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Spring in her step



Cindy Smith takes advantage of the warm weather last Saturday by jogging up Delaware Avenue.
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Vandalism upsets BCHS community

By ANDREW SHAWHAN

On the afternoon of Feb. 5, members of the Bethlehem Central Senior Class Council put up nine posters of famous African-Americans as part of Bethlehem Central High School's celebration of Black History Month.

When teachers began coming in early the next morning, they found that four posters had been defaced, with crosshairs drawn on all of the people depicted in them and male genitals drawn on the mouths of the women. Two other posters had been torn down, and one was later found with "KKK" written on it.

Many people felt that this incident was not characteristic of Bethlehem Central; in the words of Christine Hitchcock, global history teacher and World of Difference adviser, "It seemed more characteristic of southern Indiana, where I grew up, than here."

Meg Andersen, president of the Senior Class Council, also felt that what happened was uncharacteristic of BCHS.

However, in the eyes of some, these acts, even if they were done in a spirit of crudity and insensitivity rather than in focused hate, revealed a side of Bethlehem that is often overlooked by students, parents and faculty.

In the words of Harris Kornstein,

president of Students for Peace and Survival, "It uncovers a different side of Bethlehem — some things aren't getting through."

But this view is far from universal; a common view was that the defacing of the posters reflected only the intolerance and insensitivity of the culprits, rather than the attitudes of the school as a whole.

"The culprits are just very ignorant," said Liz Alesse, editor of the Talon, the high school's newspaper, while sophomore Bridget Sandison feels that the person or persons responsible "might just be one friendless idiot."

Whether or not this incident reflects Bethlehem Central's true nature, some people are shocked and disappointed by

The culprits are just very ignorant.

Liz Alesse

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Town leaders grapple with water supply woes

Albany agrees to extend sales

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's town board will consider residential water-use restrictions next week — and last week authorized Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor to seek an extension of emergency permits to draw water from the Hudson River to supply industrial customers.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller also took steps last week to smooth the ruffled feathers of Albany city officials as she sought further help from the city's water district in the face of shortages brought on by the half-year drought that has gripped the town. Thursday, Fuller formally requested that the city extend through Dec. 31 its February emergency authorization to the town to purchase up to 2 million gallons a day (MGD) — and Monday, the Albany Water Board approved the request.

"I'd like to thank Mayor (Jerry) Jennings and the water board for approving our request," said Fuller. "They have been very supportive of us all along."

Secor reported on the town water supply at the town board's Feb. 27 meeting. Though Vly Creek Reservoir, the town's principal residential source, has recovered slightly from its lows of a month ago, he said, it remains at about 28 percent of capacity, far below the seasonal average of 65 percent.

"We're still far from being where we ought to be," he said, and with no existing snow pack in the reservoir's watershed, a normal spring's 8 to 10 inches of rain

won't replenish the reservoir to normal levels.

The town's daily draw from the reservoir has been reduced to roughly 1 MGD thanks to supplemental supplies from Guilderland and Albany, and the response of larger industrial customers to the town's conservation requests has been "excellent," Secor said.

"If we do not get out of the emergency situation by (mid-June), we may have to take additional measures, like restrictions or outright prohibitions," he said.

The town's 1978 water-use statute, he said, authorizes

mandatory conservation in the event of severe shortages.

"We're there, folks," Secor added, requesting the board's OK to impose such measures as alternate-day limited-hours watering. That, he emphasized, could be a prelude to a total ban on non-essential usage.

That prompted board member Tom Marcelle to ask if the town had any formal definition of what constitutes "essential use."

"No," Secor replied.

The board discussed possible measures ranging from banning hydroseeding to restricting new lawns and shrubs and the filling of pools. Secor will draw up a list of potential restrictions

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Mayor Whalen dies in crash

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Local officials reacted with shock Tuesday morning to the news of the death of former Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen, in a fatal Monday night car accident less than a mile from his home in Feura Bush.



Whalen

"I was stabbed in the heart," said former Bethlehem supervisor and commissioner of the state Office of General Services

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Police make DWI arrest

A Dutchess County man has been charged with DWI and DWAI stemming from his arrest by Bethlehem police on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Anthony Frank Ginese, 21, of 10 Waterbury Hill Road, LaGrangeville, was charged with driving while intoxicated and while ability-impaired (DWAI) by drugs. He was also cited for unlawful possession of marijuana and several traffic infractions in an incident on Route 9W in Glenmont.

According to the arrest report, officer George Travis observed Ginese's vehicle shortly before 3 a.m. crossing hazard markings while traveling eastbound on Frontage Road and then failing to signal while making a turn northbound onto 9W. He arrested Ginese after stopping his vehicle and administering field sobriety tests; an Albany County paramedic summoned to the Bethlehem police station drew blood in evidence.

Ginese was ordered to appear in Town Court on March 19.

BC to conduct regular school day March 15

All schools in the Bethlehem Central School District will be in session on Friday, March 15.

The district had to "take back" the snow day built into the

calendar to make up for a snow-related closing on Jan. 31.

Schools will follow a regular schedule on Friday, March 15.

Memorial marker



Supporters of the Bethlehem Veterans Memorial Park restoration gather by the new park sign in Delmar. They include, front row, from left, Sam Whiting, Lorraine Smith, Mike Arel, Bob Conti and Virginia Acquario. Back row, Doris Davis, Ray Bendoer, Bob Johnson, Ollie Palmer, George Lenhardt, Ed Hart, Henry Voorhees, Ruth Voorhees and Ron Trevett.



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Plan would chop up town district

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Second of two parts.

The proposed reapportionment plan released last month by a special commission of the state Legislature would make no changes to the state Senate district representing Albany County — but the assembly district that includes Bethlehem would face extensive renovations.

With Assembly Minority Leader John Faso of Kinderhook the GOP frontrunner for state comptroller this fall, his soon-to-be-vacant 102nd district — a Republican, upstate seat in the Democratic-controlled Assembly — is a prime candidate for reshuffling.

It currently embraces parts of four counties, including, in addition to Bethlehem, the towns of Coeymans, Rensselaerville and Westerlo; all of Schoharie County; most of Greene County, except Catskill; and the Columbia County towns of Stuyvesant, Stockport and Kinderhook.

Under the reapportionment proposal, Kinderhook would join Pat Casale's 108th District to its north; Stockport would be dispatched to a new 103rd District to the south; Rensselaerville and Westerlo would join New Scotland, Guilderland, the remaining Hilltowns and most of Albany in a reconstituted 104th, represented by John McEneny of Albany; and western Schoharie County would be dispatched to the 124th.

What is left of the 102nd, rechristened the 107th, would include only Bethlehem and Coeymans in Albany County, but would also add Catskill; Germantown and Livingston in Columbia County; and Saugerties in Ulster County.

Faso decried that patchwork district he would no longer be

eligible to represent. "It doesn't respect existing jurisdictional boundaries and communities of interest," he said. "It needlessly fractures counties."

McEneny, a member of the Assembly's Democratic majority and a veteran of earlier reapportionments in the city of Albany, cited the state's arcane electoral laws for causing what he characterized as "an illusion of gerrymandering and then some. The state constitution is blind to the concept of neighborhoods and communities of interest and is no respecter of county boundaries. It's just a very insensitive portion of the law."

No one believes this will be the final plan.

John Faso

Strictures against dividing towns between districts means whole towns are often lifted from one district to another; McEneny pointed to the southern Hilltowns, once part of the district he represents but separated a decade ago — and slated to return under the plan.

And for the party in the minority in either house, he said, "Life can be very frustrating."

The new configuration offers an opportunity to Bethlehem Republicans in a suddenly more-Republican 107th district with no incumbent. County Legislator David Young of Delmar is said to be mulling a run.

"I, for one, wouldn't be at all surprised if he did," said state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar.

"It's not something I'm prepared to talk about at this point," said Young last week. "There's a lot of discussion at this point, but I'd rather say no comment for now." Also said to be thinking it over: town GOP chairman Keith Wiggand, who could not be reached for comment.

Long before any campaigns get started, the redistricting plan still must clear both houses of the Legislature, pass muster with the

federal Justice Department and be signed into law.

"The governor has expressed an interest in redistricting and wants a look at it, and it's unusual for a governor to be that active this early," said McEneny. "How seriously involved in the process he'll ultimately be, I don't know."

Whatever the outcome of legal challenges, Breslin expects little change in the final new upstate district lines unless the Senate is forced back to 61 seats from the proposed 62. Should that occur, he anticipated his district would retain all of Albany County and pick up additional out-of-county voters from an adjacent city, most likely Rensselaer or Schenectady.

"If a federal court finds the districts unconstitutional drawn, it can appoint a special master to redraw the lines themselves," said Breslin. "And that's the last thing the Democrats in the Assembly or the Republicans in the Senate want."

Faso concurred. "This is just the first draft that's out there," he said. "No one believes this will be the final plan." Public hearings on the plan are due later this month, but "Ultimately the Senate and Assembly have to agree on a plan that the governor will also agree to sign," said Faso.

Still ahead is an even more contentious battle over congressional redistricting, where New York will be forced to lose two seats; that plan is expected from the legislative task force in the coming months.

And locally, the Census results will also guide redistricting of county legislative seats. Seven of the 39 represent portions of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The special commission overseeing the task, chaired by Green Island Democrat Sean Ward, met initially last week.

His commission will consider hiring a consultant to assist in the process — but Legislature minority leader John Graziano of Colonie, a member of the commission, is opposed to that.

BC board looks at athletic requests

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Athletics took up a major portion of the agenda at last week's Bethlehem school board meeting, with self-funded sports a concern of many in attendance.

Representatives of three self-funded-district sports — girls' field hockey, varsity boys' hockey and freshman football — appealed to the board for funding.

In the course of discussion about the girls' hockey team, coach Kathleen Cunningham

pointed out, "In addition to being athletic, the team members are also very good academically, maintaining an average grade for the team of 92 percent."

In the budget session, Cunningham presented a plea for a \$1,300 budget item to purchase a portable, battery-operated scoreboard. The parents' association has already raised more than \$300 in donations from local businesses for the scoreboard.

The senior hockey team asked for \$14,500 this year. There are over 400 students in hockey starter and youth programs in the district, which will feed players into the varsity program. At least one board member expressed concern that, with those numbers, a budget commitment this year may grow in the future.

District superintendent Les Loomis pointed out that all local hockey programs were self-funded, but the board seemed to feel that, if financially possible, self-funding for athletic programs

should be eliminated.

But it was generally agreed that complete elimination of self-funding may not be possible this year, given the amount of budget information still to be reviewed, but the board tentatively agreed to include approximately \$11,000 in the budget for self-funded sports, which represented about half of what was being asked for.

The self-funding issue will likely be reviewed next year.

The request for the district to fund the purchase of the portable scoreboard was also approved with the proviso that it could be used in other athletic events when not in use by the field hockey program.

The BOCES program budget request was reviewed and approved. The administration anticipates little change over last year's budget amount.

The next two board meetings, March 6 and March 13 will be regular board meetings and budget workshops.

Pole watchers



Griffith, Alexandra, Julia and Cory Eddy take advantage of Saturday's spring-like weather to fish at a pond on Delaware Avenue.

Jim Franco

PSEG wins fast-track OK

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The proposed Bethlehem Energy Center redevelopment project cleared its last major regulatory hurdle last week, as the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment signed off on the project, culminating nearly five years of public review.

Last Thursday, the siting board approved on a fast-track basis the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need sought by PSEG Power New York under Article X of the state's public service statute. The subsidiary of the New Jersey-based utility PSEG Power purchased the BEC property two years ago from Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and took on the proposed \$400 million redevelopment project, first proposed by NiMo in 1997.

PSEG will replace the 400-megawatt Albany Steam Station with a state-of-the-art 750 MW natural-gas-fired combined-cycle power plant and retire the existing facility on completion of construction. With last week's regulatory thumbs-up, Neil Brown, PSEG's vice president for governmental relations, said, "We expect to start construction this spring and have the new plant in commercial operation by 2004."

In a statement issued Friday, Robert Simon, chairman of the state's Public Service Commission, cited the plant's projected 97-98 percent reduction of key pollutant emissions and its reduction of water needed for its new coolant technology as significant factors in the approval.

"The new Bethlehem Energy Center and its 350 megawatts of additional capacity will strengthen the reliability of our state's electric system, especially in the eastern corridor, while at the same time producing significant environmental benefits," he said.

The certification came little more than six months since the siting board certified as complete PSEG's supplemental application to NiMo's original proposal. Brown credited the accelerated review to his company's proactive efforts to "answer questions and resolve issues ahead of time" with the various regulatory agencies involved in the approval process, as well as PSEG's outreach to concerned environmental groups and local officials in the town.

"The cooperation of the town, community leaders and the environmental organizations, as well as the agency technical staff, was very helpful to the process," he said. "It was helpful that we were able to get to a point of resolving their concerns early on, and their endorsement of the project and our coolant-water technology was very helpful."

"Another significant factor was resolving our tax issues with the town," he added — almost a decade of tax-assessment challenges by NiMo and PSEG resolved through tax-relief and payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreements with the town's Industrial Development Agency.

"It's great news," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller of the siting board action. "The town of course supported their application, and we look forward to the groundbreaking."

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Beauty and stories blowin' in the Irish wind

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The wind was was different in this place that has become so achingly familiar. On a February visit to the part of Ireland that has won our hearts, we set off to walk the two miles from the pub and around the harbor to Aunt Lanna's house. We have taken the walk before and as always, Crookhaven's hills rose craggy around us. The waves of the Atlantic Ocean headed past the lighthouse, abandoned signal fire towers and the village to quietly roll ashore at Cockle Strand.

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No quiet rolling for us, as the wind left over from three weeks of powerful storms tried to blow us back into the village. On the beach, the wind lashed sand at us so venomously that we turned our backs on the direction we wanted to go and let our fleece-covered backs bear the brunt of it. No sea

birds pecked at the exposed mussels or sought to follow the bubbles in the sand to their rich bounty. Christopher, wearing the wool-lined canvas coat Uncle Tim had left behind, led us wisely toward the shore's damp sand as he sought the shortest distance between two points. Our plodding feet crunched the white shells that gave the beach its name, and I hugged Cormac to me.

From the strength of the bigger wind block we made, we roared out at the element as invigorating as it was challenging. "We are the mighty, mighty McCarthys!" we sang into the wind, "we shall prevail!"

Our walk up and over hills to the ruins of the 13th-century O'Mahoney castle was just as breathtaking — literally. When Cormac stood alone on a ridge, my heart stopped for a second to see him pushed along by more than a good, stiff breeze. His grin before he clambered below a few rocks put my mind at ease and let me finish the walk with my own mother, seeing Ireland for the first time. She'd been promised milder weather, and wore a barn jacket over a sweatshirt and a fleece hat.

Reaching the castle was a triumph, for we'd only ever hiked to it on mild summer days. We settled on sheltered rocks — where we could imagine peasants, serfs and nobles gathering to brave out storms and marauders — to have our picnic of cheese that comes in red wax circles, pâté and Jacobs crackers and told one story each. Our stories held a mishmash of lords and ladies, invading aliens, marauders and troubadours.

Stories come easy in Ireland, where no incident is too small to be turned into the source of a joke, a smile or a nod. The impetus for us this trip was Lanna's 40th birthday, and her surprise party was a source of secret smiles, nudges and winks for the 24 hours between our arrival and the event itself.

Crookhaven in the winter is a small place, but Lanna took the arrival of each person rarely seen except in the summer in stride. Paddy and Fiona from England were good enough friends with Jack and Joey from nearby Cork to plausibly be there for the England/Ireland rugby match on Saturday afternoon. Margaret and Willy from Belfast are retired.

Why wouldn't they take the ride down with Paul and Colette, and come to their new house for a winter getaway?

The delight was all of ours when finally we could call "surprise" and watch the joy and laughter bloom on Lanna's face. It is a story that will join so many others to be told for years to come. The stories are the best part of Ireland, where the lovely inflection the Irish give our language combines with their ease at conversation to make time seem to hang suspended in air.

In the off-season, O'Sullivan's pub is the gathering place, and no further cry from an American bar could be imagined. A coal fire burns in the fireplace, and the people who sit on the cushioned benches in the window keep their bodies turned just slightly at an angle to cast an occasional glance at the harbor and hills. A pool table proves a good diversion, and the boys and I try out this new game, debating exactly how far we can move the white ball to get a better shot.

The door blows open as more people arrive. Golden retrievers, border collies, and the tall and elegant black dog named Mr. Darcy make their way around the room before circling to lie down in front of the fire. Of an evening, a song goes up as easily as the stories that preceded it.

Once we're in our remote corner of the world, we can't think where we'd rather be. Some people were lucky enough to be born there, some come back every summer and some, braver than us, have left behind all they know and figured out a way to stay there. During our windy February stay, we discovered how apt the moniker "blow-ins" is for those from away. Given the strength of the wind, it's amazing anyone ever gets away again.

For now, though, real life called us back, and we departed on a sunny and calm Irish afternoon. But just as surely as part of the Atlantic Ocean heads for the shelter of Crookhaven Harbor every day, we will blow back this way again as soon as we can.

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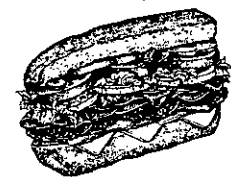
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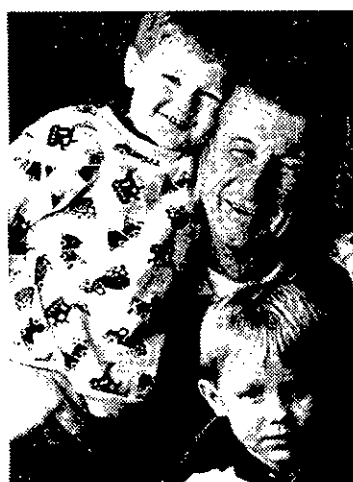
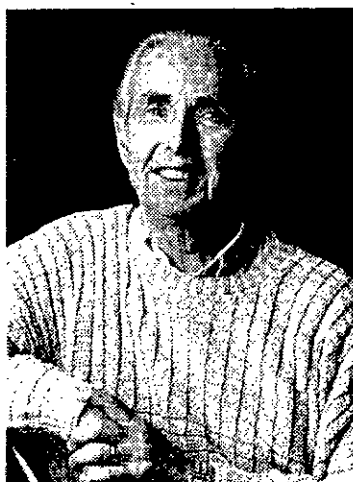
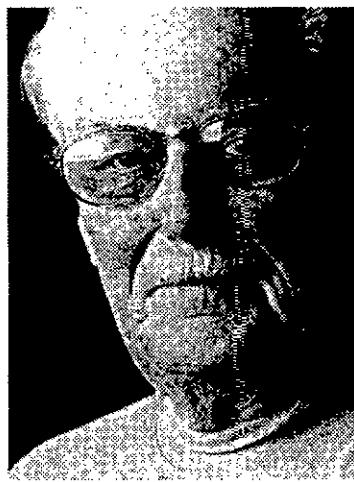
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Matters of Opinion

Be part of solution

Once again this week, *The Spotlight* is focusing on ways to conserve water. Jean Mackay of the Audubon Society in a Point of View and Bethlehem recycling coordinator Sharon Fisher in a letter offer concrete, useful suggestions for residents.

In and of themselves, the measures seem like a drop in the bucket, but if everyone practiced water saving ways, it would help to ease the situation in town that is feeling the effects of the drought.

But even after the drought, these measures make sense. We all should get in the habit of conserving water as a routine measure, and we should teach our children to begin these measures as well.

Water, after all, is a precious resource and shouldn't be squandered just because it's there.

The first thing to do is to become aware of just what can be done, and the second is to begin to practice it.

Editorials

BC should reconsider

Boo humbug. Parents and kids got a letter from the Bethlehem Central School District last week announcing the end of costumes and parades in all district schools on Halloween. Seems a little harsh.

This fun day at school is likely where most kids even get to celebrate Halloween, since trick-or-treating has fallen off significantly in the last decade.

At least one boy in the district, Clarksville fourth grader Kyle Bell, is upset by the decision, and we don't blame him. Denying youngsters the opportunity to show off their costumes and have fun once a year in school in the name of safety when there has never been an unsafe report on Halloween seems unfair.

In Kyle's letter, he urges residents in the district to write Superintendent Les Loomis. Let's hope the superintendent, the school board and administrators revisit their decision on Halloween costumes and parades.

Mayor Whalen dies

Former Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III died tragically Monday night in a one-car crash in Feura Bush, less than a mile from his home.

Mayor Whalen will be remembered for his fierce love of the city and his long-time efforts to engender pride in the state capital. The city is richer indeed for his leadership.

Our hearts go out to his family and friends.

Saving water is everyone's job

By JEAN MACKAY

The writer is director of educational services for Audubon International headquarters on Rarick Road in Selkirk.

Drought has become a significant concern here in the Capital District, as well as across much of North America. As our communities consider ways to cut industrial water use, increase water storage capacity and tap new water sources, we can all play a role in being part of the solution to this pressing problem.

Water conservation begins by carefully considering how much water you use and how you can increase your efforts to conserve this vital resource. As we round the corner into spring, there is much you can do both indoors and outside. Use the following checklist to evaluate whether you're doing all you can to use water efficiently.

Conserve indoors

- Check for leaks. When you turn on your faucet, water shouldn't seep out at the seams. Replacing a worn washer or re-caulking the seal may be all that is needed. Check for leaking toilets by adding some food coloring to your tank and noting if any appears in the bowl without flushing. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak. Call a plumber if needed to fix the leak or replace the flush mechanism.

- Install water saving devices on your plumbing fixtures. Faucet aerators on taps and low volume showerheads help to greatly reduce water consumption. These devices can be purchased at a hardware store and are easy to install. Good units provide strong pressure while reducing water used by up to 60 percent.

- Replace old, large tank toilets with low-volume flush models. Many older units still in use may consume as much as five gallons of water per flush, compared with just 1.6 gallons for new low-flow models. A family of four can save nearly 15,000 gallons of water per year by switching to a low-flush toilet (assuming about four flushes per person per day).

Point of View

- Run automatic dishwashers and washing machines with a full load.

- Save at the sink. If washing dishes in the sink, use one side of the sink or a large bowl to hold rinse water, rather than running water.

- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. If you have to run your tap while waiting for cold water, collect running water in a pitcher for later use.

- Don't run tap water while you brush your teeth, shave, or wash your face and conserve as much as 20 gallons of water per day.

- Take showers of five minutes or less.

Water efficiency outdoors

- Water only where it's needed. How often have you seen irrigation systems that water the driveway or sidewalk in addition to the lawn? If you have an automatic irrigation system, check it this spring to be sure water is being distributed only where it is needed. Adjusting the placement of the irrigation heads or installing part-circle heads will correct this problem. The placement of manual sprinklers can also be adjusted to avoid wasting water.

- Check hoses and connectors for leaks. Does water spray out of the hose where it connects to the faucet handle or at the base of the nozzle? The washers at the connecting end of the hose and at the base of the nozzle wear out and often crack during the winter. Hardware stores and garden centers sell replacement washers

that are easy to install.

- Get a rain gauge to measure rainfall. One inch of rain per week is generally sufficient for lawns and gardens. Supplement only when rainfall is inadequate.

- Water based on need, not a timer. Automatic irrigation systems are great, but should be used in combination with weather reports, soil moisture and common sense.

- Check the forecast before watering. Hold off on watering if rain is likely.

- Water your lawn or garden during the early morning. Watering in the heat of the day can cause up to 50 percent loss of irrigation water through evaporation.

- Raise the mowing height on your lawn mower this spring. Only take off about 1/3 of the leaf blade with each mowing. This will promote deeper root growth, reduce clippings and better prepare grass to survive during hot, dry summer months.

- Get a soaker hose for landscaped areas and gardens. A soaker hose puts water where it is needed—at the soil level, rather than on the leaves or stems. It also reduces water loss to evaporation.

- When watering is necessary, water slowly and thoroughly. If you notice puddles or runoff, turn the hose off and wait for water to soak in.

- Collect rain water. Rain barrels can supply a great amount of natural, soft water for your gardens.

- Follow local water ordinances. Restrictions help conserve water for all town users, as well as ensure adequate emergency supplies.

Fourth grader hopes BC reverses decision

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On March 1, BC school district superintendent Dr. Leslie Loomis sent a letter home to BC students.

The letter said Dr. Loomis had decided to do away with Halloween parades and costumes at all BC schools. He says it's for safety reasons and that Halloween "detracts" from students' education.

I personally believe that Halloween does not distract us from schoolwork because teachers make sure that all the day's work is done before the celebration.

Halloween only happens once a year. How much education do we lose in a couple of hours? Dr. Loomis said we could have individual parties in the classroom, but what is a Halloween party without costumes?

For students, one of the most favorite holidays at school is Halloween and the costumes and parade.

What next? Is Dr. Loomis going to do away with recess? It "detracts" from education, too.

How about all those kids running around outside — is he worried about their safety? Dr. Loomis also said that the schools are "crowded" with people during the Halloween parade.

How about the open house? Or how about the school picnic? Or the school music concert? The school is crowded then, too. Should those events be canceled?

Maybe Dr. Loomis doesn't remember how much fun he had when he celebrated Halloween at school when he was a kid. I think this is an overreaction to the Sept. 11, terrorist attacks.

President Bush said to live your life normally. If President Bush heard of what Dr. Loomis did, he most likely wouldn't approve.

Please send a letter to Dr. Loomis asking him to change his mind about banning Halloween costumes and parades from BC schools.

Kyle Bell

Clarksville Elementary School
fourth grader

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Ways to save water

Editor, The Spotlight:

It has been brought to our attention that water is a precious commodity and conservation should be a priority. Normally, I advocate reuse, but I will diverge from my usual advocations. Please teach children to conserve water by introducing these ideas.

In the bathroom, use a six- to eight-ounce paper cup for water to brush one's teeth. One cup will suffice to wet the brush, rinse your mouth and rinse the brush before placing it back into its holder. It stops running water unnecessarily.

Find a timer to teach children how long five minutes is. Place the timer in the bathroom, set it for five minutes, shower and make it a challenge to beat the timer before it rings.

Kids might protest that washing hair takes longer. Tell them that if they give it a try, they might discover a quicker way to complete their grooming rituals. A reward may be in order if they can follow the rules for a week.

Need a hot washcloth? Wet one or several cloths and place them in the microwave — 20 seconds for one, about 45 seconds for several. To maintain heat, after removing the washcloths from the microwave, wrap tightly in aluminum foil.

Another method is to heat a pot of water on the stove. Do not boil. Pour hot water onto a washcloth, cleaning cloth or into a dishpan

for washing dishes. Take care that the water is not too hot. With leftover hot water, treat yourself to hot chocolate, tea or instant coffee.

Use paper plates and paper napkins at the kitchen table once in a while to save on washing dishes.

Otherwise, set your dishwasher on energy savings. If that setting does not exist, call the company's customer service and ask which is the lowest water usage setting. My older GE dishwasher uses 6.4 gallons on energy savings (10.6 gallons on normal) and eliminates the heated dry cycle, saving electricity.

The temperature of water will kill bacteria and air-drying works well. Use the dishwasher only when full, even if it takes two to three days to fill. To hand wash dishes, use a dishpan not the whole kitchen sink. You use half as much water using the dishpan.

Ideas for water conservation are numerous. Do you have water conservation tips that you would like to share? We have just touched the tip of the iceberg here. Jot your ideas down, write a letter or let me know by calling 767-9618, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon or e-mail me at sfisher@town of bethlehem.org.

Sharon Fisher
town of Bethlehem
recycling coordinator

Candidates should not use election signs

Editor, The Spotlight:

Spring is right around the corner, with its buds and blooms about to brighten our town.

School district elections come with this season, too. It's my view that school board candidates should avoid littering our community with election placards at every corner.

For the messages that need to get out, let's find another way. The eyes of Bethlehem deserve it.

Jon Bartow
school board candidate
Slingerlands

Scout's work on park was great contribution

Editor, The Spotlight:

In 1989, Robbie Burns, then a young Eagle Scout, constructed a playground at Henry Hudson Park to provide children with a play area at the park.

Now, 13 years later, the time has come to replace the playground with new equipment.

I want to thank Robbie for his contribution to the community.

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Ask your dentist about the lab used to complete your dental work. Most likely your dentist will brag about the quality of the labwork.

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Girl Scouts to serve ziti dinner at St. Matthew's

The Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will hold a ziti dinner on Saturday, March 9, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center on Mountainview Road.

The cost of the dinner is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, age 4 to 11 years. Take out is available. Tickets can be purchased from any Girl Scout or at the door.

Faculty to play FLY-92 DJs

The faculty at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School will play the DJs of FLY-92 in basketball on Thursday,

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Voorheesville

Jane Norris
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March 7, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The event is sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America.

School board to meet

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior

High School.

Fire Department to serve Lenten fish fry dinners

New Salem Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual fish fry on Friday, March 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem.

The dinners will include fish, french fries, coleslaw and a beverage. New England clam chowder and dessert will also be available.

Eat-in dining is offered or take-out can be ordered by calling 765-2244.

The cost of the dinner is \$6.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children under age 12. New England Clam Chowder and desserts are available for \$1.50 each. The dinners will be held every Friday through March 29.

Garden club to meet at library

The next regular meeting for the Helderberg Garden Club will be held on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the public library.

Guest speaker Al Casagrandi will discuss color in your garden. The public is welcome to attend.

Petitions available to run for school board

Petitions for the office of board of education trustee are available at the district office, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The position is for a five-year term to fill a vacancy caused by expiration of a term held by Erica Sufrin.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old, be a qualified voter and cannot be employed by the board on which they serve or live in the same household with a family member who is also a member of the same school board.

Petitions should be signed by a minimum of 25 qualified district voters and returned to the district no later than Monday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m.

For information, call 765-3313, ext. 101.

Food co-op orders due March 8

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until Friday, March 8, for the Thursday, March 21, delivery day. Forms and menus can be picked up at the New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road. Extra Helpings provide a pre-select menu of groceries at wholesale prices. Each order costs \$14 and you are under no obligation to purchase every month. Payment can be by cash or food stamps. Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

Columnist bids farewell

Due to other obligations, I will no longer continue to write for *The Spotlight*. It was a privilege to write the column for Voorheesville, and I was honored to meet many of the fine citizens and community leaders with whom I had contact.

Art exhibit slated

Bethlehem Central High School's annual art exhibit of senior students' art work will run from Tuesday, March 12, through Monday, April 8, in the high school main lobby.

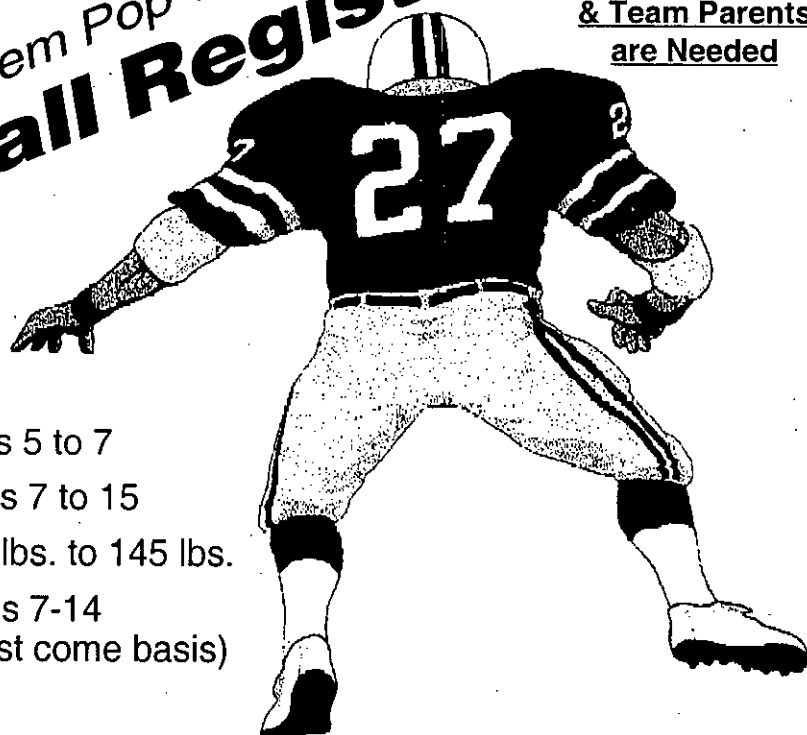
The Heart & Soul exhibit gives advanced art students an opportunity to show their work to the community.

An opening reception will be held on March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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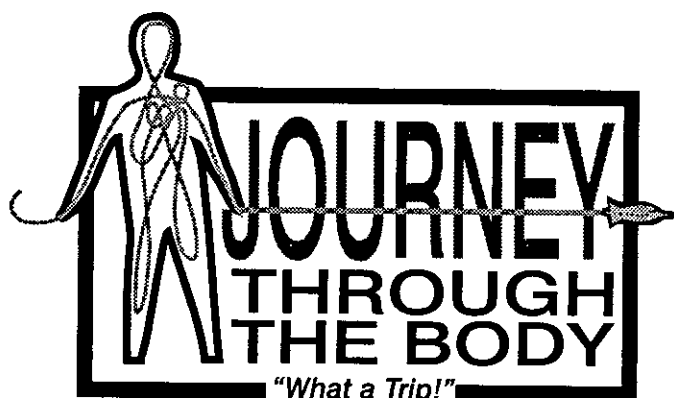
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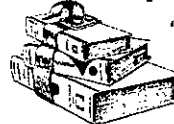
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Save a bundle on equipment

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

If you're tired of standing in the rental line at your favorite ski resort, but don't really want to spend a ton of money on new equipment, Play It Again Sports in Latham may just have your answer.

"We still have a good selection on our winter sports equipment, and Dottie Vonk said. "It's much cheaper to buy our used equipment than rent every time you ski."

Vonk said that although this wasn't the best winter for outdoor sports, the six-year-old store held its own.

"Our downhill skiing and snowboard sales are growing," Vonk said. "Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing were down, since there was so little backyard snow."

When Vonk and her husband, Stephen, first opened Play It Again Sports at 952 Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham six years ago, they did 60 percent of their business in used equipment and 40 percent in new.

That has now flipped, and as customers get used to shopping with them, they are selling a little more in new goods than used equipment. They remain committed to providing shoppers with high-quality goods, be it new or used.

"We only take very good to excellent used equipment," Vonk said. "We actually turn a lot of stuff away."

Clients with used equipment have the option of getting a cash payment, trading their equipment in or selling it on consignment.

Vonk pointed out that unlike Internet shopping, customers at Play It Again get to look at the goods they're purchasing. The Vonks also stand behind the equipment they sell.

"We're a local mom-and-pop sporting goods store," Vonk said. "We service all the equipment we sell and can sharpen skates and skis."

Customers may still be getting good deals on winter equipment, but Play It Again Sports is looking towards spring.

"We're getting ready with new golf, lacrosse and baseball equipment, plus some skateboards," Vonk said.

Since they're a locally owned business, Play It Again Sports can stay in tune with the cycle of the seasons. Their ability to meet local needs has earned them the title of best local sporting goods store from several local media outlets.

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McCarrolls' trademarks are freshness and friendliness

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Freshness and friendliness are two items you'll get at the Delmar Marketplace, home of McCarroll's, The Village Butcher, regardless of what you stopped to buy.

In a unique business setup, Jim and Christine McCarroll formed a partnership last August with Mike Moll, who had previously held the produce concession at Delmar Marketplace. Moll now oversees the grocery end of the store, while the McCarrolls maintain the fresh meat, poultry, seafood, sandwiches, catering and baked goods sections. Lisa LeClaire handles the produce and handmade candies, and Korean native Nam Yong Jung prepares sushi. While the new partnership has let the store expand its inventory, the small-town feel of a Four Corners business remains in the store that lies in the heart of Delmar.

"We work hard to compete with the bigger stores," Moll said. "We win with our



Jim McCarroll IV, left, his father and mother Jim and Chris McCarroll and Mike Moll show off some of the offerings at the store at the Four Corners in Delmar.

personalities, our convenience and the quality we offer."

"We really enjoy what we're doing," Chris McCarroll said. "People come back to this store."

Delmar native Jim McCarroll is the man behind the meat and seafood counter, a place that feels like home to him.

"I grew up in the family business," Jim McCarroll, who was part of The Village Butcher located on Delaware Avenue until 1991, said. "My grandfather started in this business in 1921, and then my father went into it. I had two of the best teachers you ever could have."

The McCarrolls' delight is obvious when the fourth generation, 19-year-old Jim, arrives and comfortably takes his place behind the butcher case. Now working full-time in the business, he grins at his parents' reminiscences about his childhood days of pretending to cut hunks of meat with a plastic knife.

"We offer people the best value for their money," the elder Jim McCarroll, who took over

the meat and seafood area of the Delmar Marketplace in 1995, said. "Our meat is fresh, we cut our own beef, and if you buy ground beef from us, it's been ground that day. We wouldn't sell anything we wouldn't eat ourselves."

Seafood comes in fresh from Boston, from vendors Jim McCarroll got to know during two years he spent working as a seafood buyer. "Next to owning our own boat to catch the seafood, you won't get any fresher than this," he said. On Wednesdays and Fridays, there's cooked fish for sale.

The expanded seafood and sushi bar are an indication of how the Delmar Marketplace is meeting contemporary consumer desires. "Fish and poultry are our biggest-growing areas," Jim McCarroll said. "We're also seeing more demand for organic produce," Moll said. The sandwich and hot food departments have grown since August, and catering is also available. "We've got the largest variety of home-cooked foods," Chris McCarroll said, "as well as fresh breads, pies baked on premises, cookies, cakes and muffins."

Moll and the McCarrolls hope to continue expanding their business and plan to make changes to give the store a warmer and more homey feeling.

"We want to make the Four Corners a destination," Chris McCarroll, immediate past chairwoman of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said.

Marty DeLaney, president of the Chamber of Commerce, called the Delmar Marketplace and McCarroll's the linchpin of The Four Corners. "Along with Steve Bolduc of Keystone Builders, Jim and Chris are the catalysts for the improvements at the Four Corners," DeLaney said. "Chris and Jim are able to work with the chamber and the town to get things going."

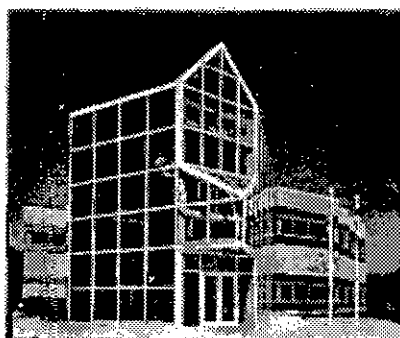
"We're here to stay, and to grow," Jim McCarroll said. "At the same time, what differentiates us is that we're smaller, there's easy parking, there are no long lines here, and we know a lot of our customers by name, and what they want."

Those customers, the McCarrolls and Moll agreed, are who they're working for. "We've got a lot of loyal customers," Jim McCarroll said, "and we're thankful for them."

The steady flow of customers on a regular Thursday morning pay tribute to that, and the partners pay as much attention to their customers' short-term needs as they do to plans for their business. "Don't forget to order your barrel-cured corned beef for St. Patrick's Day," Jim McCarroll reminded shoppers.

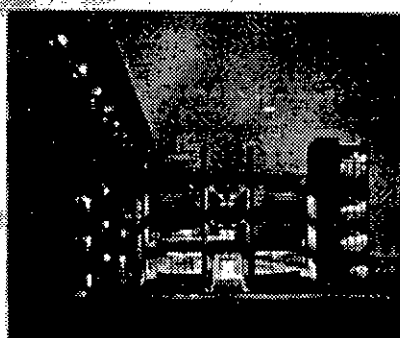
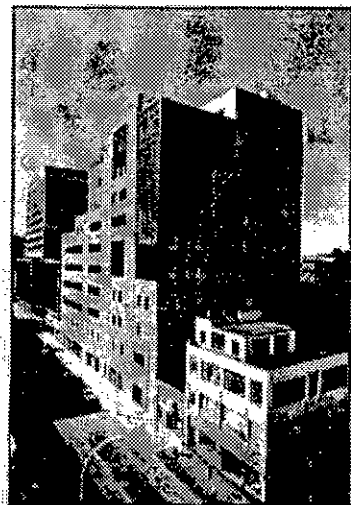


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"An important part of the message that we are delivering is that economic development and energy efficiency go hand-in-hand," said William Flynn, president of NYSERDA, in the organization's 2000-2001 annual report.

In 2001, Flynn and NYSERDA established an economic development program to work more closely with business, industry and economic development organizations across the state. Its purpose is to strengthen the delivery of NYSERDA support to businesses concerned with relationship between energy and environmental efficiency, which can lead to the creation and retention of jobs in the state. NYSERDA also works with municipalities and school districts on energy management programs, which in turn saves costs for taxpayers.

Energy smart

While many NYSERDA programs aid large power suppliers and planning agencies, there are programs that have been specifically designed to focus on helping small businesses, farms and private homeowners to reduce energy costs and environmental effects. The Energy Smart program, administrated by NYSERDA on behalf of the state's Public Service Commission, is one of the most successful and well-known programs. Improved productivity and increased profitability is often the result of helping small businesses and individuals to identify, implement and finance energy-efficient improvements, lower energy costs.

For homeowners, heating and cooling the home is often a major expense. NYSERDA's Energy Star program focuses on education, instruction and financing, helping to make homes more energy efficient while at the same time reducing costs. Homeowners are offered incentives such as low financing rates if they agree to make improvements that result in their homes being more energy efficient. NYSERDA also assists businesses and contractors, helping them install more energy efficient appliances and to improve the energy efficiency of new or renovated homes.

Researching renewable energy

In June 2001, Gov. George Pataki issued an executive order requiring that all state agencies purchase 10 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2005 and 20 percent by 2010.

NYSERDA also focuses on researching the generation of electricity through clean and renewable energy technologies. Electricity generation is a major source of air pollution that is associated with environmental and public health problems such as acid rain and smog. NYSERDA researches and monitors the effects of these pollutants in order to provide

information for the formulation of public policies.

In the town of Fenner, Madison County, a new wind farm is an example of renewable energy that doesn't come from an outside source, but from within New York itself. The 30 1.5-megawatt wind farm is the largest east of the Mississippi River, and is able to harness enough energy to power 10,000 homes. The windmills were constructed by Canastota Windpower and NYSERDA, and the Energy Smart program contributed \$5 million to the \$34 million project.

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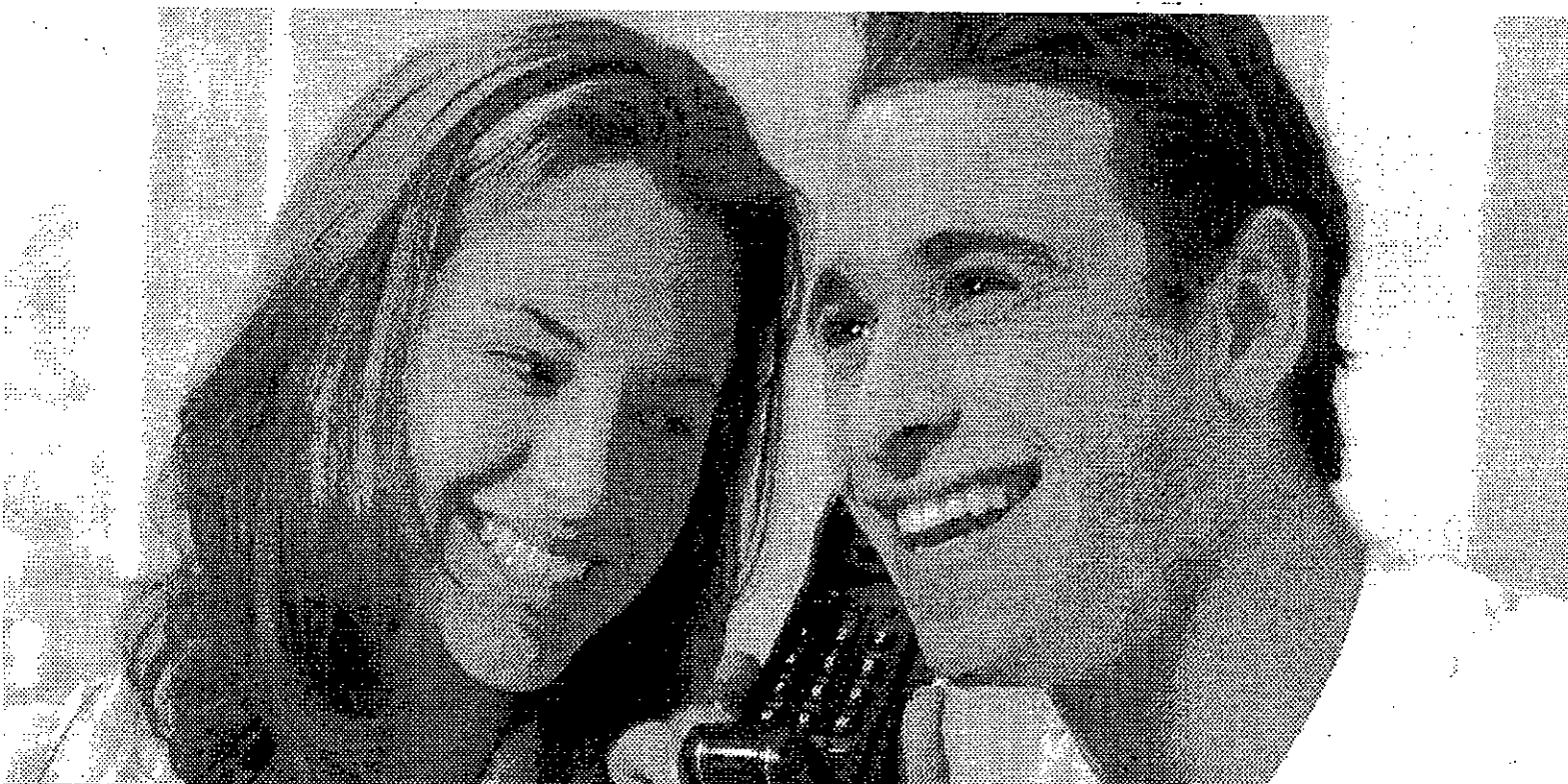
Throughout January,

February and March, the state energy board held public hearings on the draft state energy plan in Albany, Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester, Binghamton, Mineola and New York City. The energy plan is a guide to assist policy makers and state agencies make energy-related decisions. A summary of the plan states: The draft energy plan is a blueprint to inform energy decision making and help ensure that customers have the ability to choose the energy products and services that best suit their needs; a secure and well-maintained energy infrastructure is provided; the state's transportation system

becomes more energy-efficient; and adequate energy supplies that are critical to the state's stability are available.

People representing various businesses and organizations, as well as private citizens, were given time to present their views and concerns to the board regarding energy issues and the draft energy plan.

By going to the public with the plan and allowing for suggestions, NYSERDA and the energy board are able to collect information on local environmental, energy and economic related issues that may vary from region to region.



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Don't miss varied exhibits on display

Linoleum block prints, collages and ceramics by Dan Mehlman are on display in the library's northwest art space this month.

Mehlman is a freelance designer, sculptor and model



maker for the ceramic and glass industry and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in ceramics.

His exhibit features recent work.

"Flowers in the Chinese Manner" by Joan Mullen are displayed in the southwest art space. Mullen became interested in Chinese calligraphy and the related art of brush painting after a visit to Taiwan in the late 1970s. After years of "trying a little of everything," Mullen focused on flowers as her favorite subject. She combines careful observation

of plants and insects with the imaginative spontaneity of this painting style.

She has studied with Thelma Van Avery, Leigh Li Youn Hen and Bao Shen Liu.

The good work of the Red Cross is featured in our large display case this month. Founded by Clara Barton in 1881, the Red Cross was officially endorsed in America by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who in 1943 declared March as "Red Cross Month."

That recognition came as a result of the organization's services to military and civilian people during World War II.

The American Red Cross of Northeastern New York serves eight counties in the Capital District.

Diane Piegare's collection of greeting cards depicting the Madonna and Child are on display in the small case. The collection grew from a single card purchased while Piegare traveled in Italy in 1983. She bought a Nativity scene in Portugal the following year and has displayed

her growing collection around it every year since.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited's annual auction will take place on March 22. Information about the auction and the organization can be found on this month's bulletin board display.

BOU serves as a catalyst for innovative projects in the schools and the community, provides prevention education materials and programs for youth and adults, and raises awareness of healthy life choices.

In the youth services area, Christian Deso displays his coin collection, and author-of-the-month Robert Sabuda is featured.

Louise Grieco

Craft program set for kids at library

Kids in grades six through eight can make a box for their collection at Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, March 7, at 3:30 p.m.

Call 439-9314 to register.

Trio to present concert after Friends' meeting

Classical music lovers should be prepared to be thrilled on Sunday, March 10, with the music of a unique flute, guitar and cello trio who will perform in the community room at 2 p.m. following



the Friends of the Library annual meeting.

The trio will perform works by Lotti, Paganini, Delfausse, Villa-Lobos and Piazzolla.

The Library Friends will hold a short informational meeting at 1:30 p.m., prior to the concert, for members, prospective members and anyone who would like to learn about the Friends and the important services they provide for the library.

The Friends annually sponsor the classical music concert and the summer concert series on the library lawn. They are instrumental in the purchase of books, computers and equipment that falls outside the confines of the library budget.

The Friends raise money through a variety of fund-raising

efforts such as bus trips, raffles and the annual spring book and bake sale. Your membership dues are also a vital contribution to the work of this wonderful organization. Please join the Friends and, if you are already a member, continue to renew your membership every year. Your modest dues perform magnificent feats.

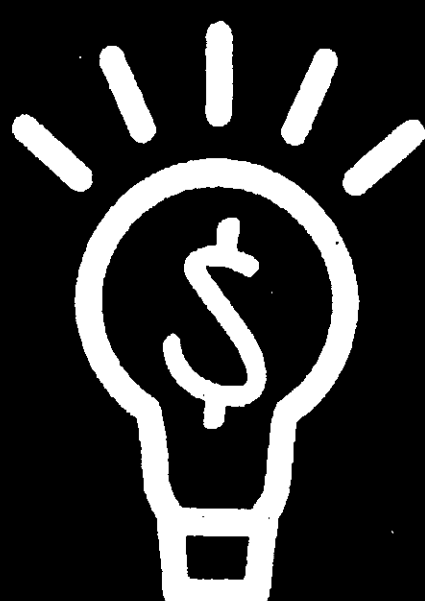
Teens and their parents are invited on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. to Starting the College Process: A Guide for Juniors and their Parents.

Sally M. Ten Eyck, certified educational planner, will discuss timing, testing, specific steps to take in starting the two- and four-year college search, factors affecting college admissions and other education options, with time for questions.

Signup is necessary. Call or e-mail the reference desk.

The book discussion group meets tonight at 7 p.m. Copies of *Singing Boy* by Dennis McFarland are available when you sign up at the reference desk for the April meeting.

Barbara Vink

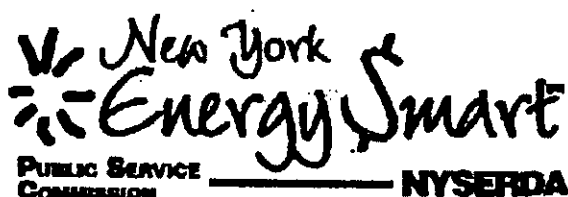


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AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk



Taking A Back Seat

Safety experts maintain that children are safest riding in the back seats of vehicles. And, a review of data involving all fatal U.S. car crashes during a recent eight-year period reveals that parents are increasingly getting this message. There has been an 11% decline in the number of children under age six seated in front seats. The data also showed that a child over age six who was traveling alone with the driver was five times more likely to be riding in the front passenger seat. Parents cite their difficulty in turning around and responding to children as their reason for seating young children up front. Once the habit of sitting in back is established, however, children quickly adapt.

If you drive with children in your vehicle, studies indicate that they are safer in back rather than front seats. Bethlehem Auto Service reminds readers that by having their vehicles inspected on a routine basis, they can reduce the risk of accidents and breakdowns. Our A.S.E. Certified Technicians use the latest computerized equipment to detect mechanical problems quickly. Call 426-8414 to schedule a routine maintenance check. We have a clean, comfortable waiting room and offer shuttle service when vehicles are left for repairs. We are located at 62 Hannay Lane in Glenmont off Rt. 9W behind Stone Ends. Business hours are Mon.-Fri., 7-6.

HINT: The data show that children under age five are generally seated in car seats in back, but they begin to migrate towards the front once they graduate to booster seats.

Sports

Voorheesville girls earn another Section II title

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS
and ROB JONAS

"Coach, what do I do with this?"

Courtside last Friday night at Hudson Valley Community College, **Brittany Baron**, freshly-minted MVP of the Class CC girls' basketball tournament from Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton High School, clutched the sectional title plaque that the Lady Blackbirds had just nailed down with a 54-41 shellacking of Watervliet.

For a sophomore who'd just won her second of these things — on a team that's run off eight straight sectional crowns — it must seem like old hat.

But not to Blackbird coach **Jon McClement**. "Put it on the bus, we're taking it home," he said, shaking his head.

McClement knows the value of hard-won hardware. For long stretches of Friday night's CC final against Watervliet, it looked like the trophy might end up aboard the Lady Cannoneers' bus. Voorheesville fell behind 10-0 little more than two minutes after the opening tipoff. Then, after clawing back into the game, they coughed up a razor-thin halftime lead by spotting Watervliet an unanswered 12-point run, dropping behind by 9.

But that was before a dramatic fourth-quarter surge keyed by Baron. Voorheesville shut the Cannoneers down inside, pressuring them on the perimeter and holding them to no field goals, while running up a 20-2 bulge of its own to pull out the victory.

What happened in the huddle before that furious fourth? "We finally realized if we didn't get it done, it was over," said senior **Andrea Burch**, shortly after carrying Baron off the court in an impromptu post-game piggy-back ride. "We knew we wouldn't be playing again if we didn't step it up."

Instead, the 'Birds were poised to fly at least once more, in a C-CC crossover matchup last night against Hoosic Valley, as they sharpened their talons for a run at the state tournament.

Voorheesville advanced to the finals with a 57-46 semifinal victory over Greenwich last Wednesday at Colonie Central High School.

"The kids played great defense," McClement said. "(Greenwich has) some shooters on their team."

Voorheesville saw an 11-6 lead nearly slip away after a second-quarter rally moved the Witches within a point. But **Michelle Nadratowski** provided some breathing room with a three-pointer in the final 30 seconds to make the score 20-16 at halftime.

The Lady Blackbirds didn't pull away for good until the late stages of the third quarter. **Katie Inglis** scored off a turnover to give Voorheesville a 35-25 lead, and Nadratowski knocked down a three-pointer as time expired to put the Lady Blackbirds up by 13.

Inglis continued the perimeter bombing campaign in the fourth quarter by sinking a pair of treys to give Voorheesville a 48-33

advantage. Though Greenwich mounted a late rally to pull within seven points with 47 seconds left, Baron and Burch made four crucial free throws to seal the victory.

Inglis had 16 points to lead four Voorheesville players in double figures. Nadratowski and **Jackie Markert** contributed 12 points apiece, and Burch added 11 points.

In Friday night's final, the 'Birds were grounded early by Watervliet sophomore **Casey Prue**. After a trey from **Erin Henderson**, Prue scored, fed **Khalan Heid** on a fast break for another basket and fired a three-pointer from the right corner — all in the first 2:17.

The fast start ruffled the 'Birds. "It was just our nerves coming in," said Baron. "But once we got so we could slow it down a little, we started getting it together."

Patiently working the perimeter, Baron fed Nadratowski for a bucket, then drew a foul on her own layup attempt and made good on a pair of free throws. Nadratowski then picked **Geanna Granger** clean at mid-court and drove for an easy layup, followed by another Baron slasher.

A Prue layup put the Can-

noneers up 12-9 after the first quarter, but in less than a minute of the second the Blackbirds were ahead. But even after Burch got involved in the scoring, Voorheesville couldn't shake the pesky Cannoneers. A trey by **Amy Sheridan** put Vliet briefly back in the driver's seat at 22-20 with 1:38 remaining, but Inglis' second three-pointer and third bucket of the period helped the Blackbirds snatch the lead back before the half, 24-22.

Another Watervliet three by Sheridan was answered by a pair of hard-fought buckets by Inglis and Markert to open the second half — but then the bottom fell out. Prue and Heid put on an offensive clinic to run up a 37-28 Watervliet lead with just three minutes to go in the third.

"We got a little flat, and we had trouble moving our feet offensively," said McClement. "We especially needed to tighten down in the post."

Burch got the message and got tough underneath; only Prue scored over her — and only once — in the next three minutes. Burch also chipped in a couple of putbacks off the offensive glass, while a hustling Inglis broke up two Watervliet fast breaks.

Then came the fourth: "We

knew it was do or die," Baron said. Markert stepped up in the offensive lane — she would finish with 16 boards to Burch's 21 — and launched the final-quarter heroics by stuffing in her own rebound.

At the other end, Burch's stout defense sent Prue to the line for two at 0:27 of the quarter — which proved to be the last time the Cannoneers would find the hole.

Baron also turned it up several notches. "But that's her job," said McClement. "The way they were defending in isolation, we had to attack." She pressed initially, but found her rhythm feeding an Inglis layup at 2:37 to cut Vliet's lead to 41-40.

Then, in one 40-second span, Baron swiped the ball at center-court and launched the first of two consecutive breakways that each drew fouls, producing three points at the line — followed by a deuce from the corner.

That sparked a lot of hard-driving baskets. Burch put back a Markert attempt; Baron laid in another, and a bonus off the foul; and Markert and Inglis capitalized on several trips to the line.

"It's been a team effort all the way along," said McClement.

Baron scored 14 points, Inglis had 13 points, Markert chipped in 12 points and all-tournament team selection Burch added 11 points.

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Umar leads Eagles at state qualifier

Rafiq Umar was a double-winner for the Bethlehem boys indoor track and field team at Sunday's state qualifier at Hudson Valley Community College.

Umar finished first in the long jump and the triple jump to earn a spot on the Section II team going to this weekend's state meet in Syracuse. Umar had a winning leap of 21-feet, 1-inch in the long jump and a leap of 43-feet, 9.75-inches in the triple jump.

Bethlehem's 1,600-meter relay team earned a third-place finish with a time of 3:40.98.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's C.J. Berghela placed third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.78 seconds.

Slingerlands resident Anne

Hessberg, a senior at the Academy of Holy Names, was the only other local qualifier for the state meet. Hessberg won the 1,000-meter title with a time of 2:59.84.

The state indoor track and field championships take place Saturday at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

Blanchard Post joins Legion league

The Blanchard Post team from Delmar will join the new Hudson Valley American Legion Baseball League this season.

Blanchard Post will be part of the HVALBL's seven-team American Stripes Division.

Tigers take title



The Bethlehem Soccer Club's under-8 team won the first session of indoor soccer at Afrim's in Colonie. The Tigers are, from left, (front) Peter Downey, Seth Partridge, (middle) Conor Oberlander, Connor McMahon, Henry Taylor, Tyler Kessler, Jack Bryant, Alex Carpenter, (back) Rebecca Govoni, Jeff Smith, Kyle Reilly, Brad Campion, Zachary Rockmore and Brett Kaplan. The Tigers, who are coached by Dan McMahon and Tim Taylor, also won four indoor soccer tournaments.

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BYH squirt team places second at tourney

The Bethlehem Youth Hockey Club's squirt division team took second place at the recent Troy-Albany Youth Hockey Association's tournament.

The Black Eagles won two of

their first three games before losing to the Troy Stars 4-3 in the championship contest.

Scotty Strohecker and Liam Carroll helped Bethlehem come back from a 2-0 deficit with third-period goals before Troy pulled ahead. Matt Saltis tied the contest at 3 for the Black Eagles, but the Stars scored the final goal.

Bethlehem opened the tournament with a 5-2 victory over Casco

Bay, Maine. Kevin Syrotynski, Elizabeth Murray and Conrad Bernard each had a goal and an assist for the Eagles.

Bethlehem suffered a 4-3 loss to the Troy Stars in its second preliminary game, but defeated the Troy Rangers 5-1 to advance to the finals. Syrotynski scored two goals, and game MVP Ed Reilly stopped 14 of the 15 shots he faced against the Rangers.

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Spring home improvement



Pictured: Walter Herderich makes improvements to his Niskayuna home.

Photo by Jim Franco

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Wet your appetite with pools, spas, and hot tubs

By Andrew Gregory

When people think of home improvement, pools, spas and hot tubs aren't the first things that come to mind.

Many people view these amenities as pure luxury items, and while these items do add a touch of luxury to a home, there are many additional values to having a pool, spa or hot tub.

At Oasis Pool & Spa Center, you'll actually find much more than just pools and spas.

"While we specialize in complete pool installation, we have a wide variety of prod-

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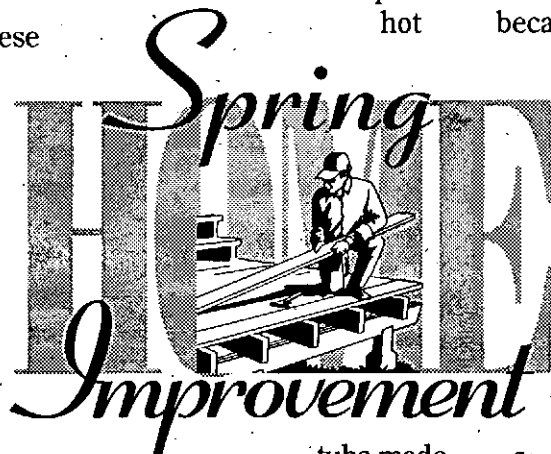
pools and spas are popular sellers, Casso said that infrared saunas are gaining interest.

"The infrared saunas are going to be featured in the American Journal of Health because of their positive effect on people with bone deterioration," she said.

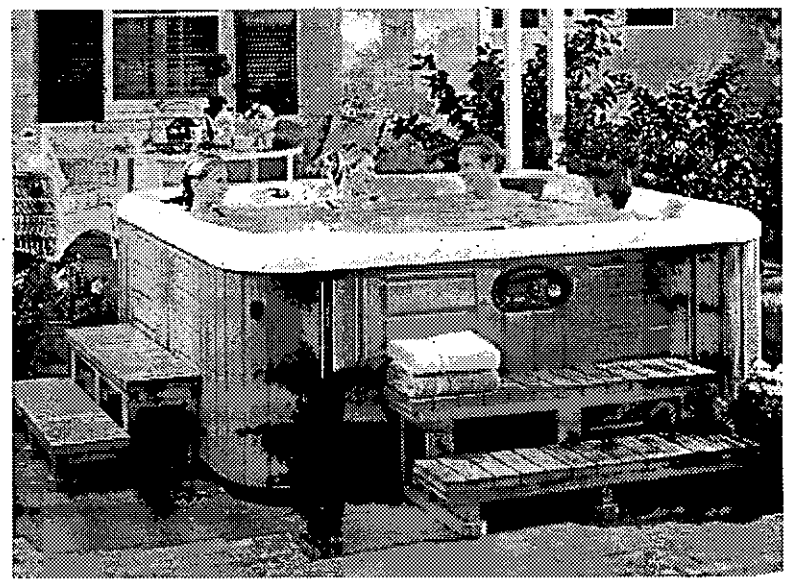
These saunas can cost a homeowner thousands of dollars, but the long-term health results can be priceless. Plus, adding a spa to a home has financial

as well as health ben-

efits, according to Andrew Apple, sales manager of Islander Pools & Spas at 1967 Central Ave. in Colonie.



tubs made by Beach Comber Hot Tubs, commercial and residential tanning beds, as well as infrared saunas. Although



"A homeowner can add up to \$10,000 to their home's value, depending upon what kind of spa or hot tub you purchase," he said. "The two top selling brands at Islander Pools & Spas are Hot Springs Spas and Hawkeye. Backed by a five-year manufacturer's warranty, these brands are considered a valuable purchase."

"Our customers know they're getting the best product available," Apple added, "and considering that this purchase will add value to a home, they don't mind the initial cost."

Spas and hot tubs can cost anywhere between \$3,000 and \$8,000, so there are many factors which affect the cost of a spa or hot tub. Adding various luxuries is one factor.

"Hawkeye is a popular brand because you can customize your spa with surround sound," Apple said.

The amount of seats and jets in a spa can also raise the initial price. "Most of our customers shoot for the mid-range price. A nice four seater, on the average, will cost around \$5,000," he said.

Whenever you're dealing with pools, spas and hot tubs, customer service is just as important as price.

"Islander will deliver to a customer as far as 75 miles away from our stores," Apple said, "We'll also arrange for a contractor to come and setup the pool."

At Oasis Pool & Spa Center, Casso said she believes excellent customer service is the key to success in this business.

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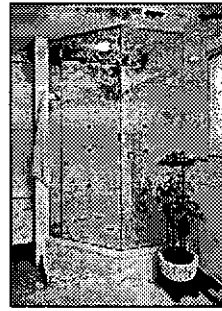
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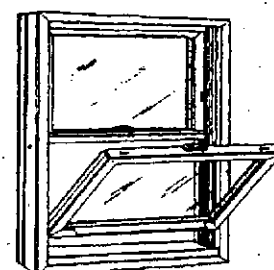
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Keeping your backyard deck in check

By Andrew Gregory

Picture yourself on a warm summer afternoon, basking in the glow of the sun, on your newly built deck. It's the perfect addition to your home. But during the fall and winter, your deck may become warped or cracked.

With spring right around the corner, it's likely you'll have some maintenance ahead of you, necessary in order to restore your deck. And although the deck is probably not in heavy use right now, the issue of deck revitalization is an important one to consider this time of year.

Service Solutions, a deck maintenance company based in Clifton Park, can help with this task.

"We have hundreds of customers come to us year

clear oil treatment seems to be the best remedy for an ailing deck, he said.

"Our customers like the clear sealer and stain because it's easy on the wood, and it maintains

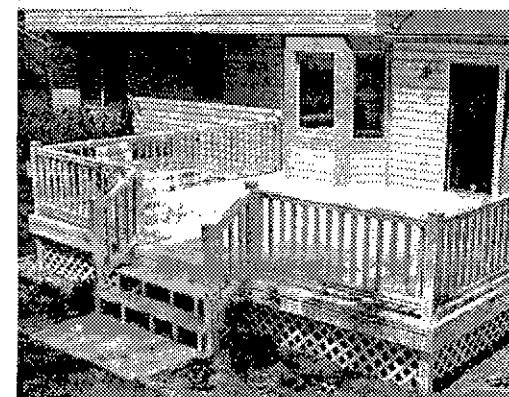


the natural look of the deck," Sweet said.

Ultraviolet sun block staining is another popular choice. This method of staining is initially more expensive but its pigmentation preserves the wood even more than clear oil treatments.

"In rare occasions, our customers will choose a colored stain," Sweet said. "With a wide variety of light color tints, color staining has an aesthetic quality that other processes don't have."

While you may decide to use a color stain, keep in mind that the darker the stain,



after year with questions about their decks," said Don Sweet, Service Solutions owner.

Most of the inquiries to Service Solutions involve staining and sealing.

"There are pros and cons to staining and sealing," said Sweet. Regardless of which process you decide to use, a

the more heat will be generated. Heat may lead to warping and uncomfortable deck temperatures.

Service Solutions also offers chemical free pressure washing and minor deck repair to its customers. Split boards, missing steps and unlevelled areas can all be repaired

within a day's work.

"We offer these services because many decks are simply neglected," Sweet said.

While your deck may be the popular gathering place for barbecues and tanning, maintenance is essential to

avoid a costly remodeling process. For information about maintaining your deck, call 439-0522 or visit Service Solutions at 1783 Route 9, Clifton Park.

Perhaps you're looking for a low maintenance alternative to a wooden deck. Vinyl Decks & Docks Inc. has a solution to the cracking and splintering that a homeowner with a wooden deck would face.

"Our Dream Deck is a great option for homeowners because it's virtually maintenance free," said Lynn

Munger, president of Vinyl Decks & Docks.

With a three-layer UV resistant surface, vinyl decks keep as cool as the air temperature. The no-slip surface is another feature of vinyl decks.

"People realize how easy it is to maintain the vinyl siding on their homes," said Sweet, "So they decided to go

choice between pre-fabricated modular units or linear planking. The initial cost and color selection is a factor that any potential customer should look into.

"While the initial purchase of vinyl deck products is typically higher than that of a wooden deck, we stand firmly by our lifetime warranty and low maintenance costs," said Munger.

While various colored wood stains are available, vinyl decks are only available in white, gray and earthtone.

"Our color selections are limited, but our customers know that the color they select will never fade or change due to environmental elements," Munger said.

To find out more about vinyl deck options

or obtain a list of trained contractors, call Vinyl Decks & Docks at 377-0374 or visit www.vinyldeck.com for pictures and extra features of the Dream Deck.

There are pros and cons to staining and sealing. Regardless of which process you decide to use, a clear oil treatment seems to be the best remedy for an ailing deck.

Don Sweet

with the Dream Deck because they don't want to spend hundreds of dollars into annual maintenance for a deck made from wood."

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Brighten up your decor with lighting options

By Donna J. Bell

Having light in the home is something we all take for granted. Flip on a switch and let there be light.

But when a designer looks at your room, they see light from an entirely different perspective. They look for where is the light is coming from. Is the light mostly from the windows? Are lights centered overhead? Are they recessed around the edges of the ceiling? Or is most of the light shining down at eye level and on tables?

They may be looking to see if the light is ambient (from a hidden source) or natural (shining in from outside). They will check to see if halogen, fluorescent or incandescent bulbs are used.

Are you lost yet?

You don't have to be; if

you don't know spot lighting from accent lighting, you can always turn to the experts.

"When customers come into us they have

ask them about size, style and color and the overall dimensions to fit into the room."

Browsing the stores looking for lighting fixtures can be one person's delight and another's torture. But whether you are a budding do-it-yourselfer or looking for another opinion, the first place to begin is in your own home. Take a good look around. There are

many ways to light a room, but the way the room is going to be used should be the No. 1 factor to determine what style of lighting to use

For example, if a room is

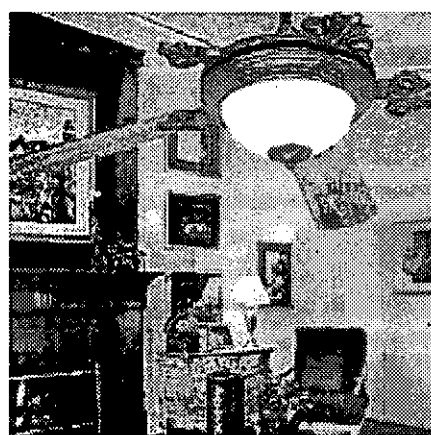
too tall, use low luminaries that let no light out the top to help shorten those high ceilings. If a room is too small, visually push one wall open by washing it with light and so on. After function you should determine what style your surrounding reflect — contemporary, country kitsch or Victorian? Or perhaps an eclectic mix?

"Lighting adds style, it defines you, from ultra modern and contemporary to things that can add a Gothic or European flair," Verch said.

If you thought you'd be limited in choices, think again. Today's lighting styles range from simple Williamsburg to crystal chandeliers in alabaster and bronze.

You can choose iron or

pewter fixtures, perhaps combine them with brass and copper. Verch said colored painted finishes are in vogue

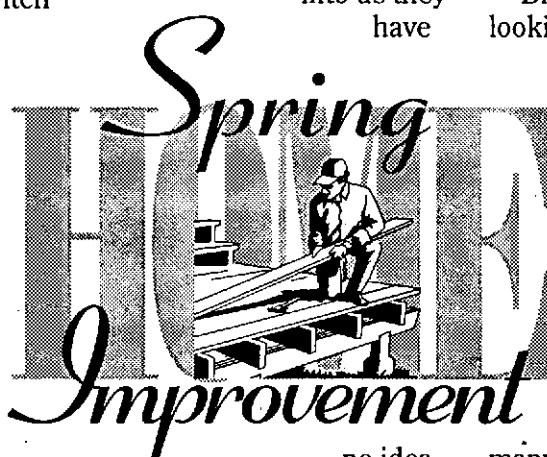


and customers can come in with tiles, wallpaper or fabric window treatments to help choose the colors.

If you don't want an all out remodel, you can still change your look.

"Change a lampshade," Verch recommends. "It's the most inexpensive way to update the look of your home."

Verch said that plain, white shades are passe, and now lamps are decked out in feathers and beads with color choices ranging from oyster and putty to sage and earth tones. You may never think of light the same way again.



no idea what they are looking for," said Dottie Verch, showroom manager of The Lighting Options in the 20 Mall in Guilderland. "We

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Window treatments add spice to home decor

By Donna J. Bell

Are you looking to add a little spice to your home?

Consider adding or changing your window treatments.

The right treatment can be a perfect finishing touch to any decor, lifestyle and architecture.

"Window treatments add character and warmth and can tie in a lot of color," said Sara Camuglia, owner of Artcraft Fabric Interiors in Albany. "Basically, they finish off your room."

Most interior decorators will take the "work" out of adding window treatments by bringing their expert knowledge into your home. Camuglia, who has been designing window treatments for more than 30 years, assists homeowners with everything from picking samples to measuring the widows.

"We find out what purpose they have in the room. Is color a factor? Do they just want a slight change? Do they want a hard look or a soft look?" Camuglia said. "Then we show them samples and ideas." Window treatments need to blend with the rest of the decor. Whether formal, casual, traditional or contemporary, what is put on the windows can influence the overall design. And in terms of design, anything goes this year, Camuglia said.

She has been seeing a lot

of floral fabrics, and the natural earth tone look is with highlight beiges, tans, and sage greens and yellows as people are looking for a "warm feeling" for their home. The look doesn't



just end with the fabric — drapery hardware has come a long way from the tacky white metal rods of old. Not too long ago, the only decision you had to make about window hardware was how long the rod should be.

Now you have a choice of woods, metals, glass, iron and ceramic rods and finials. Again, you need to consider the "style" you are going for when choosing the hardware and don't forget that scale is another important consideration. Big carved wooden cornices and finials work better in larger, high-ceilinged rooms. Keep the scale lighter for smaller, low ceiling spaces. You can even choose window hardware to be "invisible," if you are looking for a contemporary uncluttered finish.

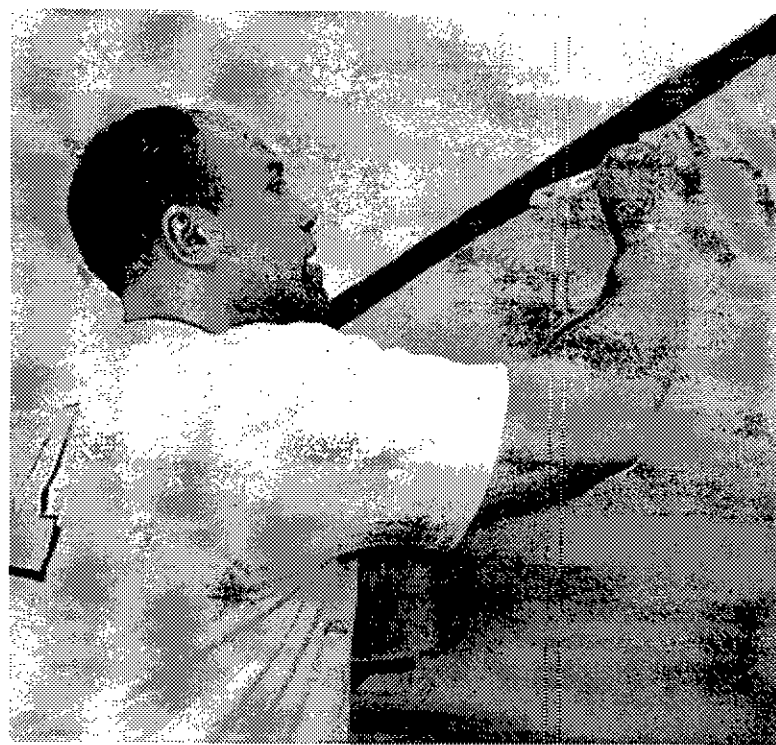
Before you go shopping for window treatments consider hiring a designer. Not only can you save time

running all over town, but often designers know the best "deals" and can guide you toward the treatments that fit your pocketbook.

If you really want to do it yourself get yourself one of the dozens of books on creating inexpensive treatments — of course, the trade-off is your time and talent.

Here are some tips to keep in mind before you start shopping.

Before you go, sketch and measure your windows. Consider what you want and the mood you want to create. Decide how much you are willing to spend. Many styles of window treatments can be made at home, so look around stores for some ideas. After choosing the fabric, decide on the type of hardware and trimmings to use while keeping both the fabric and style of the room in mind.



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Maintaining and repairing your driveway

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

"A properly installed asphalt driveway should last 25 to 30 years in the northeastern part of this country and requires little maintenance," according to Mike Collandra of Browe Asphalt in East Greenbush.

He should know. "We've been in business 43 years and I'm the third generation at the helm," Collandra said.

Proper installation means taking into account wide-

spread clay conditions in this area and the closer a site is to water sources, such as a river, it is like molding clay. These conditions call for a base of crushed stone of 5 to 10 inches covered by a rough asphalt course of 2 to 2 1/2 inches. Finally an application to the top of a course of blacktop with very fine stone makes the driveway impervious to weather conditions.

"An asphalt driveway should be sealed annually to

completed in the area. He explained that Professional installers use very precise mathematical formulas to calculate the amount of materials needed for a job and will not have half a wheelbarrow left over when the job is completed.

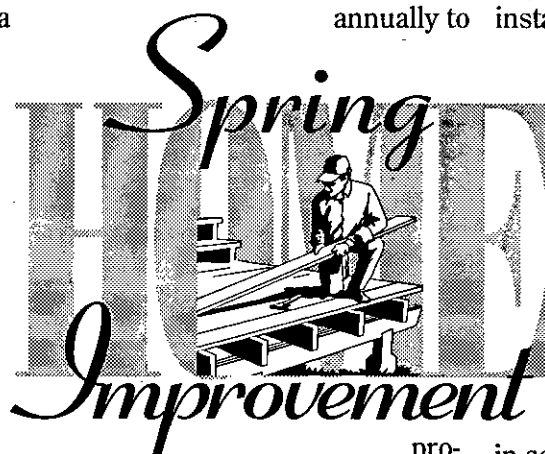
stronger than asphalt and will last a lifetime."

It is also more expensive than asphalt. His company installs the Increte product at all 7/11s in the region and have never had a complaint.

"These stores are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and our parking areas hold up," he said.

The driveways, sidewalks or patios can come in colors and a design can be stamped on the surface. The cement material is purchased from a ready mix company and color and hardener is added at the site.

"Reinforced with half-inch steel rods it is strong to go over any subgrade, and the only maintenance is the application of a sealer every five years," George said.



protect it," Collandra said.

One of Collandra's concerns is for the resealing and resurfacing scams that occur every year. He advises homeowners to "only deal with reputable business people and said a homeowner can get names from the Better Business Bureau or even a local town, village or city building department. And an owner should get at least three estimates for a job before committing to a contract."

Especially beware the person who knocks on your door and offers to resurface your drive for a bargain price because they have materials left over from a job just

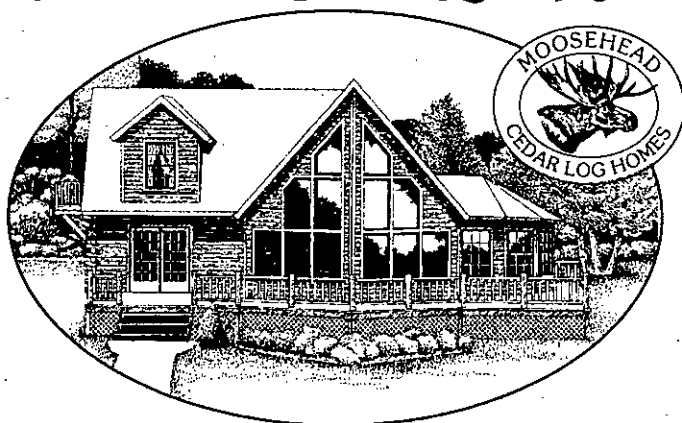
Another tip on the door-to-door solicitor, who is interested in separating a homeowner from his money and not doing the work for it, is their truck will usually not have a company name on the side.

Another type of driveway in this area is a concrete driveway provided by Increte of Albany. Rick George of Increte said, "Concrete is



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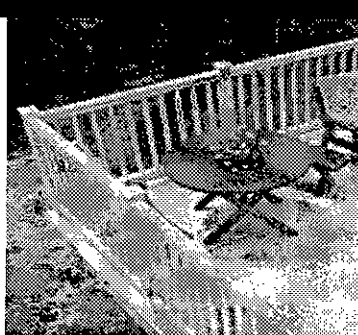
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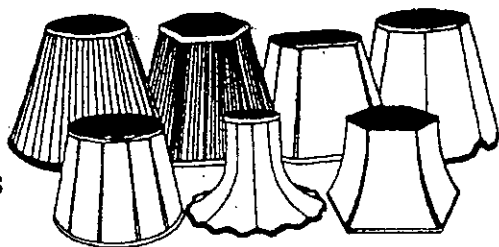
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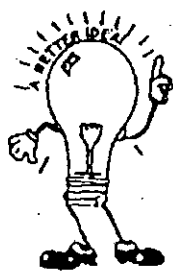
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Installing garage doors, where to begin

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Need a new garage door? A good place to start is by consulting a company with a long-term presence in the area and a good reputation.

With more than 55 years of providing service to homes and businesses in the Capital District, Murphy Overhead Doors meets the criteria. Located at 1148 Central Ave. in Colonie, just east of the Northway, Tom Murphy said, "Our company stocks over 2,000 doors. We can advise the do-it-yourselfer and give free quotes to those needing our wide selection of doors and professional installation service."

The spring season is a good time to contract for new doors. Service will be quick because it is off-season for garage door companies. But

fall is a busy time for overhead door companies and a client may wait as long as three weeks for installation.

"When considering new doors there are a number of options to consider including materials, to insulate

lifetime warranty against rusting. They come in colors and windows are an option" Murphy said.

"The door of the future," according to Murphy, "is made of the same material as vinyl siding but is very thick. They have a lifetime warranty and do not dent or rust.

Plus if you opt for the framed, decorative panel and want to give your home a fresh look in a few years you can change the panels. Both steel and vinyl doors can be insulated."

Murphy noted that the new garage door opener by Lift Master "has a very quiet, powerful DC motor. The system is quieter because instead of being

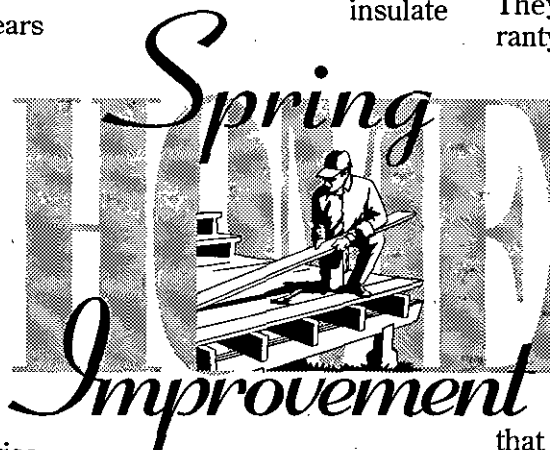
chain-driven, it is driven by a belt similar to one you would find under the hood of your car."

Murphy said maintenance of a spring-loaded overhead door is simple. Be sure to lubricate all moving metal parts annually. If spring tension needs to be adjusted, move the S hook, at the end of each spring, in the desired direction to a new hole in the bracket to increase or decrease spring tension. Be sure the door is open when adjusting tension.

Murphy warned, "If you have a torque-type tension system, it is dangerous for a person to attempt to adjust. Special tools and training are needed for this chore to avoid serious injury."

One additional plus when dealing with an experienced company like Murphy over-

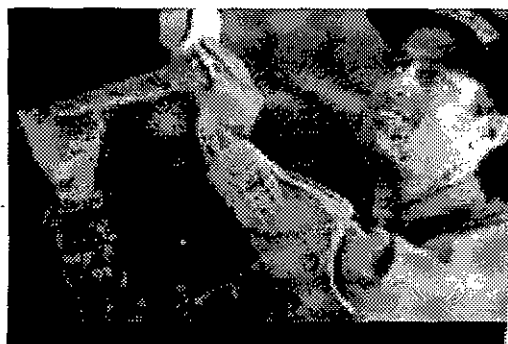
head door is they keep informed on the latest technology and improvements in garage door systems to give you better informed advice and options.



or not, plain panels on top or decorative with framed window or a design panel, spring or torque bar driven, and if you want an automatic door opener there is a new item on the market to think about," Murphy said. "All the decisions will affect price of the doors which start at the low end of \$400 to approximately \$700. The opener is an additional cost."

One of the material options is steel.

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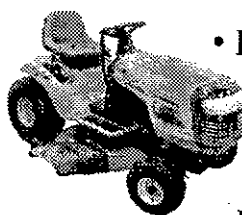
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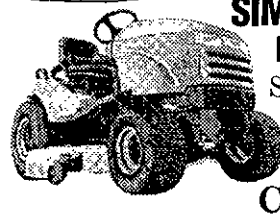
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Decorating on a budget

A matter of adding and subtracting

To decorate your home on a budget, start by subtracting what you have to achieve a new spare look, suggests Monique M. Crossan, whose Chicago design studio creates wall sculptures and botanical arrangements.

Toss out the piles of newspapers and magazines you'll never have time to read. If you display little boxes, photos or ceramics, arrange them all on one tray. Wash the windows and shine the silver till they sparkle.

"The difference will astonish you," Crossan said. "Keep a few oversized pieces

for display, such as an aluminum bucket filled with corkscrew willow branches and illuminate it from underneath or behind."

New York interior



designer Jerome Curie Hanauer made a simple yet dramatic change for a client whose living room wall is mirrored.

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New computers need better House wiring

In the blink of an eye, home computer users have been introduced to such wonders as Internet phone calls, streaming audio and video, Webcams, and instant messaging.

The modern family, with their love for new technology, have embraced these innovations at every level. Each day brings increasingly sophisticated options in home electronics, audio and video entertainment, security systems and more. Communications wiring brings it all together, making the connection in this technologically advanced age a little bit easier.

That's the good news. The downside is that most homes still lack the proper wiring that allows them to take full advantage of these and other new technologies. Most electronic equipment that homeowners use would benefit from an updated wiring system.

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Tips for choosing the right contractor

As with all worthy goals, getting there begins with a great plan. This is especially true if you are seeking a professional contractor for your home improvement project.

Although there are talented do-it-yourself homeowners, the majority of home improvements today are completed by a remodeling contractor. Yet even a great plan will mean little if an inexperienced, dishonest or incompetent contractor is running the show.

Experience has shown again and again that the more a homeowner knows before hiring a contractor, the more likely his or her remodeling experience will be a positive, happy one.

So finding the right professional should be every homeowner's number one priority. There are many great resources; here are just a few to consider.

Begin at your local building department. Ask if they have a list of contractors who have worked in their town or

city. Are department staff familiar with the company? How long has the company been doing business in the town? Are staff aware of any problems or complaints with the contractor?

Every job requires a building permit, and this is where your contractor must begin. Therefore, it is a good source of information for a homeowner, too. Find out how many projects a contractor

has completed that are similar to yours. Ask for references and make sure to call each one. Find out if

minor and major projects so that all parties know what to expect from one another. Make sure to get an original copy of the contractor's insurance certificate, a clearly defined warranty and how payments will be made. The quality and quantity of materials are also a major factor to consider.

Finally, a minimum of three estimates are essential to good planning. A homeowner should never assume

that homeowner would hire the contractor again. Ask the contractor if he/she belongs to a professional business organization — an indicator of a commitment to quality service within the community.

While you may feel comfortable with your contractor, it is very important to obtain a written contract regarding the work he/she will be doing to your house. This contract should include all

that the lowest bid will be the best deal. No one should ever sacrifice the quality of materials and craftsmanship simply to offset the cost of the job. Once you receive the detailed estimates, you're ready to proceed with your home improvement project.

To obtain a list of remodeling professionals in your area, call the Albany Area Builders Association at 438-6102.



Tips to limit pollution from remodeling

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the air we breathe inside our homes may be two to five times more polluted than the air outdoors. This can be a major concern for those with respiratory problems, particularly the estimated 36 million Americans who live with allergies and asthma.

Dirty indoor air may pose an even greater risk for those living in the midst of a major home renovation. That's because common renovation and remodeling tasks — such as sanding, sawing, painting and putting up drywall — often release dust and other tiny particles into the air.

Here are several tips to help you and your loved ones breathe easier during a home renovation, courtesy of Dr. Nathan Yost, former professional contractor and current adviser to the American Lung

Association Healthy House Project.

- Isolate work areas from the living space with plastic sheeting or zipper doors.
- Use an exhaust fan in the work area to help prevent contaminants from entering the living space.
- People with asthma or allergies may want to consider living elsewhere during a major remodeling project. This can be especially important for children.
- If you have pets, limit their access to the remodeling area so they don't track contaminants throughout the home.
- Hire a professional to remove asbestos and lead-based paint. Remodeling or attempting to remove these materials yourself can increase your exposure.
- Do not occupy a recently painted room until it's been

thoroughly ventilated for several days.

- Use a high efficiency furnace filter. High efficiency filters contain electrostatically charged fibers that capture up to 30 times more allergens and other pollutants than the typical fiberglass filter.
- Run the furnace fan continuously, regardless of the outdoor temperature. This lets the filter capture more dust, allergens and other particles in the air. To ensure that the furnace fan is running continuously, set the furnace thermostat to the "on," rather than "auto," position.
- Vacuum every day during the remodeling project. Use a high efficiency vacuum or a central vacuum ducted to the outside. Be sure to check the warranty of your vacuum before you clean large amounts of construction debris.

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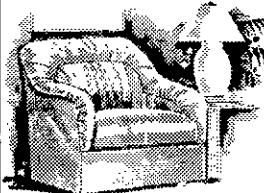


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The bottom line on floor covering options

Knowing more about flooring may help you hit the ground running when it comes to shopping for floor coverings.

The most important consideration is to tailor the floor choice to the people who use it, according to the World Floor Covering Association.

Will kids or pets increase wear and tear? Is comfort important, as in a kitchen where you are usually on your

feet for long periods?

There are new and elegant choices available you may not have considered the last time you bought new flooring.



The choice of flooring must include practical considerations, such as cost, usage and style preferences. Carpets, for example, are soft and comfortable to tread on with bare feet but can become damaged quickly in damp conditions such as a steamy bathroom.

Materials such as vinyl, while not as long-lasting as natural substances, are inexpensive and easy to

replace when worn.

All surfaces have advantages and disadvantages, depending upon your situation. It's important to think through your needs.

For example, hard surfaces such as natural stone or hardwood are classic and can add elegance to any room. While harder surfaces can amplify sound, this can be muted by using area rugs or creative insets of carpeting.

Surfaces such as tile, vinyl and linoleum can sustain a lot of wear and do well in areas with high moisture. The key is to identify each space's unique characteristics and needs. That will guide you in the selection of materials right for each space.

Here are some points to consider from the association's Web site at www.wfca.org:

- Consider whether the floor covering material that you select will complement the furniture and other objects that will be in the

room. Do not forget to take into account the floor in adjacent rooms. Too many changes of finish from one room to the next in a small house can be jarring.

- No matter how good the flooring you choose, incorrect installation will result in an uneven surface that will wear badly. Always have flooring installed professionally.

- Plain-colored flooring shows marks more quickly than floors with a patterned surface.

- If you are planning neutral-colored walls to create a feeling of space, consider a natural-colored floor to add warmth.

- Busy or large-scale floor patterns may overpower the

rest of the room.

- Under-floor heating (radiant heat) is compatible with most types of hard flooring, particularly ceramic, stone and well-seasoned hardwood.

- Consider the cost of installing the floor as well as

the purchase price of materials. Most retailers will be willing to estimate your costs with or without installation.

- The amount of day-to-day maintenance you are willing to undertake may influence your floor choice. Some materials, such as wood, require

more care, especially around a sink, where water can damage the varnish.

- You can get flooring ideas from visiting model homes or looking through home or decorating magazines. If you see a look that you find appealing, jot down the information or clip the picture to share with your retailer.

Before shopping for flooring:

Draw a simple diagram of the room(s) and indicate where entrances are located.

Measure and write down both the width and length of the room(s). Include closets or other areas that will need flooring. Most retailers will want to re-measure just to insure they order the right amount of product.

Make a note of the color schemes and flooring types in adjoining rooms.

Determine how much natural sunlight enters the room, which direction the room faces, and any sliding patio doors.

If possible, find out what is under the existing flooring.

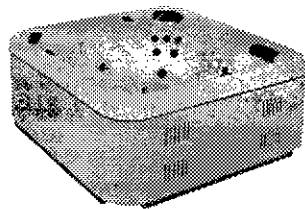
Whenever possible, take samples of any fabrics, paints or wallpapers used in the space.

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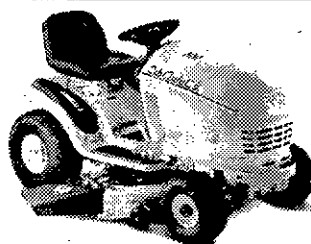


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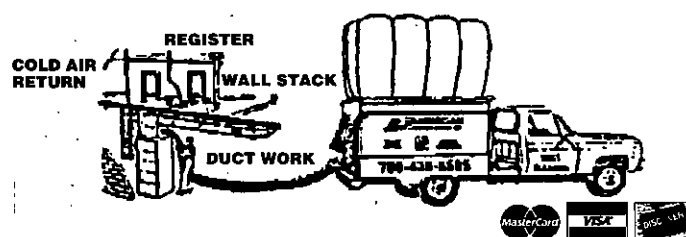
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Homeowners' policies don't cover flood damage. Relying on government assistance when your property has been soaked may leave you with a large debt. NFIP officials note the following reasons why buying and keeping National Flood Insurance is a much better way to prepare for an especially rainy day:

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- You don't have to pay back a flood insurance claim. For most victims, disaster assistance comes in the form of a loan that must be repaid with interest. Those who would not be able to repay such a loan may receive a disaster grant, but the average grant is only about \$2,500.

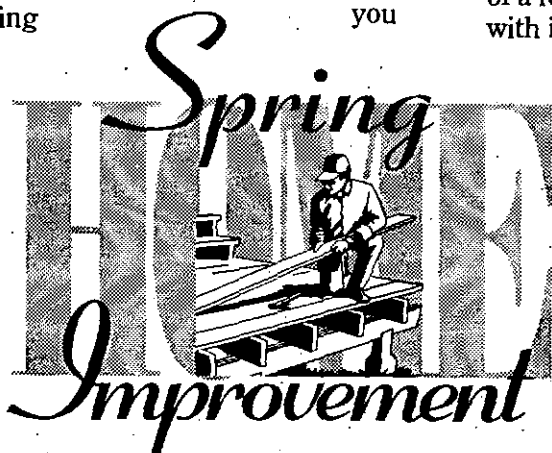
- You are in control. You will be paid for a flood insurance claim even if the President doesn't issue a

major disaster declaration, which is necessary for most types of federal disaster assistance. Many floods are too small and localized to warrant a major disaster declaration.

To purchase a National Flood Insurance policy, call your insurance agent. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect. For help locating an agent or for more information, call the NFIP at 1-888-379-9837 or visit www.floodalert.fema.gov.

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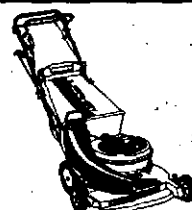
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New options give walls 'design appeal'

It used to be that homeowners and interior designers would do everything possible to make a home's interior walls go virtually unnoticed.

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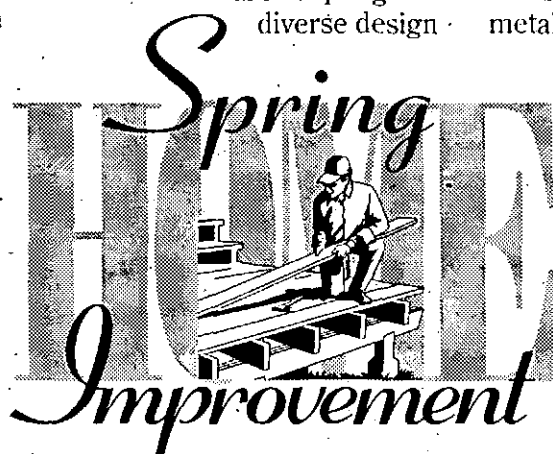
Now, thanks to a host of new and innovative decorating materials and treatments, walls are taking on personalities of their own. They're becoming a focal point for drama and visual appeal.

One word to describe

current wall decorating trends is "eclectic," people are adapting diverse design

Earth shades, including tones of sienna, mustard, moss and gray, as well as metallic tones of copper,

bronze, steel and silver, are the current colors of choice for interior walls. Americana wallpaper motifs such as colonial, updated Southwestern, antique flags and gingham checks and stripes are also enjoying a resurgence in



influences to fit their individual ideals. Some colors and styles are centering on traditional and even nostalgic themes. Others are focused on capturing an aura of comfort and security.

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There is also a growing use of unconventional, but natural, wall finishing materials. Some of the more popular choices include metals such as steel and copper,



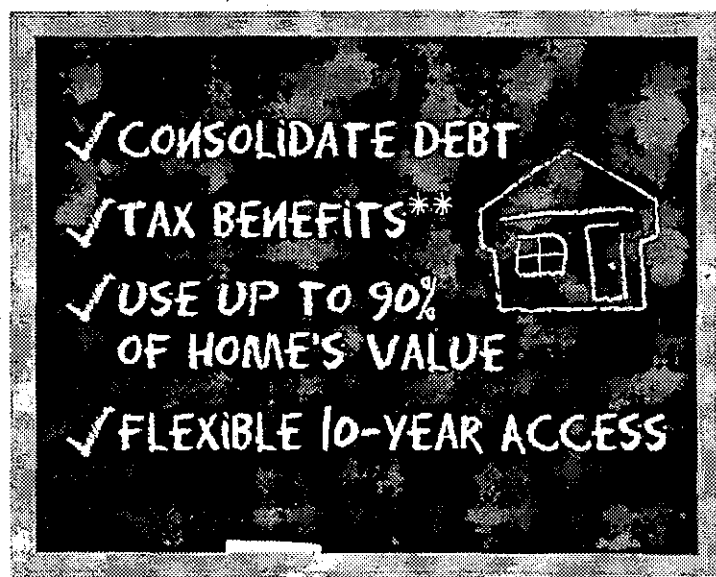
natural fibers such as seagrass, sisal and jute, and glass that is sandblasted, textured or stained.

The hottest of these new wall treatments are decorative wall finishes made from crushed marble, limestone or gypsum plaster. When infused with pigments and skillfully applied, these tinted, mineral-based finishes can provide a warm, lustrous alternative to wallpaper and paneling—and they can be made to look like anything

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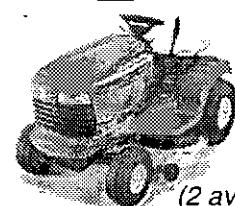
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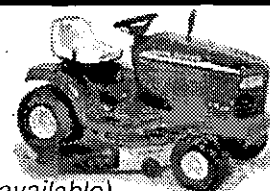
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Vandalism

(From Page 1)

it, and some feel that the high school's reputation has been damaged.

Acting Principal Arlene Maranville felt "disappointment that we can't put things up and have them left alone," whether what happened was random vandalism or racial harassment.

"It's disgraceful" that these people represent our high school, said sophomore Genya Shimkin; Lauren DePaulo, a junior, believes that what has happened "takes us back to square one" in terms of the school's reputation.

These acts of vandalism are classified by the state Penal Code and the Hate Crimes Act of 2000 as Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, a Class E felony. The police are currently investigating the incident, and all persons with information on the crime are invited to talk to Resource Officer Vince Rinaldi or any faculty member. Rinaldi said that anyone who volunteers information will not have to reveal their identity.

Students and staff will be

BCMS students earn top spelling honors

Three Bethlehem Central Middle School students will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee on March 11 at the Egg in Albany.

Eighth grader Merideth Lutz and seventh graders John Dieterle and Gabe Tomasulo were the district's top finishers.

School to hold rummage sale

Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church on 1499 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

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Mayor

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Kenneth Ringler upon learning of the 9:30 p.m. accident on Onesquethaw Creek Road.

"He was my mentor," said Ringler, whose term as supervisor coincided with Whalen's. "I'm not doing too well today. He was like a family member. I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today if it wasn't for Tom Whalen."

According to a statement issued by the State Police, Whalen, 68, was apparently alone in his vehicle on his way home when he failed to negotiate a left-hand curve on the winding rural road. Driving off the right shoulder, the vehicle struck a culvert, several trees and a rock, then overturned onto the driver's side before coming to rest, upright, in the roadway.

A preliminary investigation at the scene by troopers from the Feura Bush substation, assisted by Onesquethaw Fire Company

members, revealed that the driver's compartment of the vehicle suffered little damage, but Whalen apparently was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident, "which would have greatly reduced his injuries," according to the police statement.

Whalen was pronounced dead at the scene by county coroner Phillip Furie and transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where a post-mortem examination was scheduled for Tuesday morning. No cause of the accident has yet been determined.

Several Albany city officials, including Whalen's successor, Gerald Jennings, rushed to the scene. Efforts to reach Jennings were unsuccessful.

"This is a loss to the

community at large," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "Tom Whalen has been a tireless servant to the public. It was a shock when I picked up the paper this morning."

Ringler, a close personal acquaintance of Whalen, said, "The best word to describe him was integrity. He brought the city out of the dark ages. Even though

we certainly didn't agree on everything, even as we disagreed we never lost our friendship. He was like a second father to me."

Whalen, a former City Court judge and Albany Common Council president, was Albany's first mayor after the 50 year reign of Erastus Corning II after his death in 1983. He was elected to two more terms and retired in 1993, residing on Onesquethaw Creek Road.

The best word to describe him was integrity.

Ken Ringler

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Obituaries

Raymond Brownell

Raymond "Doc" Brownell, 84, of Slingerlands, and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, March 1, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in New Scotland, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Quarter Master Corps as a detachment commander.

He owned the Brownell Agency at the Four Corners in Delmar until he retired in 1982.

Mr. Brownell was a member of the Bethlehem Lions Club, the Onesquethaw Masonic Lodge and the Nathaniel A. Blanchard American Legion Post. He was the first president of the Albany Realty Board. He was an avid reader and active in local politics.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Ludlam Brownell; a son, Douglas R. Brownell of

Saranac Lake; two daughters, Joan Duso of Saranac Lake and Janet King of Albany; a stepson, Andrew Maggard of Atlanta; two stepdaughters, Deborah Schimmel of Exeter, N.H., and Cynthia Rogan of Slingerlands; five grandchildren; and eight step-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 8, at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054 or the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

Gilbert Houk

Gilbert "Gil" Houk, 85, of Spring Hill, Fla., and Selkirk, died

Wednesday, Feb. 27, in Florida.

Mr. Houk was Bethlehem town assessor from 1973 to 1982.

He was a past master and past right worshipful master of the Onesquethaw Masons Lodge in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Hempel Houk; four sons, Gilbert F. Houk of Johnstown, Gerald E. Houk and Bradley Houk, both of Selkirk and Gregory Houk of Cooperstown; a daughter, Vicki Folger of Slingerlands; a brother, Hubert Houk of Burlington Flats, Otsego County; a sister, Judy Cooler of Centre Hall, Pa.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from First Reformed Church in Selkirk.

Spring burial will be in Onesquethaw Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew, Springfield, Mass. 01104

Janet Hammond

Janet E. Hammond, 85, of Glenmont died Thursday, Feb. 28.

Mrs. Hammond worked for the New York Farm Bureau in Glenmont for more than 20 years.

She was a member of Glenmont Community Reformed Church and a longtime member and past president of the Selkirk No. 2 auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald C. Hammond; her mother, Eleanor Fabe; two sons, Jeffrey C. Hammond and Jason Hammond, both of Glenmont; a brother, Gregory Fabe; two sisters, Barbara Hummel and Jacqueline Branstrom; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Glenmont Community Reformed Church and the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to Glenmont Community Reformed Church Memorial Fund.

Nettie Morgan Russ

Nettie Morgan Russ, 95, of Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home, and formerly of Albany, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the nursing home.

Born in Albany, she worked at the former Montgomery Ward in Menands for 28 years before she retired.

Mrs. Russ was a communicant of the Church of St. Catherine of Siena.

She was the widow of Stephen M. Morgan and Robert E. Russ.

Survivors include a sister, Betty Gregory of Albany.

Services were from the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Catherine of Siena.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Edna McCoy

Edna T. McCoy, 90, of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 22, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing

Home.

Born in Springfield, Mass., she attended Northfield Mount Herman School and was a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design.

Mrs. McCoy was an art teacher in the Lakeland school district in Peekskill for many years before moving to Delmar.

She and her late husband traveled on tramp freighters and later on ocean liners.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Art Association, the Delmar Progress Club and Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

She was the widow of William H. McCoy.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Soronen; a sister, Lois Klain of California; and two grandsons.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 125 Wolf Road, Suite 225, Colonie 12205.

Rose Durso

Rose Rosarie Durso, 95, of Delmar died Monday, Feb. 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was a nurse and had worked at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Miss Durso also did private duty nursing in the Delmar area.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Stabile of Commack.

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

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Burial was in St. Raymond's Cemetery in Bronx.

Death Notices

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

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

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

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BOU Auction

The Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited Auction is scheduled for Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is a community group dedicated to promoting healthy choices and personal success for children. Over the years this group has helped to fund many worthwhile projects and activities including Friday night basketball at BCHS, the Mentoring Program at Bethlehem Central Middle School, Feestelijk, the "Don't You Trust Me?" guide for high school parents, Elementoring at Glenmont Elementary School and BEEPS, an erasable memo board for families.

The BOU auction is a great way to meet and greet old and new friends. The yearly auction is a fun family event where many exciting items can be purchased at bargain prices. There are homemade desserts, so plan on enjoying coffee and cake at the auction.

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Charles and Jane Barnes

Shannon, Barnes wed

Jane Shannon, daughter of Kristine and Dr. Thomas Shannon of Upper Saddle River, N.J., and Charles Barnes Jr., son of Susan and Charles Barnes of Latham, were married on Aug. 25, 2001.

The Rev. David LeFort performed the ceremony at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Latham. A reception followed at The Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs.

May Saubier, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Megan Bronk, Meredith Cutler, Lisa Natoli, Laura Reed and Amanda Stern. Phoebe Sheehan was flower girl.

Andrew Barnes, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Kevin Bryant, Ted Burke, Chris Coppola, Jim Madigan and Michael Saubier. Matthew Sheehan was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Saddle River Country Day School, Skidmore College and Albany Law School. She is an attorney at

the law office of Robert M. Jacon.

The groom is a graduate of Shaker High School and Bentley College. He is a senior business consultant for KPMG.

Following a wedding trip to the Hawaiian Islands, the couple is building a home in Delmar.

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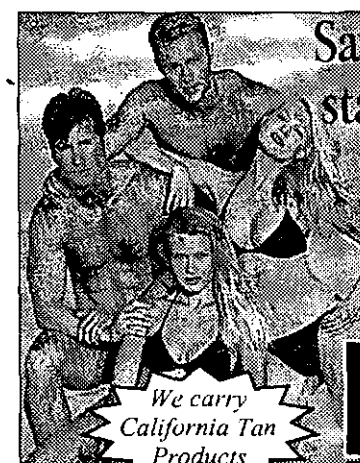
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March comes in with a roar of Irish music

By DEV TOBIN

With the coming of the green that is spring, the Capital District is also due for its annual hearing of the green with a cornucopia of Irish music over the next few weeks.

The music has gone well beyond "Danny Boy," ranging from traditional to rock, with many young musicians taking the traditional instruments like fiddle, accordion and Uilleann pipes on an inspiring modern ride.

First off, tonight (March 6) the Irish American Heritage Museum will host Andy Cooney's "Evening of Irish Classics" concert at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets.

The concert is a cabaret, a kind of Irish variety show featuring singing, dancing and stand-up comedy. Cooney's show includes singer Deirdre Reilly, comic Conal Gallon, dancer Naill O'Leary and a band of musicians directed by Brendan O'Sullivan from Jury's Irish Cabaret in Dublin.

Tickets are \$20. Call the music hall box office at 273-0038 for information.

The museum is also hosting Irish seanachie (storyteller) Batt Burns for five free performances — March 7 at 4 p.m. at Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave.; March 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Scotia-Glenville Senior Center, 32 Worden Road; March 9 at 12:15 p.m. at Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Quackenbush Square, and at 2:30 at Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave.; and March 10 at 1 p.m. at Ancient Order of Hibernians, 375 Ontario St., Albany.

This year, the Palace Theatre in Albany plans twice as much Celtic Mayhem, the downtown venue's mid-March concert of lively Irish music.

"This is our fifth year, and it's been successful enough to extend to two nights," said Palace executive director Bob Goepfert. "It will be two great nights of fun, with six of the best Irish bands around."

The two concerts, on Wednesday, March 13, and Friday, March 15, beginning at 7 p.m., feature a national/international modern headliner, a national folk/traditional band, and the area's two premier Celtic bands.

The Saw Doctors, who put on a rollicking show at one of last summer's Live at Five concerts, headline the Wednesday show, preceded by The McKrells and the Clancy Brothers.

Seven Nations, the perennial late-night highlight of the Irish 2000 festival at the Altamont Fairgrounds, will headline the Friday show, after Hair of the Dog and Ceili Rain.

Tickets for each show are \$17 in advance (at the Palace box office, 465-4663) or \$20 at the door.

Northern Lights on Route 146 in Clifton Park hosts its annual St Patrick's Day celebration on the day itself, Sunday, March 17, from noon to midnight.

"It's all Irish all day long," said club owner Kip Finck.



Seven Nations



Andy Cooney

Kevin McKrell of The McKrells sets up the day, which includes his band and Hair of the Dog, along with other Irish singers, dancers and bagpipers.

"Both bands even play together," Finck said.

Tickets for the all-day show at \$15 in advance, \$17.50 at the door.

Northern Lights also hosts legendary Irish rockers Black 47 on Thursday, March 14, with an appropriately Celtic opening band beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Singer-songwriter Larry Kirwan, backed by excellent musicians who make the traditional modern, provides a gritty, realistic, sometimes hilarious, look at the contemporary immigrant experience in New York City.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For information, call 371-0012 or log on to www.northernlights-live.com.

Two shows will benefit the Albany Hibernians' Irish Center.

On Thursday, March 7, The Fenians, along with Seamus Kennedy and Hair of the Dog, will play the Empire State Plaza Convention Center, starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$20.

And the grand man of Irish-American folk music, Tommy Makem, will perform with his sons at the Irish Center, 375 Ontario St., on Thursday, March 14. Tickets are \$25.

For information and reservations for The Fenians or Tommy Makem, call 235-6556.

Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady also gets into the act with the Three Irish tenors show, which is also a bit of a cabaret.

The three tenors are Tom Cregan, Ciaran Nagle and Anthony Norton. They will be accompanied by soprano and harpist Jacqueline Whelan, comedian

Jimmy Kennedy and a small corps of Irish dancers.

The Three Irish Tenors show is on Tuesday, March 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27. Call 346-6204 for information.

And featuring pipe bands, high school marching bands and proud Irish men, women and children from all over the Capital District, the 52nd annual Albany St. Patrick's Day parade will step off at 2 p.m. March 16,

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The Saw Doctors

All-American month for ASO

By DEV TOBIN

March is American music month at the Albany Symphony, with a wide variety of performances, including several world premieres.

On Saturday, March 9, the symphony presents three Tiffany Windows Concerts, original music inspired by Tiffany stained glass windows in Troy and played for the first time in the window's homes (for the most part).

A 13-member chamber orchestra and conductor David Alan Miller will play "Vision" by Steven Burke in St. John's Episcopal Church; "Tiffany Windows" by Arlene Sierra at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and "Sand and Heat" by Eric Samuelson (inspired by windows in the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel) in Emma Willard School Chapel.

Tickets for each premiere, with discussion of the windows by University at Albany professor Warren Roberts, are \$15. All-day tickets — three premieres and discussions, bus transportation between venues, dinner at Emma Willard, a discount on the

Tiffany poster and an opportunity to meet the composers — are \$90.

The symphony's regular monthly concert is also all-American — Derek Bermel's "Clarinet Concerto — Voices," William Schuman's "Credendum" and Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring" (the rarely performed "complete ballet version").

The concert will be Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Tickets are \$17 to \$36.

And the Dogs of Desire, the ASO's avant-garde chamber orchestra, will perform eight new works by American and Dutch composers in recognition of the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Dutch settlement that became Albany.

There will be two performances, at 7 and 10 p.m., on Friday, March 22, at the Arts Center of the Capital Region in Troy. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students.

For information on tickets for any ASO performance, call 465-4755.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

DEATHTRAP

Ira Levin thriller, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Wednesday to Saturday through March 23, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

RUTHLESS

off-Broadway hit musical, Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., weekends March 8 to 17, \$18, \$9 for children under 13. Information, 377-5101.

COPENHAGEN

Tony Award-winning thriller, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, March 10, 7 p.m., \$24 to \$29. Information, 346-6204.

LAURA INGALLS WILDER: GROWING UP ON THE PRAIRIE

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 10, 1 p.m., \$12, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

Music

ANDY COONEY

Irish cabaret with Deirdre Reilly, Conal Gallon and Niall O'Leary, to benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 6, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

THE YELLOWJACKETS

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, March 7, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$28. Information, 381-1111.

THE FENIANS

with Hair of the Dog and Seamus Kennedy, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 7, 8 p.m., \$15 and \$20. Information, 438-8230.

CRASDANT

traditional Welsh music and dance, Old Songs concert, Altamont Masonic Temple, Route 146, March 8, 8 p.m., \$15, \$5 for children. Information, 765-2815.

KASIM SULTON

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, March 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$28. Information, 381-1111.

TOOTS THEILMANS AND KENNY WERNER

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 9, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 273-0038.

AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZARDS

with Vassar Clements and Northern Lights, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 9, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 273-0038.

JOHN HIATT

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 10, 8 p.m., \$26. Information, 438-8230.

Dance

URBAN BUSH WOMEN

performing "Hairstories," The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 8, 8 p.m., \$25, \$22 for seniors and students, \$15 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, through March 17; Ancient Life of New York, through March 31; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

exhibits on Hudson River School painting, the Albany Army Bazaar of 1864, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

Paintings by Raul Serrano, through April 5, 161 Washington Ave. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Private Eye, unusual local collections, third floor of terminal building, through March 17, two hours free parking. Information, 242-2241.

Call For Artists

FEESTELJK

local entertainers and performers for Bethlehem community arts celebration on April 27. Apply at 439-0512.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in strings, especially cello and bass, and in French horn, rehearsals

Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Coburg Village, Rexford. Information, 383-1718.

MALE SINGERS NEEDED

for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

PAINTERS WANTED

the Colonie Art League seeks local two-dimensional artists to exhibit at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

Classes

ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENT CLASSES

fiddle, guitar, banjo, pennywhistle, hammered dulcimer and bodhran, six-week sessions on Tuesday evenings at the ROI Smith Center, Route 155, Guilford, sponsored by Old Songs. \$75. Information, 765-2815.

DANCE CLASSES

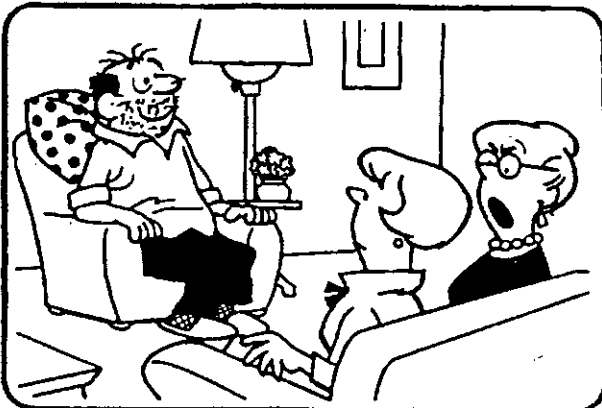
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

ART CLASSES

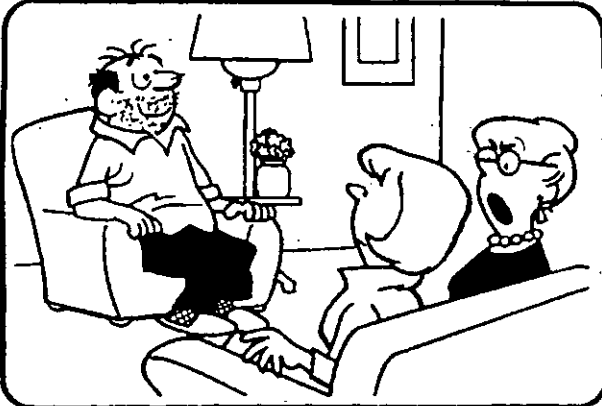
watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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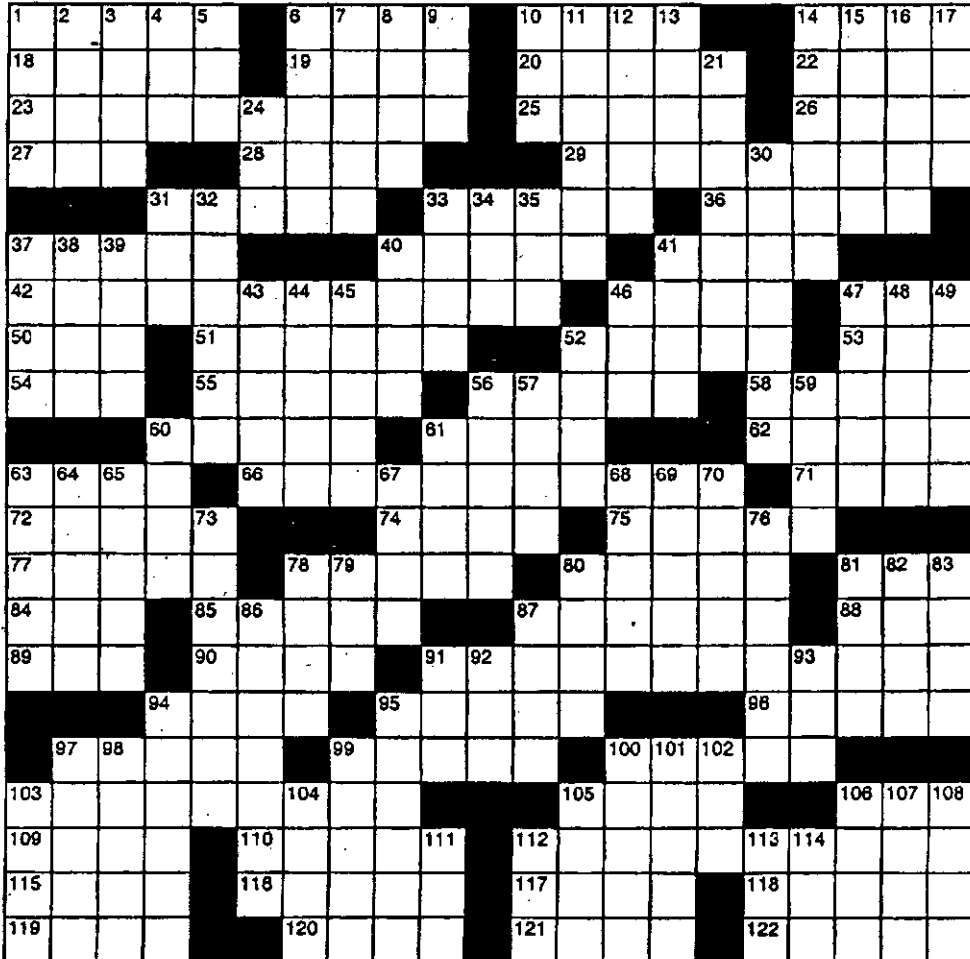
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Navy
Oak
Palm
Poinciana
Purple

The Super CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Florida athlete
 - 6 TV's "Queen for —"
 - 10 Some wines
 - 14 Barrel
 - 18 "Pal Joey" author
 - 19 Hoffmann creation
 - 20 Schemes
 - 22 "All —" ('84 film)
 - 23 View a parade?
 - 25 Sal of "Giant"
 - 26 Parka feature
 - 27 Shaq's pack
 - 28 Palo —, CA
 - 29 Plagiarize?
 - 31 Perplex
 - 33 Mendicant monk
 - 36 Bathe in butter
 - 37 Diminish
 - 40 "The Waste Land" poet
 - 41 Nomad pad
 - 42 Downsize the WBA?
 - 46 Tigris-Euphrates land
 - 47 Globe
 - 50 Neighbor of Tenn.
 - 51 Thiss and thaat
 - 52 Reeves of "Sweet November"
 - 53 Norm
 - 54 Yank opponent
 - 55 Director Kurosawa
 - 56 Nest noise
 - 58 Dodge
 - 60 Exorbitant
 - 61 Any time now
 - 62 Hook on a hawk
 - 63 Exchange
 - 66 Forgo
 - 71 "Say It — So" ('83 hit)
 - 72 Pool shot
 - 74 Spellbound
 - 75 Birth-related
 - 77 Japanese dog
 - 78 Your neighbor's kids
 - 80 Extinct lemur?
 - 81 Paris' L'— de Triomphe
 - 84 Guitarist Paul
 - 85 Antitoxin
 - 87 Regular
 - 88 Mauna —
 - 89 Chemical ending
 - 90 Tizzy
 - 91 Make the beds?
 - 94 State of confusion
 - 95 Trickster
 - 96 Host a roast
 - 97 Mournful poem
 - 99 Dieter's dish
 - 100 Corday's prey
 - 103 Prepare to wrestle?
 - 105 Paretsky or Teasdale
 - 106 "Well, I'll be!"
 - 109 Kuwaiti ruler
 - 110 Precise
 - 112 Shop till you drop?
 - 115 Hawaii's state bird
 - 116 Ravi-shing instrument?
 - 117 Kid at court
 - 118 What I.e. stands for
 - 119 Genealogy diagram
 - 120 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 121 "It's been —"
 - 122 Soprano Fleming
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Wedding wear
 - 2 "Pequod" captain
 - 3 "Cheerio!"
 - 4 Mythical monster
 - 5 "Go, team!"
 - 6 In any way
 - 7 Football's Lavelli
 - 8 Designer Gucci
 - 9 "Absolutely!"
 - 10 Tach meas.
 - 11 Bring to light
 - 12 Patron
 - 13 — aerobics
 - 14 Share the mike
 - 15 In progress
 - 16 Cure
 - 17 Converse competitor
 - 21 Tofu source
 - 24 "— Girls" ('79 smash)
 - 30 Feast
 - 31 Enjoyed 30 Down
 - 32 Vanquish
 - 33 Terrier's tormenter
 - 34 Rock's — Supply
 - 35 Lewis stats
 - 37 Out of range
 - 38 Ill temper
 - 39 Jeddah gentleman
 - 40 Singer James
 - 41 Pittfall
 - 43 Vexed
 - 44 Rosey of the Rams
 - 45 Silent star?
 - 46 Cloth finish?
 - 47 Iridescent stones
 - 48 Hazardous gas
 - 49 Sportscaster-Musberger
 - 52 Pain in the neck
 - 56 Egg plants?
 - 57 Owl's cry
 - 59 Colorado resort
 - 60 Detect
 - 61 "Git, Garfield!"
 - 63 Prepare perch
 - 64 Rouse
 - 65 Originate
 - 67 Bloomsbury buggy
 - 68 Curry country
 - 69 Facilitated
 - 70 Commando weapons
 - 73 Rub
 - 76 Gibson of tennis
 - 78 Soft cheese
 - 79 Furrow
 - 80 Gen. — Robt. —
 - 81 Templeton or Baldwin
 - 82 Learning method
 - 83 Instance
 - 86 Pepsin and lipase
 - 87 Muck
 - 91 Costa del —
 - 92 Green org.
 - 93 CPR provider
 - 94 Lay down the law
 - 95 Imp
 - 97 Glue guy
 - 98 Singer Frankie
 - 99 Condition
 - 100 Mrs. Simpson
 - 101 Sign of spring
 - 102 Seance sound
 - 103 Confined
 - 104 Geometry term
 - 105 Fawn's father
 - 106 Singer Campbell
 - 107 Otherwise
 - 108 Tivoli's Villa d'—
 - 111 Singing syllable
 - 112 Loser's locale
 - 113 "Bel — Bist Du Schoen" ('37 song)
 - 114 Citrus cooler



The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 3/6
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Monthly dinner meeting and program moved to 3/7; see calendar listing.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-4:30 p.m. Also Mon. Information, 439-0503.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

evening prayer and Bible study, 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem 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.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

NEW SCOTLAND
HOME BUYER COURSE

Home Buyer Education program, sponsored by Albany County Rural Housing Alliance; call to reserve a seat. Also Mar. 11 & 13. William Rice Cooperative Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, 6-9 p.m. Free. Registration, 765-2425.

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

PRAYER MEETING

evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church,

Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Thurs. 3/7
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m. ; dinner 6:30 p.m., program, "Gardening In The Shaker Tradition," with master gardener Cathie Gifford, and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

FAMILIES FIRST

support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8839.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Fri. 3/8
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
PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85,

New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Sat. 3/9
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Sun. 3/10
BETHLEHEM
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices, handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED

Sunday School and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with children's program. Nursery care available at all worship times. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Nursery and Sunday School through 5th grade provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, 65 Willowbrook Ave. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

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 OF BETHLEHEM

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, vespers 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Krumkill Road at Schoolhouse Road, North Bethlehem.

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

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.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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.

KING'S CHAPEL

Traditional Baptist Bible service, 10 a.m., 434 Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-9955.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHovah's WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

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.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship service, 10:30 a.m., fellowship school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided; 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. 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.

JERUSALEM REFORMED

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2021.

Mon. 3/11
BETHLEHEM
MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian fellowship 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

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

EXPLORER POST 157

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Temple Chapter No. 5; 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.

Tues. 3/12
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)

Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

A.W. BECKER PTA

Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

BINGO

at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND
STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

Special Lenten service, with a simple meal followed by a time of worship and reflection; Presbyterian Church in New Scotland, 2010 New Scotland Road. 6 p.m. Information, 439-6454.

Wed. 3/13
BETHLEHEM
TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

NEW SCOTLAND
HOME BUYER COURSE

Home Buyer Education program, sponsored by Albany County Rural Housing Alliance; call to reserve a seat. William Rice Cooperative Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, 6-9 p.m. Free. Registration, 765-2425.

TOWN COUNCIL

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Thurs. 3/14
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is ARIANA FAMILY CARE LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 18, 2002.
3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.
4. 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 1845 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.
5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bingham Strategic Advisors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/3/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of CINGULAR SUPPLY, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/23/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/14/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 5665 Glenridge Connector, Atlanta, GA 30342. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of CLF CAPITAL, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/31/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/23/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to principal office of LLC: c/o Investcorp, 280 Park Ave., 36W, NY, NY 10017. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Cox HRP, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/24/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1400 Lake Hearn Dr., Atlanta GA 30319. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Cox MMT, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/23/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, reg-

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istered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1400 Lake Hearn Dr., Atlanta GA 30319. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of DEM Management Partners, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/24/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/18/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 5400 Westheimer Ct., Houston, TX 77056. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: management company.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of FIDO HOLDINGS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/31/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to principal office of LLC: c/o Investcorp, 280 Park Ave., 36W, NY, NY 10017. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF G PROPERTIES, LLC

(Pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of G PROPERTIES, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on January 25, 2002. The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership, leasing, purchasing, selling, development and mortgaging of property and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, 6th floor, Albany, NY 12207.
(March 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is GRANDVIEW REALTY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 2002. 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 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
(March 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is GREENBUSH DONUTS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 2002. 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 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
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Notice of Qualification of Horizon Milling, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Wheat flour milling in North America.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Hubco Landscaping, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 11/27/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: PO Box 26, Altamont, NY 12099. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of INMO XENIA, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 01/28/2002. Off. Loc.: Albany Co SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 221 South Rd., Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of LETCO/Omega, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/11/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 2/26/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CA address of LLC: 220 Bush St., Ste. 565, San Francisco, CA 94104. Arts. of Org. on file with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: the trading of securities on the International Securities Exchange.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of Madison Theatre Company, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/29/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: To own and operate motion picture theaters.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Mark Heithoff Photography, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 1/23/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Capitol Services Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose, including photography.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MET CAPITAL, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/31/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/23/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to principal office of LLC: c/o Investcorp, 280 Park Ave., 36W, NY, NY 10017. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of MET57 HOLDINGS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/31/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to principal office of LLC: c/o Investcorp, 280 Park Ave., 36W, NY, NY 10017. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for Myers Brothers, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 30, 2002. Office location in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC, 8 Grove Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(March 6, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF NEILSON ROAD LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Neilson Road LLC. SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2051. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 12 Century Hill Drive Latham, New York 12110 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, this certificate has been subscribed to this 24th day of January, 2002, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/ Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(March 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is QUEENSBURY QUAKER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 2002. 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 90 State Street, Suite 1411, Albany, New York 12207.
(March 6, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF R & R AUTO ASSOCIATES LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: R & R AUTO ASSOCIATES LLC. SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. THIRD: the latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 427 New Karner Road

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Albany, New York 12205 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 one or more members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 7th day of February, 2002, be the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S. Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/5/01. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/27/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: SDS PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/15/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2077. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 26 Cross Street, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of SIEGLING AMERICA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/30/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/26/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Corps., Div., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Sylvia Woods Food Company, L.L.C., a NYS Ltd. liability co. (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 8/21/01. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, Attn: G. Greenhouse, 3 Marcus Blvd., Ste. 202, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TECHNODYNAMICS, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Organization for a limited liability company to be known as Technodynamics, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on February 19, 2002. The Company is being formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized. The principal office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 64 Mansion Blvd., Apt. L, Delmar, New York 12054.
(March 6, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Ted Cillis Jr. Builders, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/4/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 7 Rainbow Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Telerep, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/24/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, NY, NY 10017. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(March 6, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF TFGJ PARTNERS, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law First: The name of the limited liability company is: TFGJ Partners, LLC. Second: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany. Third: 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 this state to which the secretary of state will mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served on him or her is: 90 State Street, Suite 1500, Albany, NY 12207. Fourth: The effective date of the Articles of Organization is upon filing. Fifth: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members. Sixth: All members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law. In witness whereof, this certificate has been subscribed this 12th day of February, 2002 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made here are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/ Dale M. Thuiliez, Organizer
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF TRICITY ASSOCIATES, LLC, a Limited Liability Company filed with the Secretary of State on September 12, 2001. The name of this Limited Liability Company is Tricity Associates. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purpose of the company is to do all things to the extent permitted under the statutes of the State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: Tricity Associates, LLC, 547 Myrtle Ave., Albany, NY 12208.
(March 6, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of WSE MANAGEMENT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/9/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 702 SW 8th St., Bentonville, AR 72716. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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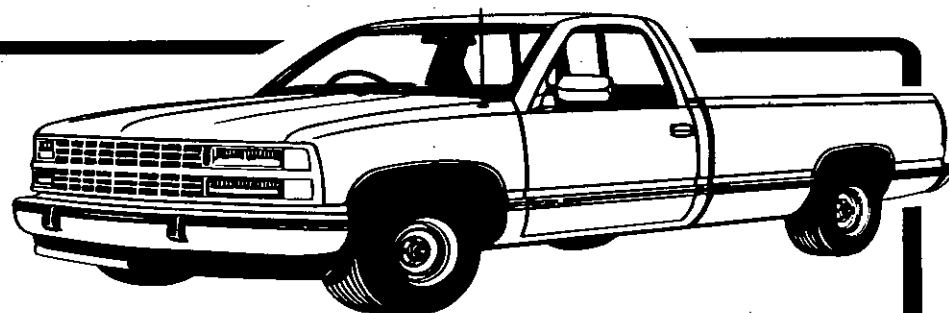
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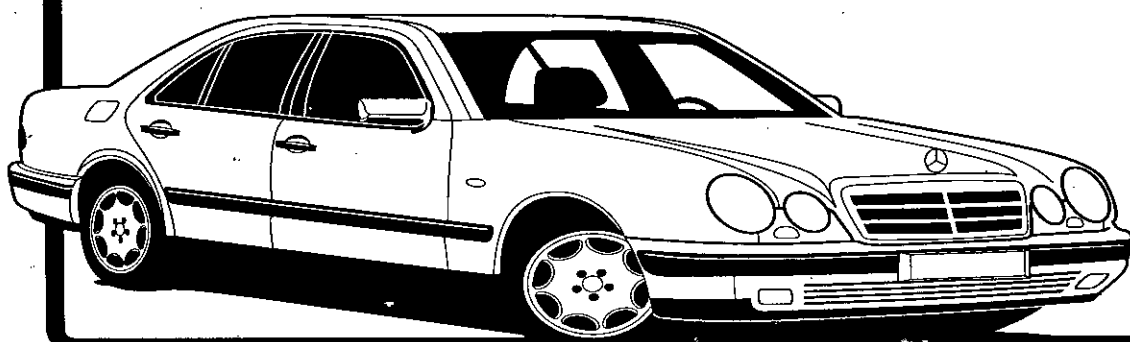
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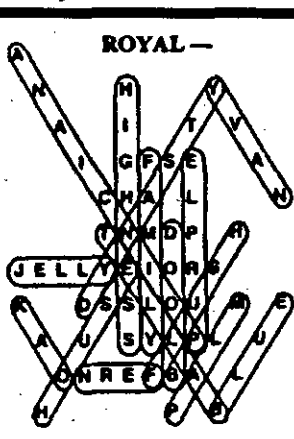
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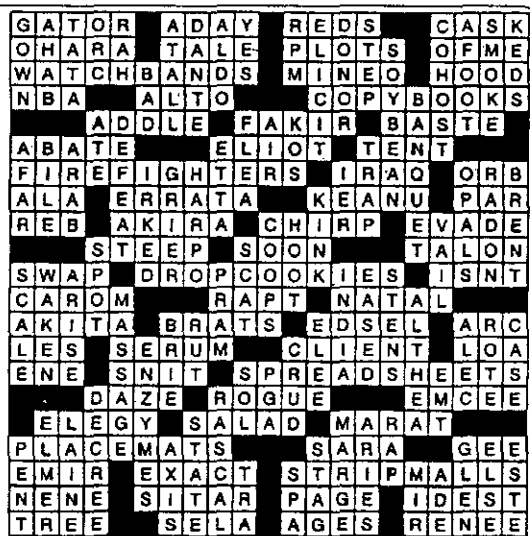
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NAPA's Checklist For Buying A Used Car

Maintenance Areas Your Technician Should Inspect

Today buying a used car means getting more for your money. But it also requires research and negotiating, which starts with a visit to your trusted technician for a thorough inspection.

The used-car marketplace is rapidly expanding as the quality of cars increases. Nearly 45 million used cars will be sold in the United States this year compared to 15 million new cars. With the growing trend in used-car sales, it is more important than ever to establish a relationship with a reliable, trustworthy automotive technician.

Your technician will be able to tell you if the vehicle has been in an accident and evaluate the quality of any past repairs.

You will also receive an educated, professional assessment of potential problems the car may have down the road.

A comprehensive inspection of the vehicle may cost you anywhere from \$50 to \$150. That's a small price to pay when the results of the inspection give you negotiating power and save you from a maintenance headache.

NAPA (National Automotive Parts Association) recommends you have a technician check the following areas before purchasing a used car:

1) **ENGINE & TRANSMISSION** – The engine and the transmission are the two most critical and expensive parts of a vehicle so they should get the most thorough checkup. The technician should check out noises, rough idle or engine that stalls or hesitates as well as rough or clunky transmission shifts. Take note of any fluid leaks underneath the engine or transmission as well as the fluid's color.

2) **STEERING** – The vehicle should not drift to one side when hands are taken off the wheel, nor should the steering wheel vibrate or shake. This is a strong indication that the wheels need to be properly aligned or balanced.

3) **BRAKES** – If the car pulls to one side when brakes are applied, they may be malfunctioning. Grinding, squealing,

chatter or screeching should also be checked out.

4) **TIRES** – Tires should be worn evenly from side to side. If they are not, it's an indicator of im-

proper alignment, poor components or at the very least, hard driving.

5) **ELECTRIC GADGETS** – Every door should be opened and closed, every window rolled up and down, every light turned on and off, the radio and tape player should be played and every switch should be applied to ensure proper function. The heater, air-conditioner and defogger should all be tested for efficiency.

6) **HIGH USAGE ITEMS** – Tires, doorsills, pedals and seat belts should be looked over closely to make sure their wear coincides with the

mileage. The seller could be trying to hide actual wear and tear if these items do not comply.

7) **BODY** – Ripples in the panel, differences in paint color, sheen or textures are all signs of a

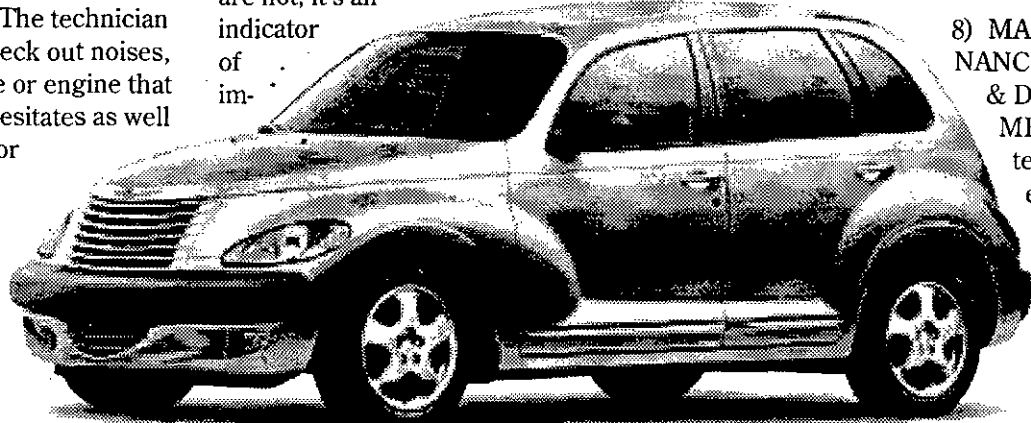
car that has been in an accident and poorly repaired. More extensive damage will be evident in the body, such as uneven seams or welds under the hood or trunk.

8) **MAINTENANCE RECEIPTS & DOCUMENTS** – A technician can evaluate the history of the vehicle by reading receipts and documents. A car owner who has

kept an accurate recording of all maintenance has

most likely done a good job of caring for their vehicle. Late model cars may also have some of the original manufacturer's warranty remaining.

Consumers can access the "Top 10 tips on finding an honest repair shop" by visiting NAPA's website at www.NAPAonline.com. To find the closest repair shop with ASE-certified technicians and a national warranty program, call 1-800-LET-NAPA. There are nearly 10,000 independently owned NAPA AutoCare Centers around the country that motorists can count on for honest car repair.



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Water

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for the board's consideration on March 13.

Board member George Lenhardt also called for beefed-up enforcement of whatever restrictions are eventually imposed. "Enforcement has to be stricter than it has been in the past," he said. "Individuals who

are authorized to issue (citations) have to have the authority to do so and know it will stick when it gets into court."

Town board attorney Robert Alessi said the town's violation notices need to be reviewed.

"We should make sure the notice residents receive is a legally sufficient document," he said.

Secor obtained the board's unanimous authorization to apply to the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers for an extension of the town's current 30-to-60 day emergency authority to draw up to 3 MGD from the Hudson for up to 18 more months.

DEC has already begun environmental review of the request, pending receipt of the extension application.

Secor also presented an internal engineering report that offered several recommendations — including hiring a consultant to review the safe yield of both the Vly Creek Reservoir and Alcove Reservoir as part of a thorough review of the town's long-term water supply alternatives. The estimated yields — how much water can safely be pumped from the reservoirs daily — are based on a countywide study conducted four decades ago, he said, using worst-case drought estimates that need to be re-evaluated in light of recent conditions.

Reviewing Alcove's safe yield — in essence, second-guessing the city water district's assertions of how much it can supply to Bethlehem — was questioned by several board members concerned about further angering

Albany officials already miffed at a recent letter about the emergency from Secor to town residents, saying that Albany had "limited" the town's recent emergency water purchases.

"I think it will maybe fuel a fire that maybe shouldn't be fueled," said Doris Davis. "The timing is rather awkward."

"It certainly is," Secor agreed — but the safe-yield analysis is necessary, he said, because the town relies on supplemental purchases from Albany for up to 20 percent of its summer residential supply.

"That's part of the process," Secor said. "To say, is the water really there? I'm just looking for outside counsel on this."

Lenhardt wanted to go a step further. "If we're going to do this with the Alcove Reservoir, wouldn't it be wise to do it with the Watervliet Reservoir as well, since we're considering entering into a relationship with them?" he asked. Bethlehem presently purchases Watervliet Reservoir water through an emergency contract with Guilderland and is discussing with Watervliet officials a permanent water line connected to Vly Creek.

Discussion of Secor's recommendations will resume next

week — including his call to upgrade the town's water-distribution infrastructure.

As for supply, Fuller's request to the Albany Water Board to extend the town's 2 MGD purchasing authority through Dec. 31 followed her call to Jennings Thursday to discuss recent tensions between the town and city over water.

"It appears to have been a misunderstanding," she said. "He and I will work this out." The letter to residents, she said, "was never meant to suggest that Albany has not been cooperative with the town. They have been there for us from the start, and we're grateful."

Albany Water Board chairman Anthony Ferrara wrote Fuller Monday that the request was approved with only two caveats: the town must develop plans to restrict non-emergency consumption by 25 to 50 percent, and, he wrote, "If conditions worsen in Albany's Alcove Reservoir, it may be necessary to amend this approval and restrict the amount of water which you will be permitted to purchase."

The emergency purchase authority should tide the town over, Fuller said, until anticipated systems improvements at the town's Clapper Road water plant come on-line, projected by Secor for the end of the year.

A report on preliminary well tests by Earth Tech Environmental, the firm overseeing those upgrades, is expected this week and will also be on the board's agenda next week.

"We'll be better prepared to determine how strict our conservation measures should be this summer," Fuller said.

Lab School to host chicken dinner


The Lab School of Bethlehem Central High School will dish up its fourth annual Brooks Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, March 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Dinners include chicken, coleslaw, roll, baked potato, beverage and desert. Vegetarian lasagna will also be available.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6.50 for children. A half-chicken is available for \$5.

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