges make more counter space

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When cooking for 14 instead of four, your kitchen must suddenly offer more - more work space, more cabinetry and more cooking capacity. It must also stand up to the scrutiny of your most discerning guests.

One way to create such a space is to clear the decks. Before the big cook-in, put away all appliances, utensils and even decorative accessories you're not going to need and that can get in your way and clutter up your countertops.

You might also consider cleaning out the refrigerator and pantry to make room for all the ingredients and finished dishes you're going to have.

A popular new kitchen appliance that will provide extra space in a pinch is the new smoothtop range or cooktop. A flat surface with built-in burners, the range offers easy cooking and clean-up, as well as additional food preparation space in the areas that are not being used for heating and cooking.

Kitchen professionals recom-



Smoothtop ranges can be used as additional counter space when burners are not in use. The smooth top looks neat and makes clean-up a breeze.

mend that consumers look for ranges that provide at least three different sizes of heating elements, ranging from six to nine

inches in diameter, and residual heat indicator lights that glow even after the cooktop is turned off.

Trade show offers peek at new building products

The largest residential building exposition in the United States recently took place in Houston, Texas. This annual convention highlights the newest, most innovative and desirable products for home building and remodeling coast to coast.

With over 1,000 exhibitors there was truly something for everyone. Over 65,000 builders, remodelers and suppliers from across the country attended to get a glimpse of the hundreds of new items soon to be on homeowners' wish lists.

Members of the Albany Area Builders Association were there to wind their way through 425,000 square feet of exhibit space and to bring ideas and innovations back home to the Capital District.

A popular highlight of the builders show was a tour of "The New American Home '97." This 3,500-plus square foot residence in a planned Houston community featured many design, construction and product innovations for "empty nesters."

The home included an open floor plan; work-at-home flexibil-

ity for home office users; universal design features for both able-bodied and physically-challenged people; low-maintenance materials such as synthetic stucco and stone; and a hidden garage. These features and hundreds of others will be found around the nation as builders and remodelers strive to provide homes that work comfortably with today's lifestyles.

Other items soon to be featured in the Capital District include Thompsonized Wood, a premium water-repellent, pressure-treated wood for deck building; log home oil finish for exterior and interior use; Pantene Arctecture flooring and paving systems to create customized concrete applications with color, pattern, texture and finish options; the Integrity Floor System to remedy squeaking floors; the Sterling Series of stainless steel kitchen products by Marvel Industries; CedarMotifs from Chemcrest Corp., a siding with the look of cedar shakes but made of high-density polyurethane foam; and the Savetime Corp. Rainhandler, an aluminum gutter replacement that slices sheets of water into rain-sized drops.

The show also included a dazzling array of everything from cabinets to computer stations, garages to guest suites, and baths to bedrooms. Watch for them soon in your neighborhood! For information on building products or names of Capital District home builders and remodelers, contact the Albany Area Builders Association at 438-6102.

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Earth-friendly wood products finding their niche

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For many, that place is at home. From nontoxic cleaners and reusable lunch bags to tree-free toilet tissue, earth-friendly products have become an integral part of our everyday lives. Even today's decors are emerging more "green" than ever before.

Among the most notable environmental advancements is the emergence of furnishings and cabinetry made with a product called "engineered wood."

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furniture. In fact, many consumers reportedly prefer the imperfection-free look of printed wood finishes over natural wood finishes which can be marred by knotholes and uneven graining.

Engineered wood also offers ecological advantages. A study by the USDA Forest Service shows that, on average, 63 percent of a tree can be used to make solid lumber. When engineered wood and other products are made from the remaining wood, more than 95 percent of a tree can be converted into useful consumer products like furniture and cabinets. Engineered wood also reduces the incinerated and hard waste that pollutes the air and adds to landfills.

And for those who worry that buying "green" means spending more, engineered wood goes one better. In most cases, products made with engineered wood cost from 25 to 40 percent less than their conventionally-crafted counterparts.

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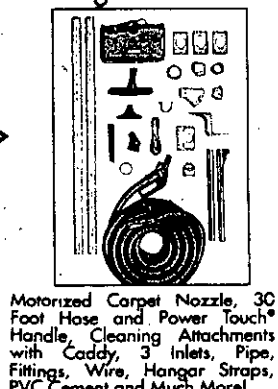
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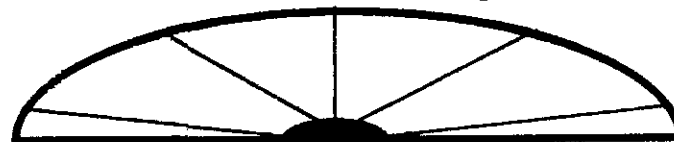
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Retaining walls come in all shapes and sizes and are used for a multitude of projects. From patios to built-in driveways, these walls provide the solution to keeping earth out of the way and keeping something you have in one piece.

The first thing you have to do is determine what kind of retaining wall you need. Masonry walls made of cast concrete or cemented stones/blocks are the strongest. They work best along a boundary, where a straight wall is needed or to carry out the lines of a house. These kinds of walls take the most work.

Uncemented walls such as logs, loose stones and rock gardens are cheaper, more informal and make good-looking, free-curving walls. They are especially effective where precise construction is not needed.

Footings aren't needed for uncemented walls because they give when the ground heaves. But masonry walls will crack unless carried down at least two feet below the frost line. The walls should rest on a concrete footing at last one foot thick and one foot wider than the actual wall. Also, don't forget to include a drainage system if using solid walls. Loose walls drain themselves, but solid walls trap water that could freeze and exert pressure on the wall itself. By inserting pipes every six feet along the wall's base, you'll create an effective drainage

system.

Some styles of retaining walls include:

- Old railroad ties, which are often free, give a rustic look, hold well and will last for years.
- Logs laid in rows keep low banks from washing into streets or driveways. They also add a trim appearance to any driveway. If appearances don't matter, logs can be made into a barricade, using logs both vertically and horizontally. Although this isn't the most attractive wall, it holds a lot of dirt.
- Bad erosion can be stopped by piling loose stones against a bank. The stones don't hold the earth, they just keep the soil from washing away.
- A rough wall can be made by piling up stones and slopping cement around them. Work the cement into cracks and leave ragged for an old-fashioned look.
- Dry-set walls, laid up without mortar, must be carefully fitted, but don't need footings or drains since they let the water escape and give when the ground heaves.

To build the wall, set up large irregular-shaped rocks and fill the cracks with small stones. Flat slabs fit together well, get strength from interlocking and don't need chinks.

Stones can be trimmed to a straight edge with a hammer and a cold chisel. Mark stone first with ruler and soft pencil on all sides. Score lines with chisel to depth of about one-eighth inch all around. Using heavier blows, work chisel from center of stone out to sides. Rock should break cleanly.

Flat slabs for steps or walls can be made by splitting large boulders along seams where they have already started to crack. The seams are usually darker and deeper than others and often have moss growing in them. Work cold chisel along the seam, using a heavy hammer. Gradually deepen crack until rock splits.

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Voorheesville takes care of business

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls basketball machine kept rolling along last week in the Section II tournament.

The Ladybirds advanced to the Class C-CC title game this week with two big victories.

"This team wants to go back to where they were last year," said coach Jack Adams. "They know any loss or mistake will cost them the opportunity (to return to the state tournament)."

On Wednesday, the Blackbirds traveled to Colonie High School to take on Saratoga Catholic in the Class CC semifinals.

Voorheesville used a strong first quarter to build a 17-5 lead, and they led by 12 at the half. Their defense keyed them again in the third period when they outscored Spa Catholic by 10 to put the game out of reach.

The Saints had trouble with the press all night, and gave away many easy baskets off turnovers.

The fourth quarter was played evenly, with the Ladybirds cruising to a 52-29 win. Junior Jane Meade led the team with 17 points. Kristin Person added 15, including three, three-pointers. Becky Dawson and Regan Burns chipped in 10 and eight points, respectively.

"I was happy with how the girls played," said Adams. "We shot the ball a little better than them in the first half, and then we had a very good second half defensively."

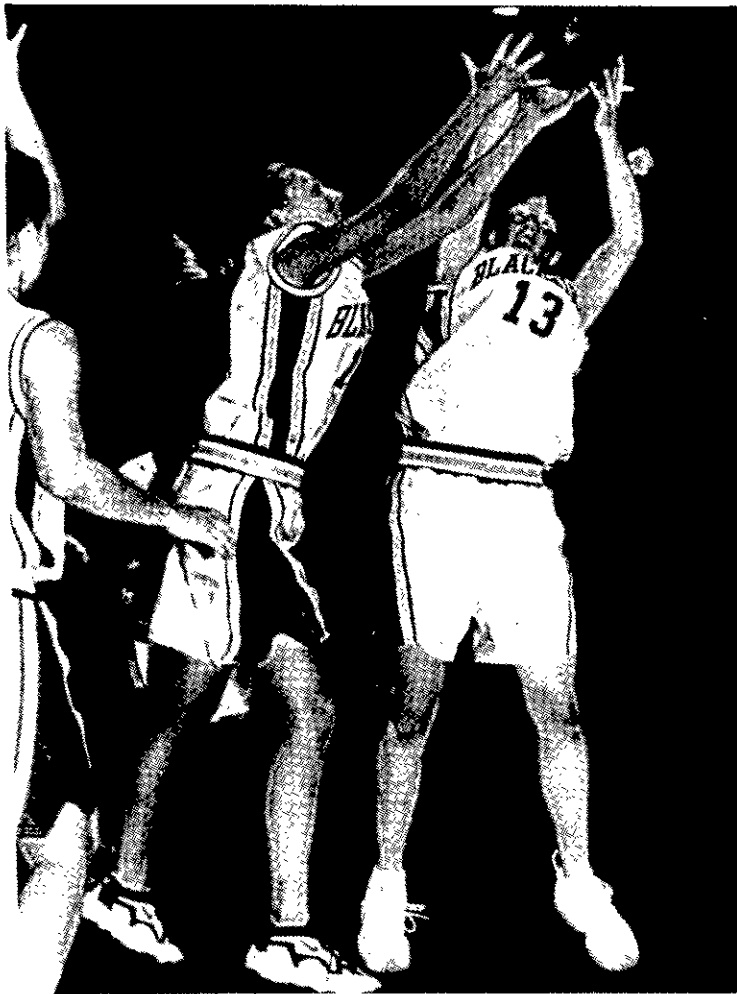
Voorheesville shut down Stephanie Benton of Spa Catholic, who came into the game with 40 three-pointers. She finished with just eight points.

The Ladybirds faced Colonial Council rival Watervliet in the Class C final Saturday at Hudson Valley Community College. These teams had played twice already this season with Voorheesville winning both games.

From the opening tip there was no doubt about which team would win. The Blackbirds' defense dominated the game with 25 steals. They held the Cannoneers to two points in the opening period, while scoring 13 themselves.

This led to a 22-8 half-time advantage. In the third period, Voorheesville's offense exploded for 19 points, en route to an insurmountable 41-14 advantage. From there, they rolled to a 48-20 victory.

"One of the personalities of this team is quickness," said Meade. "Our defense is the key. We just try to irritate the opposing team. If we work hard on defense, the offense will come."



Voorheesville's Becky Dawson, left, and Regan Burns try to control a rebound during the Ladybirds' win over Watervliet. Doug Persons

Clement & Rossi help relay team finish first in state

By Karly Decker

Joey Rossi and Matt Clement of Bethlehem Central High School led the Section II intersectional relay team to a first place finish at the state indoor track and field championships Saturday at Cornell University.

The relay team consisted of Josh Wright from Averill Park, running the 1,000 meter; Mike Montejano of Albany, running the 200m; Rossi running the 600m and Clement running the mile.

The boys had a winning time of 9:02.29, shaving 1.1 seconds off the Section II record for the intersectional relay.

"We were confident going into the meet," Rossi said. "We had a talented group of athletes, and we knew no one would have a miler like Matt. He won the race for us."

Clement, in sixth place when he began the mile leg, outkicked all of his opponents over the course of eight laps.

The relay team not only placed first out of the 11 sections in the state, but also in the New York State Federation, which includes the Public School Athletic League and the Catholic High School Athletic Association.

BC's Tim Kavanagh and Khalid Umar also participated in the meet.

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BBC play resumes

After a two-week break, the Bethlehem Basketball Club resumed hoop activity Sunday at Bethlehem Middle School.

In NBA activity, **Anthony Berghela** and **Chris Kasargian** teamed up to score 31 in the Magic's 48-38 victory over the Bulls. **Tyler Ursprung** netted 11 in defeat. With **Kurtis Bubeck** and **Billy Tierney** spearheading a total team defensive effort, the Nuggets rolled over the Knicks, 58-31. **Corey Cookingham's** eight led the Knicks. In a squeaker, the Spurs edged the Suns, 39-38. **Greg Pilon** had 10 for the victors, and **Clark Doody** scored 11 for the Suns.

Rodrigo Cerda scored 19 points as the Rockets burned the Sonics, 44-33. **Ben Barrowman's** 11 kept the Sonics close.

In the Big Ten division, Northwestern beat Minnesota, 42-26. **Jonathan Baselice's** tenacious defense caused a host of turnovers for Northwestern.

The rebounding of Indiana's **Sara Horner** kept the taller Wisconsin team at bay in a 42-35 Hoosier victory. **Christopher Rooney's** 14 went for naught for the Badgers. **Dan Noble's** hot hand in the fourth quarter resulted in six key points for Penn State in its 29-24 win over Michigan State. **Kevin Gutman** tickled the twines for 16 to lead all scorers.

Purdue rolled to a 44-23 win over Ohio State. **Vinnie Berghela's** eight led the winners, and **Jason Colacino** had a similar total for the losers.

Michigan squeaked out a 30-28 win against a determined Iowa squad. **Dane Barclay's** 16 for the losers led all scorers. **Pat Farley** paced the winners.

In the Big East, Boston College upset Georgetown, 34-27. **Max Kaplan** and **Steve Riedel's** solid defense kept the Hoyas at bay. **Dave Sargent** tossed in seven in defeat. St. John's startled West Virginia 38-35 behind **Brendan Hughes' 11**. Syracuse got by Notre Dame 40-28 as **Peter Cooley** garnered 13. **Josh Rucinski** had 12 for the Irish. **Ryan Livingston** poured in 12 to offset **Brian Geurtze's 20** as Pitt throttled Miami, 45-32. And in the finale, **Mark Bulger** bulled his way through the paint for 17 as Providence continued its winning ways with a 32-30 win over Connecticut. **Sean Myrtle** had six for the Huskies.

In recent BBC three-on-three competition, **Berghela, J.B. Horgan** and **Jon Nowak** were the winners.

It was anybody's game to win

By Jessica Fein

A decisive three-pointer by Schenectady with just a minute left ended the Eagles' season Saturday in the Section II, Class A boys basketball semifinal game at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Even though the Eagles were down by seven when the final buzzer went off — 58-51 — it was a nip-and-tuck game throughout, and anyone could have won.

"We were very evenly matched," said Bethlehem head coach **Chuck Abba**. "Our loss was disappointing because it easily could have swung the other way. I'm very proud of my team. You've got to be good to get to the sectional semifinals, and they did

a terrific job."

The Eagles were down by five at the end of the first quarter, but rallied to tie the score at 25 going into the halftime break. The Eagles continued their strong play in the second half, but the three-pointer by Schenectady put the Patriots up by five with less than a minute left, and the Eagles could not recover.

Scott DeFeo led Bethlehem in scoring with 21, including two, three-pointers. Center **Tim Staniels** contributed 12 points and six rebounds.

It was an improbable journey for the Eagles who were the fifth-seeded Suburban Council team entering the tournament. But

Bethlehem got on a roll the past few weeks and beat the likes of Troy and Niskayuna to reach the Final Four.

"They are not a stronger team than we are," Staniels said. "The game was exciting to play because it was such a toss up. But I think because of our record, people ruled us out before we even started playing."

Bethlehem entered the contest 14-8 compared to Schenectady's 18-4 record.

"Everybody was happy that we had the opportunity to play at the (Glens Falls) civic center," said **Seamus Gallagher**. "It was first time Bethlehem has ever played there."

BC's Corson second best in state

By Annette Grajny

Eight members of Bethlehem's varsity swim team represented Section II at the state swimming championships at Syracuse last weekend, and the results were highly impressive.

BC coach **Ken Neff** said the Bethlehem contingent performed beyond his expectations. "They swam extremely well, both as a Bethlehem team and as a Section II team. They placed third overall in the state, the best performance in many years."

"This is the most successful state meet I have ever witnessed as a coach," he said. "They were remarkable."

Senior **Steve Corson** was the

brightest star of all as he proved to be the second-best swimmer in the entire state in the 500-freestyle, with a time of 4:42.82 that set a new school record.

Bethlehem's 200 freestyle relay team, comprised of **Sean Barclay, Brian Strickler, Greg Teresi, and Reid Putnam** also wound up in second place, with a time of 1:27.04 that shattered the school and section records.

The 200 medley relay team of **Scott Strickler, Ben Samelson-Jones, Greg Teresi, and Brad Pryba** finished 10th overall with a time of 1:40.71, good enough to qualify them for All-American consideration.

The 400-freestyle relay team of

Putnam, **Brian Strickler, Barclay, and Corson** broke a school record in the preliminaries.

The Eagles were just as successful in the individual events. Putnam placed eighth in the 200 free with Corson right behind him in 10th. Putnam earned All-American consideration by swimming the 100 free in 47.69, good enough for a ninth-place finish.

Brian Strickler broke a school record with his 1:56.83 time in the 200 individual medley, also fast enough for All-American consideration. He also finished 13th in the 100 butterfly.

This earned him a second-place finish and All-American consideration. **Scott Strickler** earned All-American consideration in the 100 backstroke, with a 13th place finish.

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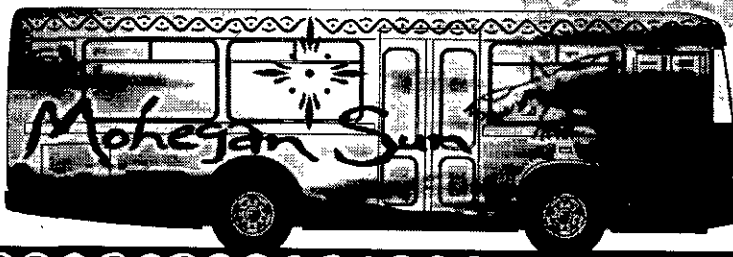
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Daniels in training

Jeffrey Daniels, a Bethlehem Central Middle School student, has qualified to participate in a second week of luge training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid.

Daniels is one of 60 athletes chosen to participate in the first week of training in the US Junior Olympic Luge Training. Fifteen athletes from this group will be selected for the 1997-98 U.S. Junior Development Luge Team.

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Obituaries

Judith A. Stafford

Judith A. Stafford, 43, of Western Avenue in Slingerlands, died Thursday, Feb. 27.

Survivors include her husband, Harley R. Stafford; and two daughters, Aleta Robison and Mary Elizabeth Robison, both of Slingerlands.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight, March 5, at the Frederick Funeral Home, 16 Manning Square, Albany. A memorial service will be held after the calling hours.

Contributions may be made to United Way of Northeastern New York, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany 12205.

Clarence Smith

Clarence E.J. Smith, of Colonie a former Bethlehem resident, died Monday, March 3, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Winsted, Conn., he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Mr. Smith worked for the state Court of Claims for 45 years, retiring in 1988.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Young Republican Club, the Elks Lodge 2480 and the Public Employees Association.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Clare in Colonie.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Seymour Smith; three sons, William J. Smith of Canajoharie, David S. Smith of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Jeffrey W. Smith of Niskayuna; a daughter, Nancy Hosford of Madison, Miss.; three sisters, Doris Tompkins of Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County; Alverda Goewey of Albany and Jean Farinella of Colonie; and 11 grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, March 6, at 9 a.m. from the Church of St. Clare.

Calling hours will be tonight from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Tebbutt Funeral Home, 633 Central Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Fonda.

Contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St. Springfield, Mass.

Fenton Asher Gage

Fenton Asher Gage, 82, formerly of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 21, at James Square Health & Rehabilitation Center in Syracuse.

Born in Albany, he was a resident of Syracuse for many years. He was a graduate of Union College and received a master's degree from Syracuse University and a doctorate from Harvard University.

Mr. Gage attended officer candidate school and served as a captain in the Army during World War II with the 487th Port Battalion.

He taught at Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University. He then joined the staff of Syracuse Housing Authority as an assistant and later became deputy director.

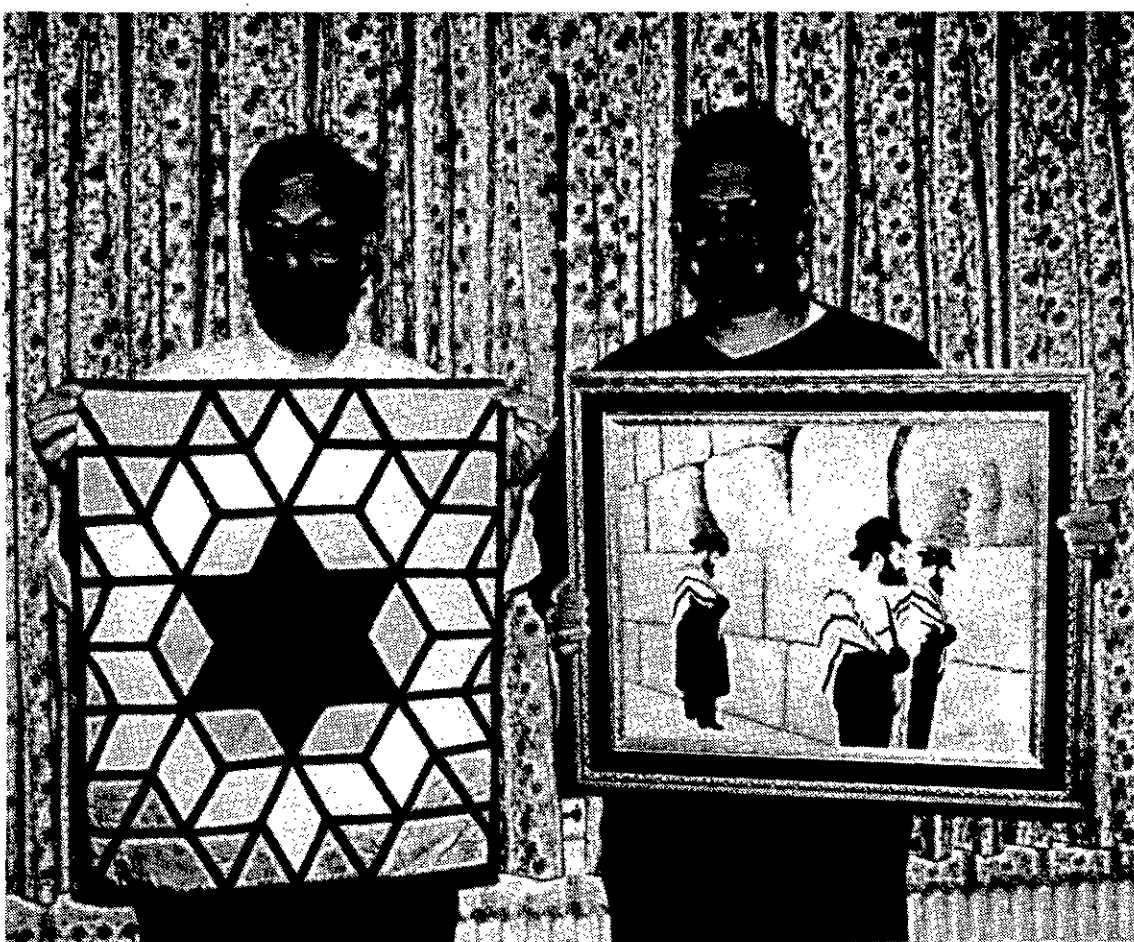
Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Gage; two sons Theodore Gage of Olympia, Wash., and Christopher Gage of Yardley, Pa.; a daughter, Ellen Samsel of Endicott, Broome County; a sister, Eleanor Haywood of Delmar; and two grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Goodard-Crandall-Shepardson Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy's Sandy Pond Beach Fund, 315 Alexander St., Rochester 14604-2614.

Art work for sale



Slingerlands resident Saul Abrams, left, holds a hand-sewn quilt by local artist Anita Rabinoff-Goldman, and Larry Leibman displays an original oil by Israeli painter Levi, both of which will be auctioned on Saturday, March 29, at Congregation Ohav Shalom on Krumkill Road in Albany.

Sage offers chance to study in Puerto Rico

Students can earn college credit while enjoying a getaway to the "isle of enchantment" from May 7 to 20 through Sage College's annual 14-day educational excursion to Puerto Rico.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to study the language, history and culture of the island through classes at the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. Classes

will be taught by professors Dr. Nicolas Hernandez and Carmela Estes of Sage Colleges, as well as faculty from the university.

Trips to museums, historical sites and El Yunque, the only tropical forest in the U.S. National Forest System, will enhance the learning experience.

Participants in the program do

not have to be enrolled at Sage Colleges. They can take one or all three-credit courses, or opt not to pursue college credit.

The cost of the trip is \$1,600. The price includes round-trip air fare from Albany to San Juan, lodging at the Rio Piedras campus, two meals per day and excursions.

For information, call 270-2237.

Scholarships available to women

The State Street Chapter of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to support two women in career-related studies during the academic year 1997-1998.

To be eligible, applicants must be women 25 or older; be a permanent resident of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Columbia, Schoharie, Greene or Washington counties;

and be enrolled or accepted for full- or part-time study in a program leading to an academic, technical or vocational degree or certificate.

The deadline for receiving applications is March 31.

For information, write to Judy Natoli, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 955, Guilderland 12084. Enclose a self-addressed envelope with a 32-cent stamp.

State giving away free trees to schools

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is providing free tree seedlings to schools across New York state.

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For information, call 581-1439.

Food stamp info on tap at town hall

Bethlehem residents are eligible to participate in the Nutrition Assistance Program operated by Bethlehem Senior Services Food Pantry and Albany County Social Services.

A representative from the Food Stamp Division is available the first Monday of every month at Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar from 9 a.m. to noon. Applications can also be completed or recertified in private 45-minute conferences by calling 439-4955, ext. 173.

Bottle return raising money to fight MS

Shop 'n Save Supermarkets is raising money for National Multiple Sclerosis Society Month. All deposits from bottles returned to local Shop 'n Save stores throughout the month of February will be used to benefit the 1997 Shop 'n Save MS Walk.

For information about the MS Walk or to form a team, volunteer or sponsor walkers, call 464-0630.

'Night in Italy' dinner slated at Holy Names

"A Night in Italy," featuring singing chef Andy LoRusso serving a three-course Italian meal and a concert of Italian folk songs and selections of Puccini's *La Boheme*, will take place in the upper school cafeteria at the Academy of the Holy Names on New Scotland Avenue in Albany on Saturday, March 1, at 7 p.m.

For information, call 489-2559.

New BCHS drama club to stage performance

Bethlehem Central High School's newest drama club, Encore, will present its first production, a series of vignettes, on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. in room 46 at Bethlehem Central High School at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Admission is free.

For information, contact Melissa Rifkin at 439-1843.

Businesswomen plan talk on landscaping

Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet today, March 5, at 6 p.m. at the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Guest speakers Ginger and Brian Herrington of Designs by Ginger and Horticulture Unlimited will discuss "How to Design a Beautiful Floral Arrangement" and "Great Landscaping Ideas."

For information, contact Doris Davis at 439-5786.

Death Notices

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

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

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

Speed

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between Kenwood Avenue and the New Scotland town line, where the fatality occurred.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, chairman of the town's traffic safety committee, said he was pleasantly surprised at the state's decision, especially since "Mr. Logan seemed pretty set in his ways at the (January) meeting" that lowering the speed limit was not a viable option.

"It should allay some of the concerns that people have about about speeding," he said, "especially in the area of the new Price Chopper."

Vanderbilt noted that the 4 mph speed limit will also remain in effect between Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Albany city line.

Logan recommended that the Bethlehem Police "continue its increased emphasis on speed limit enforcement."

"Our radar measurements indicate that an excessive number of motorists violate the speed limit on Route 85," he said. "Enforcement rather than a further reduction in the speed limit is the appropriate means of addressing this problem," said Vanderbilt.

*In Slingerlands
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'Therapeutic Touch' can combat illness

The workshop, "Therapeutic Touch," will be held on Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Ave. in Albany.

The workshop is for nurses and other health care professionals, or people whose loved ones are ill.

The program is sponsored by the consultation center and will be led by Sister Rita Jean DuBrey. She is the founder and director of the Wellness Institute at St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam.

For information, call 489-4431.

Grief support group to meet in Albany

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for parents whose children have died, will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 85 Chestnut St. in Albany.

The guest speaker this month will be Rev. Paula Gravelle, who will speak on "Spirituality and Grief."

The program is for bereaved parents and siblings over the age of 12.

For information, call 438-8705.

LUMAC

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After the rural landowners went public with their concerns last year, the town board asked LUMAC to go back to the drawing board to try and work in some of the farmers' suggestions.

The committee did just that and made several significant changes. In particular, LUMAC increased the recommended density requirement for rural/agricultural and conservation/environmentally sensitive land areas.

Many rural landowners remain unsatisfied, however, and would like LUMAC to scuttle some of its new zoning categories and allow rural areas of the town to remain AA or AAA residential so that families that have held on to their property for decades can receive a fair market value in case they ever want to sell.

But there are other concerns as well, according to John Mead, president of the Rural Landowners Association of Bethlehem. "The whole thing is not just about farming," he said. "There are many parts to (the plan) that are just too restrictive. We came up with a plan we presented to the board, and I think our plan is better than theirs."

Recommended zoning changes in the master plan will remain just that — recommendations — until the town board votes to incorporate

rate them into the town zoning law and map.

That could mean another lengthy approval process, and Mead said the rural landowners will continue to press their case.

"We've said from the beginning that we're in this for the long haul," Mead said. "We've been in this town a long time, and we're not ready to just lie around and be appeased by somebody."

While the bulk of the rural landowners in town still harbor concerns, Edward Jennings, who owns more than a hundred acres of farmland in Selkirk, believes that it's time to come together.

"I've been very sympathetic to (LUMAC's) goals, and I'm sorry that it hasn't been adopted yet," Jennings said. "It strikes me as being in the best interests of current and future residents of the town."

Jennings said he understands the concerns of rural landowners, but wondered about the fairness of holding up the works when "so many people have participated" in helping draft the document and apparently support its content.

One of the plan's key elements is that it imposes zoning for the first time on rural areas in the southern section of Bethlehem.

Jennings, who leases his fields to corn growers, said he'd much prefer knowing what's going to happen with his neighbor's land as opposed to having "no idea at

all."

Without zoning, high-density development could easily occur, he said, which could overwhelm the schools and place a heavy burden on tax-supported services.

Town planner Jeff Lipnicky said, "The committee and I have spent many, many hours on this, and I believe it's in the best interests of everybody that we proceed."

The current zoning law and map is "antiquated and ill-equipped" to ensure a smooth-running transportation network and orderly residential, commercial and industrial development in the 21st century, Lipnicky said.

Tax form assistance available for seniors

Bethlehem Senior Services is accepting reservations for the AARP Income Tax Form Assistance Program to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 8 at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Copies of 1995 federal and state tax returns should be brought in, along with a W-2 form, 1099 forms and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and school tax receipts.

To make an appointment, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

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Lisa Duffy and Craig Gilley

Duffy, Gilley to marry

Lisa Anne Duffy, daughter of Dr. William and Catherine Duffy of Slingerlands, and Craig Allen Gilley, son of Dennis Gilley of Flossmoor, Ill., and Judy Boggs of Lake Bluff, Ill., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the College of the Holy Cross and

Catholic University Law School. She is employed as an attorney in Washington, D.C.

The future groom, a graduate of Brown University and Georgetown University Law Center, is also employed as an attorney in Washington, D.C.

The couple plans a June 7 wedding.

Dean's List

The following local college students were recently named to dean's lists at their respective schools.

Boston University — Michael Loegering of Delmar.

Bowdoin College — Emily Church of Delmar (with honors) and Joshua Muhlfelder of Slingerlands.

St. Lawrence University — Tara Eaton of Delmar.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — Peter Dorgan of Delmar.

Preschool listings on tap at town library

The 1997 edition of *Preschool Possibilities* is available at the youth services desk at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The annual publication prepared by the youth services department lists and describes 30 local schools that cater to the needs of preschoolers. The list is not an endorsement of any particular program, but is prepared in order to aid parents in making informed choices.

Local student earns Harvard award

Jared Beck, son of Mary Ellen and Roger Beck, was awarded the Detur Prize by Harvard University President Neil Rudenstine for high academic ranking in his class.

Beck was also a recipient of the John Harvard Scholarship for academic achievement in his freshman class.

Beck, a former *Spotlight* employee, is a sophomore at Harvard and a resident of Elsmere.

Delmar's Sanders joins research committee

Garrett R. Sanders of Delmar was appointed to the General Clinical Research Center Committee of the National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Sanders' role will be to review fiscal, administrative and allied health components of center proposals.



Amy Hernandez and Timothy DeGroff

Hernandez, DeGroff to wed

Amy Marie Hernandez, daughter of Steve Hernandez of St. Marys, Ga., and Jona Kennison of Kingsland, Ga., and Timothy Brusie DeGroff, son of Robert and Mary DeGroff of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Georgia Southern University, is employed as a program coordina-

tor by Camden County Leisure Services in Kingsland, Ga.

The future groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed as a private chef at White Oak Plantation in Yulee, Fla.

The couple plans a March wedding.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1987, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Concerned Citizens for New Scotland, formed originally to fight a proposed gravel mine on the former Tall Timbers golf course, was looking to get involved in other issues. "Concerned Citizens will be what the community wants it to be, if we start working together," said Karen Magrum, the group's secretary.

- The Bethlehem planning board began sending "regular updates" on proposed residential development projects to the Bethlehem Central school board, according to planning board chairman John Williamson.

- All eight of Bethlehem Central High School's National Merit Scholarship semifinalists advanced to the finalist stage. The eight were David Comi, David Cunningham, Anna Georgiopoulos, Charles Henrikson, Stanley Lee, William Liddle, Gideon Walter and Portia Wu.

- Kay Youmans, active in New Scotland Presbyterian Church, was honored as Citizen of the Year in New Scotland.

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Blood pressure clinic on tap

The Revco Pharmacy in Delaware Plaza is conducting a free blood pressure clinic on Friday, March 7, from noon to 3 p.m.

Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome. For information, call 439-4451.

By Alvaro E. Alarcon

While March weather is unpredictable, a surefire way to experience the fresh feel of spring is to go to the Capital District Garden and Flower Show taking place at the Pepsi Arena in Albany from Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 9.

The show, expected to draw up to 20,000 people, will have 52,000 square feet of the Pepsi Arena in full bloom with floral arrangements, workshops and demonstrations, and shopping opportunities. Gardens and floral arrangements encompass the show's theme "Masterpiece Gardens," by interpreting the works of master painters. Claude Monet's "Waterlilies at Giverny" and "Japanese Foot Bridge 1899," Piet Mondrian's "Broadway Boogie Woogie," and Andrew Wyeth's "The Big Top" are some of the works that landscapers have chosen to interpret. Some of the interpretations are literal, while others show a landscaper's perspective on a certain work. "We use every nook and cranny of the arena" according to Wildwood Program's Deputy Executive Director for Development Kathleen Lein.

The show is celebrating its tenth anniversary, and its growth reflects a "definite increase in gardening," according to Lein. For experienced green thumbs, the show promises to expand their established hobby. People who solely like to view, rather than work in gardens, risk being seduced into the hobby by garden displays that incorporate rocks to water to plants.

"This show is one of our most inspired. We're hoping these colorful and original garden canvases are just the nudge that spring needs to bestow its much anticipated presence upon us," said Brenda E. Ladd, the show's coordinator. "Those who attend will experi-

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Gardening masterpieces ready to bloom at Pepsi Arena

ence the beauty of these timeless masterpiece gardens and learn how to create them in their own backyards."

The weekend is inaugurated with a champagne ball at the Pepsi Arena on Friday, March 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. The champagne ball will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Wildwood Programs, which is the organizer of the show.

"I congratulate Wildwood Programs on its anniversary milestones," said Albany Mayor Gerald D. Jennings. "For 30 years, Wildwood has served thou-

sands of neurologically impaired, learning disabled and autistic individuals and their families throughout the Capital Region with innovative, quality programs. This nationally acclaimed organization is a vital part of the region's human service landscape."

The festive black-tie optional event features a 21-piece swing band, the Joey Thomas Big Band, an elegant buffet featuring a variety of savory dishes, ice-sculptures, and a champagne toast culminating in a balloon drop of hundreds of multi-colored balloons, an open bar, and valet parking.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Junior tickets for people under 35 are \$40 per person.

Highlights of the weekend include:

- A judged competition of floral arrangements that interpret the works of master painters. Area garden clubs and florists helped coordinate the event.
- Over 40 demonstrations and workshops in gardening and landscaping. Topics include attracting birds and butterflies to gardens, seed starting, a perennial garden, and caring for lilies, orchids, and tulips.
- 115 vendors from all over the East Coast will sell plants, fresh cut flowers, books, statuary, gardening equipment, patio furniture and other garden amenities.
- Children can greet the show's mascot, "Wildflower the Rabbit," as well as "Chic L. Dee," who will show children a playland.
- Free landscape and garden design consultation by State University of New York Cobleskill horticulture students. Landscape designs should already be prepared.
- A 24 ft. by 8 ft. painting in progress being worked on continuously by muralist Jacquelyn Brickman. Children as well as those young at heart can add to the mural.

• A raffle that will give two prizes every hour.

The garden show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday, March 7; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Saturday, March 8, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 9.

Admission is \$6.50. Children under 10 are free. Seniors receive \$1 of admission, as do groups of 15 people or more. Free discount coupons are available at local Price Chopper Stores.

For information, call 356-6410, ext. 418.

Touring Carousel at Proctor's displays again the genius of Hammerstein

After seeing the touring production of the Royal National Theatre's presentation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* at Proctor's Theater this past weekend, you come away with a finer appreciation of the genius of Hammerstein.

This *Carousel* is a far darker interpretation of the original Broadway show, seen in 1946. Yet, it works and works wonderfully.

Long acknowledged as the favorite of both men, most people have credited the music of Rodgers for its success. There's no question that these songs are among the best in musical comedy history.

However, Hammerstein's book, using Ferenc Molnar's Hungarian fantasy, *Liliom*, as a base, has deep characterizations and a strong plot that shows the sunny and dark side of life.

In most productions of *Carousel*, including the initial Broadway offering as well as the movie, producers and directors have chosen to go towards the sunny side of the material.

Instead, the Royal Theatre Company of England chose to reach for the full depth of characterization and plot and succeeds wonderfully. What this company has done is mine the rich texture of Hammerstein's plot and lyrics. Here, Hammerstein is commenting on the vagaries of love and life along with redemption of spirit, even as Rodgers' music is soaring. By searching out the depth of the plot and the roundness of the characters as written by Hammerstein,



Martin P. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

the British company presents virtually a new musical, one far richer than the original.

Still, it should not be a surprise that Hammerstein had such genius to virtually anticipate the evolving social mores of our society while remaining contemporary years after his death. In *Showboat* 20 years prior to *Carousel*, he forged the problems of mixed marriages and after *Carousel*, he commented on the racial bigotry existing in his *South Pacific* song, "You've Got To Be Carefully Taught".

For one fortunate to have seen a 1946 revival of *Showboat* followed by *Carousel* the same year and then to see the original *South Pacific*, this touring production of *Carousel* was a fine reminder of Hammerstein's genius.

A Tale of Cinderella to do double duty in helping Proctor's and State Institute

A large screen premiere at Proctor's Theater of a new video of last year's New York State Theatre Institute's *A Tale of Cinderella* will benefit both the Schenectady theater and the Troy-based theater company.

The Warner Music Group had taped the production last spring and since that time has been preparing the music video for distribution and sale.

A brief showing of some scenes of the video last week at a press conference is a faithful reproduction of the sparkling

physical production seen last year at Russell Sage. But, there's an added dimension in that the close-ups give the production greater vitality and pace which heightens the cleverness of this adaptation by William Frankonis of the well-known fairy tale.

The benefit showing of *A Tale of Cinderella* will be 2 p.m. Sunday, April 20.

Leaderless orchestra plays Sunday at Troy Music Hall with English pianist

Orpheus is a 26-member chamber orchestra that is not the favorite of the conductor's union.

For years it has had the distinction of playing without a leader, a feat that rivals a team without a coach, a classroom without a teacher.

Still, it works and works well.

This Sunday, the orchestra will support the appearance of Cecile Licad, a Philippine piano soloist, who is one of the most sought-after pianists of her generation, at this third Troy Chromatic Concert of the season at the Troy Music Hall.

As her major piece, Cooper will play Schumann's Piano Concert in A minor.

The concert begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9. Reservations are available at 273-0038.

AROUND THEATERS!

Suburban Angst and Anarchy, a new play at Siena College through Sunday (783-2527) ... *Prelude to a Kiss* at Albany Civic Theater through March 16 (462-1297) ... *The Cloud*, a British drama through March 15 (442-2997) ... *Ain't Misbehavin'*, Tony Award-winning musical at Proctor's Saturday, March 8, (346-6204)

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TALES OF THE LOST FORMICANS

satire on Middle America, Yulman Theatre, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m., March 5, 6, 7, and 8. Information, 388-6545.

GUYS AND DOLLS

musical fable filled with life's rougher characters, Opera House, 826 State Street, Schenectady, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., March 5 through 16. Cost, \$15 adults, \$7.50 children under 13. Information, 377-5101.

IMAGO

theatre mask ensemble, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30 p.m., March 7. Cost, \$16 adults, \$14 seniors, \$10 child. Information, 473-1845.

THE IMP OF SIMPLICITY

hilarious daydream of two girls from the future, Studio Theatre, Janet Kinghorn Bernard Theatre, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., March 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, and 16. Cost, \$7 adults, \$5 senior and students. Information, 584-5000, ext. 2347.

SHERLOCK'S SECRET LIFE

Ed Lang's sophisticated comedy-mystery, Schact Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, times vary, March 11 through 26. Cost, \$15 adults, \$8 seniors, children and students. Information, 274-3256.

CLOUD 9

Caryl Churchill's comedy, produced by University at Albany Theatre Department, Laboratory Theatre in the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., March 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15, and 3 p.m., March 9, \$10, \$7 students, seniors, university staff and alumni. Information, 442-3997.

PRELUDE TO A KISS

Craig Lucas' romantic fantasy, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, through March 16, \$10. Information, 462-1297.

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Motown legend Martha Reeves and the Vandellas put on 1960s musical, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m., March 8, \$34.50 to \$26.50. Information, 383-5392.

MUSIC

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to benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum, Andy Cooney, Brendan Grace, Catherine Coates, Noel Healy and the Michael O'Hara Irish Dancers, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, 8 p.m., March 13, \$20. Information, 432-6598.

SUNY-COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND

Main Theatre of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., March 10. Information, 442-3995.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Stravinsky's *Firebird*, Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, Johannes Brahms' *Tragic Overture*, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 p.m., March 22, \$6 and \$9. Information, 382-7581.

STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN AND AUDIO ADRENALINE

Pepsi Arena, Albany, 7:30 p.m., May 1, \$18.50 and \$13.50. Information, 476-1000.

SUNY ORCHESTRA

works by Shostakovich, Schubert, and Beethoven, conductor Findlay Cockrell, Main Theatre, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m., March 9. Information, 442-3995.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION OF THE BETHLEHEM SEWER DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, IN THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK ORDER APPROVING GLENMONT JOB CORPS CENTER SEWER EXTENSION NO. 25

WHEREAS, J. KENNETH FRASER AND ASSOCIATES, P.C., competent engineers duly licensed by the State of New York, have prepared a map, plan and report providing for the extension of the "Bethlehem Sewer District" of the Town of Bethlehem and said map, plan and report have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with Article 12 of the Town Law, and said map, plan and report comply with the provision of Article 12 of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of said improvements will be borne by the United States Department of Labor and the U.S. Government on behalf of the Glenmont Job Corps; and

WHEREAS, there will be no costs to be assessed against the other owners of real property within said extension; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of said proposed extension as set forth in said map, plan and report are as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land being and situated in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly right-of-way line of New York State Route 144 (NYS Route 144), said point being the northwest corner of lands now or formerly of the United States of America (USA), said point also being the southwest corner of lands now or formerly of the Town of Bethlehem; thence running along the common property line between lands of Bethlehem on the north and lands of USA on the south, the following four (4) courses and distances: N81°58'16"E a distance of 332.77 feet to a point, S79°56'23"E a distance of 1,773.04 feet to a point, S10°34'49"W a distance of 130.53 feet to a point, S79°56'23"E a distance of 287.15 feet to a point on the property line between lands of Bethlehem and lands of USA, said point also being the northwest corner of lands now or formerly of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company; thence running southerly along the common property line of lands of USA on the west and lands of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company on the east, a distance of 869.05 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of lands of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company; thence running easterly along the common property line of lands of USA on the south and lands of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, said point be-

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ing located on the western edge of the Hudson River; thence running southerly along the easterly property line of lands of USA on the west and along the Hudson River on the east, a distance of 3,152 feet, more or less, to a point, said point being the southeast corner of lands of USA, said point also being the northeast corner of lands now or formerly of Maurice S. and Janet E. Satin; thence running northwesterly along the southerly boundary line of lands of USA and the northerly boundary line of lands of Satin and lands now or formerly of Christopher Apple, a total distance measured perpendicular thereto; thence running southerly along a line 200 feet easterly of and parallel to the centerline of NYS Route 144, a distance of 4,381 feet, more or less, to a point on the northerly boundary line of existing Extension No. 8 to the Bethlehem Sewer District; thence running along the northerly boundary line of Extension No. 8, a distance of 1,120 feet, more or less, to a point, said point being 200 feet westerly of the centerline of NYS Route 144, as measured perpendicular thereto; thence running northerly along a line 200 feet westerly of and parallel to the centerline of NYS Route 144, a distance of 5,282 feet, more or less, to its point of intersection with the prolongation of the north property line of lands of USA defined by course of N81°58'16"E; thence running along said prolongation of N81°58'16"E, a distance of 240 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning, containing 214 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed to be made in said proposed extension consist of construction of a new sewage pumping station and force main including the furnishing of equipment and apparatus required for such system; and

WHEREAS, said map, plan and report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, said Town Board duly adopted on the 22nd day of January, 1997, an order providing that said Town Board meet at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York, on the 26th day of February, 1997 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time, to hold a public hearing on the extension of said District, at which time all persons interested in the subject thereof may be heard concerning the same, and certified copies of said order have been duly published and posted as prescribed by law, and said Town Board has, at the time and place specified in said order, duly met and considered the extension of said District and heard all persons interested in the subject thereof who appeared at such time and place, concerning the same; and

WHEREAS, the evidence offered at such time and place requires that the Town Board make the determination hereinafter made; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Bethlehem in the County of Albany that it be and hereby is determined as follows: (a) the notice of hearing held on February 26, 1997 was published and posted as required by law, and is otherwise sufficient; (b) all the property and property owners within the proposed extension of the Bethlehem Sewer District are benefited thereby; (c) all the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of said proposed extension, and (d) the extension of such district is in the public interest; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the extension of said Bethlehem Sewer District so as to include boundaries set forth in this resolution and the construction of a sewage disposal system in said District Extension, in accordance with the map and plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to Permissive Referendum in the manner provided in Article Seven of the Town Law and Section 209-3 of the Town Law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that within ten (10) days from the date of this Resolution, the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of this Resolution, shall contain an Abstract of such Resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this Resolution was adopted subject to a Permissive Referendum; and shall publish such notice in the Town's official newspaper, and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the legal board of the Town a copy of such Notice within 10 days after the date of the adoption of this Resolution, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is authorized to file a certified copy of this Resolution, in duplicate, with the office of the State of New York, Department of Audit and Control, at Albany, New York, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute and file an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for approval of the project and to make application to any other governmental agency whose approval may be required. The motion was made by Mr. Putney seconded by Mr. Johnson and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Putney, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK

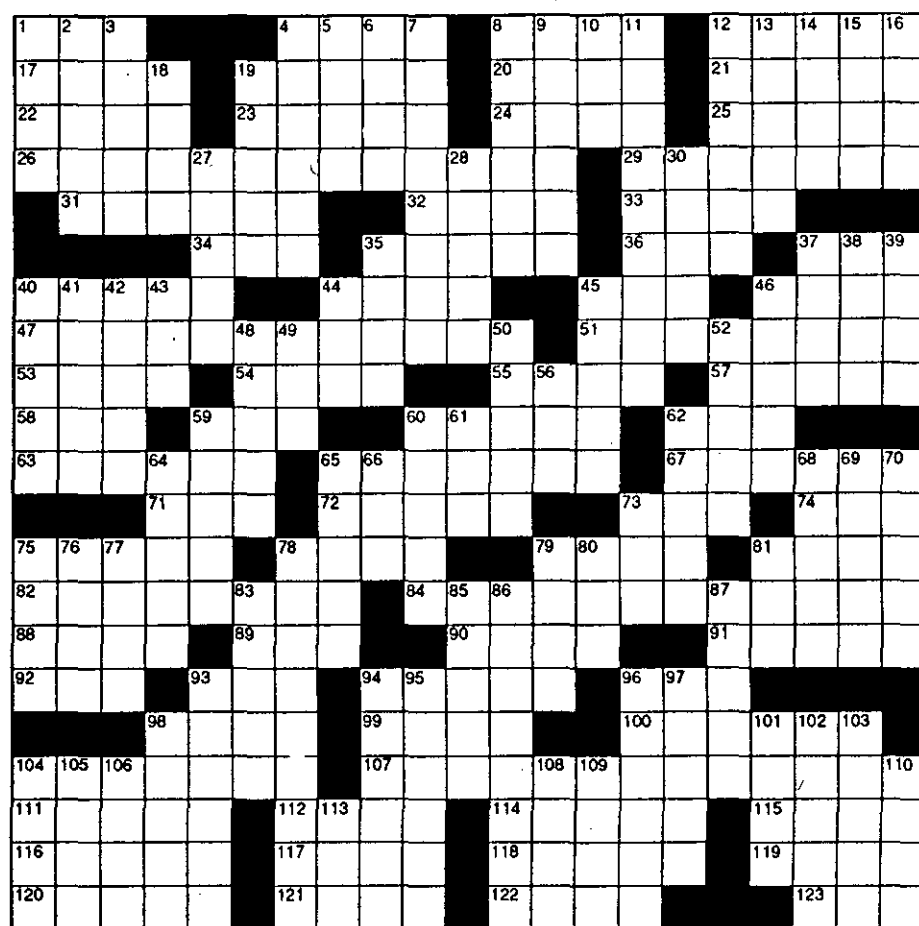
TOWN CLERK

Dated: February 26, 1997

(March 5, 1997)

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Run up the phone bill
4 See 1 Across
8 One of the Waughns
12 Heathen
17 Second-hand
19 Cugat consort
20 Lugosi of filmdom
21 Manage to miss
22 Teen affliction
23 Sultan's sweeties
24 Retreat
25 Illinois city
26 Picnic fare
29 Picnic fare
31 A few words
32 Mist
33 Actress Sedgwick
34 Essential
35 Too experienced?
36 Zilch
37 Coll. degrees
40 Rattle one's cage
44 Cookbook topic
45 Ronny & the Daytonas hit
46 Trot or gallop
47 Picnic fare
51 Picnic fare
- 53 Pitch
54 Large place
55 On — with (equal to)
57 Massachusetts port
58 "Paradise Lost" figure
59 Excavate
60 Not as forward
62 Mil. base
63 Vacation site
65 Architect's tool
67 Horrified
71 Common vegetable
72 Circular
73 Shelley showcase
74 Eur. nation
75 Examines closely
78 Biblical town
79 French Sudan, today
81 Yard entry
82 Picnic fare
84 Picnic fare
88 Improves immensely
89 "That Jazz"
90 Basilica area
91 Improve
92 April burden
93 Sault —
- Marle, Mich.
94 — cotta
96 Cot or crib
98 Actress Anna
99 Jal —
100 Novelist
Lurie
104 Picnic fare
107 Picnic fare
111 Log
112 Got off
114 Reputation
115 Grimm creature
116 Hot spot?
117 Learning method
118 To the — (to perfection)
119 Spun a web
120 Scattered seed
121 Remarkable
122 Machine part
123 Cozy room
- DOWN**
- 1 Magellan discovery
2 Songwriters' org.
3 Park seat
4 "The Man of a Thousand Faces"
5 Mata —
6 Olympic warmonger
7 "The Last of the Mohicans" prop
8 On fire
9 Like old gasoline
10 Yalie
11 Vise man?
12 Crossword solver's tool
13 Similar
14 Shorebird
15 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"
16 Famed loch
18 Steep
19 Made up one's mind
27 Did yard work
28 Soup scoop
30 Speech pattern
35 Actor Mahoney
37 Elijah's target
38 General's helper
39 Sunflower support
40 In search of
41 Got teed off?
42 Eats elegantly
43 Ms. Meriwether
44 Bass part
45 Look daggers
46 Grit
48 Actress Rivera
49 Give a squeeze
50 Female swimmer
52 Inedible orange
56 By means of
59 Don one's duds
60 Young pigeon
61 Savage sort
62 Rock bottom
64 Selected, with "for"
65 Go fishing
66 Offspring
68 Dumbstruck
69 Like some sleeves
70 Cornered the cat
73 Olsen of vaudeville
75 "Beat It!"
76 Hawkeye State
77 Pop a pec
78 Where dates are kept
79 — Verde
National Park
80 Presidential nickname
81 Room for improvement?
83 6 p.m., at 10 a.m.
85 Calif. athlete
86 Revoit
87 Spokes
93 Looked and looked
94 Gauguin setting
95 Pleased as Punch
96 Pester
97 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
98 Canyon of the comics
101 Flat-bottomed boat
102 George Burns film
103 Chutzpah
104 Fingerprint creation?
105 Proverb preposition
106 Store away
108 Lady friend, in Lille
109 Role for
98 Across
110 Noted
113 Mauna —



AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5**
ALBANY COUNTY
DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING OF INFANTS

for anyone who has a concern about a child up to 2 years old, Bellevue Hospital, Troy Road, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., appointment needed. Information, 346-9499.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

for anyone, especially those with diabetes, who wants to learn about REDUX, 6:30 p.m., Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany. Information, 471-4905.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIORS 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, Guilford, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCHEENECTADY 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
MARCH 6**
ALBANY COUNTY
NURSING OPEN HOUSE

for anyone interested in becoming an R.N., 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Ground Floor, East Wing, Albany. Information, 471-3260.

COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE INFORMATION SESSION

undergraduate or graduate studies, Saint Rose Campus Activities Center, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 454-5143.

HOLY NAMES OPEN HOUSE AND ENTRANCE EXAM

for prospective students grades pre-k through 8 on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. In the Lower and Middle Schools, and students grades 9 through 12 on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. In the Upper School, 1073 New Scotland Rd., \$10.00. Information, 438-7895.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION PLANNED

for single or married adults who are 21 and older and are interested in adopting a child, reservations required, Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600.

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
MARCH 7**
ALBANY COUNTY
TASK FORCE CONFERENCE

N.Y. State Assembly Puerto Rico/Hispanic Task Force Conference, March 7-10, Empire State Plaza, Albany, registration, March 7, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., and March 8, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 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.

**SATURDAY
MARCH 8**
ALBANY COUNTY
LENTEN DAY OF Prayer

Abba House of Prayer, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., bring bag lunch, donation, \$15.00. Information, 438-8320.

OHASHIATSU COURSES

learn to help yourself through the practice of this nurturing bodywork method, March 8 and 9, Albany Kripalu Yoga Center, 1698 Central Ave., cost, \$455.00 for level one, \$495.00 for level two, registration required. Information, 1-800-810-4190.

ALBANY MINIATURE SHOW AND SALE

to benefit Albany Ronald McDonald House, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. March 8th and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 9th, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany.

RED CROSS LIFESAVING COURSE

for individuals and families who wish to learn more about basic first aid, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Albany Office, 2 Clara Barton Dr., \$45.00.

AAUW PUBLIC FORUM

discussing Governor's proposed budget on education and the taxpayer, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave. Albany. Cost, \$18.00. Information, 489-7602.

MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT

round robin tournament for intermediate or lower players, first-come-first-serve basis, Capitaland Raquet Club, New Karner Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m., \$14.00. Information, 456-5050.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 9**
ALBANY COUNTY
DANCE PROGRAM

"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

ALBANY COUNTY STROKE ASSOCIATION MEETING

2:00 p.m. Child's Nursing Home, Hackett Blvd., Albany. Information, 439-2151.

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**MONDAY
MARCH 10**
ALBANY COUNTY
ALCOHOL SERVERS SEMINAR

to certify and train restaurants to serve alcohol responsibly, Fort Orange Club, 110 Washington Ave, Albany, Cost, \$30.00. Information, 452-4222.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHEENECTADY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**TUESDAY
MARCH 11**
ALBANY COUNTY
LENTEN RETREAT

March 11-13, sessions held 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Saint James Church, Albany. Information, 434-4028.

ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER PRESENTATION

"Itching and Rash... An Overview of Allergic Skin Disorders," 7:00 p.m., Allergy and Asthma Center of Albany Med., 215 Washington Ave. Extension, Information, 452-2510 or 1-800-363-3464.

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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Fettuccini Alfredo.....	\$7.95
Linguini Gambino.....	\$9.95
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m. Information, 439-5786.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO
Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

WELCOMEWAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-1531 or 439-4067.

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
Days Inn, Glenmont, 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

LIBRARY CLUB
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, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 479-6469.

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

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

ADULT SKETCH CLUB
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

THURSDAY
MARCH 6

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. in a local home, children's program and nursery provided 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.

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

FRIDAY
MARCH 7

BETHLEHEM

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Revco Pharmacy, Ravena Faith Plaza, Ravena, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Information, 439-4451.

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

SUNDAY FAMILY STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

SATURDAY
MARCH 8

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

SUNDAY
MARCH 9

BETHLEHEM

ENCORE PRESENTING VIGNETTES
Bethlehem Central High School's newest drama club, first production, room 46, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1843.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

SELKIRK

CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 462-2016.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, handicapped accessible, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

NEW SCOTLAND

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior choir or chime choir practice, 9 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., recorder group practice, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

TUESDAY
MARCH 11

BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BINGO
at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY
Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

A.W. BECKER PTA
Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN BOARD
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-7179.

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

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

BINGO
Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

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Differences: 1. Backpack is missing. 2. Bush is smaller. 3. Scarf is shorter. 4. Step is moved. 5. Earflap is smaller. 6. Zipper is missing.

Drawings by Henry Bottinor

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-1531 or 439-4067.

RED MEN

St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. information, 439-3265.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 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.

THURSDAY MARCH 13

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER

open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

LADIES AUXILIARY firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185

404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY

AUXILIARY firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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. in a local home, children's program and nursery provided 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.

FRIDAY MARCH 14

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP

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

SATURDAY MARCH 15

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

SUNDAY MARCH 16

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SHENANIGANS

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Good Samaritan Lutheran Adult Care Facility, 141 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is First Columbia Properties, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 18, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 6 Majestic Court, Loudonville, New York 12211. (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Columbia Acquisition Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 18, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in

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any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Columbia Drive, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 21, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against

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the LLC is 5 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205. (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Columbia Binghamton Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 7, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (March 5, 1997)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MRP ASSOCIATES L.L.C. Notice of formation of a domestic limited liability company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 15, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203 (March 5, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MALTA PROPERTIES, LLC. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "MALTA PROPERTIES, LLC." SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany County. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is June 1, 2050. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or

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without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Malta Properties, LLC, 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to the 14th day of January, 1997, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Frank A. Tate, Jr., Member (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 1716 CENTRAL ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 22, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1716 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF WILLOW CORNERS, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Willow Corners, LLC.

SECOND: The date of filing with The Secretary of State was 12/23/96.

THIRD: The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company is: 34 Willows Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

In witness whereof, this certification has been subscribed to this 23rd day of Dec., 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true and under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Askold R. Wynykiw, organizer and member (Jan. 27, 1997) (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF XATA, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is XATA, LLC. SECOND: The date of filing with The Secretary of State was 12/23/96.

THIRD: The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company is: 34 Willows Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

In witness whereof, this certification has been subscribed to this 23rd day of Dec., 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true and under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Askold R. Wynykiw, organizer and member (Jan. 27, 1997) (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

CHILD AND FAMILY PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC. UNDER SECTION 1203 OF THE NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY LAW

The name of the professional service limited liability company is CHILD AND FAMILY PSYCHO-

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LOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 12, 1996. The county within the State in which the principal office of the professional service limited liability company is to be located is Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The latest date on which the PLLC is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. The professional service limited liability company is formed for the practice of the professions of psychology and to provide psychological care, therapy and counseling. The post office address within or without the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the professional service limited liability company served upon him or her is 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. Dated: January 22, 1997 COHEN AND WELLMAN, LLP 7 Thurlow Terrace Albany, NY 12203-1005 (518) 436-5409 (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF COHEN AND WELLMAN, LLP PURSUANT TO SECTION 121-1500(A) OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Cohen & Wellman, LLP. SECOND: The address of the principal office of the Partnership is 7 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203-1005.

THIRD: The profession to be practiced by the Partnership is: law. The Partnership is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to Section 121-1500(a) of the New York Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process against the Partnership served upon it is: 7 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203-1005.

FIFTH: The effective date of the certificate of registration is the date of filing.

SIXTH: The Partnership is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

Dated: January 3, 1997 ZACHARY WELLMAN, Partner (March 5, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

MARION COMPANY LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

The undersigned, desiring to form a limited liability company under the laws of the State of New York, affirms under penalties of perjury:

1. The name of the limited liability company is Marion Company LLC (the "Company").

2. The county within this state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

3. The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her is: c/o Philip A. Sabatino, 230 Woodlawn Avenue, Albany, New York 12208.

5. The Company is to be managed by one or more managers.

6. The Company may engage in any lawful business.

Dated: January 15, 1997 (s) Philip A. Sabatino Organizer

LEGAL NOTICE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC

A Limited Liability Company filed with the Secretary of State on May 29, 1996. The name of this Limited Liability Company is Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC. The principal office of the

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Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purposes of the company are to engage in the rental real estate business, real estate development, and acquisitions and sales of real estate. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC, 1004 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO PARTNERSHIP LAW SECTION 121-1500

The name of the registered limited liability partnership is Upstate Infectious Diseases, LLP. The date of the filing of the Certificate of Registration with the Secretary of State was December 5, 1996. The County in which the office of the RLLP is to be located is Albany. The agent of the RLLP upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: The RLLP, 8 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203. The business purpose of the LLP is to engage in the practice of medicine. (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Section 206(c) of The New York Limited Liability Law

1. The name of the limited liability company is DUNLOP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 11, 1997.

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: DUNLOP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, 25 Slingerland Street, Slingerlands, New York 12159.

5. The name and street address within New York of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is:

Richard O. Bollen Dunlop Property Management, LLC

25 Slingerland Street, Slingerlands, New York 12159

6. The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is February 1, 2032, unless dissolved before such date pursuant to the New York Limited Liability Company Law or the Operating Agreement of the Company.

7. The limited liability company is formed for any lawful business purpose of purposes. (March 5, 1997)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of one skid-steer loader with milling attachment for use of the Highway Department.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of March, 1997 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

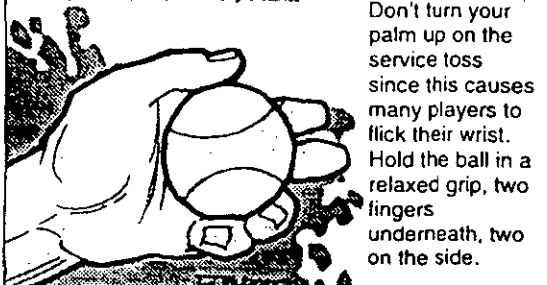
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC TOWN CLERK

Dated: February 26, 1997 (March 5, 1997)

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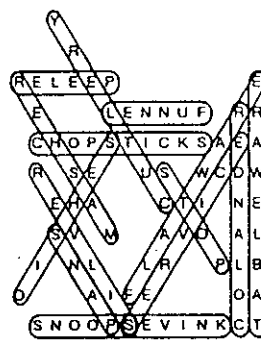
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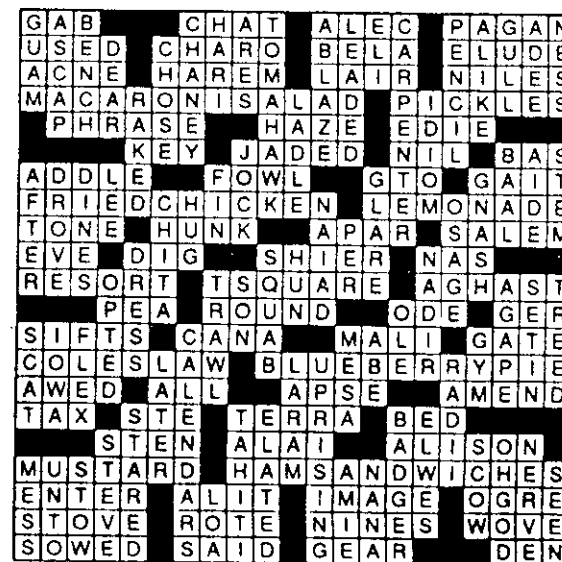
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Plaza

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calls from plaza merchants concerned about the recent letter to *The Spotlight* complaining about the plaza.

But Nolan maintained that based on the brisk business the plaza has done over the past several years, the town's oldest shopping center remains an integral part of the community.

"There's not a day that goes by when either Norris or I are not out there," he said. "We've had the property for going on 25 years, and it's essentially been at 100 percent (occupancy) nearly all the time."

Vacancies do occur from time to time, but empty storefronts are usually swept right up. For example, Delaware Plaza Dry Cleaners and Laundry has been a staple since the center first opened. The laundromat's owner recently went out of business, but Nolan said he has a new laundromat proprietor lined up who "should be in there by April 1."

The only other vacancy was

filled two weeks ago when The Gift Palace opened in the storefront formerly occupied by Circles Women's Fashions, which moved to Stuyvesant Plaza last year.

According to owner Hassan Lakhani, the store offers "the kind of things that you can't find in other gift shops," such as crystals, perfumes, Disney products, personal stereos and affordable furniture.

Nolan expressed confidence that Delaware Plaza will not suffer when the new Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands opens this summer.

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"I think we'll continue to do just fine," he said. "We're far enough away so there shouldn't be any impact."

Nolan added, "For the last two years, a lot of people have been avoiding Delaware Avenue because of the bridge construction and the road widening."

Now that the projects have been completed, "There should be a lot more traffic on the road."

Another plus for the plaza, Nolan said, is the renovation under way at Grand Union. "They're putting several million into modernizing the store. It will end up looking like a new store."

Workshop offers tips on beating depression

The workshop, "Overcoming Depression," will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Pastoral Care Center at 40 North Main Ave. in Albany.

The workshop is meant to help participants learn about the underlying causes of depression and strategies for conquering self-defeating thoughts and feelings.

The workshop will be led by Henry M. Hughes, a counselor, lecturer, workshop leader and associate fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study in Rational Emotive Therapy.

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Bethlehem Lions plan 36th annual repast

Bethlehem Lions Club is planning its 36th annual pancake and sausage breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Elmsmere.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens over age 62, and \$2.50 for children under age 12. Preschool age children eat for free.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Bethlehem Lions Club member or at the door on the morning of the breakfast.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Lions Eye Institute at Albany Medical Center Hospital and other community service projects such as sight and hearing conservation, senior citizens and youth activities.

Lions are currently collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids, which will be re-processed and re-conditioned.

Pledge forms for the donation of eye tissue will also be available at the breakfast.

For information, call John Coffey at 439-4752.

Homes sought for students in exchange programs

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, Poland, the former Soviet Union, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand. Students are 15 to 18 years of age, and will be coming to this area for

the upcoming high school year.

The students, who all speak English, are anxious to learn about this country by living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

For information, call 1-800-677-2773.

Businesswomen have 'Bill-o-Fare' books

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club is selling the new "Bill-o-Fare" books offering discount coupons on dining at many of the area's finest restaurants. The book also includes discounts for all ages at a variety of businesses.

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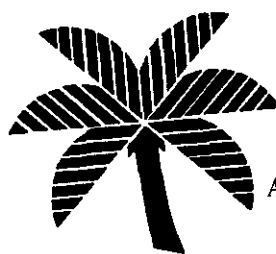
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