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## Crowd, team go wild after Eagles win

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

There is a fitting word for the racket that poured forth from the west stands of the gym at Hudson Valley Community College's sports complex during the closing minutes of the NYSPHAA Section 2 Class A girls basketball championship last Saturday.

The word: bedlam.

It derives from the colloquial pronunciation of the name of a notoriously noisy 19th-century English insane asylum - Bethlehem. Fitting. Though removed by a century and a half and an ocean, the waves of noise rolling out of the stands Saturday, packed with Bethlehem Central High School fans, offered a pretty fair approximation of what that Victorian madhouse must have sounded like at full cry.

"Our crowds have been good all season, but obviously, when you get to that level, almost all of the students and teachers were there," said Eagles coach Kim Wise after her squad held off Bishop Maginn, 55-50, to lock up their first sectional crown in 26 years. "It was so loud and excited, almost as excited as we were, and we really appreciated the fan support. Boy, was it crazy."

What drove the orange-and-black faithful bonkers was a nail-biter finish to what had earlier threatened to be an Eagle runaway. Breaking open a seesaw game in the last minute and a half of the first quarter, the Bethlehem squad hung a 35-19 halftime edge on the Lady Griffins. Then, they survived a pair of furious second-stanza runs that brought Maginn within three late in the third quarter and within a point with just a minute and a half to go before Bethlehem put it away.

Next up for the high-flying Eagles is a date Saturday at 2 p.m. at Liverpool High's gym against Nottingham, which



Bethlehem team members congratulate each other after Saturday's big game.

Jim Franco

survived its own 44-41 finish over Corcoran West to seal the Section III crown.

"I only know what I get off the Internet," said Wise, still scouting for a fix on her coming opponent, which has reeled off three straight sectional championships. "I know they're very quick and very athletic. They have a scorer who averages 16 points a game. And I know they're fairly young. But they have a winning tradition there."

Not so Bethlehem, which last hefted a Sectional trophy, their only one, in 1977. But with an all-senior starting five, led by

sectional MVP Sue Kelly and playmaker Sarah Homer, Bethlehem has its sights set on returning to HVCC in two weeks, where the state finals will be contested.

"We knew this year we were going to do it," said Kelly after the game. "We can go as far as we want, and we want to go far. Right back here." Crazy.

First they needed to get past Catholic Central, the defending sectional champs, 70-46 last

Wednesday at HVCC, setting up a final with Maginn, last year's runner-up.

"Both teams are exceptional," said Wise. "We decided if we were going to win it, we had to play at our tempo. Maginn likes to slow the ball down, work their plays. We like to keep it up-tempo and press. Saturday, the tempo was our tempo."

Maginn's only lead of the game, 3-2, came early when Julie Reilly nailed a trey. The Eagles soon took that back and settled down to the task of locking down Griffins

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## BC board reaches out to community

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Bethlehem School Superintendent Les Loomis proposed significant "outreach efforts to the community," and the board responded at its meeting last week, adopting three proposals designed to improve communications with the community concerning the difficult financial issues facing the district.

"We need to balance the needs of the district and students with those of the community and taxpayers," Loomis said.

The root of the problem is the \$1.2 billion reduction in state aid to school districts in Gov. George Pataki's annual budget proposal in

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## Fuller reviews state of the town

By KRISTEN OLBY

In her State of the Town address, Supervisor Sheila Fuller briefed nearly 60 local business leaders on the status of the town at a Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce breakfast Feb. 27.

During the last year, Fuller said her greatest challenge has been balancing both commercial and residential development along with managing the ever-growing traffic problem in Bethlehem.

"We are welcoming businesses, but it doesn't come easy," said Fuller, who noted that the procedures potential developers must follow in order to locate in Bethlehem are still too lengthy.

Using developer John Nigro, who brought Bethlehem Town Center to Glenmont, as an example, Fuller said Nigro had appeared before the planning and town boards for more than three years to gain project approval.

"This is too long for anyone to have to try to do business in the town of Bethlehem," said Fuller.

In order to bring future commercial businesses to the area, Fuller says the town must work diligently to be prepared.

"We need to have shovel-ready

"Many people are opposed to commercial development, many people are opposed to residential development, we have it on both sides and that's a tough balancing act," she said.

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Sheila Fuller

sites. We don't have them, despite all the efforts to try and get them. It's become very, very frustrating. I think that's the biggest concern that I have," said Fuller.

Opposition to both commercial and residential development continues to be vocal in the town, and it's a topic Fuller said she deals with on a daily basis.

When Fuller became supervisor in 1993, Bethlehem had a population of 28,000. In 2003, the number has climbed to 31,000 living within the town's 52

square miles.

"Four thousand more people, that's not

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# Police offer guidance on child safety seats

By KRISTEN OLBY

Parents can now be certain their child's safety seat is installed correctly in the family car thanks to a new program started by Bethlehem police.

"We've seen crashes where they've been installed correctly and have protected the child, and we've seen ones where they're not installed correctly and there have been injuries," said Officer Jeffrey Vunck, who is a certified safety seat inspector.

Certified technicians of the Bethlehem Police Department will now offer car safety seat inspections at the Delmar Fire Department, the second Tuesday of each month.

"We basically install the seat correctly, fitting the child to the seat, the seat to the car and then take it out and have the parent help us so the parent knows how to do it," said Vunck.

Technicians will also inspect the condition of the seat and make sure it hasn't been recalled. Parents will need to make an appointment in advance and should allot about 45 minutes for the free inspection.

According to state law, all children under the age of 4 should be restrained in a safety seat, placed in the back seat. Parents who fail to restrain their child could face points on their license and up to a \$100 fine, according to police. Children between the ages of 4 and 16 should be in the back seat with a seat belt.

"We're looking to prevent injuries and even death," said Vunck.

To make an appointment, call the Bethlehem Police Traffic Safety Unit at 439-9973. The next inspection will be on Tuesday, March 11, and is open to those living outside the town of Bethlehem.

# NS fire department to serve fish fries

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department on Route 85A will serve Fabulous Friday Fish Fries March 7 through April 18 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children under 12.

The dinner includes a fish fry/clam roll, french fries/baked potato, cole slaw by Picard's Grove and a beverage. New England clam chowder and deserts will also be available for \$1.50 each.

Takeouts can be ordered at the door or ahead by calling 765-2244.

# Parks & Rec taking job applications

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer employment.

Applications are available at the Elm Avenue Park office and at town hall, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The deadline for applying is March 31.

For information, call 439-4131.

# Cat's meow



Marcus Torres enjoys the celebration honoring Dr. Seuss last Sunday at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. *Jim Franco*

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# Time Warner refuses to grant senior discount

By KRISTEN OLBY

Bethlehem senior citizens won't see a discount in cable fees anytime during the next 10 years.

Time Warner recently wrapped-up negotiations with the town as part of its franchise renewal process. The cable giant took over service in the town from Cablevision in 1998. While Time Warner offers a needs-based discount to senior citizens and others in Guilderland and Colonie, the company won't do so here.

"We pushed long and hard to see if we could get that," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller at the Feb. 26 town board meeting.

The company offers different tiers of service, meaning the more you are willing to pay the more channels you'll receive. The least expensive basic cable includes channels 2 through 20, for \$11.50 a month.

"We view that as a level of service that is accessible for anybody, whether they be senior or not," said Peter Taubkin, vice president of public affairs for Time Warner, at the meeting.

Standard cable, which includes basic service plus channels 21-81 is offered for \$40.95 a month. In some communities served by Time Warner, those on low or limited incomes can apply for a \$3 discount on cable service. The town was seeking to establish the same discount, but a corporate

Time Warner policy change will keep Bethlehem from getting it.

"You had mentioned a while ago this was a corporate decision, it was no longer going to be offered, and we never had the opportunity to have that senior discount where other communities did," Fuller told Taubkin.

According to Time Warner, the discount in select markets — available in roughly eight of the 134 communities the company serves in its Albany district — was in place before Time Warner took over and before a basic service tier was established.

"Those agreements exist today, and we have no visions of extending that type of discount beyond the term of those agreements," said Taubkin.

That didn't sit well with town board member Doris Davis, who believes that many Bethlehem seniors can't afford the \$11.50 a month for basic cable.

"You can get a senior discount almost everywhere, and the fact that you don't offer one does not speak well for your company," said Davis.

Despite being denied a discount and without any other cable option available, the town board unanimously approved the cable franchise service for the next 10 years.

The state's Public Service Commission still needs to approve the franchise agreement.

## Board adds B&Bs to law

By MICHELE FLYNN

At its Feb. 25 meeting, the Voorheesville village board voted to add a bed and breakfast amendment to the local zoning law.

Sue Sheridan was happy to see the amendment pass. She plans to buy 80 Maple St. this spring, and have four bedrooms fully operational in 10 years, in preparation for her retirement.

Deputy Mayor William Hotaling ran the February meeting while Mayor Jack Stevens was out of town. The village trustees reported on their projects.

Trustee Richard Berger indicated that the village is considering an EMT to cover daytime hours, Monday through Friday, due to lack of coverage. Berger said there are plenty of volunteers in the evening.

"There have been no problems

after 4 p.m.," he said.

Trustee Robert Conway has begun review of the employee manual with Kevin Jobin-Davis.

"As we find things we need to address, we'll bring them to the board," he said.

Trustee Tom Ruane reported that the village is in the beginning phases of the budget. Hotaling said the recreation budget had been turned in, and Ruane expects to see the remainder of the budgets soon.

In another matter, Mountainview Street resident Mike Fields told the board he is concerned about cars parked along his street during church services at St. Matthew's Church.

"It happens all the time. You couldn't get a fire truck or ambulance down there. I'm worried about fire safety," he said.

"There is plenty of parking in the church parking lot, but it's quicker to park in the street," said Will Smith, superintendent of public works.

He suggested designating all of Mountainview Street "no parking." The board will look into it.

In other business, after Village Justice Kenneth Connolly asked that the pay rates for jurors be evaluated, Village Attorney Camille Jobin-Davis said she could find no records of rates.

"We have never had a jury trial in the village of Voorheesville," she said.

## If the shoe fits



Jodie Bayerl gets some help fitting a pair of moccasins from Hallie Schroeder at Thacher Park Nature Center last Saturday.

Jim Franco

## Tech park developer returns to IDA

By KRISTEN OLBY

A plan to develop a Bethlehem Technology Park in Glenmont that seemed to be stalling has once again picked up steam. Massachusetts developer George Haseotes of Milltowne Plaza Inc. proposed a technology park be built on the 90-acre plot of land the company owns at the southeast corner of Wemple Road and Route 9W.

The developer's interest in the project appeared to be waning in recent months, until a meeting held Friday with members of Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency (IDA). Haseotes met with members of the IDA to reconfirm his commitment to the project — something he hadn't done in more than seven months.

"To date we had not had not had an opportunity to meet with him to ascertain his commitment to moving forward with the project," said Michael Tucker, IDA chairman.

The meeting apparently cleared up any concerns.

"We are committed to permitting and developing that piece of property ... into a first class technology-based business park," said George Williams, project manager for Milltowne.

In October, Milltowne was awarded a \$75,000 matching state grant — in conjunction with the IDA, which acted as a joint applicant — to conduct a project feasibility study. The grant is funded by Build Now-NY, an initiative administered by the Empire State Development Corp. Build Now-NY offers seed money to help develop pre-permitted, shovel-ready business development sites around the state and, if those sites are subsequently

developed, promotes them to companies seeking to locate in the state.

Milltowne will use the money primarily to underwrite engineering and environmental studies related to the project. Before the state money is

hopes to make a selection within three weeks.

"I estimate it's a 90-day process, so I would say by mid-June I expect to have most, if not all, of the feasibility study work done," said Williams.

The work allows the IDA to move forward in assisting Haseotes with the project. The organization had begun to focus its efforts on other development opportunities when the fate of the tech park became uncertain.

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George Williams

awarded, Milltowne and the IDA must each chip in \$37,500 — something the company has yet to do, putting the IDA's investment in the project on hold.

The studies are expected to cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000, Williams said.

Milltowne is interviewing six engineering firms that could potentially conduct the study and

"It certainly appears from the meeting that he (Haseotes) is now in a position to focus on this project," said Tucker.

If Milltowne decides not to develop the park or if a year goes by without site development activities taking place, Milltowne will have to refund half of the \$37,500 the IDA plans to contribute, according to the grant agreement.

## Bomb scare triggers emergency response

By KRISTEN OLBY

A bomb scare called into Bethlehem Central High School on Feb. 24 put the school's emergency response plan to the test.

The call came in to the main office at approximately 8:45 a.m., and Bethlehem police and fire departments were notified, Principal Michael Tebbano said.

"We immediately made the decision to evacuate all students from the upper and lower gymnasiums," said Tebbano.

The 1,600 high school students

were not evacuated from the building, according to Tebbano, because an evacuation could have posed an even greater safety risk.

"It is to our benefit to keep kids in an area where we can keep control of the situation," said Tebbano.

The school's bus fleet was on hand, ready to transport students to the middle school should a bomb be discovered.

Police and fire officials scoured the school, and no bombs or explosives were found. Once the building was cleared, students returned to class 50 minutes after the threat was phoned in.

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# It's a sad day for all in the neighborhood

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

COMMENTARY:

Mom's  
the  
Word



At first, I didn't like him. The good PBS shows didn't hit our house until I was a teenager, when raging hormones dictated that all things gentle and informative be mocked, and who was ever gentler or more instructive than Fred Rogers? In Catholic schools full of big families, though, all of us had younger siblings who watched Mr. Rogers.

"What is with that purple panda?" we asked of the stuffed bear from outer space. "Why didn't he just make an alien character?"

My affection for Mr. Rogers started to grow the night his influence reached our wobbly-legged Formica dinner table, as my youngest brother, probably about 3, said that he was cold and asked for his neighbor.

This one threw us — did he mean his blankie? Was he having some sort of advanced thought, imagining that if the little boy next door came over to play, it would warm him? He gave us the disdainful sort of look that a very clear-thinking child gives a bunch of clearly addled big people and went to his room, returning with his red sweater.

It was a few days before my mother figured out that as Mr. Rogers sang, "Won't you be my neighbor," he pulled on his zippered cardigan. It wasn't until I went to college that I stopped calling sweaters neighbors, and

the five grown children in my family will still admire each others' sweaters by saying, "Nice neighbor."

As a young adult, there was Eddie Murphy imitating Mr. Rogers, saying he wanted to "c-i-l-l" his landlord, in his down-market neighborhood of make-believe. That seemed to verify my belief that Mr. Rogers was the perfect target for mockery.

Then we had our children, and Mr. Rogers became part of the line-up that kept the kids busy so I could get the breakfast dishes done, have a shower and pick up a tiny bit of the mess before we headed out the door each day. In the early 1990s, "Sesame Street" was a joyful celebration of learning and diversity, "Barney" was inane and Billy Twofeathers on "Shining Time Station" was the man that stay-at-home mothers sighed over. Mr. Rogers, though, was someone familiar and comforting.

Through our younger siblings or directly, Mr. Rogers was part of the childhood of most of us born at the tail end of the baby boom. It took me a while to warm fully to him, though, in spite of the

fact that I thought of my youngest brother every time he sang his neighbor song.

"He's a little creepy," I said to Chris of Mr. Rogers' soft and nasal voice. "He sort of sounds like he has a secret."

"He's a Presbyterian minister!" Chris had said, shocked at any suggestions of impropriety. "Also, his mother made his sweaters."

While I'd always been skeptical of grown men who were too close to their mothers, my own tiny sons had changed that sentiment. If this old man thought enough of his mother to wear the dorky sweaters she'd made him, there was hope for all of us recently moved into the neighborhood of parenting. Perhaps our children, as grown-ups, would still be part of our lives, too, and wear the gifts we gave them.

It became easy to get drawn into Mr. Rogers' world, from the oddly old postman to the hippyish looking Lady Elaine. The little puppets were cute — a domineering king, gentle wife and confused son.

"You missed it today," my brother-in-law Timmy reported after one of his morning baby-sitting stints with Christopher. "Little Prince Friday had an existential crisis about whether he was really a person or just a puppet."

Like many brothers, Timmy and Chris laughed hardest at their own toilet humor when they watched Mr. Rogers explain that nobody can get flushed down a toilet or bathtub drain.

"Not even your little brother can fit down that drain," Timmy said, and the two of them howled in brotherly bonding.

In the brief — but seemingly endless — time of being home with a toddler and an infant, Mr. Rogers' mini-movies and guest stars were the main stimulation my brain sometimes received.

"Hey, this is really cool," I said of the episode where Mr. Rogers explained how crayons were made.

When the musician father of one of Christopher's nursery

school classmates was on Mr. Rogers one morning, I told Chris not to worry, all the dads would get their turn. He laughed, as he tightened his tie and picked up his briefcase full of bond financing papers.

"You see, Mr. Rogers," Chris explained, "a bond redemption provision ... I think he'd better stick with musicians."

After we moved to the Capital District and became regulars in the youth section of our library, Cormac took to borrowing Mr. Rogers' books with tapes and we'd have his gentle, reassuring voice on car trips long and short.

In those early, bewildering days of parenthood, I sometimes wished for my own Mr. Rogers to speak softly and calmly, but never condescendingly, to me. In better moments, I still take his lesson that children want to learn and if you explain things to them, they'll probably understand. His quiet voice and interesting material also helped my boys learn to sit and focus on a matter at hand.

Sometimes, sounds and scents stir up memories and I recall clearly some bright spring mornings in our New York apartment, when the trees outside of our seventh-floor apartment began to bud lightly green. Our windows were open to catch the first warming breezes, and my tiny boys sat on the beige and blue rug singing along with Mr. Rogers.

Now, Chris and I don't pick their television shows, which can range from "Dragon Ball Z" on Cartoon Network, to "Planet of the Apes" on DVD to the Food Network.

No longer toddlers, they are big, rangy boys now, and Mr. Rogers' passing saddened me as much for the inevitability that my children will grow up and leave me some day as for the loss of the man himself.

Thanks to him, though, we will all look back and appreciate how much richer we are for the beautiful days we had in his neighborhood.

## Bethlehem Lutheran sets health series

A series of lectures and presentations on women's health issues will be offered the second Monday of each month through May at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.

In the second program, registered nurse Dee DeLollo will talk about skin cancer on March 10.

On April 14, family life educator Helene Wallingford will give a presentation titled Osteoporosis: Can It Be Prevented?

For the final talk on May 12, Wallingford will discuss Contraception; Preconception; Conception and Beyond.

The series has been organized through St. Peter's Hospital and is open to women of the community at no charge.

Register for each session by calling the church office at 439-4328.

## Preschool slates open house

Bethlehem Preschool will hold an open house on Thursday, March 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. for families who want to explore kindergarten options for September 2003.

Bethlehem Preschool offers full- and half-day kindergarten and a kindergarten enrichment program for children who attend half-day public schools.

Bethlehem Preschool is at 397 Route 9W in Glenmont, near the corner of Feura Bush Road. It is open year-round from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bethlehem Preschool is an accredited, nondiscriminatory, nonsecretarian school.

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# Roger Smith to sell business after 33 years

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Everyone's telling him not to, but Roger Smith is ready to sell Roger Smith Paint & Wallpaper, the home decorating business that's been a Delmar mainstay for 33 years.

Talking with Smith is a lesson in Bethlehem business history, and although his company has been in different locations, he's finishing his career where he started it at 340 Delaware Ave.

"I worked for Delmar Lumber first," he said. "The hardware part was right here and the lumber was where Curtis Lumber is now."

Smith managed the hardware portion for five years, and when Delmar Lumber went with True Value, he listened to the paint salesman whispering that he should start his own business, and did.

"On May 18, 1970, I opened a strictly paint and wallpaper business in a little building behind Mullen's, located where CVS is now," Smith said.

As the business grew, Smith moved across the street, where the Saratoga Shoe Depot is now. Then, he was across the street from The Village Butcher, now home to a medical practice, and in 1978, he moved into his current location, eventually buying the whole building, which houses a few other businesses and apartments.

While at his first location, a friend of Smith's approached him about letting him run a flooring business from the shop. Smith stuck with paint and wallpaper, keeping floor samples on sale that his friend sold and installed. Eventually, Smith bought out that part of the business and today sells a full line of flooring, making arrangements to have it installed in a customer's home.

"I always wanted my own business," Smith said. "You're your own boss, and you can make all the mistakes you want."

"I've made lots of good decisions, too," he added with a smile.

One decision Smith had to make was whether to simply close his doors or sell the business. Eventually, he decided to try and sell, through word of mouth and an ad in *The Spotlight*. The asking price for the business and its inventory is \$100,000. Smith is not selling the building.

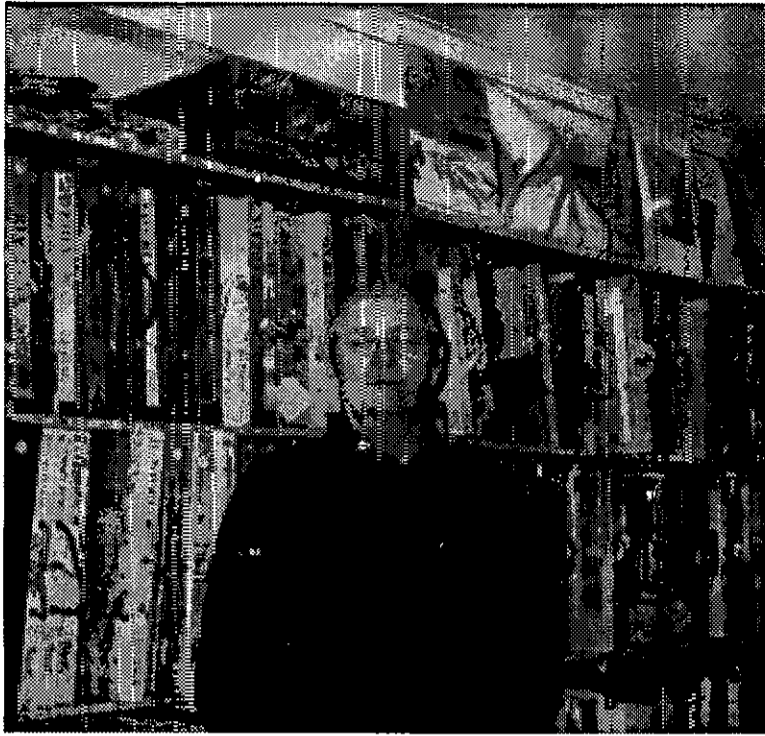
"I'll be 64 in August, and it's time for the next thing," Smith said. "I may sell the business tomorrow, and it may take six months. A few people are looking; two or three have turned it down; and I turned one person down."

One of Smith's two children, Kelly Domermuth, has worked with her father since she was a teenager, but with two young children of her own, doesn't want to own a six-day-a-week business.

"I'd like to see somebody take it over, and I'd think about staying," Domermuth said. "I've been here forever."

While the big box stores present competition to his business, Smith said it's not insurmountable.

"Some of the big box stores have service, but they don't have the knowledge of the product that we do," Smith said. "That's our niche, service and knowledge,



Roger Smith

and we get a lot of questions from people about how to do things."

In more than 30 years, Smith has watched the business change a great deal, thanks in large part to technology. Years ago, when paint came in a stock color with variations to be made by tinting, he had one person who just mixed paint. Today, he uses a color

computer, which yields funny stories, as well as accurate color.

"If you tell a customer something is computer generated, they tend to accept it," Smith said. "Once, I had a lady who wasn't happy with the color of her paint. I put some on a stick and dried it, and when I brought the stick to talk with her about

how to change it, she said, 'Oh, that's much better,' before I could say anything."

Smith also sees fewer salesmen calling, as big companies swallow up small ones, and most business can be conducted by phone.

"Thirty years ago things were more interesting," Smith said. "But the business has built business, and we've been very fortunate."

Aside from one big family trip

to an as-yet-undetermined spot, the Clarksville resident doesn't have any big plans for retirement.

"Paul DiSarbo of Prestige Photo and I are thinking about selling soft ice cream at fairs in the summer," Smith said.

Fielding phone calls, waiting on customers and talking with his daughter, Smith looks like retirement's a way off.

"I suppose, like anything else, it won't hit me till it's over," he said.

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## Kudos to athletes

The high school winter sports season is rapidly coming to a close.

Already, Section II champions have been determined in every sport, with the survivors — a list that includes the Bethlehem girls basketball team and wrestlers from Colonie Central, Scotia-Glenville, Schalmont and Shenendehowa high schools — advancing to state tournaments.

But no matter the outcome, the young athletes on these teams should be commended for their hard work and dedication. It's not easy balancing athletics with schoolwork and, in some cases, part-time jobs. Practices and games take up approximately 10 hours a week on average, and athletes have to fit the rest of their schedules around that. Plus, with added emphasis on weight training in sports such as basketball, hockey and wrestling, there is even more time spent in gyms now than ever before — even after the season ends.

The parents of these athletes should be commended, too. Not only do they go to every game they can get to, home or away, but they also have the responsibility — if their children haven't learned to drive yet — of transporting the athletes to and from school for practices or to meet the team bus for an away game. And at this time of year, with Sectional events being held as far away as Glens Falls and regional and state tournaments taking place all over New York, the amount of travel per week can double or triple.

Finally, appreciation should be extended to the coaches of these teams. Many of them are employed by the school districts they coach in, while others from outside the districts offer their time and expertise.

Either way, they are the ones who must be equal parts teacher, disciplinarian and philosopher. They are also the ones who are praised when their teams win and second-guessed when their teams lose. It can be frustrating, but it offers rewards that few other occupations in life do.

So as the winter sports season ends and the spring season teams are set to start practicing, take a moment as you watch these high school athletes compete and marvel at how much time and effort go into something as simple as a basketball game. It's a lot more than the time shown on the scoreboard.

## Editorials

## Seniors enjoy helping other seniors

By SUSAN WALTER

The writer owns and manages Home Instead Senior Care in Colonie.

It used to be that retiring by age 65 was a given for Americans who had worked the bulk of their adult lives. But falling interest rates, rising health care costs and taxes, a bearish stock market and dwindling pension plans are keeping scores of Americans on the job or forcing many back to work.

Meanwhile, some seniors bored with retirement are choosing to return to the employment ranks, while others are finding jobs that they love. Regardless of the motivation, there is plenty of evidence that seniors want or need to be actively employed. Many seniors have found fulfillment by giving back to the community. Often they are close in age to their clients and find that have much in common with them. They enjoy many of the same types of activities and interests.

The Department of Labor reports that the number of workers over age 65 increased by 25 percent in the 11-year period between 1990 and 2001. We have found that many seniors just want a way to give back — particularly to others like themselves. That's what makes seniors such an important part of our business.

Home Instead Senior Care in Albany hires caregivers from the senior work force to help keep other seniors independent in their homes by providing a variety of nonmedical services including cooking, light housework, companionship, medication reminders, errands, incidental transportation and shopping.

Throughout the country, Home Instead Senior Care's 20,000 caregivers have been fishing and golfing companions, and helpers to the many seniors who have come to rely on assistance at home when they're

## Point of View

recovering from illness or surgery. Many clients need help indefinitely and are comfortable having another senior in their home. It's a win-win for both our clients and caregivers.

The company's flexible, full-time or part-time hours appeal to many of our older caregivers, including those who want and need to continue to work.

There is solid evidence that the economy and 9/11 have impacted the current state of affairs for seniors. The unemployment rate for Americans over age 55, which stood at 659,000 after 9/11, had risen to 800,000 by the end of 2002, according to the Department of Labor.

But, the economy isn't the only motivator. Remaining active also reaps benefits for seniors that go beyond money or time, two recent national studies have indicated. According to a poll by the National Center on Women and Aging at Brandeis University, reprinted in *USA Today*, working women are more likely to report positive feelings about aging (57 percent) than nonworking women (50 percent).

Another recent study from the University of Michigan, published in *Psychological Science*, found that older people who volunteer help to others reduce their risk of dying by nearly 60 percent compared with their peers who provide neither practical help nor emotional support to relatives, neighbors or friends.

Home Instead caregivers, who are screened, trained, bonded and insured, provide more than 60 different services to help keep seniors independent. These caregivers provide service from three hours to 24 hours, including weekends and holidays.

One of the best indicators of demand for nonmedical care is the national and international growth of Home Instead Senior Care.

Last year our national revenues increased by 65 percent and *Success* and *Entrepreneur* magazines named us the leading nonmedical eldercare franchise in the country. Last year, Home Instead Senior Care expanded into Japan and the concept is expected to be introduced in Canada this spring.

The aging of America is creating a dramatic marketplace need for Home Instead Senior Care's services. A study released late last year by the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) and CareThere.com, a Web site supporting family caregivers, reports that 54 million adults in the United States provided care for an elderly, disabled or chronically ill relative or friend in the past year.

In addition, an estimated 14.4 million workers are balancing both caregiving and job

responsibilities, according to MetLife. And, according to the AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving, 41 percent of U.S. family caregivers also are caring for children under age 18. A work force study reveals that within five years, 37 percent of U.S. workers will be more concerned about caring for an elderly relative than for a child.

These statistics have serious ramifications for family caregivers. Home Instead Senior Care is equally as serious about dealing with the dilemma of finding eldercare help. Home Instead caregivers are bonded, insured and have successfully completed background checks. They're also well-trained.

Every caregiver participates in a 24-month, nonmedical eldercare training program.

The curriculum includes knowledge and insights about assisting the elderly with communication, daily activities, nutritious recipes, exercise and even recognizing and coping with depression — a condition that exists among 60 percent of America's elderly.

Home Instead Senior Care is one of the newer eldercare options in this area and, because it is nonmedical, it's also one of the most affordable options for baby boomers and others in Capital District faced with the serious problem of bridging the gap between independent living and confined, institutional care.

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For information about Home Instead Senior Care, contact Susan Walter at 437-0014.

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## Karen Pellettier earns guardian angel wings

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to publicly thank Karen Pellettier for her guidance and sincerely given advice in our most recent endeavor.

Many, many months ago, some of our Friends In Service Here (FISH) volunteers set out to acquire a vehicle that could transport our senior and disabled citizens.

Little did we know that what we thought would be so simple would not be so simple.

We formed a committee apart from the FISH program and set out to seek all information we could find.

One of our most computer-savvy gals surfed the Internet and, fortunately for us, discovered Karen Pellettier, the answer to our prayers.

Karen, the director of Senior Services for the town of Bethlehem, is not only a fountain of experience and information regarding senior services, but she is willing to share her talents with complete strangers.

We recognized in Karen immediately, the same determination and caring that we felt concerning our senior

community and knew we had found our guardian angel.

She has guided and advised us in every aspect imaginable and never seemed the least bit put out by our, we're sure, asking the same question more than twice.

Thanks to Karen, we have successfully purchased a new 10- to 12-passenger, wheelchair accommodating vehicle and have been rolling around the area for four months now.

We're still working out some of the kinks, but without Karen, there would have been many more items that we would never have thought of. With her guidance, we saved a lot of time.

We are so appreciative of Karen's time and interest in developing the Laker Transportation Project and the program that runs the Laker Limo.

The town of Bethlehem is lucky to have such a dedicated and devoted senior advocate in its midst.

Thank you, Karen Pellettier.

Joyce Edmonds

Laker Transportation Project

board of directors

secretary

## Assemblyman explains 'no' vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to a recent letter in *The Spotlight* concerning a proposal to require all New York hospitals to provide "emergency contraception" to rape victims, while I support the goal of providing immediate health care to these victims, I voted against the bill because of several concerns.

First, the bill is vague and could lead to confusion among health care providers about exactly what treatment is to be provided. Second, the bill provides no funding for hospitals to provide these services, nor any estimate of how much such services could cost our local hospitals.

This omission is critical,

especially as we struggle to help secure the financial stability of hospitals and protect their ability to provide health services to our entire area population.

Third, the bill makes no provision for certain hospitals such as those headed by organizations opposed to the distributions of contraceptives on religious grounds. Such a provision was key to the enactment of the women's health bill last year.

Last, the bill may be unne-

cessary since the Department of Health has longstanding specific guidelines for hospitals to follow for rape victims who request emergency contraception.

As usual, matters such as this are often more complicated than they might appear in newspaper headlines and require thoughtful deliberation.

I appreciate the opportunity to set the record straight.

Pat M. Casale

108th District  
assemblyman

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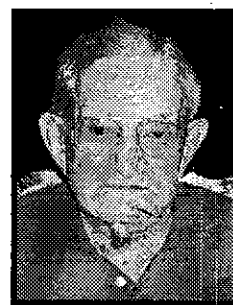
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## Citizens should observe Flag Code

Editor, The Spotlight:

The federal Flag Code states in part: "When a flag is so badly torn, soiled or faded that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in private, preferably by burning and without ceremony."

Each time I drive into or through Delmar, I am appalled at the appearance of two American

flags in the upper story of a building at the intersection of Delaware and Kenwood avenues.

One is faded and soiled and the other in the same condition is tangled in some projection on the building's exterior.

Patriotism is expressed not only by displaying our flag but also by ensuring that it is presented at its best.

It is my hope that all citizens will follow the Flag Code (Public Law 94-344).

The Veterans of Foreign Wars publishes a pamphlet titled "Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes" which should be available from a local VFW post.

Walter N. Chimel  
Voorheesville

## SUNY Plattsburgh senior gives school high marks

Editor, The Spotlight:

After graduating from Bethlehem Central High School, I was ready to move on to college to develop the skills necessary to pursue a career.

When asked where I was going to college, my response was Plattsburgh State University. More often than not, the first

thing people said was, "Isn't that the No. 1 party school?"

I admit I had heard the same thing about the school, although it had nothing to do with my decision to go there.

Now, having spent years of my life at Plattsburgh and having visited friends attending other schools in New York, both public and private, I believe the Plattsburgh "party" label simply doesn't fit.

I don't know if activities years ago prompted the reputation, but I do know the college must have gone through quite a transformation since then.

But a negative reputation is hard to overcome. I can say that from first-hand experience that the balance between social events and academics appears to be the same at all other colleges that I visited. I can also say that the Plattsburgh student body is highly motivated and challenged by an array of exceptional professors.

The resources available to me and to other students are comparable to any institution of higher learning. As I finish my senior year, I realize that I have laid the foundation and gained the knowledge that will help me and other students are first rate.

As I finish my senior year, I realize that I have laid the foundation and gained the knowledge that will help me achieve my career goals.

Last year, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accredited Plattsburgh State's school of business and economics. This reflects the quality of the education and teaching at Plattsburgh.

My message to high school students is the Plattsburgh State University is a great choice for continuing education. Do not believe everything you hear. Best of luck to Bethlehem's class of 2003.

Jeremy Vet  
Plattsburgh



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# Two college seminars on deck this month

Two strategic college planning seminars will be held at the library this month.

College Planning for High School Juniors and Parents will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. and Approaching the College Search: A Guide for Parents will be held on Monday, March 31.



Both seminars are under the direction of Sally M. Ten Eyck, certified educational planner. Registration is necessary.

Call the reference desk to sign up at 765-2791.

The selection available now for the April book discussion is *Talking to High Monks in the Snow: An Asian American Odyssey* by Lydia Minatoya.

Minatoya, the American-born daughter of Japanese immigrants, grew up in Albany in the 1950s. Despite the discrimination that Minatoya's parents experienced, including the indignity of spending the war in a relocation camp in Wyoming, where they met, both have unwavering faith in the promise of their adopted country.

When Minatoya, a college professor, loses her job, she embarks on a search to reconcile the cultural forces that shaped her. She goes first to Okinawa to teach on an army base, then to China and Nepal.

Her most poignant story is about a visit to her Japanese relatives. Although her mother's mother had been banished from the family in disgrace, Lydia is granted an audience with the family patriarch, who shows her a scroll that has been in the family for 600 years and recounts their illustrious family history. "This is who you are. Remember and be proud," he tells her.

The executive committee of the Friends of the Voorheesville Library (FOL) meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and member participation is always welcome.

This month a special event is planned for Sunday, March 30, at 1:30 p.m. when music lovers are invited to the friend's annual meeting to be followed by a

classical music concert featuring Albany Pro Musica.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served and music lovers of all ages are welcome! Friends officers will be there to greet you and hope to see you.

Don't forget, you can visit the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org) at any time. For information call the library at 765-2791.

Barbara Vink

## Church to host benefit concert

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at Kenwood Avenue and Poplar Drive in Elsmere will host a benefit concert for Northern Argentina on Sunday, March 16, at 7 p.m.

A free-will offering will be taken to help provide warm meals and medical care to those in need in Argentina.

The Episcopal Diocese will be sending a team to Argentina in August.

On Sunday, March 9, at 7 p.m., Jane Sanders of Bethlehem Senior Services will discuss Caregiving Options in the Community.

## College program on deck at library

Independent college counselor Jill Rifkin will discuss factors that play into higher education choices and provide tips on how to accurately evaluate a college during a campus visit, on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

To register, call the library at 439-9314.

# Food co-op orders due March 10

Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until noon on Monday, March 10, for delivery on Thursday, March 27.

Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Each order costs \$14 and payment can be made in cash or food stamps.

## Kindergarten meeting set for March 13

Parents who have a child entering kindergarten at Voorheesville Elementary School in September must attend an informational meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. (parents only) at the school.

School officials will answer questions regarding registration and the screening program, introduce school personnel and distribute and explain forms.

It will also be a time to sign your child up for a screening date. Children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 to register.

To confirm that your child is on the list, call JoAnn Donohue at 765-2382, ext. 514.

## Kiwanis to sponsor blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, March 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue. The screening is free and open to the public.

## Legion to dish up Sunday breakfast

The Voorheesville American Legion will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, March 16 from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

The menu includes french toast, homemade corner beef hash, home fires, bacon, and sausage and juice and coffee.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3

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for children. Children under age 5 eat for free.

## Openings available at Community Preschool

Voorheesville Community Preschool (4-year-old program) still has openings for the fall session.

For information, call 765-3028.

## Dollars for Scholars plans fund-raiser

McDonald's on the corner of Western Avenue and Church Road in Guilderland will be a part of a fund-raiser for the Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars program.

From 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, Dollars for Scholars will earn a percentage of the gross

proceeds taken in at the restaurant. Plan to come and support this event.

Dollars for Scholars will also hold its meeting there that evening at 6 p.m.

This is a change from original date, time and location.

## Dionysians to present "Les Miserables"

The Voorheesville Dionysians will present "Les Miserables" at the new Performing Arts Center at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School March 27 to 30.

## Girl Scouts to serve dinner

The Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will host its annual ziti dinner on Saturday, April 5, from 4 to 7 p.m.

## Correction

Ethan Christian's name was inadvertently omitted from the Bethlehem Central Middle School first quarter eighth grade honor roll.

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## New magazines for adults

*World Press Review* looks at single topics from several viewpoints. Liberal, centrist, and conservative takes on the news are gleaned from official media around the globe. The publication also includes sections on the arts, science and technology and regional reports. Excellent photographs accompany each story.

*Natural Health* covers physical, emotional and spiritual well-being from a holistic point of



view. Articles deal with topics such as nutrition, fitness and home remedies.

*Real Simple* was recognized by the *Library Journal* as one of the best new magazines in 2000. Its focus is providing practical solutions to complex problems, such as investing and home organization. Articles on fashion and beauty are also regularly featured.

*Wine Spectator* has long been

an authority for oenophiles. Each issue includes a buying guide that reviews and rates more than 500 new wines. Food and travel articles are also included.

Fly fishers of all skill levels will enjoy *American Angler*. This magazine is a source of information on a variety of topics, from entomology and equipment to casting techniques, ties and fishing locations. Excellent photos are included throughout.

## New magazines for young people

New magazines in the youth services area include *Girl's Life*, a general interest publication geared to young teenage girls. Articles and features cover topics such as fashion, celebrities, school, family and boys. Craft ideas, horoscopes and reviews of books and videos are also featured.

*Cobblestone* is a history magazine geared to upper elementary and junior high school students. Each issue is dedicated to one topic and includes illustrations. Reviews of

books, media and Web sites are also featured.

## New parent-teacher resource

Kindergarten, primary and intermediate editions of *Mailbox* have been added to the Parent-Teacher collection. An excellent resource for teachers, this magazine includes feature articles on curriculum-wide activities, tips on teaching and projects connected to books.

## The New York Times archives

The library has recently purchased a digital archive of *The New York Times* for its online reference collection. The complete backfile (1851-1999) has been fully digitized by Proquest Historical Newspapers. The result is a searchable tool that allows users to view and print articles in their original context.

Viewers can also browse through issues page by page and display the full-page image of any page in any issue. From a library public access computer, click on the "NYTimes Historical"

database. (This resource can only be accessed within the library.)

*Hoover Online*, a business resource, and the *Times Union* archive (1986-present) are also now part of our online reference collection, and are accessible within the library.

Louise Grieco

# \$5K award to help challenged children

Community Care Physicians, (CCP) a physician-directed, multi-specialty medical practice with physicians and providers located throughout the Capital District, announced that it will partner with STRIDE (Sports & Therapeutic Recreation Instruction/Developmental Education) for the second year to provide sports and recreation learning activities for challenged children.

The \$5,000 sponsorship is in conjunction with STRIDE's sixth annual Great Race for Adaptive skiers at Jiminy Peak in Hancock, Mass., on March 15, which provides a competitive racing environment for individuals with disabilities to showcase their skiing and snowboarding skills in an exciting day at the mountain.

The sponsorship will enable the program's expansion to reach more children with special needs.

The money was awarded through Community Care Physicians' involvement to support local nonprofit organizations focusing on community volunteerism.

Two Community Care Physician's employees, Dr. Roy Fruiterman and Deb Aberdale, volunteer as adaptive ski instructors.

"This partnership with STRIDE enforces Community Care Physician's 'out of the box' thinking," Fruiterman said.

"Using recreational activities as a creative way of teaching developmental skills to challenged children is not only a unique program but provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for these children not available anywhere else in the community," he added.

Mary Ellen Whitney, chief executive officer of STRIDE, said, "We are thrilled to have Community Care Physician's as our corporate partner for two years running."

## Host families needed

Host families are needed for 30 American Field Service (AFS) foreign exchange students who will be coming to the Capital District for the 2003-2004 school year.

Families who apply early this spring will have the best opportunity to view applications from students with special interests that match theirs, such as athletics or music.

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The name of the LLC is COURT ROYALE APARTMENTS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 22, 2003.

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(PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of G3 PROPERTIES, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on February 4, 2003.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is HYMAN HAYES ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 6, 2003.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is HYMAN HAYES ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 6, 2003.

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The limited company of Hayes Development, LLC was formed on January 23, 2003 by David H. Hayes. The address of the company is 27 Folmsbee Drive, Menands, New York 12204 in the County of Albany.

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# Sports

## Chilean champion helps Bethlehem relay team

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls indoor track and field team had a national champion on its roster this season.

Paola Torres Gonzalez, an exchange student from Chile, joined the Lady Eagles this year and ran one of the four legs on the 3,200-meter relay team.

"When we started training and started the relay, I thought 'relay?'" said Gonzalez, who had won individual national titles in her homeland in the 400 and 800. "Now, I like it. You take the baton and run with it, and then you cheer on your teammates."

Learning how to be part of a relay team wasn't nearly as difficult for Gonzalez as learning to speak English fluently.

"It was so hard to speak," Gonzalez said. "My dictionary became my best friend."

"Although she struggled with English when she first arrived in August, she has progressed beautifully and is gaining mastery of the language," said Happy Scherer, who is a volunteer liaison to the foreign exchange students and host families at Bethlehem Central High School.

Despite the early language barrier, Gonzalez's bubbly personality was an instant hit with her teammates — many of whom she first met on the cross country



Paola Torres Gonzalez, second from left, has been running with the Bethlehem girls indoor track team's 3,200-meter relay squad this season. Gonzalez has previously won national outdoor track championships in her native Chile before coming to Bethlehem as an exchange student in the fall. Pictured with Gonzalez are, from left, Emily Malinowski, Roxanne Wegman and Katie Parafinczuk. Rob Jonas

team in the fall. "It's so much fun," said Emily Malinowski, who runs with Gonzalez, Roxanne Wegman and Katie Parafinczuk on the 3,200 relay team. "She's really upbeat all the time."

"Paola taught us one of her dances, and we used it for one of our pep rallies in the fall," Parafinczuk said.

Running indoor track was also a new experience for Gonzalez. "We don't have indoor (track) in

Chile," she said. "We have indoor facilities, but no one uses them because it only rains in Chile."

Gonzalez isn't concentrating solely on running at Bethlehem. She is involved in one of the lab school programs at the high

school and is planning on becoming a doctor.

"I want to study in Chile because to be a doctor, it's seven or eight years of study," Gonzalez said. "After four or five years, I can go to study somewhere else."

As for track season, Gonzalez is eager to start running outdoors again. "I can't wait for that," she said.

### Three Eagles earn state meet bids

Malinowski was one of three Bethlehem athletes to qualify for the state indoor track and field championships at Sunday's Section II meet at the University at Albany.

Malinowski placed third in the 1,500 with a time of 4:52.63 to gain a spot on the Section II team going to Syracuse Saturday.

Darnell Douglas and Rafiq Umar will also be heading to the Carrier Dome to compete at the state championships.

Douglas swept the 55 and 300 dashes to punch his ticket to Syracuse. Douglas ran a time of 6.68 seconds and edged Christian Brothers Academy's Felipe Reyes by .11 seconds in the 55 dash and won the 300 dash with a time of 36.46 seconds.

Umar earned his second consecutive trip to the state meet by winning the triple jump with a leap of 44-feet, 9.5-inches.

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## Volunteering - It's good for the soul

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# capital district SENIORS spotlight

# Blackbirds fall to earth in finals

By ROB JONAS

The miracle run of the Voorheesville boys basketball team ended with one of the worst shooting performances of the season.

The Blackbirds made less than 20 percent of their shots from the field in a 42-30 loss to Schuylerville in last Saturday's Section II, Class CC championship game at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

"The ball did not go into the basket. That's all I can say," Voorheesville coach **Shane Clary** said. "We did well defensively. We just didn't put it in the basket."

The defense was so tight at both ends of the court that neither

team could get their offenses going. By halftime, top-seeded Schuylerville led the 10th-seeded Blackbirds 16-12 and only because Voorheesville hit three out of 10 free throws.

"Schuylerville's defense is tough," Clary said. "We struggled to get the ball in to **Mark (Carson)** early, and then we struggled to finish (our shots) in the second half."

Schuylerville didn't warm up from the field until the final four minutes of the third quarter. Clinging to a five-point lead, **Ben Foote** converted a steal into a layup to give the Black Horses a 21-14 advantage. **Greg Delaney** drained a high-arching three-

pointer to pull Voorheesville within four points, but consecutive baskets by **Jeff Wolcott** put Schuylerville ahead 25-17.

The Black Horses' lead vacillated between seven and 11 points in the fourth quarter before a three-pointer by **Frank Catellier** got the Blackbirds within six points with 1:02 left. **Pete McDaniel** hit a shot in the low post on Schuylerville's next possession, and **Cory Carson** and **Kyle Cook** made key free throws in the final 24 seconds to put the game away.

Catellier scored 10 points to lead Voorheesville, which was going after its first Sectional title since 1995. McDaniel paced Schuylerville with 10 points.

"The kids played hard," Clary said. "I thought they gave it their all defensively. The effort has always been there, especially at the defensive end."

Voorheesville (13-11) reached the championship game by upending second-seeded Hoosick Falls 49-40 last Tuesday at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Carson scored 11 points to lead the Blackbirds.

# Dolphins lead the pack at February Freeze meet

The Delmar Dolphin's Swim Club hosted the February Freeze Invitational Feb. 15 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The 8-and-under girls were led by **Tara O'Donnell**, who finished first in the 100-yard individual medley, 50 freestyle and 25 backstroke. **Samantha Ebersold** took third in the 50 breast stroke and eighth in the 100 I.M., while **Katie Nickles** came in fourth in the 25 back.

**Jill Bruggerman** was fourth in the 25 breast and eighth in the 25 back. **Katie Betts** finished fifth in the 25 breast, sixth in the 25 free and seventh in the 25 back, and **Jacqueline Libby** posted an eighth place finish in the 25 butterfly.

**Matthew Futia** led the 8-and-under boys with a first place finish in the 50 breast and 100 I.M., as well as a second place finish in the 25 back. **Zachary Jenkins** was second in the 100 I.M. and third in the 50 breast, 50 free and 25 breast.

**Liam Christensen** finished first in the 25 breast, second in the

25 free and third in the 50 breast. **Ethan Long** took fourth in the 25 breast, sixth in the 25 free and seventh in the 25 back, and **Evan Ginsburg** posted a fifth-place finish in the 25 breast and an eighth-place finish in the 25 free.

In the 10-and-under girls division, **Amber Jenkins** finished first in the 100 back, third in the 100 I.M. and third in the 100 free. **Sarah Wooster** was first in the 50 back, second in the 100 back and fourth in the 100 I.M. **Lexi Zerillo** finished fourth in the 100 back, while **Audrey Keathly** posted a sixth-place finish in the 100 back.

The 10-and-under boys saw **Zachary Kundel** finish first in the 50 free, third in the 100 free and eighth in the open division 500 free. **Alex Lednev** took second in the 50 breast, sixth in the 50 back and eighth in the 100 I.M. **Matthew Weber** was fifth in the 50 back and 100 back, and **Eric Segerstrom** finished sixth in the 50 breast and eighth in the 100 back.

The 11-12 girls were led by **Molly Howland**, who finished first in the 100 I.M., 100 free and 50 breast and fourth in the open 500 free. **Kristen Gloeckler** was second in the 100 fly, third in the 100 back, fourth in the 100 I.M. and sixth in the 100 free. **Allie Radliff** finished second in the 100 back, third in the 100 fly, fifth in the 100 I.M. and sixth in the 50 breast, while **Emily Smith** earned a third-place finish in the 50 back and a fifth-place finish in the 100 fly.

The 11-12 boys saw **Gopu Kiron** lead the way with second-place finishes in the 100 free and 50 free, a third-place finish in the 50 breast and an eighth-place finish in the open 200 breast. **Kevin Burns** was third in the 100 free, fourth in the 100 back, sixth in the 100 fly and sixth in the Open 500 free.

**Jacob Van Etten** finished fourth in the 200 I.M., fifth in the 100 back and eighth in the 100 free. **Ryan Long** posted fifth-place finishes in the 50 breast and 50 free and a sixth-place finish in the 100 free. **Alex Walsh** was seventh in the 50 breast, and **Elias Quinn** was eighth in the 50 free.

The 13-and-over girls category saw **Hana Segerstrom** take home a fourth-place finish in the 200 I.M. and a seventh-place finish in the 50 free. **Emma Walsh** was fifth in the 50 free and sixth in the 100 back. **Elise Walsh** finished sixth in the 100 back and seventh in the 100 breast, while **Martha Grady** earned a seventh-place finish in the 100 fly.

The 13-and-over boys were represented by **T.J. Jednak**, who posted a second-place finish in the 200 I.M. and a sixth-place finish in the 100 back.

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# *Spring* Home Improvement

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# Save on energy costs — replace old doors and windows

**A**s cold weather lingers, many homeowners, especially do-it-yourselfers, are exploring the options for managing rising energy costs. While there are many ways to winterize a home, experts know homeowners often overlook a very important area — their windows and doors. High-performing windows and doors can greatly impact energy efficiency and comfort levels within a home, according to Pat Meyer, Pella Corp.'s director of product marketing.

"Energy efficiency is fast becoming top-of-mind for an increasing number of homeowners, and rightly so," said Meyer. "Poor performing windows and doors can account for up to 30 to 40 percent of heat loss or gain in a home. Quality windows and doors should be able to provide superior thermal performance, eliminate drafts and resist the elements. All of these factors together can help keep a home comfortable and reduce energy costs."

The Department of Energy (DOE) reports that more than 40 percent of the annual energy budget for a typical house is consumed by heating and cooling costs. New windows that meet DOE Energy Star rating standards are twice as energy-efficient as the average windows produced just 10 years ago. In fact, according to Pella, high-performance energy-efficient

windows can save a homeowner up to three months' worth of energy bills a year.

And now can be the perfect time to take a look at potential replacement needs. Despite popular belief, replacing windows and doors doesn't have to be a sophisticated, expensive process. Depending on the scope of the project, there are relatively easy, economical options — such as installing a new replacement window, prehung entry door or storm door — that the intermediate or expert do-it-yourselfer can tackle in roughly a day or two.

In today's market, there are replacement windows that come as fully assembled units — sliding easily and quickly into an existing window pocket — fitting window openings in a majority of households. These windows are available with several features to match existing colors and designs — such as aluminum cladding, a wood interior that can be painted or stained, muntins and multicolor jamb liners.

A lesser-known fact is that storm doors can help minimize airflow through a drafty entry door system, improving energy efficiency. Recent enhancements in storm door design — coupled with better weather-stripping — have helped create a "tighter" storm door able to reduce air

infiltration, especially where an entry door has been a source of energy loss. Just like replacement windows, storm doors offer numerous decorative details, including beveled and brass-camed glass designs, pewter handles and bottom expanders.

To determine if existing windows or doors are energy-wasters, homeowners should look for broken or cracked pieces of glass in the window frame and sill, which can lead to drafts or condensation. For entry doors with glass, homeowners should look for the same signs mentioned above, as well as check for bowed, warped or split panels, as well as gaps between the door and its threshold and weather-stripping. They should also determine whether the door fits snugly into the jamb.

If you're still not sure if your windows and doors are winter-ready, contact a local window and door expert or visit a local home improvement center to

help determine if your windows and doors are providing the best performance. You can consult the Yellow Pages or go online to

energy. Contact your utility company to determine if you're eligible for a low-interest loan or discount for replacing your windows and doors. Ask about energy-efficient insulating

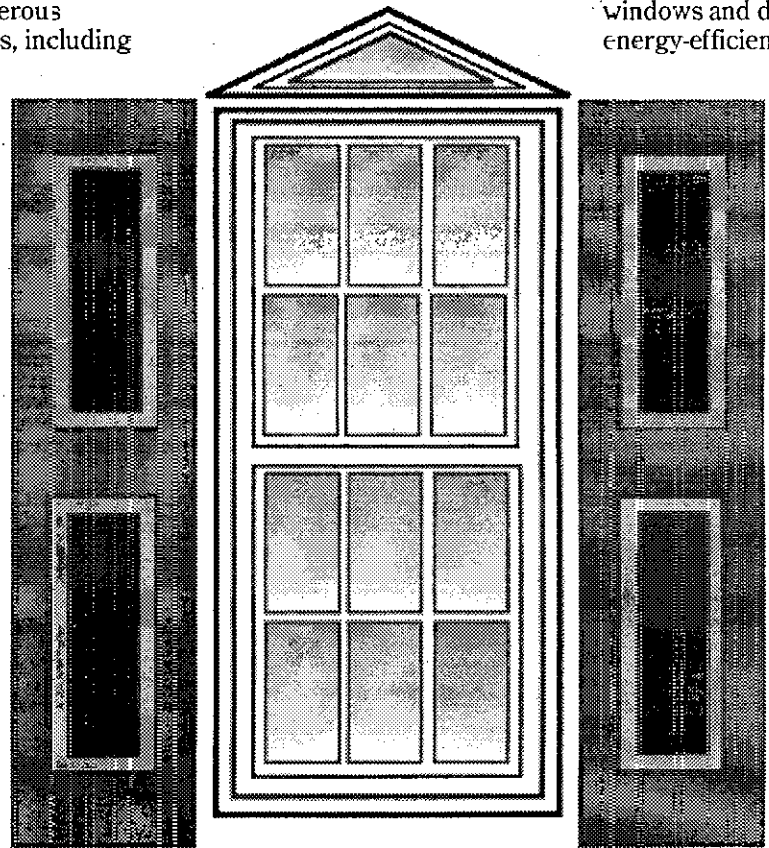
features such as argon gas between the panes of glass and a Low-E coating.

Look for the Energy Star. The Energy Star program was created by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DOE to help individuals identify windows and other products that save energy.

Read labels. The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) label contains the window's U-value and other

ratings. The lower the U-value, the better the window resists heat transfer.

Do your homework. Some informative sites regarding windows include the Efficient Windows Collaborative, [www.efficientwindows.org](http://www.efficientwindows.org); Energy Star, [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov); and the National Fenestration Rating Council, [www.nfrc.org](http://www.nfrc.org).

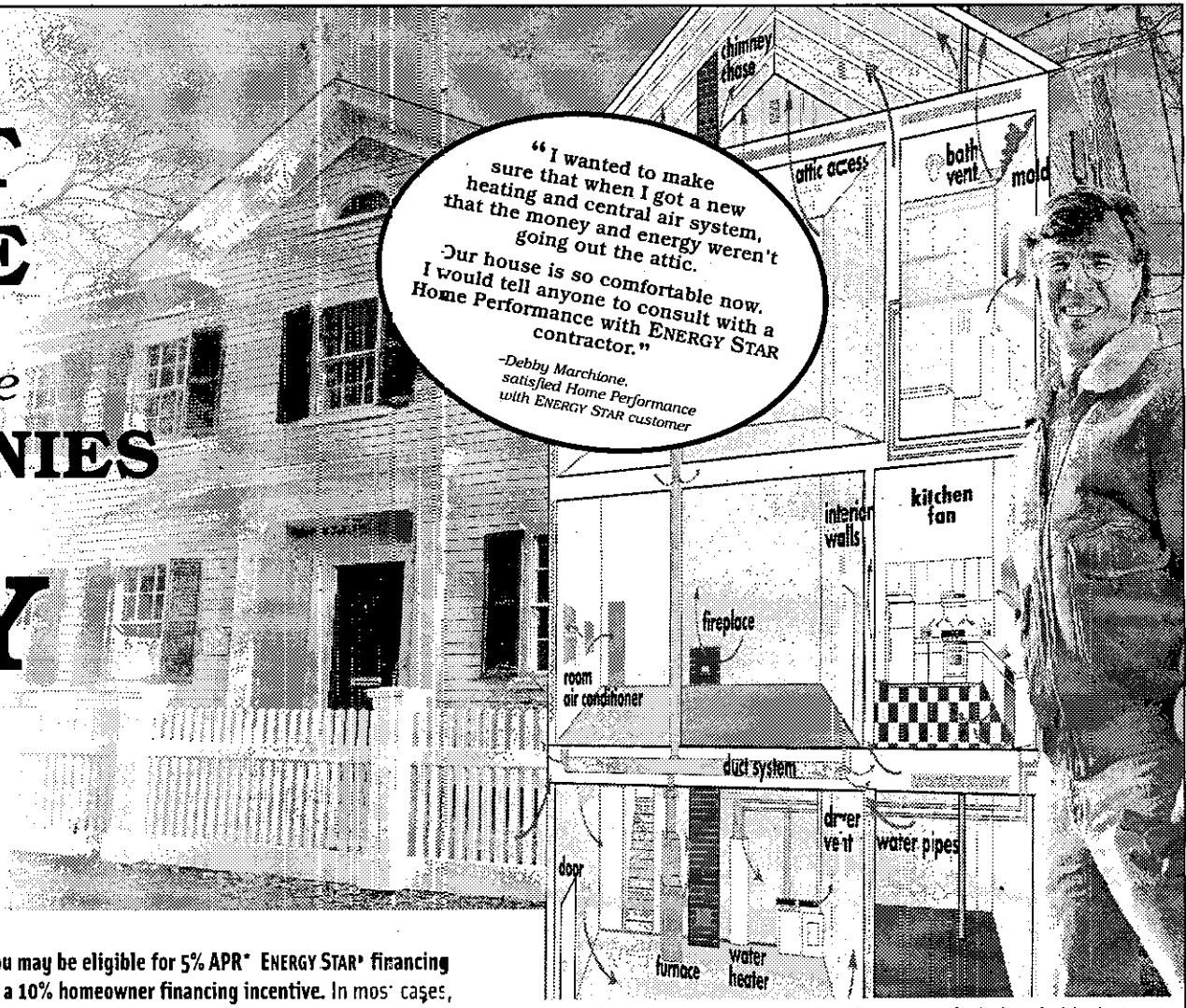


locate local window and door providers.

If your windows and doors don't seem to be hitting the mark for energy efficiency, don't worry. There are basic tips that can make the replacement process easy and cost-efficient.

Check with your local utility company. Many utilities offer incentives to homeowners who make improvements that save

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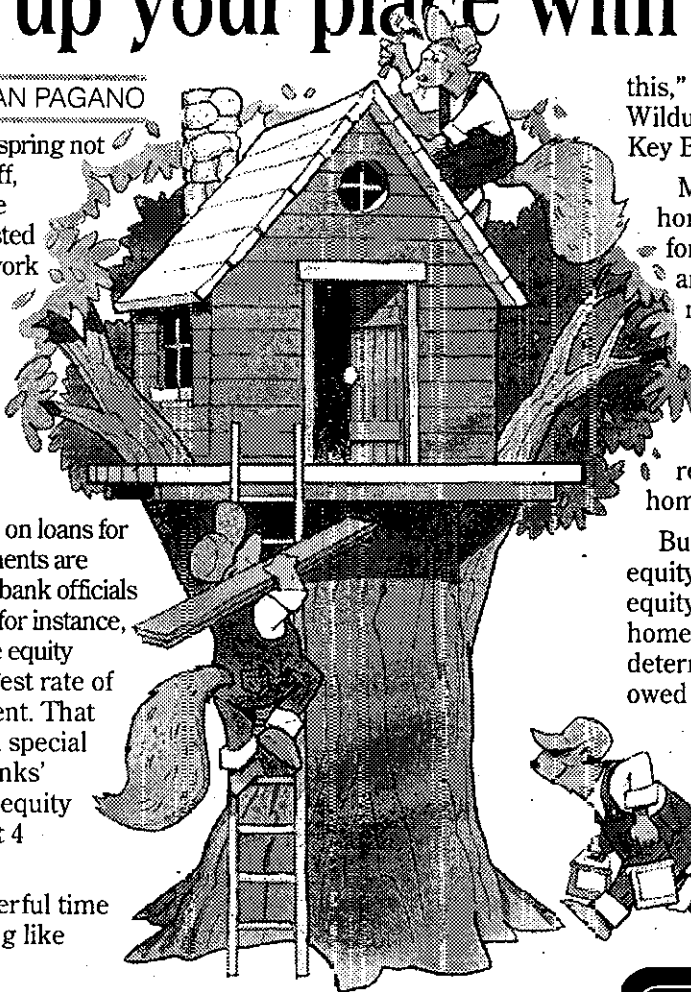
By DAMIAN PAGANO

With spring not far off, people might be interested in doing some work on their homes.

Local banks have a couple of options to help people pay for the improvements.

Interest rates on loans for home improvements are good right now, bank officials said. Key Bank, for instance, is offering home equity loans at an interest rate of about 3.5 percent. That rate is part of a special offer. Other banks' rates on home equity loans are about 4 percent.

"It's a wonderful time to do something like



this," said Karen Zalewski-Wilduznas, a vice president at Key Bank.

Money borrowed under a home equity loan can be used for home improvements or anything else the borrower might want — like a new car or college tuition.

Because home equity loans are more flexible, bankers recommend them over home improvement loans.

But the amount of a home equity loan is dependent on the equity someone has in their home. Equity in the home is determined by how much is owed on the mortgage.

For new homeowners looking to make home improvements, loans are available for that

purpose. But they are a little more expensive.

The rates for typical five-year home improvement loans are about 8 percent

and the money received from that loan must be used for improvements, said Dennis O'Hare, a manager for consumer lending at Troy Savings Bank.

The amount of the loan depends on the estimate of desired improvements.

The rate now is lower than usual on those home improvement loans however, O'Hare said. The 10-year rate on home improvement loans is 8.25 percent.

There is a way of getting a low rate of home improvement loans for energy-

efficient upgrades. Those loans, for things like energy-efficient windows or heating systems, are partly subsidized by the New York State

Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

That agency will subsidize more than half of the 8 percent interest rate, O'Hare said.

Those loans can also be used to build things like electricity-generating windmills and solar heating systems, O'Hare said.

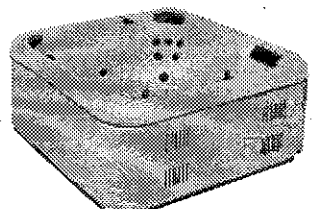
To qualify for the energy-efficiency improvement loans, people must meet the banks' usual loan requirements. The loan must also be reviewed by NYSERDA to see if the project truly is an energy saving measure.



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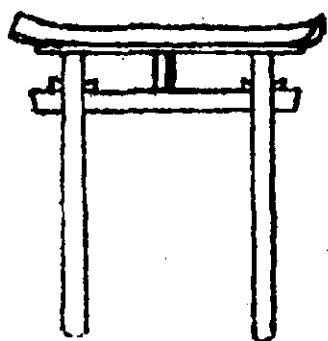
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# Winter's devastation bound to keep contractors busy

By JACKIE WOOD

The Capital District has not seen a winter quite this fierce in 10 to 15 years.

Although it looks as though spring may never come, it will, and local contractors are ready to deal with the aftermath of conditions that they have not seen in quite a long time.

The weather has not caused local construction businesses to experience many setbacks or given them the unusually large amount of business that the heating companies have had.

During the winter, construction businesses typically focus on additions and remodeling — so the work is usually being done indoors.

Patrick Mooney of Geurtze Builders said that they did have

to do a fair amount of snow removal when working on additions and remodeling jobs, but that they have to deal with that every year — this year there was just a lot more snow.

Builders do anticipate slight delays in the spring building season, however.



"Last year, we were digging our first foundation on March 1st, but this year the digging will definitely need to move back," Mooney said, as the ground will not be thawed in time.

He added that this will be a muddy spring for building, but that they should not experience too many delays.

In the meantime, his company will focus on indoor additions and remodeling, until it warms up.

Todd Danz of Family Danz Heating & Air Conditioning said

that due to the vast amount of snow that we have received this year, they have received many more repair calls. People commonly had problems with frozen heating units as well as damaged AC units due to ice falling off of roofs and onto the fixtures.

"The heating units had to work much harder this year, so we dealt with many more breakdowns than usual," Danz said.

He added that during spring thaw, there shouldn't be a problem installing and repairing AC units, and that customers need not wait until the weather improves to start getting estimates and scheduling work.

It's going to take a while for the snow to melt, but if everyone waits until spring to take care of their AC units, contractors will have quite a backlog.

Although it's difficult to get into a spring mind set while the weather remains below freezing, don't hesitate to make appointments now for installations and additions.

Building contractors are more than prepared to begin normal spring work — even if the weather doesn't cooperate, and waiting will only cause delays for the businesses and their customers.

## Sunrooms provide welcome retreat

Many Americans love the idea of porch living: the beauty of nature, birds chirping, a light breeze and lemonade. Too often however, humidity, bugs and rain drive us back inside, leaving the porch or deck unused.

Homeowners who want to enjoy their porch or deck more have discovered the benefits of enclosing all or part of their outdoor living areas with glass, creating a seasonal or year-round retreat. Enclosing a porch or deck with glass is the most cost-effective way to create a sunroom, according to Marc Fox of Patio Enclosures, Inc., North America's largest custom

manufacturer and installer of glass enclosures.

"Homeowners are so pleased when we tell them they can save money by utilizing an existing cement porch slab and an overhang. We simply enclose the room with sliding glass doors or large windows and screens that are customized to fit their particular space," said Fox.



The porch is transformed from a place only usable when the weather is right, to added living space that lets the homeowner "control the weather." Imagine staying out late on a warm summer night in screened comfort, even when the mosquitoes are biting, or watching the sunrise with a warm cup of coffee on a crisp fall morning. Envision experiencing a rainstorm, cozy and dry, from inside your new glass-enclosed porch.

By enclosing a porch with glass, a homeowner can actually turn outdoor space into indoor space, with the flexibility of screens to bring the outdoors in at any time. Three-season rooms are often decorated with wicker, rattan or wrought iron furniture for a casual, outdoor look. Vertical blinds or pleated shades give the room a finished feeling and add privacy and temperature control.

Homeowners often find their new sunrooms make relaxing family recreation areas and lovely places to dine.

Adding a glass enclosure will increase the value of a home as well. The return on investment is 70 percent nationwide, and even more in areas where the weather is harsh, according to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

When considering a three-season glass enclosure, keep in mind that because it is not designed to be heated, it is typically closed off from the rest of the house in winter. If you want to use your room year-round, use insulated glass.

Insulated glass, although it is more expensive, enables the room to be effectively heated in the winter and air-conditioned in the summer months. With both types of rooms you can select full-length sliding doors, or sliding windows, which are built over a short knee wall.

Either way, be sure to use 100 percent tempered glass for safety. Tempered glass is stronger than regular window glass and will not break as easily.

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# Bedrooms can be much more than just a place to sleep

**B**edrooms aren't just for sleeping anymore. With larger master suites being built in today's homes, bedrooms have evolved into comfortable getaways for people to relax and unwind from their hectic schedules.

The extra square footage leaves room for many decorating possibilities in this personal retreat. This season's eclectic blend of sleek, contemporary styles and



the stage, luxurious pillows, throws, duvets and other accessories can help create an atmosphere of romance.

"Opulence is key in developing a romantic theme," said Mononen.

He suggests combining high thread count sheets with richly textured fabrics like silks, tapestries, linens and velvets for bedding. Fresh flowers, candles, chandeliers and beaded lamps or pillows can also add extravagance.

"For a truly romantic look, try using a chandelier over the bed or over each nightstand for

an elegant and unique lighting option," said Mononen.

When choosing fabrics, paint and accessories, Mononen recommended using shades of color that depict your personal style.

"Think about colors that look good on you or colors of clothing you typically have in your closet. If you choose colors you typically like to wear in clothing, you'll probably also enjoy incorporating that color palette into your bedroom décor," he added.

"With larger master suites being built in new homes, we're getting more requests for additional furniture pieces in our bedroom collections," said Mononen.



*The current trend in bedroom furnishings is leaning away from the standard set... to create a personal refuge or escape.*

—Greg Mononen

style and collection, towards a more romanced and eclectic combination of pieces to create a personal refuge or escape," said Greg Mononen, product developer for Arhaus Furniture, a 20-store lifestyle furniture retailer.

"People are adding romantic elements to their bedrooms in their furniture, wall colors, fabrics and accessories," he added. European-style romance furniture can be the first building block in creating an amorous atmosphere within a room setting. Mononen notes he is seeing many romantic European influences from Italy, France and the British Isles. For instance, the woods used in today's furniture are richer and deeper, like cherry and walnut with java, cocoa or sienna stains.

"We're also seeing a European trend of mixing and matching stained wood with painted wood or iron. This idea of blending eclectic items is beginning to carry over into the United States," said Mononen.

For instance, combine an iron bed with a pair of hand-painted night stands for a European-inspired look. Complete the look by incorporating a stained or distressed dresser, a lingerie chest or a beautifully hand-painted armoire.

"We definitely encourage those bedroom shoppers that want to move away from the bedroom 'set.' This trend gives home furnishings the feeling of being collected or acquired over many years," said Mononen.

When mixing these different furniture pieces, it is important to keep one element a constant throughout the room. This could be a similar style, color or scale. By doing so, you will be able to pull it all together much more easily by adding a few finishing touches and accessories. Accessories that set

## Eight steps to a better bedroom

**D**etermine what your focal point will be in the room. Decide which wall to place the bed on first and then arrange the other pieces. Angle the bed in a corner for an unexpected look.

Place a nightstand and lamp on both sides of the bed. This adds balance to the layout and provides a place to set a glass of water, books or an alarm clock.

Set a bench or trunk at the foot of the bed. It can provide storage for blankets or sweaters as well as an area to sit while getting dressed.

Create a soft-seating area. Place upholstered chairs or a chaise lounge in the bedroom to provide a more inviting and personal feeling in the room.

Always have a mirror in the room. Try a mirror over the dresser or a full-length mirror or cheval for an elegant focal point.

Select an armoire to store the television and audio equipment as well as providing extra storage.

Find a unique accent piece such as an unusual dresser to add interest in the room — find a piece that has an interesting finish, color, material, or size.

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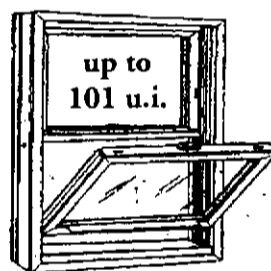
People are looking for pieces that are both stylish and functional because they are spending more time in their bedrooms.

"Armoires for televisions, wardrobes, trunks and seven- or nine-drawer dressers are very popular choices because they take up more space in larger rooms and provide a lot of storage," he said.

Even night stands are larger, providing more storage space with drawers and shelves. Another new trend in bedroom furniture is higher headboards and lower footboards on platform beds. These updated proportions work in today's larger bedrooms and allow for easy late night television watching.

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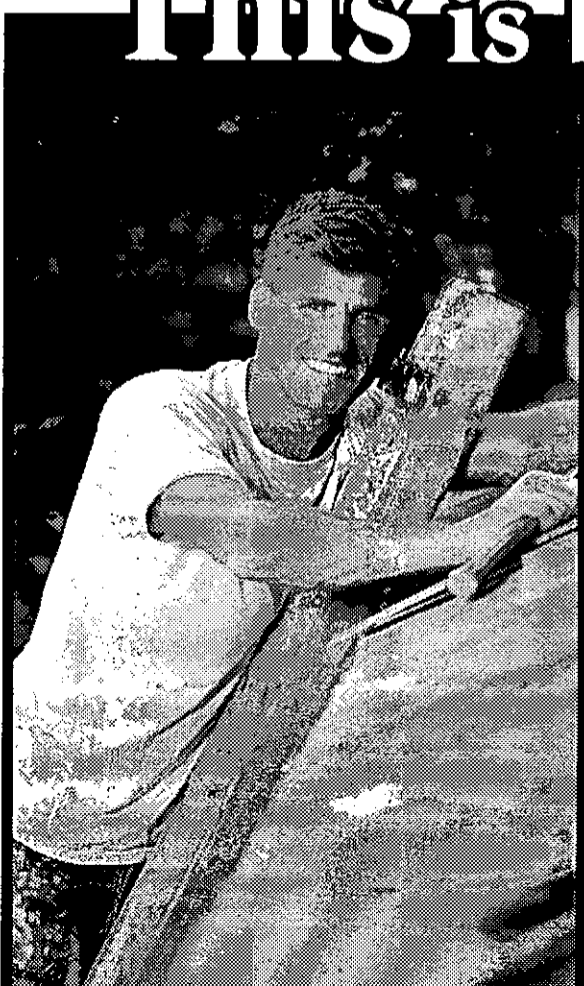
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# Tips for making your home attractive to potential buyers

It's that time of year again. Temperatures are getting warmer, days are getting longer, and our thoughts are turning to happy things like fresh coats of paint and a clutter-free basement.

Yes, the spring house shopping season is upon us, and many of us are getting ready for all those potential buyers. Homeowners can dramatically affect how quickly their houses will sell, and for how much, by making just a few small improvements. First impressions are important: Some minor repairs, a fresh coat of paint and new carpeting may be well worth the time and money.

"It's amazing how the details can make a big difference for a potential buyer," said Todd Imholte, president of Environmental Graphics, a Minnesota-based company that specializes in decorative products for the home. "Just a small investment can pay off in a big way for the seller."

What's the best way to whip your house into shape for those eagle-eyed buyers? The experts have the following suggestions.

### Interior

There are a lot of little things that can be done to spruce up the interior of your house inexpensively and in a couple of weekends. Your goal is to create a space that projects the impression of warmth and spaciousness, and appears clean, bright and inviting.

- Put a fresh coat of paint on the most-used areas of the home. This makes the rooms look cleaner and brighter. Wash the walls where paint is not appropriate.

- Get rid of clutter. Clean out closets, garage, basement and attic. If necessary, use an off-site storage facility for a few months.

- Make sure the entire bathroom is sparkling clean and well lit.

- The kitchen should look clean and fresh. Make sure all appliances are gleaming and in working order. Check cabinet doors: They may need a fresh

coat of paint or new knobs. Pack away small kitchen appliances to create an uncluttered look.

- All carpets should be professionally cleaned. If you have hardwood floors, give them a fresh coat of polyurethane.

- Fill your home with pleasant scents and sounds. Get rid of any bad smells such as pet or cigarette odors. Simmer a few drops of vanilla in water on the stove or bake bread or cookies. Scatter around bowls of potpourri or fresh flowers. Play some light classical or jazz softly in the background.

### Exterior

"Curb appeal" is important, and can actually make or break a sale. From the street, your house should look cared-for and well-maintained.

- Make sure the sidewalk and front walkway is swept and free of weeds. If possible, repair cracks. Don't forget about the driveway and garage. Both should be swept and free of debris.

- Cut the grass and trim the shrubs. If you don't have any flower beds, place a few potted flowers out front. Make sure hoses are coiled up and out of the way. In the fall, make sure leaves are raked.

- Add a new coat of paint to the exterior, or if you don't want to spend the money, consider just painting the trim, shutters and doorway.

- Replace any broken or missing shingles from the roof, and remove leaves and branches. Check the gutters and chimney.

- Wash the windows inside and out. Make sure screens are clean and in good repair.

- Make sure the doorbell is working, and that the house numbers are easily readable.

By paying attention to the details inside and out, before a

house is put on the market, sellers will be more likely to get the price they are asking, and in a shorter amount of time.



## Organize that kitchen with some easy tricks

Whether it's overstuffed drawers, hard-to-reach cabinets or wasted counter space, every kitchen could use some organizational help. But can you really improve your kitchen without expensive renovation costs?

There are a wide variety of kitchen storage options that can be installed in less time than it takes to whip up a soufflé — and far more easily, too.

According to Tom Lucas of Rockler Woodworking & Hardware's product development group, "When you talk about kitchen organization, most people think about cabinets and cabinet add-ons — and that's a big category — but there are other products that may not be as top-of-mind but will have a definite impact on making optimum use of even small spaces."

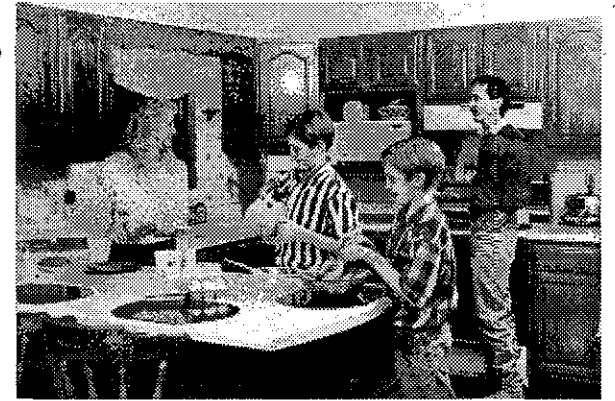
Think, for instance, of the space in front of your sink. A sink-front tray set, which allows the transformation of false sink fronts into valuable storage space, even in narrow, galley-style kitchens, is a very popular modification.

Then there are easy-to-install products that not only aid in organizing, but add a decorative touch as well. One is an "appliance garage." The garage is available as a straight or corner unit. It allows you to keep small appliances such as

mixers, blenders, or coffee makers on hand but out of sight.

Another product that adds style is the wicker basket pullout. It's an easy and eye-catching alternative to drawers that can be installed with just a few simple tools.

In a more utilitarian vein, there are also recycling



container pullouts that fit discreetly under a sink. These are available with single or double bins, in either a door mount or bottom mount configuration. And to help keep cookie sheets, pans and trays organized, there is the tray divider, which fits easily into a cabinet using just a few screws and some fastening clips.

Said Lucas, "It is amazing how easy it is to add a great deal of efficiency to your kitchen for a small amount of money. Most of these products are under \$100 and you don't need a lot of tools or expertise to install them."

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# Home remodeling: An investment for the future

**H**omeowners interested in investing in an unstable economy are looking to home remodeling as an option. According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), in 1995 home equity accounted for 44.4 percent of the typical household's total net worth — far more than any other investment.

Housing has outperformed most other investments, making remodeling an even more popular choice for homeowners. Home prices have more than doubled in the last two decades. The continual gains in home value and historically low interest rates are two strong factors in homeowner's decisions to remodel.

Investing in your home may be an easy decision. Deciding where to start can be another story. Homeowners look to update the interior of their homes and improve the exterior. A great place to begin your investment is on the most maintenance intensive part of the home, the exterior.

Older homes did not have the siding options we have today. Most were painted or sided with cheap materials to keep the cost down. After years in the elements, the exterior of many homes need to be repaired or replaced.

Here are some things to look for if you think your home is in need of a makeover: 1. Does the home need to be scraped and painted more often? 2. Is the current siding rotting, chipping



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If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to look into a home inspection from a professional siding company.

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Like any other investment, it is important to research your product. When investing in siding ask for references of previous customers. A list of completed projects will help the customer decide what colors

complaints and what kind they were. Last but not least, a homeowner should ask the siding professional if they carry workers' compensation insurance. If not, and if there is an accident on the property, the customer's homeowner insurance policy will be responsible for the cost.

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# Home management centers are exciting new trend

The humble utility room is finally getting the respect it deserves. Most homes have it — that cramped entryway filled with gardening pots, or the dark basement corner cluttered with cleaning supplies. Spaces needed for completing those messy but necessary household chores. But why do laundry or cut flowers in a dark, dingy space?

"The utility room is one of the new emerging spaces in the American home," said Diana Schrage, an interior designer for Kohler Co., a kitchen and bath products company. "It's no longer just a 'mud room' entry between the garage and the kitchen. It's becoming a larger, more carefully planned room."

The evolution of the utility room reflects our changing lifestyles. "Think about the lifestyles of the '50s and '60s versus the '00s" said Schrage. "Many of us are working very hard, and we want our time at home to be spent as efficiently and pleasantly as possible."

By bringing many of the tasks that we used to do in the garage, basement or den into one convenient area, the new utility room makes completing a variety of household chores quicker and easier. Homeowners are also beginning to demand more pleasant work areas.

"People are now more aware of the impact of light," said Schrage. "Natural light makes a room more pleasant, and spending time there is more enjoyable."

Also, a typical homeowner now has more "things" than ever before, creating a need for

more convenient storage space. And many of us want more indoor space for hobbies such as gardening or arts and crafts. Larger vehicles are taking up more room in the garage, creating a need for additional

space elsewhere for cleaning and storing sports equipment.

No longer an afterthought, utility rooms are now integrated into the design of homes as comfortable and functional spaces. Redefined as "home

management centers," there are a number of innovative options for these rooms that will make home maintenance easier.

"If you are coming in from the lawn or garden or maybe even the beach, you would normally have to track dirt or sand into the kitchen or bathroom. One good option for a utility room is a Kohler in-floor sink that allows you to conveniently wash off mud or snow from your feet," said Schrage.

An in-floor sink also allows you to wash a pet, fill buckets without lifting them, or drip-dry cleaning rags and mops.

Another good option: a large utility sink. Unlike a typical kitchen sink, a utility sink is shallow and wide, providing a roomy, multi-functional work space that doesn't require bending over. With a grate, the sink can easily be converted into extra counter space.

Homeowners can wash vegetables from the garden before they bring them into the kitchen, or easily water house plants without worrying about getting water all over the floor.

Placing a home management center in a convenient location allows a homeowner to complete tasks more efficiently. Laundry can be done at the same time that dinner

is being prepared, and people or pets can clean up, or store equipment

before they enter the house. And there is no reason to have to go down to the basement every time you need your humidifier or your vegetable steamer when there is plenty of storage space in an easily accessible location.

"We want design to reflect our lifestyle rather than the other way around," said Schrage. "Well-designed space can elevate the quality of life."



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# 'Drip'aphobia: Overcoming your chronic fear of faucets

**S**o you fancy yourself a "D-I-Yer" — you can paint, plant shrubs, change the filter screen in your furnace, and even put up a shelf. But when it comes to plumbing, you are terrified. You have visions of water spewing forth from your pipes suddenly causing the whole house to be flooded, while the kids gleefully hold boat races in the basement.

Many homeowners are concerned about tackling plumbing jobs because, unlike most other home projects, if something goes wrong the result can be major damage. But never fear, many plumbing projects are easy to do — such as installing a new faucet or changing out a showerhead.

And, if you are in the midst of a project and have a question or run into a problem, there are many places to turn for help such as manufacturer call centers, Internet sites, plumbing supply showrooms, and retailers.

For example, the experts at Moen Inc. have helped many homeowners see a project through to completion. With a consumer service center that takes more than 4,000 calls per day (800,000 calls per year), representatives have spoken with callers during some tense times.

"We have received calls ranging from an elderly woman in tears since she was having a hard time replacing a faucet cartridge, to the journeyman

plumber calling us in the middle of a class he was conducting with apprentices to verify an answer," said Mark Fales, lead correspondence specialist with Moen's consumer service center.

Aside from many different types of calls, the center recognizes special calls need special attention. According to Fales, the center goes into a heightened sense of alert during the holidays for plumbing emergencies.

"If we get a call from someone having a plumbing problem right before a house party, holiday gathering or special event we do whatever it takes to make sure the customer's entertaining can go on without any issues regarding the Moen products within their home," said Fales.

### Frequently asked questions

Handling calls regarding plumbing emergencies, general repairs and installs, the 78 employees of the Moen consumer service center have heard it all. So, what are the questions they get asked time and time again, and what is their advice for handling the situations? Here is some insight into frequently asked questions.

• What should I look for in a faucet? With so many faucets on the market today, many consumers wonder why two different models that appear to look alike have different price tags. Moen's experts advise homeowners to look for faucets with valve bodies made of brass rather than plastic, which will increase the overall durability. They also suggest buying well-recognized brand names that come with extensive warranties. Also, purchasing washerless faucets, which only have one piece cartridges and don't use washers, seats or springs, will eliminate the most likely cause of leaks.

• What tools should I have on hand for plumbing jobs? Every homeowner's toolbox should have the following tools to handle plumbing jobs: pliers, Phillips head and regular screwdrivers, an adjustable wrench, a basin wrench (a

specially designed plumbing tool widely available at home centers or plumbing stores), and Teflon or plumber's tape.

• How do I install a new faucet? It's really not that difficult to install a new faucet. One of the most important steps is to have all the supplies needed to begin the job. Before leaving the retail outlet or plumbing showroom where you purchase your faucet, check the instructions on the outside of the box to ensure you have all necessary items. Most new faucets give step-by-step instructions with visuals; use this as a reference. Usually, the most difficult part of the job is removing your old faucet. To do this you may have to use some WD-40 to loosen any corroded mounting nuts underneath the sink. Make sure you have turned off the water to the faucet before removing the supply lines or you will end up with a wet cabinet and floor. Once you have removed your old faucet, be sure to clean the deck surface area before inserting the valve body of the new faucet through the holes on the top of your sink deck. Move under the sink deck to tighten the mounting hardware that holds the faucet in place and complete the job by reconnecting the water supply lines.

• How can I increase the flow rate of my faucet? As a faucet ages, many homeowners notice its flow isn't what it used to be. To correct this problem, create a mixture of half water and half white vinegar and let your faucet aerator sit in it overnight. To do this, you can unscrew the aerator counter clockwise or, put the mixture in a plastic bag and rubber band the bag around the aerator. You can also use this technique to improve the flow of a showerhead.

• What can I do if my faucet handle is hard to operate or if I have a leak from the spout? If you have a washerless faucet, a handle that is hard to move, or a leak coming from the spout, these are telltale signs that the faucet's cartridge needs to be replaced. This is a relatively easy project that most homeowners can accomplish. For a single-handle faucet, start this project by removing the cap in the center of the knob and the screw underneath it, which secures the handle. Once the

handle is removed, you can easily slide out the stop sleeve (a cylindrical tube). Next, use pliers to grab hold of the copper-colored U-shaped retainer clip to pull it out. Use the twisting tool (a white plastic piece) that comes with your new Moen faucet to loosen the old cartridge. Then, insert the new cartridge into the faucet's valve body — it is important that the cartridge's two plastic ears are aligned precisely at 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock. Now reinstall the retainer clip, stop sleeve and handle.

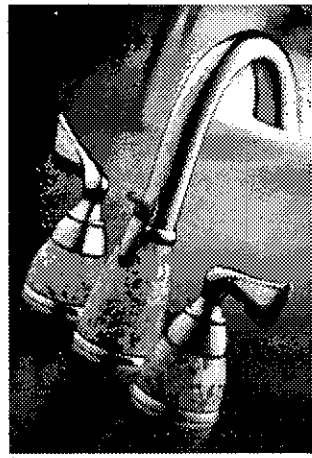
• The hot and cold settings on my single handled washerless faucet are reversed, how can I correct this? Some new homeowners find that the hot and cold handles are reversed on their faucets, giving them an unexpected burst of hot water when they turn on the cold tap or vice versa. This is an easy correction to make. The only thing the consumer needs to do is to get into the faucet body (as described above), as if you were changing out the faucet cartridge, but rather than pull out the retainer clip or cartridge, rotate the stem on the cartridge 180 degrees.

• What is the best way to maintain my faucet's finish? The worst thing that a homeowner can do is use abrasive cleaners on their faucet. Instead, use a mild soap and water. To help keep an illustrious shine, wax your faucet with automotive wax every two to three months.

### Call in the expert

There are some jobs that are too in-depth and require too much skill for the average homeowner to undertake. Installations and repairs of showering systems that require a consumer to go behind the wall should be left to a professional. In addition, any repair involving soldering, sweating a valve or cutting into a wall should not be attempted by an amateur.

To do these jobs, find a licensed plumber from the yellow pages, or check with the Better Business Bureau. Using the "how-to" tips in this article, any homeowner, no matter what their skill level, should be able to tackle simple plumbing projects around the house, without an overwhelming feeling of panic.



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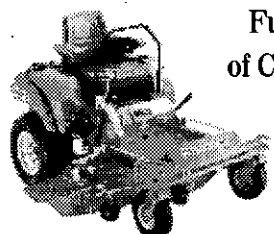
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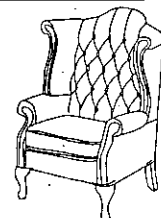
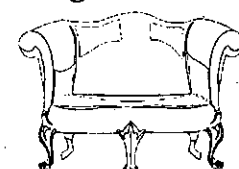
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# Create a customized, productive home office

Today's home is fast becoming the center of American life as concepts of work and leisure are being reassessed. Households are being reshaped to fit a growing sense that family, friends and home life are the real bottom line.

In order to spend more time with loved ones and establish as much independence as possible on the job front, men and women across the country are striving for a "customized life,"

one that offers an individual blend of work, leisure and family time. And today's technological advances and flexible work arrangements are making this newly defined, sought-after lifestyle more accessible.

More and more people can work from virtually anywhere, thanks in large part to high-tech developments and devices like wireless home networks, audio, video and Web conferencing, laptops, hand-held PCs and cell

phones. Increasing numbers of Americans are making that very choice. In fact, one third of all homes accommodate a home office, and the ranks of teleworkers rose by 17 percent in the past year alone, according to a recent survey by the International Telework Association and Council.

"Whether it's used full time or part time, today's home office is one of the keys to the family-focused, custom-designed life," said Susan Dountas, vice

president of merchandising for Sauder Woodworking. "This is the space that makes it possible to welcome in the outside world, but in the comfort, privacy and security of our own homes."

Expanding definitions of what constitutes a home office, where it belongs and how it should be set up have helped pave the way for traditionally professional-level furnishings and technology to now enter the home environment, said Dountas. These changing attitudes and preferences have encouraged furniture designers from around the country to carefully consider the functions and even dimensions of today's home office furnishings.

"Creating a viable home office is essential to forging a customized life," Dountas said. "Today's home-oriented consumers are demanding versatile furnishings that support their more family-centered work arrangements and lives."

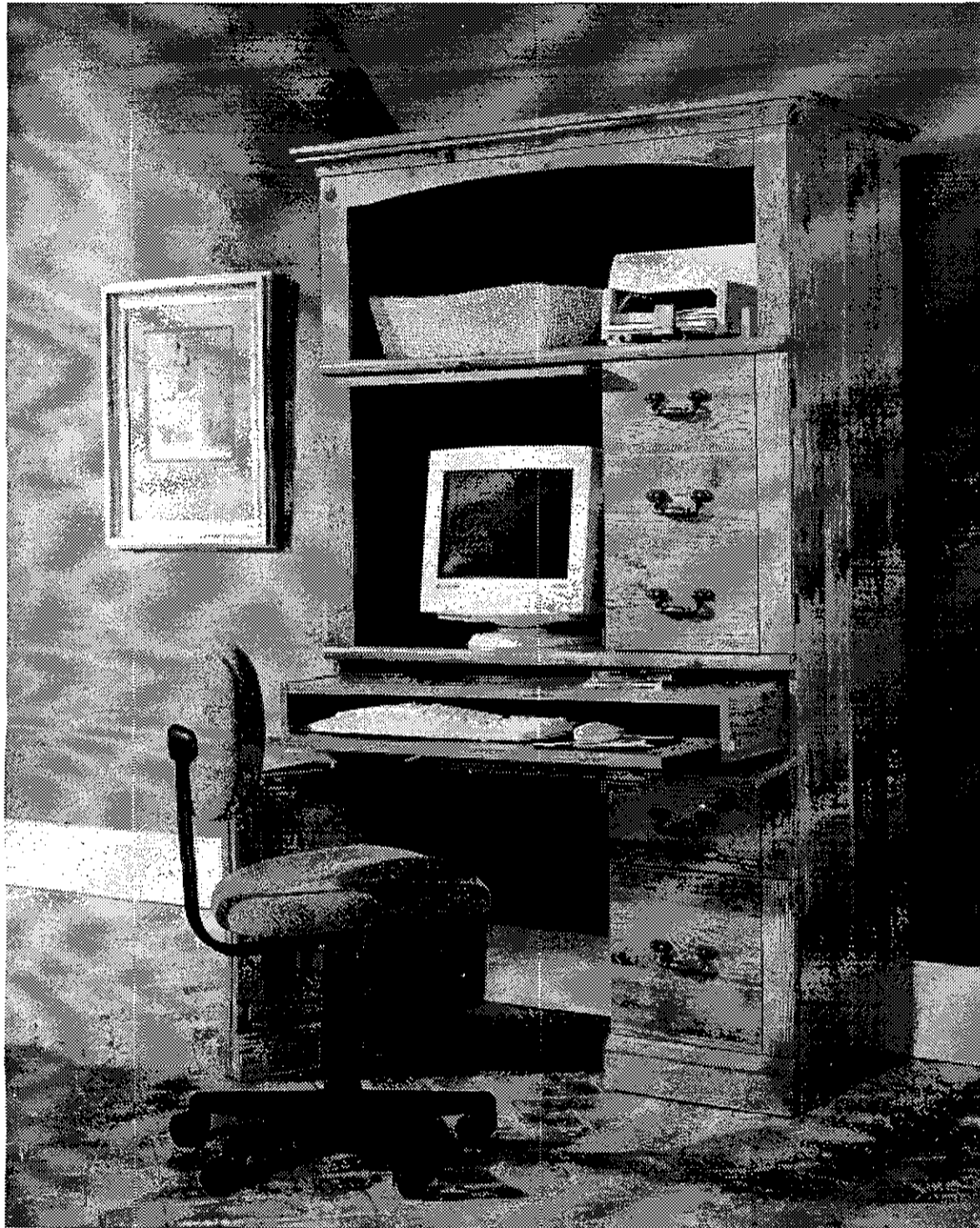
A host of compact designs — such as computer carts, computer armoires and corner workstations — are scaled to make the customized life a reality even for space-challenged homes. There is even a computer armoire with its own fold-away chair that

stores inside the cabinet, creating a self-sufficient — and space-efficient — home office in an area less than 4 feet wide.

Ample work surface, generous storage, and ergonomic details such as adjustable chair seat and keyboard tray fit the job description for today's business needs and the flexible, self-contained design helps ease the transition to family time.

Some furniture makers are also making the personalized home office more accessible with free space-planning services. Space planners provide consumers with a layout grid and furniture templates and then help them analyze their individual work needs and develop a custom-fit, professional-level work environment.

Modular furnishings are designed for easy reconfiguration as office needs change. Versatile components — including cubicles, open work spaces, peninsulas, conference tables and hutches — provide limitless opportunities to create comfortable, productive work areas to fit nearly any floor plan and work situation.



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# Tips for creating a safer home environment

**H**ow securely attached are the screens in your windows? Would they stop a playful puppy from tumbling out or an intruder from getting into your home? Does your family regularly practice how to handle emergencies, such as stove fires, sudden violent storms or burst pipes? Would your children know how to unlock a window and escape from a fire?

leading manufacturer of quality vinyl windows and patio doors, has some advice for you. The experts encourage you to give top priority to selecting products that protect your family — from storms, intruders and unforeseen accidents. If you think that windows are just the pieces of glass that allow light and air to flow in and out of your home, think again.



When you have a family, there's a lot to think about. Building a safe, secure home is one of the top priorities for all parents. From selecting reliable products during the construction of a home to monitoring children at play, creating a safe environment is an ongoing task for parents.

Have you ever researched the best styles of windows to have in a home with small children? Do you know what type of glass you should have in windows to help prevent noise penetration and discourage intruders? Are your utility bills soaring because your current windows lack energy efficiency features?

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Making a home safe for family members can be achieved by following some simple guidelines such as keeping cribs and furniture away from windows.

standpoint and by hampering egress from the home. Want to play it safe? Decorate around windows during the holidays, not on them.

• Question 4 — Does your nighttime and pre-vacation checklist include locking all windows?

• Answer — Make certain to keep windows locked when not at home and in the evenings (especially in children's rooms) to prevent a "quiet thief" from entering your home. While most glass in windows can be broken with a crowbar or baseball bat (except impact resistant glass found in some window

this fast and easy window test to learn how safe your home is:

• Question 1 — When was the last time your entire family held a practice nighttime fire drill in your home?

• Answer — Experts recommend practicing safety drills regularly — at least twice a year — and in the dark, without the aid of electricity that may fail in a fire. Small children tend to "hide" from fire, so make sure your children are familiar with escape routes, have flashlights near their beds and know how to move quickly out of the home. Also, establish a meeting location away from the house to assure that family members can be accounted for after exiting the home.

• Question 2 — How much do you allow windows to be

opened to increase air flow in your home?

• Answer — While gaining ventilation is important in the home, so is safety. If you have pets or small children, realize that window screens are intended just to keep insects outside, not to hold children inside. Screens will not support the weight of a child or frisky pet. For added safety in your home, consider opening just the top sash of a double hung window for ventilation. Or, install windows that offer ventilation locks that allow the window to be partially opened for fresh air while remaining securely locked.

• Question 3 — During the holidays, do you staple decorations or lights to the inside of your windows, have candles lit in the windows or use spray foam "snow" on the windows?

• Answer — Windows are not constructed to serve as "hitching posts" for holiday decorations. Anytime you nail or staple into them — or attach decorative accessories directly to the glass — you're compromising the structure and safety of the unit itself. Melted wax on window frames can damage the sills and seep into the frame, making it difficult to open. Lights attached to the frame serve as a safety hazard, both from an electrical

units), intruders don't like to make noise. So, the first way to keep your family safe and secure is simply to get in the habit of keeping windows and doors locked when not in use. If you live in an area prone to active children or potential crime, order windows with tempered safety glass — at least for the first floor of the home. Two panes of glass are adhered to a durable plastic interlayer, much like a car windshield. So, if a stray baseball hits a window, the glass will shatter, but broken pieces remain adhered to the interlayer, preventing glass fallout inside the home. The plastic interlayer is also puncture-resistant, frustrating potential intruders.

• Question 5 — Are any pieces of furniture in your home blocking windows or positioned so that curious children can use them as climbing vehicles?

• Answer — If you have children younger than 8 years of age, reexamine the placement of furniture in every room of your home. You want to keep furniture (including cribs), or anything children can climb on, away from windows. Especially in rooms above the first floor, make certain you're not providing easy ways for children to lean out windows. It's also important to keep window access clear in case of an emergency so that exiting can be fast and easy.



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# Voorheesville girls dynasty ends in the finals

By ROB JONAS

The Voorheesville girls basketball team found itself in an unfamiliar position after last Friday's Section II, Class CC championship game. The Blackbirds watched another team hold the championship plaque.

Watervliet outscored Voorheesville 46-19 in the second and third quarters to pull away for a 68-47 victory at Hudson Valley Community College.

"We were just not finding (an offensive flow) tonight," Voorheesville coach **Jon McClement** said. "We didn't get anybody going tonight, and that's unusual for us because we usually get somebody going."

The shooting percentages told the story of this game. Watervliet took 24 three-point shots and made half of them, while Voorheesville (18-5) had 26 attempts from behind the arc and made only four. Overall, the Blackbirds made 15 out of 73 shots from the field (20.5 percent), while the Cannoneers were 22-of-61 (36 percent).

"They hit those (three-point) shots, and that's their game plan," McClement said. "They're going to get as many shots as possible. The law of averages caught up to us."

The game started promisingly for Voorheesville. After falling behind 11-6 in the first quarter, **Brittany Baron** drove the lane for a layup and **Jackie Markert** hit a short shot to pull the Blackbirds within a point of Watervliet. Baron then opened the second quarter with a three-pointer to give Voorheesville a 13-11 lead.

That was the last lead the



Voorheesville's Catherine Nicholson shoots over Watervliet's Brittany Wilkinson during last Saturday's Section II, Class CC championship game at Hudson Valley Community College. *Rob Jonas*

Blackbirds would have. After a **Khalan Heid** free throw, **Meg McGrouty** drained a three-pointer to put Watervliet ahead 15-13. A driving layup by **Amy Sheridan** sandwiched between four free throws from **Casey**

**Prue** and a three-pointer by **Brittany Wilkinson** increased the Cannoneers' advantage to 11 points.

**Catherine Nicholson** briefly pulled Voorheesville within nine points with a short jump shot, but

Watervliet scored the next six points. By halftime, Watervliet owned a 30-17 lead.

The Blackbirds were still within striking distance in the third quarter before the Cannoneers went on a three-point shooting binge. Prue began the onslaught with a trey that gave Watervliet a 39-22 lead. Markert put back a missed Voorheesville shot to knock the deficit to 15 points, but Wilkinson sank a three-pointer to make the score 42-24. After two free throws by Baron, Sheridan and Prue hit back-to-back treys to give Watervliet a 22-point lead. Voorheesville never recovered.

Baron had 19 points, and Markert added 13 points for the Blackbirds, who failed to win a Section II title for the first time in nine years. Prue finished with 29

points for Watervliet and earned most valuable player honors for the Class CC tournament.

"We compete against the history of the program," McClement said. "The kids did everything they could to get back there (for a Section II title), and

Watervliet was just a better team tonight."

The Blackbirds reached the Class CC finals with a 70-50 victory over Saratoga Catholic last Tuesday at Colonie Central High

School.

Voorheesville built a 38-23 halftime lead and cruised to its 10th consecutive Sectional finals appearance.

Baron scored 20 points, **Michelle Nadratowski** contributed 19 points and Markert added 15 points for Voorheesville.



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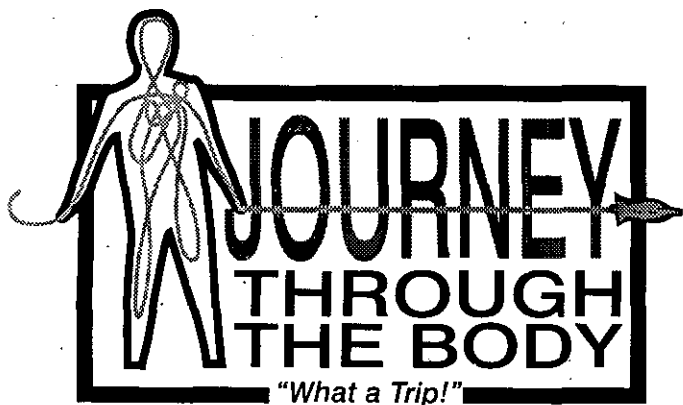
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## Spotlight on Business

# Noreast joins Weichert, a national real estate firm

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Those bright yellow signs that you've been seeing all over the Capital District don't mean that a new real estate company has come to the area, but that a local company has affiliated with a national one.

Now that Noreast has become Weichert, Realtors, people buying or selling a house, as well as the professionals making the sale, will benefit.

Peter Staniels and Doug Engels started Noreast Real Estate on Thanksgiving weekend 1989 after having worked for a large real estate company for nearly 20 years.

Opening their own company appealed to the entrepreneurial spirit that Staniels, now president of Weichert, Realtors, Northeast, said is typical of real estate agents. Engels is now the vice president and treasurer of Weichert, Realtors, Northeast.

"We'd gone as high as we could, and felt it was time to move



Peter Staniels, left, and Doug Engels have joined Weichert, Realtors.

on, to test our own mettle," Staniels said of their move to found Noreast Real Estate. "When we started, there were six or seven of us, and we grew to be the sixth largest real estate broker in the area."

Staniels reflected back on some of the difficult economic times the area has come through since 1989.

"One of our greatest accomplishments, was that in a tough market, not only did Noreast survive, we thrived," he said.

Real estate is an ever-changing area; though, and in the past few years, Staniels noticed that a lot of acquisitions and mergers were taking place.

"There were two tiers of real estate companies," he said. "There were the large, franchise companies, and the small companies, maybe of people who could run a business from their home. We were smack dab in the middle, and it looked like that middle might disappear."

After a couple of local major companies approached Noreast about joining them, Staniels and Engels started looking at their options. It didn't take them long

to decide that Weichert, Realtors was where they wanted to be.

"By this April, I will have been a broker for 30 years. I've always worked independently and been paid by results. Real estate attracts independent and entrepreneurial people, who rely on their wits, efforts and gumption," Staniels said. "Weichert is a company that's run by a Realtor, and run by and for Realtors. They're the largest independently owned real estate broker in the world, and second or third in the United States."

While Weichert is a new entity in the Capital District, Staniels said they have market domination in Morris Plains, N.J., where the company began. People have walked into Weichert offices in the Capital District because they know the name, and two new agents have joined the company because Weichert was a familiar name where they had lived.

"We have marketing materials that have been tried and tested in Weichert offices," Staniels said.

Jim Weichert, founder of the company, meets with those who take on his company name, and Weichert Realtors attend the company's management academy.

"I'm so pumped about this," Staniels said.

Weichert also has training programs for both new and experienced real estate professionals. Staniels has been pleased that communication goes both ways.

"The company also has ears," he said. "I made a suggestion about our signs, and they implemented it."

In addition, Weichert, Realtors has career nights for anyone

interested in exploring real estate as a career.

"Weichert tries to do everything a little bit better," Staniels said, explaining that both a seasoned and new real estate agent attend open houses, which then yield a higher sales ratio.

Staniels is pleased to be part of a real estate company that can offer so much to its agents.

"Recruitment used to be a problem," Staniels said. "Now, there's nothing any other franchise can offer that we don't. There's great opportunity for personal growth, we train people to sell houses, there are ongoing training possibilities and a great retirement package."

When Noreast signed on with Weichert, some internal restructuring took place in the accounting and marketing areas and some real estate agents retired.

"We had about 50 people at the time of the conversion," Staniels said. "Now we have 55."

Staniels predicts good things for the real estate in the Capital District, particularly as new companies prepare to come here and area universities boom.

"People are investing in the Capital District and it's going to bring good, well-paying jobs," Staniels said.

Staniels is looking forward to the changes in the Capital District at large, and in his company in particular.

"It's human nature to avoid or be upset by change," he said. "What makes a Realtor unique is his or her ability to change and to thrive on it. Sometimes an area needs a fresh approach, and as Weichert, Realtors, Northeast, that's what we offer."

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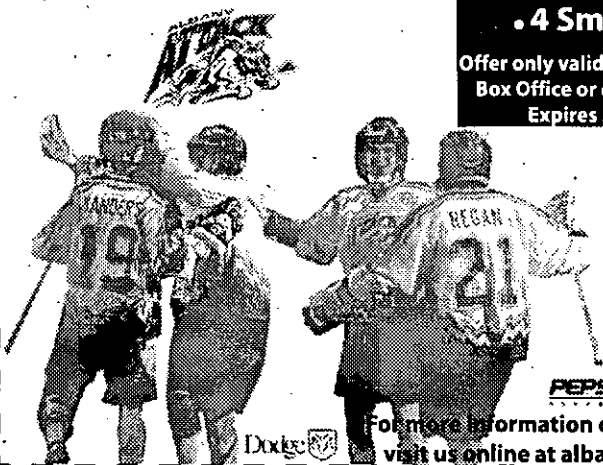
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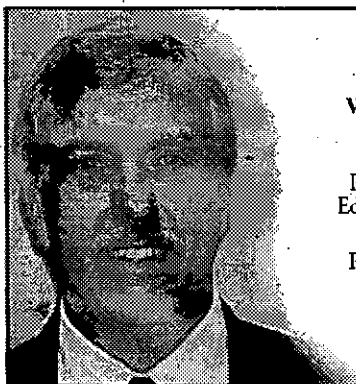
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# Board

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January. The district calculates it would experience a state aid cut of \$875,000 if the governor's budget is adopted as presented.

Coupled with the decrease in aid on the revenue side, the district is also looking at several major increases in expenses over which it has no control. The district contribution to the Employee Retirement System is expected to increase by \$648,645 due to the decline in the stock market, and employee health insurance costs are also expected to increase 15 percent, or \$826,000.

While district officials feel it is likely some of the aid cuts will be restored, an approved state budget is not likely by the time school districts hold their budget votes on May 20, or set the tax rates in August.

Once taxpayers approve a budget, an increase in aid over that reflected in the budget can only be used to reduce the effect on the taxpayers and may not be employed to restore any items cut from the budget.

The first outreach effort will be a mailing to all parents with board meeting dates and budget issues to be discussed at each, followed by three additional mailings. The next March mailing will outline budget concerns and discuss the bond issue being considered to improve facilities.

The April mailing will describe the budget adopted by the board and a May mailing, required by law, will provide full budget details with a comparison to the previous year's budget.

The board next approved holding budget discussions at 8 p.m. at each regularly scheduled board meeting, prior to the normal business meeting. This procedure will be followed until a budget is approved. It will give parents and other taxpayers a precise time to appear at meetings and not have to wait, possibly several hours, before budget items are addressed.

The board then designated March 19 for a community forum on the budget. The meeting will be held at district offices at 90 Adams Place at 8 p.m., and the public is encouraged to attend and participate in the dialogue.

In another matter, Loomis said, "The terms for seats currently held by board members Lynne L. Lenhardt and James Lytle will

expire on June 30, 2003. Nominating petitions for seats on the Bethlehem Central Board of Education are available at the office of the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place in Delmar."

Each term of office is three years, commencing July 1. Each petition must contain a minimum of 75 valid signatures and must be filed with the district clerk by 5 p.m. on April 21.

The board then heard a presentation from social studies subject supervisor John Piechnik and associates David Rounds and William Cleveland on the community service component in the Participation in Government Program. Piechnik discussed some of the challenges facing social studies teachers.

"In the next 10 years, more data on history and events will develop than we have accumulated since the beginning of time. It is simply not possible to stuff all of this data into a student's head," said Piechnik. "Our goal is to teach students where to find data and provide them with the skills to analyze and retain what is important."

In the presentation, it was disclosed that before the introduction of the community service component in 1994, more than 65 percent of the students were already involved in a variety of community service projects. Since then, Bethlehem 12th-graders in the program have donated 33,512 hours of community service.

"(That's) the equivalent of 16 years of community service," Piechnik said.

At least six students from the audience spoke of the rewards of

helping others and said they found community service to be a worthwhile requirement.

The next two board meetings and budget workshops are scheduled for March 5 and 12 at 8 p.m. The meeting on March 5 will discuss the budget portion relating to the kindergarten through grade 12 instructional program and equipment, and will review areas of reduction. The March 12 meeting will discuss instructional staffing and approve the annual meeting ad.

Loomis also commented on the pending bond issue.

"There are questions in the community as to why the district is proceeding with a facilities planning study when this is such a difficult budget year," he said.

Administration presentations show significant crowding in district buildings due to relentless student population growth in the district, and that growth is expected to continue.

Loomis said, "We in the district have a duty to develop plans to address the crowding and other facility issues."

Both Loomis and Steve O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business, said that it will be at least three years before the district feels any financial impact from the current study. It would take that long for the process to reach a point where construction and resulting expenses begin and those expenses would be spread out over some years.

It is possible, then, that three years down the road, economic conditions in the state could be improved with respect to annual operating budgets and state aid for school districts.

# Fuller

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a tremendous growth over 10 years," said Fuller.

While the growth may not be large scale, Fuller does acknowledge traffic has increased.

"I think it's more visible growth now. Everyone owns a car in this town, so there is a lot more traffic," said Fuller.

When asked what the future of the Route 9W corridor will be,

Fuller assured the audience the state Department of Transportation will be working on it; the question is when. The two-lane state road that stretches through Bethlehem is badly in need of repairs in many locations.

"In about 12 years they will redo Route 9W," Fuller said of her talks with DOT.

"If they're telling us 12 years today, I'm afraid it might be 20," Fuller added with a laugh.

## Delmar artist's exhibit featured at center

Mary Parrin Scott of Delmar will show monoprints and solar etchings of waterscapes and landscapes in the Visions Gallery at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany's Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Ave. in Albany.

Scott, a local potter as well as printmaker, has taught young people in many venues including the BOCES after-school program for gifted children in Saratoga and in several Rhode Island schools.

Her work has been shown most frequently in Capital District galleries and Rhode Island venues.

The show runs from March 7 through April 25, with an artist's reception on Friday, March 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Francesco Barbalace

Francesco Barbalace, 86, of Bethlehem died Tuesday, Feb. 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Italy, he came to America in 1960 and lived in the Capital District for 42 years.

Mr. Barbalace was a tailor for Wells & Coverly for 19 years before he retired.

He was a communicant of St. James Church in Albany.

He enjoyed fishing, painting and music.

Survivors include his wife, Enerjina Caiulo Barbalace; two daughters, Maria Rosa Verrelli and Rita Catalano, both of Albany; a sister, Angelina Mosca; a brother, Vincent Barbalace; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the New Comer Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206-2083.

## Mary Beecher

Mary Adelaide Ralsten Beecher, 85, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and formerly of Glenmont, died Thursday, Feb. 20.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., she was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts.

She was a laboratory

technician at The Grasslands Hospital on Long Island.

Mrs. Beecher was a homemaker. She was a volunteer for the Girls Scouts, the League of Women Voters and a Red Cross Bloodmobile volunteer. She also volunteered for the St. Peter's Hospital auxiliary.

She enjoyed tennis, bowling and golf and was active in both Normanside Country Club in Elsmere and Colonial Acres in Glenmont.

She was the widow of Dr. Theodore Smith Beecher.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Ann Gilbert of East Ship Harbour, Nova Scotia, Susan O'Shaughnessy of Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Joan McCutcheon of Augusta, Maine, and Deb Hernandez of Los Osos, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery in Amherst, Massachusetts.

## Lester VanHoesen

Lester E. VanHoesen, 75, of

Selkirk died Thursday, Feb. 20.

A native of Chatham, he was retired from state service.

Survivors include his wife, Julia VanHoesen; two sons, Tyrone VanHoesen of St. Louis, Mo. and Willie M. VanHoesen of Selkirk; a daughter, Debra VanHoesen of St. Louis; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Benjamin M. Sturgess Funeral Home in Albany.

## Janet Kempton

Janet Kempton, 88, of Albany, and a longtime summer resident of Delmar, died Thursday, Feb. 27, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Staten Island, she was a longtime resident of New Jersey and Florida.

She was the widow of William A. Kempton.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Kempton Caputo of Delmar; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Siena College Chapel in Loudonville.

Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.



Beecher

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Betty Ann Krug

Betty Ann Petrie Krug, 79, of Catskill, and formerly of Delmar, died Feb. 25.

She was the widow of Alfred Krug.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Krug Spataro of Catskill; a son, Peter Krug of Woodbourne; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Avenue at Poplar Drive, Delmar 12054.

## Alan Miner

Alan L. Miner, 62 of Fort Pierce, Fla., and formerly of Voorheesville, died Feb. 12.

Mr. Miner was a Navy veteran.

He owned and operated at bait and tackle shop.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Miner; a son, Edward Miner of Ravena; a daughter, Tamora Lydon of Ravena; a sister, Norma Colabelli of Fort Pierce; and a brother, Donald Miner of Fort Pierce.

Arrangements were by the Yates Funeral Home in Fort Pierce.

## Joseph Cormier

Joseph E. Cormier, 79, of Boonville, and formerly of Selkirk, died Saturday, March 1, at Faxton Hospital in Utica.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Cormier was a bus driver for the Glenmont Job Corps before he retired.

He was husband of the late Ellen Rocker Cormier.

Survivors include a daughter Mary Ann Recor of Boonville; two sons, William Cormier of Boonville and Mark Cormier of Moses Lake, Wash.; a brother, James Francis Cormier of Port Leyden; a sister, Evelyn Kotary of Lowville; five grandchildren; and his friend, Anna Bagley of Selkirk.

Services were from the Trainor Funeral Home and St. Joseph's Church, both in Boonville.

Spring burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Boonville Fire Co. Ambulance Fund, PO Box 164, Boonville 13309 or St. Joseph's Church Memorial Fund, 110 Charles St., Boonville 13309.

## Helen Shanley

Helen E. Shanley, 83, of Delmar died Saturday, March 1.

Born in Fall River, Mass., she was a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mrs. Shanley worked for the Bethlehem Central School District as an aide for many years.

She was the widow of James E. Shanley.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Thomas; a son, Douglas Shanley; and five grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled at 9 a.m. today, March 5, at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Spring burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund, Inc., 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, Texas 75244.

## Edward Pember

Edward H. Pember, '93, of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 28.

He was a veteran of World War II.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the General Electric Quarter Century Club, Onesquethaw Lodge No. 1096, a life member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post and a life member and former commander of the VFW Post No 3185.

He was husband of the late Lillian B. Pember.

Survivors include a sister, Edna Lee of New Berne, N.C.; and his longtime companion, Ruth M. Jorgansen.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

## Parks and rec offers basketball nights

The town of Bethlehem Department of Parks and Recreation, Bethlehem Central School District and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited are co-sponsoring open gym basketball on Friday nights for high school students.

Players meet from 8 to 11 p.m. in the high school lower gym starting March 7. Admission is \$1 per night.

## 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.

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Seth and Miriam Gilboord

## Ginsburgh, Gilboord marry

Miriam Ginsburgh, daughter of William Ginsburgh of Albany and the late Shirley Ginsburgh, and Seth Gilboord, son of Louis and Linda Gilboord of Albany, were married Aug. 11 at Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany.

Rabbi Daniel Ornstein of Congregation Ohav Shalom, Rabbi Paul Silton of Temple Israel and Cantor Daniel Chick officiated.

Deborah Mogel, sister of the bride, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Kimberly Gilboord, sister of the groom, Sara Klein, Rachel Kudrie, Andrea Rosenblatt and Karen Stroebel.

John Nicotina was best man.

Groomsmen were Steven Altmayer, Benjamin Greenblatt, Robert Pitkofsky, Mark Saltzman and Aaron Sukert.

The bride is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and The College of Saint Rose.

She works at the William K. Sanford Library in Colonie.

The groom is a graduate of Binghamton University and Albany Law School.

He is a lawyer in the state Department of Education's Office of Professional Discipline.

After a honeymoon at The Georgian in Lake George, the couple lives in Latham.

The groom's father is a longtime teacher at Bethlehem Central High School.

## Dean's List

### Boston University

Meredith Bentley of Voorheesville.

### Brandeis University

Judith Mark of Delmar.

### Bryant & Stratton Business Institute

Robert Campbell of Glenmont and Zoia Pearson and Minghui Zhu, both of Delmar.

### Colgate University

Elizabeth Drake of Slingerlands.

### Green Mountain College

Laura Curtis of Delmar, president's list.

### Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Jessica Menrath of Glenmont.

### SUNY Cobleskill

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### SUNY Cortland

Stephanie Halbedel of Delmar.

### SUNY Oswego

President's list — Sarah Szczech of Delmar, James McGinty of Glenmont and Jon Dufort of Slingerlands.

Dean's list — Meghan Morris and Julie Silverstein, both of Delmar; Elizabeth Vincent of Glenmont; and Lisa Murray of Selkirk.

### Valparaiso University

Alyssa Johansen of Slingerlands.

## BCHS graduate wins competition

Sarah Richardson of Delmar is a winner of the Young Artists Concerto Competition sponsored by the Durham Symphony Orchestra. Richardson, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a clarinet performance major. She recently performed the first movement of Carl Maria von Weber's Clarinet Concerto No. 1 with the Durham Symphony Orchestra.

## Slingerlands man named to board

Abraham Lackman of Slingerlands has been named to the board of directors of Northeast Health, a regional, comprehensive nonprofit network of health care, supportive housing and community services. Lackman is president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities.



Kelly Kearney and Stephen Deitz Jr.

## Kearney, Deitz to wed

Kelly Kearney, daughter of John and Carol Kearney of Ravena, and Stephen Deitz Jr., son of Stephen and Rosemarie Deitz of Selkirk, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School and Siena College.

She works for the New York

State Funeral Directors Association in Albany and is a student at Sage Graduate School.

The future groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School and Hudson Valley Community College.

He works for VP Mechanical in Nassau.

A fall wedding is planned.

## Lawless, Myers engaged

Jamie Lawless, daughter of Nancy Lawless of Colonie and Rick and Sharon Lawless of Slingerlands, and Ronny Myers Jr., son of Edna and Mark Hichman of Scotia and Ronny and Linda Myers of Schenectady, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of

Colonie High School.

She is a senior accounts clerk for Otto Oldsmobile in Colonie.

The future groom is a graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School.

He is a receiving clerk for Adirondack Tire in Colonie.

An Aug. 2 wedding is planned.

## Supreme Court judge receives award

The Hon. Bernard J. Malone Jr. of Bethlehem has received the Felix J. Aulisi Award from the Capital District affiliate of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association.

Malone was honored for his respect for the rights of litigants and attorneys who appear before him. He is a Supreme Court justice in Albany.

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# Community Corner



## Glenmont School to host craft fair

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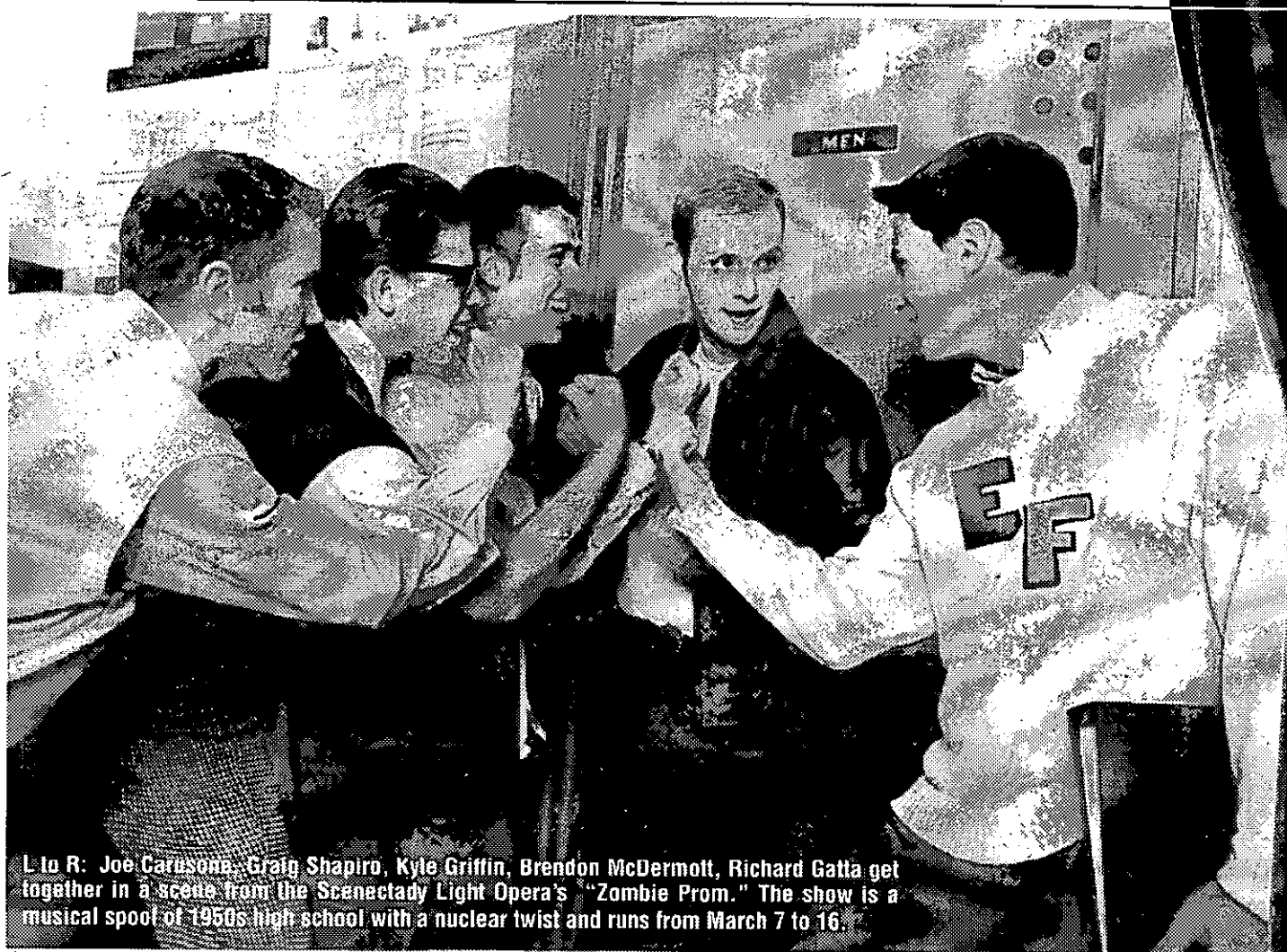
More than 50 crafters from the Northeast will display and sell a wide variety of hand-crafted wares, including wood, pottery, jewelry, glass and edible goods.

Admission is free. Lunch and snacks will be sold throughout the day.

There will also be a special kids craft area.

The school is on Route 9W in Glenmont.

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L to R: Joe Carosone, Craig Shapiro, Kyle Griffin, Brendon McDermott, Richard Gatta get together in a scene from the Schenectady Light Opera's "Zombie Prom." The show is a musical spoof of 1950s high school with a nuclear twist and runs from March 7 to 16.

# March brings flurry of activity to local stages

By DEV TOBIN

After a lull in February, area stages — professional, community, college and even high school — are cranking up for a busy March with a wide variety of offerings.

Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany will present "Driving Miss Daisy," Alfred Uhry's odd-couple comedy about a Southern gentle lady and her black chauffeur that was the subject of an Academy-Award-winning movie starring Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman.

"Driving Miss Daisy" opens in previews on March 7, 8, 9 and 11. It will run through April 6. Show times are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8, Saturday at 4 and 8:30 and Sunday at 2:30.

The theatre is at 111 N. Pearl St. Tickets are \$23 and \$28 for previews, \$30 to \$38 for the regular run.

For information or reservations, call 445-7469.

Capital Rep will also present a special performance of "Harriet Returns to Us" about anti-slavery activist Harriet Tubman, on Saturday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 apiece or \$40 for four. The one-woman show will also play at several schools in the Capital District, part of Capital Rep's One the Go School Tour program.

The Schenectady Light Opera Company will present "Zombie Prom," a musical spoof of 1950s high school with a nuclear twist.

Performances, in the company's opera house at 826 State St., are March 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and March 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18, \$9 for children under 13. For information, call 393-5732.

"Queen Of Leenane" on weekends, March 7 to 23, at the playhouse at 235 Second Ave.

Fittingly for March, the comedy/drama about a mother and her spinster daughter is set in rural Ireland.

Tickets are \$12. For information, call 462-1297.

Schenectady Civic Players will present "Veronica's Room," an Ira Levin thriller about mistaken identity, on weekends from March 21 to March 30.

Performances are in the playhouse at 12 S. Church St. Tickets are \$12. For reservations, call 382-2081.

The avant-garde Fovea Floods troupe will present "Paul Pry," an imaginative take on the Snow Queen story, through March 30, at Saratoga Stages in the BOCES Education

Center, Henning Road, Saratoga Springs.

Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students. For information, call 581-8587.

Albany's Palace Theatre was refurbished recently in part to bring in larger touring theatrical shows, and will have two this month featuring established stage/movie stars.

"On Golden Pond," starring Jack Klugman, will play the Palace on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., and



Miss Daisy (Lois Markle) discovers her chauffeur, Hoke Coleburn (Larry Marshall) can't read in a scene from Cap Rep's production of "Driving Miss Daisy."

Curtain Call Theatre at 210 Old Loudon Road in Latham features the Harold Pinter reverse chronology classic "Betrayal" through March 16.

The play tells the story of a romantic triangle from end to beginning.

Performances are Wednesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$15. For information, call 877-7529.

Albany Civic Theater will present Martin McDonagh's "The Beauty

"Some Like It Hot," starring Tony Curtis, will be there on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 26, at 2 to 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 465-4663.

The Egg at Empire State Plaza will host a performance of "The Mikado" by the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players, the nation's premier Gilbert & Sullivan troupe, on March 7 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$32, \$28 for seniors and students, \$8 for children. For information, call 473-1845.

At the end of the month, the New York State Theatre Institute brings veteran Broadway actress Lorraine Serabian, one of its favorite guest artists from New York City, back for star turn in "Master Class," Terence McNally's Tony Award-winning play about opera diva Maria Callas teaching at the Juilliard School of Music.

The play runs through April 6 at the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy. Tickets are \$19, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children under 13. For reservations, call 274-3256.



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DRIVING MISS DAISY
Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 6, \$30 to \$38.

BETRAYAL
Pinter drama, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through March 16, \$15.

ZOMBIE PROM
Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., weekends through March 16, \$18, \$9 for children under 13.

THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE
Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, weekends through March 23, \$12.

THE MIKADO
New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players production, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 7, 8 p.m., \$32, \$28 for seniors, \$16 for children.

Music

THE CHIEFTAINS
with Allison Moorer, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 6, 8 p.m., \$29, \$36 and \$39.

ALTAN
Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 7, 8 p.m., \$21 and \$24.

JOHN GORKA
Eighth Step concert at St. Joseph's Hall, Albany, March 7, 8 p.m., \$17.

MARY BLACK
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 9, 7 p.m., \$24.

ALBANY PRO MUSICA
From the Ridiculous to the Sublime choral concert, March 9 at 3 p.m. at St. James Church in Chatham, \$20, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students.

RONAN TYNAN
one of Three Irish Tenors, College of Saint Rose, Albany, March 10, 7:30 p.m., \$35 and \$75.

ROBERT HUNTER
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 13, 7:30 p.m., \$24.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
American Music Festival concert, featuring works by Torke, Creston and Barber, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 14, 8 p.m., \$17, \$29 and \$36.

THE WHOLE SHEBANG
Eamon's, 151 Menand Road, Loudonville, March 14, 8 p.m., \$12.

MIKE SMITH
The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, March 15, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$25.

MARSHALL TUCKER BAND
Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, March 15, 8 p.m., \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door.

ANI DIFRANCO
with Hamell on Trial, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 15, 8 p.m., \$28.50.

MIDORI
with pianist Robert McDonald, playing works by Grieg, Schnittke, Webern and Beethoven, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, March 15, 8 p.m., \$25.

DANU
Old Songs concert at Altamont Masonic Hall, Route 146, March 15, 8 p.m., \$21.

Dance

HUBBARD STREET DANCE CHICAGO
Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 7, 8 p.m., \$29, \$32 and \$34.

RONALD K. BROWN/EVIDENCE
modern dance troupe, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 14, 8 p.m., \$24, \$20 for seniors, \$12 for children under 13.

Family Fun

CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARXER
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 9, 2 p.m., \$8.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM
The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response; Burgess Shale; Evolution's Big Bang, through March 12;

Once Upon a Time: Fiction and Fantasy in Contemporary Art from the Whitney Museum, through March 9; Paul Robeson: Spirit of a Culture, through March 23; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART
exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave.

SCENECTADY MUSEUM
Spirit of Schenectady and Collection Highlights, Noll Terrace Heights.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES
161 Washington Ave., Country Trash: New Works by Stephen V. Martonis, through April 4.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY
Albany-Shaker-Road, Colonie, "Show Off," artwork and ephemera from 57 upstate museums and historic sites, through April 30, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

YATES GALLERY
at Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville,

works by Gina Occhiogrosso, through March 19. Information, 783-2517.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY
961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Winter Blues," through April 30, Wednesday to Sunday.

Call for Artists

SINGERS NEEDED
for April 13 "Messiah" concert, rehearsals on Fridays at 7 p.m. at Loudonville Community Church, 374 Loudon Road.

CHORUS AUDITIONS
for Lake George Opera summer season, March 9, 1 to 5 p.m., Room 116 of Skidmore College Music Building, Saratoga Springs.

AUDITION
for high school and college students for "Alice Blue Alice," a new musical at the New York State Theatre Institute's summer program, March 15, 4 to 6 p.m., Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College.

ARTISTS WANTED
exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
openings in the string, horn and percussion sections.

COLONIE TOWN BAND
several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR
openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS
openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Altamont Village Hall.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS
openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show

rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOR
rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir.

ANNIE SCHAFFER ORCHESTRA
openings in the string section, rehearsals Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to noon, Noll Terrace and Eastern Avenue.

MALE SINGERS NEEDED
for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway.

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.

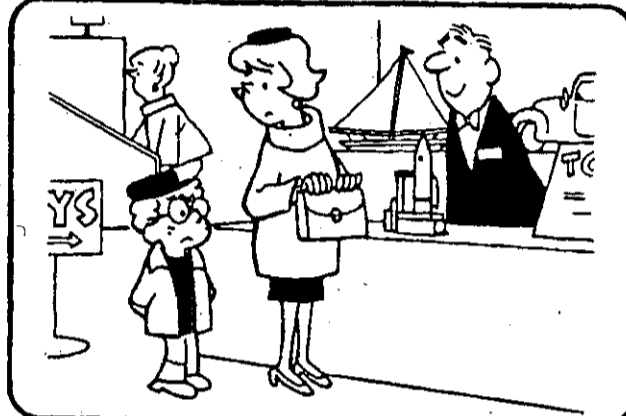
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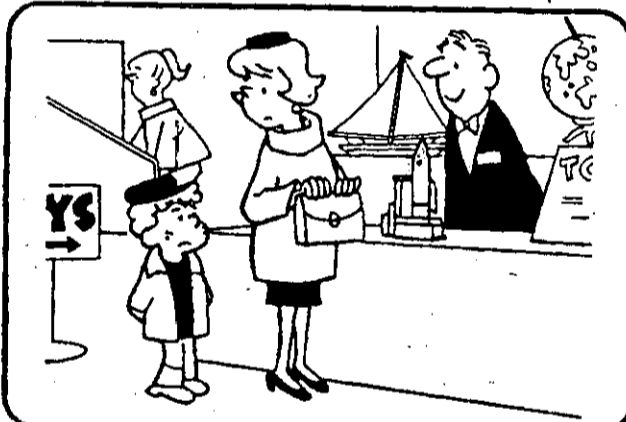
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The Super CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1 Mr. Diller, 5 Domino or Waller, 9 It may be strapless, 12 Request an encore, 16 Done, 17 Rock's Quiet —, 18 Jagger and Jones, 20 Snapshot, 21 Mediterranean port, 22 Actress Paquin, 23 Home, to Hopalong?, 24 Poet Conrad, 25 Escalator stocks, 29 Exhausted, 31 Aye opponent, 32 "Bolero" composer, 33 Pigeon English?, 34 "Angela's Ashes" sequel, 36 Dandy dude?, 37 "I could — horse!", 38 Read quickly, 42 Mining shares, 46 Tolkien creation, 48 Neighbor of Tenn., 49 Notes from Verdi?, 50 Noun suffix, 51 "The Simpsons" character, 53 Propelled a shell, 55 First name in art, 58 Hitching post?, 60 Fleet, 61 Boxer Norton, 62 Ferrat's foot, 63 Bandleader Lyman, 64 Despot, 66 List entry, 67 Diaper stocks, 71 Mook, 74 Pole star?, 75 Daniel — Lewis, 76 Diving bird, 77 Comic Philips, 80 Physicist Fermi, 82 Surrealist Max, 84 Chorus, 86 Playground feature, 87 Actress Susan, 88 Flicka's food, 89 Wood, 90 Chinese export, 91 Mouth piece?, 94 Cutlery shares, 99 Active volcano, 101 Some computers, 103 Chanteuse Lemper, 104 Cobb and Hardin, 105 '75 Abba tune, 106 Polish coin, 108 One — million, 109 Like a hot fudge sundae, 111 Barbell stocks, 118 Actor Warner, 119 Cold sound, 120 Bronte heroine, 121 Crazy Victorian wit, 125 Cut, 127 — J. Pakula, 128 Spirit, 129 Baseball's Sammy, 130 Farm feature, 131 Tardy, 132 Barber's cry, 3 Pince —, 4 Singer Slick, 5 Overwrought, 6 "— No Sunshine" (71 hit), 7 Author Morrison, 8 Mikita or Musial, 9 Like some eyes, 10 Rave's partner, 11 With 69 Down, fluffy feline, 12 Flu symptom, 13 Valhalla villain, 14 "— o'clock scholar", 15 Cornmeal concoction, 18 Stargazed, 19 Hardly hyper, 20 New York university, 26 Aware of, 27 Textbook heading, 28 Writer Hunter, 29 Posh party, 30 Elixir, 33 Teacher's aid, 35 Logging-camp feature, 36 Provost of "Lassie", 37 Compassion, 39 Metal measure, 40 — la Cite, 41 Lady of the house, 43 Fled, 44 Start to cry?, 45 — bran, 47 Rocky hill, 52 — Major, 54 In the trick of, 56 Gibbon or gorilla, 57 Stallone, 58 — Dhabi, 59 — a hand (aids), 60 Press one's point, 63 Poppins' portrayer, 65 Equity expert, 67 Actor Wallace, 68 Enraged, 69 See 11 Down, 70 Just manage, with "out", 71 "Beau —" ('39 film), 72 Cove, 73 Jones of the Stones, 77 Slip by, 78 Tennis great Gardner, 79 Accepts authority, 81 "Aladdin" frame, 83 Carrie or Louis, 84 Opening, 85 EMT's skill, 88 Shade, 92 "— Fire" ('85 hit), 93 Turkish titles, 95 "Guys and Dolls" author, 96 Coup d'—, 97 Cleanliness role, 98 "Unto us — is given", 100 Schedule, 102 People from Prague, 107 Take a taxi, 108 Tower material?, 110 Brash Nash, 111 Tiers, 112 Gallimaufry, 113 Maglie and Mineo, 114 "Cat on — Tin Roof", 115 Actual, 116 Auel heroine, 117 "Confound it!", 122 Stout relative, 123 Send out a page, 124 Big bang letters

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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

To update or correct calendar listings, call 439-4949, ext. 27.

## Wed. 3/5

### BETHLEHEM

#### OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

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

#### BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

#### 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

1016 River Road (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

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### 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. 3/6

### 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, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

### 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.

#### KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Bethlehem Preschool, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 4-6 pm. Information, 463-8091.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

A service supported by area Reformed churches to provide clothing to those in need; volunteers welcome. Clarksville Reformed Church, Route 443, Clarksville, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Information, 768-2916 or 439-5400.

## Fri. 3/7

### 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.

#### "A LITTLE SUNDAY MUSIC"

Jack Kelle Trio; Kelle on drums, Richard Downs on bass, Leo Russo on sax, jazz standards. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

#### 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.

#### FRIDAY FISH FRY

Eat-in or take-out, New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., Route 85A, 4:30-7 p.m. Information 765-2231.

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool Storytime, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:15 am. No signup necessary.

## Sat. 3/8

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779. March 8

#### CRAFT FAIR

Glenmont Elementary School Craft Fair, Route 9W, Glenmont, Info 475-0240

#### TREE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

A look at common native trees, some not-so-common exotics, and methods and books useful in identification. Five

Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

## Sun. 3/9

### BETHLEHEM

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.  
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.  
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.  
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.  
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.  
Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem.  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.  
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.  
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.  
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.  
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.  
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.  
Normanside Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710.  
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.  
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.  
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.  
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265;  
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.  
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.  
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.  
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.  
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.  
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.  
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.  
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.  
Onesquehaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.  
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.  
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.  
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.  
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

## Mon. 3/10

### BETHLEHEM

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed

Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

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.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool Storytime, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:15 am. No signup necessary.

## Tues. 3/11

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, 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

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool Storytime, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:15 am. No signup necessary.

## Wed. 3/12

### BETHLEHEM

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### 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.

#### BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

#### NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Bethlehem Public Library, "Nonfictionados" will meet to discuss *An Unexpected Light: Travels in Afghanistan*, 7 pm, Call 439-9314 to register.

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### TOWN COUNCIL

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

#### 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.

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool Storytime, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:15 am. No signup necessary.

## Thurs. 3/13

### 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, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

#### 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 LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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

#### BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

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

#### AA MEETINGS

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

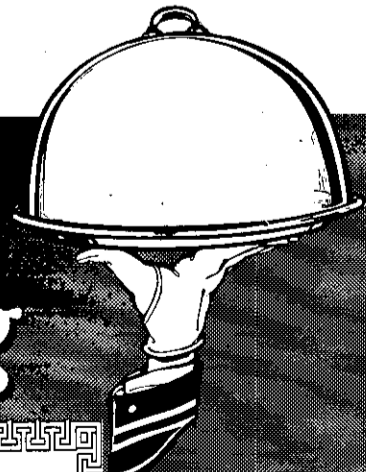
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#### POETS SUPPORT GROUP

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets & Writers Support Group, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m.



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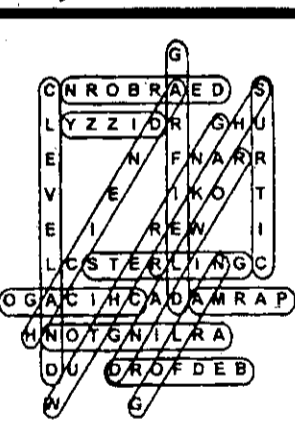
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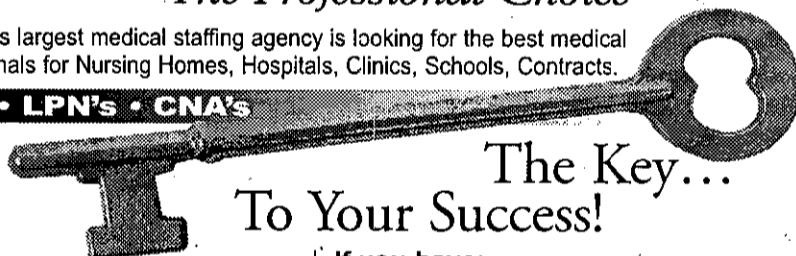
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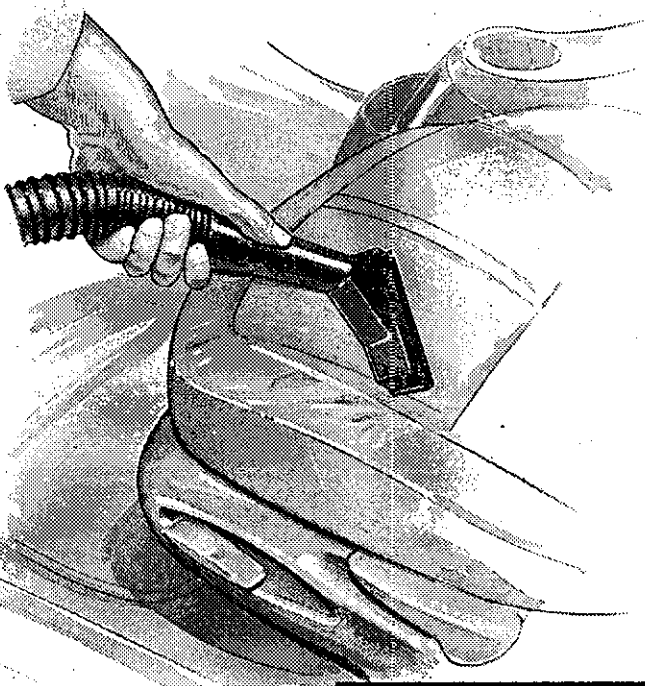
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water spotting, dry with a chamois or other product made for this purpose.

Now is an excellent time for waxing, which not only protects the finish but it also makes subsequent washing easier. Before proceeding, look for foreign particles on the paint. Use a car cleaner, available at auto



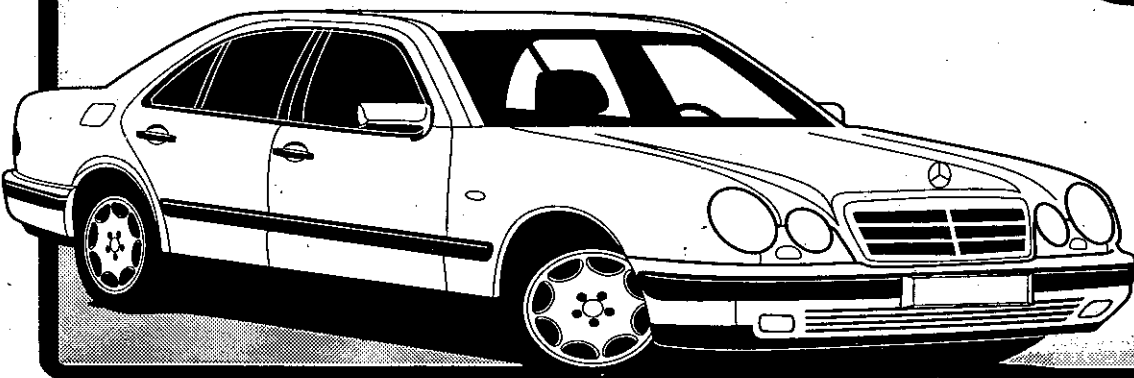
supply stores, to remove contaminants imbedded in the paint. Once the surface is clean, apply the wax, following the manufacturer's instructions for application of the product.

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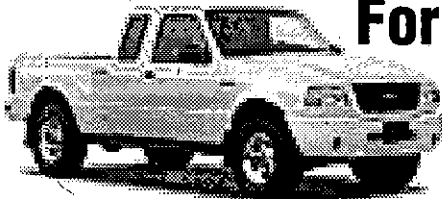
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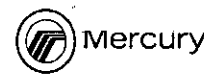
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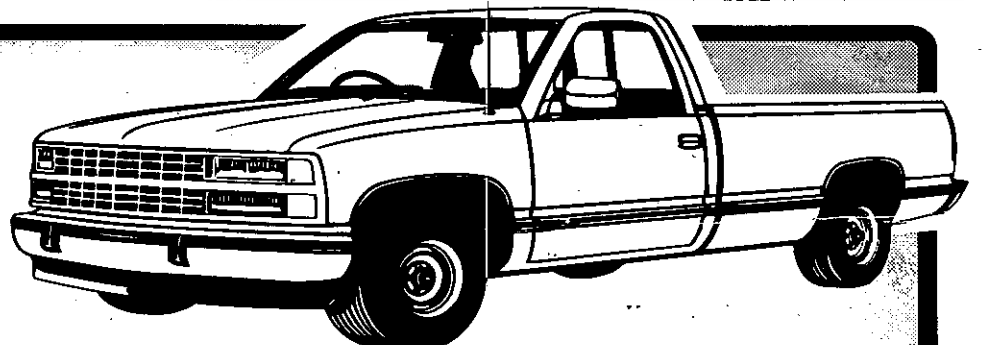


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# Residents upset over Maher Road plan Wild

By KRISTEN OLBY

If the Slingerlands Bypass Extension is approved as designed, Maher Road will become a four-way intersection in the middle of a busy highway without a traffic light.

That doesn't sit well with more than 500 Bethlehem residents who have signed a petition calling for the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to re-evaluate its plan. The DOT proposal would extend Route 85, known as the Slingerlands bypass, creating a four-lane highway with a speed limit of 45 mph near Maher Road.

"We are gravely concerned that the Maher Road intersection will become a death trap," said Dr. Donald Hernandez of Maher Road, who led a petition and letter-writing campaign opposing the decision. The petition was presented to the DOT, town, county and state officials last week.

With two children of his own and roughly a half-dozen others living on the street, Hernandez

believes crossing this divided highway will be a life threatening spot not only for cars and pedestrians but also for school buses.

"Our first concern is with the safety of the children," Hernandez said.

Each school day, approximately seven buses with children on board enter and exit the street, according to the Bethlehem Central Transportation Department.

"In the absence of a traffic signal, how many deaths to children or adults would the state consider the minimum necessary to justify adding a traffic light?" asked Hernandez.

The DOT guidelines for installing traffic signals specify at least five accidents involving cars hit while crossing the highway would need to occur at the intersection within 12 months before the department would be prompted to re-evaluate its decision.

"Installation of a signal because of one spectacular, or highly publicized, accident is not

justified," according to the guidelines.

"We're just a little hesitant to put in a signal that will be stopping people on a main road that's supposed to be a bypass," said Mark Pyskadlo, a DOT traffic safety engineer working on the proposal.

The intersection also doesn't meet the volume guidelines that warrant installing a light. Maher Road fails to meet the requirement of 150 cars using the road each hour for at least eight hours a day. Based on the number of cars traveling the highway, traffic engineers believe there will be adequate time to turn.

"A traffic signal will tend to create rear-end type accidents," said Pyskadlo, who stands by his decision that a light is not warranted.

But it appears the 500 signatures may convince the department to take another look at its plan.

"I believe they will re-evaluate the situation," said project manager Rob Cherry of DOT. "It's been very rare in my 20 years with the department that decisions like this are overturned."

The department will continue to evaluate the proposal and respond to comments from the public.

Hernandez has vowed not to give up the fight easily. "It may be rare but we're going to keep after them," he said.

Opponents still have time — construction on the highway isn't slated to begin until spring 2006.

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floor general Keyhana Wakefield.

"We had focused in practice on keeping Keyhana, their point guard, under control," said Wise. "She's a real keeper. But I thought if we could shut her down, we could run our game. Sarah Homer did a fantastic job of checking her."

Late in the first quarter, Homer stripped Wakefield of the ball; two offensive rebounds later, Kelly poked it home. And two series later, Kaity Conklin, off the bench, repeated the theft, and Kelly finished with a trey at the buzzer to make it 18-10.

The pattern established, it continued in the second quarter; a three from Emily Bongo, a theft and layup by Homer, second and third efforts underneath by Kelly and Eagle center Kaitlin Foley. Reilly, with 11 points, was Maginn's only effective first-half weapon, though Wakefield and backcourt mate Tadj Williams did make a frantic effort in the last three minutes to get something going. But Wakefield's attempted three, with the shot-clock winding down and under 4 seconds to play, clanged off the rim.

The momentum shifted in the second half as Maginn went on a 16-4 run. Reilly clogged up Foley's path to the rim underneath and Wakefield, Reilly and Jaclyn Cahill all nailed threes.

"We knew they were going to come out and come back at us," said Kelly. "They're not a team to let go. And we were having a little trouble finding the open man."

"They did a great job of getting back into the game," said Wise. "We started to get a little bit timid, trying not to lose the game."

Wakefield's lay-in with 1:29 remaining made it 39-36. A back-and-forth scramble ensued that finally ended when Homer picked off Wakefield again and found Kelly with an outlet that she converted to a last-second layup to end the quarter.

An insurance bucket by Jamie Mooney on the first series of the final quarter proved critical, as Maginn then mounted another comeback. Reilly went on offense, opening up more room underneath for Foley, who canned a beautiful hook less than a minute in to make it 45-38, and added another barely a minute later. But on the other end, Reilly made both halves of a one-and-one, then added a bucket and a trey with Foley in her face. With Williams also chipping in at the line, it was 49-48 with a minute and a half to go.

Kelly then came to the rescue, working the clock, and drawing Williams into a foul that reset it. Under a minute, "Kaitlin (Foley) made a backdoor cut," said Wise, "and Sarah Homer hit her under the basket for a layup."

That proved to be the back-breaker as a flustered Maginn bricked on several succeeding attempts.

"When they couldn't get their shot off, they had no choice but to foul us, but we made them," Wise said. Cahill's long three attempt with time running out failed.

Along with Wakefield (11 points), Reilly (23), Colonie's Erin Murphy and CCHS' Megan Kimmey, Foley, who finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, joined MVP Kelly (15 points, 5 rebounds) on the all-tournament squad. Homer had 10 points and 7 rebounds, and Mooney, with only 6 points, was tops off the boards with 12. Bongo added 7 points. The Griffs' Williams had 10 points and 10 boards in the losing effort.

"It was a tough call to pick an all-star team," Wise said. "They could have picked any of us. I though the girls really hustled well."

"Just awesome," Foley said. "Everything we did this season has just been building to this. There aren't even words to describe the experience."

Not even bedlam? "We're trying to get a fan bus to go out to Liverpool with us," said Wise. "Hopefully they'll fill that up. We'd love to have everyone there and to come back here for the finals."

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