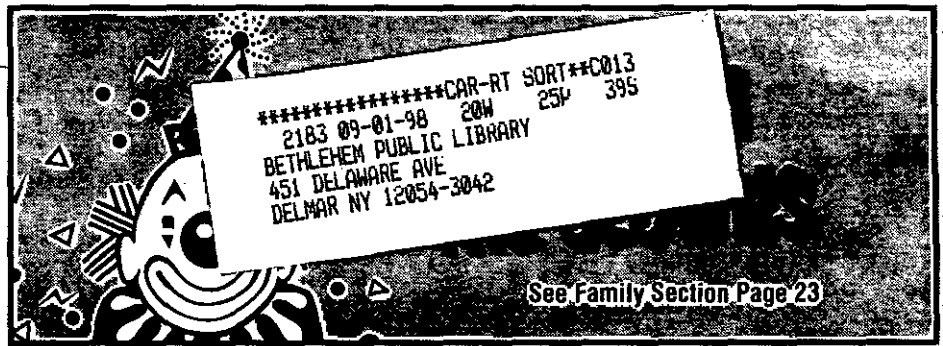


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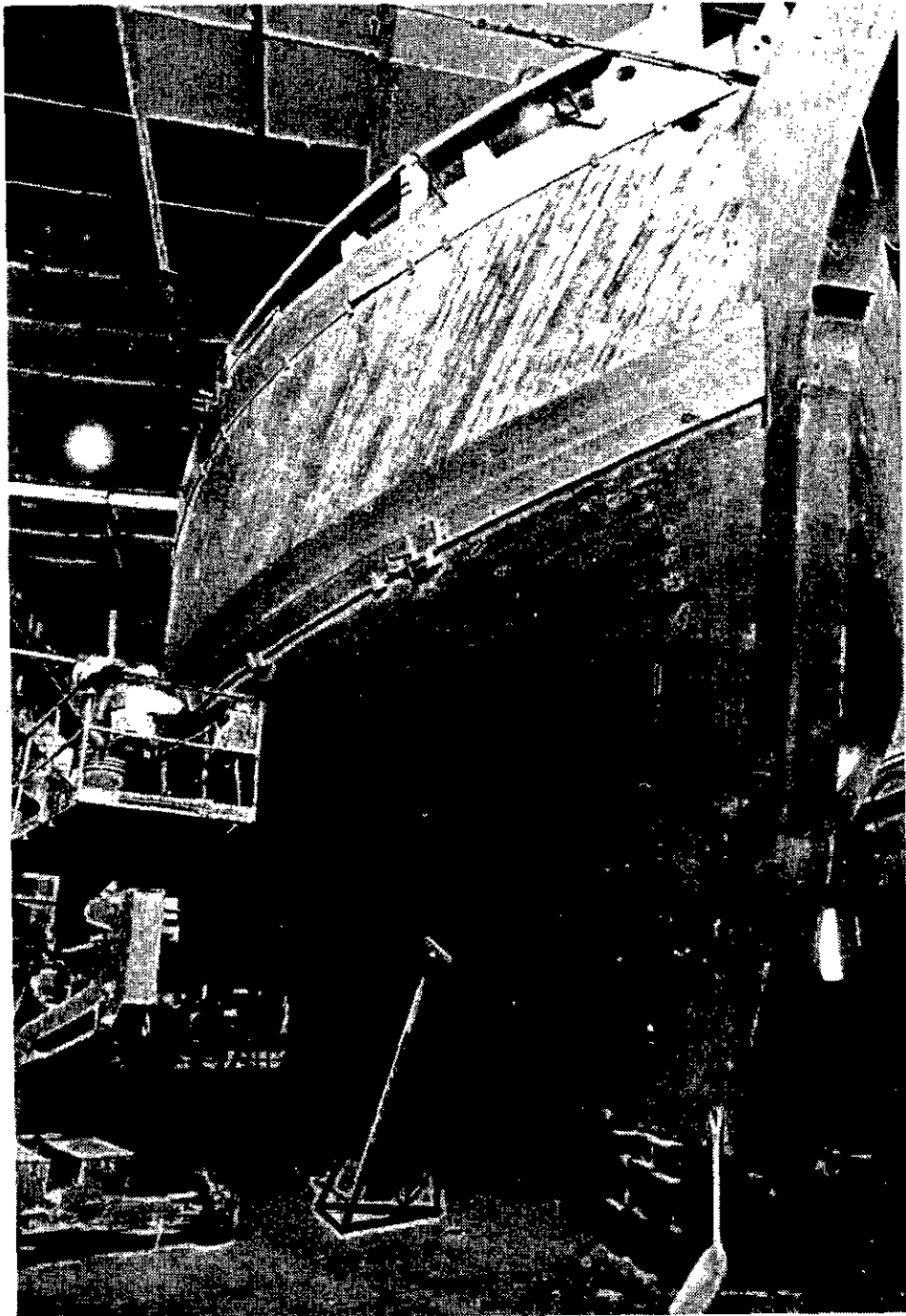
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Stern taskmaster



Woodworkers Doug Gilluley and Keith Childs attach wooden supports to the front of the Friendship being constructed at the Scarano shipyard. See story Page 12. Doug Persons

Library neighbor voices concerns over lot plan

By Peter Hanson and Katherine McCarthy

At the Bethlehem school board's Feb. 11 meeting, a woman who lives on Borthwick Avenue in Delmar criticized the board for approving a Bethlehem Public Library proposal to expand its parking lot.

Anne P. Moore said the proposed new entrance to the parking lot, which would be built on the 45 Borthwick Ave. lot where a house currently stands, would decrease property value on the residential street and create intrusive traffic. The new entrance would be next door to Moore's house.

The board approved the library's proposal in its Feb. 4 meeting, but the approval was a formality. The board is tangentially involved in the process because the library is part of the

Bethlehem-Central school district, but the school board does not authorize library expenditures.

Residents will vote on the library's request for a one-time budget increase of \$250,000 May 19. Most of that money, \$150,000, is allocated for the purchase of the house and land at 45 Borthwick, and the rest will pay for construction of a parking lot expansion that will add about 36 spaces.

In addition to naming concerns she has about the proposed expansion, Moore criticized the board's methods. "I cannot tell you how disappointed I am that (the board) made this expensive decision, which will affect immediate residents greatly and the parking lot minimally, without input from residents," she said.

Susan Birkhead, president of the

LIBRARY/page 19

Pilot pays \$34K in fines to feds to recover plane

Private aircraft was seized after trip to Cuba

By Peter Hanson

A complex drama involving a local man, an illegal plane landing in Cuba and an aggressive response by various United States Government agencies ended last week when Delmar resident Millard Harmon agreed to pay a \$34,000 settlement in exchange for the return of his private plane, Ten Romeo.

Ten Romeo was confiscated 10 months ago by the U.S. Customs Service because after he left Cuba, Harmon did not land in Miami or West Palm Beach, Fla., where planes arriving



Millard Harmon at Albany Airport.

Peter Hanson

from Cuba are normally inspected. Instead, Harmon flew over West Palm Beach and activated his previously filed flight plan to Albany County Airport.

Between entering Florida's airspace and landing in Albany, Harmon's plane was joined by two Air Force jets that flew beside Ten Romeo for 1,100 miles and witnessed his landing. Upon touching down in Albany, Ten Romeo was confiscated by government officials and locked in an airport hangar.

After negotiating with the Customs Service for nearly a year, Harmon, 72, decided last week not to pursue a jury trial because he didn't want to spend any more time caught up in bureaucracy. His lawyer, Terry Kindlon, got the government to reduce the \$110,000 in fines it wanted to \$34,000, which led to last week's settlement.

"I think the message (of this story) is

PILOT/page 5

BC board begins '98-'99 budget talks

By Katherine McCarthy

The Bethlehem school district began its budget process last Wednesday, presenting its fundamental operating budget as well as suggested priority one and two additions.

The total proposed 1998-99 budget thus far is \$42,032,920, an increase of 2.01 percent or \$827,780. The fundamental operating budget is the amount of money necessary to continue things exactly as they are now.

There were no increases in the board of education section, with costs remaining steady at \$6,805. The central administration line increased by 0.84

percent, to \$162,549. The finance line actually showed a decrease of 2.50 percent, to \$335,069.

Staffing costs increased by 19.97 percent to \$218,951. Central services, which include operation of plant and central data processing, increased by 0.25 percent to \$3,048,912. Special items, such as unallocated insurance and refund on real property taxes, increased by 2.17 percent to \$452,350.

Instruction, administration and improvement totaled \$2,347,154, an increase of 1.96 percent. Regular school teaching totaled \$15,677,271, a 3.70 percent increase, while special schools

teaching, special totaled \$95,663, a 3.11 percent increase.

Special apportionment programs, which are for students with disabilities and occupational education, came to \$3,720,938, an increase of 4.93 percent.

Instructional media, which includes school library and audiovisual costs, as well as computer assisted instruction, went up 5.01 percent to \$1,129,943. Pupil services, such as guidance, health services, cocurricular activities and interscholastic athletics, went up 3.39 percent to \$1,926,104.

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Eight from group home taken to hospital

By Peter Hanson

Eight people were taken to St. Peter's Hospital after a plastic spoon melted in a dishwasher, creating a foul odor in a state-run group home for the mentally disabled Feb. 11.

At about 7:30 p.m., someone at the Residential Opportunities facility at 80 McCormack Road in Slingerlands called 911 to report the odor, which was not yet identified.

When paramedics arrived, one of the staff members at the facility was experiencing nausea and lightheadedness, so the paramedics thought he might be reacting to a gas leak.

More emergency calls went out to local police and fire officials, but the staffer's nausea was actually unrelated to the incident, said Jim Thompson, director of facilities at Residential Opportunities' main office in Cohoes.

"The staff was unsure (what was happening), so they took every precaution," Thompson said. "At the time, someone else was sick, so (paramedics) put the two together."

Because the residents of the group home were not able to communicate their conditions, seven of them were taken to St. Peter's as a precautionary measure. The worker who felt sick was also taken to St. Peter's.

By 8 p.m., about 30 emergency personnel had gathered at the corner of McCormack Road and Cherry Avenue, including representatives from Slingerlands Fire & Rescue Squad, the group that was in charge at the scene.

Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanigan, who left a town board meeting when the emergency call came in, agreed that the incident was a false alarm.

"It was not gas," Flanigan said. "The place has been reinspected by the power company, and nothing came out of it."

Dot Buckley, a nursing supervisor at St. Peter's, confirmed that eight people from Residential Opportunities were admitted Wednesday night and released later the same evening.

"They were back by 10:30 that night," Thompson added.

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Board makes progress on handful of projects

By Peter Hanson

At its Feb. 11 board meeting, the Bethlehem town board approved the naming of street names on GE's Selkirk facility, made the town's interim zoning code permanent, and accepted an annual report from the town historian.

The board also announced that it will hold a public information session at its next regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The subject of the session will be Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.'s proposal to convert the Albany Steam Station into the Bethlehem Energy Center. NiMo representatives will make a presentation at the session and will be available to answer questions from residents and board members.

The GE plant named roads on its large industrial parcel to make deliveries and emergency responses easier, but it needed approval from the town board to add the street names to maps.

"With the 911 system in place..., it was felt that the town should approve the names so that no conflicts would occur," John Clark, GE's chief of emergency response, wrote in a Jan. 20 letter to Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

A total of 18 roads were named, including Warehouse Road, Boiler Way, Tank Farm Road and Contractor Road.

The interim zoning code has been in place since 1989, and building inspector John Flanigan said, "We've been living with it and it's done very well." The board voted unanimously to adopt the code as permanent.

Town Historian Joseph A. Allgaier said that in 1997, he established an archival facility and "finding aid" for documents and photographs; completed a grant application for a conservation/preservation survey; and answered residents' inquiries about historical matters.

Allgaier said the grant application he filed was refused, and that "I am questioning the denial." He listed the failure to initiate a conservation/preservation survey as his main disappointment in 1997.

Allgaier also said, "Currently, I am ... applying for state



Allgaier

and national historical recognition of the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum... My intention is to use this recognition as an opportunity to present a workshop in our community (about) State and national Register listing."

In other business, the board:

- Received a report from engineering services administrator Michael Cirillo about the ongoing reconstruction project on Wemple Road. The town has spent several months acquiring rights to properties that create visual obstructions on Wemple Road.

Cirillo reported that property owners have said they will accept about \$18,000 for the purchase of the several lots of land involved in the project. Attorney Joshua Effron of the Effron Law Firm in Delmar, prepared an update that was attached to Cirillo's report.

In it, Effron recommended the board "approve the Wemple Road project and (pursue) eminent domain proceedings to acquire (land) from (Mary) Simon." Simon is the only land owner who has not replied to town inquiries about purchasing her land.

- Accepted the resignation of Lance Crossett as water district counsel. Crossett recently accepted a job that created a conflict of interest with his water counsel post. He was invited to continue counseling the town on other matters.

- Approved a police department request to spend about \$1,000 to send Sgt. Timothy Beebe to Quantico, Va., where he will attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy from June 28 to Sept. 11, 1998. Beebe is only the third Bethlehem officer to do so.

- Approved the appointment of F. Michael Tucker of Delmar as a member of the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency, which will have its annual meeting at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in town hall.

Correction

A caption in last week's issue incorrectly identified Benjamin Edic of Clarksville as the owner of Delmar Wine & Liquor. The shop is owned by his son, Steven. Edic asked *The Spotlight* to clarify that Delmar Wine & Liquor, located at 340 Delaware Ave., is still open.

Storyteller teaches BC kids about black history, culture

By Lisa K. Kelly

A class of fourth-graders at Slingerlands Elementary School celebrated Black History Month last Friday by attending a storytelling session.

African-American storyteller Kim Harris taught students in Maureen Wiltse's class about the underground railroad and sang period songs.

Harris began by asking the class what they knew about the underground railroad. Students responded with "tunnels" and "Harriet Tubman." Harris explained that the underground railroad was actually a network of people who helped slaves escape.

She sang the song "Wade in the Water" and noted that the lyrics were a code for slaves or a plan for escape. "Slaves would use the songs as a way to remember the plan, ... because most slaves did not know how to read and write."

Harris added that "It was against the law for a slave to know how to read and write."

The class of 24 children participated in a sing-along, and Harris taught them American sign language signals which correspond to the lyrics.

She often incorporates sign language into her performances as an additional way of telling a story. For example, Harris said that crossed wrists signify chains and wrists pulled apart means freedom.

"Slaves wouldn't use sign language though," Harris said. "They would use knocks on the door."



Kim Harris demonstrates sign language to Slingerlands fourth-graders as part of her Black History Month-related presentation.

Lisa K. Kelly

She showed a video, *Songs and Stories of Freedom*, that depicted historical events and portrayed the lives of famous slaves such as Henry "Box" Brown, who mailed himself in a crate from Richmond, Va. to Philadelphia, Pa.

As a grand finale, Harris asked student teacher Michael Parker to assist her by acting the part of a slave.

Harris dressed Parker as an old woman, a typical disguise for escaping. She then invited students to give him advice on avoiding capture. They told him to stay in the water, travel at night and carry a weapon.

Harris has been performing for more than 20 years with her hus-

band, Reggie, who was not present Friday.

"We travel all over the country doing performances based on African-American history," Harris said.

Parker had been teaching Wiltse's class about black history and invited Harris to the school.

"We've been talking about African-American history all week, but I think this brings it to life for the kids and helps them understand the diversity," Wiltse said.

"I wish everybody in the fourth-grade could have participated," said school principal Dan Murphy. "It makes the history of slaves so much more real for the children."

Home building down in Bethlehem

By Peter Hanson

The construction of homes in Bethlehem has slowed down in comparison to recent years, according to the 1997 annual report of the buildings department.

Building Inspector John Flanigan presented the report to the town board at its Feb. 11 meeting.

Flanigan reported that 119 single-family dwellings were built last year in Bethlehem and no apartment buildings, town houses or two-family dwellings were built.

This statistic represents a substantial decrease in development from the early part of this decade.

In the years 1992 through 1995, Flanigan's report said, at least 150 dwellings were built annually, including houses, town houses and apartments.

The biggest construction year in this period was 1992, when 171 single-family houses, 37 town houses and 109 apartments were built, creating a total of 317 new dwellings.

Although this trend slowed down in 1993 (when 177 dwellings were built) and 1994 (when 152 dwellings were built), it resurged in 1995. That year, 292 dwellings — comprised mostly of 192 apartments — were built in Bethlehem.

The 1997 totals continue a two-year downward trend in home building in the area. Also, 1997 was only the second year in the last decade in which no new apartments were built.

The 119 homes built last year were valued at



Flanigan

slightly more than \$18 million, Flanigan's report said. The total value of new construction in Bethlehem in 1997 — including homes, additions and non-residential buildings — was \$28,348,480.

Some of last year's large non-residential projects were:

- A \$400,000 office building on the Conrail Consolidated site at 428 Creble Road in Selkirk.

- A \$380,000 office building, at 22 Hannay Lane in Glenmont, which is shared by Jan Mar Realty and Harrison & Burrows Bridge Contractors.

- A \$250,000 project that included the demolition of several buildings and the construction of a new office building at 204 Delaware Ave. The site is owned by Bob Howard Realty.

Some construction projects are still in their early stages. The foundation was laid for an adult residence and garage at 41 Beverwyck Lane inside the Beverwyck development in North Bethlehem.

In total, there were nine non-residential projects for which building permits were issued last year, and the total value of the projects was \$1,871,000.

Flanigan's report also identified the fees received by the building department in 1997. Slightly more than \$63,000 in building permit fees were paid, and the department collected \$5,000 for performing school inspections.

The department's total fees received for 1997 were \$69,428.25.

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Cops: Calls to Del Lanes not unusual

By Peter Hanson

Although a 16-year-old boy was recently hospitalized for alleged drunkenness at Del Lanes in Delmar, the bowling alley's popular "Rock 'n Bowl" program is a safe activity for youths, police said.

Lt. Fred Holligan of the Bethlehem police department said the four visits police have made to Del Lanes since Dec. 21 are "not unusual," given the number of teenagers who gather there.

In addition to the incident involving the apparently intoxicated Hannacroix boy, which occurred Jan. 31, police were called to Del Lanes on Dec. 21, Jan. 4 and Jan. 7. All three of these calls were about groups of youths congregating in the bowling alley's parking lot and creating disturbances.

In the Jan. 31 incident, the boy's father received an anonymous call reporting that his son was extremely drunk. When the boy's father arrived at Del Lanes, his son had passed out. It is not known where the boy got the alcohol or

from whom.

Lt. Holligan and Del Lanes manager Marvin Sontz both said the staff at the bowling alley does everything possible to prevent minors from obtaining alcohol once they enter Del Lanes, but cannot control what youths do before arriving there.

"This is how Del Lanes works," Sontz explained. "You pay (\$8) to come in and we offer two and a half hours of entertainment. Alcohol is sold and drunk only in the lounge... If you leave, you have to pay \$8 again to get back in."

Sontz said the no re-entry policy is meant to discourage minors from leaving, drinking and then coming back inside. He added that signs near the lounge clarify that drinking elsewhere is forbidden.

"We walk outside every 20 minutes or so to police the premises," Sontz continued.

Sontz guessed that minors like the 16-year-old Hannacroix boy drink before arriving at Del Lanes. Regarding that incident, Sontz

said, "Where he got the (alcohol), I don't know. He must have drank before he came into Del Lanes. When the heat hit him, he fainted."

Holligan said underage drinking is a problem that occurs anywhere teenagers gather, and the incidents at Del Lanes are coincidental with the popularity of the "Rock 'n Bowl" program, which runs Saturdays from 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"Obviously, the kids are congregating there because of the cold weather instead of congregating at street corners," Holligan said.

Holligan said the staff at Del Lanes is acting responsibly. "I think they're doing what they can," he said. "All of the calls came from (Del Lanes) employees. They're keeping an eye on the situation and advising us when things get out of hand."

Sontz hopes parents will understand Del Lanes staffers can't control the behavior of youths outside the facility, but they do police activity inside.

"We're not a lock-in (facility)," Sontz said. "If a kid tells his parents he's gonna be here until 2 a.m. and leaves before then, we can't stop him from leaving."

Nonetheless, Sontz thinks Del Lanes' "Rock 'n Bowl" program helps keep some youths out of trouble on Saturday nights by providing a controlled environment. "It makes the police's job easier to know these kids are being watched," he said.

Bethlehem police nab three on DWI charges

Bethlehem police recently arrested two men on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Scott Michael Reyell, 41, of 6 Dresden Court in Delmar, was arrested on felony charges of DWI Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 4:14 p.m.

Officer Robert Berben observed Reyell traveling in a north-eastern direction on Rockefeller Road in Elsmere. Berben said Reyell was driving 14 miles per hour over the speed limit. Reyell was stopped on Hanover Road and failed several sobriety tests.

Police found an open beer can and three unopened cans in Reyell's car. They also confiscated a Ruger M77 Mark 11 25-06 long rifle.

After talking to his lawyer, Reyell refused to take a Breathalyzer test.

A handcuffed Reyell was brought before Town Justice Kenneth Munnely at 6:08 p.m. and Munnely committed Reyell to the Albany County jail without bail because this is his third DWI offense.

Reyell's preliminary hearing was set for Friday, Feb. 13 at 1 p.m., to be followed by a Department of Motor Vehicles refusal hearing Monday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. The DMV hearing regards Reyell's refusal to take a Breathalyzer test.

Reyell's next appearance in Bethlehem Town Court is sched-

uled for Tuesday, March 3, at 4 p.m.

Christopher Allen Farr, 18, of 27 Maxwell Road in Latham, was arrested on charges of DWI at 7:39 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

Officer Jeffrey Vunck saw both Farr and his passenger, Tyrone Gladden, 17, of Valley View Apartments in Latham, driving north on Route 9W, near Pictuary Road in Selkirk, without their seat belts on.

When Vunck activated his emergency lights, Farr nearly stopped in the driving lane, then turned left onto Old Town Road and drove in the wrong lane until coming to a sudden stop in a snow embankment off the left side of the curb.

Upon investigation, Vunck discovered the car Farr was driving was rented by his mother, Sheila Farr. He was not authorized to drive it. Vunck also found a plastic bag in the car which Gladden said had contained marijuana.

Farr was given an appearance ticket to appear in town court Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m.

Arnoldo Ormin Zelaya, 35, of R.D. 1, Box 217 in Coxsackie, Greene County, was arrested on charges of DWI at 9:38 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

Police received a call that a car had run off the road near the 400 block of Route 9W. When officer Berben arrived on the scene, he saw Zelaya's car had struck a NiMo power pole. Zelaya was standing by the car and appeared injured from the crash.

Berben began to perform field sobriety tests, but stopped when it became clear Zelaya needed medical attention. Upon the arrival of an ambulance, Zelaya initially refused medical treatment, but he was taken to the Albany Medical Center's emergency room, where he consented to a blood test for alcohol.

Zelaya was given an appearance ticket to appear in town court Tuesday, March 3, at 4 p.m.

Tune in for special program

Tune in to cable channel 31 in Bethlehem and New Scotland on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. for "Saratoga National Cemetery: An Introduction," with James Wilson.

Wilson serves as chair of the Veterans Administration's Saratoga National Cemetery support committee.

The cemetery is scheduled to open in the summer of 1999. It is located on Route 4 near the Saratoga Battlefield National Historical Park.

Historical group to meet at Cedar Hill

Bethlehem Historical Association will meet on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse in Selkirk.

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Pilot

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that somewhere, and I can't tell you whether it's in Washington, D.C., or Miami, people are very unhappy with anybody expressing any humanitarian interest in Cuba," Harmon said. "This irrational concern blinds the review of any pilot (who lands there)."

William Pericak, the Assistant U.S. Attorney who litigated Harmon's case, flatly denied Harmon's charge of a government vendetta as "inaccurate." Pericak said any pilot who lands in a foreign capital, communist or otherwise, when such a landing is forbidden under an embargo, would be investigated.

Pericak laughed at the notion that Harmon was singled out. "Basically, he's just making it up," Pericak said.

Kindlon declined to say whether he agrees with Harmon's view of the government, saying, "I think I'll leave the politics and the philosophy to Dr. Harmon," but he did talk about the legal end of Harmon's situation.

"I felt the government was within the law in its actions," Kindlon, of the Albany law firm Kindlon & Shanks, said. "I (also) felt Mil's response was understandable, and there was a conflict between those two positions. That's the conflict that was resolved."

The biggest disagreement between the parties in this case is whether Harmon experienced an airborne emergency while Ten Romeo was flying over Cuba last Easter Sunday. Harmon said engine trouble forced him to violate U.S. law by landing at Josi Marti International Airport in Havana. He spent two days in Cuba.

Although the government chose not to question Harmon's story in court, Pericak said, "We expressed doubt ... whether, as a factual matter, that emergency actually happened."

A change in plans

The reasons why Harmon flew over Cuban airspace are complicated. He spent about two years trying to obtain licenses from the Departments of Treasury and Commerce, both of which need to authorize Cuba trips. Initially, he said he wanted to set an air speed record; later, he re-applied for permission to deliver medicine.

In September 1996, Harmon visited Cuba to make arrangements for the distribution of the medicine he planned to bring there. His 1996 visit was authorized by the U.S. Government.

Yet when Harmon's March 30, 1997 departure date neared, he received notice from the Commerce department that he could not return to Cuba in Ten Romeo. Harmon immediately filed an alternate flight plan to Grand Cayman, Bahamas, because an associate there promised to deliver the medicine to Cuba.

Harmon still included Cuba in his flight plan, though. He wanted to fly over Cuba to set an air speed record from Washington, D.C., to Havana, because it had been nearly 40 years since light aircraft had flown that route.

But, Harmon said, when he reached Cuba, an engine leak sent motor oil flying into the air and onto Ten Romeo's windshield. He landed in Cuba, and while his plane was being repaired, he distributed the \$50,000 worth of asthma inhalers and penicillin his plane was carrying.

Harmon said he did not spend any American currency in Cuba in order to comply with U.S. regulations. His expenses there were paid by the Institute of Civil Cuban Aviation (IACC), which Harmon described as equivalent to the FAA. This was the organization with which Harmon had originally arranged to distribute the medicine.

Pericak questioned why Harmon distributed the medicine, because the cargo wasn't hampering Ten Romeo's ability to fly. "What's his excuse for unloading the plane?" Pericak asked. "It's not like he needed to." Pericak suggested Harmon's behavior showed willful disregard of the embargo against Cuba.

Harmon left Cuba on April 1 and flew to Grand Cayman, where more work was done on his plane. His final stop before flying home was Freeport, Bahamas, where a last set of repairs was done.

When Harmon called home to report his plans, his assistant read him an April 5 *Times Union* article indicating that a \$55,000 fine might be levied against him for his illegal Cuba landing. Harmon wasn't surprised, as he had researched the Cuba trip for two years and was familiar with fines for illegal landings.

Nonetheless, Harmon broke another law during his trip home. After leaving Freeport, he decided to violate the Customs Service law requiring flights from Cuba to land in Miami.

Worries about Miami

Harmon said he did not want to land in Miami because of anti-Cuban sentiment there. During his research, he said he learned of incidents where Cuban expatriates living in Miami allegedly vandal-

ized aircraft used in humanitarian missions to the communist country.

Also, Harmon said he spoke with a Miami area friend whose Web page features reports about Ten Romeo's various international flights. Harmon asked his friend if she wanted to post a notice about the Cuba flight, and he paraphrased her response as, "I wouldn't dare do that, because if any one of my Cuban neighbors saw my name on that, my tires would be slashed tomorrow."

Although he does not have proof that his plane or his safety would have been endangered in Miami, Harmon said he didn't want to take the risk.

(After the initial interview for this story, Harmon wrote a note to *The Spotlight* supplementing his explanation that fear of vandalism was his reason for avoiding Miami. "I knew Ten Romeo would be confiscated upon touchdown in the U.S.," Harmon wrote. "I did not want to stay in (a) Miami motel for \$90 per night for the weeks or months (it would take) to clear the problem.")

To avoid stopping in Miami, Harmon filed two flight plans before he left Freeport. The first was a flight from Freeport to West Palm Beach, and the second was from West Palm Beach to Albany.

On April 6, Harmon notified Customs Service officials of his plans in a fax from Freeport. In the fax, he said, "Rest assured all Customs matters will be resolved to your satisfaction at home base in Albany."

Harmon said the reason he did not fly directly from Freeport to Albany has to do with the Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ), a strip of airspace around America. A Freeport-to-Albany flight would be unusual, so Air Force planes would have to intercept any plane flying that route and perform an inspection.

The two flight plans Harmon filed from Freeport are not unusual.

Harmon left Freeport April 7 and flew to West Palm Beach, but he did not land there. Instead, he requested activation of his second flight plan. "By activating the second flight plan while I was airborne, I penetrated the ADIZ legally," Harmon said.

"Had he just landed in Miami, he would have avoided a substantial amount of penalties," Pericak said.

Coming home

Despite taking the precaution of filing two flight plans, Harmon was still in violation of U.S. laws, so two Air Force jets were dispatched to accompany Ten Romeo

to Albany. Harmon isn't coy about why he was given a military escort. "Do you think they put two chase planes on my tail for 1,100 miles if they didn't think I was dealing with drugs?"

Harmon's frustration is that the Customs Service could have arranged for the inspection of Ten Romeo either in Grand Cayman or Freeport. "They could have asked that I be inspected by local authorities there," he said. "Having been in communication with Customs and Treasury (representatives) for two years, I think they knew very well I wasn't involved in drugs."

"They were unhappy enough that I had an airborne emergency that resulted in medicine being distributed (to Cubans) that they wanted to punish me," Harmon said.

Pericak disagreed strongly. "My response to that is, when the president issues an embargo because Cubans have shot down American airplanes, Americans ought to respect that embargo," the U.S. attorney said.

Harmon admits he broke the law, but feels the way the government pursued him was excessive. "They knew I couldn't get away from them. I'm an American, so they knew I had to come home," he said. "They wanted to bide their time."

Although the legalities surrounding Harmon's trip are confusing and the volume of related paperwork overwhelming, the end result of Harmon's Easter Sunday flight was that he achieved his goal of delivering medicine to Cuba.

In a newsletter he wrote between receiving Commerce's refusal to authorize a Cuba visit and leaving Washington for Grand Cayman, Harmon wrote, "I had great hope of tying Washington and Havana together with a Ten Romeo record flight ... while delivering medicines for children."

In the newsletter, he described the penalties for landing in Cuba, then added, "I will not violate this law." He also criticized the American embargo against Cuba: "With no reason, no common sense or

compassion," he wrote, "(the embargo) has dehumanized our great country of its normal generosity and compassion."

Despite his promise that he would not do so, Harmon landed in Cuba. Harmon said the engine trouble that forced him to do so was a coincidence. And although he said repeatedly the only reason he flew over Cuba was to set a Washington-to-Cuba speed record, he wrote a letter to *The Spotlight* that appears in this issue and includes these words: "If only one child's life was saved by those medicines delivered by Ten Romeo on Easter 1997, the \$34,000 will be paid gladly with a song in my heart."

Government officials spent three months inspecting Ten Romeo because of the possibility he lied about the engine trouble, and that insinuation continues to frustrate him. Harmon said he has videotape of mechanics working on his plane in Cuba and said he wouldn't have risked fees and jail time to deliver medicine to Cuba. "I'm not that generous," he said. "I knew the risk I was taking."

When asked if he lied about the engine trouble, Harmon said, "Absolutely not. I'll swear on a Bible."

Pericak expressed doubt about Harmon's story, but didn't accuse him of lying. "We never litigated that, so I'm not going to comment about that," he said.

Kindlon stands by his client. "I guess the superficial view, that he was angry, he was determined to (land in Cuba) and he did it, if he was some wild 23-year-old, that would make sense," Kindlon said. "But (here) you have a man who has dedicated his life to public service."

Kindlon added that one of the only people who could corroborate Harmon's story — the Cuban mechanic who allegedly worked on his plane — wasn't heard from during the investigation. "I'll be damned if I can figure how to get a Cuban airplane mechanic to Albany to testify in a trial," Kindlon said. In addition to the visa issues of transporting a Cuban national

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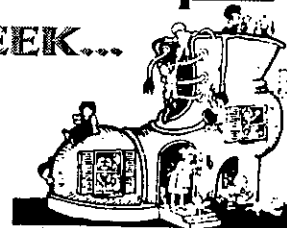
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Matters of Opinion

Award is a good idea

Another Bethlehem Community Partnership task force has come up with yet another splendid idea — an award to honor outstanding youth.

More often than not, we hear of the more negative exploits of young people, especially teen-agers, rather than what many of them accomplish. It's true that academic and athletic achievements are recognized, but not all students excel in these areas.

We at *The Spotlight* are well aware of the good things Bethlehem youth do. For years, we have seen outstanding youth through our young staffers, who work in various capacities at the paper. For the most part the teen-agers who have worked and work here have proven their mettle. They pull their weight and are dependable. They are talented, decent and fun to be around.

More than a handful of these kids came to mind when the task force announced the new award. These are kids who do things for others because they want to, not because they have to.

If you've been touched by something a local teen-ager has done in your church, business or neighborhood, make sure to take the time to fill out a nomination form and send it to Bethlehem Networks Project, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

The good news is

Charles L. Marvin & Company's recent business climate survey had both good and bad news. For the most part it seems small business is enjoying prosperity and many owners are optimistic about turning a profit this year.

Although a smaller number of businesses in Bethlehem as opposed to a wider majority in the area reported growth, they were optimistic about growth this year.

Larger businesses, however, didn't fare as well, and as a result, the overall economy in the region was viewed as stagnant.

In Bethlehem, the good news outweighs the bad, since small business is the backbone of the town in more ways than one. Apart from the services and goods small Bethlehem businesses provide, they act as an ongoing support for many local groups. Youth clubs and teams along with young performers and musicians, time and again go to local business for help. And time and again local business comes through.

Local business deserves any prosperity that comes its way.

A perfect choice

One of the area's most respected politicians has ended a short retirement to take over the reins of the county Republican committee.

Fred Field's decades of personal experience winning state legislative and townwide elections will no doubt be an asset to the party, as will his nice-guy, straight-shooter reputation.

We hope Field will work to nurture his party's grass roots.

Specifically, we hope Field will be able to attract credible candidates for difficult races. In too many legislative and congressional districts, both in the region and around the country, the American two-party system is a sham.

There seems to be a quiet conspiracy with both parties giving incumbents a free ride.

Republicans have never mounted a serious challenge to U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty, D-Green Island, who represents Colonie, or to assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, D-Cohoes, and John McEneny, D-Albany.

In politics as in business, competition is vastly preferable to monopoly. In return for taxpayer subsidy of elected and patronage jobs, Republicans and Democrats owe the citizenry an honest, forthright rivalry.

Editorials

Black history is everybody's business

By Diana Budhai

The writer is director of multicultural affairs at Siena College

February has been declared Black History Month. The purpose was to set aside time to learn about a group of Americans whose history has been largely ignored and omitted from the recorded history and cultural development of the United States.

This omission is clearly evident in the textbooks used in our schools at all levels. To rectify this, education departments nationwide are now struggling with what many call "the curriculum of inclusion," designed to correct the omissions and distortions of the cultural contributions of African-Americans.

In like manner, this "curriculum of inclusion" will feature the historical and cultural accomplishments of other minority groups, such as Native Americans, Latinos and Asian-Americans.

The major challenge in writing the "curriculum of inclusion" is that American history and American cultural development needs to be rewritten for this "inclusion" to occur.

African-Americans recognized this need very early on and began painstakingly to reconstruct and record their history and culture from the past, starting in Africa and bringing it to the present.

The first to lay the foundation for this was William Edward Burghart DuBois (1868-1963), who published works on the black experience for 80 of the 95 years of his life.

It was Carter Woodson, however, who became known as the father of black history. He made great contributions to research about blacks by analyzing existing records and by developing new information.

He wrote the first general history of African-Americans, entitled *The Negro in Our History*, in 1922, which became a standard reference book for information on African-American life.

Woodson's work inspired a

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widespread appreciation of black history by founding what was then called Negro History Week and now called Black History Month, with a goal of bringing that appreciation beyond the classroom.

Black studies has grown to be a viable academic program that encompasses the humanities, social sciences, science and general intellectual development. Its purpose is to address the omissions of past historical accounts of the African-American people.

Many Americans may be inclined to think that this is wonderful for African-Americans, but see no importance nor connection of any of this to their own lives. This

The imperative is on. We will be supervised by, or will supervise, those with whom some Americans have had little contact, and about whom there is little knowledge, respect and appreciation.

has been at the heart of many racial conflicts in the United States.

Anglo-Saxon history and culture have been the dominant force in the development of this country from the earliest times. Later arrivals of other Caucasian groups have been able to assimilate, throwing off the vestiges of their country of origin, by the third generation. This was not true for those groups with recognizable features or skin color or for those who wanted to maintain ties with their roots.

This dominance has led to a type of caste system despite the professed egalitarian ethos of the country. Some Americans were denied financial, educational and

social opportunities for equal participation in the society. Resentment and tensions mounted and in the 1960s, some progress was made with the institution of affirmative action. With the impending demise of these laws, there may be some regression, which is all the more reason for the general public to develop an appreciation of black history.

We are taking with us into the 21st century a form of racism that is even more insidious and dangerous than in the first years of the struggle for dominance and control of Anglo-Americans over other groups.

The proud motto of the United States, "*e pluribus unum*," means "one out of many." It is ironic that a nation, founded on the premise that it was formed by many different ethnic and racial groups, has demonstrated such enormous difficulty, for such a long period of time, in resolving racial conflicts among the "many."

It is also ironic that a nation, whose government declares that it is "of the people, for the people, by the people," experiences great difficulty viewing its members as equal participants of one integrated, democratic society, devoid of a caste system.

The Hudson Institute conducted a study for the Department of Labor approximately 11 years ago, with some astounding results. Those groups that have been referred to as "minorities" will be the numeric majority by the year 2010. The workforce will be vastly different.

The study shows that about 84 percent of all new entrants to the world of work will be women, minorities and new immigrants. Currently, the population of many large cities ranges from 42 percent to 60 percent people of color.

The imperative is on. We will be supervised by, or will supervise, those with whom some Americans have had little contact, and about whom there is little knowledge, respect and appreciation. All these Americans have helped to shape this country.

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Your Opinion Matters

Is library getting best value for cost?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The proposal for the library parking lot expansion poses some interesting questions. Fraser & Associates has designed this project with a budget of \$250,000. Was the project put out to bid, and if not, why not? If it was, was Fraser the only bidder? The lowest bidder.

Given the questionable quality of this firm's most recent work for the town, are we taxpayers to assume that Fraser can construct a parking lot better than a water system?

The director of the library said in *The Spotlight* that she was unfamiliar with the lawsuit and the water system issues. She must be the only person in the town who is not. I would hope that the persons involved in deciding and recommending such costly development projects at taxpayer expense would be aware of the total picture to ensure we are getting the best product for our dollars. What factors were considered in this decision?

For \$250,000, parking capacity is to increase from 93 to 129 vehicles, or 36 parking spaces. This amounts to more than \$6,900 for each additional parking space. Is this cost comparable to other similar parking expansions?

The CMI senior housing project seems to be uncertain at present. If that project should fail, there is the opportunity to acquire a vacant lot adjacent to the library. Would this lot prove suitable to the parking needs of the library?

Would it be a better value and more economical, leaving more tax-

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payer money for other library improvements?

I support the need to expand access to the library and its services. My question is, is this project that goes before voters and taxpayers on May 19, the

Library should stay within its budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem library is a beautiful, fully stocked place of reference for the community. According to an article in the *Times Union* last year, it is also the most expensive library to maintain in all of New York state and possibly the country.

The \$250,000 the library now wants for additional parking should come out of their existing

best value to the community for the money?

Before I can support this particular proposal, I would like to have satisfactory answers to the above questions from the library board of trustees and/or the school board.

Floyd Henderson
Delmar

budget if they feel this large expense is necessary. Please don't ask the majority of people who seldom step foot in the library to foot the bill again.

We all have to live within our budget and that should include our very generous library budget which increases every year.

James Murray
Selkirk

Wrestling booster says thank you for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The 13th annual JV wrestling tourney was very successful this year. The tourney has grown over the years, and this year 16 teams participated.

One of the reasons it was so successful was because of the support of local businesses.

The Bethlehem wrestlers and Booster Club thank Andriano's Pizzeria, Bruegger's, Delmar Marketplace, Dunkin' Donuts, Freihofer's, Grand Union, Hannaford, Mr. Subb, Price Chopper, Prinzo's Bakery and Stewart's.

Rose Menneto
Bethlehem Booster Club

Residents should keep library in tip-top shape

Editor, The Spotlight:

I just read Russ DeYoe's letter concerning the proposed parking lot expansion at Bethlehem Public Library, and I agree that he is indeed "having some problems with the math."

Adding 36 spaces to the current 93 is a 38.7 percent increase (about 40 percent), not the 28 percent that it "seems to him."

Perhaps if there were more parking spaces, he would be able to get to the library more and read some books to learn to calculate percentages!

The library is one of this town's greatest assets, and I applaud the

move to make it more accessible. For once, I would like to see this community's support, rather than attack a project that enhances Bethlehem's quality of life.

We shouldn't be afraid to spend the money to maintain such a beautiful community. We have a wonderful home here — let's learn to appreciate it and take good care of it.

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Your Opinion Matters

Library had better focus on technology needs

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to the recent news story on the library's \$250,000 plan for expanding parking.

The 21st century is all about increasing bandwidth, not increasing parking lot capacity. If you spend more time in our library, you will quickly discover there is an information technology gap. For example, the staff person responsible for the CD-ROM collection does not have a computer with a CD-ROM reader and Internet access to the library catalog is not available.

Our library has a 20th-century approach — to use the resources requires an in-person visit. The 21st century, however, operates on

a very different wavelength — it serves virtual users.

Instead, let's think of spending the \$250K on computer hardware and software for the library, and staff support for using computer technology. A virtual visit to any university library will quickly show you what college freshmen are expected to use.

Also, looking into the future, it's possible that patrons will borrow passwords for four weeks to access books on CD over the Internet from their home PC. No more worrying about due dates, lost books and delaying library visits because of scheduling conflicts.

Oskar Harmon
Glenmont

NiMo happy to spread the word

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for your coverage of our redevelopment plan for the Albany Steam Station. We believe it is vital for the citizens of Bethlehem and surrounding towns to understand how the changes being proposed at this plant may affect them. The coverage your paper is providing is one important means of achieving this.

As you reported, Niagara Mohawk plans to offer the existing Albany plant for sale through a competitive auction later this year. However, while the company has stated that it reserves right to reject any bid that it deems too low, it has not set any specific minimum bid level.

Certainly, one goal is to achieve the highest price we can for our generation plants. But with the principal objective of divestiture of these plants being the establishment of a competitive generation market in New York state, setting a minimum bid level for Albany anywhere near its assessed valuation of \$257 million would be counterproductive.

On the second item, the plan for redevelopment of Albany

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Steam Station is being pursued because we believe the plant as it currently exists is unlikely to be competitive in a deregulated environment. While we think the plant has great potential if reconstructed with state-of-the-art generating units, we do not think it will last until 2010 without the investment of capital envisioned in our redevelopment plan.

One of our major tasks is to inform the citizens of the region about our project and to give them an effective opportunity to participate in its development. As part of this effort, we are holding a public meeting at Glenmont Elementary School on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss our plans for the Bethlehem Energy Center. We want to talk to your readers, and we encourage them to attend.

Michael J. Mathis
project manager

Editor's Note: The information about the auction came from NiMo spokesman Nicholas Lyman, who did not give a figure, but said NiMo

would set a minimum bid.

The information about the life expectancy of the plant came from page 7, section 2, of NiMo's December, 1997 pre-application report, which reads, "Although (the Albany Steam Station's) service life was initially projected to be about 40 years, continued capital improvements and effective maintenance have potentially extended the projected life of the plant to about the year 2010." This section does not indicate the plant needs to be restructured to last until 2010.

Parents might want to check out teens at lanes

Editor, The Spotlight:

If you drop your kids off at the Rock 'n' Bowl at Del Lanes Saturday night, beware. It may not be the safe haven that you think it is.

Fights, possible gang activity, police and ambulance calls are not unusual. Saturday, Jan. 31, there was a 16-year-old found unconscious from too much alcohol.

There may be supervision there, but there is still a bar open to the public with smoking and drinking in the same building. Rock 'n' Bowl does not seem to be "for teens only."

Before you drop your teen off there again, you might want to check it out first.

Donna Asprion
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Your Opinion Matters

Bethlehem ought to pay tribute to special K-9

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I've just read the two articles Special officer and Partner mourns K-9's passing. I imagine that Officer Wayne LaChappelle's life will never be the same. Although I never had the honor of meeting his partner, I recall reading many articles about the Bethlehem Police Department's first police K-9, Grando.

First, I would like to thank Officer LaChappelle for writing and letting us share his treasured moments. I think everyone in the town of Bethlehem would agree with me that we are all very sorry to hear about his death. We all held him in great respect and affection, and we shall miss him. Grando was a rare K-9, and we are grateful that we had the good fortune to know him. We will always think of him as we knew

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him a courageous, intelligent police officer who made us feel safe and good. All of us send Officer LaChappelle our condolences.

So it should be the town of Bethlehem that should be thanking you, Officer LaChappelle, for I feel any dog is a reflection of his owner.

You helped Grando to be our Special Officer, and I hope that the town will have a special tribute for your grand partner.

Cindy Radliff
Selkirk

Editor, The Spotlight:

With the March 2 deadline for filing the state's new School Tax Relief (STAR) program rapidly approaching, town officials are particularly pleased by the large number of eligible residents who are already signed up to receive a cut in their school property tax bill.

To date, more than 1,100 Bethlehem seniors have had their names entered in the assessor's office computers and are eligible for tax cuts in their September school tax bills. Among this number are 400 residents who are already benefitting from the low income seniors' tax exemption, and who will receive further reductions under the STAR program.

I congratulate and thank David Leafer and the employees in our assessor's office for assisting and continuing to assist our senior citizen population and successfully aiding them in the process to ensure that they receive this very important tax cut in their school taxes. I am in favor of tax cuts

wherever and whenever possible, and any program that reduces property taxes and puts money back in people's pockets has my support.

To be eligible for STAR tax cuts later this year, a person must be age 65 or older with a household income of \$60,000 or less. If you are already receiving a partial school tax exemption for low income seniors, there is no need to apply for STAR.

The assessor's office will automatically see that you are enrolled and that you will receive an additional benefit from the STAR program.

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Sheila Fuller
Bethlehem supervisor

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Reader believes staff deserves some support

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank *The Spotlight* for writing such an insightful article on the lack of a contract for Bethlehem Central workers.

This group works beyond the call of duty. They are an instrumental group who manage to keep the schools running in an orderly fashion. They are a group who have a low profile, and they do not have the clout the teachers have.

This support staff has been working without a contract since July 1996. Some people in the district are wearing orange buttons with BCUEA on them, the union that is trying to negotiate for this group.

Prior to Feb. 20, no one would meet with this group to negotiate. This dedicated support staff deserves the attention and respect other professionals warrant.

It is neglectful and irresponsible to let this issue continue to be unresolved.

Where is the leadership to act on this? This support staff is a large voting block. It seems that voters would remember this issue and vote out anyone involved in this indecision. I would.

Patricia Kane
Delmar

Correction

There was an editing error in Frannie Markel's letter in the Feb. 11 issue. Her father Frank Andriano died 26 years ago.

Fax it to us

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Your Opinion Matters

Pilot pleased as punch with return of aircraft

Editor, The Spotlight

It is a pleasure to share with neighbors and friends that on Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m., I signed an agreement with the U.S. Government which enabled me to regain ownership of my Beech-36, Ten Romeo. For \$34,000, the government agreed to return my aircraft.

I had the right to press for Ten Romeo's return through a jury trial. However, Albany suffers a shortage of federal judges as does many parts of our country. That could mean another year and a half before the matter would come to court.

Frankly, only those who fly can know the frustrations of being grounded for 10 months. For the first time in 35 years I have not had my aircraft to jump into at the "drop of a hat." An aircraft is a tool for "soothing one's soul." Being airborne only 10 minutes allows worldly cares to slip out of one's consciousness. The thought of existing for the next 18 months as I have the last 10 was not a consideration.

So — it's time to leave behind my misunderstanding with the

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government and get on with being an effective humanitarian.

It is important that I thank William C. Pericak of the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Hon. Ralph W. Smith Jr., U.S. magistrate judge, and the Hon. Thomas J. McAvoy, senior U.S. District Court judge. Pressure from Washington seemed determined to take Ten Romeo from me as punishment, and that would have happened except that these three were concerned for my interests.

And Terry Kindlon, my lawyer, has been a partner beyond compare on this difficult road. He is a friend and neighbor who knew of Ten Romeo's historical and humanitarian accomplishments.

As an experienced fellow pilot, he did his best to explain to Washington bureaucrats the emotional quandary a pilot feels when airborne and faced with a mechanical emergency that might be life-threatening.

I will now move to other humani-

tarian needs but will look back upon the last two year's efforts with three goals accomplished:

1. A fuel sample from a normal refueling on the ramp at Jose Marti International Airport has tested in Chicago at 104.4 octane. My fellow ABS and AOPA pilots need not worry about the quality of Havana fuel once sanctions are lifted. (That will be sooner than most believe — remember the Berlin Wall!)

2. Ten Romeo has tied Washington and Havana, a Communist capital, with a first flight speed record as was done with Washington and Moscow in 1987. Ten Romeo opened Soviet skies to Western sport pilots as one of the first major events that portended great changes in the world as we know it. It will happen again!

3. Ten Romeo provided unexpected benefits to Cuban children with the delivery of \$50,000 of medicine.

Of course it is disappointing to lose \$34,000 of my personal resources to the U.S. government. As a full-time humanitarian since my retirement, those

resources were committed in 1983 to serve humanitarian needs.

Neither I, nor friends all over the country who donated those medicines, can know the full extent of the relief of children's suffering resulting from our efforts. If only one child's life was saved by those medicines delivered by Ten Romeo on Easter 1997 the \$34,000 will be paid gladly with a song in my heart.

Before Ten Romeo's flight to Havana few Americans knew that medicines are prohibited under U.S. sanctions against Cuba.

The Pope's visit has corrected this oversight by making clear through TV coverage that the children of Cuba are suffering terribly because of the lack of medicine.

I will now place my efforts behind those attempting to find ways for medicine to reach children 90 miles from U.S. shores. Your prayers would be appreciated.

Millard Harmon

Delmar

The facts are facts

Editor, The Spotlight:

I enjoyed Peter Hanson's piece on romance in last week's *Spotlight*. However, it does contain one glaring error.

He states: "The unmistakable attraction between 'Bogie' the tough guy and his young smoky voiced co-star reflected a commitment the two shared until Bogart's death in 1957, even today, four decades after he died, Bacall still hasn't remarried." Few would argue with the first part of this statement. However, after Bogart's death Bacall did marry actor Jason Robards with whom she had a son (actor Sam Robards) and eventually divorced. In her autobiography, *By Myself*, Bacall blames the divorce largely on Robard's alcoholism but maintains she and Robards have remained friendly.

While I feel this oversight in no way undercuts Mr. Hanson's argument, the facts are the facts.

Dorothy Benson

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Your Opinion Matters

Long-term relationships carry tedious baggage

By Katherine McCarthy

I spent the few days before Valentine's Day pondering last week's Point of View column, in which Peter Hanson lamented the lack of current movies about couples building long-term relationships. My conclusion won't shock anybody who's been together with somebody for a long time. The day-to-day work that keeps a couple together is boring, tedious stuff, hardly anything you'd pay money to watch in the movies.

If you read the women's and parenting magazines, which I do way too often, you'd believe that couples everywhere are scheduling appointments to discuss the problems in their marriages, the women are trying out kicky new lipsticks while memorizing tips to keep the passion in the relationship, and the men are doing half, if not more, of the household chores. I buy those magazines for the fiction, but like men with a certain other publication, can't resist the rest. It makes me feel like I did when I first encountered the Dick and Jane readers, and the father came home in a suit and hat to a wife with pearls cooking a roast, while the children spent their time intently observing Spot.

Just as my childhood bore little resemblance to Dick and Jane's, so is my marriage a long cry from what Redbook and Good Housekeeping offer up as the ideal. I suspect I'm not alone. Sometimes it's not the talking, but where you hold your tongue, that keeps things going. Like there's this pile of clothes in our bedroom that probably warrants a scheduled discussion. That pile is easily the most passionate part of our 11 and a half year marriage: discarded every night, they're a tangled, spent heap. Every few days, I put that pile on the bed, sort mine

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out and put them away, and leave his for him to put away. Every few days, his go back to the floor. I know I've asked him to put them away—even nicely, I think—but, there they are. Sometimes I stare at them, defeated, and tell myself it would only take a few minutes to put some away, and some in the hamper. Sometimes I mutter at them, oh, sure you're not going anywhere till I take you there. Sometimes I listen to him complain about the lack of clean underwear and wonder if he'll make the connection to the pile of clothes right next to his dresser. Sometimes I rage at them—Why can't he put you away? It's such a little thing! But that's exactly the point: it is such a little thing, and I make my point by putting them on his side of the bed, so he has to move them before he can get some sleep, the real element every married person covets. But I'm not going

to go to war over heaped-up clothes in a room we're hardly ever in.

I know he keeps his mouth shut about lots of things too. Like my complaining that he never gives me his ATM receipts, only to find out that we're short on cash because I've overpaid the VISA bill. Or the fact that most nights, dinner is clearly an afterthought, and not anything worth rushing home to. And that freelance writing would never pay the mortgage, but puts me in our study a lot of evenings, leaving him to his own devices. Lest you think ours is a marriage of bitter silence, it's not. We talk a lot. About his job, about my work, about the upkeep of the house, and we spend hours and hours discussing our children. Ah, children. The glue that holds us together; the elastic that threatens to snap far too often. Will we ever have another uninterrupted conversation? Do we discipline our kids too little, or are we too firm with them? Do their teachers appreciate them for the geniuses they are? Is that snuffle just a cold

or will we be up in the night, holding a sick child in a steamy bathroom? Why are they so fresh to us? Why do they fight with each other one minute and wrap their arms around each other the next? Still, though, we love each other, even in the middle of a northeastern February, when we can't expand our relationship to the space of a deck, front porch, or back yard, maybe armed with a glass of wine, certainly ready to let the evening warmth soothe work-weary bodies. In search of mid-winter inspiration to our marriage and armed with last week's *Spotlight*, I joined the crowd at Video World, hoping for a romantic boost from one of Peter's Picks. It was a strikeout; no *Roman Holiday*, no *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and no *Adam's Rib*, even. And a whole shelf full of Meg Ryan movies. OK, *When Harry Met Sally...* was gone, but there was *Sleepless in Seattle* and my favorite, *French Kiss*. But I wasn't here to mistake lust for love, so I kept hunting for classics. I came away with *An Af-*

fair to Remember, and concluded that yup, I'm too cynical for an old movie. I know I like those fluffy Meg Ryan movies because they remind me of who I was—if never that willowy and certainly never with hair that fluffy—and how it felt when I first fell in love with Chris. Like when she takes Tom Hanks' hand on top of the Empire State Building, and I remembered staring for hours into Chris' eyes, feeling like I'd come home to someplace I hadn't known I was looking for. There's relatively little soulful gazing these days, and home is now a place that sounds like it's going to need a new dishwasher soon, but for a minute watching that movie, I'm young and thin again with all of New York at my love-struck feet. Maybe it is escapism, but that's romance to me: rising above the monotony of the daily routine to remember where you started, which is when a pile of laundry was just a pile of laundry, and Shake and Bake chicken by candlelight was truly an affair to remember.

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Bethlehem boat builder to become largest on Hudson

By Martin P. Kelly

A North Bethlehem boat building firm will install a 330-ton capacity boat lift in April as a result of a loan guarantee and grants from the federal Housing and Urban Development Canal Corridor Initiative.

Scarano Boat Building Inc., located in the Port of Albany in North Bethlehem, will spend \$575,000 on the project which will expand the size and type of boat repairs and construction the firm can accommodate, making it the largest in the state.

This project is one of five requested by Albany County in its canal initiative grant application. Other projects include work on two Quackenbush Square facilities in Albany, rehabilitation of the former Hudson River Day Line ticket office

building in Albany as a new restaurant, and waterfront revitalization in Coeymans.

"After months of working with local governments and businesses, I am pleased that Albany County has secured federal support for these four projects through the Canal Corridor Grant," said County Executive Michael Breslin.

The county's application called for \$670,000 in federal grants and \$2 million in guaranteed loan funds. There will be another \$2 million in private and other financing to complement the HUD initiative.

According to Richard Scarano, an officer of the boat building firm, the lack of proper boat transfer and hoisting equipment made

it difficult to attract additional business because of the limit to size and type of boat which could be serviced. The business was started in 1975 by John Scarano as a boat repair shop in the Port of Albany. "But, in the mid-'80s, we became

right grant of \$150,000 to cover the cost of the project. In addition, there is a HUD grant of \$50,000 for interest payment.

"Currently, we're working with private bridge loans until the fed-

project calls for the purchase of a Marine Travelift Mobile Boat Hoist from a firm in Wisconsin, which will accommodate hauling and launching capabilities for boats up to 150-tons.

"When the Friendship (170-foot-long) is placed in the water, it will be taken to Salem where we will continue to work on it," Scarano said. "Five or six of our staff will travel to Salem and manage a local Salem staff of 20 persons.

"We expect to work on another two boats this year, one as early as April," Scarano said. "This new lift will permit us to work on more boats and also larger boats."

He noted that with the new lift, his firm will be the largest repair yard and ship builder in the state's canal system and on the Hudson River. "The closest in size and equipment will be in Bridgeport, Conn.," Scarano said.

In the past year, the Bethlehem firm also built a 65-foot boat for a customer in Maryland who will use it commercially for taking people around the Chesapeake Bay, Scarano said.

"We have been building two or three boats a year, but this new equipment will permit us to take more building jobs," he acknowledged.

Breslin's office said that once the loan papers are reviewed, the money will be available to Scarano's firm next month.

Currently, we're working with private bridge loans until the federal grants and loan guarantees are in effect.

Richard Scarano

more active in actual building of the boats," Rick Scarano said.

The HUD loan guarantee of \$275,000 for the boat lift project will be combined with private financing of \$150,000 and an out-

eral grants and loan guarantees are in effect," Scarano said.

In his application to HUD, Breslin said "The added revenues and jobs at the Scarano firm as a result of this project represents an economic impact of \$15.6 million and will create an additional 31 jobs in the Capital Region economy."

The Scarano firm currently has 18 employees working on projects which include the \$4.5 million construction of the Friendship, a replica of a late 18th century merchant ship which will be docked in Salem, Mass. as a federal Parks Department tourist attraction.

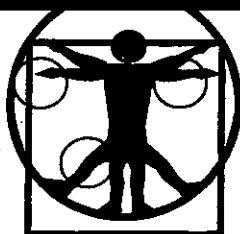
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Five Rivers to host outdoor events

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will host a day of outdoor events on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Olympic bird watching, both indoors and out, starts at 9 a.m. It will be followed by outdoor tree identification.

There will be two snowshoeing events, a 200-yard sprint and 1-mile marathon.

Anyone may enter any or all of the events. Guests are invited to cheer on athletes.

Preregistration to participate in Olympic events is required by Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Admission is free. Dress for the outdoors. For information, call 475-0291.

Princeton Review rep to visit library

A representative from the Princeton Review will discuss techniques to improve PSAT and SAT scores on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

High school sophomores and juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. Call 439-9314 to register.

Support group to meet at Wellspring

Coping and Caring, a support group for the adult children of aging parents, will meet on Wednesdays, March 11 and 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Senior Quarters at Wellspring at 140 Washington Ave. Extension in Albany.

The support group covers numerous topics involving relationships with, and care of aging parents, including socialization, nutritional and diet issues, forgetfulness and confusion, health care, personal hygiene and the availability of support services.

Professionals from the staff of Wellspring will be on hand at all support sessions to help answer questions.

For information, call 869-0211.

Mother's group to meet at church

Mother's Time Out will host its weekly meeting on Monday, Feb. 23, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave.

Child care is provided.

Mother's Time Out is a Christian Support Group for mothers of preschoolers. New participants are always welcome. For information, call 439-9929.

Historical Association plans garden program

Master gardener Denise Campbell will discuss starting seeds for spring on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. at a meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse in Selkirk.

The public is invited to attend. For information, call 439-3916.

RCS to host wrestling sectionals

RCS Senior High School will host the Class B wrestling sectionals on Friday, Feb. 19, from 2 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Becker School PTA to meet Feb. 24

A. W. Becker Elementary School PTA will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

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Library to host book talks

RCS Community Library will hold the first of a series of three book talks on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m.

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines will be discussed.

Linda Marshall will facilitate the program. Copies of the book are available at the library.

For information, call 756-2053.

Ravena woman on dean's list

Congratulations to Josephine

Tracey of Ravena who was recently named to the dean's list at Tufts University.

Middle school students win trip

RCS Middle School students Katie Wilsey and Aubrey Maki were fourth place winners in the Stock Market Game.

Both girls won a trip to visit the New York Stock Exchange.

Titanic talk rescheduled

George Tulloch's talk on the *Titanic* has been rescheduled to Friday, March 13.

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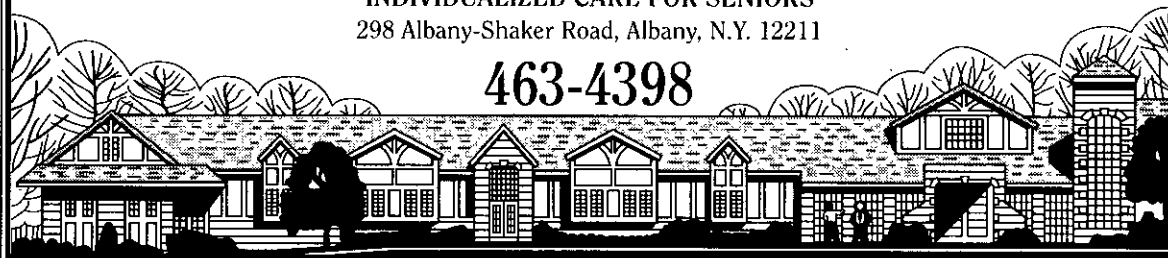
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Facility moves closer to information age

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tration, the library is now using the online public access catalog. For the library user, this means that the familiar card catalog as disappeared and been replaced with computers.

Patrons can now sit down and

explore for themselves the resources available for research. Young people seem to have no problem with this, but for those of us who find the prospect a little daunting, you can be sure that the reference librarians will be happy to introduce you to the process and help with requests. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

Barbara Vink

Clarksville woman studies in Ireland

Meredith Moriarty of Clarksville, a junior at William Smith College, spent the fall term at University College, Galway.

Career counseling available

Adults looking for work without benefit of high school or college career services can get free counseling at the library. Mary Ellen Stewart, who served for two decades as associate director of SUNY Albany's Career Center, is

cal, real-world advice to her clients.

Stewart's clientele generally falls into two groups: educated women living locally who are re-entering the work force and unemployed people who need remedial or skill training.

Usually clients need go deeper than resume writing and interview techniques, although Stewart does edit resumes. Those skills are easily learned from a book or video, she said.

These days, the Internet also offers help with the nuts and bolts of the job search. These cyber tools will be demonstrated in Electronic Career Resources, a program scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. Call to register.

For job seekers with serious gaps in basic skills, Stewart recommends adult education pro-

grams such as BOCES. But there is no doubt that a college degree opens up critical options. Stewart can provide information about Empire State College and Regents external degree programs, which are designed for adults for whom traditional college programs are impossible or impractical.

Sometimes job seekers come with good skills but without direction. These clients benefit from Stewart's impartial perspective and personal experience. She strives to get people to look at the world of work in a practical, flexible and creative way.

The library's free career counseling service is offered by appointment on alternating Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings. For information, call the reference desk at 439-9314.

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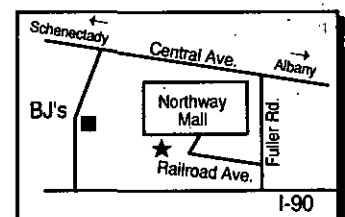
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Legion to serve roast pork dinner Saturday

American Legion Post 1493's auxiliary will serve a family-style roast pork dinner on Saturday, Feb. 21, with sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. at the Legion hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 through 10. Children under 4 eat for free.

For reservations, call 765-4580 or 765-4712.

Cross country skiing set at workshop

Helderberg Workshop on Picard Road will host a family cross country ski day on Sunday, Feb. 22, from noon to twilight.

There will be free instruction from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A warming hut will be available all day.

The program depends on snow conditions. Call ahead to confirm at 765-2777.

Thompson's Lake slates ice fishing contest

Thompson's Lake State Park in East Berne will host its seventh annual ice fishing contest on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Registration and fish measurement will be from 6 a.m. to noon. Live bait will be available on site.

At noon, the Sheriffs Department will conduct an ice rescue demonstration.

Prizes will be awarded at 12:30 p.m. The grand prize is a chartered fishing trip for four on Lake Ontario courtesy of Hookjaw Charters.

Hot food and beverages will be sold by the Friends of Thacher and Thompson's Lake state parks.

Everyone is invited to participate. No all terrain vehicles or snowmobiles are allowed.

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programs at the campground.

For information, call 872-1237.

Pee wee wrestling starts Feb. 24

Registration for pee wee wrestling ends Tuesday, Feb. 24, the first day of practice.

Children in first through eighth-grade are eligible. The registration fee is \$15.

Practice starts at 6 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. For information, call Don Cootware at 765-2761.

Church youth group to serve dinner

The Junior United Methodist Youth Fellowship will dish up a homemade baked macaroni and cheese dinner on Saturday, March 7, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the social hall of the church on Route 85A.

Dinner includes baked macaroni and cheese, salad, a vegetable, bread and butter, dessert and coffee, tea or milk. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 6 and under.

Tickets must be purchased in advance from youth group members or following church services on Feb. 21 and 28.

For information, call the church office at 765-2895.

Churches plan Ash Wednesday service

New Salem Reformed Church, New Scotland Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will

hold a union Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85. Rev. Bruce Miller will give the message and there will be special music.

Everyone is invited to attend.

School board to hold budget workshop

The school board will hold a budget workshop on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

PTA sponsors roller-skating

The PTA will sponsor roller-skating on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the elementary school.

Tickets will be sold in advance at school for \$3.50 each and include skate rental.

School groups slate meetings

The PTA will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

The group is busy planning for its annual Fun Festival on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the elementary school.

The middle level advisory council meets on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the high school library.

Voorheesville Friends of Music meets on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in room 160 at the high school.

Village board to meet Feb. 24

Voorheesville's board of trustees will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Theater/Dance Network has reserved tickets

The Theater/Dance Network has reserved tickets for two shows at Proctor's Theater.

Tickets are available for *Peter Pan* on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. They cost \$39.50 for adults and \$20.50 for children.

Tickets for *Where the Wild Things Are* on Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. cost \$21 for adults and \$11 for children.

Money and reservations are due by March 1. Send checks pay-

able to Voorheesville Central School District to Linda Wolkenbreit at the high school.

For information, call 765-3314 ext. 208.

High school sets up student court

The high school is establishing a student court system to adjudicate discipline problems and ensure that appropriate penalties are assigned and completed.

Sessions will be held after school every week, with two separate judge panels alternating between hearings.

Each panel consists of two seniors and one junior. Seniors Matt Baron, Phil Erner, Cynthia Reed and Christina Schachne, and juniors Caryn Adams and Ryan Nolan have been chosen for the panels.

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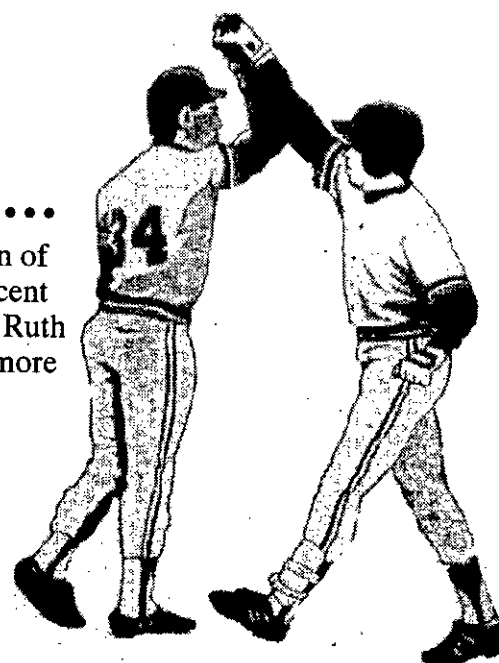
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Sports

BC swim team wins Section II Championship

By Tim Kavanagh

Despite losing their first dual meet in 28 seasons, the Bethlehem Boys Swimming and Diving Squad rallied to win the Section II Championships in decisive fashion, beating second-place Guilderville by 25 points.

The meet was held at Wilbur Lynch Middle School in Amsterdam and was a showcase of Bethlehem's swimmers.

The younger more inexperienced teammates also performed exceptionally well.

"I was amazed at the result," said coach Ken Neff, "our second-stringers performed beyond what I thought they were physically capable of doing."

He also noted that there wasn't a single disappointing performance among the Bethlehem swimmers.

"I was personally in awe many times," he said. "There were a lot of unbelievable efforts on the part of some of the younger swimmers."

"It appears that the rumors of our demise are a little premature."

Shenendehowa swimmers did not perform as well as expected.

The Bethlehem onslaught began on Thursday, Feb. 12, in the trials when juniors **Joe Gerstenzang** and **Todd McCoy** significantly lowered their personal best in the 200-yard freestyle, with McCoy just missing finals in the event.

Next, it was rookie **Pat Davis'** turn to shine and he lowered his best from a 25.2 to a 23.7 and ended up in the finals of the 50-yard freestyle.

Neff said it was these performances that "gave the green light" to the other younger athletes on the team.

Two or three Bethlehem swimmers made the finals.

Shenendehowa and Burnt Hills were expecting big point in the 100-yard breaststroke but Bethlehem had had control of the event with three athletes in the final.

Sophomore **Bob Pasquini** finished third-place, junior **John Porco** was fourth and junior **Ilya Furman** was eighth.

Senior **Steve Corson** won his two individual events, the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races and will go to his fourth straight state meet

aiming to break the sectional record in the 500.

Fellow senior **Scott Strickler** placed fourth in the 50-yard freestyle and nearly beat heavy favorite **Brian Washburn** of Guilderville in the 100-yard backstroke in the process coming within a second of qualifying for junior nationals.

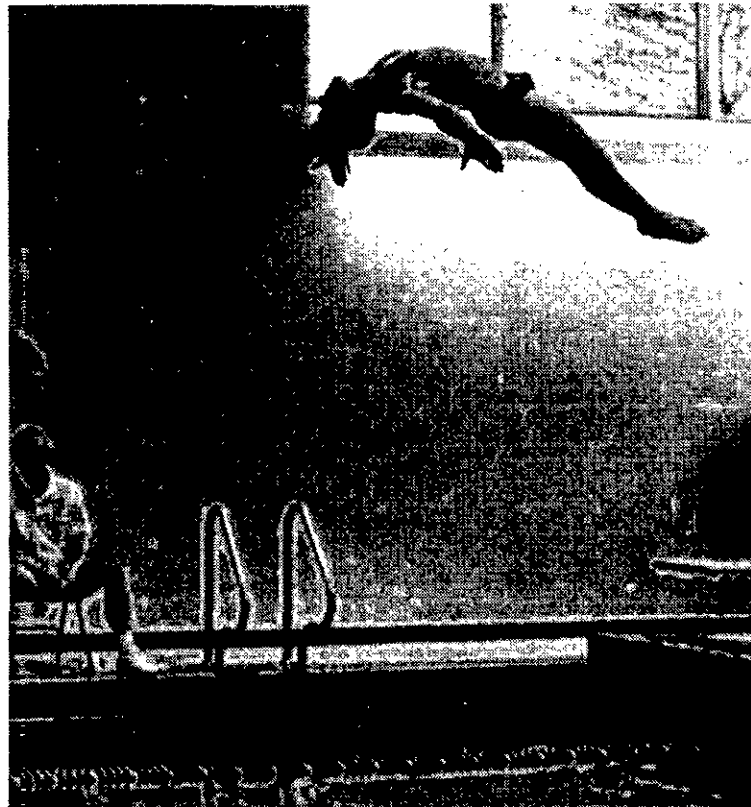
Also placing in the 100-yard backstroke was senior **Tim Carroll** who came in seventh in the finals.

Sophomore **Chris Shaffer** won both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard butterfly. Freshman **Andrew Golden** placed seventh in the 100-yard butterfly.

The 200-yard individual medley relay team of Strickler, Furman, Shaffer and Corson beat the favored Guilderville team.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Shaffer, Davis, Strickler and Corson won with a time of 3:19.44.

Competing well on Friday was the Bethlehem diving contingent. Although none of the four men placed, all dived well, with senior **Mike Smith** and junior **Mark Bassotti** nearly edging into the



Bethlehem diver, Mike Smith competes in a recent meet.

finals.

This was Smith's and Bassotti's first time competing in sectionals.

"I felt after the Burnt Hills loss that this group didn't have much heart or work ethic," Neff said. "But they sure proved me wrong."

"I've learned that you can never

predict what someone can accomplish when they put their mind to it.

"We have a number of athletes who in one year went from nobodies to seasoned veterans. It is especially great to win this meet after such an up-and-down year."

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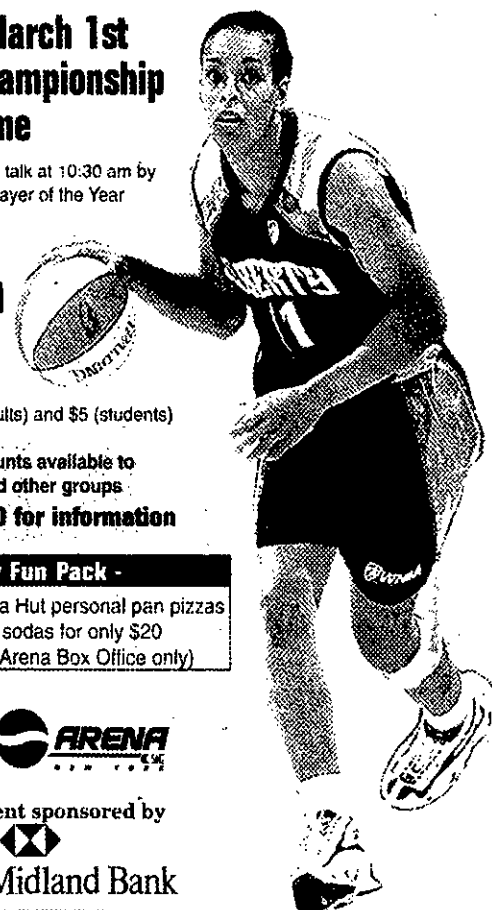
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Cash for kids for college

*Tips on getting a start
on saving for education*

By Katherine McCarthy

Ah, your tiny bundle of joy, beautiful, healthy, happy — and probably going to college someday. What is the best way to save for your child? How can you minimize the tax impact while saving? Will you be eligible for financial aid at the college of your child's choice, or will you need to pay the whole staggering amount?

Mark Bryant, vice president of Bryant Asset Protection in Slingerlands and a certified financial planner, said there is a lot to take into consideration. "There is a tremen-

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dous amount you can do, and a lot you need to know," Bryant said. "There are kiddie tax rules, and a lot of financial implications."

Bryant said the first thing to try and figure out when you start putting money away for your child's education is whether or not you'll be eligible for financial aid. "The Congressional Methodology Boilerplate is the formula used by most universities to assess financial aid eligibility," he said. "The university will work out the numbers, and produce a family's expected contribution. If a family has minimal means, there will be a low family expected contribution. If both parents are doctors or lawyers, they might not get any aid."

"Two major factors that taint the formula," Bryant said, "are how much money is in a child's name, and how much money a child earns. Colleges and universities put more weight on those factors than on the parents' money. For instance, I have a client who has saved a considerable amount of money in his children's names. He makes about \$40,000 a year,



Martha and William Pellettier bank at Elsmere Elementary School.

Katherine McCarthy

which puts him in the 15% tax bracket, and makes him a great candidate for financial aid. He should have set those savings aside in his or his wife's accounts." Bryant said it's illegal to save in your children's names, then cash out when they're teenagers. "You can take money out of a child's account for their economic benefit, or for a camp or educational program," he said. "But that's not money for parents to cash in and then go to Tahiti."

As for children's accounts, Bryant pointed to the Kiddie Tax Law of 1986, a year when there were many changes in the tax laws. Earnings in a child's account that exceed \$1300 are taxed at the parent's rate, before that child is fourteen. After that, they're taxed at the child's bracket, which is based on what they've got.

There's one specific thing people can do to wade through the confusion, Bryant said. "People should go to a certified financial planner," he said, likening his field to other specialties that require highly

trained professionals. "Why do people go to a doctor when their knee hurts, or a dentist when they have a toothache? People tend to do their finances themselves, often researching on the Internet. Well, you can look up knee pain on the Internet, too, but you won't be able to treat it as effectively as if you see a doctor."

Although it may be more effective to save for your children in your own name, Bryant says there is value in teaching children to save. "A lot of people buy EE savings bonds for their children, and you could put that

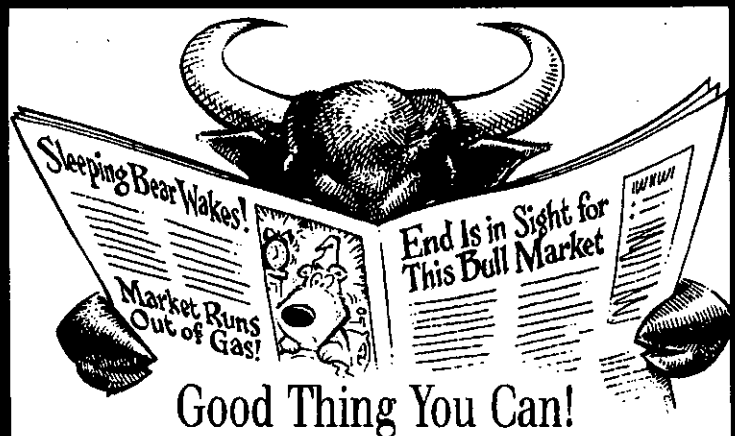
money in a growth mutual fund and get a higher return," he said. "I like to see kids set up an IRA at 13, and with some parents, we'll set up little investment accounts for their kids. It's interesting for them to see how \$200 invested now can become a much larger number by the time they retire."

The Cohoes Savings Bank offers the Save for America program, another way for children to get into the habit of saving.

"Save for America is a national program set up by Sherry Avena, a retired school-teacher and administrator from Bellevue, Washington," explained Kevin Hunziker, assistant vice president and director of business development at Cohoes Savings Bank. Avena combined her computer knowledge with her educational background to create Save For America, which relies on parent volunteers to conduct the in-school banking.

"Save for America was created to teach young children how to develop and maintain a savings plan for the future, and to create a new generation of savers," Hunziker said. "It has four main components: a U.S. Department of Education

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Cohoes Savings Bank began offering the Save for America program in November 1991, and now serves 119 schools in the Capital District. There are over 28,000 accounts, with over \$15 million in deposits. The accounts are available to any child in the school, and any sibling under the age of 18, the parent banking volunteers, school staff members, and children of school staff members.

The best part about the accounts is their interest rate, which is 5.5%. Hunziker feels very strongly that it is crucial that children learn to save. "Our parents were savers; we're spenders," he said. "120% of disposable income is being spent, and that's through credit cards. A woman who was a former teacher developed this program, and it's changing kids' lives."

Cohoes Savings Bank also offers other programs to help parents save for their children. On March 10 & 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Albany Marriott, they will offer a seminar titled *How to Pay for College*.

Elaine van de Carr of State Farm Insurance near the Toll Gate in Slingerlands touts life insurance as a good way to save for children, and a good gift

from a grandparent. "The sooner you buy a policy, the less it costs," she said.

Cyrus Cady, vice president of Dean Witter at 1 Key Corp Plaza in Albany said the key to saving for children is to determine the eventual use of the money. "Are the investments for the children's education?" he asked. "Or is it just for them, to get it out of your name?"

One thing to bear in mind regarding the rate of return, Cady said, is the "Rule of 72." "The Rule of 72 will let you calculate the length of time it takes to double your money at a given interest rate. You divide your interest rate into 72, and the result tells you how long it will take to double your investment. For instance, if you've invested something at 10%, it will

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Mark Bryant

"Once that decision is made, there are a number of excellent vehicles," he said. "Zero coupon tax-free bonds and growth mutual funds are good." For those more conservative, he suggested a convertible bond fund. "This is a hybrid. It is a bond that pays a fixed rate of interest, but has a feature that lets it convert into common stocks," Cady explained.

take you 7.2 years to double that. At 5%, it is more like fourteen years," explained Cady.

Bryant had a piece of advice about college costs, and that was to not shy away from the higher-costing colleges. "A lot of the more expensive schools are well-endowed colleges, and have more money for financial aid."

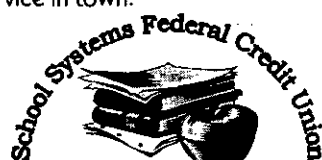
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According to the study, more than 75 percent of respondents felt that individuals should first be consulting with a financial adviser between the ages of 25 and 30. The medium amount people estimated a potential investor would need before talking to an intermediary was \$9,000. These findings were consistent for men and women.

New tax credit for parents

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 creates a new credit for people with children. Not available for 1997 tax returns, some people can count on a child tax credit of \$400 in 1998

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Roth IRA provides a new alternative

By Bill Fonda

Several changes and additions were made to tax laws last summer, one of which was the creation of the Roth Individual Retirement Account.

According to Jack Hastings, senior vice president-investments and financial consultant at A.G. Edwards & Sons at 427 New Karner Road in Colonie, the Roth IRA is "one of the most innovative plans ever devised."

Hastings said the most attractive feature of a Roth IRA is that withdrawals can be completely tax free if you are over age 59 1/2, and if the money has been in the account for five years.

Money in a regular IRA can be withdrawn anytime after age 59 1/2, even if it hasn't been in the account five years, but is taxed as income at the recipient's current rate.

"A Roth investor can realize an awful lot more over his lifetime, once he gets in there and gets the five years invested," Hastings said.

People who have their money in a standard IRA can put that money into a Conversion Roth IRA. Taxes are paid on the transferred amount at the time of conversion. However, there is a one-time benefit this year allowing the tax to be paid over four years.

As good as they sound, Roth IRAs may not be for everyone.



Jack Hastings, working in his Colonie office, takes time out to share his financial wisdom. He believes that the Roth IRAs are a good choice for many people. *Bill Fonda*

For one thing, single filers with annual incomes of more than \$100,000 or joint filers with annual incomes over \$150,000 are not even eligible to open one.

"I don't see any reason to have income limits on them. We should make these IRA's available to any American citizen," Hastings said.

Elizabeth Bergan, a financial adviser with Waddell & Reed on Executive Centre Drive in Albany, said people should proceed with caution before converting an existing IRA.

"Careful consideration of all the factors — including the immediate tax obligation — is

required before deciding that a move to Roth is the best course. In every case, it is a highly individual decision that must be based on personal financial circumstances," she said.

Not only is there an immediate tax obligation on the

Hastings and Bergan endorse it if the situation is right.

"I certainly would recommend it, because in the traditional IRA, the interest, dividends and capital gains grow tax-deferred until withdrawn.

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conversion, the assets from the traditional IRA could move an investor into an artificially higher tax bracket. Bergan said she recently worked with a client who decided against conversion for that reason.

Although the Roth IRA may not be for everyone, both

"A Roth IRA is tax-free as long as you comply with the withdrawal rules," Hastings said.

"I think it's an excellent opportunity for people to let money work for them and grow, and then be able to take the money into retirement tax-free," Bergan said.

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Tax changes that may effect your bottom line

As tax season rolls around, the Internal Revenue Service wants to remind people about tax law changes that could affect their 1997 tax returns. Some changes are new and some are laws Congress enacted a year ago that are just now taking effect.

Here's a quick look at changes that could effect the bottom line of your tax returns.

For 1997, personal exemptions are worth \$2,650. People who don't itemize deductions get an increased standard deduction of \$4,150 for singles, \$6,900 for married couples filing joint returns or qualifying widow(er)s, \$6,050 for heads of households and \$3,450 for married couples filing separate returns.

The earned income tax credit is now as much as \$3,656 for people with more than one qualifying child. For those with one qualifying child, it's as much as \$2,210. And it's up to \$332 for those with no children. The amount people can earn and still be eligible for the credit increases to \$29,290 for those with more than one qualifying child, \$25,760 for those with one child and \$9,770 with no children. And for people thinking about filing for the EITC when they know they aren't eligible - beware! False EITC claims could bar people from the credit for up to 10 years.

Selling a home? The once-in-

a-lifetime exclusion of \$ 125,000 of gain for people age 55 or older and the rollover of sales proceeds into a new home were replaced during 1997. People of any age can now exclude up to \$250,000 of gain (\$500,000 for married couples filing a joint return) they get on the sale of their home after May 6, 1997. They must live in the home for at least two of the five years before the sale. Every two years, they can do it again.

Also for 1997, people who received accelerated death benefits under a life insurance contract because they were terminally or chronically ill can exclude those payments from their income. Formerly, the law excluded only life insurance payments made on account of the death of the insured. This exclusion also applies to amounts received from death benefits sold or assigned to a settlement provider.

Amounts people get from qualified long-term care insurance contracts can usually be excluded from income as well. And insurance premiums are deductible as a medical expense up to certain limits, which depend on the taxpayer's age.

Some people can contribute to medical savings accounts. They can use the money tax free to pay medical expenses that their high-deductible health insurance doesn't cover or reimburse. Also, the 10 percent

early withdrawal penalty on individual retirement arrangements won't apply to amounts used to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses that are more than 7 1/2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Keep in mind that with each of these medical changes, some limits, exceptions or eligibility requirements may apply.

Adopting a U. S. citizen or resident child? For 1997, a person may be able to claim a tax credit for qualifying adoption expenses. It can be as much as \$5,000 for each child, or \$6,000 for a child with special needs. The credit reduces tax liability. Or if an employer has an adoption assistance program

and pays part of the qualifying expenses, the employee can exclude up to this same amount from gross income.

The health insurance deduction for self-employed persons rose to 40 percent in 1997, and increases to 45 percent for 1998. A revised Schedule D will take taxpayers step-by-step through the new, lower tax rates on capital gains.

What should businesses look for in 1997 changes? They can deduct the costs of adoption assistance programs they provide for their employees and deduct contributions to employees' medical savings accounts.

Businesses with group

health plans are subject to an excise tax if their plans do not meet the new accessibility, portability and renewability requirements. The tax is \$ 100 a day for each beneficiary during the time in which the plan does not meet the requirements. These requirements limit the circumstances under which plans can deny coverage for pre-existing conditions, bar group health plans from using people's health status to exclude them from coverage, and guarantee continued health coverage to an employer under a multi-employer plan. Some exceptions apply.

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CDs offer a safe option for cautious investors

By Lisa K. Kelly

Certificates of deposits (CDs) are an alternative to traditional savings accounts and other banking products available today.

"CDs are an investment tool for those who want a higher rate of interest than a savings account," said William Terry, vice president of Trustco Bank.

Terry said that if someone wanted to prepare for their child's education, they could invest the funds and choose a maturity date that would allow the money to be available when needed.

"A CD can be used for planning of any kind of special purchase, like a once-in-a-lifetime vacation," said Janine Goliber, branch manager of Albank at 882 New Loudan Road in Latham.

Susan Outman, vice president and branch manager of Albank at 1375 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, said planning to buy a house would be another reason to invest in a CD.

CDs are also good choices for developing an individual retirement account.

"Finding out what the customer is planning for helps in deciding the term of the CD," Goliber said.

Terms for a CD range from seven to 90 days, 91 to 179 days, six months to 11 months and even as long as 96 months, with the interest rate increasing as the term increases in length.

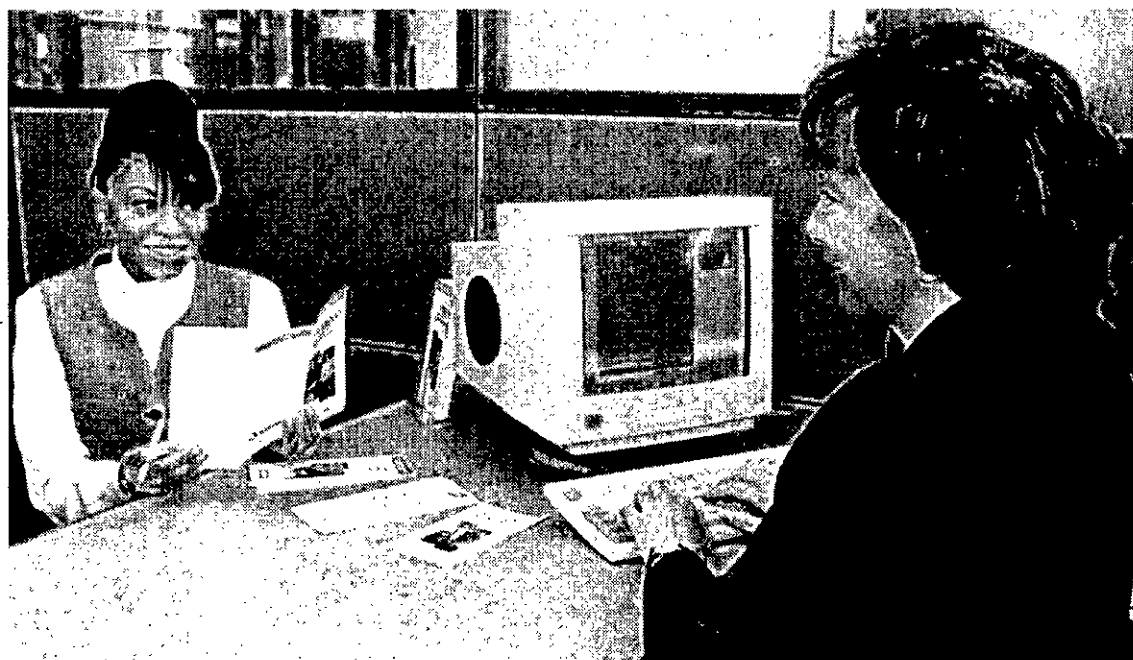
"That's because the longer you tie up money in a CD, the bigger a chance you're taking," said Jim McGlynn, vice president and area sales manager for Key Bank.

Outman said Albank is currently offering 5.13 percent annual return with a yield of 5.25 percent vs. the 2.75 percent offered for a savings account.

"There are some banks that are higher and some that are lower," she said. "Rates are subject to change weekly."

Besides the higher rate of return, a CD is usually chosen because of the safety net provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The FDIC protects the principal in bank accounts up to \$100,000 per title.

Mutual funds and other high rate of return non-traditional



Susan Outman right, vice president and branch manager of the Slingerlands Albank and Mimi McCann, sales representative, review customer service procedures.



Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas, left, Jim McGlynn, center, and Maureen Reynolds during a meeting at the Key Bank's Four Corners Branch. They believe that CDs are a sound investment option for people who prefer a conservative approach to handling their money.

Lisa K. Kelly

investment products are not protected by the FDIC.

"People definitely like the

Reynolds, assistant vice president and branch manager of the Key Bank Four Corners office

at 370 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

"The elderly and anyone who had problems in the '80s with the savings and loans really like the idea of CDs," said Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas, assistant vice president and branch manager of the Key Bank Colonie office, 1295 Central Ave.

"I think somebody who is more conservative in their investing feels safer with CDs," Outman said.

McGlynn said the older the customer, the greater the importance of the FDIC protection. "They older people will not take a risk on losing the principal."

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Thinking about buying or selling a home? Are you happy with the same old homestead? Keep in mind that home ownership and tax returns go hand in hand.

When buying a home, some of the settlement fees and closing costs can be deducted in the tax year the house is bought. These costs include some real estate taxes and mortgage interest and points that meet certain requirements.

Other costs of buying a home may be included in the basis of the property. Basis, according to the IRS, is a way to measure the investment in a home for tax purposes. Costs like abstract and recording fees, surveys and owner's title insurance are included in the basis.

For people who itemize deductions, interest on most mortgages secured by a person's first or second home is deductible. In addition, qualifying points on a loan used to buy or improve the main home are usually deductible in the year paid.

Real estate taxes, imposed by state or local governments for the general public welfare, are usually deductible.

The Taxpayer Relief Act, signed into law in 1997, has ended both the once-in-a-lifetime tax break for people age 55 or older and the replacement home rule when people sell a principal residence.

Under the old law, those 55 and older could qualify for an exclusion of up to \$125,000 of gain on the home sale. Anyone who, within two years of the sale, bought a replacement home costing at least as much as the selling price of the old residence would roll over any

gain into the basis of the new home, thus postponing taxes. And they still can, the IRS says, if they sold their homes before May 7, 1997.

Under the new law, people of any age can exclude up to \$250,000 of gain (\$500,000 on a joint return) from the sale of a principal residence after May 6, 1997. Unlike the one-time exclusion, this one is allowed once every two years, but only if the person used the home as a principal residence for at least two out of the five years before the sale. If a person sells before satisfying the two-year residency requirement because of a change in employment or health, the exclusion is pro-rated by the percent of the two-year time met. The seller will have to pay tax on any gain exceeding the exclusion, the replacement home rule no longer applies. Those who sold a principal residence between May 6 and Aug. 5, 1997, may use either the old or new tax rules.

To figure gain on the sale of a home, keep accurate records of all items that affect the basis of the home. This includes improvements such as adding a room, finishing a basement or putting up a fence. *This information was provided by the IRS.*

Industry expert dispels myths about reverse mortgages

Over the last decade, an increasing number of senior homeowners, finding themselves house rich and cash poor, have opted for reverse mortgages.

More than 35,000 seniors nationwide have used this financial tool to tap into their home equity, using the funds for living expenses, home improvement, travel or any other purpose they desire.

Still, myths persist about how reverse mortgages work, says Linda Hubbard, vice president of marketing at Transamerica HomeFirst, a leading private reverse mortgage provider. Hubbard is one of a handful of people who has tracked the evolution of reverse mortgage plans since the early 1980s. By virtue of this experience, she is keenly aware of stumbling blocks preventing wider acceptance of reverse mortgages.

"Despite increased media coverage and educational efforts undertaken by both the non-profit sector and private lenders, two main myths persist about reverse mortgages," said Hubbard, who first wrote about reverse mortgages when she

was an editor at *Modern Maturity*. "If reverse mortgages are to realize their potential for helping senior homeowners use

ownership, as well as the responsibilities, like paying for homeowner's insurance, property taxes, and maintenance."

Some seniors worry that because a reverse mortgage enables them to borrow against the equity in their property, at some point this equity will run out and they will lose

Seniors who take out reverse mortgages continue to own and live in their homes. They continue to enjoy the privileges of home ownership as well as the responsibilities, like paying for homeowner's insurance, property taxes.

Linda Hubbard

their major asset— their home — then these myths must be dispelled."

Perhaps the most widespread misconception about reverse mortgages is that seniors must give up ownership of their homes. This is not the case, says Hubbard.

"Seniors who take out reverse mortgages continue to own and live in their homes," said Hubbard. "They continue to enjoy the privileges of home

ownership. "A senior can never run out of equity in the sense that there is no longer equity to fund monthly cash advances," says Hubbard.

"Since a reverse mortgage loan is a non-recourse loan, the lender can only look to the value of the home for repayment when the loan is due, which is when the borrower permanently leaves the home. This means that the senior's other assets are protected."

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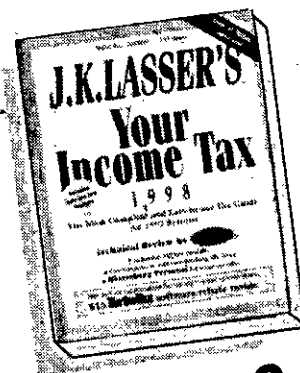
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Gary Barkman, LPL
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"I have never met anyone who claimed to have saved too much money or started saving too soon. The accumulation of assets early in life creates more freedom and choices in our later years. Procrastination carries a very high price when it comes to investing."

Jerry Pittz, investment representative, Edward Jones Investments, Delmar

"Buy quality investments and hold them for the long term."

"Don't worry about the day-to-day fluctuations of the market. Remember long term."

"Buy more when the stock market is on sale. The stock market is the only store where people don't shop when it is giving us a 10 percent sale as it did last fall. That is the best time to buy quality companies."

Jack Hastings, senior vice president and financial planner, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Colonie

"IRAs and Roth IRAs are going to be a key ingredient for those between 35 and 55 in planning for the future. Investing in them is also going to help the market because it supplies a constant stream of new funds."

"Lower your expectations—do not assume that the last 30

years of 20 percent returns was the norm. Expect total returns from stocks to level out at lower, more normal rates of return, maybe around 14-16 percent."

Cyrus Cady, vice president of investments, Dean Witter Reynolds, Albany

"Investigate before you invest. Markets are never wrong but opinions often are—a phrase from the 1920's that is applicable today."

Mark Bryant, certified financial planner, Bryant Asset Protection, Slingerlands

"For college planning—give appreciated stock to children so that they can sell the stock at their own lower tax bracket."

"Purchase New York state approved long-term care insurance to protect your assets."

Four ways to reduce your auto insurance bill

With hundreds of auto insurance companies offering a variety of coverage options, shopping for a policy is often a confusing ordeal. The amount you pay for your auto insurance not only depends on your car, how you drive and where you live, but also on the type of coverage you buy. While factors beyond your control can increase your insurance bill, you can still reduce your annual premium in many ways. Here's how:

1. Increase your deductible.

If you're willing to increase your deductible, you can significantly reduce your yearly premium. For example, if you raise your deductible from \$100 to \$500, you can reduce your collision cost by 15 to 30 percent.

2. Inquire about discounts.

If you buy your auto and home insurance policies from the same company, you may qualify for a discount. If you

insure more than one car with the same company, you can save up to 15 percent. Also, some companies offer an additional discount of up to 25 percent if your teenager's grade point average is a 3.0 or higher or if they've completed an approved driver's education course.

You can also reduce your insurance rates if your car is equipped with security features, such as an alarm system or an electronic tracking device. With air bags and automatic seat belts, you may qualify for a discount of up to 30 percent.

3. Maintain a good driving record.

Insurance companies often review your driving record when determining your insurance premium. So, if you maintain a good driving record with no claims, tickets or violations, you'll benefit from reduced rates.

4. Reconsider your coverage on an older car.

If you have an old car, consider dropping collision coverage. There comes a point when its book value is less than the cost of repairing your vehicle. Remember, your insurer will only pay the car's book value if it gets totaled.

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Boys take second place Lady Eagles score big with 3 wins

By Catherine Hartman

The Bethlehem Boys Varsity Indoor Track team has done extremely well these past few weeks. They took two second place titles, once in the Suburban Council Championships and again, last Saturday, at sectionals.

At Saturday's meet at RPI, the team racked up 89.5 points, behind long time rival Shenendehowa.

In the 800-meter relay, seniors **Dave Raab, Matt Reuter, Jared Macarin** and junior **Khalid Umar** came in second place with 1:38.5. Senior **Tim Kavanagh** ran 1:25.2 in the 600-meter.

Senior **Scott Rhodes** placed third with 10:05.1 in the 3200-meter. Raab placed first after sprinting the 55-meter dash in 6.6.

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Track

In the triple jump, Umar and senior **Ryan Peterson** placed second and third with 44:5.5 and 41:8.5. Umar came in second again with 21-3 in the long jump.

Seniors **Keith Campbell** and **Kris Darlington** both jumped 6-0 in the high jump, placing first. At third place, senior **Tim Moshier** threw a 44:5.25 in shot put.

"The team gave a very strong performance. A lot of the athletes will be continuing on and qualifying on for the state meets. Hopefully, we'll do very well," said coach **Jason Woods**.

The team's state qualifiers are next Saturday, Feb. 21, at RPI.

By Christine Potter

The Bethlehem Girl's Varsity Basketball team improved their record to 19 - zero last week after defeating Catholic Central, Burnt Hills and Shaker.

The Lady Eagles successfully challenged Catholic Central, 62-40 at home last Friday.

Magan Sellnow had 18 points and 10 rebounds. **Nicole Conway** and **Katie Smith** had 14 points each. Conway had 13 rebounds and Smith had nine.

"We really played as a team," said Sellnow. "Our goal was to come out from the beginning and put them away."

Bridget Murray had eight points which included two three-point baskets. She also had eight rebounds and five assists. **Karly Decker** had four points and seven rebounds.

Basketball

Kerry Staniels and **Lilly Corrigan** contributed to the win with two points each.

"We've been well balanced all year," said coach **Kim Wise**. "We are focused on what we need to do, and we will strive to meet our goal to get out of sectionals."

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, Bethlehem crushed Burnt Hills, 54-31.

Conway had eight points, 13 rebounds and six assists. Bridget Murray had seven, which included one three-point basket and six assists.

Smith had 13 and five steals. Sellnow had eight points and eight rebounds. **Lauren Murray** had one three-point basket.

Corrigan had five and **Erika**

St. Lucia and **Megan Fish** each contributed two.

The girls defeated Shaker Monday, Feb. 9, 54-37. Sellnow had 14 points and 14 rebounds. Conway had 14 and five assists and four steals.

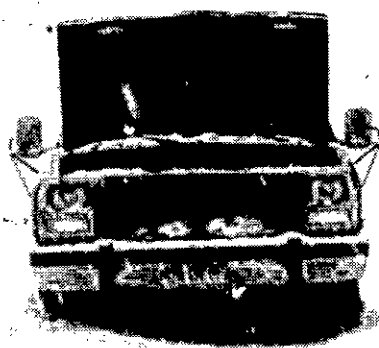
Smith had 10 and Bridget Murray had four and seven assists.

Corrigan had seven points and 10 rebounds and Decker had four points.

"We've been preparing all season for sectionals, and we need to get up for every game to prepare us for them," said Decker. "We need to bring everything together that we've been working on all season."

"We are ready for sectionals," said Sellnow. "We will take each team as they come and try to get as far as we can."

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I got it



Evan Marsh, No. 15 of St. Thomas The Apostle basketball team, reaches for the ball during Saturday, Feb. 14's game against St. Catherine's.

Doug Persons

Hockey Booster Club eyes future

Just as Bethlehem Central's Varsity hockey team is establishing itself as a strong competitor in the Capital District, the Bethlehem Hockey Boosters are setting their eyes on the future.

Bethlehem Middle School students, who will form the basis for Bethlehem hockey in the years to come, have been honing their skills under the direction of head coach Dick Hughes, as participants in the Bethlehem Hockey Boosters Young Skaters Program.

The program, which received USA Hockey and New York State Amateur Hockey Association affiliation during 1997, has offered young skaters ages 10 to 12 the opportunity to try their talents against other travel teams from New York, Vermont and Massachusetts.

From the first drop of the puck on Sept. 2, the team has demonstrated that the future of Bethlehem hockey is bright.

Throughout the more than 40 games scheduled this season, the



young skaters have truly become a "team," not only on the ice, but in school and in the community.

"How do you assist students in building school and community spirit as they enter and attend Bethlehem Middle School as alumni of Bethlehem's five elementary schools?" Mike Mullen, Bethlehem Hockey Boosters president asked.

"The answer is easy," Mullen

said. "Offer them a chance to feel they are a part of something."

That is just what the Boosters have done this year. The young skaters proudly wear their black, orange and white team jackets displaying "Bethlehem Eagles" to games, to school and around the Capital District.

Known to the hockey community as the Bethlehem PeeWee Travel Team, the young players have represented themselves and their community very well, while at the same time feeling good about their individual and team accomplishments.

According to Mullen, the Boosters are already planning to expand the program next season to include a Bantam Travel Team for ages 13 and 14. These programs are open to all Bethlehem Central students, and registration for next season will take place later this spring.

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Library

(From Page 1)

library board of trustees, said Monday, Feb. 16, that Moore expressed her concerns to the wrong body. "The arena for discussion is with the library board," Birkhead said, adding that the library board has made itself available to hear residents' concerns.

Moore and Birkhead were both present at a Feb. 5 meeting at the library where about 15 Borthwick Ave. residents met with library officials and at which Moore outlined her reservations about the parking lot project. These concerns include possible reductions in property value and privacy, trespassing, litter and increased noise, light and chance of accidents. In addition to these possible hazards, Moore said the proposed expansion raises issues of historic preservation.

Regarding privacy issues, Birkhead said, "We had planned for evergreens (to screen the parking lot). The residents asked for a fence and we intend to incorporate that into our plans." As for traffic, Birkhead said it will be the same. The only difference is where on Borthwick Avenue cars will

enter the library parking lot.

"We talked about light at the meeting," Birkhead said. "There were those who wanted more light (on the lot), and there were those who didn't... The overhead lights in the parking lot could have directed lighting."

As Delmar resident Russ DeYoe did last week in a letter to *The Spotlight*, Moore questioned the financial wisdom of the project. But whereas DeYoe said the project was too expensive at \$250,000, Moore claimed the project's costs might balloon to half a million dollars.

Moore said her estimate arose after she asked library officials whether they had factored in several peripheral expenses (asbestos removal, fencing, drainage, etc.); the officials said they had not. Also, Moore said her group includes members of the construction industry who said the library's estimate for road surfacing was "very low."

Birkhead feels the \$250,000 is a justified expense. "Additional parking is extremely valuable and worthwhile," she said. "That's what the board thinks, but the voters are the people who can decide that."

At the conclusion of the two-

page statement she read to the school board, Moore asked the board to reconsider its approval. Board member Dennis Stevens agreed the board erred by not consulting residents about the proposal and asked the board if it could reconsider the approval.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis and board president Happy Scherer said it was not the board's role to do so.

Another meeting is planned between residents and library officials will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

Birkhead added that residents will have another opportunity to discuss the parking lot expansion during a public budget hearing May 5.

Moore added that her group wants to reach a compromise with library officials that will allow the parking lot expansion to happen, but with modifications that reflect

the concerns residents have raised.

Birkhead expressed sympathy for Moore's concerns, but said, "We need to keep in mind the needs of the other 23,000 people that pay for this library (with their taxes)." Birkhead said the parking lot expansion addresses a longstanding concern of library patrons.

"We have to take advantage of the opportunity that we have (at 45 Borthwick Ave.)," she said. "We're trying to fix something that's been a problem. We have heard from patrons that they can't park when they need to."

Birkhead also responded to Moore's apparent concern that a parking lot expansion could lead to more growth of the library.

"If we do expand the parking (lot) now, will it expand the use of the facility?" she asked. "I guess you'd have to say we hope so." But

Birkhead said the board would rather build on the current facility than construct a branch, as Moore suggested.

"From a philosophical point of view," Birkhead said, "we believe the public wants this library in the center of town. It is a relatively new facility (that) was originally designed so that if necessary, it can be built upon."

Birkhead said the \$250,000 project won't solve the library's parking problems, but it's the best solution to present itself since parking became an issue. She said the board wants to show consideration for Borthwick Avenue residents, but must also respond to changing times.

"As to neighborhood integrity," she said, "the present library board is working with the effects of a decision made 30 years ago to place the library in (this) neighborhood."

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Houseknecht, Seward to wed

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The bride-to-be has bachelor's and master's degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

She is a senior engineer at Sage Engineering Associates in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is a mechanic for the Bethlehem Highway Department.

The couple plans a summer wedding.

Class of '97

Boston University — Julie Horwitz of Delmar (master's in occupational therapy).

BCHS sophomore studies in Costa Rica

Bethlehem Central High School sophomore Robin Scherer has been selected by American Field Service as an exchange student for the winter semester abroad program in Costa Rica.

She will live with a family near the rural town of Turrialba and attend the local high school.

Scherer is the daughter of Harvey and Happy Scherer of Delmar.

BCHS graduate wins scholarship

Brigid Shogan of Delmar was selected for the Clinton B. Ford Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year at Ithaca College.

The award is given to talented stringed instrumentalists at the School of Music.

Shogan, a music performance and education major, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



Florence and William Flint

Flints celebrate 50th

William and Florence Flint of Willsboro, Essex County, and Englewood, Fla., formerly of Delmar, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently at a party at the American Legion Hall in Rotonda, Fla.

The couple was married Dec.

27, 1947.

William is a retired New York state investigator. Florence is a retired nurse.

The couple has a son, William, a daughter, Judy, and two grandchildren.

Beck, Countaway to wed

Lynette Kay Beck, daughter of John and Martha Beck of Portage Mich., and William Edward Countaway Jr., son of William and Betty Lou Countaway of Ravena, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Kalamazoo Valley Community

College, is a dental hygienist.

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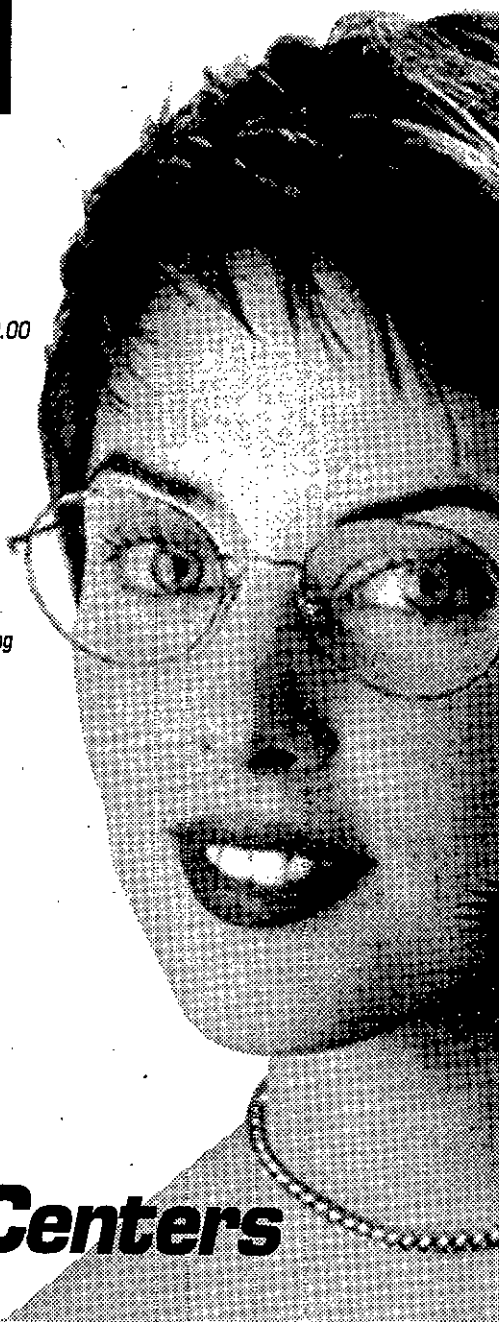
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Jason Fairman and Julie DiNapoli

DiNapoli, Fairman to wed

Julie Kristin DiNapoli, daughter of Francis and Karen Kugelman of Queensbury, and Jason Robert Fairman, son of Harold and Suzann Fairman of Severna Park, Md., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Providence College, is an ac-

countant in Incline Village, Nev. She is the granddaughter of Thomas and Ann DiNapoli of Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of Anne Arundel Community College. He is a restaurant manager for Garwoods in Carnelian Bay, Calif.

The couple plans a May wedding.

V'ville junior takes 3rd in oratorical contest

Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School student Chris Bonham placed third and won a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond recently in zone competition at the sixty-first annual New York State High School Oratorical Contest at Shenendehowa Central High School in Clifton Park.

High school teachers Mark Diefendorf and Chris Mastro helped Bonham prepare an eight to 10 minute original oration on an aspect of the U.S. Constitution for the contest. Contestants were required to memorize their orations.

In the contest's final phase, each participant delivered a three to five minute extemporaneous talk.

Eight students from high schools throughout northern New York participated in the event which is conducted on the basis of successive eliminations — high school, county, district and zone. Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 sponsored the initial school contest.

The first American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest was held in 1938, and was developed primarily to install a better knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution in high school students.

Bonham is the son of Larry and Nan Bonham of Voorheesville.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Twins, Meghanne Rose Wright and Devin Michael Wright, to Tamra and David Wright of Berne, Jan. 30.

Girl, Anna Christina Vitillo, to Cherise and Nicholas Vitillo of Delmar, Feb. 2.

Boy, Kristoff Anthony Mota, to Catherine Vaccaro-Mota and Juan-Pablo Mota of Slingerlands, Feb. 3.

Boy, Maxwell George Sharp, to Susan and William Sharp of Delmar, Feb. 3.

Boy, Jacob Matthew Adams, to Samantha and Keith Adams of Voorheesville, Feb. 5.

Boy, David James Ingraham, to Denice and E. David Ingraham of Feura Bush, Feb. 7.

Boy, Brandon Rocque Pryor, to Kimberly and Barry Pryor of Glenmont, Feb. 9.

Girl, Madeline Edel Reilly, to Marjorie and Matthew Reilly of South Bethlehem, Feb. 9.

Dean's List

Binghamton University — Guy Brookshire, Sarah Macarin, Jill Pappalardi and Jennifer Piorowski, all of Delmar.

Clarkson University — Kevin Fournier of Selkirk and Kenneth Halvorsen (presidential scholar), of Glenmont.

Coastal Carolina University — Leigh Hess Stevens of Selkirk.

Columbia University — Kathryn Sherwin of Delmar.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts — J. Adam Cole of Voorheesville.

Russell Sage College — Meghan Marohn of Delmar.

SUNY Cortland — Kelly Dobbert of Delmar.

SUNY New Paltz — Jacqueline Ahl of Feura Bush.

SUNY Oswego — John Deyss (president's list), Ryan Donovan, Elizabeth Hallenbeck, Patrick Roberts (president's list), and Nicole Wittman, all of Delmar.

University of Rhode Island — Heidi Hewitt of Slingerlands.

Wake Forest University — Lauren Boyle of Slingerlands.

University of Rochester — Michael Esmond and Nicole Gold, both of Delmar.



Wendy and Jason Rasmussen

Seaman, Rasmussen marry

Wendy Lynne Seaman, daughter of Charles and Cynthia Seaman of Painesville, Ohio, and Jason Peter Rasmussen, son of Gerald and Susan Rasmussen of Delmar, were married Aug. 2.

The Rev. Bruce Clary performed the ceremony at First Parish Meeting House in Cohasset, Mass.

A reception followed at Kimball's-By-The-Sea in Cohasset.

Dale Seaman, the bride's brother, and Jill Rasmussen, the groom's sister, attended the

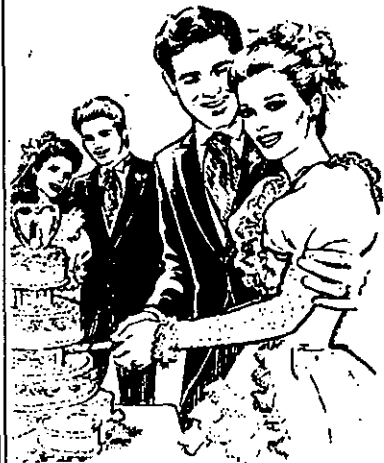
couple.

The bride is a graduate of Ohio University and Bowling Green State University. She is an audiologist at Flower Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Bowling Green University. He is studying for a master's degree at the University of Toledo.

After a wedding trip to the Adirondacks, the couple lives in Toledo, Ohio.

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Community Corner

BCHS parents plan graduation celebration

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The group's first meeting is set for Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

For information or to volunteer, call Lynne Thibdeau at 475-9025 or Kathy Gutman at 439-1857.

Obituaries

Edward Boehm

Edward Charles Boehm, 85, of Jupiter, Fla., and formerly of Delmar died Sunday, Feb. 1, in Hackettstown, N.J.

Born in Brooklyn, he was a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School and Siena College.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Boehm worked for the state for 43 years. He retired in 1974 as director of corporation tax. He was active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

He was husband of the late Catherine Traver Boehm.

Survivors include three sons, Frederick Boehm of Wilton, Conn., Thomas Boehm of Chester, N.J., and David Boehm of Burlington, Vt.; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Rene Zamos Zoota

Rene Zamos Zoota, 67, of Delmar died Thursday, Feb. 12, while vacationing in California.

Born in Rochester, she was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. Zoota was a senior account clerk for the state before she retired.

Survivors include her husband,

Isidore Zoota; a son, Stephen Zoota of Delmar; two daughters, Caren Z. Schindel of Framingham, Mass., and Felice Zoota of Florence, Calif.; two brothers, Lawrence Zamos of Palis Verdes, Calif., and Jerome Zamos of Los Angeles; a sister, Shirley Drexler of Rochester; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany. A period of mourning will be observed at the Zoota residence, 39 The Crossway through Friday.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany 12208.

Mabel F. Smith

Mabel Francis Smith, 79, of Child's Nursing Home in Albany and formerly of Slingerlands, died Sunday, Feb. 15, at the home.

She was born in Cossackie.

Survivors include her husband, Judson Smith of Delmar; two sons, Thomas Smith of Catskill and James Smith of Rensselaer; three brothers, Harry Francis of Catskill, Edward Francis of Stamfordville and Raymond Francis of Hudson; a sister, Gladys Dayton of Marlboro; and a grandson.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 19, at the A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home in Greenville.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Interment will be in Locust

Cemetery in Greenville.

Frederick Alberts

Frederick Alberts, 79, of Coeymans and formerly of Feura Bush, died Sunday, Feb. 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Feura Bush, he was a longtime resident of Coeymans.

Mr. Alberts was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a car inspector for Conrail in Selkirk for 40 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of Coeymans Fire Co., a former member of Bethlehem Elks and the R-C Sportsmen Club. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Vroman Alberts; three daughters, Darleen Westervelt of Coeymans, Shirley VanAlstyne of Selkirk and Kim Sebert of Ravena; two sons, Frederick H. Alberts of Coeymans and Larry Alberts of Ravena; a brother, Albert Alberts of Ravena; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 7 p.m. today, Feb. 18, at the Babcock Funeral Home, 19 Pulver Ave., Ravena. Calling hours will start at 3 p.m.

Contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena 12143 or the Ravena Rescue Squad, PO Box 144, Ravena 12143.

Clarence Crysler

Clarence "Larry" Crysler, 90, of Teresian House in Albany and formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Feb. 9, at the nursing home.

Born in the Bronx, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

He was a graduate of Fordham University.

Mr. Crysler was a pharmaceutical salesman for John L. Thompson in Albany before he retired in 1972.

He was a former member of the Bethlehem Lions Club, the Second Milers, Bethlehem Men's Club and was a driver for the Red Cross.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Esmond Crysler; a daughter, Diane O'Donnell of Crystal Lake, Ill.; a son, Donald Crysler of Fallston, Md.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Building Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Pearl Bloodgood

Pearl Elizabeth Bloodgood, 77, of Corinth and formerly of Glenmont, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, at her daughter's home in Ganesvoort.

She was the widow of Justin Arnold Bloodgood.

Survivors include two daughters, Jane E. Luciani of Ganesvoort and Joan A. Lingle of Lake Luzerne; two sisters, Dorothy Thiele of Stillwater and Helen Heckman of Burnt Hills; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Saratoga, 179 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs 12866.

Delmar library hosts Saturday story times

Bethlehem Public Library's youth services department continues its series of Saturday morning story times to accommodate children of working parents.

Each session of Saturday Storybreak explores a theme through great children's literature, media and hands-on projects.

Sessions are scheduled for Saturdays, Feb. 21 and 28, and March 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Saturday Storybreak is for children ages 3 to 6. Parents must attend with their children. For information, call 439-9314.

Arthritis Foundation seeks nominations

As part of the Arthritis Foundation's 50th anniversary observance, the Northeastern New York Chapter is participating in a nationwide search for 50 heroic individuals who exemplify progress made against arthritis.

The chapter's search is being conducted through its 14-county service area of Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington Counties.

The goal of the Heroes Overcoming Arthritis program is to find exceptional people who, despite their medical condition, lead lives of courage and inspiration.

The deadline for nominations is March 23. For information, call 456-1203.

Leadership seminar to select students

High schools throughout eastern New York have begun the selection process for next year's Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) Seminar in Albany.

Each participating high school will select one student to attend the three-day seminar in May.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together outstanding high school sophomores and top government and business leaders to discuss the economy, media, environment, the future and other vital issues.

The group currently holds more than 100 three-day seminars in the United States and several foreign countries.

For information, call John Swartwout at 457-0639.

Bethlehem chamber to host meeting

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold a membership meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at noon at the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

A panel of chamber experts will present a program on "Advertising Tips: Use Print, Radio & TV Advertising To Make Your Business Grow."

Tickets are \$12, and include a hot buffet lunch.

Members and nonmembers are invited.

Reservations are required. For information, call 439-0512.



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Death Notices

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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.

SEND IN THE CLOWNS

Fair celebrates kids' activities

By Mary S. Yamin

Calling all kids.

Do you like rides, games and candy? Then come to the third annual Kids Fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the New Scotland Avenue Armory in Albany.

February is the shortest, and weather-wise arguably the cruellest,

most important for them, win prizes for free," she said. "It's just a great feel-good event."

Cyr noted that the fair outgrew its original venue — the Saratoga City Center — when it began attracting "awesome turnouts of more than 3,000."

Partial proceeds from the fair will benefit the Double-H Hole in the Wall

SPOTLIGHT ON Family Entertainment

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month, so it's a natural time to turn the armory's 40,000 square feet into a carnival atmosphere.

The Kids Fair features clowns, a petting zoo, a magic show, exhibits, rides, games, interactive play areas, concessions, stage performances by Albany's acclaimed Steamer #10 Theatre, health and fitness activities and costume characters under one roof in a fun, educational atmosphere.

"Our focus is on infants, toddlers and children up to age 12," said Nickie Cyr, promotions director for PYX-106, one of the event's prime sponsors.

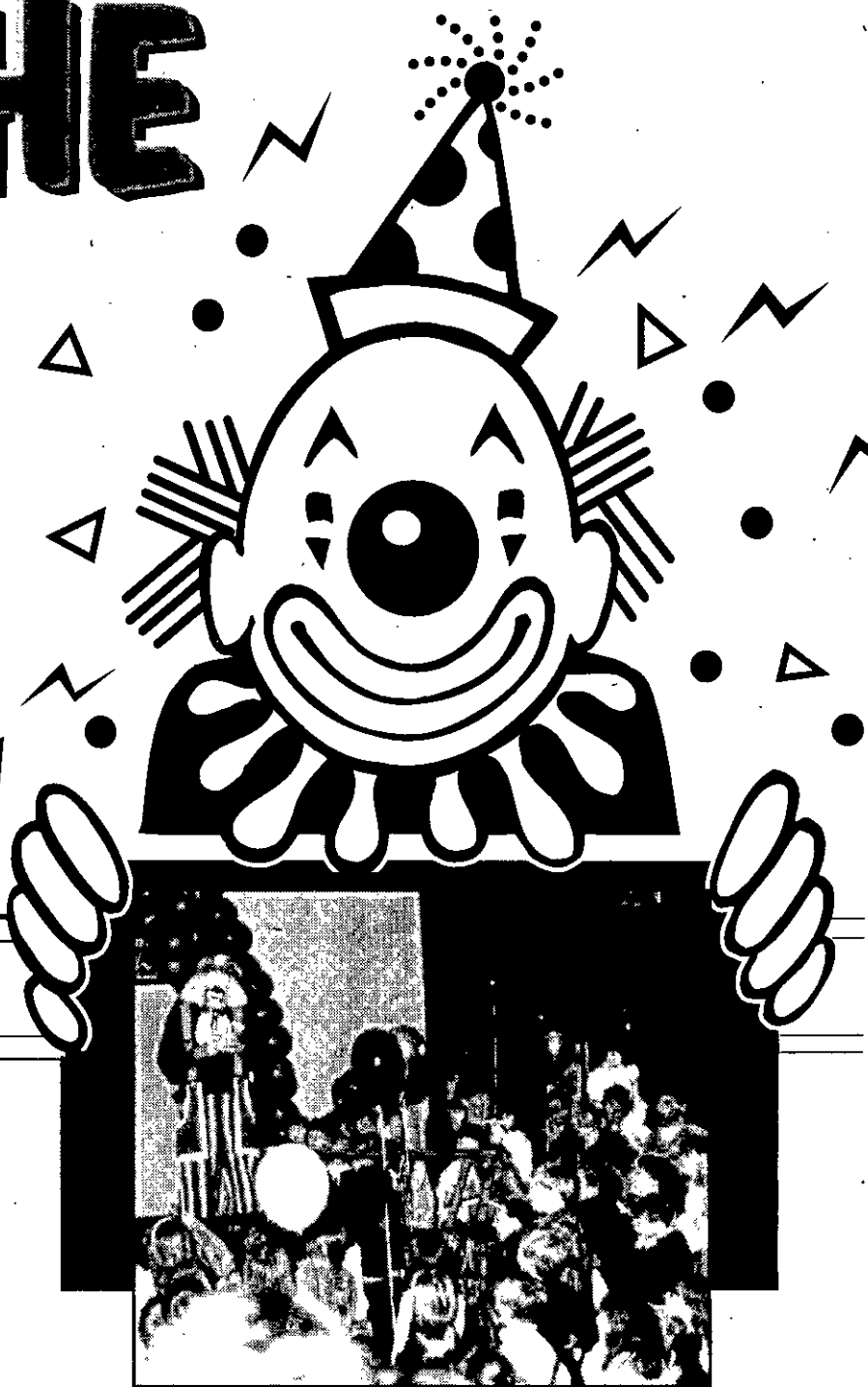
"The kids play games for free, and

Ranch, founded by actor Paul Newman and theme park owner Charles Wood. The Double-H is a residential summer camp dedicated to providing fun and emotional support to children 6 to 16 years old who are diagnosed with cancer, serious blood disorders and neuromuscular impairments which preclude attendance at other camps.

The ranch will become established as a year-round facility for training caregivers in how to enhance the quality of life for critically ill children and their families. The ranch serves children from throughout the United States, with a special focus on the Northeast.

Other event sponsors include Price Chopper, Xtra Mart, Saratoga Splash, Arizona Tea, Huggies, Kimberly Clark, Primestar, R-C Cola and WTRY and WGNA.

Admission is \$3, free for children under 4 years old. Admission is also free with a proof of purchase from any Huggies Diapers, Pull-Ups, Goodnights Training Pants or Huggies Baby Wipes.



Quiet play displays charm and grace in performances at Theatre Institute

An unheralded little play (some 70 minutes long) displayed a charm and grace too often lacking in works designed for young audiences when presented at the NYS Theatre Institute in Troy through last weekend.

Dragonwings, a stage play from Laurence Yep's novel, is the real-life story of a Chinese immigrant who wanted to fly and eventually did several years after the Wright brothers took wing. The simplicity of the story is translated to the stage and the direction by Ron Nakahara effectively displays the turn-of-the-century Chinese culture trying to survive on America's west coast.

A man who couldn't bring his family to America and seemed bound to employment in a laundry was able to bring his son to America and then get him to help in his dream to build a giant kite with motors so he could fly.

Despite various difficulties, the father ultimately realizes his dream. Although the plane crashes, he survives with the knowledge that he has fulfilled his dream.

When a Chinese business man offers him a partnership in the laundry, he takes the opportunity, knowing that he has realized his dream and now has the opportunity to bring his family to America because he is a businessman.

A co-production between the NYS Theatre Institute and The Actors' Company of Pennsylvania, the production values benefit by the merger of budget and talent. The simple set created larger visions through imaginative settings that were moved onstage and off by the use of the traditional prop persons of Chinese theater.



Martin P. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Ted Hewlett's portrayal of Windrider, the wannabe flyer and father, was done with a discipline that evoked the resiliency of the man seeking a dream and yet wanting a life for his family.

Dragonwings would bear repeating in future years.

Moliere flies into dinner theater in unusual Troy production

Too often, the classics are considered taboo for dinner theater, but there's a producer in Troy who apparently doesn't believe in this notion.

Bob Couture, a retired English professor from Hudson Valley Community College, and producer for 18 years of The Roustabouts dinner theater in Troy, decided he'd do Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid* this year.

After doing a series of contemporary English and French farces as well as Neil Simon plays for almost 20 years, Couture felt confident that his audience would go with him even though the actors were dressed in 17th century costumes. After two week-ends, it's apparent Couture knew his audience and his actors. The show about an older man, a hypochondriac with a young wife, who is gulled at every turn holds up and with veteran Don Lutz as the older man, whirled about the stage.

The cast, most of whom have worked with Couture during the years, take the play into their teeth and wring it for all its comic worth. Principal among the actors is the seemingly small role of the

maid, played with sly humor by Michelle Adams. Her character is the observer of all the chicanery going on and her observations reflect the audience's view of these fools who each try to outwit the others.

With a fine buffet-style chicken dinner, the fun is available for another two weekends at the First United Presbyterian Church on Fifth Avenue.

Reservations are available at 274-1707.

CATS still doing sellouts at Proctors in Schenectady

People locally can't get enough of *CATS*. In town this weekend for the sixth time in the last 11 years, the production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical is another virtual sellout. At this writing, there are only single seats during the five performances at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

The longest running musical on Broadway, a record that may never be broken, *CATS* first played Proctor's for a full week in 1987, five years after it opened in New York. Now, some 40 performances later in Schenectady, it will play another five shows.

Of course whoever scheduled the tour made it a marathon event for the cast members. They will arrive in town Friday, Feb. 20 for five performances.

They arrive three days after playing three performances early in the week and then flying from Arizona to Schenectady. The scenery had to be trucked across country.

There will be two matinees, one Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 21 and 22) at 2 p.m.

Ticket information is available at 382-3884.

Around Theaters!

All My Sons, an early Arthur Miller drama at the Home Made Theater in Saratoga, through March 1 (587-4427).

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THEATER

"NELLIE BLY"

original musical about the first female investigative journalist in America, composed and written by Peter Tyger, Albany Civic Theater, Friday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, 2 and 5 p.m., benefit performance for Albany Damien Center on Sunday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. Information, 422-3738.

"AN OFFER SHE COULDN'T REFUSE"

by Forrest Stone, The Theatre Department and the Writers Institute at the University at Albany, Studio Theatre of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Friday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., March 1, 3 p.m.; March 4 through 7, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

"THE IMAGINARY INVALID"

by Moliere, dinner theater, Roustabouts Playhouse, Troy, Feb. 20, 21, 27, 28, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7:45 p.m. play. Information, 273-4172.

"A MUNICIPAL REPORT REPORT"

written and directed by Richard Creamer, Impulse Theatre and Dance, Doane Stuart School, Doane Stuart Road, Albany, Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 3 p.m., through Feb. 22, \$10, \$7 student. Information, 797-3684.

MUSIC

THE IRISH ROVERS

to benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Feb. 19, \$20, 8 p.m. Information, 432-6598.

TOM PAXTON

folksinger, at the Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Feb. 20.

FINDLAY COCKRELL

concert series, relaxing music with a spoken commentary, Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center at the University at Albany, 12:20 and 4:20 p.m., Feb. 18, March 1, April 1 and 22. Information, 442-3995.

FINDLAY COCKRELL AND NATHANIEL PARKER

piano and cello, featuring music of Beethoven, Shostakovich, and Franck, Recital Hall of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Albany, 8 p.m., Feb. 20. Information, 442-3995.

THE WOLFE TONES

with Hal of the Dog, to benefit the Doors of Hope Foundation, Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 5, \$15 and \$20, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-5511.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Berlin Symphony Orchestra, with violinist and conductor Joseph Silverstein, pianist Derek Han, Troy Chromatic Concerts, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, 8 p.m., March 4. Information, 462-0318.

SWING MUSIC AND DANCING

Michael Benedict Big Band, toe tapping music, North Point Cultural Arts Center, 62 Chatham St., Kinderhook, Saturday, Feb. 28, 8 to 11 p.m. Information, 758-9234.

EIGHTH STEP

open stage, 14 Willett St., Albany, 8 p.m., Wednesdays, \$7. Information, 434-1703.

ALLAN ALEXANDER

guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITION

for Capital Hill Choral Society for the 1997-98 season. All voice parts. Information, 465-3328 or 374-4399.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join them singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

singers needed, rehearsals at Columbia High School, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

ART CLASSES

watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

VISUAL ARTS

THE 1998 NEW YORK STATE BIENNIAL

biennial of contemporary art, New York State Museum, Albany, through April 26. Information, 474-5877.

FROEBEL GALLERY

local, regional, national and international artists, 287 Lark St., Albany. Information, 449-1233.

GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

315 Warren St., Hudson, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., Sundays. Information, 828-1915.

GINOFOR GALLERY

photography, painting, sculpture, 38 W. Main St., Cambridge. Information, 677-3288.

PEACE OFFERINGS

native arts and handicrafts from the Americas, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Information, 434-4037.

SCHICK GALLERY

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday. Information, 584-5000.

SCHUYLER MANSION

elegant 18th-century mansion, home and gallery of historical objects related to Gen. Philip Schuyler, 32 Catherine St., Albany. Information, 434-0834.

SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY

Shaker artifacts, 1848 Shaker Meeting House, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie. Information, 456-7890.

LULU GALLERY

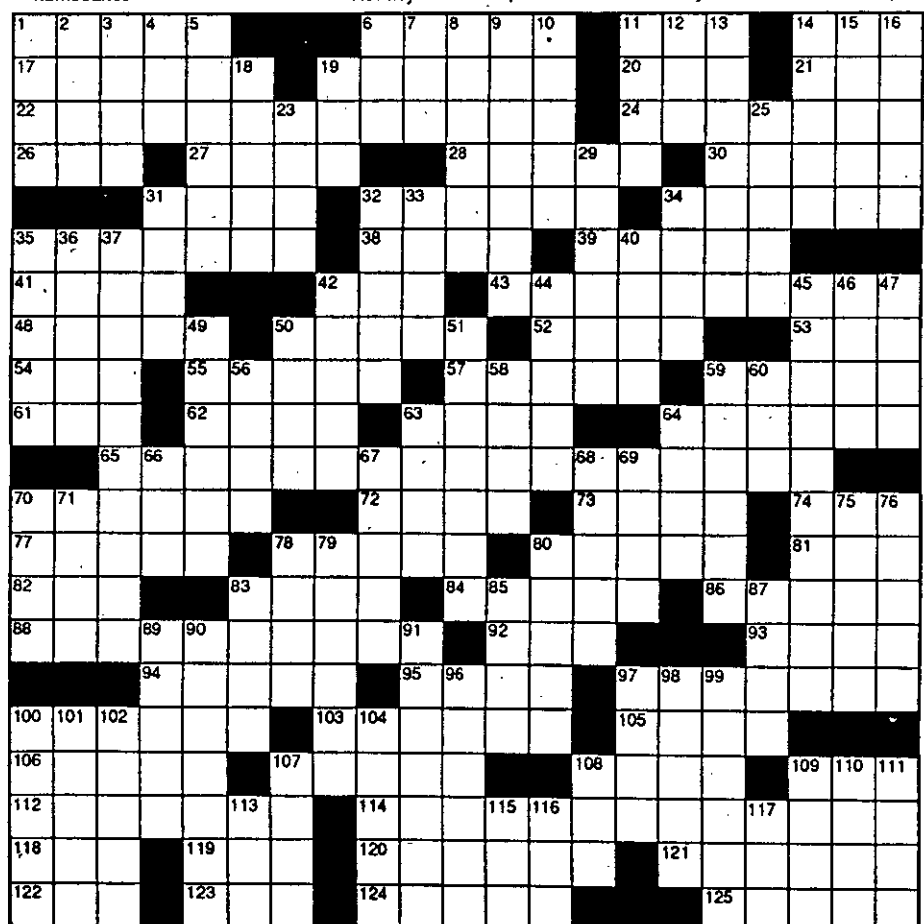
288 Lark St., Albany, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Information, 436-5660.

OFF BROADWAY GALLERY

featuring two new exhibits, "June Dipsa" and "Fantasy and Reality," Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guildland. Information, 439-2955.

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 "Man" (78 tune) | 50 Myanmar, formerly | 93 Choir member | 4 That woman |
| 6 Fish hooks | 52 Hwy. | 94 Tremendous bargain | 5 Astoria's locale |
| 11 Comment from a crank | 53 He was liked in '56 | 95 Pain grain? | 6 Fathom |
| 14 Wheel part | 54 Craftiness | 97 Connecticut city | 7 Fine, volcanic lava |
| 17 Leading men? | 55 Kapitan's command | 100 Big Band name | 8 Prohibited |
| 19 Popular vacation spot | 57 Urban atmosphere: colloq. | 103 In a dull manner | 9 Chilling site? |
| 20 Winter hazard | 59 Protest tactic | 105 Designer Cassini | 10 Eydie's man |
| 21 — Khan | 61 Author Wallace | 106 Paint pigment | 11 Clinton or "Cosby" |
| 22 Start of a remark | 62 Lingerie items | 107 Actress Nelson | 12 — Ventura: Pet Detective |
| 24 Dictionary | 63 Singer Redding | 108 Film — | 13 Geometric figure |
| 26 Asian holiday | 64 Bowled over | 109 — Moines | 14 Indy entry |
| 27 Crossword puzzle part | 65 Part 3 of remark | 112 Author Flannery | 15 Actress Massey |
| 28 Cut at an angle | 70 Away from home | 114 End of remark | 16 Feathered yakkies |
| 30 Basketball venue | 72 Bjorn's opponent | 118 "Sister Act" extra | 18 Beetle |
| 31 Walt Kelly's possum | 73 Spoken | 119 Cow | 19 Silly Skelton |
| 32 Jacket style | 74 Last stop | 120 Ms. Francis | 23 Run amok |
| 34 Greek gathering places | 77 Pipeline part | 121 Shape up | 25 Jeremy of "the Spirits" |
| 35 British title | 78 Dynamo | 122 Palindromic preposition | 29 Imitation |
| 38 Big vein | 80 Loon's relative | 123 Songstress Brenda | 31 Battery part |
| 39 — "Boccanegra" (opera) | 81 Saty spread | 124 "Siddhartha" author | 32 Divulge, with "out" |
| 41 Way off base? | 82 First lady? | 125 Insomnia cure? | 33 Corn Belt soil |
| 42 Base — nan | 83 Wear out the carpet | DOWN | 34 — & Andrew ("93 film) |
| 43 Part 2 of remark | 84 Act badly? | 1 AKC reject | 35 Write |
| 48 Archibald and namesakes | 86 — We Dance? | 2 Tennis great | 36 Wise to |
| | 88 Part 4 of remark | 3 Atkins or Huntley | 37 Powerful pooch |
| | 92 Pie — mode | | |



CLASSES/LECTURES

MUSEUM ART CLASSES

ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., \$25. Information, 463-4478.

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF KDP, L.L.C. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is: KDP, L.L.C.
SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in is: The County of Albany.
THIRD: (Optional) The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: December 17, 2027.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company serve upon him or her is: P.O. Box 211, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.
FIFTH: (Optional) The name and street address within this state of the

LEGAL NOTICE

registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is:

SIXTH: The future effective date of the Articles of Organization, if not effective upon filing is: SEVENTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more members.

EIGHTH: If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the limited liability company law, a statement that all or specified members are so liable.

All of the members are to be liable in their capacity as members of the limited liability company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed

LEGAL NOTICE

on December 17, 1997 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury.

s/Joanne P. Monagan, Esq.
Organizer and attorney representing KDP, L.L.C.
(February 18, 1998)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Water Meters for the use of Water and Sewer Departments of the Town of Bethlehem, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on the 25th day of February, 1998 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 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 11, 1998
(February 18, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Davey Jones Locker, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on December 30, 1997.

THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 386 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York 12209.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2047.

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity permitted under the Limited Liability Company Law.
(February 18, 1998)

MAGIC MAZE

FIRST NAMES IN WORDS

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AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18
ALBANY COUNTY
LIFE OF AZTECS

slide presentation and lecture, Mary Elizabeth Cobb Library Conference Room (B43), University at Albany, noon to 2 p.m. Information, 442-3542.

SCIENCE EDUCATION

assessment of science education in the nation's schools, St. Joseph Hall auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., 2:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

for those who care for Alzheimer's parents, Royce House, 117 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 1 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY
LOG CABIN LIFE

life of settlers in a log cabin, Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave., Troy, 11 a.m. Information, 235-2120.

SARATOGA COUNTY
PLAYFUL PARACHUTES

hands-on workshop, Children's Museum, 36 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, 10 and 11 a.m. Information, 584-5540.

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 19
ALBANY COUNTY
ALBANY ACADEMY FOR GIRLS

open house for students entering grades pre-kindergarten through 12, 140 Academy Road, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Information, 463-2201.

DINNER HONORING JUDGES

annual dinner honoring the judges of the Court of Appeals, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Information, 445-7691.

DISCRIMINATION

lecture on discrimination by Alice Kessler-Harris, St. Joseph Hall auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

SCOLIOSIS SUPPORT GROUP

for individuals and families, Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Boulevard, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0859.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

University Heights Health Care Center, 235 Northern Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

SENIOR CHORALE

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

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SARATOGA COUNTY
ROLLED PAPER JEWELRY

hands-on workshop, The Children's Museum, 36 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, 10 and 11 a.m. Information, 584-5540.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 20
ALBANY COUNTY
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 LUNCHEAS

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC")

Name: Second Street Realty, LLC. Articles of organization filed with sec. of state of NY ("SOS") on 1/2/97. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to LLC, 1770 N.W. 64th Street, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. (February 18, 1998)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206(C)

The name of the limited liability company is Glenmont Management LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was January 23, 1998. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: 37 Chriskin Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077. The business purpose of the LLC is to

SARATOGA COUNTY
NAME PLATES

hands-on workshop, The Children's Museum, 36 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, 10 and 11 a.m. Information, 584-5540.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21
ALBANY COUNTY
EDUCATION DAY

"How to be a Care Partner," Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, 9:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Information, 464-0630.

CPR FOR PROFESSIONAL RESCUER

first aid training, Red Cross, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Information, 433-0151.

OHASHIATSU

Introduction on a method of centering touch, Albany Kripalu Yoga Center, 6 Metro Park Road, Colonie, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 454-9642.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
THERAPEUTIC TOUCH

exploring the use of energy healing, Sunnyview Hospital, 1270 Belmont Ave., 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 827-8070.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 22
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.

LECTURE ON HUMAN FIGURE

Margaret Lynch discusses sculpting the body, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

COUPLES RETREAT DAY

Albany Kripalu Yoga Center, 6 Metro Road, Colonie, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$145 per couple. Information, 454-9642.

ROLE OF WORLD FEDERALISTS

achieving a world without war, Guildford Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 456-2400.

LEGAL NOTICE

engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC. (February 18, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is York-shire Properties, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with NY Secretary of State on January 6, 1998. 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 Segel, Goldman & Mazzotta, P.C., 5 Washington Square, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205, c/o Paul J. Goldman, Esq. (February 18, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is First

SARATOGA COUNTY
LOCAL HISTORY TALK

Richard Ketchum discusses his new book on the battle of Saratoga, Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry St., 1:30 p.m. Information, 664-9821.

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 23
ALBANY COUNTY
THE BLACK WALL STREET

Henry Clay discusses events that occurred at the turn of the century in Tulsa, Okla., The College of Saint Rose Campus Activities Center, Room 111, 420 Western Ave., 7 p.m.

SENIORS LUNCHEAS

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
BALLROOM DANCING

Beginner lessons, Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 377-8803.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 24
ALBANY COUNTY
HEALTH AND WELLNESS LECTURE SERIES

sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 7 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

TRUE FRIENDS

female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

SENIORS LUNCHEAS

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB

for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Anthony's Park Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 489-0936.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

LEGAL NOTICE

Columbia, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with NY Secretary of State on December 9, 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 12210-1922. (February 18, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF WELLINGTON GARAGE ASSOCIATES, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Wellington Garage Associates, LLC.

SECOND: The county within the State in which the principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located is Albany County.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendell Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP

group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

COLUMBIA COUNTY
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Christ Episcopal Church, Union Street, Hudson, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
BREAST FEEDING PREPARATION

the benefits of breastfeeding, \$15, Bellevue Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 346-9420.

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 25
ALBANY COUNTY
INFANT CHILD SAVER

CPR for infants, American Red Cross of Northeastern New York, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 6 to 10 p.m. Information, 433-0150 ext. 3304.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

focus on investing for college, School Systems Federal Credit Union Albany branch, Pine West Plaza Building #4, Washington Avenue Extension, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Information, 286-1611.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Parsons Child and Family Center will hold an adoption orientation, \$25, reservations required, 60 Academy Road, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
BOOK REVIEW

"Open Heart" by A.B. Yehoshua, Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, 11:15 a.m. Information, 337-8803.

LEGAL NOTICE

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is March 1, 2048.

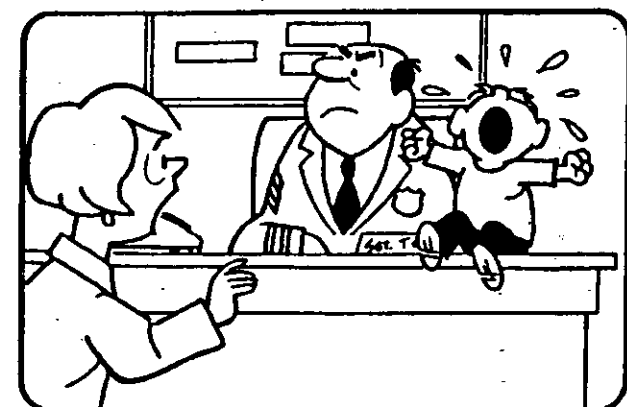
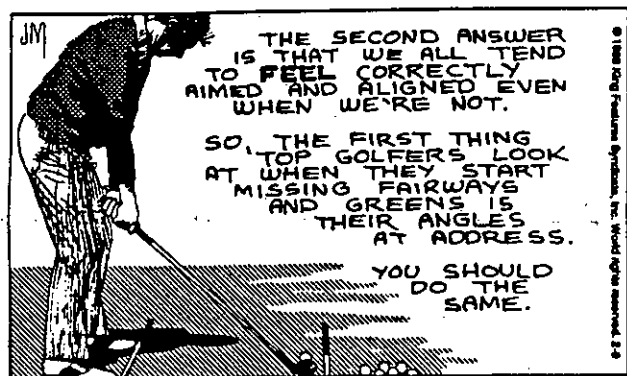
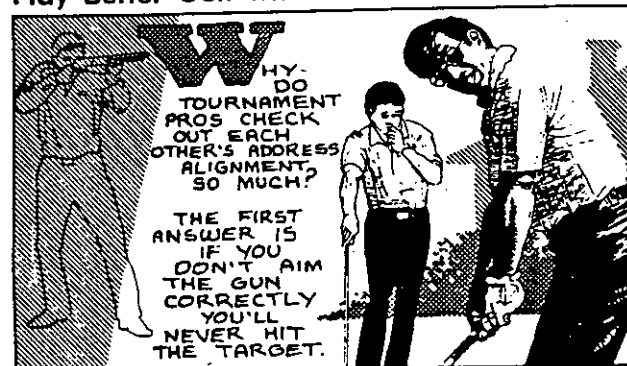
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: Wellington Garage Associates, LLC, 121 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these articles of organization have been subscribed this 14th day of January, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) John J. Lynch
 (February 18, 1998)

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18**
BETHLEHEM
BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER,

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 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, 489-6779.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 19**
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

ANTIQUITY STUDY GROUP

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON

for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

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
NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 20**
BETHLEHEM
DUPLICATE BRIDGE

all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

BOOKS IN THE MORNING

Bethlehem town hall, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9661.

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 MEETINGS

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

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21**
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 439-7571.

AL-ANON MEETING

The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

SNOWSHOEING

Five Rivers center, 56 Game Farm Road, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 22**
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

traditional worship, 9 and 11 a.m., T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship, 5:30 p.m., nursery care and Sunday school for children during all services, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

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., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. 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 service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

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.

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, large-print materials and assistive listening devices, coffee and fellowship following services, 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., Mountain View Road, 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

**MONDAY
FEBRUARY 23**
BETHLEHEM
AUDITION FOR HARLEQUIN PLAYERS

Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 346-1147.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

NEW SCOTLAND
QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 24**
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., 9 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.

DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

BETHLEHEM AARP

chapter meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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| Palm Sunday | April 5 | 10:00 am |
| Maundy Thursday | April 9 | 7:30 pm |
| Good Friday | April 10 | 7:30 pm |
| Easter Sunday | April 12 | 10:00 am |

Rev. Larry Deyss, Pastor Officiating

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505 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 439-9252

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 25**

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

ASH WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Delmar Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m.
Information, 439-4857.

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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247
Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-4205.

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Parks and Recreation Office,
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Information, 439-0503.

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555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-2512.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
1 Kenwood Ave., evening
prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m.
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, 489-6779.

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

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

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 26**

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous
symptoms, First United Methodist
Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10
a.m. Information, 439-9976.

TOPS
weight loss support group,
Delmar Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave. Information, 439-
4857.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office,
Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m.
Information, 439-0503.

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town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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Information, 439-3135.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109
Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information,
439-8280.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 27**

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

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 28**

BETHLEHEM

PRINCETON REVIEW
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., 1 p.m. To
register, call 439-9314.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill
Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-
6779.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 1**

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
traditional worship, 9 and 11
a.m., T.G.I. Sunday contempo-
rary worship, 5:30 p.m., nursery
care and Sunday school for
children during all services, 386
Delaware Ave. Information,
439-9929.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**
Sunday school and worship
service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill
Road. Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST**
Sunday school and worship
service, 10 a.m., child care
provided, 555 Delaware Ave.
Information, 439-2512.

**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., Elm Avenue and Feura
Bush Road. 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. Informa-
tion, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 11 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour,
Willowbrook Avenue. Informa-
tion, 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 service, 9:30 a.m., with
Sunday school and nursery,
home groups, women's Bible
studies and youth group, 292
Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-
4407.

**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.

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,
large-print materials and
assistive listening devices,
coffee and fellowship following
services, 85 Elm Ave. Informa-
tion, 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.,
Mountain View Road,
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.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship
celebration, 10 a.m., church
school classes for nursery
through high school, 10 a.m.,
choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68
Maple Ave., Voorheesville.
Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELI-
CAL FREE CHURCH**
worship service, 9:30 a.m.,
nursery care provided, Route
155, Voorheesville. Information,
765-3390.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour,
nursery care provided, Route
443. Information, 768-2916.

**MONDAY
MARCH 2**

BETHLEHEM

LEGAL NOTICE
**NOTICE OF FILING OF THE
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF MORIZIO HOLDING, LLC
UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY LAW SECTION 206**

1. The name of the limited liability company is: MORIZIO HOLDING, LLC.
2. Articles of Organization were filed on November 24, 1997 with the Secretary of State.
3. The office of the limited liability company is in Albany County, New York.
4. The limited liability company shall dissolve on December 31, 2047.
5. The Secretary of the State of New York is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is C/O Shartrand and Shartrand, 19B British American Boulevard, Latham, NY 12110.
6. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without New York State. (February 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**
Articles of Organization of Majestic Tree Farm, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 15, 1998, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 185 Pictuay Road, Selkirk, New York 12158. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL. (February 18, 1998)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 11th day of February, 1998, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to develop a neighborhood park in Selkirk, and
WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will be approximately \$74,000 and
WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such construction are in the Recreation Capital Reserve Account; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to develop this park; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT
Christian support group for
mothers of preschool children,
Delmar Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave., nursery care
provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Information, 439-9929.

**BLANCHARD AMERICAN
LEGION POST MEETING**
16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m.
Information, 439-9819.

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m.
Information, 439-5560.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA**
rehearsal, town hall, 445
Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 482-1100.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL
United Pentecostal Church,
Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m.
Information, 765-4410.

**ONESQUETHAW UNION
CEMETERY**
Clarksville Reformed Church,
7:30 p.m.

that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve monies to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$75,000 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account the funds necessary up to \$75,000 in said reserve fund; and

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Davis, was second by Mr. Johnson and duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Burns.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

DATED: February 11, 1998
(February 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
DOMESTIC LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**
The name of the LLC is ACA Merchandising, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with NY Secretary of State on December 26, 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

**TUESDAY
MARCH 3**

BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD
town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4955.

**BETHLEHEM PRESCHOOL OPEN
HOUSE**
Bethlehem Preschool, 397 Route
9W, Glenmont, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Information, 463-8091.

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., 9 a.m. to 6
p.m.

BINGO
at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge,
Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SER-
VICES**
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.

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 Hamilton News Co., Inc., 41 Hamilton Lane, Glenmont, New York 12077. (February 18, 1998)

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF
ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY**
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Davey Jones Locker, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on December 30, 1997.

THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 386 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York 12209.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2047.

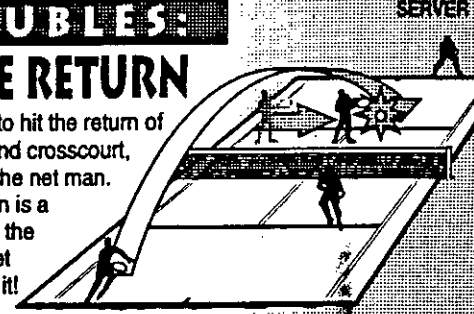
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity permitted under the Limited Liability Company Law. (February 18, 1998)

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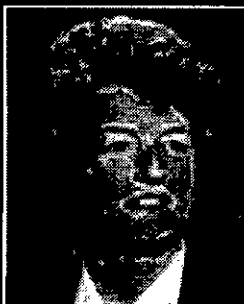
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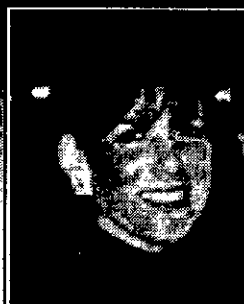
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Pilot

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to the U.S., Kindlon said there are two other obstacles. One is that affidavits can't be used in trials and the second is the cost of getting a deposition in Cuba, which Kindlon estimated at about \$200,000.

Another reason

There is one more wrinkle to this story — delivering medicine was not the original reason for Harmon's trip to Cuba. For more than a decade, Harmon has been collecting fuel samples from various international airports for a comparative study.

In 1995, he learned from one of his five sons that American boaters who were having regattas in Cuban waters were encountering very little red tape from the American and Cuban governments. Harmon saw his chance to fly into Havana, so he began to tell colleagues about his plan. "Friends said, 'Mil, don't fly Ten Romeo into Havana empty,'" Harmon recalled. They suggested he bring medicine with him.

When he applied for U.S. Government permission to fly into Cuba to collect a fuel sample, he was turned down, but Commerce Department official William A. Reinsch suggested in an April 1996 letter that Harmon might fare better if he listed the delivery of medicine as the main reason for his flight.

Ultimately, that application was turned down, as well.

So when Harmon left Washington, D.C., last Easter Sunday, he had spent two years planning a Cuba trip so he could deliver medicine, set a speed record and collect a fuel sample. Despite being told by the government that only one of these goals — the speed record — could be done legally, Harmon accomplished all three.

As he wrote in this issue's letter to *The Spotlight*: "A fuel sample from a normal refueling on the ramp at Jose Marti International Airport (was) tested in Chicago."

Harmon accomplished everything he set out to do in Cuba, then made an illegal flight from Freeport to Albany so he could deal with the repercussions of his Havana landing from his home base. Did Millard Harmon think he was above the law?

"No, I did not think I was above the law," he said. "But I knew, after two years of dealing with the government that (the) misunderstanding could not be cleared up quickly."

Kindlon said he advised Harmon to settle because, "As any trial lawyer will tell you, you cannot predict the outcome of a trial." Citing the infamous O.J. Simpson verdict, Kindlon said, "Strange results are produced by the adversarial process."

Pericak said he doesn't know why Harmon broke the law, but thinks his determination to visit Cuba was a reason. "He wanted to set an air speed record and then, when that application was denied, he came up with this medical mercy mission," Pericak said.

Harmon thinks he would have

won a jury trial. "The bottom line is I have done absolutely nothing illegal except fly from West Palm Beach to Albany," Harmon said, "which I thought was justified."

Budget

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Pupil transportation increased 5.77 percent to \$2,712,322. Community services, including the census, went down by 84.19 percent to \$2,150. Undistributed monies, which include employee benefits, debt service and interfund transfers, decreased by 2.43 percent to \$10,196,739.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Steven O'Shea made a few points about the fundamental operating budget. "Phase II of the energy performance contract will increase the debt service, but there will be considerable energy savings," he said. "Another plus is that there have been good, sizable reductions in our payments to the Teacher Retirement System and Employee Retirement System. The FOB represents a 2 percent budget to budget increase."

The 1997-98 figures being used as a comparison now are the approved budget numbers. O'Shea said the projected expenditures for the current year will be available by March 11.

The board also reviewed priority one and two additions. Superintendent Les Loomis said that his key priority for the coming year is increased high school staffing. An increase of 4.8 high school teachers has been designated priority one, with 1.4 more as priority two. High school enrollment is projected to increase by another 64

students in the fall, and the average class size of 22.8 exceeds that of the elementary and middle schools. The cost for 4.8 teachers is \$220,320; for 1.4, \$64,260 (1.0 teaching position costs \$45,900).

Also priority one is an increase in librarian staffing at the elementary and middle school. Adding a half-time elementary librarian brings an increase of \$15,770, which ensures that each elementary school will have a full-time librarian. Adding a half-time middle school librarian will allow enhancement of the library program at the middle school. Another half-time middle school librarian has been classified as priority two.

Nancy Heinzen of the Elsmere Elementary School PTA's library committee said, "It's great that elementary library staffing is priority one. I hope it stays that way throughout the budget process."

Advocates for more guidance time at the high school were not as pleased with the priority one designation for an additional .2 full time equivalent high school guidance counselor. Ellen Kelly Lind, parent of eighth and 11-graders, spoke as a representative of Bethlehem Central Community Organization. "Adding .2 high school guidance time keeps the case load the same, which is one guidance counselor for 285 students," she said.

Also designated priority one was an additional .2 FTE middle school guidance counselor, and half-time middle school guidance clerical staffing. A .4 FTE elementary guidance counselor and half-

time middle school guidance clerical assistant were both designated priority two.

Other priority one additions include full-time technology desk help, for ten months, and stipends for the middle school drama director and high school Shakespeare director.

The priority two categorization of stipends for a middle school technical advisor and high school lighting and sound coordinator aroused concern from the Bethlehem Theater Support Group. "I feel this is very important, and a safety issue," Gail Guzik said. Loomis pointed out that a meeting is planned to address theater safety concerns.

Impending new state standards also called for some priority one and two additions in the "Regents for All" category. Assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Judy Wooster spoke to the need for higher graduation and education standards, as well as assessment programs.

Most of the priority one designations in this category are increased staffing, among them, a .6 FTE psychologist, .4 FTE speech teacher, full-time kindergarten extended day program staff and \$12,000 for summer Early Learning Focus transition.

Loomis pointed out that Wednesday's meeting was not traditionally a night for detail. "The board will go through the budget areas topic by topic during February and March," he said. Bethlehem's next budget work session is Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. The budget vote is May 19.

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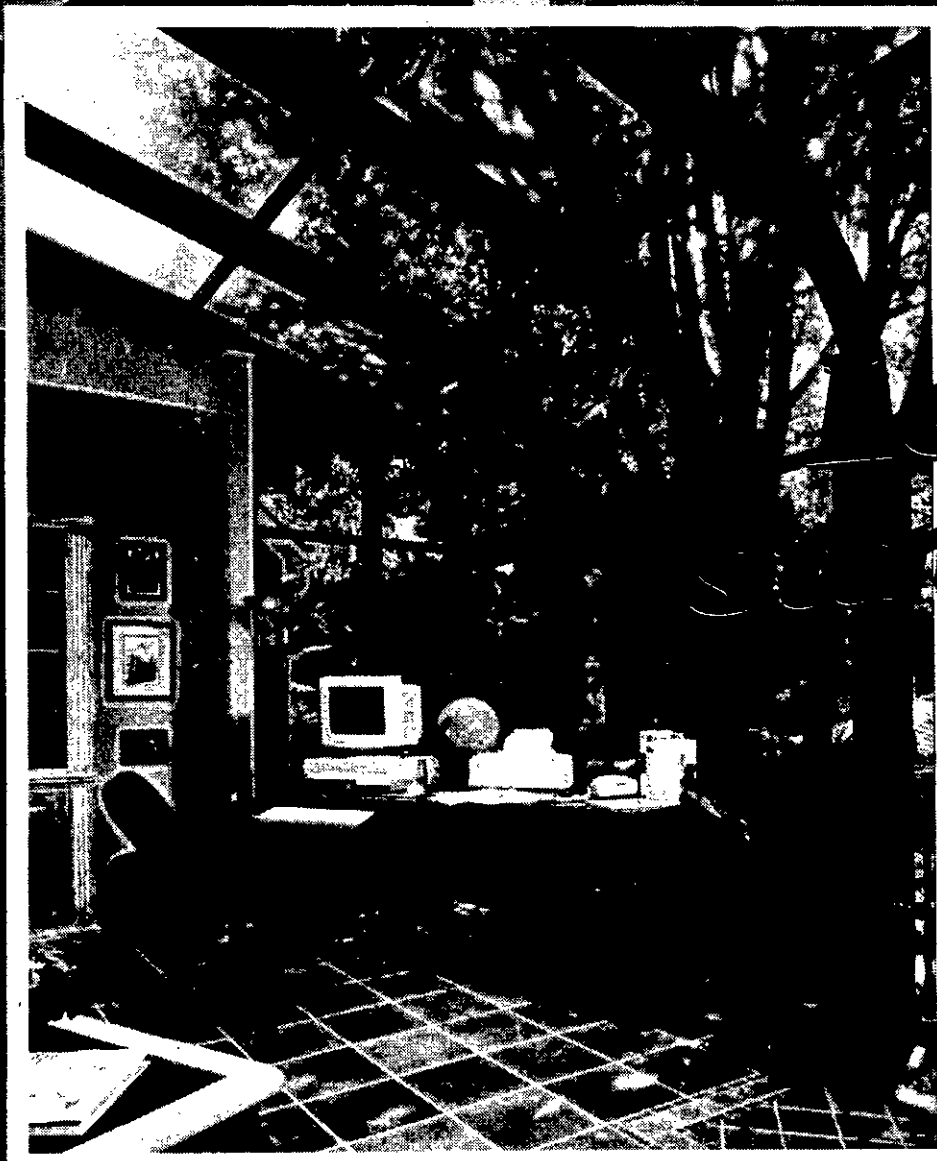
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By Linda DeMattia

The relaxing feel of nature can be achieved inside with a new breed of sunrooms, solariums and porch enclosures. Much more than the screened-in porches of decades ago, many designs of sunrooms and solariums can be used for three seasons and even year-round use.

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And while relatively new in the remodeling world, it is an idea that has come full-circle, according to Greg Jackson, president of Bennett Contracting of Albany.

"For well over a hundred years, houses built in this country had porches so people could cool off and greet their neighbors in the summer," he said. "By the turn of the century, screens were invented and people started screening in their porches to keep the bugs out. Many houses also had enclosed sunrooms."

Screened porches and sunrooms fell out of favor after World War II with the advent of air conditioning, according to Bennett.

"Many houses built around that time didn't have porches or patios of any kind," he said. "By the mid-1970's people wanted to get back outdoors and everyone went deck-crazy."

But along with the great feeling of the outdoors also came the bugs, pollen, leaves and other "junk that falls out of the sky," Bennett said. Then about five or six years ago, the industry re-examined the idea of the enclosed patio or deck.

"An enclosed patio or deck allows people to get an outdoor feeling for three seasons without the unpleasant part of being outside." There are several types of enclosures; sunrooms, which have regular roofs, or solariums, which have glass sides and roofs. Generally, they are made out of aluminum, as well. Greenhouses are also virtually all-glass enclosures but their primary purpose is for plants, not for use as a living space.

Bennett, general contractors who do complete remodeling, custom-tailors sunrooms and what they call "hybrid" rooms that are part wood-frame construction and part aluminum enclosure. They order sunrooms from a manufacturer that allows for customization.

Specializing only in enclosed porches, decks and patios is Patio Enclosures, Inc. in Albany, a company that also manufactures the sunrooms and solariums they install. In business since 1966, they were well ahead of the recent sunroom craze.

"Adding a sunroom or solarium is a life-style decision," said B.J. Prior, branch manager. "You walk into a room that feels like you are outdoors and you relax. People who have three-season rooms

often use them from March through December. They are especially lovely for holiday entertaining."

Prior, the first female branch manager for the nation's largest sunroom manufacturer, said adding a sunroom or solarium is often a woman's choice.

"It is a decorating decision and a life style enhancement," she said. The rooms are designed by each customer then manufactures exactly the way they want it, Prior said.

"One of the advantages we have here is we design a room that exactly meets their needs and we can manufacture exactly what the customer wants."

The aluminum and glass construction make the additions affordable for just about any budget, Prior said. "For young couples it's a way to add space that is entirely different from any other in a house and to make a small house seem larger. For older couples, it's a space that is up-lifting and a way to give an older home a new feel."

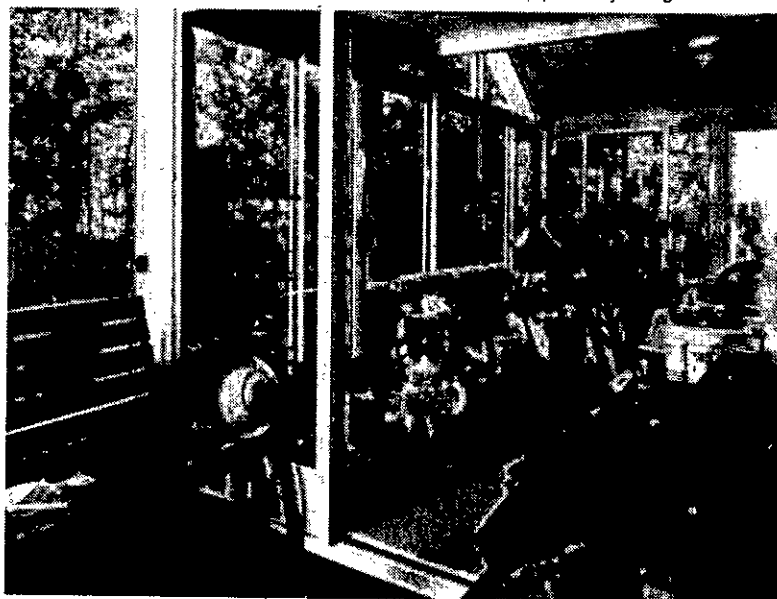
That "feel" has been around since Victorian times when every wealthy home-owner had a conservatory to bring the outdoors inside for lavish entertaining. One such English greenhouse is planned as part of a large addition to a local Victorian home.

"The greenhouse we are planning as part of a larger addition is imported from England," said Frank Webb,



Above, B.J. Prior, left, branch manager at Patio Enclosures, Inc. in Albany, and Anita Cunningham, operations supervisor, discuss an upcoming job. Below, a glass enclosure by Patio Enclosures built with a gable-style roof that is common in Albany. This room is used as a family room for dining and relaxing.

Top photo by Doug Persons.



president of Coventry Construction in Slingerlands.

"Nobody in the United States makes them like this. They are made of hard wood and have ornate windows." This particular

greenhouse will also have field stone work covering the foundation.

Whatever the price range, these sunny spaces that bring the outside inside are a lifestyle choice for many people.

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Spot treatment saves money and the environment

Lisa K. Kelly

Weeds, crab grass, grubs and moles can now be treated without the over use of herbicides and pesticides. The protocol, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), has been around for many years, said John Rees, owner and operator of Great Estates in Delmar.

"Originally, it was used by golf courses," he said.

IPM has recently received a lot of attention in the lawn maintenance industry, said Chris Manzella, a partner in CM Lawn Care, which services lawns in Colonie and Bethlehem.

"If it ain't broken, don't fix it, is the basic philosophy," said Manzella. "Sometimes people put weed control over the whole lawn and they don't need it."

Rees said that IPM is a spot treatment method for lawns. "If you don't have a weed in your lawn, then don't treat it, if you have two weeds, only treat those weeds."

Spot treating your lawn saves your money and the environment, he explained.

Bob Graves, owner and manager of Faddegon's Nursery in Latham, said part of the IPM philosophy is teaching people to tolerate imperfection.

He said if the lawn only has two grubs in it, then leave it alone. "The lawn can still repair itself at that stage."

If your lawn has no apparent problems, there is no need to use pesticides or herbicides.

"If a problem is suspected, the homeowner needs to investigate and discover the

IPM is a spot treatment method for your lawn.

John Rees

exact nature of the problem in order to determine the correct treatment for the lawn."

One way to maintain your lawn's health and beauty is proper watering.

"Many people do not water properly or water too infrequently," Rees said. "A lawn should be watered once or twice a week, regularly and thoroughly."

"Watering is a timing thing," Manzella said. "Watering in the morning is best because watering at night promotes disease."

But he warned that watering should not be done during the hottest time of the day, so if you cannot water in the morning,

Top, this Bethlehem lawn is shown prior to treatment using the Integrated Pest Management protocol. Below, the same lawn after the IPM system was implemented by CM Lawn Care.

try watering during the late afternoon. The lawn should also be saturated enough so that water reaches the root zone.

Additionally, aeration is a good method to maintain your lawn and conserve water at the same time, both Rees and Manzella said.

Aeration is a method for punching holes into the lawn. The holes allow water and air to be quickly absorbed by the soil and the roots, Rees said.

"It looks like you had a pack of geese sit on your lawn for a week," Rees said. "But it works."

Manzella recommends autumn as the best time for aeration because, "You want to promote root growth in the fall." But, he said spring aeration is OK too, as long as the ground is dry.

Manzella also suggested removing any dead leaves, twigs and other debris during the first few weeks of spring, to give your lawn the best possible chance for a healthy spring growing period.



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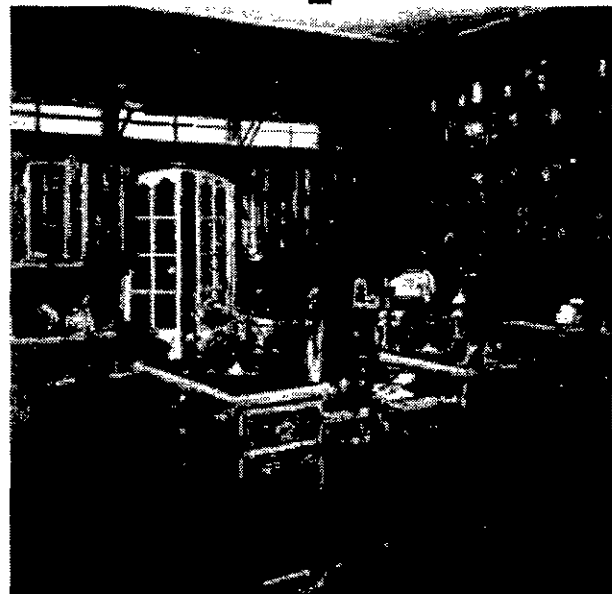
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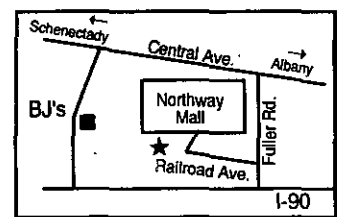
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Local decorators share inexpensive design tips

By avoiding common mistakes, experts save homeowners money

By Bill Fonda

Are you tired of staring at the same four walls, but don't have hundreds of dollars to spend on redecorating?

Fear not.

Two local interior decorators, Linda Mannella of Saratoga Signature Interiors in Stuyvesant Plaza and Susan Luria of The Decorating Den in Central Bridge, say it's possible to give a room an entirely new look without spending a lot of money.

The easiest way to do that is to paint. Luria says citrus colors like tangerine, peach, pink and Granny Smith apples are popular and recommends sponge painting or stenciling to add variety.

"You get the most for your investment with paint," she said.

Wallpapering is also an option. Luria said wallpaper is coming back into fashion this year after last year's neutral styles cut into its popularity.

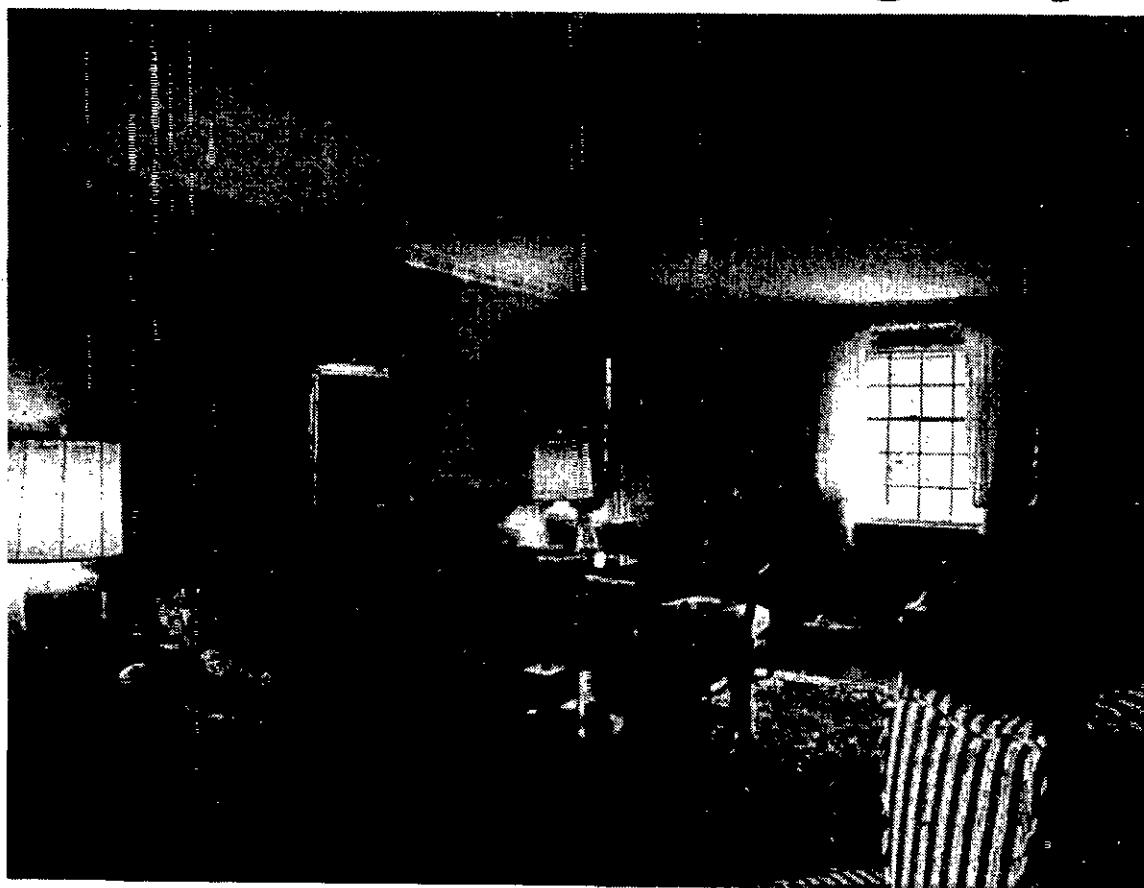
"Patterned wallpaper is becoming increasingly popular because the fashion look in home decorating now is more colorful," she said.

Rearranging the furniture and accessorizing also can give change a room's appearance without costing a fortune. Pillows, throw rugs, candlesticks, knickknacks, blankets, antique boxes, flowers and plants can all be used to inexpensively increase a room's appeal.

"Plants are something major without being a lot of money," Mannella said.

Luria recommended changing lamps every so often because "Lamps last a long time and people tend to keep them too long."

Mannella uses a dresser in her kitchen to store linens because it doesn't fit in a bedroom. She encourages people to be similarly open-minded and creative when



This room is an example of decorating a large space using color and simple furniture to create an elegant and comfortable living area. Decorators Susan Luria and Linda Mannella also recommend using slipcovers and accessories to give new life to a room without spending a fortune.

Photo courtesy of Susan Luria

they redecorate.

She said salvage yards and flea markets are good places to find interesting things for the walls like old fence portions, windows or garden gates.

"You'd be surprised at what you might come across," Mannella said.

Slipcovers are another way to redecorate at a portion of the cost. By putting a slipcover on a piece of furniture, it is possible to make it look different for about one-third the cost of reupholstering, and different slipcovers can be used to create seasonal looks.

However, Luria warned that slipcovers need to be replaced frequently because their loose fit and lightweight construction causes them to wear out quickly.

While all of these ideas can help, Luria feels people should hire a professional to prevent them from putting too many things in a room or arranging things badly.

"In the end, interior decorators save clients money because there are no mistakes," she said.

Luria provides complete interior decorating services, including free consultation, custom window treatments,

furniture, wall and floor covering and accessories.

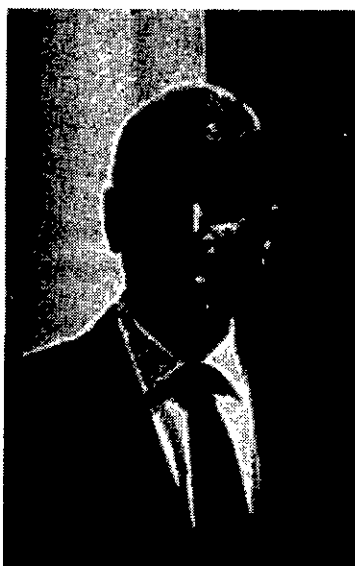
She will meet with people at their home or office, in the evening or on weekends. For information, call 296-8556.

Mannella recently started working for Saratoga Signature Interiors in its office in Stuyvesant Plaza in Albany.

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Be aware of lead hazards when renovating your home

By David Reusswig

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services has characterized lead poisoning as the greatest environmental health threat to children under the age of 6 because it subtly and gradually causes both behavioral problems and learning disabilities.

The early symptoms of lead poisoning are not specific and resemble a flu-like illness.

Children may experience headaches, loss of appetite, dizziness, irritability, constipation, numbness, hypertension and insomnia.

Although lead poisoning is considered most threatening to children, it affects adults too. High lead levels in adults can cause high blood pressure, headaches, digestive problems, memory and concentration problems, kidney damage, mood changes, nerve disorders, muscle and joint pain and insomnia. Lead can also affect the ability of both women and men to have healthy children.

Most lead poisoning in

children is caused by the ingestion of paint chips and dust from peeling lead-based paint. In addition to peeling, surfaces that have been painted with lead-based paint are often disturbed during renovation projects or are affected by friction (opening and closing windows that are lead painted) creating lead-contaminated dust, which is then

sure to lead. Dry-sanding, scraping, brushing, or blasting lead-based paint can produce poisonous paint chips and dust. Burning lead-based paint with open flame torches is especially dangerous. The fumes from the hot paint contain lead and volatile chemicals that are poisonous when inhaled. Renovation and remodeling

that would require renovation and remodeling contractors to provide the EPA pamphlet, Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home, to homeowners and occupants of most pre-1978 homes before they begin work. However, there is currently no federal or New York state regulations which require remodeling contractors to become trained and certified to properly protect themselves and others from lead-based paint hazards during renovation work.

Officials with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the EPA and the National Lead Information Center recommend the following precautions before disturbing surfaces that may be covered with lead-based paint:

- To be sure you are not dealing with lead-based paint, have the paint tested by a certified lead inspector. (Home testing kits for lead inspection are available, but the federal government does not recommend the use of these, since their reliability is still being examined.) To find a certified inspector, contact the National

Lead Information Center Clearinghouse at (800) 424-LEAD. The most efficient and cost effective method of testing the surfaces of your home is by using a portable X-ray fluorescence (XRF) instrument which measures the amount of lead in the paint. This method is preferred because it offers high quality, immediate results and is non-destructive to the painted surface.

- Do not belt-sand, blast, power wash, dry scrape or use a high temperature heat gun or open flame to remove lead-based paint. The dry actions create large amounts of lead dust, which can remain in your home long after the work is done, and heating or burning lead-based paint makes dangerous fumes and vapors.

- Use a wet sander instead to reduce the chance of dust. If the area is small, spray with a water bottle to keep it wet before scraping, and wear a protective respirator equipped with a high efficiency particulate air

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ingested by the home's inhabitants.

Most lead poisoning in adults is due to occupational exposure or exposure during renovation projects and a single, very high exposure to lead can cause lead poisoning.

A home built before 1978, when lead in household paint was banned, might contain lead-based paint and working on these surfaces can cause expo-

activities, whether performed by homeowners or a remodeling professional, can create significant amounts of dust that contain lead in and around your home. If not cleaned up properly, this dust can eventually be ingested by young children, pregnant women, and other residents of the home, causing lead poisoning.

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed regulations

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Brighten your home with indoor, outdoor lighting

By Peter Hanson

What's the use of spending thousands of dollars to improve your home if you can't see what it looks like when the renovations are done? Although it's easy to forget about lighting while you're laying grout between bathroom tiles and sanding hardwood floors, lighting fixtures and light bulbs can be as important to a room as paint and carpeting.

"To do it right, and without going crazy, (lighting) should cost between one and two percent of the cost of the house," said Larry Verch of The Lighting Place in Guilderland's 20 Mall. "It doesn't matter if it's a million-dollar house or a \$300,000 house. The percentage is still the same."

The ways in which homes can be lit are almost limitless, and the options extend from the living room to the lawn. Inside, homeowners can choose from what Verch called "utilitarian" lighting fixtures, like track lighting and recessed lighting, to decorative fixtures like chandeliers.

Outside, the options are just as varied. "You want to illuminate your house so it creates a nice atmosphere," said Bernard Danton, president of Bethlehem Electric, a Delmar contracting firm that does exterior and interior lighting. "You don't want it to look like a ball field."

Danton said that although most homes are equipped with high-wattage floodlights that are useful in emergencies or to help find something in a yard, floodlights create so much illumination that they ruin the ambiance of yards. Instead of floodlights, Danton recommends clients place small, 15 to 25-watt halogen lights strategically throughout their property.

"You want to highlight walkways and shrubberies," Danton said. "Most people want to highlight particular trees as well." Danton explained the best way to highlight trees is with low-to-the-ground fixtures, a technique called up-lighting. By placing a small light that projects a five or six foot wide beam of light that extends about 20 feet up from the source, homeowners can show off entire trees instead of simply shining light on the sides of them.

"You can also do silhouette lighting," Danton said. "That gives the outline of a building, so it's not offensive. Inside the house, you don't have anything blinding you."

Another reason Danton recommends customers install lights low to the ground is so bugs aren't attracted to the lights. Low-to-the-ground lights also create a softer illumination than floodlights mounted on a pole or the top of a building.

The lighting plan for the

exterior of every house is unique, because each house has different features owners might want to accentuate. "Around a pool, you might highlight certain areas," Danton said, adding that other items homeowners might favor are ponds and fountains.

Danton said he generally takes about two days to install the lighting around the exterior of an average-size house. An average job costs between \$800 and \$1,000, which includes labor and parts. When Danton consults with clients, he usually meets with them at electrical supply houses so he can show clients the products he envisions lighting their properties.

One such contractor is Wolberg Electrical Supply Inc., located at 35 Industrial Road in Albany. The store is crammed with every conceivable sort of lighting fixture, from children's lamps featuring basketballs and cartoon animals to elaborate brass desk lamps. The store also features a room filled with plants and a stone walkway in which exterior lighting is simulated.

Some of Wolberg's most elaborate interior lighting fixtures are chandeliers. These multi-light fixtures range from small, apartment-size lamps to six-foot wrought-iron models designed for rooms with cathedral ceilings.

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Contractor Bernard Danton (kneeling) and showroom assistant manager Bill Ague pose in the Wolberg Electric showroom that demonstrates how trees can be accentuated through up-lighting.

Peter Hanson

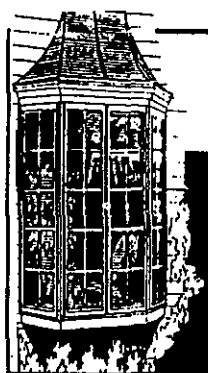
look at and provide enough light for an entire room, chandeliers are a popular option for dining rooms and foyers, but buying a chandelier doesn't mean you have to clear space for the kinds of crystalline colossi shown in TV shows like *Dynasty* and plays like *The Phantom of the Opera*.

"The size of a dining room chandelier is judged by the size of the room, the height of the ceiling and the height of the dinner table," The Lighting

Place's Verch said. "Also, judging the size has to do with the style of the chandelier."

Verch said his store sells brass chandeliers priced as low as \$60, and from there "The sky's the limit" as far as price is concerned. "Our average runs around \$600 to \$800," Verch explained, adding that most of the chandeliers he sells have the capacity for between eight to 12 bulbs each.

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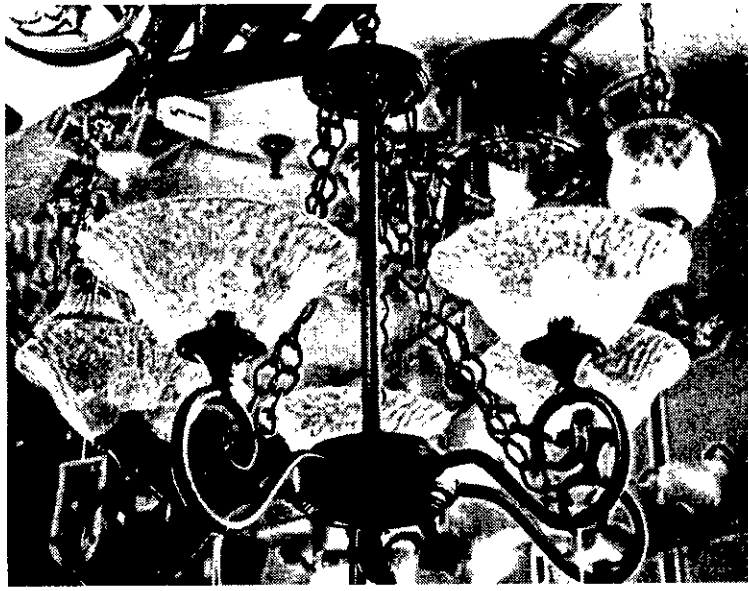
— or any other lighting fixture, for that matter — is a matter of taste. "Victorian fixtures have a lot of ornateness," Verch said. "Art Deco ones have a lot of sleek lines. And some of the contemporary ones are so simple, they look like they only have three or four pieces."

Verch said trends in lighting fixtures, like trends in other areas of home decor, come back time and again. "In our store, somebody will say, 'That's a really unusual fixture,' because it has a lot of twists and turns," he explained. "But if you go back to the '20s, they were doing some of the same things then."

Just as classic designs pop up again and again, so do classic colors. Verch said pewter is the most popular color in lighting fixtures now. "Pewter will hang around for a long time because it's not really new," Verch said, adding that trends in his industry tend to last at least a couple of years.

"What's attracting people now are things that have perceived value," Verch noted, describing an item with perceived value as one customers expect to be able to resell or keep in their homes for many years. As an illustration, he pointed out that wrought iron fixtures are selling well.

"You're not going to find a wrought iron floor lamp in a landfill in 10 years," Verch said, "but if you buy a cheap floor lamp at Kmart for \$20, you know



Lighting fixtures on display at Wolberg Electrical Supply in Albany include an iron chandelier with five lamps and decorative chains (above) and various children's table lamps (right).
Photos by Peter Hanson

where it's going to end up."

Verch said another popular item now is the daylight bulb, which, as its name suggests, simulates daylight by featuring more red in its illumination than standard lightbulbs. "Daylight bulbs help some people with their winter blues," Verch said. Customers also find daylight bulbs helpful in closets, because the bulbs help them see colors in their clothing.

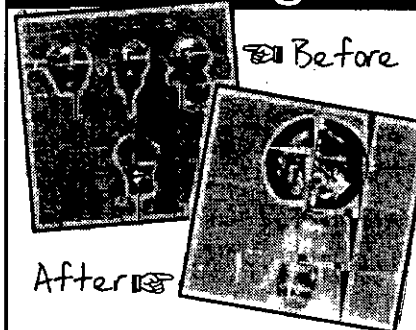
Choosing the right lighting can do more than make it

easier to get dressed in the morning, though. Lighting your home well can change the way your home feels. "In one part of our store, we've purposely left the fluorescent lights in," Verch said. "It's kind of bland and kind of dark."

By making sure one part of their store looks as drab as an office, Verch and his colleagues remind customers why they patronize companies like The Lighting Place, Bethlehem Electric and Wolberg Electrical Supply. They help customers brighten up their lives.



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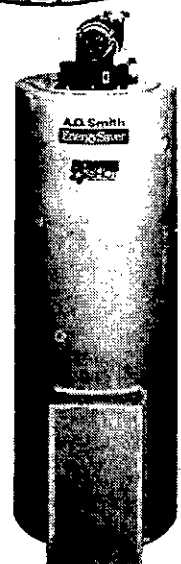
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Lead

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(HEPA) filter when doing any work. A dust mask will not protect you from lead dust.

To vacuum, use a machine equipped with a HEPA filter. Regular household or shop vacuum cleaners are not effective in removing lead dust because they blow dust out through their exhausts, creating even more of a hazard.

- Temporarily move your family (especially children and pregnant women) out of the dwelling until the work is done and the area is properly cleaned and determined to be free of lead hazards by a certified inspector. If you can't move your family, seal off the work area

with 6 mil. polyethylene plastic sheeting.

- Walls and ceilings covered with lead-based paint won't cause a problem unless the paint is chalking or peeling. If it is peeling, strip and repaint it, but if it is slightly chalky to the touch, it can be sealed with a new coat of paint.

If you are concerned that your family has been exposed to lead-based paint during a recent home renovation project, call your doctor or local health department to arrange for a blood test. If any member of your family living in the home is found to have high blood-lead levels, then the Department of Health will conduct an investigation to determine the source of lead exposure and will

periodically monitor your home for lead hazards until the family member's condition improves.

If you are planning to do remodeling work this summer, the smart remodeling checklist below will help you take steps to protect you and your children from lead hazards.

Smart remodeling checklist

- Have your paint tested by a certified lead inspector.
 - Cover interior and exterior exposed areas with plastic sheeting.
 - Turn off forced-air heating and air conditioning systems.
 - Keep all non-workers outside of the work area.
 - Wear protective clothing and shoes while doing the work.
 - Use a properly fitted respirator equipped with HEPA filters.
 - Exercise caution when using paint strippers since they can contain toxic chemicals.
 - Do not eat, drink or smoke in the work area.
 - Do not dry-sand, blast or power-wash to remove lead-based paint.
 - Do not use high temperature heat guns or open flames on lead-based paint.
- After work is completed
- Remove plastic sheeting by

rolling or folding inward.

- Wrap construction debris with plastic.
- Vacuum exposed areas with a HEPA vacuum cleaner.
- Wash exposed areas with a powdered, automatic dish washing detergent, or a lead-specific cleaning product.
- Change clothes and shoes before leaving the work area. Machine wash separately.
- Shower and wash your hair right after finishing work.
- Have a certified lead inspector test areas for lead dust contamination after final cleanup.

For information on lead poisoning, call your local county health department or contact the National Lead Information Center at (800) LEAD-FYI.

To hire a certified lead inspector, risk assessor or lead hazard-control professional, contact the National Lead Information Center Clearinghouse at (800) 424-LEAD.

David Reusswig is president of LeadLeaders, an independent corporation specializing in lead testing, inspections and risk assessments. He is an EPA certified lead inspector/risk assessor and a state certified lead inspector/risk assessor in Vermont and Connecticut.

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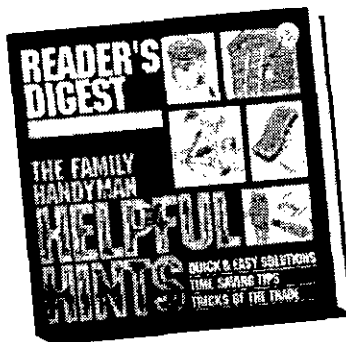
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Replacing your old windows for beauty and efficiency

By Katherine McCarthy

If the first breezes of spring whistle through your closed living room windows, it might be time to think about replacing them.

"You should replace your windows when they get cold or drafty or the sashes are loose," said Dick Domermuth, one of three owners of Heldeberg Siding, which has been in business since 1951. "You can get vinyl or wood replacement windows. Wood, of course, is more expensive. Most people choose vinyl, and the way the windows are made today, you can't tell they're vinyl."

Another plus to vinyl windows, Domermuth said, is that there's absolutely no upkeep to them, and they are available in many different styles. "You can get them with a grid system, or bars, pretty much anything you want," he said.

Domermuth cautioned against cutting too many corners. "There are some bad windows out there," he said. "You do get what you pay for." He estimated that a replacement window should cost between \$250 and \$350 for most residential sizes; more if the buyer is looking for something bigger.

Domermuth stressed the importance of hiring a reliable contractor to install the new windows. "Look for somebody who's going to be around to replace them," he said. "The glass should be guaranteed for 20 years, and the frame indefinitely."

New technology in window making can also greatly increase



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the heat efficiency in a house. "Low-E glazing," explained Ket O'Rourke, who co-owns O'Rourke & Sons with his brother Dan, "will reflect 68 percent of the sun's ultraviolet rays back out of the house, and work with the thermal panes that are now standard to keep heat in a house. Putting argon

gas instead of just air between the two panes will also increase heat efficiency.

O'Rourke said their business, located at 1732 State St. in Schenectady, does custom work, and he echoes Domermuth's sentiment that people use a contractor who will be around to back up what they sell.

Greg Jackson of Bennett Contracting in Albany said that warm edge technology further increases a window's efficiency. "When two pieces of glass are attached, a spacer bar separates the two," he said. "It used to be a piece of aluminum, and now that aluminum spacer bar has been replaced with a product that provides a thermal break between panes, and this keeps heat from escaping."

O'Rourke said it is hard to generalize about costs, but that using Low-E and argon glass would increase the cost of a new window by between \$45 and \$60. "Over time, you could recoup your money in heating savings," he said.

Steven Stiansen, the controller at Crawford Door and Window Sales on 3rd Avenue Extension in Rensselaer, touted the virtues of Pella windows, which Crawford has been selling for more than 40 years.

"Pella has reintroduced one of its first products, the Rolscreen®, to go with its Designer Series® and Architect Series® windows," Stiansen said. "It's a screen that rolls up into a stainable interior wood housing unit at the top of the window frame." The screen is made of durable unobtrusive black fiberglass, and presents an unobstructed view compared to traditional screens.

Pella also offers Precision Fit™ Replacement Windows that can match the architectural integrity of a home, Stiansen said, and come with a variety of sashes. The Precision Fit windows are pre-assembled, and slide easily into existing window pockets.

Crawford Door and Window, Stiansen said, will be opening a windowscaping center soon in the Wolf Road, Colonie, area.

Perhaps best of all with new windows is the ease of cleaning them. Jackson pointed out that instead of taking down or putting up storm windows every season, most new windows can simply be tilted in for cleaning.

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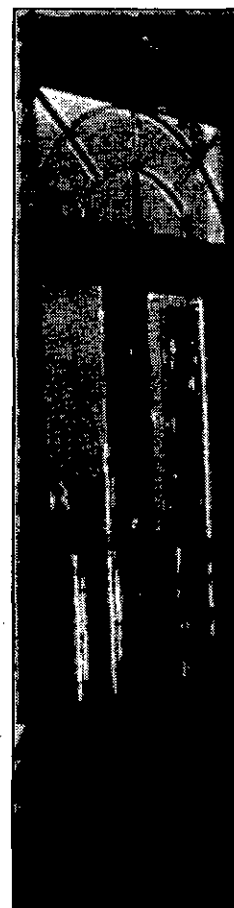
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By Katherine McCarthy

Ah, spring; the birds are singing, the crocuses are blooming, the grass is growing and ... the paint on the house is peeling. Maybe this is the year to think about vinyl siding for your abode.

Greg Jackson, president of Bennett Contracting at 693 Pearl St. in Albany, said siding has come a long way since its introduction shortly after World War II. "Vinyl siding is available in about 15 different colors," he said. "You can have colored shutters, custom sizes, duplicate traditional things, or come up with your own ideas ... You can have shingles that look like fish

scales, are triangular or rounded. You can customize, accent and use color."

Dick Domermuth of Heldeberg Siding, which has offices in Voorheesville and Clarksville, said people are sticking mostly with solid colors and choosing lap siding, which has a four or five inch exposure. "Dutch lap is also becoming popular," he said. "It looks like the old novelty siding, with a wider plank."

Ket O'Rourke, who co-owns Schenectady's O'Rourke & Sons with his brother Dan, said he's seeing a return to earth tones. "Deep reds and browns are pretty much a thing of the past,"

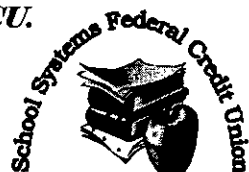
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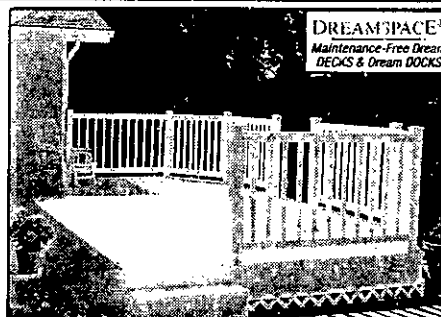
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Top and center, a home before and after siding by Bennett Contracting. Bottom, a recent siding job by Heldeberg Siding. Top right, a portion of Heldeberg's siding job before work began. Lower right, an example of scalloped siding.

he said.

Jackson said some people are looking for more decorative features to complement their traditional homes. "In the last five years," he said, "the major manufacturers have gone to great lengths to produce an entire array of products. Particularly popular are architectural details from a New England setting, like ornate corner posts. (Customers) have a choice of six to seven different corners, like those you'd find on an old church or town hall. They tend to be ornate and large in proportion to the building."

Jackson said detailed "dental work," the blocks under an overhang, are also popular, as are pediments and pilasters. "These are door trim - one goes on each side of the door, and one on top, like a decorative grapefruit or swirly design over the door," he explained. "These are made of vinyl or other compos-

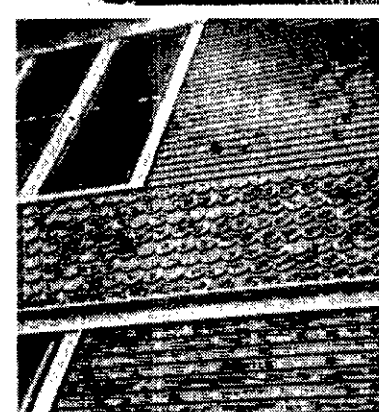
ites, and are designed for new construction as well as retrofit or in a re-siding project."

Although the initial outlay to side a house might cost more than painting - Jackson estimates the cost runs between \$5,000 and \$10,000 - customers save money by not having to repaint and by conserving energy.

"I've got jobs that are 25 to 30 years old, and only need to be pressure-washed every five to six years," Domermuth said.

The easy maintenance fits in with what Jackson called "cocooning," a recent industry buzzword.

"Baby boomers have moved beyond the need to go from a junior home to a senior home," Jackson said. "They're finished upgrading, they've moved into the neighborhood and home they're going to stay in until they move to Florida or whatever.



Now they're making improvements to that building. Siding fits in perfectly with that. They're improving their homes and doing away with a lot of headaches, like the need to repaint on a regular basis."

Siding a house can also yield energy savings by increasing the R-factor, a way of measuring heat loss in a house.

"Siding makes a house more efficient," Domermuth said. "You should save about four to 10 percent on side wall heat loss, depending on what's underneath the siding."

"We advise people to insulate their house before siding it," Jackson said. "Our people will drill holes in the house and blow fiberglass insulation in. When you side the house, you hide all of that, which is the most economical way to put insulation into the house."

"In a typical job," he added, "the contractor then installs foam board on the whole house which levels the surface. This prepares the house for siding but has an insulating value as well. This brings the house up to spec for a modern, well-insulated home."

Jackson cautioned against too much foam, though. "Occasionally," he said, "some installers will recommend thicker foam. That can work in some cases but is limited because of architectural detail. Your siding can't stick out further than the roof, for instance, and you don't want the windows to look sunken."

How to give your home's dreary windows a facelift

By Kathryn Caggianelli

If you're tired of looking at the same four walls day after day, a simple case of cabin fever may not be the problem. You and your home may be suffering from a severe case of blah windows. Think about what a difference a new window shape would make to the interior and exterior of your home. And sheer, horizontal fabric slats are a nice alternative to the brittle, antiquated shades you've grown tired of.

These are a few of the innovative ideas today's market has to offer, according to two local window specialists. People are quick to consider changing their window dressings, but changing the over-all construction and design of the window is a lot easier than you might think, said Richard MaLossi, president of Crawford Door & Window Company, Inc. in East Greenbush. The family business, which is about to open a new store in the Wolf Road Shoppers Plaza on Wolf Road, has other stores in Plattsburgh, Glens Falls and Kingston. For the last 40 years, they've specialized in doors and windows and have seen the trend go from the traditional rectangular-shaped windows to fun, contemporary trapezoids, circles, half-circles and beyond.

"We sell Pella windows, one of the four major window manufacturers in the country. I think we're one of the better of the four when it comes to offering quality and after-the-sale service," MaLossi said.

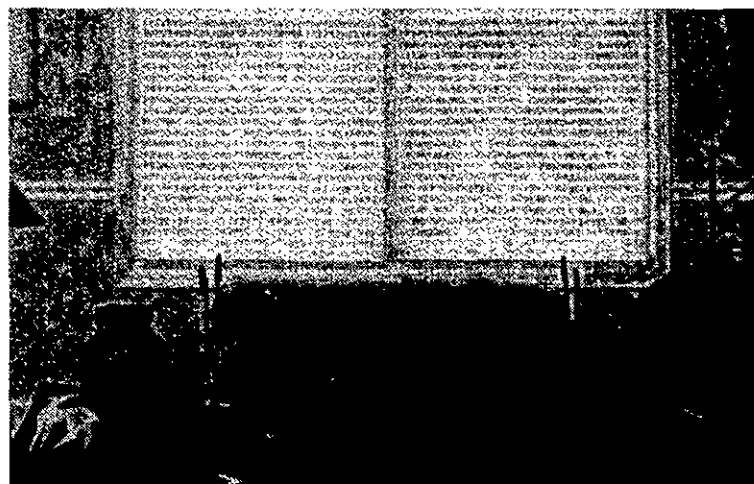
The Wolf Road store promises to be the first in the area to feature window displays that will demonstrate the ease of replacing windows, he said. Pella is placing these section-of-wall displays in stores across the country, and MaLossi's new store in Colonie will be privy to this new marketing technique.

Contemporary windows have come a long way. Old-fashioned glass panes have been replaced by high-performance argon-filled insulated glass, said store manager Joan Foust. "I think everybody's leaning toward these because they offer a lot of benefits. They have a high insulation value and eliminate a large percentage of ultra violet rays," she said.

Crawford Door & Window promotes Pella's double-glazing panel system window, or two panes separated by a pleated shade or venetian blind. "The internal piece or room-side panel is removable to allow you to change the shade or blind anytime you like. And it's totally



Left, traditional honeycomb cellular shade with a twist, it opens from the top or the bottom. Right, Shang-La Window Shadings from Comfortex.



care-free," Foust said. The sandwiched shade or blind never has to be cleaned since it's in this suspended state, it will never break, and it increases the insulation ability of the window over-all, she said.

Likewise, vinyl has been replaced by aluminum on other parts of the window, said Foust. Its maintenance-free surface never needs to be painted, and is available in a variety of colors.

It's OK if you prefer the traditional rectangular windows, but the number one choice of new window designs is the trapezoid. "The spring line, in particular, is very popular. It's a tall, fairly narrow piece of glass that's arched and rounded at the top," she said. Nowadays, just about any shape is possible, so don't be afraid to be creative. Once you're happy with the window design you've chosen for

your walls, it's time to make a room-by-room analysis of what you want to dress the windows with, said design consultant Mary Lentini of Comfortex Factory Outlet Store located in Cohoes Commons, Cohoes.

"One of the hottest looks right now is the 'Shangri-La' soft, horizontal fabric slats that

offer a sheer look to a room when they're open, and complete privacy when they're closed," she said. Veiled fabric vanes, as the manufacturer refers to them, provide softer light than old-fashioned alternatives, and come in off-white hues. "They're comparable to

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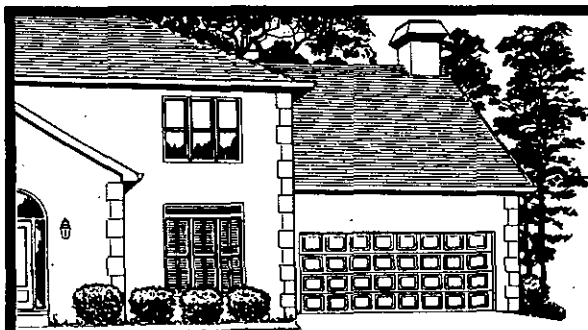
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Windows

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Hunter Douglas' Silhouettes you may have seen advertised," Lentini said.

These fabric window coverings are perfect for your living room and dining room, or any room you want to create a softer look for. "Consider what you use that room for and how much time you spend in it. In rooms I spend more time in, I want to do a cellular shade (or one of the new construction window dressings) like in the family room, for

example," she said. This new construction Lentini referred to uses a double honey-comb design, has permanent pleats and stacks up so tightly when raised it's virtually invisible. "It gives the room a very clean, open look and these shades are very energy efficient," Lentini said.

The shade, when viewed from the side, reveals a beehive-like composition that traps warm air in the summer and cold air in the winter. Fabric top treatments, like swag or balloon valances finish this look.



This window features pleated shades and one of the hottest window trends, the half-circle window.

Wood blinds are making a come-back, too. "Comfortex is on the cutting edge with these

because they've patented a process that combines wood with thermal plastic. Back in grandmother's day, wood blinds were in but they lost popularity because they warped so badly," she said. Warping is no longer a problem with Comfortex's new patented technology.

This type of window dressing would look great in a child's bedroom or an office. It casts a contemporary, casual quality to a room and is available at the outlet store in whites and off-whites. It is possible to find

cherry and oak-tone wood blinds elsewhere, Lentini said, but since they'd be made of wood they would warp over time.

If you're wondering what's out in the world of window-dressing, it's vertical blinds and heavy, pinched-pleat drapes, she said. The newest trend that has already come to Europe and will visit the U.S. in the not-to-distant future is remote controlled cordless shades, Lentini said.

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mildew eventually grows back and stains the surface, so cleaning and repainting need to be done on a frequent basis.

Today, paint manufacturers have developed mildew-resistant water-base paints for high-humidity areas. These new water-base paints contain resins that produce a tight, water-resistant film that's hard, smooth and durable. Wm. Zinsser & Co., a national manufacturer of problem-solving paint and decorating specialties, has taken this a step further by developing a unique water-base mildew-proof resin system and creating a mildew-proof paint with a money-back guarantee. Zinsser's Perma-White Mildew-

Proof Bathroom Paint is guaranteed mildew-proof for a minimum of five years. It is also blister-proof and peel-proof. It can be applied over most clean, dry surfaces — including glossy-painted walls and ceilings, sheetrock, masonry, etc. — without a primer and without sanding. It's available in a white satin or semigloss finish that's tintable by your retailer to match any decor. It's ideal for more than just bathrooms — it can be used in other high-humidity areas, like laundry rooms, basements, garages and closets.

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How healthy is your home?

Did you know that most Americans spend 90 percent of their time indoors and that the pollution inside is often greater than outdoors? Health effects from indoor air pollutants may be experienced soon after exposure, or possibly years later. Immediate effects may show up after a single exposure or repeated exposures. These include irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, headaches, dizziness and fatigue.

But indoor air pollution is a risk that you can do something about. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with some common indoor environmental problems and with some simple steps you can take to protect your family.

Check these items and make changes, if necessary, to reduce your health risks:

Bedroom humidifier: Clean according to manufacturer's directions. Refill with clean water daily.

Bathroom moisture, mold and mildew: Install and use exhaust fan. Fix plumbing leaks promptly. When using personal care products (hair spray, nail polish, etc.), open a window or use an exhaust fan. Follow directions for product use.

All Rooms: Animals (dander, hair, feathers or skin): Clean house regularly.

Tobacco smoke (from cigarette, pipe and cigar smoking): Do not smoke in your home or permit others to do so (especially near children). If smoking cannot be avoided, open windows or use exhaust fans.

House dust mites: Clean house and vacuum regularly. Wash bedding in hot water. Keep humidity and moisture to a minimum.

Kitchen: Household cleansers: Open windows when using household cleaners. Use according to manufacturer's directions.

Cooking and dishwasher use: To reduce moisture, install and use a fan that vents to the outside.

Basement or Ground Floor: Radon: Test your home for radon. Do-it-yourself kits are easy and inexpensive. For more information, contact your state radon office, or call 1-800-SOS-RADON.

Stored hobby products (paint, glue, epoxy, etc.): Follow the manufacturer's directions. Use outdoors, if possible. Indoors, open a window or use exhaust fan. Reseal containers well. Clean brushes and other materials outside.

Cooling system: Air conditioners: Follow all maintenance procedures. Change the filters. Make sure unit drains properly and that there is no standing water.

Using compact fluorescent bulbs save money and the environment

Like most people, you'd prefer to leave a light on if you think you'll arrive home late—it's an effective deterrent to crime and provides peace of mind. But what about the cost of leaving lights burning for hours on end?

• Americans spend more money for household utilities than they spend for legal service, higher education and health insurance combined, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

• Ordinary light bulbs use from 24 to 30 cents worth of electricity per day, compared with compact fluorescents, which use only a penny's worth per day. And compact fluorescents provide the same amount of light, but use 75 percent less electricity and last 13 times longer. An average house-

hold can save \$300 a year by using compact fluorescent lights.

• Among the makers of compact fluorescent bulbs is Lights of America, which has designed a complete line of lights for the home or office that use electronic ballasts, requiring less current when they're turned on. And with lightweight instant-on, no-flicker starting, they're 10 to 15 percent more efficient than ordinary light bulbs.

• From both an economic and environmental perspective, such compact fluorescent bulbs could have a major impact if—in addition to homeowners—schools, hospitals, the military and businesses begin to use them.

• According to the Center for

Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology, if 1 percent of American households switched from incandescent lights to compact fluorescent lights for one year, the energy saved could power every household in the City of Baltimore for another full year.

• Compact fluorescents produce a softer light with full spectrum illumination flatters complexions, enhances the richness of home furnishing and even makes food look more appealing.

• Rooms stay cooler with compact fluorescent lights.

Home Improvement



Metal roofing offers you 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.

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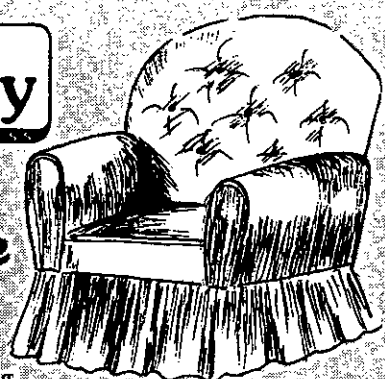
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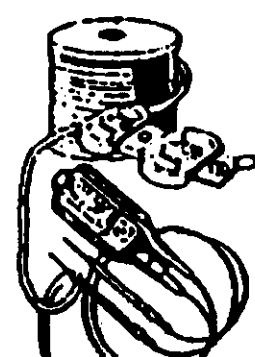
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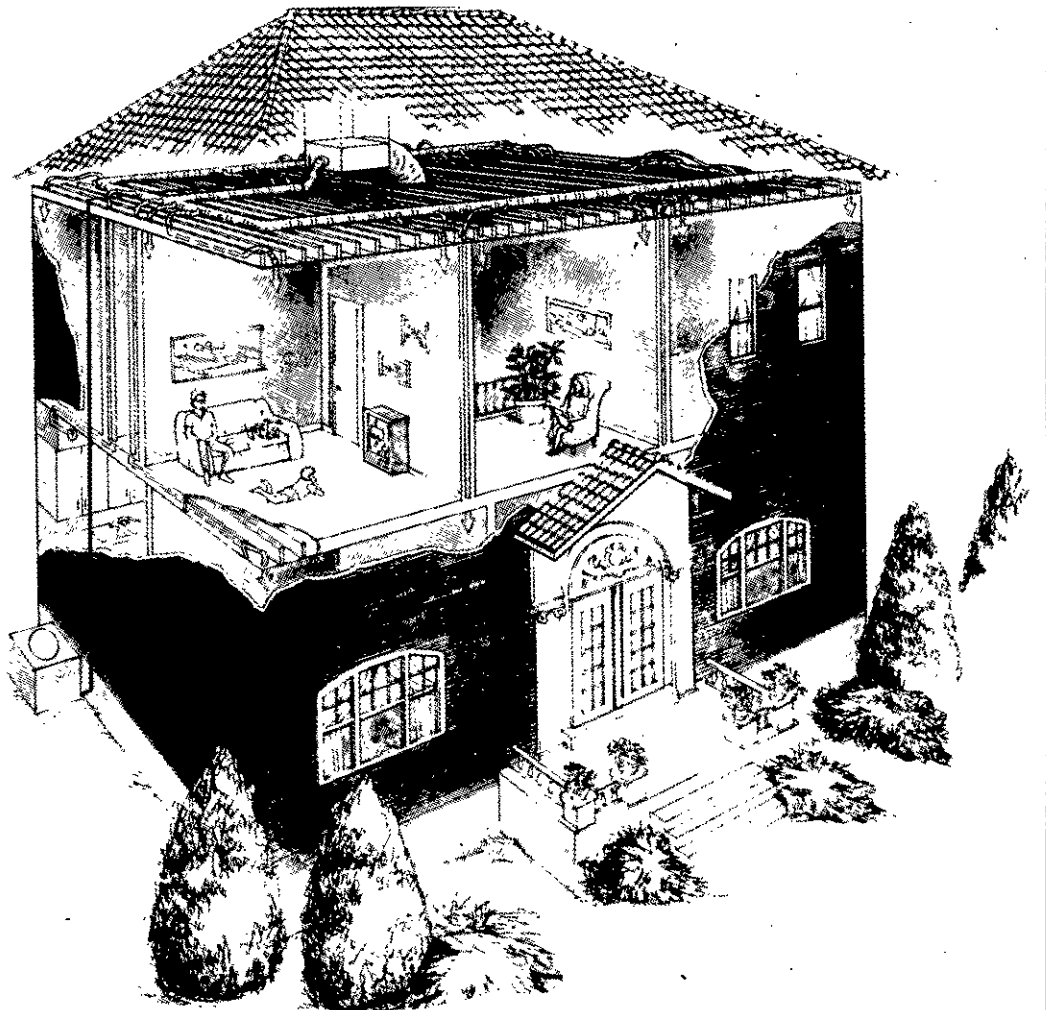
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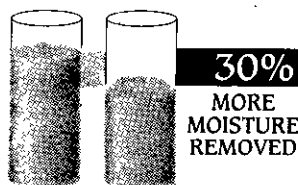
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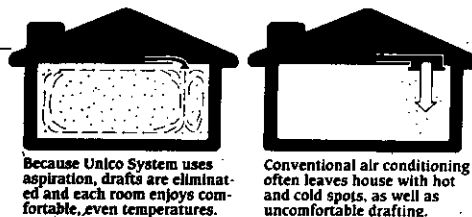
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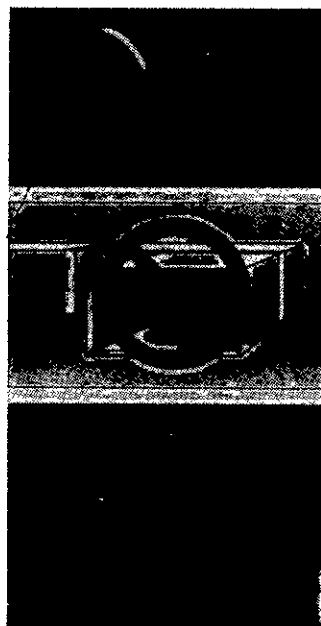
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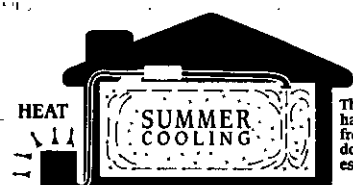
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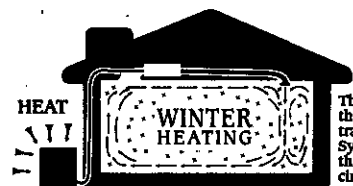


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Choosing a contractor, remodeler with confidence

For many homeowners, spring brings thoughts of home improvement, perhaps a new deck, a bigger kitchen, or even a three-room addition. But then you hear the bad news. Remodelers who accepted large down payments and then skipped town, the new roof that collapsed under the weight of a heavy snow, jobs begun but never completed. It's enough to make anybody wary.

The good news, though, is that by asking the right questions and looking in the right places, you can find a professional remodeler who will do an excellent job to make your home more enjoyable while increasing its value should you decide to sell it. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Remodelers Council offers the following suggestions to ensure that your remodeling job is smooth sailing:

- Do not conduct business with any remodeler or contractor without first investigating his or her reputation and experience. Price alone is not an indication of the remodeler's competency or ability to complete the project.

- When searching for a contractor, it is best to seek referrals from family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who have had remodeling work done. Also, check with local trade organizations' such as the Remodelers Council of the Albany Area Builders Association (483-6102) for the names of members who offer remodeling services. Membership in these organizations indicates a remodeler's commitment to customer service and quality

construction. It is also a sign that the remodeler is an established member of the local building community.

- Check with your local or state consumer protection agency or better business bureau to find out if any complaints have been filed against the remodeler that have not been resolved. However, do not automatically assume that if there is no record of complaints against a particular remodeler that there have not been any problems; it may be that such problems exist, but have not been reported.

- Check with your local building department to verify that the remodeler is in good standing and has the proper insurance documents on file with the department.

- Check with your state's licensing agency or local building inspectors to verify that the remodeler has the appropriate license (if required) and a clean record.

- Ask for a copy of the remodeler's insurance certificates to verify that he/she carries insurance that protects you from claims arising from property damage or site injuries. When evaluating bids from contractors, make sure that they are based on identical project specifications.

- Although it is common practice to make a down payment when you sign a remodeling contract, you should be especially wary of any remodeler who asks for full payment before the job has begun. A payment schedule should be part of your written agreement and may be tied to completion of various stages of the job.

- If you sign a contract in your home that is offered through door-to-door solicitations, always remember that the Federal Trade Commission's Cooling Off rule gives you the right to cancel the agreement within 72 hours, provided that you have not allowed the contractor to begin work on the project.

- Homeowners should be aware that there are industry guidelines that spell out minimum performance criteria which responsible remodelers will follow. NAHB's book, *Residential Construction Performance Guidelines for Professional Builders and Remodelers* can be purchased by calling (800) 368-5242 ext. 463.

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Introducing the latest in home building and remodeling

How do the home builders and remodelers in the Capital District learn about the latest in building products and design? They go to the National Association of Home Builders International show where the hottest new innovations in building are showcased each year.

At the 1998 NAHB's 54th International Builders Show, manufacturers showed off their products in more than 1,000 displays covering almost 1 million square feet of space at the Dallas Convention Center. From foundation and basement materials to studs, kitchen cabinets and tools, everything used to build or remodel a home was on display.

The latest in windows and doors are always popular with home builders and remodelers because of their architectural and energy efficient qualities. One manufacturer had a new line of arched windows designed to meet the needs of builders and homeowners who want good-looking, energy-efficient

and maintenance-free windows that are affordable. They also showed windows that incorporate the arching beauty of a radius top into standard window design.

Another firm introduced

The ultimate bathing environment for two is the new J-Allure, a combination whirlpool, shower and steam bath complete with a stereo/CD system and optional television monitor.

doors that are arched at the top to create a graceful appearance over deeply detailed door panels and windows.

Another company introduced vinyl clad out-swing French doors designed to add flexibility to interior spaces and create inviting passageways to gardens, patios and the great outdoors.

One lock company displayed

an elegant door handle called the Keyed Entrance Decorative Lever. It is ideally suited to homes designed for the physically challenged or for the homeowner who wants the convenience of easy-to-operate lever entry hardware.

New bathroom fixtures are always hot topics at the builders show. This year, all eyes were on the new J-Allure, the ultimate bathing environment for two. The J-Allure is a combination whirlpool, shower and steam bath complete with a stereo/CD system and optional television monitor.

New products that help conserve energy and make life more comfortable are constantly being developed using the latest technology. Recently introduced was a wireless whole-house control for existing and new homes. It is the first radio-frequency lighting control system to make wireless home lighting control simple, reliable and affordable for any home.

Management systems give home owners complete control of security, energy and lighting at the touch of a button, whether they are inside or outside the home. These products include a

wide range of accessories such as digital keypads, programmable thermostats and temperature sensors.

An industrial strength electrical powered home conditioning unit was another highlight of the show. In addition to energy savings and improved electrical power quality, the Clean Power System provides the home owner with guaranteed whole-house surge and spike protection for electrical emergencies.

Driveways, sidewalks and retaining walls no longer have the look of plain cement. Pavement Texturing is an asphalt imprinting system that create the appearance of hand-laid brick and cobblestone from regular asphalt. Increte Systems showed off a patented, poured-in-place wall system that can virtually replicate the color and look of stone and is ideal for retaining walls.

New fireplace systems were also introduced at the show, including some that do not require a chimney. Yellow Flame Logs offer an economic and convenient way to add the beauty of a fireplace to any home, for a fraction of the cost of installing a wood-burning fireplace.

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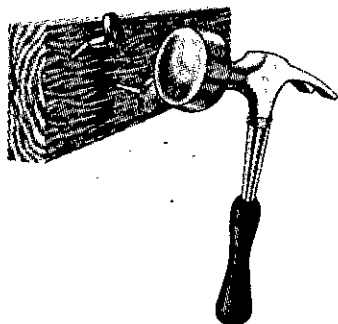
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