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Major changes at Delaware Plaza

By Ann Treadway

Seven new stores are expected to open for business at Delaware Plaza by next spring, including Flah's, Country Curtain and Fashion Bug.

The new stores are part of a major upgrading of the Elsmere shopping center made possible by the availability of space and the expiration of old leases, according to one of the plaza's owners.

Flah's, Country Curtain and Fashion Bug will be located side-by-side in the space to be vacated by Grand Union when it moves across the plaza to assume the "anchor" position once held by Denby's.

The identities of the other four will be announced when negotiations now being conducted by the owners, HMC Associates, are completed. Three of them will occupy quarters now being constructed adjacent, on the south side, to the new Grand Union.

The fourth will take over the space now occupied by the Elsmere branch of Key Bank — which is moving into the building facing Delaware Avenue that most recently housed a Color Your World outlet. Bank plans call for landscaping of its new office exterior and a drive-in window.

The new, expanded Grand Union will open "sometime in February," according to a store official. Allowing time for partitioning and renovation work, the three stores moving into the old supermarket space will probably open their doors in April or May.

Flah's at Delaware Plaza will offer both women's and men's clothing, women's shoes and cosmetics. Country Curtain, opening a second store due to its success at Wolf Road Park, features "soft" home accessories, such as curtains and towels. Fashion Bug, already doing business at New Loudon Center in Latham, is a clothing shop catering to young women.

All of these moves and additions at the plaza, together with rehabilitation work that has already begun and will continue after the holidays, should bring about "a major change" in the Elsmere shopping center's atmosphere and appeal, in the view of Norris MacFarland.

He and his partner, state Senator Howard Nolan, as HMC Associates have owned the Plaza and the property directly across Delaware Avenue — a total of about 17 acres — since 1974. The original developers of the plaza, Murray-Simon, signed on the center's first merchants in the early 1960's.

"The plaza is now in its 21st year," MacFarland said recently, "so many of the original 20-year leases are expiring, and this gives us the chance to make some real changes and improvements."

According to MacFarland, the recent *Spotlight* survey inviting local residents to make suggestions for the Plaza has



Delaware Plaza hasn't seen many changes in the last decade; shoppers have some pleasant surprises in store, say the owners. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

been heeded. "That's why we have Flah's coming in," he said.

Many who responded to the survey wanted a movie theater to replace the present Grand Union, and MacFarland said, "We tried, but we couldn't interest anyone in that." Two or three of the largest theater chains did studies of the site, he said, but apparently concluded it was "too expensive a proposition."

The rehabilitation work that has been done at the Plaza this fall includes the installation of new, energy-efficient lighting and re-striping of the parking lot to allow space for about 60 more cars. Lighting has also been installed in the parking area behind the Plaza and store employees are now required to park there, freeing up even more space for shoppers.

Within the next few months, MacFarland said, new "signage" will be in place throughout the Plaza. "We're going to reduce the number of signs, clean up the canopies, and give the whole place a nicer character," he said.

HMC Associates is responsible for the outside decor of the shopping center, according to MacFarland, and with new leases now being signed, the management company is requiring extensive refurbishing of store premises.

The demise of both Denby's and Donnelly's Shoes, together with the lease expirations, "gave us the chance to play checker," MacFarland said, obviously pleased about the outcome he foresees.

Two store changes that took place just this month promise to be popular, he pointed out. The Plaza Liquor Store moved on Nov. 5 to the much larger location vacated by Brooks Drugs when the latter took over the Plaza Pharmacy. And a State Photo outlet has already opened in the former liquor store, next to the Kay-Bee Toy and Hobby Shop.

An earlier move was welcomed by both merchants and *(Turn to Page 3)*

VOORHEESVILLE

Library plans new addition

By Tom Howes

For an organization already sensitive to tax rates and bottom lines, the prospect of adding a nearly \$400,000 budget item raises eyebrows. But if the Voorheesville Public Library is to proceed with plans to expand, the Voorheesville School Board may be legally required to add that cost to the school district budget.

Library board President Wyman Osterhout and Village Attorney Don Meacham (here representing the library) laid the blueprints for an expanded library facility before the school board Monday night. The first such expansion since the library moved to its current location on Main St. in 1950, Osterhout's plan calls for a two-floor structure with a large community room and a \$35,000 elevator. The addition would double square footage and provide a 60 percent increase in shelf space. Osterhout has "agreed in principal to purchase an approximately 35 by 60 ft. tract of land from Peter Luczak between Main and Pleasant Sts., according to Luczak.

Osterhout had hoped the library board could proceed with a public hearing and bonding vote on its own, but learned the board had no power to do so. Although the library board is a separate governing body that determines its own budget and tax rate, its operating funds — library *(Turn to Page 7)*

BETHLEHEM

Budget passes, tax rate drops

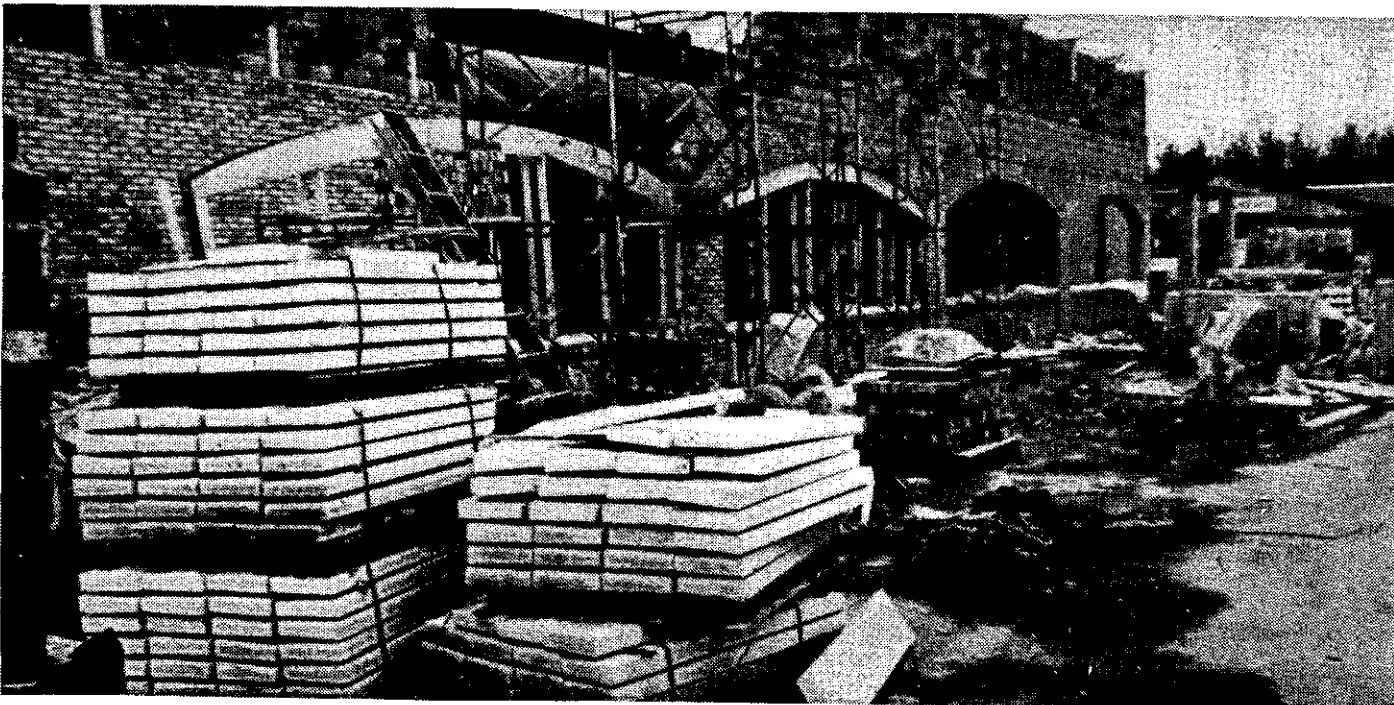
The Bethlehem Town Board has adopted the 1984 budget, in the process lowering the property tax rate another 60 cents and challenging the county not to push it back up.

Meeting in special session Wednesday, the board agreed to increase the town's anticipated revenue from the county sales tax by \$50,000, from \$1.95 million to an even \$2 million. That means that the property tax rate will be \$26.66 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, instead of the \$27.26 per \$1,000 proposed earlier by Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

Councilman W. Scott Prothero proposed the new figure based on "conversations" he said he has had with county officials indicating that sales tax revenue will be substantially higher this year than anticipated, and the expectation that the trend will continue. (Corrigan had anticipated \$1.75 million in sales tax revenue for this year, and the town has already received \$1.43 million in the first three quarters.)

Prothero also proposed that the board "strongly oppose" the proposal by County Executive James Coyne to change the property tax distribution formula. The formula now sends 40 percent of the revenue to the cities and towns, with the county keeping 60 percent. Coyne is proposing a 61-39 split (see page 8).

"I think the mayor of Albany will be an ally," remarked Bernard Kaplowitz, who *(Turn to Page 3)*



Grand Union's move to what used to be the Denby's building opens up other space at Delaware Plaza.

Debate continues on Liebich site

By Vincent Potenza

The controversy over the rezoning request for the Liebich-property on the corner of Delaware Ave. between Herrick Ave. and Groesbeck Pl. remained unresolved before the Bethlehem Planning Board last week as board members and area residents both debated and commiserated over the issues involved.

The first such issue surrounding the request by over 200 area residents in a petition to the town board for a change in zone at the site from CC to CCC-commercial was that of spot zoning. All the surrounding stretch of Delaware Ave., with the exception of the Elsmere Elementary School, which is adjacent to the site, is zoned CC-commercial, to a depth of some 225 feet on the same side of Delaware and to a much greater depth on the other.

Board attorney Earl Jones attempted to clarify the issue by preparing a summary of court decisions on just what constitutes spot zoning, copies of which he passed out to board members and the audience. In essence, the summary said that spot zoning constituted changing the zoning of a particular parcel to either the benefit or detriment of the owner without regard to the use of the surrounding area or the general zoning plan of the town, if one exists.

The rezoning request, residents had earlier said, was the result of rumors that a fast-food type restaurant was planned for the site, and the requested CCC designation would disallow such a use.

Edward Kleinke, the board's planning consultant, addressed just such a scenario at the request of Chairman Charles Redmond. Kleinke said that a Burger King building such as the one that had been proposed near the Delaware Plaza some years ago would be about 3,300 square feet in size, and that the smallest he could find in the area was about 3,000 square feet. The site near the plaza, he said, was some 50,000 square feet in size, but the corner now in question had only 37,000 square feet in the commercial zone. Another 7,400 square feet, he said, are in a residential district and could not be counted.

Figuring the amount of parking spaces required for each square foot of the restaurant devoted to patron use (one per 50), Kleinke continued, the largest Burger King style of restaurant he could fit into the space available and still leave room for access and setbacks was one of about 2,500 to 2,600 square feet. "Most franchise restaurants are in a higher level of structure size and seating capacity," he said.

Did that rule out the possibility of a

Burger King on the site? When a resident suggested that the proposed change in zone wouldn't harm the owners because a Burger King couldn't fit on the site anyway, the answer came back from Redmond and Kleinke: "We didn't say that."

"Maybe we went about this the wrong way," said Craig Henrikson, one of the petitioners, "but the planning board should take this case and perhaps use it as a way to examine land usage of the whole area. And let's see if we can do something."

"Delaware Ave. is a problem," admitted Redmond.

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"Wait a minute," board member John LaForte said at one point. "Just what is it about Delaware Ave. that you people don't like? Specifically."

Traffic was mentioned. "That's not up to us, the state determines that," board member Warren Kullman said.

"We should have a sign ordinance," one resident said.

"We do have a sign ordinance," came the reply from the board, almost in unison.

The lack of trees and an excess of asphalt was mentioned.

Douglas Zeno, vice president of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association, said the board seemed to pay too much attention to irrelevant details and not enough attention to more important issues. "What about that barn that was tacked onto the bank near the plaza?" he asked. "We should have some students from RPI come out and examine all the different styles of architecture possible — on one building. This is supposed to be a planning board," he continued. "Not an after-the-fact board."

LaForte thanked everyone for their input.

Sandi Hackman, of the Upper Delaware Neighborhood Association, then readdressed the Liebich property in particular. "Is the amount of space in the residential zone large enough to accommodate a residence?" she asked.

Building Inspector John Flanigan said no, because the zoning there is AA-residential.

"Well then what's to stop the owners from going to the town board of appeals and asking for a variance to use that land for commercial use and thereby enlarge the commercial space to 44,400 square feet?" she asked. That would significantly alter Kleinke's calculations, she said.

"They wouldn't get it," Flanigan said. "There would be no hardship because that piece was zoned that way when they bought it."

The possibility of a bar on the site was raised. "Didn't (Bethlehem Central School District Lawrence) Zinn send a letter to you about that other place, that's even further away from the elementary school, being too close?" one resident asked.

"That wasn't this board," Flanigan said. "That was the alcoholic board (state Liquor Authority). And I wrote one, too. They said it didn't matter."

After reminding everyone that the planning board would still have the power of site plan approval for the site, Redmond asked if any of the board members present would like to make a recommendation on the rezoning request.

LaForte noted that two board members, Marcia Nelson and T.E. Mulligan, were absent. He made a motion to defer the decision until the board's next meeting on Dec. 6. The motion passed.

In other business, the board held a public hearing for building project approval of the proposed Eastmount subdivision, 57 duplexes to be located off Blessing Rd. in a planned residence district. No one spoke in opposition to the proposal.

The board also conditionally approved the proposed Tudor Estates subdivision, three lots to be located off Westphal Dr., Delmar.

Indicted for forgery

Regina Love, 28, of Albany, also known as Regina Bell, was indicted by an Albany County grand jury on felony charges of forgery, second degree, and criminal possession of a forged instrument after charges were filed by Bethlehem police. The woman allegedly passed stolen and forged checks in August and September. Police agencies in Colonie, Guilderland and Albany cooperated in the investigation.

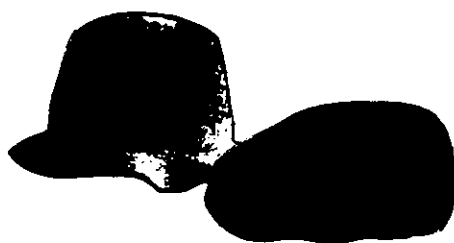
Bicycle taken

A bicycle valued at \$300 was stolen Saturday from the unlocked garage of a home on McGuffy Lane, Delmar. The bicycle is registered.

Pistol missing

A North Bethlehem man told police a .38-caliber revolver was stolen from his dresser drawer sometime last week. Bethlehem police are pursuing leads in the case.

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□ Plaza plans additions, changes

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management as a boon to the tight parking situation: the OTB is now situated behind the southeast corner of the plaza. OTB patrons are inclined to "stick around for a few hours," according to Delaware Plaza Merchants Association President Dick Matarrese, and now they park in the back so there are more front parking spots available for shoppers on tighter schedules.

Matarrese, co-owner of both McBoogie's Gameroom and the Paper Mill, is just as enthusiastic as MacFarland about the changes now taking place at Delaware Plaza.

"We're clearly on the move here," he said, "and it looks like 1984 will be terrific."

Last spring, the Merchants Association decided to establish a board of directors in an effort to be more efficient. "With everybody always meeting as one big group, we tended to have chaos," Matarrese said.

His fellow board members are Reuben Alfred of Alfred's Fabrics, vice president; Joan O'Sullivan of Key Bank, secretary; Jerry Austin of McBoogie's, treasurer, and Rob Geyer of Albany Savings Bank.

The board of directors coordinates advertising campaigns, works with community groups to plan special programs, and negotiates as a group with MacFarland and Nolan, after listening to all the storeowners' opinions and consolidating them into agreed-upon positions. The negotiating is not, in Matarrese's opinion, a difficult task.

"They're good businessmen and nice people, and we get results," he said.

In a separate conversation, MacFarland defined his management policy as "helping the plaza merchants do as much business as possible." During his current "checkers game," he said, he has also tried to bring in the kinds of businesses the community needs and wants.

Although MacFarland lives in Slingerlands and his family patronizes the Plaza regularly, both he and Nolan have offices in downtown Albany and many other interests. The details of daily operations at Delaware Plaza are handled by Kay McCabe, property manager; Barbara Zwack, executive assistant, and Glenn Mahon, field foreman. They work out of an office across Delaware Avenue from the Plaza.

According to MacFarland, there is a long waiting list of business people who would like to locate at Delaware Plaza. Matarrese said his businesses have gotten better every year



Among the improvements at Delaware Plaza are a new lighting system.

since 1974 when he became co-owner of the Paper Mill.

Both men see no point in comparing Delaware Plaza with Stuyvesant Plaza, although they know others do. "Stuyvesant is larger and attracts people from a larger area," MacFarland said. He called Delaware Plaza "basically a village shopping center," although half of its business comes, he said, from residents of the nearest neighborhoods in the City of Albany.

Matarrese admitted it was "a bit of a sore point" that some respondents to the *Spotlight* survey said, in effect, "Go take a look at Stuyvesant." Admirers of that shopping center noted its aesthetic appeal and up-to-date atmosphere.

One of the strengths of Stuyvesant Plaza in recent years has been its strong, centralized management, which has aggressively pursued top quality stores, pushed merchants to present an attractive, uniform appearance, and promoted the plaza heavily. With new businesses, new construction and renovations and a revitalized merchants association, it appears that Delaware Plaza is beginning to follow that same pattern. The result should be a more inviting — and satisfying — place to shop.

□ Town budget

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is town attorney and also chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

In other business, the board held the required public hearing for the 1984 sewer assessment rolls. Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the board that most of the areas in the new sewer extension — with the exception of North Bethlehem, where all cost figures are not in — will be assessed for three quarters of a year; as will the new South Albany sewer district.

Prothero suggested that it is time the town start setting aside sewer revenue for a capital improvement fund "to replace some of these old, tired sewers in the town." Other members of the board agreed, and Secor said he would explore the idea and report back.

Democrats to gather

The Bethlehem Democratic Committee's second annual holiday luncheon will be held at the University Club in Albany on Thursday, Dec. 8, at noon. J. Leo O'Brien, mayor of Watervliet and chairman of the Albany County Democratic Committee, will be the guest speaker. Interested town residents as well as committee members and their guests are welcome to attend.

For information and reservations, call Arthur Brown at 439-7246.

Four face DWI charges

Four persons were charged by Bethlehem police with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor this week, including a Guilderland woman whose car went off Rt. 85 in Slingerlands last Wednesday. The woman told police she had passed out at the wheel after a medication containing codeine.

Police said they are planning extra patrols for the holiday weekend, beginning tonight (Wednesday).

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Tax delinquents get scolding from Clyne

By Caroline Terenzini

Delinquents on the Bethlehem school district tax rolls got a scolding from Board of Education member John Clyne last Wednesday after he'd taken a look at the list of approximately 200 properties whose owners haven't anteed up. The percentage of delinquents is down somewhat from recent years — and is less than 2 percent of taxpayers — but many of the same names are on the list year after year, according to Clyne.

And "there's an undue percentage of lawyers in the community on the list," Clyne said. "There are two reputed millionaires on the list also."

"It irks me to see a lot of people who can least afford it making a sacrifice, and those who can pay, don't," Clyne declared.

The total outstanding in the district is \$184,000. The taxes are due the end of September, and a 2 percent penalty is assessed for nonpayment in October. After that, a list of delinquents is given to the county, which pays the school district the amount outstanding and then tacks it onto tax bills sent out by the county in January, along with penalty and interest charges.

Board member Robert Zick suggested that the state legislature increase the penalties for nonpayment, while colleague Bernard Harvith pointed to the positive — 98.5 percent of the \$11.3 million levy has been collected.

The board, getting down to its scheduled business a few minutes late after an unannounced executive session, approved the appointment of Jack Whipple as acting principal at the high school while Principal Charles Gunner is on sabbatical from February through July.

Whipple, who has been a physical education teacher at the middle school for 15 years, also is supervisor for aquatic recreation for the town and pool manager at the Elm Ave. Park. He is studying for a doctorate in education at the State University at Albany and has been working with Gunner as an intern this fall.

The board discussed at length a proposal for adding a second year of math and science to the requirements for graduation, as well as a course in fine or practical arts, and a requirement for proficiency in computer literacy and keyboarding. Gunner said at present about 96 percent of Bethlehem students take two or more years of science, so "I don't think it'll change that much." But Harvith and board member Marjory O'Brien expressed concern about those few students for whom the additional requirements would be too rigorous "those who are just barely getting through," Harvith said. Gunner suggested that, in many cases, it might be "their own lack of motivation holding them back," and Asst. Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews observed that the high school offerings "are varied enough so that any student should be able to choose something to complete these requirements." However, the board chose to defer action until its next meeting, Dec. 7.

The board did adopt some curriculum changes, although Harvith's proposal that the phrase "nature of man" in a course description be changed to "nature of human beings" brought jeers from his colleagues. He stood his ground, however, saying "we can't be too sensitive" to such language. His motion to change the wording was seconded by Clyne, but was



The new signs and boulders marking the driveways for the front parking lot at Bethlehem Central High School were put there by the district to make sure motorists go in the entrance and out the exit. There have been near-misses in the past when a number of cars were using the lot and some drivers ignored the previous, smaller signs. These bold new signs and imposing boulders ought to make it perfectly clear. *Spotlight*

voted down 2-5, the dissenters apparently believing the change would exhibit excessive sensitivity. McAndrews, however, said the wording could be changed without a vote.

Another issue on which the board was divided was Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn's plan to include on the weekly elementary school luncheon menu a notice alerting parents to the reported unsuitability for children of an ABC-TV movie about nuclear war and its aftermath, "The Day After." A warning had been urged in a letter to the district from Physicians for Social Responsibility. Board member Robert Ruslander objected to putting any notice on the menu,

saying, "Kids watch programs every afternoon that they ought to be warned about! The subject matter is of deep concern, but I object to this approach." Clyne was more succinct: "Why are we advertising it?" he asked. But they were outvoted, 5-2.

Following the business meeting, Philip Gibbons, district mathematics supervisor, and Thomas Atkinson, science supervisor, reported to the board concerning at what level Bethlehem's courses equip students with the "competencies" in those fields defined in the College Board report, "Academic Preparation for College: What Students Need to Know and Be Able to Do."

But delinquencies are down

The number of unpaid tax delinquencies in Bethlehem, and the amount of unpaid taxes, has dropped significantly from a year ago, according to Bethlehem Receiver Kenneth Hahn.

In the Bethlehem Central School District, unpaid taxes in Bethlehem this year amounted to \$149,761 as opposed to \$190,703 last year. The number of property owners who didn't pay was down 66 to 199, Hahn said.

The decrease, Hahn said, can be attributed to "a general improvement in the economy, which has helped a couple of major builders."

At the same time, the total tax warrant for the school district went up "dramatically" — from \$10.5 million last year to \$11.3 million in 1983.

The delinquency figures do include some owners who have been on the rolls for years, Hahn confirmed, but also can be somewhat misleading. As many as 30 to 40 will pay their bills late, paying either the 2 percent penalty for missing the October deadline, or the 5 percent penalty as of Nov. 1. If they wait up to Dec. 1, the penalty is 7 percent, but after that the bills are forwarded to the county. Some owners apparently wait until they get their federal income tax returns and pay their bills with the county and town taxes in January, Hahn said.

In any event, once the unpaid bills are in the county's hands, the school district and the town have no worries — the county reimburses the local taxing district and attempts to collect the bill itself.

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Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



The winners

The winners of the library's mystery writing contest is no longer a mystery. Librarian Nancy Hutchinson announced the winners last Thursday at a special library afternoon activity. First place winner, receiving three paperback mysteries, was Jenny Kramer for her story "The Mystery of the Kidnapped Horse." Winning two paperback books for her second place entry was Denise Gobeille with her story "The Mystery of the Night-time Stroller." In third place, taking home one paperback mystery each, were Nancy Timmis with her story "Witch Stew" and Jill Kraemer with "The Mystery of the Missing Ring."

Winners appeared on the cable public access channel that same evening to read their stories. Mrs. Hutchinson said all the stories submitted showed much hard work and creativity.

A final reminder that the library will be closed on Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving. The library will reopen on Friday, Nov. 25, but there will be no preschool story hour on that day.

Ready for Thanksgiving

Some students at both the schools in Voorheesville have been getting a jump on the Thanksgiving holidays with in-class activities.

At the junior-senior high school two cooking classes under the watchful eye of

their teacher Betty Dorgan prepared, served and totally enjoyed a typical Thanksgiving feast.

At the elementary school, first grade teachers Judy Douglas and Linda Spina used this American holiday to teach their students something about Indians and Pilgrims, and their food and dress. On Wednesday (today), they will wear costumes they made, prepare appropriate food, and give performances for the other first grades. Mrs. Spina's class will present a play while Mrs. Douglas's class will give a choral reading.

Labels wanted

Soup weather's here and Diane Relyea, PTSA co-ordinator for the Labels for Education Program in Voorheesville, reminds all those who use Campbell's Soup to save their labels. The program, which gives schools the chance to redeem labels for various educational equipment, began last week and will run through February. Labels from any Campbells, Swanson or Franco-American canned products are needed, as are labels from Recipe Dog Food and Prego Spaghetti Sauce, as well as the blue-green triangles from Swanson Frozen foods. The front portions of the labels may be deposited in the Campbells barrels in the main hall at the elementary school or in the small decorated can at the library.

Last year more than 24,000 labels were collected, enabling the school to obtain



Mike Dawson and daughter Becky share a game at the annual father's night last week at Community Nursery School of Voorheesville.

Lyn Stapf

two listening centers, four jackboxes, an instant camera and a Roget Thesaurus and dictionary at no cost to the district. Anyone having questions may contact either Relyea at 765-3681 or Anne Lennox at the elementary school.


She'll sing for teachers

Courtney Brennan, a junior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will have something special to be thankful for this year. The talented junior has been selected to participate in the All-State Girls Chorus, which will give a performance for the conference of New York State Music Teachers at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, Nov. 27 to 30.

The daughter of Michael and Mary Lou Brennen of Swift Rd., Courtney has participated in both the band and the chorus at the high school and has taken part in state solo competition for the past three years. Her vocal rendition of "Rejoice, Oh Daughter of Zion" from Handel's Messiah was awarded an A+ last spring, qualifying her to be selected for this honor.

PTSA meeting

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold its second general meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the elementary school. The program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will feature a representative from the Albany County Rape Crisis Center who



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Wider horizons

The theory of relativity will be even more relative to the students in grades 4 through 6 at the elementary school next week after they view "Einstein," a musical production based on the life and accomplishments of the famous scientist. The in-school production scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 30, is the first of the year sponsored by Theatre Fun for Young People. Other up-coming performances include "Dances of India and the Middle East" to be viewed in March, and "Leaping Legends" featuring area "story-singer" Chris Holder in May. Primary grades are also scheduled to travel to the Egg in Albany next month to see the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts' production of "Raggedy Ann and Andy."

Those wishing more information on "Einstein" or Theatre Fun should contact Marguerite Teuten at 765-2642 or Linda Haaf at 765-2652.

Scholarship information

With college just around the corner, and expenses so high, many seniors at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School are sure to be looking into scholarships to help defray the costs.

To help with this task, the guidance department has produced a 22 page "Scholarship Booklet," listing scholarships received by Voorheesville students last year. For easy reference the pamphlet lists scholarships according to colleges, local organizations, state agencies, merit, subject, field of interest and business organization.

Those who would like to obtain a copy or would like other information on scholarships should contact the guidance office at the high school.

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Library plans addition

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taxes — are collected through the school district, making the school board the legally responsible conduit through which library funds are channeled.

The library board's independent position is further compromised because the school district cannot bond the project without deed to the land, according to Meacham. The school district did own the land and property from 1950 to the late 1960's, when it transferred ownership to the library board for \$1. In 1950, a Presbyterian church closed and the property was deeded to the school district, also for \$1. The library moved into the old church building.

This situation leaves the school board in the somewhat uncomfortable position of having to reacquire a piece of land and assume a sizeable public debt to build on it a structure they would own, but over which they would have no operating authority. In the words of school board president Jack McKenna: "One big empty shell."

Faced with the legal imperative to provide the means, no board member spoke in opposition to the expansion plan in general, or to Meacham's request that the "school board call a special meeting for the purpose of voting on the issue of library improvements."

"No one at this table doesn't want the library to expand," said board member David Teuten, "but we need more information."

Discussion soon centered around Osterhout's blueprints, and when he was unable to provide the board with specific data and figures beyond his project cost of \$397,000, McKenna requested a "written summation" of the project from the library board before acting further on the matter.

In other action, the board:

• Announced a Nov. 21 meeting of the

search committee organized to help select replacements for the elementary school principal and assistant principal, and high school guidance director, all of whom will be retiring at the end of the school year. Committee members are Mary Van Ryn, Jenny Scillis, Fred Volkwein and Linda Haaf, representing parents; Peggy Curran, Bill Vincent and John Peachnik, faculty; David Teuten, Jack McKenna and Joseph Fernandez, the school board; as well as Superintendent Werner Berglas and the retiring principals.

• Agreed to hire a fulltime monitor for the high school computer room. Currently staffed by faculty members filling in when schedules permit, Berglas said there were enough organizational duties to warrant hiring one person to oversee operations. "We're virtually adding a new department," he said.

Marchers sought

The March of Dimes is seeking volunteers to help with its annual Mother's March against birth defects. Persons over 18 who would like to volunteer to help as a March of Dimes operator or coordinator may call the Northeastern Chapter of the March of Dimes at 783-9363. Volunteers also are needed to distribute information and help with March collections. Call 783-9363.

Variances aired

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals held a public hearing last week for Woodrow J. Beauregard, who requested a variance from section 280-A of the state Town Law in order to use an easement for access to a site in the vicinity of Daniel St. and Forest Hill Rd., Slingerlands. The lot in question is approximately eight acres in size and would contain a single-family house.

One neighbor spoke in opposition to the proposal and the board deferred its decision in the matter.

The board also received a new application from James and Barbara Thomas, 30 Catherine St., Delmar, who are requesting a variance from the percentage-of-lot-occupancy provision of the town zoning ordinance in order to construct an addition to their home. The board scheduled a public hearing on the request for Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.

Board member James Ross informed the board that he would request not to be reappointed when his term expires at the end of this year, due to his recent election to the Albany County Legislature.

Vincent Potenza

Extension ballots

Anne Young of Delmar has been elected to the board of directors of the Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County. Her term is for three years. Also elected in recent balloting was Kenneth Hunter of Voorheesville, to the association's 4-H Program Committee.

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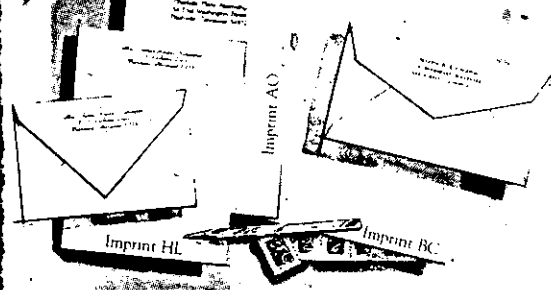
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Tax distribution hearing set

By Susan Guyett

A proposal to cut the amount of sales tax revenue going to local governments will be the subject of a public hearing of the Albany County Legislature Nov. 30. But the opposition of a powerful Democrat may have already killed the idea.

The hearing, one of three scheduled that afternoon, will be held at the County Office Building at 112 State Street at 3:15 p.m.

The proposal, put forth by the legislature's finance committee at the Nov. 14 County Legislature meeting, calls for the county to keep 61 percent of the sales tax revenue collected. Local municipalities would divide the remaining 39 percent collected. Currently, the county keeps 60 percent and the local governments 40 percent.

If approved, even this one percent shift in revenues could have an impact on local budgets. And some local officials have already come out against the idea. Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III said the 61-39 split would have a bad effect on the city's fiscal outlook. The Bethlehem Town Board voted last week to oppose the proposal.

Early this week Whalen was quoted as saying he has been assured that there will be no change in the formula. That development came after meetings over the

weekend with top county officials, but leaves unclear the position of County Executive James Coyne, who initiated the proposal. The county government and the legislature are controlled by Democrats, and the split that had been developing over the issue was unusual particularly since it involved a potential alliance between Albany Democrats and the suburban Republicans, all of whom opposed the plan.

County officials estimate the adjusted tax revenue distribution would amount to about \$650,000 for the county coffers. They also claim the local governments, most of which have already approved their 1984 budgets, would not get less money than they anticipated because sales tax revenue is expected to be higher next year.

Before the 1982-83 budget, local governments got even less of the sales tax revenue pie. Prior to that time, the county kept two thirds of the sales tax revenue, or 66 2/3 percent, while the local municipalities kept one third.

Under the proposed local law, the distribution changes would take effect Jan. 1, 1984, and terminate Dec. 31, 1987.

There will be a public hearing at 2:45 p.m. on Nov. 30 on the proposed creation of a Community Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services Board.

At 3 p.m. the legislature will hear public comments on proposed salary increases for the sheriff, county clerk, real property tax service agency director, and commissioners of civil service, public health, social services, elections and department of aging.

Besides setting up the public hearings, the legislature approved a contract with the firm of Urbach, Kahn and Werlin to review the operation of the county's purchasing department at the request of Coyne.

Most Republicans and a few Democrats opposed the contract, which will cost the county between \$15,000 and \$19,000. Some legislators believed such a review could take place "in house" by county employees. Others, such as Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr. (R), Bethlehem, called for a more far-reaching audit by an independent firm.

In recent months the county's purchasing practices have come under fire and Coyne acknowledged some problems within the purchasing department during his reelection campaign. Finance Committee chairman Harold Joyce (D), Albany, said the outside review was "perhaps an overreaction" by Coyne, but added that the firm would do an "unbiased and professional review."

Menands Legislator Kenneth MacAffer, a Republican, was highly critical of the proposal, saying that it would not look into purchasing practices, only the operation of the department. What's more, MacAffer was critical of the fact that the \$15,000 to \$19,000 was the tab for the firm's first phase of study, with no specification of what a second phase

would involve or cost, or any assurance that it would take place.

Michael Ricci, (R), Voorheesville voted for the proposal, saying he felt the study was needed.

Sue Ann Ritchko, a Bethlehem Republican, voted against the measure and, George Frangos, Bethlehem Democrat voted to hire the accounting firm.

Sisters injured

Possible traffic charges may be filed as a result of an investigation by Albany County sheriff's deputies into an accident on Sunday that seriously injured three small sisters.

Deputies said John Tracy, 43, of Beaver Dam Rd., New Scotland, was giving his three daughters, ages 3 to 7, a ride in the bucket of his tractor when it collided with a utility trailer pulled by a pickup truck on front of the Tracy home. The driver of the pickup was identified as George Montesano, 25, of Berne.

A sheriff's spokesman said department policy precluded release of the little girls' names, but it was learned that the victims were Kelly Tracy, 3; Jacqueline Tracy, 5, and Patricia Tracy, 7. Neither driver was injured, according to the report.

At Albany Medical Center Hospital Kelly Tracy was reported in serious condition and her sisters were listed in fair condition with head injuries and multiple fractures.

Beaver Dam Rd. is located in the extreme northwestern corner of New Scotland, linking the Thacher Park Road (Rt. 157) with Rt. 157A across the Berne town line. The Tracy home is located on Beaver Dam Rd. near the intersection with Pinnacle Rd.



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Sue Ann Ritchko, who is retiring after a term in the Albany County Legislature, spoke at St. Thomas School Friday — one of many local government officials to appear at area schools for American Education Week. Tom Howes

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Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Ombudsman investigated

Teachers at the A.W. Becker School are investigating the Ombudsman Program approach to help students develop social problem-solving skills. While the main objective of the program is to prevent young children from getting involved in chemical abuse, the program uses activities that enable the students to develop meaningful relationships within a class by learning how to communicate feelings and accept and appreciate the differences between individuals. In broad terms, students will be encouraged to recognize that peer pressure can be a problem and that saying "no" when they are uncomfortable in a social situation is okay.

Teachers are being exposed to the method used in the program, which was developed by the Charlotte Drug Education Center, so the programs can be brought into the curricula. The program is compatible with the Education Department's recommendation for guidance in the elementary schools.

Art class open

An art class has just been formed at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Begun as a project through the Sunshine Senior Citizens, the classes are now open to anyone in the community who would like to participate. Taught by painter and artist Natalie Linke of Selkirk, the classes in oil painting meet every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon. No special talent or previous experience is necessary. A fee of \$1 per lesson is charged and individuals are required to provide their own supplies. Mrs. Linke is contributing her time as instructor, with all proceeds being donated to the Food Pantry operated through the church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk.

Child abuse topic

Janet McGaughey, director of the Child Sexual Abuse Project of Schenectady County and former coordinator of special ministries in the Classis of

Albany, will be guest speaker this Sunday evening at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem's "Fourth Sunday." The program Nov. 27 will include a film for elementary school children dealing with the seldom discussed problem of child sexual abuse.

The presentation will be preceded by a covered-dish supper at 5 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to bring a dish to share and their own place setting. Child care will be available.

REACH begins

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District has initiated a program called REACH for academically advanced children in kindergarten through grade 5. The program's purpose is to expose children to techniques promoting independent, self-directed learning and to nurture creative learning and problem-solving.

The REACH program consideration process includes achievement test scores, aptitude test scores, a teacher referral and parent referral. The program is being conducted by Jane Hilson, who is responsible for setting up the program in all three RCS elementary schools. Mrs. Hilson is working with the children in 30-minute segments twice a week.

Any parent who believes he or she has an academically talented child and has not yet been contacted should call the school.

Raffle for Grange

For the price of a ticket, you just might be the winner of groceries or even a television set. As a fund-raiser, the Bethlehem Grange members are selling tickets for a raffle to be held at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers' Corners, Selkirk. Tickets may be purchased from any Grange member.

A special day

Begun in the 1600's by the pilgrims and introduced as a national holiday in 1863,



Four local scouts were in Pennsylvania this weekend for ceremonies marking the 120th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's historic Gettysburg address. Backed by Union troops, the scouts are, from left, Jason Ching, Craig Shufelt, Tim Gyurovits and Peter Abele. They were the only scouts invited to march in the parade, which went from Lincoln Square to Gettysburg National Cemetery Saturday. R.H. Davis

Thanksgiving is a special day set aside to give thanks for our many blessings. Many area churches will be holding services of thanksgiving this evening in observance of the day. The RCS Association of Churches will join for a special service tonight at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Main St., Ravena. The service will be led by the Rev. Alan Babcock of the Ravena Bible Training Center.

In Selkirk, the Rev. Allan Janssen will conduct the annual Thanksgiving eve service at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the church, Rt. 9W.

Dutch Settlers to meet

The Albany Dutch Settlers Society will observe St. Nicholas Day with its annual dinner on Friday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club in Elsmere. The Rev. Howard Hageman, president of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, will speak about "Dominio Eilardus Westerlo," a member of the Albany Dutch Reformed congregation in the 18th century. Corkey Christman will perform on the harp.

Talk on Grenada

"Grenada: Before the Invasion" is the title of a program to be presented at the Bethlehem Public Library by Dr. and Mrs. Jack Davies, Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the International Center of the Capital Region, the program is open to its members, their guests and the interested public.

For six months in each of the last six years Dr. Davies has taught pathology at St. George's Medical College on Grenada. Under ordinary circumstances the Davies would be on Grenada now. Dr. and Mrs. Davies will talk about the history of the island and about their experiences there.

Glenmont to have book fair

The Glenmont PTA will sponsor a book fair on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Glenmont Elementary School. It will feature paperback from Great American Books. While parents browse, children can enjoy a story hour that will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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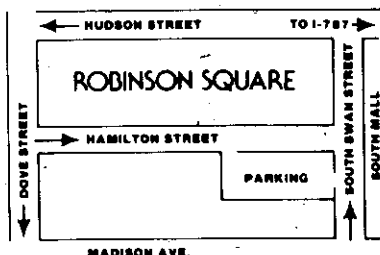
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For reservations, call Marilyn Corrigan at 439-2744 by Nov. 30.

Learn the Apple way

The Bethlehem Public Library's Apple Corps will have a chance to learn how to use the "Apple Writer" word processing program at a free, two-session workshop on Tuesdays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the library. Attendance is limited to people who have been validated to use the library's microcomputer. To register, call 439-9314 by Nov. 28.

For many, it's just another working day

I look forward to Thanksgiving. Besides the coming together of family and friends at the feast table, it recalls those golden memories of going to distant relatives' homes as a child, always getting the drumstick, and watching football games on black-and-white television. It was a warm time filled with good graces and wonderful stories of days before I was born.

Since my breadwinning years began, I have gained another perspective on holidays. Some folks happen to be in careers that do not allow for conventional celebration of traditional holidays. Some folks must rise and shine, shower and don work uniforms, and bid adieu to their families on a holiday to make way for the call of duty.

I am not one of those who spends holidays pursuing the joy of work and cultivating the fruits of labor. I have been able to pursue the joy of a day off and partake of the fruits of the vine. But I am aware of those whose families carry on without them, and in keeping with this holiday season, I offer a grace before dinner in honor of their sacrifice and their dedication to their families and their society.

First let us praise those whose service enables others to enjoy having their

Family Matters

Norman G. Cohen



And let us not forget the street servants whose uniforms, badges and tools uphold the peace of our holidays. Our police, soldiers, firefighters and ambulance drivers maintain the law, the order, the safety and the survival of our species during devil-may-care holiday times. Their celebration of a Holy Day may well be the saving of a life, the saving of a homestead or the saving of a memory of a gory scene tainting their holiday for years to come. Bless them their devotion to duty.

I give special recognition to the medical professionals whose telephones ring, beepers beep and answering services trace them to their private parties and family reunions. They must spend conscious moments anticipating such calls to action, moderating their joy, limiting their let-go, curbing their cocktails in favor of coffee. Someone's having a baby, another's had a heart attack, this one's overdosed, that one's swallowed a turkey

To all those whose families carry on without them, a grace before dinner in honor of their sacrifice.

turkeys cooked, carved and served with all the trimmings. The restaurateurs, the chefs, the busboys and especially the waiters and waitresses who deal directly with the public, all of whom prepare and present the feast to strangers while their hearts are likely with their own families and friends. Accept their graciousness with your own grace, and leave a holiday-size tip.

Then there are the telephone operators who direct our toll calls to distant family members. When you call on the services of one of these depersonalized servants, be sure to include them in your well-wishes and your holiday spirit. It may make their chairs a bit less uncomfortable, their hours pass a mite swifter, and their quitting time that much more joyous.

bone. Raise your glasses to the doctor as he or she rises to the occasions of our need.

What if you realize at the last minute you don't have any cranberry sauce to give sweet color to the Thanksgiving table? You call around and somehow find a corner grocery that's open. Bless the grocer who works through the late afternoon only to plunk exhausted at his family's table that evening. And you're nearly out of gas on your trek to Aunt Josie's. Somehow you find an open gas station to fill your tank. Bless the station attendant who put off the holiday celebration to put in hours of service instead.

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support staffs who work the holiday shift deserve special gratitude as they escort us safely on our way to and from distant places of holiday festivities. When they say "Enjoy yourself," I say "Thanks," but think to myself, "I hope you can enjoy yourself, too."

My last tribute goes out to all the nurses and other staff of places with resident populations, and to the residents of those places who are there due to some condition be it medical, emotional, criminal or economic, or simply for lack of any family at all. I hope that in each such place there exists enough camaraderie and closeness to give a feeling of family that can warm the food and spirit the drink of the holiday feast.

I ask you to regard all people whose holiday is just another workday, and if you have the opportunity, give them your thanks for their service and your regard for their sacrifice. It is important for us to remember the words of Dickens' small, hobbling character, Tiny Tim, for all holidays: "God bless us, everyone."

SENIOR CITIZENS



There will be a free legal clinic for Bethlehem senior citizens on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The clinic is sponsored by the Albany County Office for the Aging. For additional information and appointments, contact senior citizen coordinator Karen Pelletier at 439-4955, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization will host the Community Friendship Singers, a group of local women supported by the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, at its meeting on Dec. 12, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The program begins at 1:15 p.m. and includes Christmas music and a sing-along. The public is welcome.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens bowlers will hold their bowling luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Del Lanes in Delmar, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Chairwoman Mary Martinage has requested that those who wish to attend make reservations for the luncheon of their choice.

Information on the bowling group is available at the Senior Citizens Organization's regular meetings, held each Thursday, from 12:30 to 4 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

SYMPHONY PROFILE

Harpist has a taste for the unusual

Harpist Martha Creighton of Elsmere, who joined the Albany Symphony Orchestra 15 years ago, vividly remembers the day she got her first harp. It was a gift for her 14th birthday, and her grandmother took her to the factory in Chicago, the only one in the country, so she could pick out an instrument. The harp was shipped to her home in a large trunk, Mrs. Creighton recalls, via railway express.

Why a harp? "I wanted an unusual instrument," she said. "I had started with piano, which is an excellent foundation." While she still has that first harp, a newer one is used for performances. The instrument travels on a mattress in her station wagon; it weighs 78 pounds, but is fragile and an awkward shape, so Mrs. Creighton needs assistance in moving it.

Mrs. Creighton studied at Case Western Reserve University, taking a minor in music. She has played with the Cleveland Philharmonic, the Portland (Maine) Symphony, the Berkshire Symphony and the Schenectady Symphony. In addition, she has given children's concerts in schools throughout the area with Nancy Winn of Slingerlands, cellist, with the Albany Symphony.

Mrs. Creighton noted that the harp is considered a percussion instrument rather than a member of the string family, and was not used in classical music because early harps could not produce sharps and flats. Only in the past 150 years or so have harps had pedals, allowing a greater range of notes. Of her orchestra experience, Mrs. Creighton says, "When things go very well and it's a particularly glorious piece, there is such satisfaction and joy... it's an experience you just can't match any other way."

Caroline Terenzini



Martha Creighton

More letters for Santa

The Bethlehem police department's youth bureau is again conducting a letters from Santa program for children.

Children are invited to write a letter to Santa and "mail" it at specially-wrapped mailboxes at various locations in the town. Also, all letters addressed to Santa which are posted at post offices in Bethlehem will be forwarded to the youth bureau so they can be included in the letters program.

Each child who writes Bethlehem's Santa's helpers by Dec. 12 will receive a letter from Santa Claus.

Special "mailboxes" will be at: Atcheson's Five-A's Superette, Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar Card Shoppe, Johnson's Stationers, McDonald's Restaurant, the Paper Mill and all elementary schools in the town.

Bloodmobile at town hall

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make a stop at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Walk-in donors between the ages of 17 and 66 are welcome, but appointments can also be made by calling 439-4955.

Early call

The Onesquethaw volunteer fire company's fourth annual Hunter's Breakfast will be served on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 5 a.m. to noon at the Clarksville firehouse on Plank Rd. For information, call Arlene LaDuke at 439-9653.

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Music to browse by

Christmas Shoppe '83, sponsored by the Senior Service Center of the Albany Area, Inc., will feature performances by the Albany Area Senior Citizen Orchestra this year. The sale of handmade articles is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 29 through Dec. 2 on the concourse level of the Empire State Plaza in Albany. The orchestra performances will be at noon each day, with the brass ensemble Nov. 29, the bell ringers on the 30th, Melody Makers Dec. 1 and Kelly's Cutups Dec. 2. The public is invited.

C of C elects slate

Peter Merrill was re-elected president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce in recent balloting, and Marvin Elliot of Key Bank was returned as vice president. Daniel Formica, owner of McDonald's of Delmar and Ravena, is the new secretary, and Delmar accountant Anthony Gordon was re-elected treasurer. Merrill is head of Professional Kitchen Designs in Delmar.

BUSINESS

Accounting for beginners

A "Basic Accounting for the Non-Accountant" workshop for small business owners will be hosted by the Sheraton Airport Inn in Colonie on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Accountants and CPA's from the firm of Urbach, Kahn and Werlin will discuss "Recordkeeping for the Small Business," "Tax Reporting and Statements," "Selection and Application of Microcomputers" and "Depreciation and Tax Credits." The seminar is sponsored by the county Cooperative Extension and county executive's office.

Preregistration is \$15 and should be made by calling 765-3635.

GS director named

Matie Flowers of Castleton is the new executive director of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council. She will be responsible for the overall operation of the council, which includes 6,600 girls and 1,700 adult volunteers in Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, Columbia and Saratoga counties. She previously was a field executive on the council staff and filled many positions in Girl Scouts councils in Indiana, Oklahoma and Texas. A former associate professor and instructor of psychology at Utica College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Russell Sage College, Flowers received a doctoral degree in psychology from Indiana University.

Holiday Schedules

Thursday, Nov. 24, is Thanksgiving, and many government and business offices will be closed for the holiday and "the day after." The Bethlehem Town Hall, landfill and recycling center will be closed both days, as will be the Voorheesville Village Hall and New Scotland Town Hall. The South Bethlehem landfill and Adams St. recycling center will reopen on Saturday. Town and village garbage collection will be postponed until next week. Post offices and local banks only take Thanksgiving off, and will be open on Friday.



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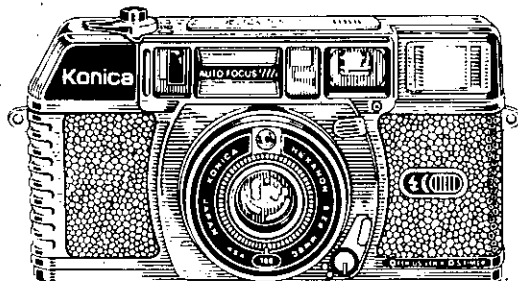
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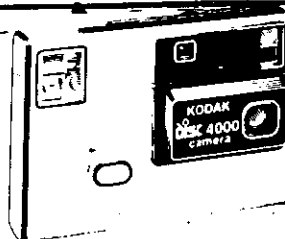
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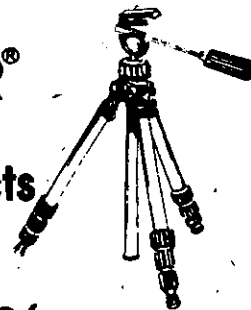
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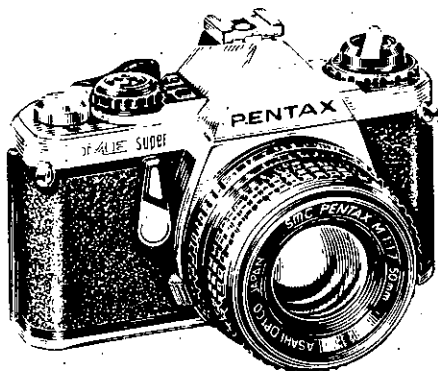
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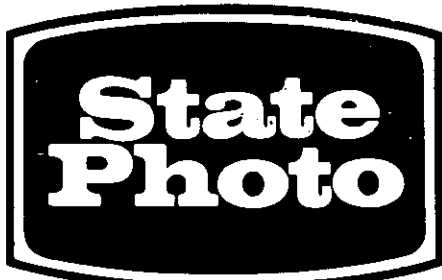
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday noon - 4 p.m., Saturday 8 - noon.

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New Scotland Landfill, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, third Monday at Bethlehem Public Library, except June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.

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League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Pat Jenkins at 439-8096.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during school year. Call 439-2238.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 8 p.m., except July, August.

Clarksville Boy Scout Troop 89 meets Wednesdays at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2977.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Christian Science Thanksgiving Service, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Holiday Closings, include Bethlehem Udon Hall, town landfill, recycling center and no town garbage collection; New Scotland Town Hall; Voorheesville Village Hall. Banks, post offices are open.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Violin Recital, Erika Lawson, Bethlehem Central graduate now at Eastman School of Music, performs at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Hunter's Breakfast, sponsored by Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co. Unit 4, at Clarksville firehouse, Plank Rd., 5 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9653.

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m. except June, July and August.

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Alnon Group, Support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Apple Corps Workshop, two-part program on "Apple Writer" word processing, at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon. To register, call library at 439-9341 before Nov. 28.

Delmar Rotary meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn Glenmont.

Voorheesville PTSA, general meeting with guest speaker from Rape Crisis Center, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Mothers' Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers meets Tuesdays at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information 439-9929.

Paperback Book Fair, sponsored by Glenmont PTA, at Glenmont Elementary School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; children's story-hour with Mary Murphy, 7:30 p.m.

Saving Energy in Religious Buildings Program, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, at Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7-9:30 p.m. Free registration, 765-3635.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Clarksville Boy Scout Troop 89, meets Wednesdays at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2977.

Lutheran Pot Luck Supper, 3-part weekly series at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., 6:15 p.m.; children's activities, 6:45 p.m.; "Signs of Christ" Advent service, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2279.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Bethlehem Art Association, impressionist Robert Longley of Slingerlands demonstrates oil painting and fields questions, at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free and open to public.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Interfaith Tea, for women of all denominations sponsored by United Methodist Women, at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Dutch Settlers Society, St. Nicholas Day dinner at Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATER

"Happy End" (Capital Rep presents Bertold Brecht-Kurt Weill musical), Market Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Nov. 26 through Dec. 18 (Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m.). Box office, 462-4534.

"The Amazing Einstein" (musical by Performing Arts Repertory Theatre of New York City), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. and noon. Reservations, 235-2120.

"Pippin" (Schenectady Light Opera with full-scale production of this Broadway musical hit), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 1-3, 8 p.m., Dec. 4, 2 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or Proctor's box office, 346-6204.

MUSIC

David Gibson, cellist, with harpsichordist William Carragan, plays Bach, Albany Institute of History and Art, Nov. 27, 3 p.m. Information and tickets, 463-4478.

Nick Plakias (folk songs and humor), Eighth Step Coffee House, 326 State St., Albany, Nov. 26, 8:45 p.m.

DANCE

Ballet Nacional Espanol (59-member troupe presents classical, folk and flamenco dances), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Nov. 26, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

ART

"Inventors and Inventions," Albany Institute of History and Art, through January.

"Recognitions: Faces and Places" (photographs by Charles Traub), SUNYA University Art Gallery, through Dec. 16.

Joseph Corraie, painter, and other artists on sale to benefit Albany Symphony Orchestra, Mayfair, 151 Wolf Rd., Colonie, reception Nov. 26, 5-9 p.m., general sale Nov. 27, noon-5 p.m. Reservations for reception, 465-4755.

Prints by Sam Walker and constructions by Craig Schaffer, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., through Dec. 2. (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.)

"Stories Your Mother Never Told You" (various interpretations of books), Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, Nov. 28 through Dec. 16.

Albany Artists Group, all-member show, Child's Hospital, Hackett Blvd., Albany, through December.

"Fine Crafted Art" (crafted items for sale), The Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Dec. 22, artists' reception Dec. 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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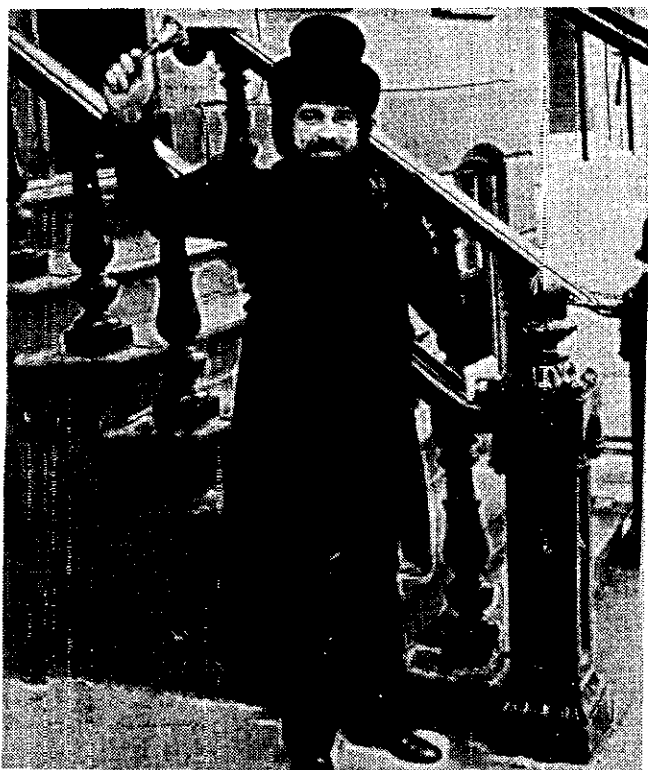


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Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Recovery Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Craft Fair, Show and Sale, sponsored by Hamagrael Home-School Association, at Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey La., Delmar, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Country Dancing, sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., at Voorheesville First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 8:30 p.m.-midnight. \$3.50 admission.

Baked Ham Dinner, at Bethlehem Grange Hall, Becker's Corners, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Art Show, Delmar Art Group sponsors show featuring work of Barbara Wooster, Virginia Rich and Barbara Messina, at Roger Smith's Decorative Products, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Temple Chapter 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post #1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m., except July, August.

Delmar Progress Club, holiday tea honoring new members, at Delmar First United Methodist Church, 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Bethlehem Sportmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

Bethlehem Lodge 1095 F & AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

"Ordinary Courts for Ordinary People," lecture by Judge Morton Lynn, at Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free; information, 765-2791.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, for donors 17-66 at Bethlehem Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information and appointments, 439-4955.

Apple Corps Workshop, on "Apple Writer" word processing program, at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon. Registration and information, 439-9314.

Winter Concert, Clarksville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Charity Cookie Collection, Tri-Village AARP receives Christmas cookie donations for Good Samaritan and Child's Nursing Homes, St. Catherine's, Delmar Christmas Festival and shut-ins, at Delmar First United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

"Grenada: Before the Invasion," sponsored by International Center of the Capital Region, at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

Bethlehem Board of Education, meeting at Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts and garden group decorate Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, annual potluck luncheon and bazaar at Delmar Reformed Church, noon. Babysitting available; for reservations, call 439-2744 by Nov. 30.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185 meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary meets second Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Personal Computer Group, meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4758; public invited.

Winter Music Festival, Part 1, at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Democratic Committee, holiday luncheon and guest speaker J. Leo O'Brien for committee members and invited guest, at University Club, Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 439-7246.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Holiday Nature Crafts, workshops for the family, 10 a.m. and adults, 2 p.m., studying history and mythology of holidays while making traditional decorations, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, \$1 registration; information and preregistration, 457-6092.

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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Ingmar Bergman's "Shame," starring Liv Ullman and Max VonSydow in Swedish with English subtitles, at Albany Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, free holiday feast for 3,000 rich and poor Capital District residents, including shut-ins, sponsored by REFER and Project Equinox, at First Presbyterian Church, Albany, 1-6 p.m. To volunteer or have dinner delivered, call 482-7670.

Community Thanksgiving Communion, at St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 434-3502.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Schenectady Christmas Parade, floats, bands, horses, clowns, TV and radio personalities welcome Santa Claus to Capital District, in downtown Schenectady, State St., 7 p.m.

Northeast Christmas Craft Expo, 80 artisans sell handcrafted gifts, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, noon-6 p.m. Information, 765-4506.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

"Thanks to the Indian," American Indian dance, Iroquois crafts demonstration and educational films, at State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1-4:30 p.m.

"The Nature of Things," last in series of popular natural science lectures, field trips and films, at State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 10:30 a.m. Free.

Christmas Craft Expo, at New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

"The Importance of Advent," first sermon in preaching series at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Craft Expo, at New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Albany Symphony Benefit Art Sale, up to 30 percent off list price on lithographs, serigraphs, etchings, watercolors and oils by Picasso, Miro, Dali, Rockwell, Neiman and others, at Mayfair Art Gallery, Wolf Rd., Albany, noon-5 p.m. For information or private viewing, call 465-4755.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

"Practical Business Procedures for the Productive Craftsman," workshop at Albany Ceramic Institute, Hamilton St. in Robinson Square, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$5 fee; information, 393-5963 or 374-9279.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

"Basic Accounting for the Non-Accountant," seminar for small business owners sponsored by County Cooperative Extension, at Sheraton Airport Inn, Colonie, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$15 registration; information, 765-3635.

Christmas Shoppe, four-day display and sale of handwork and crafts made by local senior citizens groups, on concourse level of Empire State Plaza, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Information, 465-3322.

Mothers Without Custody Group, organizational meeting for new support group at Capital District coordinator Sandra Bailey, 1142 Summer Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m.

Robinson Square Christmas Benefit Bash, chestnut and holly vendors, carolers, town crier and stores open until 9 p.m., with portion of sales going to Parsons Child and Family Center, Hamilton St., Albany, 7 p.m. reception.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

"Art Treasures of the Vatican," slide and sound show produced by Metropolitan Museum of Art, at Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

"Women's Role in Politics," annual social action meeting of B'Nai B'Rith Women hosts Karen Burstein, president of state Civil Service Commission, at Temple Beth Emeth, Academy Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Scots Pagentry, Highland dancers and regimental band of Her Majesty's Scots Guards perform at R.P.I. Fieldhouse, Geopies and Burdett Ave., Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 266-6262.

Society for Advancement of Management, business meeting and dinner at Siena College Foy Campus Center, Loudonville, 5:45 p.m. Information and reservations, 272-6300.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Information, 465-2441.

Catholic Peace Activist Lecture, Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, co-author of American bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace, speaks on "Peace Patterns: Prayer, Justice and Non-Violence," at Bishop Maginn High School auditorium, Slingerland St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. \$3 donation. Information, 438-8320.

Jawbone Reading Series, Sylvia Cara-Monica and Cheryl Nelsen read their literary work at SUNYA Humanities 354, noon-1 p.m. Free.

African Dance Workshop, five-lecture series sponsored by CDHP begins at Hamilton Hill Arts Center, Schenectady St., 2-4 p.m. Free. Information, 457-3907.

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It's the simplicity of Thanksgiving that makes it one of my favorite holidays. Huge preparation is not expected, especially when you compare it to the frantic pace many of us put ourselves through at Christmas. Thanksgiving is that time to enjoy a special meal with family and friends. No gifts need to be purchased, no major shopping, except for food...and that can be great fun. It is a time when we plan to have others share a meal with us and have some good conversation with one another.

Thanksgiving Day is designed for two or more people. May I ask you to consider something? If you know someone who is alone this Thanksgiving, can you be generous and invite him or her into your home for a meal and conversation? Is there a neighbor next door? Or someone in your church or synagogue who is alone? What about a student away from home? Thanksgiving is such a great time to invite someone to your home.

Thanksgiving is simple to understand, too. It asks one thing of us: To be thankful for what we have received. And we have so much, not merely in terms of possessions either. An Afghan would tell us, "Be thankful for the peace you have." An East Berliner might remind us, "Be thankful for the freedom you have to move about in your cities." A Pole would reply, "Be thankful for the rights your

workers possess." A Lebanese might offer, "Be thankful you have a home in which to live." And how many children in how many places would cry, "Be thankful you have enough to eat."

Does our lifestyle demand we shout out: Dear God, I am thankful. I live in a country where there is no war on its shores; I am free to move about without fear for my life; I have rights that are maintained by law; I have a place in which to live; I have food to eat and clothes to wear. O God, I like Thanksgiving!

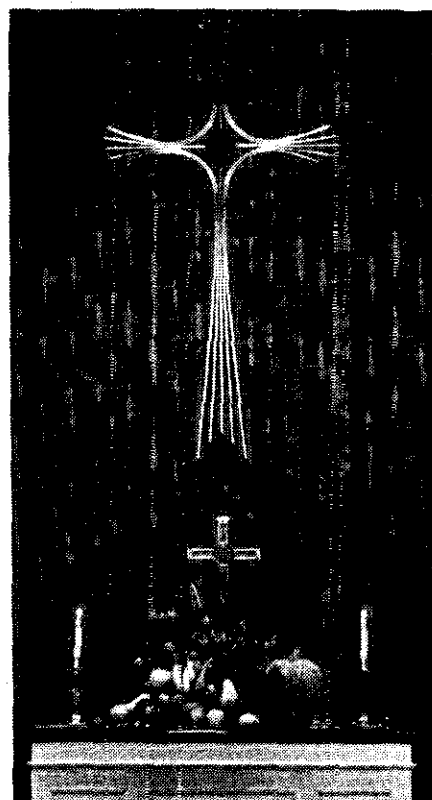
A final thought. I like Thanksgiving because it also gives us opportunity to focus on our faith through action. I beg you to take a moment this day to consider and act on ways you may combat war, injustice and starvation. There are so many concerned agencies within our own churches and synagogues that give us opportunity to alleviate pain. Please make use of them this year.

It is my prayer for you that Thursday be a day you share a meal and conversation with others; a day in which you consciously give thanks to God for all your benefits, and a day in which you decide to take action to share what you cherish in life with those who are deprived of it.

Their talents are multiplied

Taking their cues from the biblical parable, members of the Slingerlands United Methodist Church multiplied their talents recently and came up with nearly \$1,500 for the church treasury. Last spring, crisp, new dollar bills were sent to church members, who were asked to put them to use. As a result, pies and cookies were baked and sold; lawns were mowed, and babies were sat. One enterprising congregant went for the fast buck and multiplied the \$1 into \$12.40 in the daily double. Others, however, used their talents in more conventional ways such as typing, repairing appliances and collecting returnable bottles.

Church volunteers also built a new bathroom in the educational wing, installed insulation and planted bulbs for bloom next spring. In addition, a new cross was commissioned and given in memory of their parents. The cross was designed and constructed of brass tubing by Robert Jensen of Schenectady.



The new cross at Slingerlands United Methodist Church.

Choirs on LP

The Chancel and Youth choirs of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar have recorded 12 selections on an LP that is on sale at the church office. A tribute to Mrs. Sidney Smith, choir director for nearly 25 years, the recording includes the "Sanctus" from Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* and solos by Eleanor Haverly, Helen Schoenthal, Henry Marks and Eugene Scott. Church organist Keith Williams is the accompanist. The album was produced by Melver Recording, of Scotia. The church office, at 428 Kenwood Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interfaith tea

Women of all denominations are invited to the 14th annual Christmas interfaith tea sponsored by the United Methodist Women on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 1:30 p.m. at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. The "Friendship Singers," conducted by Rhonda Ballou, will begin the program, which will continue with a crafts sale to benefit the artisans, refugees and handicapped people who made them.

Mrs. George Tilroe is program chairwoman, and Mrs. Harold Kelp and Mrs. Robert McConnell are co-chairwomen of the tea.



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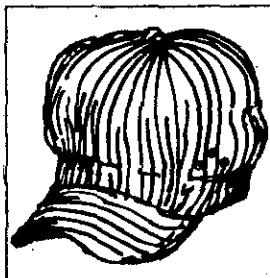
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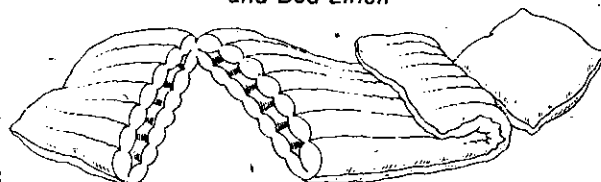
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Girl, Samantha Lynne, to Gloria and Michael Cathers, Glenmont, Sept. 24.

Boy, Matthew DeWitt, to Stephanie and William Glisson, Delmar, Sept. 26.

Girl, Suzanne Alyse, to Sandy Tabor and Steven Farer, Slingerlands, Sept. 29.

Boy, Eric William, to Elizabeth and James Andrus, Delmar, Oct. 9.

Boy, James Edward, to Marsha and Dr. Anthony Malanga, Glenmont, Oct. 15.

Boy, John Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews, Delmar, Oct. 17.

Boy, Walter W. III, to Kathleen M. and Walter Eck, Jr., Delmar, Oct. 19.

Boy, Adam Scott, to Cindy and Neal Greenstein, Slingerlands, Oct. 22.

Boy, Matthew Joseph, to Kathy and Danny Hotaling, Selkirk, Oct. 28.

Boy, Timothy Michael, to Rusty and Frank Kindlon, Delmar, Nov. 3.

Girl, Vanessa Cathleen, to Maureen and John Mauro, South Bethlehem, Nov. 4.

Girl, Tania Rene, to Geraldine and Kaveh Govanlu, Delmar, Nov. 4.

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Improved BC aims for control

By Nat Boynton

There is only one direction for Bethlehem Central's basketball team to go this year — up. Coach Gary Przybylo says his team is "much improved" and points to its depth, experience and better ball handling to prove his point.

By the same token, there is no way to finish any lower in the Suburban Council than last year's team, which took over the basement early in the season and stayed there. The Eagles lost their first 15 league games before edging Gunderland in their final outing. They finished 3-17 overall.

Przybylo promises things will be a lot different this year. He has four of his five starters back, eight holdovers altogether, plus four promising juniors up from the jayvees. That accounts for the depth and experience, but what about talent? What about getting the ball into the front court and then into the basket? And what about keeping the other guys from doing the same?

"Our ball handling is much improved, and we are shooting a lot better," Przybylo said after two weeks of workouts. "We have to work on defense. We're not too quick, but we're a physical team. I don't know how these things will reflect in number of wins, but I do know we'll be a good team."

BC fans may see some changes in the starting lineup in the early weeks of the campaign as Przybylo searches for a combination that plays well together. With the opening game a little more than a week away, Mark Gibbons up front and Howard Thompson somewhere look like sure starters and Danny Piazza and Mike Mooney are probables in the back court. All are seniors, and all played varsity last year.

Gibbons missed half the season with an injury. He's 6-3, and has put on considerable bulk, weighing in around 190, up from 175 junior year. He's strong on the boards, and can shoot from close range. Thompson also is 6-3, a pretty fair pointmaker who may be used as a shooting guard when not assigned to the front line.



Bethlehem Central has no "big man" this year, but 11 of the 12 members of the varsity basketball team are 6-feet or better. Among the prospects Coach Gary Przybylo (left) is working into the center position are, from left, Howard Thompson, Mike Curran, Mark Gibbons and Jim Dering.

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Piazza and Mooney spent the summer playing in the Rotterdam recreational league, as did the others, improving their ball handling, and Przybylo says it shows.

The Eagles have no legitimate center, but they're working on it. Jim Dering has put on another inch and more pounds, and is crowding 6-4. Andy Kasius, a 6-3 junior up from the JV, is certain to see a lot of duty in the pivot, which, if he develops well, would permit Dering to go to forward and Thompson to shooting guard when BC goes up against tall teams.

Jim Lockman, who filled in at center for Gibbons last year, and Mike Curran, a second-string forward last year, can also play center. Both are 6-3 seniors. Lockman, a good jumper, is a smart defensive player, but he has a knee injury from football that isn't 100-percent healed.

There are other medical problems. Tim Belden, a junior who would have been the No. 3 guard behind Piazza and Mooney, is out for the year with a damaged knee, and Tommy Schrempf, another 6-3 senior forward, has a severely sprained knee and will be on the sidelines until after Christmas.

Rounding out the squad are Tim Fox, a 6-2 junior, and Mark Cookfair, at 5-10½ the only Eagle under 6 feet.

The key, Przybylo admits, is to cut down on the turnovers that last year destroyed all semblance of consistency on the attack. He hopes his emphasis on ball handling will turn that around. "We couldn't run last year because of the ball handling, but this year we can run."

On defense Przybylo is hoping to use a variety of styles, making frequent changes from man-to-man to a zone trap and other multiples, shifting from one to the other and back on signal to cause confusion among the enemy.

The Eagles open with two non-league games in the Ravena Tip-Off tournament Dec. 2-3, facing Ichabod Crane in the opener and either Ravena or St. Patrick's of Catskill the second night. The first league game is at Niskayuna Dec. 9, and there will be three more before the third

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Dekoven Bowie comes down from a slam-dunk at Ravena basketball practice.

Tom Howes

annual Helderberg tournament Dec. 27-28.

By that time Przybylo, a career state employee who is one of the rare "outside" coaches on the Bethlehem athletic staff, will know whether he has some genuine basketball players or just a group of seniors with varsity experience.

"Our kids know how tough this league is and they know they have to work," he said this week. "They will have to find out how good they are. We're capable of beating anybody in the Council, and, of course, anybody can beat us. I don't see any overpowering team in the league this year, which should be a big break for us."

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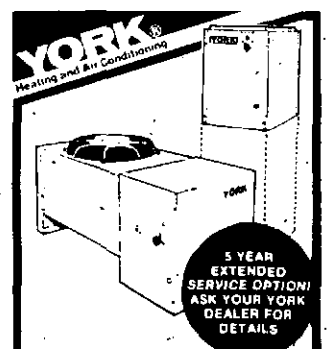
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Ravena: it's all coming back

Ever heard of a basketball coach who not only has his entire starting five intact from the preceding year, but his first eight, and who says he hasn't lost anything to graduation?

Now you have. Tim Tucker, Mr. Energy personified, who spends the cold months instructing Ravena teenagers how to pass, dribble, cut, shoot, rebound and block (legally). When he goes to practice these crisp November days, he gives the impression he's like the king who goes to his counting-house every day to enjoy sorting out all the gold in the royal treasury.

Tucker's personnel wealth is substantial, but he concedes he doesn't have everything. "We'll run with the best of them, shoot with the best of them and rebound with the best of them. We may not win every game, and we may not win the league, but boy, they'll know we're around."

One of the items the Indians don't have is a legitimate center, a genuine "big man" that so many teams count on. But Tucker says he doesn't need one, what with four inside men and four outside men back from last year's varsity. That affluence will permit him to run a three-forward offense or a three-guard offense, depending on the altitude and strength of the opposition's "big man."

About 6-2, maybe just under 6-3 is as tall as Tucker's braves go this year, but he considers them "a bunch of jumping jacks." He points to Mike Constantine, for one. "Mike is 6-2 but he plays 6-5," says Tucker. "he's put four inches on his leap. He's a real key for us. He had a lot of inside fouls last season. If he can avoid them this year, he can dominate the league on the boards."

Pretty strong words for a third-year varsity coach coming off a season in which the Indians won only four games in the tough Colonial Council. He reasons that Schalmont, Waterford and Voorheesville will be rebuilding this year, leaving Cohoes, Mechanicville, Water-vliet and Academy to worry about.

Ravena fans may not see the same starting lineup two nights in a row as Tucker goes into his running four or five guards and all those front men on and off the floor. After the opening jump, you won't see any centers.

In the backcourt Tucker has two seniors, Tony Pearson, last year's high scorer (14 average), and Mike Kerrigan, who will be the point guard this year because, as Tucker puts it, "he has matured so well." When Tucker needs the three-guard attack, he can insert Kevin Hoffman, a 6-2 junior who was the point guard last year. He also has Mike Mizener, a 6-foot junior who can score from outside. Tucker considers the two juniors, Hoffman and Mizener, the best shooters on the team. "They can hit from 12-18 feet," he says. "They give us something we didn't have last year."

Up front he has Constantine and Don Baker, who at 6-1 is the shortest of the inside men. Tucker's appraisal: "Donny was our best rebounder last year. He doesn't have the height for inside, but he jumps adequately, he has good size, he's always in good position and he uses his body well. He averaged 12 points last year, and he dominated Mechanicville's 6-foot-7 center — I forget his name, but he's back this year."

If these two seniors don't start every game, there are two experienced forwards who are established jumping-



Ravena basketball fans will see plenty of height this season, but can expect some sharp ball handling from 5-10 Mike Kerrigan, left, who has played two seasons at quarterback for the football team. Don Baker, center, and Kevin Hoffman will see a lot of inside action under the backboards. On the cover: Kerrigan shows a Meadowlark Lemon fingertip spin with the basketball. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

jacks. Billy Lipscomb, a senior, and Dekoven Bowie, a junior, are a mere 6-2 apiece, but, says Tucker, "they play bigger, they can play over the rim." Ravena fans may never see all four on the court at the same time, but there will be two or three, depending on the score and the opposition. Tucker's measure is "they're not big, but they're adequate, all

leapers except Baker, who last year led in rebounds."

All these holdovers don't leave many openings for upcoming jayvees. The only two vacancies were left by the departure through graduation of Joe Motley and Dexter Greenlee, neither of whom saw

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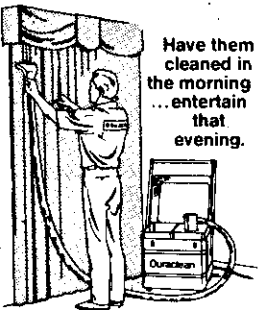
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much playing time a year ago. Their places are being taken by ex-IV players Chip Chapman, a senior defensive specialist who, in Tucker's view, "may be the toughest kid on the team," and Doug Keyer, a junior as tall as anybody on the team. Chapman will be the fifth outside man. Keyer the fifth inside man.

There is, however, one major problem — too many infractions. Tucker says the Indians must cut down on what he calls "stupid fouls" — a more polite word would be "careless" fouls, but whatever they are, the fact remains that last year Ravena scored more field baskets than the opposition in 16 of 20 games, and lost 12 of them from the foul line.

The Indians could benefit from early momentum: their first five games are at home. They open with a non-league warmup with Berne-Knox next Tuesday, and then host their own Tip-Off Tournament, Dec. 2-3. The Indians are paired with St. Patrick's of Catskill in the opener, and play the winner of Bethlehem-Ichabod Crane. Tucker is hoping for a Ravena-BC matchup the second night to keep alive an old neighborhood rivalry.

After that it's strictly league business. The first week of serious combat starts with the Tribe entertaining Waterford Dec. 6 (Tuesday) and Schalmont the following Friday.

Will the Indians be 5-0 or 4-1 by then? "Who knows?" opines Tucker. "We don't know how good we're going to be, but we do know we're going to have a lot of fun."

Baked ham dinner

The Bethlehem Grange will put a baked ham dinner on the tables of its hall in Beckers Corners, Selkirk, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. The women's activity committee will also have its sale.

Abba can rebuild on height

Chuck Abba has a tough act to follow this year, and a lot of it is his own fault.

Voorheesville's soft-speaking basketball coach has only one starter back from his 1982-83 Cinderella team that established a legendary 26-1 record and came close to earning a berth in the Class C state championship final. That sort of thing doesn't happen often in scholastic ball, let alone in small schools.

But Abba has a knack of bringing out the best in his players, and his patient teaching of fundamentals and execution produces disciplined teams highly respected by opponents wherever they play. His latest ensemble is a young team, but taller than last year. They won't have Mike Lewis, widely recognized as perhaps the best basketball player in Section 2 last year, but the fans will see the same control patterns with some minor adjustments that may not be noticed from the stands.

There are only three seniors, and only one a starter during the dream season a year ago, but the majority of the juniors will see a lot of playing time. The key to the season is how quickly the junior contingent can absorb the Abba disciplines on the floor and control the tempo of the game. If three or four can develop rapidly, it could mean another good season in a tough league, but certainly a fine team a year from now.

John Zongrone, a cool operator and a vital cog in the 1983 championships, is destined for the leadership role this year. Quiet, unassuming and efficient, Zongrone is an accomplished shooter who can drive. At 6-1 he was second only to Lewis in altitude last year, but this time he will have to look up to several juniors — Brett Hotaling (6-3), Joe Rissberger (6-2), Jeff Kendall (6-2 plus) and Mike Larrabee (6-1 plus).



John Zongrone, left, and Jeff Rockmore, two of only three seniors on the Voorheesville basketball varsity, pose with Coach Chuck Abba at a recent practice. The third senior, Ray Connelly, reported this week after turning in his football uniform.

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Then there's 6-1 Ray Donnelly, joining the team from football, who with 5-10 Jeff Rockmore is a holdover from last year's varsity. Completing Abba's 10-man squad are three additional juniors, Brian Rubin, a scrappy guard at 5-10, Dan Vunk and John Paradise.

Blackbird fans expecting to see Abba use Zongrone's experience in front-line combat by moving him to center and building offensive patterns around him may be in for a surprise. Zongrone is not

only not playing center, but he may be moved to the back court. Donnelly is the most likely pivot, although Rissberger and/or Randall will see action there, too.

Says Abba: "There's no need to put Zongrone in the pivot regularly. Our offense has all five positions interchanging, so we have no one playing in the low post. We can have Donnelly, Rissberger, Kendall and possibly Hotaling in the block (keyhole)."

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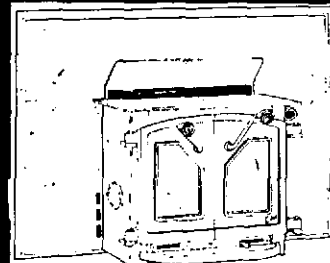
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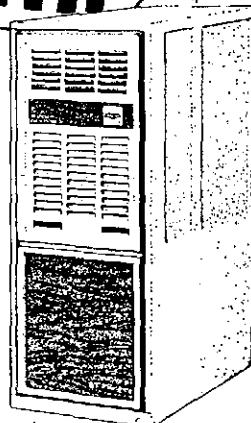
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than a year ago, but not the quickness of the departed Dickie Lennon or Jim Meacham. To compensate, Abba will try to get the ball up court quicker.

"That doesn't mean a fast break or that we'll take a shot any quicker," he explains. "We'll try to put the ball in play faster and play a quicker tempo, run people in and out, maybe catch the defenses napping, and try to get the ball inside a lot faster. We have no 'big man' and no Lewis-type strongboy, but we do have people who can take up the slack."

The big question mark is the shooting. It's one thing to get the ball up fast and get in close, but most games are won on accurate outside shooting, a key ingredient of last year's Blackbirds.

But Abba is tolerating no comparisons with that team. "Each team has its own character and identification," he says. "We have to look at our present strengths and weaknesses. On the positive side we have a bunch of hard workers and a great attitude. Our goal is to be competitive, do the best we can. The wins and losses will fall into place. Our strength is good depth. We can rely on a lot of people who can produce, and this gives me more options. Our weakness is our youth. We're young, and behind the three seniors, we are inexperienced. I'm confident we can overcome this."

To overcome, Abba has set up no fewer than three scrimmages before the Dec. 3 opener with Duanesburg, all away from the home gym. There was one Monday at Rensselaer, another is coming up Saturday at Draper and a third next Tuesday at Hudson. The Duanesburg game is a non-league affair. The Colonial Council baptismal is Dec. 6 at home with Lansingburgh.

Voorheesville girls start strong

By Frank Baker

Voorheesville's varsity girls' volleyball team is off to another good start this year despite last Friday's non-league setback at the hands of Ichabod Crane High School, Valatie.

In an action-packed nail-biter, Ichabod held off the Blackbirds 2-1 in three close games. Voorheesville lost the first game 15-11, but came back to win the second 15-13. This set up the pivotal third game which Ichabod won 15-12. The loss left Voorheesville's over-all record at 5-2, while they have split two league matches.

This year's team is in the dubious

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position of trying to match last year's 13-2 squad, which was runnerup in both the Colonial Council and Class C Sectionals.

Hopes for a successful season were dealt a major blow in just the fifth match when the Blackbirds' star senior, Beth Mattfeld, came down with a knee injury during the warmup for their games against Ravena. Despite their 2-1 loss to

the Indians, Voorheesville played well.

Besides Mattfeld, other returning players are Sue Dunning, Karen Foley and Patty Martin. All are seniors, but other than Mattfeld, none has started a varsity game.

Nevertheless, Coach Tom Kurkjian is optimistic. "My feeling is that we should have a good over-all record," he said. "We held our own with one of the better teams (Ravena) without Beth. I'm pleased with our prospects."

Voorheesville traveled to Watervliet yesterday in their only match of the holiday-shortened week.

BC girls demolish Colonie

By Julie Ann Sosa

In less than a half hour last week, the Bethlehem Central girls' volleyball team (3-1) avenged last year's double loss to Suburban Council and Sectional champion, Colonie, 15-2, 15-2. Colonie, which fielded a weak team devoid of last year's starters, folded in two anticlimactic BC serving games that allowed Coach Carol Walts to give everyone playing time.

Thus far this year, the Council power struggle has shifted to BC and Shenendehowa, which are in contention for the Blue and Gold division titles respectively. However, the Plainswomen took advantage of Bethlehem's dispirited play and the absence of its leader, senior Kelly Burke, to hand the visitors a 15-6, 15-8 loss on Wednesday. Lori Diacetis and Meg Lierheimer shared Burke's setting

duties, but they were unable to replace the intangible that Walts glowingly calls "Kelly's sparkplug enthusiasm."

In another lopsided BC win, Niskayuna fell 15-1, 15-5 on Friday. Although the match was billed to be a good one (Nisky forced Shenendehowa to three games earlier in the week), Bethlehem easily won by playing what Walts called its best all-round floor game.

Walts credits the success of her team to its improved serving. In the matches it has won, BC served at 93, 89 and 91 percent. Sub-par serving of 83 and 74 percent resulted in the team's losses. Responsible for lifting the stats were last week's perfect servers Julie Liddle (19 of 19), Kim Zornow (11 of 11), Lori Schimanski (5 of 5) and Jen Grierson (3 of 3).


Swimmers place high

Bethlehem swimmers set two Adirondack District AAU records in taking seven events in the Skidmore Open Masters swim meet Saturday at Saratoga Springs.

Jim Poole of Glenmont, former Albany Academy star and ex-Hobart captain, swept three events in the 30-34 age group, winning the 100 free in 57.67 and the 50 butterfly in 28.24, and establishing a new district mark of 2:23.99 in the 200 individual medley. Irving Bonawitz of Delmar, swimming in the 60-64 class, won the 50 free in 36.54 and the 100 free in 1:21.93, the latter a new record.

Two other Delmar swimmers placed high. In the 25-29 class, Barb Riedel won the 100 free in 1:15.32 and the 100 breast in 1:55.64, and placed second in the 50 free and 50 backstroke. Frank Otto was second in the 50 backstroke in the 35-39 division.


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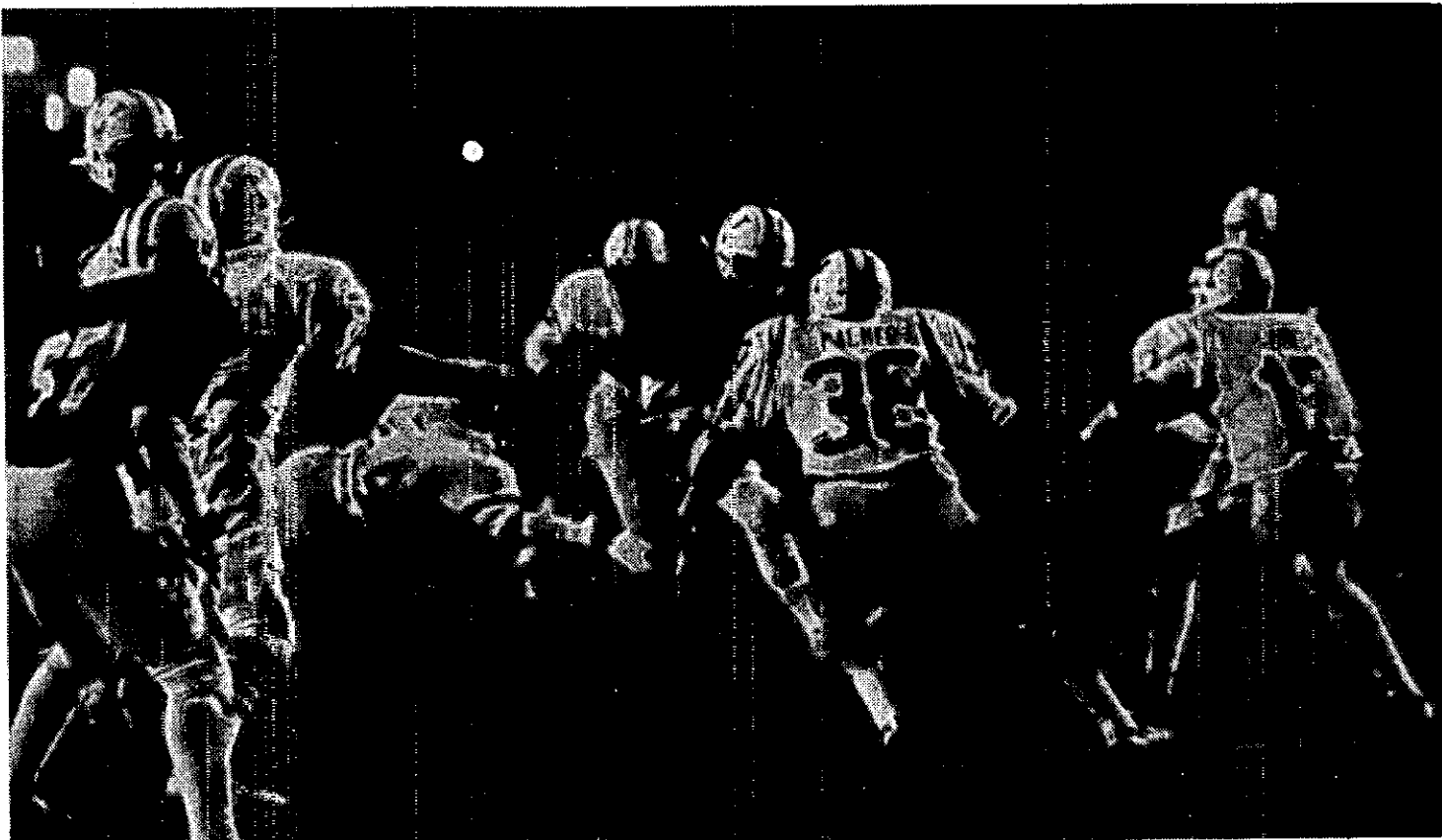
Blackbird season goes out under the lights

For Tom Buckley it was a first. When Voorheesville lost last week's Class C wild-card football playoff, 22-6 to Mechanicville, it marked the first time in four that the Blackbirds had been beaten in a Second 2 10th-game affair.

Few spectators in the chilly stands at Mont Pleasant's floodlit arena will deny that the Red Raiders were a stronger team, but the Blackbirds were in the game up to the final quarter. It was one major breakdown that changed the whole complexion.

Voorheesville had made one serious threat on two drives into Mechanicville territory in the first half, and had scored the game's first touchdown midway in the second period. The score was 6-0 and Mechanicville was moving the ball effectively on the ground when a clipping penalty nullified a 26-run to the Blackbirds' 6-yard-line. The officials moved the ball back to the Voorheesville 47, where on third down a TD bomb exploded. The receiver was in the clear deep, the ball spiraled some 40 yards in the air, and suddenly it was 8-6 Mechanicville with 2:57 on the clock.

"It was an unfortunate breakdown," Buckley summarized. "It was a play-action pass that brought the defense up, and the receiver got behind the safety. It was a mistake that haunted us the whole rest of the way."



This camera-eye view from the end zone caught Sean Rafferty twisting through a host of Mechanicville defenders from the 5-yard line to score Voorheesville's only touchdown in the

Sectional playoff under the lights at Mont Pleasant, Schenectady.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

It was still 8-6 and Voorheesville struggling to make headway against a strong defense as the third period was closing. On the final play of the quarter, playing catch-up football, Buckley ordered a pass that he wouldn't have called if the Blackbirds had been ahead. The throw was intercepted and run back for a touchdown.

Again in the fourth quarter another Voorheesville gamble backfired. Buckley described it thus: "We had fourth and 4 on about our 45 and we tried a fake punt, which we definitely wouldn't have attempted if we hadn't been two scores behind. It was a pass, Rafferty to Mitzen. They (Mechanicville) reacted quickly, and a defender was able to tip the ball."

That represented the Blackbirds' last chance, and it mattered little that the Raiders took possession and moved in for a third touchdown.

"I was very impressed with Mechanicville. Defensively they swarmed all over us, and on offense they had hard runners," Buckley said. "I was very pleased with the way we played. We just couldn't make up for that breakdown in

the first half, otherwise it might have been a lot different."

So alert were the Mechanicville defenders that the combination of Sean Rafferty throwing to Ed Mitzen was restricted to one completion. That came on the second Voorheesville possession in the opening quarter, when Rafferty ran for one first down, passed to Mitzen for another and hit Matt Beals for still another on the Raiders' 45, but the drive stalled.

Mike Ricci punted twice in a row to the enemy 10. Early in the second period Mechanicville completed their first pass, but the receiver, trying to lateral, fumbled and Tom Paeglow recovered on the enemy 22. The Blackbirds scored in three plays, Mitzen jamming to the 5 and Rafferty sliding through the middle for the touchdown.

Buckley did not mention that Rafferty, battling a flu bug all week, barely made it to school to beat the deadline for eligibility to play in the Thursday night game. Among the 20 seniors playing their last game in purple and gold, Rafferty closed out a fine career with only three

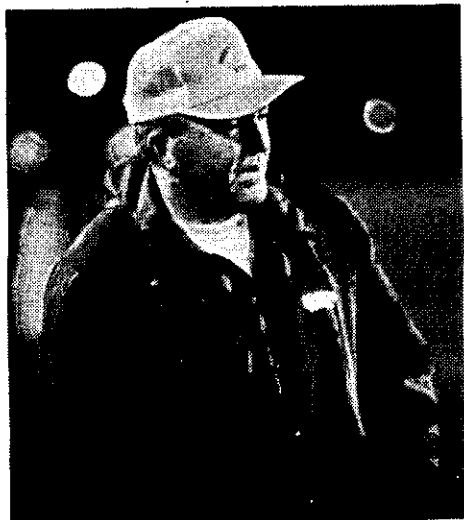
completions in nine attempts, for 44 yards with two interceptions, but he was the leading rusher with 42 yards in six carries. Mike McCarty had two catches, both spectacular, once taking the ball away from a defender for a 27-yard gain.

Two defenders got special plaudits from the coaches — Carl Burnham, a senior playing his final game, and Paeglow, who will be back next year. So will Mitzen, one of the area's finest receivers of recent years ignored by Albany newspapers.

Pleads to felony charge

Sentencing is scheduled Dec. 5 for John A. Wagner, 17, of Delmar, after he pleaded guilty Friday before Albany County Judge John Clyne to a charge of second degree attempted burglary, a felony. A charge of attempted rape, also in the indictment, was dropped.

The district attorney's office said Wagner broke into an Elsmere Ave. residence about 9 a.m. Sept. 1 and threw a woman there to the floor. After a struggle, the defendant left the house, authorities said.



Coach Tom Buckley scrutinized second-period action under the lights at Mont Pleasant.

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J.W. Campbell

Devils elect

The Delmar Devils 4-H Club has elected officers for the year. They are: Chris Malone, president; Erin Tuffey, vice president; Stacey Parsons, secretary; Michelle Wright, treasurer; Kathleen Welsh, news reporter, and Natalie Marcotte, song and recreation chairman. The club is making apple-faced and cornhusk dolls.

Stars on 'Kidsworld'

Entertainer Mirinda Staats of South Bethlehem will be featured on ABC-TV's "Kidsworld" at 8 a.m. Saturday. The segment on the 10-year-old singer, previously shown on "PM Magazine," shows her at work in rehearsals and on stage. The young entertainer has signed a recording contract with Stargem Records and has a single "A Single Rose," out.

Audubon opens shop

The National Audubon Society has opened a book and gift shop at its state office at 282 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The shop, open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, has handmade items, classroom aides and holiday ornaments and cards available, all with an environmental or nature theme. Field guides, binoculars and bird feeders also are for sale there, as are nature photographs by Trygve Swift. Proceeds go for conservation, research and education programs.

The local office coordinates the activities of 32 Audubon chapters in the state, with more than 55,000 members.

Wins French award

Maurice A. O'Meara, associate professor of French in the Department of Foreign Language and Literature at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., has been awarded first prize in the annual French poetry contest sponsored by the Museum of Poetry in Carpentras en Provence, France. O'Meara is the only American to win in this year's contest. Previous awards for him include a second prize in 1977 and a bronze medal in 1978. A graduate of Vincentian Institute and Siena College, O'Meara was a Fulbright Scholar in Montpellier, France, in 1958-59. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. O'Meara of Delmar.

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Top shooters

Winners in the New Scotland Elks Club hoop shooting contest Saturday were: ages 8-9, Greg Sullivan and Cortney Landford; ages 10-11, Kevin Laylor and Kelly Donohue; ages 12-13, David Larabee and Carey Donohue. The event was held at the Voorheesville Elementary School.

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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 176, Subdivision 7, of the town law, it has been resolved that candidates for district officers shall file their names with the secretary of the fire district at least 10 (10) days prior to the date of such fire district elections and in addition require that such nominations be submitted in petition form subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the fire district. Thereafter the ballots prepared for the election of fire district officers shall specify the names of the candidates and in addition provide proper blank spaces for each office to be filled at such election.

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Boulders malevolent

Editor, The Spotlight:

God help the poor citizen or student who piles his car onto the barriers of granite dumped at the high school parking lot today (Nov. 15). What purpose, beyond punishment to motorists, can these intrusive and dangerous boulders have?

Hopefully, they will be removed before they claim life or limb. If an automotive guardrail is needed there, to control access to that area, surely it should be something less malevolent. So close to a busy road, in a wintry climate, those responsible must presume it will be struck. And, consideration must be given to the consequences to the unfortunates involved.

Jonathan B. Pasternack, M.D.
Delmar

See photo on Page 5 — Ed.

Not a social visit

Editor, The Spotlight:

I feel a clarification is necessary concerning the part of your story, "Bethlehem: how long can it go?" that referred to me, "liberal Townsend."

I'm glad I won the prize for having the most fun in the campaign; by the way I have not received it yet. However, I was not at the Delmar Fire House to "join in the Republican festivities." I was at the Republican gathering to concede to, congratulate and give my best wishes to the man who had just defeated me in the

election, W. Gordon Morris.

I did, at the invitation of the Republican chairman, stay for a while. Please do not misinterpret my presence or forget the main purpose of being there.

I also want to thank everybody who voted for me and wish all a very happy holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Ronald A. Townsend

Delmar

Sign no comfort

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your article about the Rt. 9W bridge over the Normanskill, which appeared in your Nov. 9 edition, adds one more level of terror which this cowardly commuter experiences every time he drives over that creaky, rotten structure. What really brings out the beads of perspiration is witnessing one to three huge tractor-trailer trucks pounding across the bridge every time I have to cross it — two to three times daily. The sign, "Limit 5 tons" does not comfort me at these times.

Is the sign meant to be decorative? Where, in God's name, are the cops (town or state police)? Why aren't the trucks being kept off the bridge by somebody? Does the bridge have to come crashing down into the Normanskill ravine with a truck or two and a few hapless automobiles before something is done about it?

C. Maynard Guest, M.D.
Slingerlands

'Gross oversimplification'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Ordinarily, I enjoy Norman Cohen's weekly "Family Matters" column. However, as a professional counselor/therapist, I must take issue with the following paragraph excerpted from the Nov. 9 "Some Straight Dope" article.

Mr. Cohen stated that, "After working with dozens of drug abusers, I have learned that the bottom line reason most kids do drugs and alcohol is that 'it's fun.' They may learn to offer so-called psychological reasons for their practice

but after all is said and analyzed the simple truth is that they enjoy the mental, emotional and physical experiences induced by the substances."

After working with scores of young drug abusers on an inpatient and outpatient basis, I find that this "it's fun" explanation of teen drug use and abuse is a gross oversimplification and a ludicrous generalization. Drugs are medications for feelings; troubling feelings that are being experienced to excess or viewed as unacceptable. All drugs match specifically with certain emotions or sets of emotions. Hence, every user has a favorite "drug of choice."

These troubling emotions may be produced and/or exacerbated in the family structure. (Being a family therapist, Mr. Cohen, I am bewildered as to why you don't see this as a variable.) For a teen who is truly abusing, there is no fun involved, more a nightmarish feeling of being out of control and emotional pain that returns once the drug wears off.

Perhaps you need to rethink your hasty dismissal of the "so-called psychological reasons" for drug use/abuse or perhaps you might need to do therapy with a few more teens before you make such a blanket statement.

Bernie Schallehn, M.S.
Albany

Holidays the 5 Rivers way

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will host two programs on the natural history of holiday decorations on Saturday, Dec. 10. "Sharing the Holidays in a Natural Way," a workshop for family groups studying the history of craft materials while making several traditional decorations, will begin at 10 a.m. "Decking Out December," designed for adults who want to learn the mythology connected with holidays on a field trip to collect natural crafts materials, will follow at 2 p.m.

Registration is \$1, and collecting bags and pruning shears are needed for both programs. To preregister, call the center at 457-6092.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Nov. 20, 1958

Planning and rehearsals are underway for Bethlehem's annual White Christmas gala at BCHS auditorium. Mr. and Mrs. James Flavin are general chairmen of the event. On the Central Committee are Mrs. Sydney Smith, chairman; Mrs. Roy Gillett and Mrs. Arthur McHugh, vice presidents; Mrs. Herbert Mayne, secretary; Thurlow McWhinney, treasurer, and Rolland R. Pruitt, music director.

Nov. 21, 1963

Mrs. William Gaffney is chairman of the Tri-Village Newcomers' Holiday Ball to be held at the Governors Motor Inn, Western Ave., Guilderland. Mrs. Lee Campion, food chairman, is planning a Swedish smorgasbord with wine. Others on the committee are Mrs. Jerome Greer, Mrs. Salvatore Schiavo, Mrs. Albert Fisher and Mrs. Donald McAuliffe.

Nov. 21, 1968

Senior Girl Scouts Deborah Davies and Sara McGraw of Troop 5, Delmar, are among 16 scouts in the Hudson Valley Council chosen to attend the Senior Girl Scout Conference in Puerto Rico Nov. 26-Dec. 1.

Nov. 22, 1973

The Bethlehem unit of the League of Women Voters has published a handbook for town residents entitled, "This is the Town of Bethlehem." Committee members are Ann Brandon, Ann Marie Dullea, DeeDee Gunnell, Anne Cohen, Edith Gollump, Ellen Wilkenson and Andree Marr.

Nov. 23, 1978

Judge Con Cholakis has thrown out a \$5-million slander suit brought by suspended Bethlehem police chief Peter Fish against Supervisor Tom Corrigan and town officials. The ruling was handed down in State Supreme Court in

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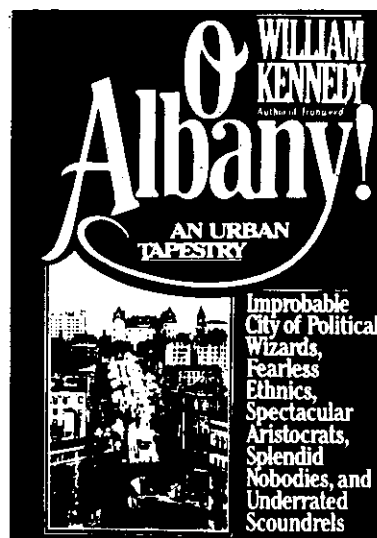
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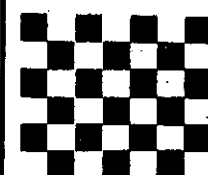
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Bethlehem Central's undefeated Suburban Council football champions were shut out by Bishop Maginn in Section 2's first Class A playoff at Blecker Stadium, Albany. It was the first time in Coach Art Ritchko's 21 years that a non-league team had beaten BC. At Saratoga, however, Voorheesville trailed undefeated Whitehall, 18-7, in the fourth period and 18-13 with 4th-and-4 deep in their own territory with 1:19 to play when Greg Picard hit Craig Gleason with a 62-yard touchdown bomb. The 20-18 thriller gave the Blackbirds the first Class C championship in Section 2 history.

Stokoe-Barrett

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stokoe of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Jane, to Steven Robert Barrett, son of Mrs. Billie Monty of Tacoma, Wash. The bride-to-be is a behavior modification supervisor for Wake Enterprises, Inc., in Raleigh, N.C. Her fiancé is in graduate school at North Carolina State University, also in Raleigh. The wedding is scheduled Dec. 30.

Allison Bennett to speak

Local historian and *Spotlight* columnist Allison Bennett will give a slide presentation on "Christmas in Williamsburg" and discuss gift-giving ideas at the next meeting of Mothers' Time Out on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. The new support group meets weekly to discuss the common problems of mothers of preschoolers. Child care is provided.



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Bourque

Helen Costello wed

Helen Marie Costello of Delmar and Bruce Cameron Bourque of Westerlo were married Oct. 29 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, in Delmar. The bride's parents are James and Helen Costello of Delmar, and the bridegroom's parents are Donald D. Bourque of Delmar and Josephine M. Bourque of Watervliet.

Maid of honor was Lisa Whiting, with Barbara Zwack, Alison Smith, Florence Futia, Mary T. Sherman and Lisa Knee and bridesmaids. The bridegroom's brother, Bryan, was best man, and James Costello, a brother of the bride, was an usher along with James Cerone, Lowell McMillen, James MacKay and John Q. Kelly. Brian Costello, a brother of the bride, was an altar boy for the ceremony.

The bride attended Hudson Valley Community College and Albany Business College. Her husband is a graduate of the State University College at Delhi and is employed by Hel-Bru Construction Co. The couple reside in Westerlo.

Putney-Roosa

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman T. Putney, Jr. of Cedar Hill have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Browning Putney, to James King Roosa, son of Robert E. Roosa of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary D. Roosa of Sarasota, Fl.

Miss Putney is a legal assistant at Davis Polk & Wardwell, New York, and a graphic artist for *The Connecticut Elder*, New Haven, Conn. She graduated from Albany Academy for Girls and cum laude from Yale College. Her father is senior vice president and trust officer at State Bank of Albany. Her fiancé is a legal assistant at Kornstein Meister & Veisz, New York. He graduated from Oakwood High School, Dayton, Ohio; from Oberlin College and from Yale University with a master's degree in music. He received a Maxwell M. Belding award from Yale to join the Bavarian Radio Co.'s 1981 solo music competition in Munich, West Germany. His father is a financial consultant in the Dayton-Cincinnati area, and his mother is a librarian at the University of South Florida and a realtor in Sarasota.

The wedding will take place May 5 in New Haven.

Longley to talk on art

Impressionist Robert Longley of Slingerlands will demonstrate the techniques of oil painting and answer audience questions at the monthly meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Longley has had many one-man shows, including one at the Albany Institute of History and Art. He has won the Patrons Award from the Springfield Art League and the Revell Frames Award from the Knickerbocker Artists. Longley, a protégé of Henry Hensche, has studied at Boston University, the Cape School of Art in Provincetown and the Malden Bridge School of Art. The public is invited to the free program. For information, call Lorraine Shapiro at 439-5069.

Local artists show works

The Delmar Art Group's 16th annual show will feature the work of three area artists on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Roger Smith's Decorative Products in Delmar. Barbara Wooster of Delmar will show her watercolors, as will Barbara Messina, formerly of this area, who maintains a studio in West Stockbridge, Mass. The rustic landscapes, whimsical animals and racing scenes by Wooster will contrast the bright colors of Messina's "arabesque" interior scenes. Slingerlands' Virginia Remington Rich will show a collection of black and white ink drawings and airbrush work.

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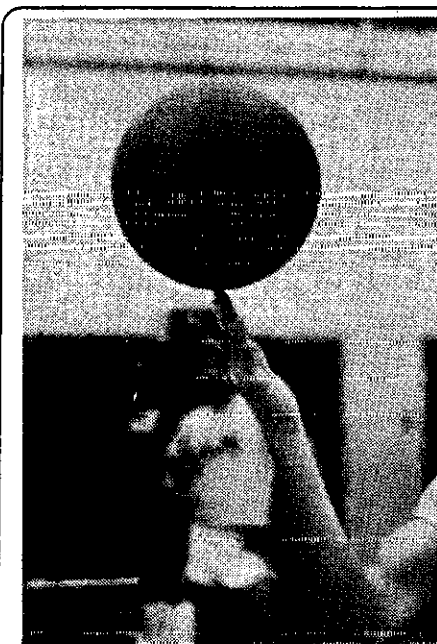
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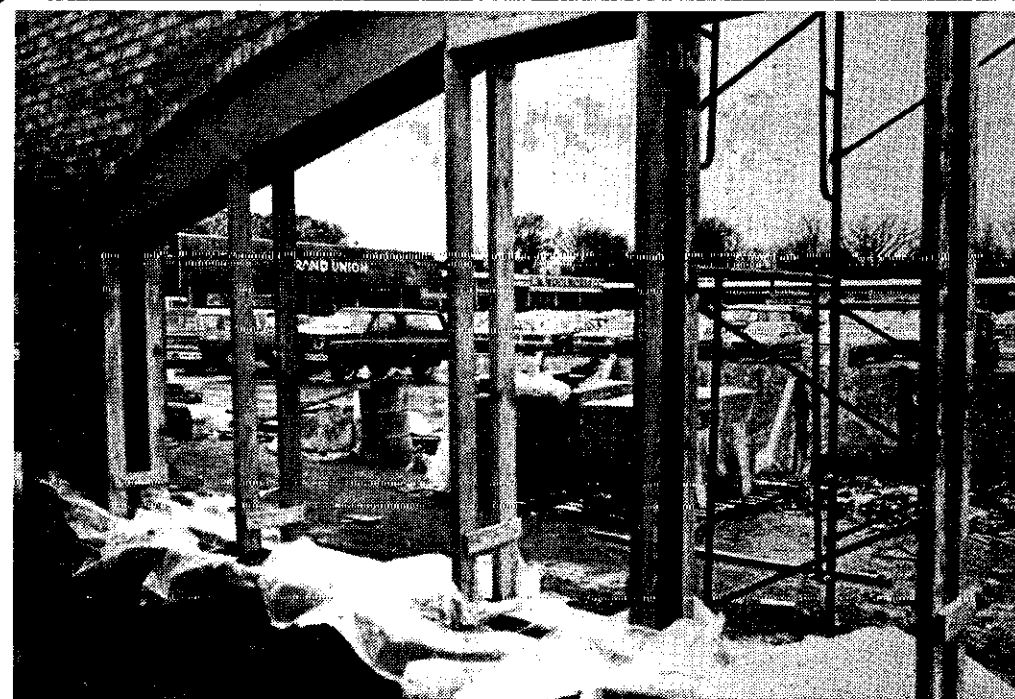
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