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Board members say it's too big for now

BTR/Price Chopper plan in jeopardy

The proposal for a major development on New Scotland Rd. that includes a new Price Chopper supermarket probably won't get a hearing from the town in its present form.

A majority of the Bethlehem Town Board say they won't consider a development of that size until the town completes its proposed comprehensive plan, a project that is expected to take at least two years.

"It will kill the project," said

Ron Schleicht, Price Chopper's vice president for real estate operations, when told of the board's sentiments. The options on the property last only one year, making a wait for a comprehensive plan impossible, he said.

Schleicht said he can see no way to scale the project down enough to meet the town's objections while still dealing with the serious traffic problems along New Scotland Rd. It was concern over traffic that led both town and

state officials to insist that the Slingerlands Bypass be extended — at a cost of some \$2.5 million to the developer. That in turn led to the large size of the project.

However, some town board members, including Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick, said that they would at least be willing to look at a scaled-down plan using LeGrange Rd. as the access, rather than New Scotland Rd. In that case, Hendrick said, the town would still insist that a right-of-way be

deeded to the town for the corridor needed to eventually extend the bypass.

The proposal calls for a shopping center that would include a Price Chopper supermarket and a total of 313,500 square feet of retail space along New Scotland Rd. The bypass extension would link the current end of the bypass with LeGrange Rd. and the Cherry Ave. Shopping center would bound the town to the west. To the west of the extension would be four office buildings with some

retail space, totaling 175,000, and then a residential section with 275 town houses. The developer is BTR Development of Baltimore, which has worked with Price Chopper on other area developments.

The proposal has sparked intense opposition and controversy since it was presented publicly Nov. 2. A citizens group has started circulating petitions asking the town not to rezone any land in Slingerlands for commercial purposes, while the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning

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Town receives lower bids for Clarksville water project

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

If everything goes according to schedule, two years from now Clarksville residents will have the water they've been promised since 1983.

New bids for construction of the Clarksville water district were opened at New Scotland Town Hall last Wednesday. According to town Supervisor Herbert Reilly, the new total is nearly \$400,000 less than the first set of bids the town received for the

proposed water transmission system, and should be acceptable to the FmHA, the project's largest underwriter, which had required that the project be re-bid.

The increase is not expected to create a problem. "It should not conflict with Audit and Control's per household guidelines for a special project like this," said Reilly, adding that "it won't create an indebtedness the area can't handle." The refinancing

must be completed within 45 days.

The work on the water district started over five years ago, when the first contract for the project was signed with Laberge Engineering and consulting group. The preliminary costs at the time were \$1,316,000, based on the assumption that a nearby water source could be located. After easement acquisitions and other

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Relocatables vs. busing

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Bethlehem Central School Board of Education will likely be facing questions tonight about the potential use of relocatable classrooms to keep kindergarten students at their "home" schools next fall.

Parents are proposing the use of relocatable-type classrooms as an alternative to busing kindergarten students from the Glenmont and Hamagrael Elementary Schools to the Clarksville Elementary School because of overcrowding at the two schools. Earlier this year, the board adopted the short-term Clarksville plan to ease overcrowding at the Glenmont

and Hamagrael schools during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 school years, while a construction project is being completed to solve long-term space shortages.

The busing issue is first on the board of education's agenda for tonight's (Wednesday) 8 p.m. meeting. Superintendent Leslie Loomis said he expects "the board to establish its position quite clearly on the issue." Loomis said the district administration has been "proceeding under the assumption that (the) kindergarten assurers" will be at Clarksville.

About 50 parents attended a program held on Saturday at the

Clarksville school, which was preceded by a bus ride to the school. Parents had the opportunity to tour the school and experience a bus ride similar to the one their children can expect next fall. Parents were assigned to meet the bus at stops on routes used for current kindergarten classes.

Most parents who have been involved in the issue say they are concerned about safety and the length of the ride from the Glenmont and Hamagrael attendance areas. The parents group has been asking the board of education to adopt an alternative plan. Several of the parents were

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Santa comes to town

Katie Finn accepts a holiday offering from Santa during his visit to Main Square Shoppes on Sunday. Area residents enjoyed horse-drawn carriages, strolling minstrels, a 25-foot spruce tree, a bonfire and other Christmas and Channukah festivities. Shannon Savage

Bell ringers ring in the season

By Theresa Bobear

Along with the scent of pine boughs tied with red ribbons, the misty glow of colorful lights shining through the snow and the holiday ornaments inside, almost everyone associates the sweet, clear melodies and harmonies of bells with Christmastide.

"I think bells are part of Christmas," said Marion Merrick of Delmar.

"There's something about Christmas that makes bells an appropriate instrument to be playing," said Dr. Ray Henrikson of Delmar. "I think we do indeed

embellish the holiday season for both people in the church and others who attend the concerts."

Marilyn Smith of Feura Bush, Merrick and Henrikson, all members of the Willett Bell Ringers, will perform in a candlelight carol service with the organist and choir at the First Presbyterian Church, Willett and State Sts., Albany, on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend the free program.

"People seem to like them," said Helen Henshaw, who established the Willett Bell Ringers in 1967 and first brought handbells

to the Capital District in 1960. "They seem to like them especially at Christmas time. It's also fun to play. Nobody can ring flat."

"The temper of the bells is such that it is very pleasant to the ear. These bells are a pleasant blending of tones," said Merrick. "I just think your ear is very receptive to that type of sound."

"Of course we always connect it to the old cathedral bells that ring out all over the world," she explained.

"It's a beautiful blending of all the tones that your ear will accept and is used to accepting," Merrick

said. "It's a complete blending of all the tones, overtones and everything else. The overtones are particularly pleasant, very pleasant."

"There is a continuing resonance to bells," said Thomas E. Curtis, Ph.D., director of the handbell choir.

Henrikson recalls the first time he heard a handbell choir. "I was impressed by the pleasant sound of the music that was being produced," he said. "They have a shapely, defined tone. When they interact well and the appropriate



Dr. Ray Henrikson of Delmar rings the largest bells to play the lowest notes for the Willett Bell Ringers.

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Relocatables

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very interested in the use of relocatable classrooms.

"It's the distance factor. From where I'm sitting, my boy will be bused an exorbitantly long way, when other solutions have come up," said Ross Prinzo, a Glenmont parent. He is concerned about the bus having to travel Delaware Turnpike. After the Saturday tour, he said he found Clarksville to be a good facility with a quality principal.

Prinzo added he was concerned that the "collective wisdom" of the approximately 100 concerned parents will not be considered by the board of education.

Loomis said relocatables would be expensive and place an additional strain on core facilities, such as gyms and libraries at the schools. The relocatable classrooms would be detached from the main building, would not have plumbing and children using them would have to walk outdoors to get to the rooms, he said. He said relocatables were "less desirable space" when space was available in the district.

The relocatables would have to be approved by the state Education Department and Loomis said there may not be enough time for the district to get approval. The board may have to consider leasing relocatables to handle the anticipated classroom shortages

for grades one through five, while the construction project is underway, he said.

Other concerns

The parents at Saturday's program were also concerned about their children being able to return to their "home" schools and the bus drivers being able to handle the children on a long ride.

Loomis said the kindergarteners will "most definitely" be at their "home" schools for first grade.

The kindergarten students will be grouped by attendance areas to allow them to make friends with the same students they will be with in first grade and so the principals from the Glenmont and Hamagrael can visit and become familiar with the students. The students will also be taught by the kindergarten teacher from their home school.

Several parents raised the question of the district hiring matrons to ride the kindergarten buses to allow the driver to better concentrate on driving. The parents suggested that someone ride the bus to help the young students become better acclimated to the trip and several said they would volunteer.

Loomis said arrangements could be made to have an adult ride the bus and added he did not think it would be necessary for more than a week.

2 Thinking Reed writers honored

Lisa D'Ambrosi and Lisa Babiskin, both seniors at Bethlehem Central High School, share a number of things in common besides first names — they both won achievement awards in writing from the National Council of Teachers of English.

Over 6,000 students entered the national contest for high school juniors. The awards were based on a piece of writing in its final form and a 70 minute timed essay.

D'Ambrosi submitted a short story called "A Bedtime Story," which she said was inspired, in part, by summers spent at Brant Lake. Babiskin's entry was "Lessons Not Learned." Both stories have been included in issues of *The Thinking Reed* published by the school district. For the second portion of the contest, both students chose to write their timed essays on the topic of time.

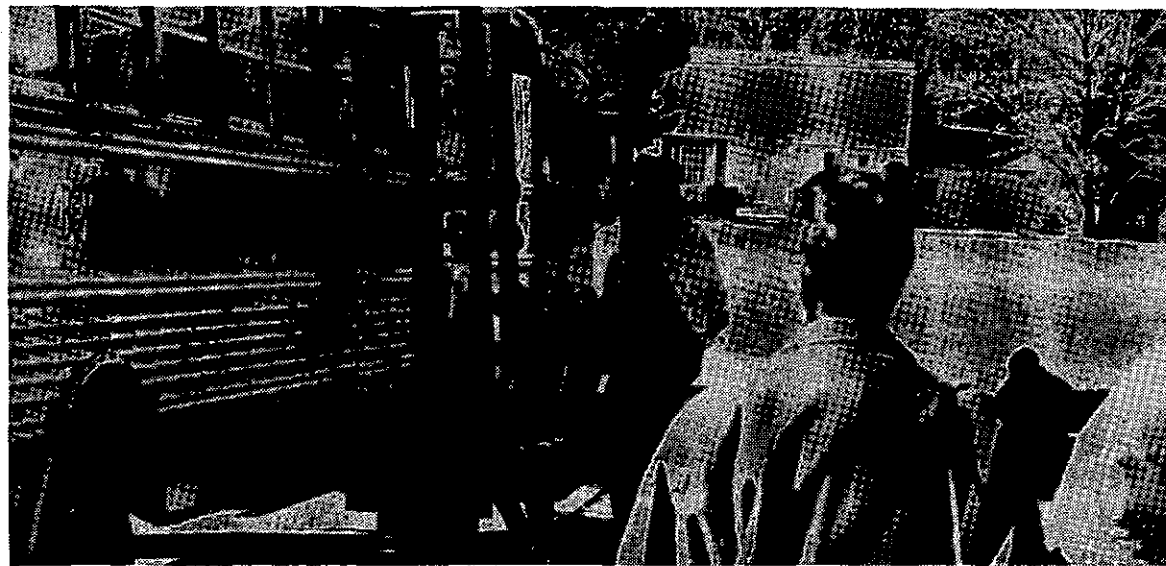
The English teachers at Bethlehem Central "definitely helped" nurture the writers talents, said Babiskin. Both credited 10th grade English teacher Robin Rapaport for their development as writers.

Rapaport taught both girls in the same class and said they were "both very good students." They were both "easy to teach because they were highly motivated.

Rapaport said the two Lisas are "very different writers. . . Lisa D'Ambrosi writes with in a very soft almost sentimental voice. . . Lisa Babiskin focuses in on the sense of anguish of world."

Both of the talented young writers have spent time working on *The Thinking Reed* in addition to submitting their literary works. D'Ambrosi is the current editor of the collection of student literary and art works and served

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Bruce Gyory helps his daughter climb aboard a Bethlehem school bus Saturday morning to experience the ride between the Clarksville Elementary School and the Hamagrael Elementary School attendance

area. On the Cover: Clarksville Principal Cheryl MacCulloch points out a music room while conducting a tour for a group of parents whose children may be attending the school next year. Sal Prividera Jr. photos

On the bus to Clarksville

By Sal Prividera Jr.

It had been a long time since most of these passengers had ridden a school bus, but some 30 parents and two or three children took the Bethlehem Central School District up on its offer of a sample bus ride last Saturday.

Bus rides based on existing kindergarten routes were offered to Hamagrael and Glenmont parents whose children will be affected by the district's plan to bus kindergarten students from Hamagrael and Glenmont to the Clarksville Elementary School in September.

The Saturday morning jaunt to the Clarksville Elementary School took 32 minutes on bus 7 for John and Nancy Blickensderfer. They were the first to board the bus for parents in the Hamagrael route. A second route was also run in the Glenmont attendance area.

The Blickensderfers said they took the early morning ride, complete with a wait for the bus,

to experience the ride their child will have in the fall and out of concern for safety. They said they were "dissatisfied" with not being able to send their child to the neighborhood school, Hamagrael. They added they were still deciding whether to have their child ride to Clarksville or go to a private school.

Two mothers who missed the bus at their assigned stop, but boarded at the next stop with cellular phone in hand, said they felt the ride along the Delaware Turnpike was "dangerous" because of the hilly nature of the road. They felt the board of education should experience the ride, which they said was too long.

One early morning rider was satisfied with the bus ride and the prospect of her child going to the Clarksville School. "I think people are making much too much of an issue over this," she said.

The review of the ride by the two children on the bus was

mixed. "The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish. . . all through the town," sang Jennifer Sokoler on the ride back from Clarksville. She had trouble fastening her seat belt by herself, but promised her father, Rick, she would always fasten her belt no matter how long it took.

Bruce Gyory's daughter did not find the ride as much fun. He said she told him that she "wouldn't want to go to school after this bus ride" because the windy roads upset her stomach. He said he wished there were "alternatives" to the bus ride.

Most adults find the buses used now by school districts greatly improved over the vehicles they remember, with their low seats and exposed metal rails. The seats are now fully padded, the backs are much higher and there are seat belts. Based on a survey by the bus driver, six of the 14 passengers on Bus 7 wore their seat belt. The bus' maximum speed in a 55-m.p.h. zone is 50 m.p.h., according to the driver.



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¡Ole! at the arena

As was inevitable, the Albany County Legislature has gone along with the proposed bond issue to help finish the Knickerbocker Arena "civic center."

Editorials

This was deemed necessary because the presently projected final cost of the arena is turning out to be some 58 percent above the original estimate when the arena proposal was being dangled. A like situation would be if you approved an architect's plan for a \$100,000 dwelling, and before the walls were up you were told, "Sorry, but it's going to cost you \$158,000, pal." Or else. You might tear your hair and run yelling and screaming to your lending institution. If you found the extra \$58,000, it would also have another price-tag — the interest. The county's bonding solution means that you will also be paying, especially if the management of the arena isn't any better than the management of the planning.

We can pray that the "final" figure is in fact the final-final cost. But who can be confident of that? The thievery that went into construction of the Empire State Mall, sending its costs skyrocketing, is too fresh in memory to justify complete assurance.

And the Legislature has approved, too, a budget that allows for a projected 29 percent increase in the taxes that the county will collect from you from now on. This happy prospect is not connected with the arena's over-runs, say the Democrats who run the country's affairs and the Legislature. We note that the fiscal burdens that are being imposed were approved on a party-line vote.

Remembering Pearl Harbor

Most Americans weren't alive when one of the most disastrous and memorable events in the nation's history occurred on Dec. 7, 1941.

In the intervening 47 years, we have experienced so many superseding surprises, daunting catastrophes, trials and triumphs, happy and sad changes, that to most of the readers of this editorial, the Japanese attack on U.S. defenses at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii seems as much a fable as a legend. For Americans, Japan has come to signify cheap automotive and electronic imports from a tidily efficient land of shutterbugging tourists.

But for older citizens, that Sunday in early December will — as President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the next day — live forever in infamy.

Our casualties that day totaled nearly 3,500, a tragic loss even though brutally overshadowed in the next four years by war's terrible toll. Damage was incalculable; a large part of our Pacific fleet was wiped out. The United States, having carelessly left its defenses down, was in an extremely vulnerable position and suffered reverse after reverse for many months.

All but forgotten by too many after nearly a half-century, "Pearl Harbor Day" nonetheless lives on in its lessons of awareness, readiness, sacrifice, and heroism. The men and women who were already in service at that time, and who still survive at an advanced age, may more likely tell the story of what followed, rather than what occurred that day. The country can well afford to pause and salute them and those who fell at Pearl Harbor and in odds-against conflict thereafter.

Citizens who heard, aghast, Vice President George Bush proclaim Sept. 7 as "Pearl Harbor Day" have reason to wonder how deeply the significance of that dire occasion is now remembered, even by a man who then was motivated to join up and himself become a true war hero. (Could it have been a weird campaign ploy? Some will hope that his "slip" may have been deliberate.)

The United States and all its people have ample reason to commemorate with due solemnity the anniversary of that fateful day, a turning point in the tide of mankind's struggles toward a better world.

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While thinking of Japan and its people's advances, read also the Point of View guest editorial on the page opposite. In it, Albert J. Abrams discusses important trends there in response to an aging population.

Hendrick: do planning first

Editor, The Spotlight:

I feel it is time that I, as town supervisor, express my thoughts regarding the development which has been advanced for community discussion by Price Chopper/B.T.R. Realty Inc. Many have asked for my opinion, and I am deeply concerned that — even though a specific proposal and request have not yet been presented to the town supervisor and town board — a pitched battle is being waged by both supporters and opponents that threatens to seriously divide the people of Bethlehem.

Readers of *The Spotlight* know that from the very beginning of my administration, I have worked to respond to the urgent need for an additional food shopping area in Bethlehem. I have made many attempts to persuade various supermarket chains to locate a store in areas currently zoned for this purpose, and I will continue

Vox Pop

to do so. Unfortunately, to date, this effort has met with little success.

In respect to the Price Chopper/B.T.R. proposal, the town has not received any drawings or requests to begin the decision-making process. Therefore, I must refrain from making an official evaluation of the proposal at this time. However, if an application is submitted, and if it involves a massive shopping complex plus office structures and several hundred residential buildings, my opinion is that this large a project far exceeds the obvious needs of the community for a food store.

It is critically important that Bethlehem's future growth be well planned and carefully

controlled. We have taken many positive steps in this direction and are prepared to take many more. For example, we have established a separate planning department and have provided for an additional planning position next year. In addition there is an appropriation of \$125,000 in the 1989 budget to develop and implement a new master plan. In my mind, it would be inappropriate to proceed with a project of this size without having an overall plan in place.

I will, of course, carefully evaluate any proposal that may be presented in the days or weeks ahead. However, at a time when pro and con community sentiments are being so openly debated, I thought it appropriate that I share my general view.

J. Robert Hendrick
Supervisor
Town of Bethlehem

What has Slingerlands done for us?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Slingerlanders are vocal in opposition to the proposed supermarket development.

Let's ask, "What has Slingerlands ever contributed to the betterment of the Town of Bethlehem?" Then let's look at some facts.

Slingerlands has indeed been fortunate in its parasitic relationship to the Town of Bethlehem. What resources does the balance of the town supply Slingerlands — water, sewage disposal, public works facilities, major schools, town park, Little League field, town hall, local newspaper, supermarket, electric plant, telephone plant, and, most importantly, the reducing effect upon their residential taxes derived from large commercial concerns. All of the foregoing are not located in Slingerlands but in the balance of the town. Not only that, but Slingerlands has contributed to the traffic loads generated by these activities.

And what else has Slingerlands contributed? "Gracious living"

(they say). But a drive, on Sunday, through the rest of Bethlehem might suggest that Slingerlands does not have a monopoly on this.

Why are Slingerlanders objecting to a proposal which will provide the whole town with:

1. Substantial savings in taxes derived from the shared effect of taxation on this commercial operation.
2. Everyday savings on groceries derived because of supermarket competition.
3. Improved shopping convenience to all.
4. The provision of a real plan for senior citizen housing.
5. Relief of the daily traffic jam, occurring in Slingerlands, on New Scotland Road where it connects the bypass.

On what other grounds than "gracious living" do Slingerlanders object? Is it the perceived effect upon the residential development? Make your own evaluation. Note that a substantial, heavily wooded ravine south of the proposed development side protects

Slingerlands from future encroachment; that the first residential development of note is one-half mile from the proposal, at Surrey Mall; that commercial development then starts at Surrey Mall and continues one-quarter mile to Font Grove Road, where off-New Scotland Road residential development again starts.

To suggest that action be withheld pending completion of a "master plan" is a specious argument that suggests little sensitivity to a need often voiced by townspeople.

Who is so naive or irresponsible as to believe some other concerns with lots of capital will be standing outside the door, months hence, with some new plan, some better location? Or, is this a pocket-veto of a second supermarket?

Is not responsible action, and not responsible planning, the immediate necessity? Who has not heard of the goose that laid the golden egg?

Name Submitted
Delmar

Lack of leadership in Voorheesville

Editor, The Spotlight

December has all the earmarks of being one of the busiest and most important months of the year for Voorheesville Central School's Board of Education. It is a month in which many decisions will be made concerning the proposed bond issue, the 1988-89 budget, and the day-to-day operation of our educational system.

It is also when the very critical decision will be made concerning the superintendency of our school district.

It is impossible to overstate its importance, because that decision will leave an indelible mark on this district for some time to come. Even though there has been very little published on this subject since the public meeting last summer, the issue of the superintendency is very much alive. To rehash the statements made at that meeting, both written and verbal, would be of little value.

It would seem logical that one of the most important qualifications required of any superintendent would be the ability to effect good relationships with the various bodies involved in the educational process. A chief school administrator must possess the tools to forge a good and lasting relationship with, and between, the board of education, both the teaching and non-teaching staff, the student body, and the district residents. Unless that positive relationship is accomplished, it is almost impossible to realize the full potential of the educational program. In the opinion of a great

many people, this process has not evolved to achieve that realization. If Mrs. Gonan possesses those tools, they have not presented themselves to any great degree.

Controversy is not necessarily all negative. Complete absence of controversy would surely indicate a dire lack of progress or of new ideas. It is non-productive, however, when it becomes so divisive. Unfortunately, controversy of a divisive nature has plagued this superintendent for the five and one-half years she has been a superintendent of schools — three years at her previous post

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Enough of history?

Do we all tend to make too much of past events; "history," that is? We all know that Henry Ford declared that "History is bunk," for which comment the professors have derided him ever since.

The question comes to mind for a number of rather small reasons. We have only recently gone through a great deal of not only recalling but reconstructing the circumstances of the death of John F. Kennedy. Some of it seemed gruesomely and needlessly morbid, to me. This Pearl Harbor anniversary no longer is widely observed, though many persons will tell you that it deserves to be.

What about re-creations of notable events, such as Civil War battles and the Gettysburg Address? Our neighbor Red Davis will assure you that there's a large and enthusiastic following for such events. But I've heard some people say that the entire Civil War is distasteful to them. As to why, I'm not really certain.

A decade ago, the TV series "Roots" was a sensation and won an immense audience. This drama "out of Africa" and its consequences in human and national suffering was remarkable indeed in its impact. Now, I hear, a "Roots" continuation or sequel

is to be televised within the next few days. Intensely emotional television drama has achieved the status of an art form in itself, and a name all its own: "docudramas." The shading of some facts is accepted as a part of the necessary means of telescoping years, centuries into several hours. Even so, the hours themselves can become exhausting to the riveted audience.

Intensely emotional tv has won status of an art form

Pertinent just now, also, is the recent 18-hour series, "War and Remembrance," which succeeded an earlier presentation of fictionalized history. Both stories were offshoots of hugely popular novels by the same writer. And "War and Remembrance" is to be resumed next May, after the country has had an opportunity to catch its breath, perhaps.

This is a point of view that I find difficult, to say the least, to comprehend, but I mention it here as an indication of what varying approaches we all bring, at one time or another, to life's big picture, especially when it's reduced to the limitations of the small screen.

And I return to the original question: do we tend to make too much of the lessons to be gleaned from history's pages? And do recall the observation by the philosopher who cautioned that those who do not benefit from the mistakes that the study of history exposes are destined to repeat those mistakes.

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I realize that by the time you read this, it'll be an old story, but I want to tell you that I heard my first Christmas carol on the day after Thanksgiving, in one of our local stores. It was then exactly 30 days till Christmas morning, by which time the spirit of the carols will so largely have been crushed once more.

I heard "War and Remembrance" objected to the other day, by a keen individual who had watched all but one hour of the drama. The objection was based on the question as to whether such controversial material (focusing on Nazi Germany and the Holocaust) would raise anew old antipathies — would, in fact, offend American citizens and other residents of German descent by recalling so graphically the misdeeds of the Hitler period. (I believe that I did hear "misdeeds" implied rather than "alleged misdeeds.")

CONSTANT READER

Tale of a distilled elixir

Let's turn this week not to periodicals but to the world of hard-cover books for a change. Let me mention a pair, first-off, though one really is irrelevant to what I hope to write here.

Two books, with but a single title: "Through a Glass Darkly." This often-used Biblical reference was used in 1946 on a 740-page novel of 18th century romance and adventure. Beside it on my bookshelf is a much thinner book with the same name (except for the use of a comma between the noun and the adverb). The subtitle of this little volume is "13 Tales of Wine and Crime."

These 13 are sparkling tales collected from the writings of both contemporary and previous authors, ranging from Roald Dahl, Michael Gilbert, and Arthur C. Clarke to Edgar Allan Poe and William Sydney Porter. This O. Henry yarn is set in New York City, as you might expect, in the early days of this century. (It was published in 1906 in a collection entitled "The Trimmed Lamp.")

I'm afraid that my recollection of O. Henry stories begins with "The Gift of the Magi" and sadly doesn't go much further. Now I must resurrect some anthologies with more of his stories. This one called "The Lost Blend," is just five pages long, and to say that it concerns wine does stretch the facts a bit. Here's the opening sentence: "Since the bar has been blessed by the clergy, and cocktails open the dinners of the elect, one may speak of the saloon." The scene is Kenealy's cafe, and over the cafe lived Kenealy's family. "His daughter Katherine had eyes of dark Irish — but why should you be told."

On "the sober side of the bar" worked Con Lantry, "clean, temperate, clear-headed, polite,

punctual, trustworthy, young, responsible — and took our money." Also, in the presence of a woman (particularly Katherine) he was tongue-tied and scarlet. "When he stood before a woman, he was voiceless, incoherent, stuttering, buried beneath an avalanche of bashfulness and misery. What then was he before Katherine? A trembler, with no word to say for himself, a stone without blarney, the dumbest lover that ever babbled of the weather in the presence of his divinity."

His daughter had eyes of dark Irish and a teasing laugh

A barrel of "distilled elixir of battle, money, and high life" but of unknown compounds is sold (in a parallel account) in Nicaragua, where each morning there was "a line of generals and colonels and ex-presidents and revolutionists a block long waiting to be served. . . . When that barrel was half gone, Nicaragua had repudiated its national debt, removed the duty on cigarettes, and was about to declare war on the United States and England."

Back in Manhattan at Kenealy's, Con Lantry, the barman, happens to taste the brew, in an O. Henry twist.

"As he returned through the hall Katherine was just going up

the stairs. 'No news yet, Mr. Lantry?' she asked with her teasing laugh. Con lifted her clear from the floor and held her there. 'The news is,' he said, 'that we're going to be married.'

"Put me down, sir!" she cried indignantly, 'or I will — oh, Con, oh, wherever did you get the nerve to say it?'"

The end. But it was a nice revelation to rediscover O. Henry. "Through a Glass, Darkly," by the way was edited in 1984 by Beaufort Books. I gather that it's gone through the remaindering stage already, because I picked up a copy over at Friar Tuck's, and then they all disappeared.

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The other book I want to mention briefly is "One Little Candle," by Thomas J. Fleming, and it was published in 1963 as a recounting of the Pilgrims' first year in America. It was on Dec. 6 when a small band of explorers set out from the Mayflower to find a suitable habitat. After many discouragements and hardships (including fighting off an Indian raid), on the morning of Dec. 11 they saw "wooded hills, glistening with snow, that formed a great amphitheater around a bay. They were looking at Plymouth." The coincidence of timing in this season made the story a newly compelling one for me, and I thought you might be interested, too, to hear this bit about our heritage.

Words for the week

Tatami: Straw matting used as a floor covering in a Japanese home.

Elixir: A substance held capable of turning base metals into gold; a substance held capable of prolonging life indefinitely; a cure-all; or a sweetened liquid used as a vehicle for medicinal agents.

Mandate: An authoritative command; an authorization to act, given to a representative.

Keep an eye on Japan

This week's Point of View is reprinted, with permission, from the magazine on the Aging, a publication of the National Council on the Aging. The author, a Slingerlands resident, was president of that organization in 1974-76 and was one of its five original incorporating members. He was Director of the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Problems of the Aged, which issued its first report 40 years ago. He has a long history in social legislation and other action on aging. For more than a decade, he was Secretary to the New York State Senate. He is a former president of the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc. (Because of space considerations, the article has been abridged slightly.)

By Albert J. Abrams

Nikko Niyamoto, at age 70, shares with me, at 73, the mix of joy and despair, aches and pains, fear and serenity of old age — although we were raised and live half a world apart. For East is East and West is West, but in old age the twain do meet.

Point of View

I saw him first in an "Old People's Club" in Kyoto, a world renowned city about a three-hour ride on the bullet train from Tokyo. The club is one of Japan's thousands of municipally sponsored senior centers whose reported total membership is 7.7 million out of Japan's 14.3 million elderly persons.

Lean, with an unwrinkled face and wispy white hair, Nikko sat cross-legged on a cushion on the floor, playing checkers against another player. Women are rapidly breaking age-old discriminatory patterns in the workplace, and here in the center men and women played checkers together, watched TV together, and competed equally in playing outdoors a hybrid of croquet and quoits. Perhaps age breaks down some prejudices.

Nikko told me, through an interpreter, that like the others there he brings his own lunch every day, in a red lacquered box containing a low-calorie assortment of sushi, rice, and seaweeds. He walks to the center, for in Japan senior centers draw almost exclusively from the local neighborhoods. Nikko, like one-third of the aging in Japan, does not live with his children. His son lives in Tokyo, so he and his wife, sad about this deviation from the traditional Japanese three-generation household, find in the center a substitute for family.

Japan's other revolution

Nikko is one of the growing army of aged Japanese who confront Japan with many of the same problems faced by United States — albeit with added emphasis.

Japan's high-tech revolution ... has garnered many a headline. But little attention has been paid to the Japanese aging revolution.

Japan's high-tech revolution, its unexcelled quality control, its extraordinary productivity, its unique decision-making process in labor relations, and its hardnosed international trade practices have garnered many a headline. But little attention has been given to the Japanese aging revolution:

Japan has become one of the fastest aging societies in the world.

Japan has become number one in the world for life expectancy (80 years for women; 79.4 for men).

Old age has become Japan's number one domestic problem.

The way Nikko lives, in a two-room 10-tatami-mat flat with kitchenette, is a function of Japan's huge population crush — 110 million people on an island not as big as Montana. Land is costly, and everything has to be squeezed together. That is why Nikko's senior center in a municipal building behind a firehouse has only two rather small multipurpose rooms and two tiny offices for the program director and her equipment: Put away the checker board and the low table becomes a lunch table.

Lessons for the U.S.

What can we who are concerned with aging here in the United States learn from the Japanese experience?

For one thing, Japan has set up a "safety net" for elderly persons that seems to work. Relatively few are on welfare. This full-employment society offers a constitutional mandate for a minimum living income, annual wage escalation that rises with age, and an annual "bonus system." Workers are able to save about 20 percent of salary, so savings for old age are much greater than in the United States.

Major industrial concerns offer lifetime job guarantees. When Nikko became 54, his company told him in and asked what his retirement plan would be at 55. "I told them I wanted to stay on the job," he said. "So they kept me on until I was 62; then they got me a job with a small company that did contract work for them. I worked there for about three years and then quit when my wife became ill." Now, with a national pension and a corporate pension, plus savings over three decades, Nikko has few financial worries, particularly since medical care is virtually free for older persons.

Second, Japan is providing a dual system for long-term care. "Normalization" of the frail aged, through a massive home care program, is building national support at the same time that Japan invests in increased "institutionalization," in the light of

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and the balance at Voorheesville. To retain Mrs. Gonan will only serve to deepen those existing divisions at a time when cooperation is paramount among all of the bodies referred to above, especially in light of the issues that face this district these next few months.

District residents genuinely want to see an end to the gulf that has evolved these past few years between themselves and the leadership of their school district — namely the board of education and the superintendency. It is hoped that a new beginning can be made; that beginning has to have a starting place and time, and that time has come.

In the best interests of our entire school district — students, staff, the board of education, district residents — the board is respectfully being asked to deny renewal of the incumbent's contract. In the long run, it will also be in the best interest of Mrs. Gonan.

William L. Childs

Voorheesville

Traffic congestion remedy is foreseen

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am amazed at the few letters that have appeared in *The Spotlight* in support of the proposed shopping center.

This morning I sat in a traffic jam that extended from the Blue Cross building all the way back up New Scotland Avenue and the Cherry Avenue Extension to McCormack Drive. I asked myself: am I the only person here who does not enjoy this waste of time every morning and evening? The development plans seek to relieve this congestion by connecting the Cherry Avenue Extension with Route 85.

The congestion I sat in this morning is second only to that experienced at almost all times of the day and night on Delaware Avenue. Those members of the community who are concerned about the quality of life in this town are rightfully worried about the steady overdevelopment of our "Main Street." There is just no more room for development there and yet we continue to see efforts to add more stores and offices. This situation will not change until we open up new pockets of commercial development to handle the day-to-day needs of our citizens. That is why this project and the reasonable development of Route 9W are so important. They will serve as much needed "safety valves" for Delaware Avenue by allowing new areas for growth and expansion.

No one is asking to build another Crossgates Mall or any type of commercial project of that magnitude. Reasonable and controlled development can be made to

work for our town to create an even nicer environment for all of us to live in. It is a shame that we must go to Guilderland or across the river just to have access to the shops that we want and need on a daily basis.

I hope that others who feel that the project helps this town will speak up.

Michael M. Emminger

Selkirk

Would the market stay?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Yes — we do want another supermarket in the Tri-Village area.

No — we don't want to be forced to swallow Coney Island in order to get it!

Is it true that Price Chopper is only renting space in this behemoth that may be thrust upon us unwillingly? If that's the case, what's to prevent Price Chopper from moving out in a few years? We know all too well that supermarkets do move on occasion — witness the absence of the Grand Union in Voorheesville and the office building where Albany Public used to be. If this occurs again, we would be left without a second supermarket that we do need and a lot of additional traffic problems, which we don't need.

Rowena F. Hewitt

Slingerlands

Entire town's interests should be considered

Editor, The Spotlight:

I write to offer my view of the proposed shopping center by BTR Development and Price Chopper for the Town of Bethlehem.

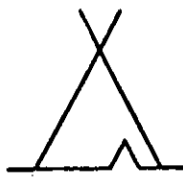
I believe the key words in that sentence are "the Town of Bethlehem." Recent issues of *The Spotlight* have been full of letters from the residents of the village of Slingerlands. The Town of Bethlehem is comprised of more people than those who reside in Slingerlands. In my opinion, it is time for the rest of us to stand up and be counted.

Opportunity is knocking on our town's door — possibly the only opportunity we will see in the coming years to have our roads tended to and widened, and to break the monopoly Grand Union has on the food-shoppers of Bethlehem. For the commuters who use Route 85, Cherry Avenue, and New Scotland Avenue to go back and forth to Albany (even those who reside in Slingerlands will benefit), the \$2.5 million investment on the part of BTR will help enormously to alleviate the bottleneck on those roads — and for all of us who like to eat, a Price Chopper in our area will benefit everyone, both in time and money.

The proposed shopping center is far enough away from the "old New England" section of the village of Slingerlands not to affect its atmosphere — if the residents feel that it will, they could always move to "old New England."

Name submitted

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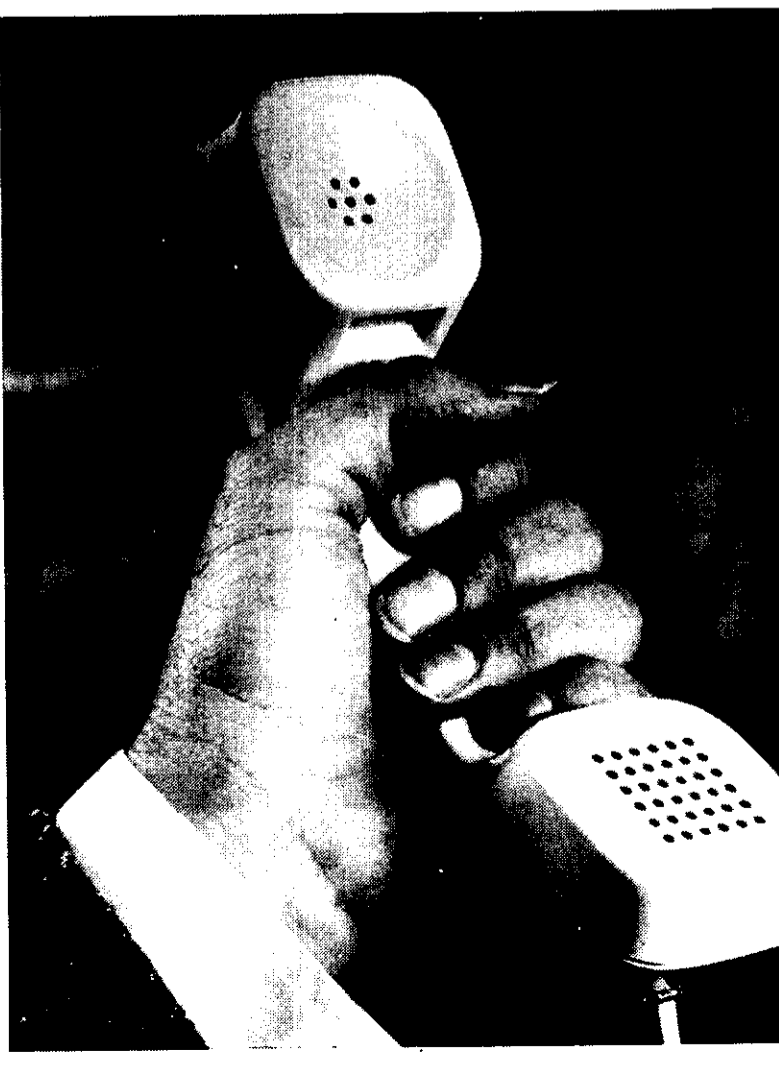
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'Large complex not needed in area'

Editor, The Spotlight:

We have lived in Delmar for 13 years. For much of this time we have been concerned over the pace of "development" in the Tri-Village area, and the increase in traffic. Now, with the news of the Price Chopper complex proposed for Slingerlands, we feel that it is time to speak out.

Some may feel that the Price Chopper plans affect only the residents of Slingerlands. We believe that the proposed plans affect all Tri-Village residents. The character of our town will be unalterably changed by allowing a commercial endeavor of this type in the midst of a residential area.

We do not need a large shopping complex. Yes, it is somewhat of an inconvenience to have only one supermarket. No one likes to wait in long lines at the checkout. But, residents need to weigh the relatively minor burdens imposed by having one supermarket, with the major burdens of increased traffic and environmental impact which would ensue.

The proposed shopping and office complex is out of proportion to the area and its needs. Please, Tri-Village residents, unite to fight it. Make known to town leaders that you oppose it.

Barbara and Alan Via

Delmar

Use the 'Village' to offset bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

Ten years ago the Town of Bethlehem and the Board of Education made a big mistake. For those of you new to the area, you may not be aware of this blunder. But you are feeling its consequences today.

It was 10 years ago the board sold to the Town the Delmar grade school. It is now the town hall. Normally, the sale of a

building that size with all that land goes for hundreds of thousands of dollars. What was the selling price, you ask? A mere \$64,000. The board sold a complete school facility for \$64,000, and now will spend over \$11 million for "additions" to the other schools. Boy, what a deal!

That's one mistake we will pay for for at least 20 years (the life of the bond). We cannot afford that kind of mistake again. Today we are faced with another controversy, Bethlehem Village. How much school taxes and property taxes do you think that project will pay to the town?

To help offset the bond issue, I say yes to Bethlehem Village. But that is not the only reason. It will help eliminate the traffic on Delaware Ave, help in parking at Delaware Plaza, and it will bring another grocery store to the area. It will not hurt Slingerlands' country setting. We can not afford to let this one slip by.

Jerry Pittz

Delmar

Thanks to firefighters

Editor, The Spotlight:

We wish to publicly express our thanks to the Delmar Fire Dept. for its prompt response to the fire call from our laundromat at the Four Corners on the evening of Nov. 16.

Quick, decisive, yet considerate, action kept the damage to a minimum so that we were able to resume operation in a few days.

It is a comforting thought indeed to know that the services of our town are there when we need them.

Elayne and Chuck Cross

Impact on residential areas, roads cited

Editor, The Spotlight:

You permitted Price Chopper to use your Nov. 16 article to claim

that the citizens of Bethlehem at the meeting at the church were given incorrect information though the information was the same that Price Chopper gave *The Spotlight* and *The Spotlight* printed in previous editions. You permitted Price Chopper to use your article to complain that they were not invited though the meeting at the church was publicly announced and open to the public.

Please give a citizen the opportunity of commenting on what this commercial development means to the Town of Bethlehem and asking Price Chopper and BTR Realty the questions that your reporters failed to ask.

It is important that the people of Bethlehem not be deceived regarding the size or character of the proposed project or ignore the likelihood that such a project will also eliminate the zoned residential

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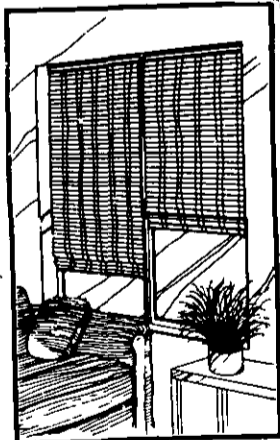
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character of all the large surrounding area and lead to further commercial development and dense, townhouse development as the sole residential use. It is sad and ironic that BTR Realty chose the quaint name "Bethlehem Village" to sell a mammoth commercial project that would go a long way toward destroying the real villages of Delmar and Slingerlands, by putting the complex in an area designated for the highest residential use.

BTR Realty and Price Chopper

should answer our questions rather than ignoring the real issues. For example, if the proposed complex is really going to be a "neighborhood shopping center," why do they insist on building a gargantuan market and reject opportunities to acquire shopping centers along Delaware Avenue where they could have built a "neighborhood shopping center"? If they are committed to the residential quality, why are they proposing a commercial complex large enough to draw and accommodate shoppers

from Albany, the surrounding towns, and the hill towns on a zoned residential location fed largely by two-lane roads that lead through residential sections?

Isn't the proposed development inevitably going to lead to further commercial development of all surrounding open land? The developers have yet to explain how to keep that part of Bethlehem from being turned into another Wolf Road or Crossgates. If the town permits the commercial development, won't it draw business away from our local businesses in Elsmere and Delmar? As those locations become less viable and the businesses lose customers, close, or move to the new commercial area, will Delaware Avenue become our town's Central Avenue?

The citizens are concerned, and question the impact that the extra traffic generated by the proposed complex would have on the two-lane roads that feed into the area.

The developers would not answer those questions. They have never explained how to deal with extra traffic on New Scotland Road west of Cherry Avenue, on Kenwood, on Cherry Avenue south of Kenwood, on Font Grove Road, on Delaware Avenue, and on Elm Avenue. Naturally, they are not concerned by the impact that the extra traffic will have.

Those of us living on those roads would lose our front yards if they were widened to accommodate the extra traffic. Even if there were room to widen the roads without destroying residential and historic aspects of our town,

the taxpayers would bear the expense of road construction.

The developers' repeated failure to address these and other citizens' concerns confirms our opinion that they have no satisfactory answers. If BTR is permitted to proceed, it will not only usurp the town's prerogative of planning, it will push the town in the wrong direction at a tremendous cost to all of us.

John Sherman

Slingerlands

No 'overkill' in PBRP position

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week's *Spotlight* editorial about the BTR/Price Chopper proposal attributed a quality to Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning (BCRP) to which we take exception. The editorial described our position as overkill and went on to describe what it meant, which was, in summary, an exaggeration of the commercial square footage of the BTR/Price Chopper proposal.

The *Spotlight* had no valid basis for accusing BCRP of overkill. I stated BCRP's position in a Nov. 16 letter that did not deal with square footage but with the importance of comprehensive planning. In the Nov. 9 issue, a letter by a BCRP member (submitted as an individual) focused on the town's \$125,000 budget for the comprehensive plan and the need for interim development guidelines.

Sometimes there are gray areas of fact, sometimes there are differing interpretations or opinions. The *Spotlight* editorial was not any of these. It was simply incorrect.

John Smolinsky

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning

The editorial erred in naming Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning as one of those groups that, in our opinion, have exaggerated the size of the development proposal. Ed.

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Japan and the elderly

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aging demographics. From the Cabinet level down to the neighborhood social agency, there is agreement on the twin objectives.

To pay for home care, a "reverse home equity" plan is developing briskly. A municipally subsidized non-profit agency provides for frail, ill aged persons a lifetime guarantee of hot meals, chore work, visiting nurse, and other life services. The costs are estimated in advance, based on actuarial tables. A lien is taken on the individual's home, up to 80 percent of its value. After the individual's death, the home is sold and any funds left over go to the heirs.

Nursing homes are more likely than in the United States to have outreach programs. As in the United States, only about five percent of the aged are in institutions. Those who are sick resist placement in private rooms — reared in an environment of many people in a room, most prefer four-bed rooms or wards. Japanese nursing homes are not as differentiated as ours, but the country is searching in that direction.

To help in care of the aged, Japan is using "high tech": an "emergency pin" that calls for help electronically (if an aged person should fall, have a stroke, or need other assistance) and a "homing" device that enables authorities to locate immediately a senile person who wanders and is lost. The land of Toyotas and Sonys is also perfecting a "soft" robot reputed to be a home-chore whiz.

Third, Japan appears to use aging-related quotas and subsidies more than we do, and while the six percent quota for employing older workers is not vigorously enforced it serves to set a standard for educational efforts by the government. Subsidies

Point of View

from local governments and non-profit agencies are enabling the national government to set policy yet decentralize service delivery.

This is happening even though Japan's aged are not organized. There is no NCOA with its "voice for the aged," no Claude Pepper in the Diet. Japan's awesome bureaucracy promotes interests of the aged. Deep cultural values appear to weaken before the onslaught of economics.

Widespread volunteerism provides such services as free employment agencies attached to Old People's Utilization Councils, plus a system of federally appointed minsei-iins or "official volunteers," recruited for three-year terms from those who have "a rich life experience" and "display enthusiasm," to conduct consultative, guidance, and investigatory activities. Councils of Social Welfare, a voluntary organization heavily federally subsidized, attempts to promote

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The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, in collaboration with the Albany County Women's Republican Club, will sponsor a Christmas brunch at Normanside Country Club, on Sunday, Dec. 11, at noon.

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cooperation between public and private agencies at all levels.

Better Off? "Maybe so."

Observation leads to the belief that old age in Japan has honor and prestige but little power. And, with each new generation, the honor and prestige wanes. It will not stem the tide of nuclear families, dispersal of adult children, and obsolescence of skills.

My advice to America's caregivers for the aged? Keep an eye on Japan! Their industrial inventiveness is turning to social inventiveness. Their skill in improving industrial processes is turning to improving social processes.

Many Japanese feel this generation of aged is far better off than any other in Japanese history. Nikko says, "Maybe so. But my mother and father, when they became old, had me and my wife in their home. I helped all I could. My wife took care of them when they were sick. What do I have? A flat. Food. Clothes. All fine. But I don't have my son near me. I don't have my daughter-in-law near me. My father was useful to the end. What good am I? I play here at the Center. Sad... sad."

Tools, radar detector stolen from truck

Over a \$1,000 worth of items were stolen Saturday from a truck parked at Red Star in Glenmont, Bethlehem police said.

Police said the truck was entered through a rear sliding window. A set of Snap-on tools, a radar detector and a set of jumper cables were taken, police said.

Voorheesville man faces DWI charge

Albany County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 22-year-old Voorheesville man for driving while intoxicated early Friday morning after stopping him on Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands.

Deputies said he was also charged for criminal possession of a weapon after a switchblade knife was discovered in his possession.

VCRs, camera stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of two VCRs and some camera equipment from a Wemple Rd. home last Monday. The home was entered through a rear door and items taken were worth \$1,082, police said.

Wicklow Terrace homes robbed; jewelry taken

Bethlehem police are investigating two early Saturday morning robberies of homes on Wicklow Terrace in Delmar.

A ladder, a pair of work gloves and a push broom were stolen from one home and may have been used to gain access and steal \$1,500 worth of jewelry from a second home, police said.

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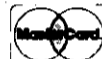
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**Labor Department seeks
area residents**

Two Delmar residents, Glen D. Junco and Faith A. Leonard are among 463 people statewide who are owed unpaid wages and wage supplements as a result of proven claims against their employers.

To claim the wages due them, the department asks that persons involved contact Michael Java at the state Department of Labor, Division of Labor Standards, at the state office building campus in Albany, 457-2730.

**Wanted: some more
good people to ride**

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Wanted: men and women with free time during the day and a desire to spend several hours a week helping others. No experience necessary.

Both the Delmar and Bethlehem volunteer ambulance squads are looking for new recruits to help offset a shortage of crew members to answer emergency daytime calls. The shortage is not affecting service and both squads answer all their calls, but only because of a small group of individuals who spend all their days on call.

About 70 percent of the 1,300 emergency calls handled annually by both the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad and the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance occur between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., said Bob Boyea, captain of the Delmar Squad.

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance has 61 active members with 10 who "routinely take daytime calls," said Bethlehem Ambulance Captain Herb Parisi, a 10-year ambulance veteran. "It's the same people day in, day out," he added. These people tend to stay home during the day to ensure that they will be able to answer calls, he said. Parisi explained the Bethlehem ambulance operates three ambulances and his crew moves an ambulance every day at 6 a.m. to be closer to the available crew members.

The Delmar squad has 27 members who "ride on a regular basis" with four to five regular daytimers, said Boyea, an 18-year ambulance veteran. Both captains said the ideal number of crew members responding on a call is four, but the average is three.

"Approximately 900 (daytime) calls are handled by a core of 15 people," Boyea said.

State law requires that one member of the crew be an emergency medical technician (EMT), which requires 120 hours of specialized training. "If it wasn't for one person in Selkirk, we wouldn't be able to roll (during the day because of the EMT requirement)," Parisi said.

Both ambulance services want to increase their daytime ranks to help avoid burning out the small core of daytime volunteers and to

ensure that manpower shortages do not cause future problems including not being able to answer emergency calls.

No prior experience is required to join either ambulance squad, but both captains said a volunteer should be able to give a minimum of six hours per week. All training is paid for by the ambulance services.

Volunteers should "have a desire to help people," Boyea said, adding that there is also an "air of excitement" about answering calls.

Each squad has different requirements for crew members, but a new recruit with no experience can be a useful member of the crew in a short time and can perform duties to the extent of their training.

Delmar requires that a crew member complete the 120-hour EMT training course within one year, but Boyea said a volunteer can begin riding on the ambulance as an observer while they are in the process of getting the necessary training.

Parisi said the Bethlehem ambulance requires a minimum of basic first aid or CPR training before a volunteer can respond on calls. The squad has members certified to provide the training and all members are encouraged to get EMT training, he said.

Anyone interested in joining either ambulance service can call the Delmar Fire Station at 439-3851 on Monday nights, contact any squad member or call Herb Parisi at 767-9037.

**Workshop schedules
Christmas party**

The Heldeberg Workshop has scheduled its Christmas party for Dec. 9 at Scholtz Hofbrau.

The workshop is conducting a search for qualified teachers for its upcoming 29th year of serving youth in the Capital District, and plans are underway to expand summer sessions from three to four in 1989. A summer chairman is also being sought.

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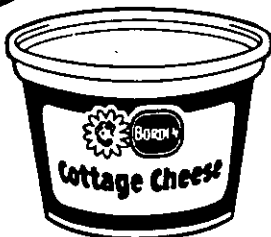
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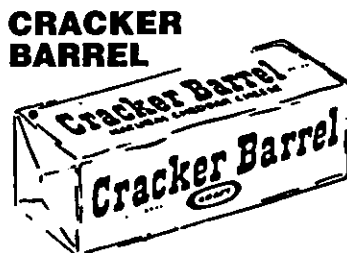
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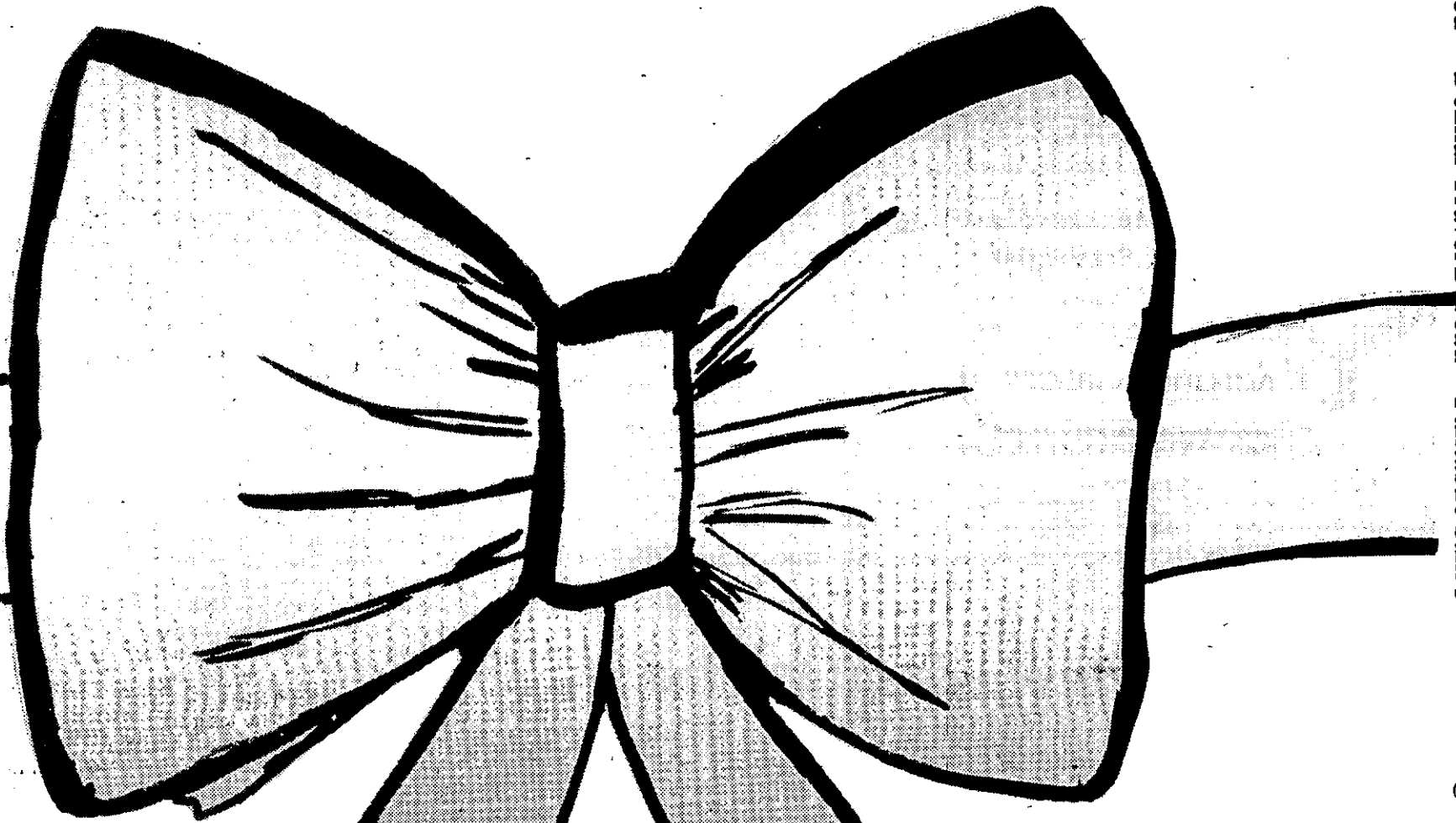
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Civic center funded

\$16.4 M bond passes on party line vote

By Patricia Dumas

Albany County will borrow an additional \$16.4 million to help finance construction of the county civic center, now estimated at the \$65 million building cost predicted by its critics.

The county legislature Monday night authorized the borrowing through a bond issue that will supplement the \$35 million in bonding that, two years ago, was to have been the borrowing ceiling. Now, the county is bonding a total of \$51,400,000.

Over-riding solid Republican opposition, the 26 Democrats in the legislature voted for the new financing, delivering the two-thirds vote needed in order to carry spending proposals. The authorization was approved 26-12. One Republican legislator, Edward Buhmaster of Colonie was absent.

The Republican minority vehemently protested the new bonding and other resolutions related to civic center spending. They also questioned priorities in the county's \$240.5 million budget

which also was on the legislative agenda and approved Monday night.

Fighting a losing battle, the Republicans nonetheless kept up a barrage of complaints before the bond issue vote. Bethlehem legislators W. Gordon Morris and James C. Ross even dramatized their rhetoric. Morris reminded his colleagues that Majority Leader Harold L. Joyce, as chairman of the legislature's civic center committee, had said at the time of the earlier bond issue that he didn't have "enough blood in my body to go before the legislature with a request for more money."

Morris then presented a woman in a nurse uniform holding what looked like a blood transfusion apparatus.

Ross termed the bond resolution "a fable" and then read one of Aesop's fables about the fox that outwitted the goat. Joyce, Ross said, could have learned from the fable lesson — "don't trust a man in trouble" — that he should not have trusted County Executive James J. Coyne when, running for

election, Coyne proposed the civic center.

Joyce countered that he still has confidence in the center project, noted that "in most of the cases of increased costs for the civic center the committee agreed we were making the right decision based on the information we had at the time." He added: "The one who takes the blame should also be able to take the most credit."

Republican Robert W. Hoffmeister of Delmar declared that "the sixteen million in addition to what has already been bonded is unconscionable."

"In putting this resolution before this body we have basically said there is no planning in Albany County," Hoffmeister said.

"I certainly hope after we pass this resolution," he declared, "that there is some money left to take care of county business."

Colonie Democrat Henry Dennis was considered to be a key voter on the bond issue proposal because in April 1986 he voted for the initial bond issue only after county leaders promised that the county borrowing would be limited to the \$35 million. But Monday night Dennis explained that he had decided to vote affirmatively with his Democrat colleagues for the additional bonding.


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tonight, the bottom line is 'fix it, finish it, or forget it.'

He claimed that his vote was based on figures that show rental revenues from corporate boxes and retail space are projected to generate enough money per year to cover the bond debt service. The decision was also based "on the factor that those responsible for past errors in judgement have learned from their mistakes and will respond in the best interests of Albany County taxpayers."

To forget the project, Dennis said, "would leave Albany County impaled on a \$40 million dollar rusty skeleton."

The new borrowing will permit the county to proceed with construction and contract awards that have been delayed because cost estimates for the 15,000-seat convention/sports facility have exceeded the available money. It also will pay for a walkway from the arena to the Empire State Plaza.

Other resolutions approved by the legislature Monday night will:

- Change the agreement between Albany County and its construction management firm so that reference to the guaranteed maximum price is eliminated and replaced by a "project control budget" for the civic center project.

- Authorize the county to contract with First Albany Corporation for financial advisory services related to the civic center.

- Provide for bond counsel services from the Albany law firm of Herzog, Engstrom, Burke, Koplovitz and Cavalier.

- Permit the county to go ahead with leasing of corporate boxes arranged for through the Ed Lewi Associates marketing firm.

Colonie Republican Paul Scaringe, who is a member of the civic center community, argued that "a functional civic center is still possible under a guaranteed maximum price." Referring to the original design plan proposed by the Crozier architectural firm, Scaringe said that much of the design features for the civic center are not necessary.

"Crozier's dream," he said, "is becoming our nightmare."

Price Chopper - not now

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has urged that no action be taken until the town's proposed master plan, now being called a "comprehensive plan," is in place. There has also been support for the project, and specifically for the supermarket.

Town officials, however, had avoided comment on the grounds that no formal application had been made to the town. It was Hendrick's letter to *The Spotlight* (see Vox Pop, Page 4) that changed that.

While cautioning that he was speaking only in general terms, Hendrick said in his letter that the project "far exceeds the obvious needs of the community for a food store." He noted that town has established a Planning Department and has budgeted \$125,000 for next year to develop a new master plan.

"In my mind, it would be inappropriate to proceed with a project of this size without having an overall plan in place."

Contacted Monday, town board members Dennis Corrigan, Fred Webster and Bob Burns echoed Hendrick's view. The fifth board member, Sue Ann Ritchko, has said she would not participate in the board's deliberations on the issue because she is employed by Price Chopper. Three votes would be needed to hold up the project.

Corrigan stressed that he has seen nothing from the developers themselves. But based on the information available, "I'd be inclined to agree with Bob — it's an extremely big project to move forward at this time." Corrigan said that having set the comprehensive planning process in motion, he would be reluctant to do anything that would subvert it.

However, Corrigan also raised the possibility that the project could be scaled back. One possibility would be to allow the developers to use LeGrange Rd. as the access point for a commercial development that would include the supermarket. Corrigan said he would have less concern over

rezoning the land between New Scotland Rd. and the proposed bypass extension for commercial purposes, since it is unlikely that that land will ever be used for any other purpose.

Webster also said he is cautious about commenting on the plan because he has seen nothing official, didn't attend the informational meeting, and has heard "different numbers."

"I would have no objection to looking at it. But I would be concerned about making a decision on something that size without first looking at the overall area," he said. "We would be putting a commercial area in a spot where the experts might say it should not be."

"I would agree," said Burns. "I share the concerns about the size of this project. It certainly makes sense to withhold a decision until the people of the area have had a

chance to say what they want and we can decide on the road network for the area."

Price Chopper's Schleicht said he sees no way to do the project without extending the Slingerlands Bypass. "It's the DOT and the town and also us," he explained about pressure to extend the bypass. "Our feeling is that because of the traffic on New Scotland Rd. it just wouldn't work."

"I've never heard of a town before rejecting a developer's application to come in and solve one of their traffic problems," Schleicht said.

Told of Schleicht's comment that delay would kill the project, Hendrick agreed that the comprehensive plan "isn't going to go together quickly." Whether to scale down the project is "a decision they are going to have to make." Hendrick said he would

not rule out a smaller commercial development along New Scotland Rd., provided the town's planning staff did not oppose it. If that were the case, however, the town would insist that it be given a right-of-way so that the Slingerlands Bypass could be extended at some future time.

When would that be and how would the money become available? Hendrick said he has no idea, except that "I never give up on the DOT." The state Department of Transportation has studied the extension, but has never put it on its priority list or set aside money for the project.

If that alternative is not acceptable to Price Chopper, Hendrick said, there is always Rt. 9W. as a site for a new supermarket. The Rt. 9W study is on schedule and should be completed early next year. A developer has expressed interest in rezoning land on the southwest corner of Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd. for a shopping center, with a supermarket.

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NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

ALBANY

SCORE, meeting with Richard L. Paplernik, executive business editor of "Times Union," Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9:30 a.m. Information, 472-6300.

"ALTERNATIVES TO HORRIBLE HOLIDAYS," presented by the Albany Displaced Homemakers Center, 315 Hamilton St., 7 p.m. Information, 434-3103.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, featuring mayor Thomas Whalen III, and craft show, Washington Park Lakehouse, 6 p.m. Information, 434-2032.

"FOR WOMEN ONLY," featuring presentation by Benita Zahn, cholesterol workshop, karate demonstration, water exercises, make-up and flower arranging demonstrations, Jewish Community Center, Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Mohawk Chapter, Pruyn House, 207 Niskayuna Rd., Newtonville, 1:30 p.m. Information, 482-4838.

ENTERTAINMENT

ATLANTIC BRIDGE, folk music, Jane Rothfield and Allan Carr, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

"MUSIC BY THREE," concert, featuring Daniel McKelway, Christopher Costanza and Rina Dokshinsky, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

EXHIBITS

"CAST WITH STYLE," lecture featuring nineteenth century cast-iron stoves from the Albany area, presented by Tammi Kane Groff, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 474-4478.

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QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING TOGETHER, meeting, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 477-9705.

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NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

"PRINCE OF PEACE," featuring 100 voice choir and 40 voice children's choir, presented by Christian Music Ministries, Copeland Hill Rd., Feura Bush, 8 p.m. Information, 768-2154.

ALBANY

TESTIMONIAL DINNER, for all friends and supporters of Sam Stratton, Empire State Convention Center, \$35, 6:30 p.m. Information, 465-0700.

NOON ORGAN CONCERTS, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

CHEMENON, self-help group for adolescents using drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

ALTAMONT SQUARES, Western-style square dance, with callers John and Pat Novak, Guilderland Elementary School, US Rt. 20, Guilderland, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 382-0680.

COVERED DISH SUPPER, for Christian singles over 25, featuring Christmas program, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 797-3740.

STUDENT TALENT SHOW, presented by the Educational Opportunity center, Hudson Valley Community College, Maureen Stapleton Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-7800.

ENTERTAINMENT

CYGNUS, jazz piano and vocals, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

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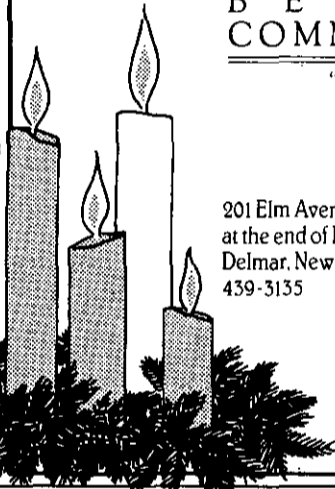
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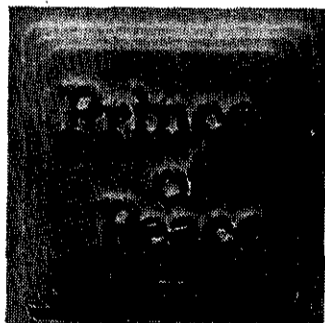
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MOTHERS' TIME OUT, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

INFORMATION SESSIONS, presented by the Empire State College, State University of Albany, Capital District Regional Center, 845 Central Ave., noon. Information, 485-5964.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY, with election of 1989 officers, sponsored by Ella Nicholson-Fort Orange. Order of the Eastern Star, 67 Malden Lane, Albany Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

GENERAL MEETING, of Albany Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce's Wolf Rd. Area Business Council, Albany Marriott, \$9.75, 7:30-9 a.m. Information, 434-1214.

ENTERTAINMENT

JIM RALSTON, jazz pianist. Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

BERKSHIRE BALLET, excerpts from "Nutcracker," Siena College Foy Campus Center Theatre, 10 a.m. Information, 783-2431.

TUE DEC 13

BETHEHEM

ALBANY BETHEHEM HADASSAH, general meeting. In observance of Soviet Jewry Month, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-5635.

CLARKSVILLE MUSICAL CONCERT, Clarksville Elementary School, Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, sponsored by Bethlehem Tri-Village AARP chapter 1598, at Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, noon. Reservations, 465-9539 or 439-4048.

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

A.W. BECKER PTA, meets second Tuesdays, Becker Elementary School, Rt. 9W, 7:30 p.m.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT, commissioner's meeting, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

ALBANY

BIBLE STORY WORKSHOP, "Individualization in Old Testament Symbols," led by Sister Virginia O'Reilly, Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., \$10, 7 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

ORIENTATION SESSION, for adults interested in becoming foster parents. Parsons Child and Family Center, 845 Central Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

ENTERTAINMENT

BERKSHIRE BALLET, excerpts from "Nutcracker," Siena College Foy Campus Center Theatre, 10 a.m. Information, 783-2431.

EXHIBITS

"ALFRED/3D," sculpture works by the faculty at Alfred University, through Feb. 24, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 463-4478.

WED DEC 14

BETHEHEM

WINTER CONCERT II, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

BOU MEETING, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall, all welcome, 4 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

GLENMONT HOMEMAKERS, Christmas party at Selkirk Firehouse, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3080.

RED MEN, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND MILER'S LUNCHEON MEETING, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, meetings second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

BETHEHEM ELKS AUXILIARY, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.

SECOND MILERS, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

ALBANY

RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS, Capital District Association, Quality Inn, Everett Rd., \$5, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-3920.

VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION, Capital District, meeting, Albany Marriott, Wolf Rd., Colonie, with speaker, Liz Fris, noon. Information, 463-4411.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, hosted by the College of St. Rose, meet at St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., 6-10 p.m. Information, 454-5250.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, meeting of photo essay group, featuring Frank Wylie, First United Methodist Church, Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

ENTERTAINMENT

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL," presented by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Proctor's Theater, 432 State St., Schenectady, \$18, \$15, \$11 and under 18 prices, 7 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

THU DEC 15

BETHEHEM

SLINGERLANDS WINTER CONCERT, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3158.

FRI DEC 16

ALBANY

"DANCING IN THE WOODS," benefit for the Child Cancer Program at Children's Hospital, Albany Medical Center, 9 p.m. Information, 426-4195.

SAT DEC 17

BETHEHEM

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, Christmas dance, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

"THE LIVING NATIVITY," featuring outdoor manger scene and live animals, presented by the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0428.

SUN DEC 18

BETHEHEM

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY, featuring magician, clown and Santa, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185, 1 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

EGG NOG PARTY, sponsored by the American Legion, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-6427.

TUE DEC 20

BETHEHEM

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MEETING, Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Albany, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

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notes have been played, it's wonderful. It's exhilarating."

When Henrikson, an associate professor in the anatomy depart-

ment of Albany Medical College, heard the Willett Bell Ringers were looking for new members about a year ago, he saw an opportunity to participate in the

making of music.

"One of the interesting things about bells is that you can grab a hold of the essentials very quickly," said Henrikson. "You just have to know what bell is in your hand and be able to count from one to four or one to six or something like that."

Before Henrikson plays with the group, he looks through the music to find his notes — the low G and F, the largest bells in the choir. "Once in a while I venture into an A," he said.

Smith, who has been a member of the choir for 5 or 6 years, said being a part of a bell choir takes a special level of commitment. "In most musical groups, if somebody doesn't show, somebody can fill in; but, with this group if somebody doesn't show, there's just an empty space in the music." Smith does not recall a single instance where a member of the bell choir was absent for a concert.

Smith, a secretary at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School, played clarinet and flute when she was a high school

student. She also studied and taught piano.

"I love music, and it was something different. I enjoy the company," Smith said. "I just enjoy doing for other people."

"We eventually play at almost all of the nursing homes in the area," said Henrikson. "I think it's appreciated by the residents. It puts a little bit of sparkling sound in their day."

Curtis said the group accepts invitations to play for organizations throughout the area.

Merrick said she enjoys the comradery of being with people and the satisfaction of producing music for someone's pleasure or benefit. "I think what I actually get the very best feeling about is when we're playing together and doing it well," Merrick said.

"I think it rather exciting," said Merrick. "It really is exhilarating."

Merrick said she has been a member of the Willett Bell Ringers since Helen Henshaw established the group. "We started in 1967," said Merrick. "It was a challenge, a new expression of music, you see."

Merrick studied piano as a child. She later studied organ with Henshaw and accompanied

the choir at the First Presbyterian Church during rehearsals.

Henshaw said she organized a group of teenagers as the Thursday Bells in Schenectady, the area's first handbell choir, in 1963. When the students graduated and left for college, Henshaw said she looked for adults who were interested in ringing the handbells. Henshaw later organized the Willett Bell Ringers at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany, where she served as organist and choir director from 1931 until 1972. Henshaw retired as director of the Willett Bell Ringers last year. She continues to ring with the group and holds the title of director emeritus.

"She's such a wonderful musician, you know, and an excellent teacher," Merrick said.

"I think she has contributed a tremendous amount to music and particularly to handbell music in the Capital District area," said Curtis.

After retiring from the State University at Albany School of Education, Curtis, a tenor soloist and former music teacher, took over as director of the bell choir.

Seven out of 15 members of the Willett Bell Ringers have been playing less than 15 months, according to Curtis. The director said he is recruiting new members and hoping to establish a training group.

Curtis said the group is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in Albany. "It lends an air

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Marilyn Smith of Feura Bush, left, and Dr. Ray Henrikson of Delmar, at back of room, follow the direction of Thomas E. Curtis. The handbell choir will perform with the organist and choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3:45 p.m.

Theresa Bobear

services in many cultures throughout many centuries. During the 17th century in England, handbells were used for rehearsal by church tower bell ringers. By the mid-19th century nearly all English villages had handbell teams that traveled through the streets playing carols during the Christmas season. Bands of handbell ringers began touring the United States during the 1840s.

Ministries announce Christmas concert

The Christian Music Ministries will present "Prince of Peace, a proclamation of Christmas 1988, that will include a 100-voice choir and a 40-voice children's choir, on Friday, Dec. 9, Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11.

The concert will take place at the Christian Music Ministries, Copeland Hill Rd. in Feura Bush.

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of festivity to the church," said Curtis. Practices are held at the church from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday mornings from September through May.

"Each person is responsible for anywhere from two to five bells," said Curtis. "The person has to know when they hit that note that they are correct. The critical issue is timing and the precision of that timing."

"One of the interesting things in the lives of people who ring bells is the festival," said Henrikson. Each spring The Willett Bell Ringers join with about 20 regional groups — or some 200 bell ringers — share their music and join in harmony. "It is quite a spectacle," said Henrikson.

The Willett Bell Ringers have

four octaves of bells, ranging from low F to high G. Most of the 47 bells were made in London at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and consist of copper and tin with leather handles and collars. While many of the bells have leather clappers, the lower bells have felt-covered leather clappers and the highest bells have plastic clappers.

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Santa visits Selkirk

Santa Claus is coming to town ... Selkirk, that is! On Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m., Santa's friends 12 years and younger are invited to see Mimi the Clown and Bonnie Manchester, a magician. Refreshments will be served.

Student concerts scheduled

The combined choruses and bands of A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary Schools will perform holiday selections at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to share in the magic of the season.

Silver tea announced

Members of the Bethlehem Historical Association will celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas silver tea on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 until 5 p.m., at the Schoolhouse Museum, Route 144, Cedar Hill.

For the first time this year an outdoor Christmas tree, as well as indoor decorations, will adorn the museum. All are welcome.

Food drive begins

A "White Christmas Fund Drive" is being sponsored by A.W. Becker Elementary School. Each child is being asked to bring in a can of food for the needy families in the area. Any member of the community may contribute by bringing a donation to the school. An announcement regarding donations of new toys and clothing will be sent home with students.

Families in need of food assistance may call Al Keating, principal. Confidentiality is ensured.

Church activities announced

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem has many activities planned for the next few weeks. First, the youth group will perform "The Gift of the Magi" at the church on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, a parsonage open house will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. A covered dish supper will be held at 6 p.m. Finally, "Path to Bethlehem," a

presentation by the Sunday school, will begin at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. For reservations call Colleen Janssen at 767-3406.

Child care offered

The After Schools Activity Program Inc. (ASAP) is now able to offer care for children from families eligible for state Department of Social Services assistance at no cost to parents. A total of 12 children can be served at the Becker and P.B Coeymans school buildings. Working parents of children in kindergarten through fifth grade may call 756-3933 or 767-3459.

Santa stopping by

Santa will be stopping in at Five Star Video on Saturday, Dec. 10. Santa's helper Gary Osterhout will videotape children visiting with Santa. Families may bring a blank VHS tape to the Ravena store between 11 a.m and 1 p.m. or the Glenmont store between 2 and 4 p.m. There is no charge for this event. For information call 756-2123.

Christmas party planned

The United Methodist Women will celebrate with a Christmas party on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. A covered dish supper will be followed by "Christmas Memories Midst the Sound of Silence," narrated by Geraldine Noble. Each person will share a \$2 grab bag gift.

PTA announces meeting

The A.W. Becker PTA will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Child care is available.

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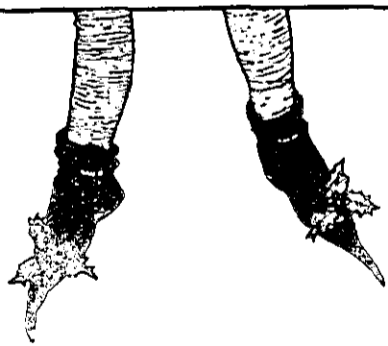
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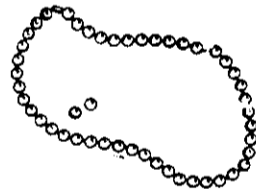
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Capital gains taxes this year or next?

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Before the preferential tax treatment of long-term capital gains was eliminated, a lot of tax planning was dedicated to trying to convert ordinary assets to capital ones, or to preserve the "capital" nature of a capital asset, a game that would seem

Money Talks

David Vigoda



wonderfully ridiculous except that so much money was often at stake. Which brings us to this question: What the heck is a capital asset anyway?

It's simple: A capital asset is an asset that is not an ordinary asset. (An ordinary asset is an asset that is not . . . well, you know.) Securities are typically capital assets . . . stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, that sort of thing. Real estate is typically a capital asset, as is a business. Here again, I'm grossly oversimplifying. For example, if the IRS determines that you're in the business of buying and selling real estate (because you do so much of it), then in your case

those real estate properties are stock-in-trade, like inventory, and therefore not capital assets.

When capital assets are sold, a capital gain or loss is generated. For tax purposes, capital gains and losses offset each other. In the event of a net gain, tax is incurred on the full amount; in the event of a net loss, up to \$3,000 per year can be deducted against ordinary income, such as salary, interest, dividends, and rent.

Now why do I talk about this if the tax treatment of capital gains is no different than the treatment of ordinary income? The first simple reason is the possibility that in 1989 long-term capital gains (however defined) will once again receive preferential tax treatment in the form of a lower effective tax rate. The second simple reason is that tax rates on ordinary income in 1989 may be higher than they're currently scheduled to be. (Am I talking about a tax increase in 1989? Hey, read my lips.)

This is important for all those who will or could realize a long-term capital gain or loss either late in 1988 or early in 1989 and who have some control over the timing of that event. If the

effective rate on capital gains will be lower in 1989, then it might make sense to defer a sale or closing until then. But what if there is no preferential rate next year and, in fact, the rate on all income, capital or ordinary, goes up? Then we would have been better realizing gains in 1988. As for losses: Typically you take your losses as soon as possible, so as not to have to wait for the tax deduction; but if tax rates are higher next year, then deductions will be worth more then.

What's the answer? There is no answer, no simple one, anyway. Some tax advisers are saying it's better to defer capital gains to next year, others are saying the opposite. It's an awful call to have to make.

Personally I tend to favor the bird-in-the-hand theory of tax planning, which says that, in the absence of a clear reason to do otherwise, lower your tax liability as much as possible as soon as possible. That means accelerate your losses into 1988, so you can deduct them on your 1988 return, and defer your gains into 1989, so you don't have to declare them until you file your 1989 return. Your tax adviser, however, may

have good reason for recommending otherwise, so a consultation is advised.

So you see, tax planning is simple . . . if you can read lips. Best wishes, everybody, for a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful 1989. See you then.



Sherry Hartman Promoted at library

Sherry Hartman of Delmar was recently appointed director and librarian of the Albany Medical Center's Schaffer Library of Health Sciences.

Hartman holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in library science from the State University at Albany. She has been with the library since 1971.

Zick promoted

Robert R. Zick of Glenmont has been appointed branch manager of William Thom & Company Inc. of Latham.

Zick, a graduate of The University of Colorado, will manage the parts, service and sales functions of the company as well as being responsible for expanding service and product lines.

Fitzgerald joins WMVQ

Darin Fitzgerald, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School and a recent graduate of the New School of Contemporary Radio has been hired by radio station WMVQ in Amsterdam. He joins the station as an air personality.

Buehler promoted

Joseph E. Buehler of Unionville, a 16-year employee of Main Care Heating Service in Albany has been promoted to the position of fleet maintenance manager. He will oversee the maintenance of a service and delivery fleet of over 100 vehicles.



Frank R. Schmeler

Promoted

Frank R. Schmeler of Glenmont has been appointed senior vice president of the Albany International Felt Division.

Schmeler, the former vice president and general manager of the company's paper making division, will be responsible for forming fabrics, press fabrics and dryer fabrics in the United States.

Schmeler joined the company in 1964 after graduating from Clarkson College. He moved to the Albany division in 1984 from Canada after serving as vice president of marketing for the Canadian division from 1976 to 1978 and division vice president and general manager from 1978.

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Nagle named director

Tonita Nagle has joined the state Head Injury Association as pediatric project coordinator for a federally-funded research project for families of children with head injuries.

"Model Family-Professional Partnership Interventions for Childhood Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors," that received more than a \$500,000 grant, will conduct studies over a three-year period on various support interventions, and data will be used to increase the coping and functioning

strategies of families during rehabilitation and to improve the quality of life for the brain-injured.

Nagle has a bachelor's in sociology and economics, and a master's from the College of Saint Rose and has done post-graduate work at the state University at Albany and Cornell University. A certified state teacher, she has taught children in nursery school through high school. She resides in Glenmont, and she and her husband, James, have three children and one grandchild.

Airline deregulation report released

The state Consumer Protection Board (CPB) recently released a report finding that the deregulation of the airline industry has made air travel more difficult for consumers.

The report found safety has not been significantly affected, but increased congestion in the system has strained the air traffic control system and may eventually

lead to safety problems. Consumer complaints have increased at rate higher than the increase in the number of passengers.

The report recommends that existing airport facilities utilize flexible service plans to increase access to airports. One recommendation is that fares during peak hours should be higher to reflect greater demand and the value of that air space at a certain time.

Grant named partner at accounting firm

Richard Grant has been named an audit partner at the Capital Region office of Coopers and Lybrand, an international accounting and management consulting firm.

Grant has experience serving a wide variety of clients, including both the public and private sectors. His primary client responsibilities include large-multi-national companies, government entities, and emerging businesses.

Grant received his master's

from the state University at Albany. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the state Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Institute of Internal Auditors, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Capital District Chapter of the Association of Governmental Accountants. He is also a member of the board of the Bethlehem Little League.

He and his wife, Glenna, have three children and they live in Delmar.

Pamphlet details insurance coverage

"What every consumer should know about insurance" is a supplement to comprehensive brochures on auto, homeowners, life and medicare supplement insurance published by the state Insurance Department and addresses fundamental concerns of New York insurance consumers.

Brief descriptions of automobile, homeowners, life, and life annuities medicare supplement, disability

and accident and health insurance are included in the guide.

The pamphlet is available free of charge by writing the state Insurance Department, Publications Unit, Agency Building One, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12257.



Open for business

New Scotland supervisor Herbert Reilly congratulates Rhonda Flansburg on the opening of Rhonda's Style, her new salon on Main St. in Voorheesville. Joining the two are Nancy Parella and Peter Luczak, whose financial planning offices share the same building. An open house was held Saturday.

Powers, Downies join firm

Lynne M. Powers, L.P.N., of New Scotland and Rae-ellen Downies, R.N., of Glenmont have joined the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany.

Powers previously served as a staff nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Downies previously served at New York Health Care Services of Albany. She earned her nursing degree from the Catherine Laboure School of Nursing in Massachusetts.



Rosetta M. DeVito

Promoted at bank

Rosetta M. DeVito, branch manager of Manufacturers Hanover's Delmar office, has been awarded the title of assistant secretary at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company.

DeVito, a resident of Colonie, is a Siena College graduate. She began her career at Manufacturers Hanover in 1977. She is a member of the National Association of Banking Women, the American Institute of Banking and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

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Let it snow

Village has new salt shed

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

With the first big snowfall just around the corner, the Village of Voorheesville is more than ready this year. Anyone in the vicinity of the village's fire department and village garage has seen their newest weapon — a state-of-the-art salt shed, poised and ready to take on the harshest storms and save the taxpayer's money and the ecology in the bargain.

The salt and sand was formerly stored in piles on Voorheesville Ave. In its new space behind the village garage, it is directly accessible to village sanders and salters, designed at the optimal height to dump and load truckfull after truckfull.

Donald White, a member of the village's conservation advisory council, was instrumental in the construction of the shed. As a local government specialist for Cornell University's Cooperative Extension, the Voorheesville resident was responsible for establishing a series of workshops on highway salt management. He had also written a manual on the subject that was distributed throughout the state, and he brought his experience to bear on

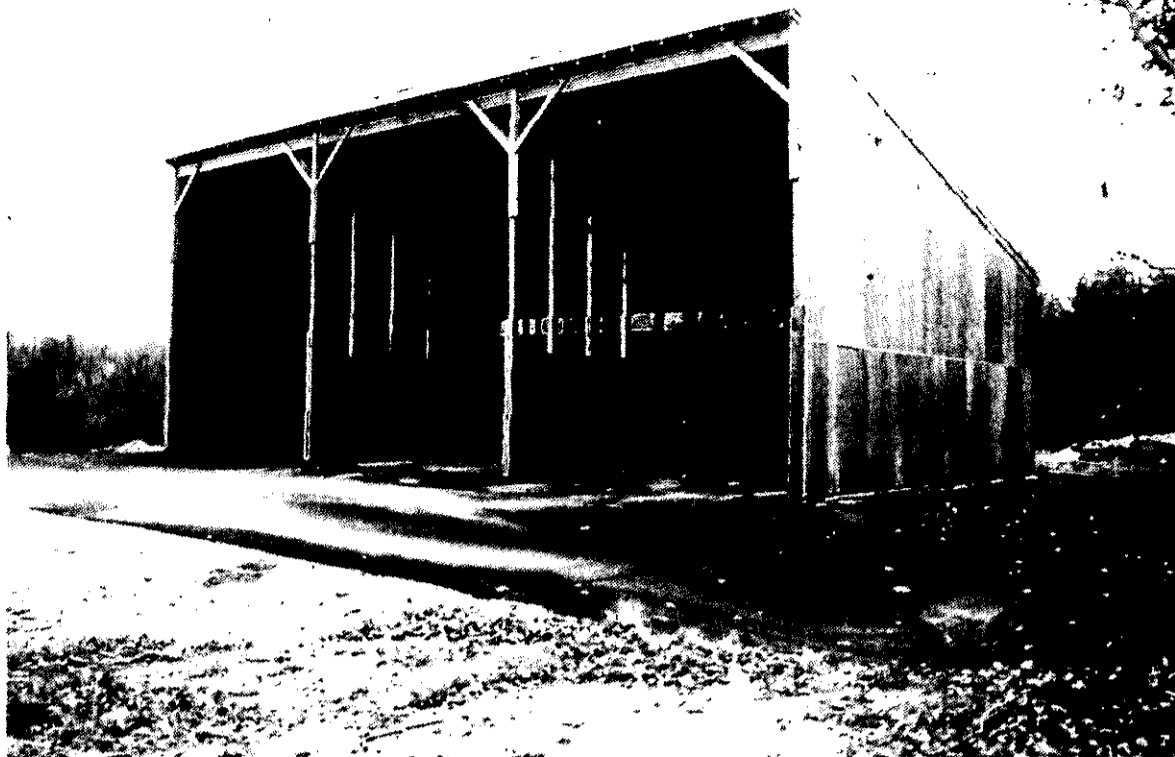
Voorheesville's project.

From there, the responsibility fell to Superintendent of Public Works William Hotaling. Hotaling worked with environmental specifications to create a covered building, so the salt would stay as dry as possible, causing less run-off and salt leaching into the soil.

To further prevent leaching, the ground underneath the shed was completely lined with plastic and then angled, directing any salt and water run-off into a swale at the side of the shed. The water will evaporate in the swale, recycling back into usable salt.

"I think it has turned out very well," said Mayor Edward Clark. "It's an example of what a municipality can do economically to reduce the impact of salt storage on the environment. It's an ongoing concern, and we are seeing some results."

But Hotaling adds, "If I had my way, it would be a lot easier. Salt does a lot of damage as far as trees and sidewalks and the like, and the brine freezes up below about 15 degrees anyway. People should just take it a bit slower, then I'd use all sand... but I don't think that will ever happen."



Voorheesville's new state-of-the-art salt shed stands ready for the first big storm of the season. About 200 tons of sand and salt

will make its way from the shed onto local thoroughfares during the course of the winter. *Spotlight*

Village may get Mobil Mart

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

In addition to Stewart's and the proposed Convenient Food Mart, Voorheesville residents may soon have another food service facility. If accepted, the Mobil station near Smitty's Tavern will become a Mobil Mart, selling groceries and other items.

"Everything is in the works," said Mobil owner/operator Keyvan Ghovanloo. Ghovanloo and his brother, Kaveh own several Mobil stations, including two locations in Albany, one in Menands, and the station in Voorheesville.

Ghovanloo said that the station has already closed its service bays to make the area available for conversion to retail space. "We're shooting for sometime in January," if approvals are given, he said. He

has not yet submitted any formal plans to the village.

The store would carry dairy products, household and personal items, snacks and sodas, according to Ghovanloo. A special feature would be a pastry and donut shop serviced by Dunkin' Donuts. In an exclusive deal with Mobil, Dunkin' Donuts delivers fresh goods to their take-out stand twice daily. Ghovanloo said he is also considering applying for permits to have a sandwich shop and to sell beer.

The station changed from full service to self service when the bays were closed three weeks ago. "Some people did complain about the closing of the service bays," Ghovanloo said, "but we are still servicing all repair customers

through our New Scotland and Quail location in Albany."

Ghovanloo and his brother also hope to add two more self-serve islands to the station. They will still be happy to pump gas for anyone who is handicapped.

"I don't foresee any problems," Ghovanloo said. "We are not knocking down anything, and we will be heavily regulated by Mobil. This way, at least there will be one place in the area you can go to get eggs or whatever 24 hours a day," he added. One other benefit: you can put those eggs, and almost all other Mobil Mart items on your Mobil credit card.

'Road to Recovery' volunteers needed

The Albany unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its "Road To Recovery" program.

Volunteers driving their own cars take chemotherapy patients to and from the hospital when friends or family are not available. Transportation is not always available when a patient undergoes 20 or 30 trips for therapy during a six-week period.

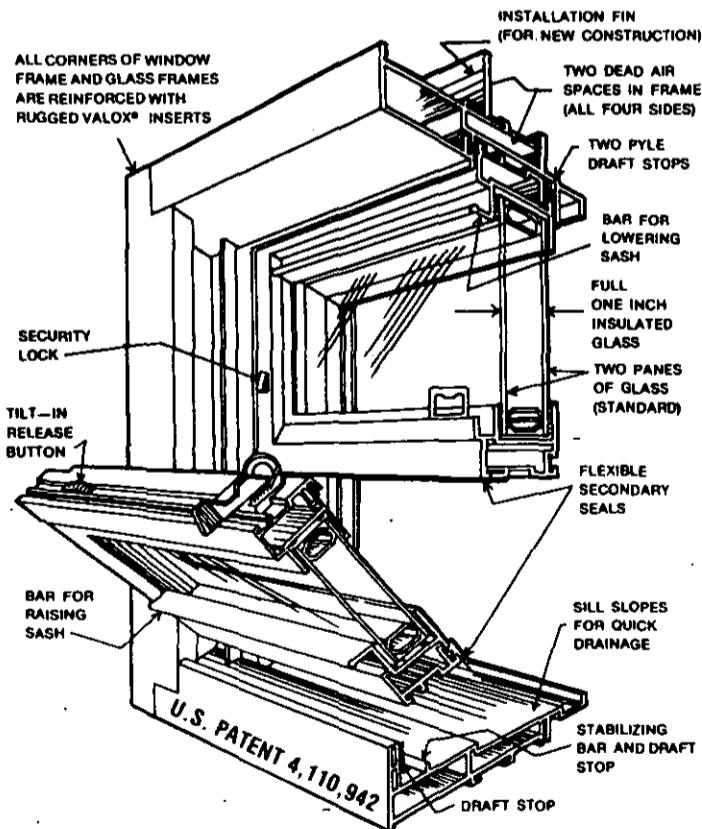
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Sounds of season ring

Music groups at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and Voorheesville Elementary School will present sounds of the season on Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, at the high school auditorium.

The grade school musicians will present a program tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

During a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, the high school choral and chorus, under the direction of Margaret Dorgan, will perform "Carols Around" and "Basin Street Blues." The concert and stage bands, directed by Frank McDermott, will play the "Carmen Suite" and the "Overture for Band" by Mendelssohn.

The junior high will hold its concert on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

All are free and open to the public.

Coupon books available

Anyone looking for an ideal gift for the holidays need look no further. The Voorheesville PTSA is selling "Entertainment 89" coupon books, which offer two-for-one and 50 percent savings. The books may be purchased for \$30 at the high school office, or by calling Molly Getnick at 765-4003 or Dorothy Patashnick at 765-2458.

PTSA meeting scheduled

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Voorheesville Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Students sponsor food drive

Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) at the high school are sponsoring a food drive from Dec. 1 through 21. Canned or boxed

products may be brought to the high school office.

Donations for needy sought

The Human Concerns Committee at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville is also gearing up for the holidays. Any individual or group wishing to donate food, gifts or money for gift certificates for needy families may call the Human Concerns Hotline at 765-2373.

Senior citizens plan party

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will hold their Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Onesquethaw Firehouse in Clarks-ville. Reservations for the roast beef dinner may be placed by calling Lois Crouse, president, at 765-2109 today.

Students celebrate

Students at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold their "Birthday Party for Jesus" on Sunday, Dec. 11, after the 10 a.m. service. The students will bring gifts for distribution to needy children.

Meeting place changed

With construction in progress at the Old New Salem School House Museum, the senior citizens will hold their weekly meetings and craft sessions at the New Scotland Town Hall.

Blood pressure check offered

Is the hectic holiday schedule making your blood pressure rise? The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland invites you to have your pressure checked at the group's free monthly blood pressure clinic. The clinic is held on the second Tuesday of each month at the first United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, from 9 until 11 a.m. and from 7 until 9 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club is looking for registered nurses who are interested in serving as clinic volunteers. For information call Andy Barothy-Langer at 765-2793.

Wreath sale continues

Members of the Kiwanis Club will continue their wreath sale through this weekend. Wreaths may be purchased at the Voorheesville Pharmacy, Stewart's and Stonewell through Saturday, Dec. 10, and on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11, at the Star Plaza in Guilderland. Proceeds from the sale of each \$10 wreath be used for Kiwanis Youth Services.

Girl Scouts sell trees

Fresh-cut Christmas trees will be sold by members of Girl Scout Troop 259 this weekend, Dec. 10 and 11, in front of Smitty's Tavern.

School board meeting open

The Voorheesville Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the district offices at the high school. As always the meeting is open to the public.

Hanukkah stories shared

The Voorheesville Public Library

will hold the last of its Hanukkah story hours this Friday, Dec. 9, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Financial aid facts considered

Information on financial aid will be offered to seniors and their parents at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, at the high school library. Tor Shelerjian, assistant director of financial aid at Siena College, will present an overview of financial aid and how to obtain it.

The 1989-90 Financial Aid Forms will be available at the meeting. For information call the guidance department at 765-3314.

Stewart's to match wish donations

Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc., will match all individual contributions made to the WGY Christmas Wish Program at Stewart's shops in the area.

Last year, the Christmas Wish Program raised more than \$130,000 for over 100 institutions which specialize in children's medical and social services in 12 area counties. Over \$45,000 came from Stewart's customers and matching gifts.

Voorheesville board to hold special meeting

The Voorheesville Central School Board of Education will hold a special meeting Saturday, Dec. 10, at the board offices beginning at 9 a.m. to discuss the proposed facilities construction project.

The board will hold further discussion on proposed refinements of the up to \$8.9 million dollar plan, which will include funds for asbestos removal.

The bond issue expected to be submitted for voter approval in time to allow work to begin this summer will include \$5 million worth of asbestos and state mandated fire safety compliance work. At its last meeting, the board charged Superintendent Louise Gonan with determining priorities for approximately \$3.9 million worth of program related construction.

The program-related construction will be further discussed at the meeting.

The 20-year bond issue, if approved, could have a tax impact of between four and six percent in 1989-90.

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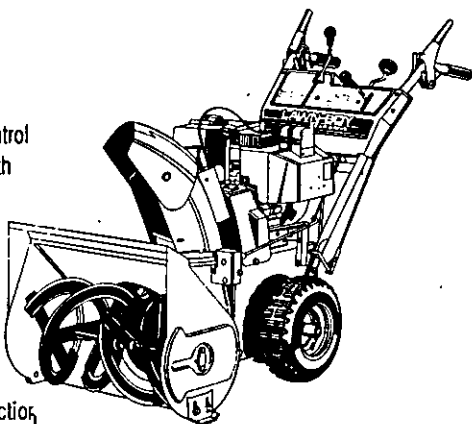
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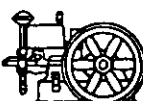
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Water bids

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delays, a formal engineering estimate of \$1,815,500, based on a water supply outside of the immediate area, was provided in 1986. By 1988 costs had risen to \$2,025,000.

The largest part of the financing for the project, \$939,800, was from an FmHA grant, and as the FmHA felt the \$2,025,000 figure was too large, they required the project be re-bid.

The re-bids included three parts of the water district system. The low bid for the distribution system, involving the well and pipes necessary to get the water to the hamlet, is from Memphis Construction Company of Memphis, N.Y., at a cost of \$924,755. The company will also be awarded the transmission line contract, which will take the

water to Clarksville from the well site on Winne Rd. and Rt. 32 for \$369,650. The third contract will be awarded to F.G. Campagna of Cortland for construction of the water tank at a cost of \$188,000.

In addition to these construction costs, the town will have engineering, land acquisition, district formation, contingency budget, backup well and legal fees totaling approximately \$500,000. The town currently has financing of \$939,800 from the FmHA, \$375,700 in low interest loans, and \$400,000 from Housing and Urban Development. Application will be made to the state Department of Audit and Control to raise the individual assessments to meet the new total.

"I think the people of Clarksville will be very pleased. The idea that this was a project doomed to

'Living Nativity' to be presented

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church and dvd productions will present "The Living Nativity," an outdoor manger scene with live animals, on Saturday, Dec. 17, starting at 7 p.m.

After the conclusion of "The Living Nativity," at the church in Delmar, dvd productions will present its third annual Christmas concert entitled "Holy Day and Holiday."

For information call 475-1025.

failure has not at all been the case," Reilly said.

Clarksville resident Maryann Hendrickson agreed. "We're lucky. We have our own water. But if our neighbors can have what they need, it will benefit our whole community. We haven't stressed our own well, and if we can hook up to the water, we'll use it too — gratefully," Hendrickson said.

The low bids will be accepted at a Wednesday (today) morning meeting involving the town, the FmHA, and project engineers Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group at the group's Colonie offices.

"We're figuring on an April 1 construction date to start, even earlier if we have a light winter," said Ronald J. Laberge. "It's a 300 day contract. By 1990 the major portions should be basically done."

The board will discuss the morning's developments at the regular town board meeting Wednesday night, when they will set a date for a special meeting for Clarksville residents to discuss the contracts, the refinancing, and to answer any questions about the project and its effects on the approximately 160 families involved.

Bethlehem BPW sets Christmas party

The Bethlehem Business Women will hold their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., at the Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

The party will be entertained by Tommy Impolito, who will play Christmas music on his accordion.

The price of the party is \$11 per person and dinner will be served. Members are asked to bring canned food and dry food for the food pantry.

In Albany *The Spotlight* is sold at Durlacher's Delicatessen.

Clarksville forms association

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Last July, the New Scotland town planning board held a public meeting at the Clarksville Community Church to receive input from the area on changes that would affect them in the town's master plan and zoning ordinances. The upshot of that meeting was the formation of the Clarksville Neighborhood Association, to consider issues that affect their section of the town, and make suggestions for improvements that could be made.

"We are a non-political, community-oriented group," said Association president Kevin Phelan. "We're here basically to provide a channel of communication for this portion of town."

The association has a zoning committee, which prepares input from Clarksville and the surrounding rural areas for the zoning board. The group also has "a lot of people interested in youth activities in the area," according to Phelan.

The water committee has something to be happy about, Phelan said. He termed the latest developments in the Clarksville water situation "very promising. It's the best news we've had in a while."

The association's officers include vice president Don Hendrickson, recording secretary Maryann Hendrickson, corresponding secretary Judy Applebee and treasurer Susan Dee.

The next meeting of the Clarksville Neighborhood Association will be held at 7:30 on Jan. 11 at the Clarksville Community Church. Anyone who owns a business in or is a resident of the area is welcome to attend. Yearly dues are two dollars, and elections are held each September.

Club to host Christmas dance

The Tri-Village Squares Dance Club will hold a Christmas dance on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 8 to 10:30 pm.

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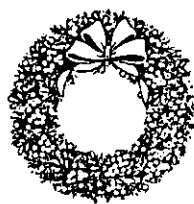


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Health, clarified the role of his department in the regulation of subdivisions, particularly as they pertain to the town of New Scotland. An article in the Nov. 30 issue of *The Spotlight* incorrectly stated that Health Department services were being eliminated.

Lukowski explained that developers are buying large tracts of land, and dividing them into lots over five acres. In doing so, the developers can sell the lots without having to submit them to the Department of Health for review, as the department only has jurisdiction for lot sizes under five acres.

According to Lukowski, those who purchase such lots are then buying properties which may or may not be suitable to develop. "Developers have been using this exemption throughout New York state to avoid review by local and state Health Department offices," Lukowski said. To combat this problem, Lukowski offered the New Scotland planning board services in the form of a "conceptual review" for such developments. The Health Department currently offers these services to the towns of Rennselaerville, Westerlo and Berne, where many developers have used the acreage exemption to sell properties that might not pass the department's review if they were under five acres.

Lukowski said he wanted to make it clear that his department was not eliminating any services, but offering an additional service to the town.

'Conservationist' artist to teach wildlife painting

Wayne Trimm, art director of "The Conservationist" magazine, will present a program on capturing nature and techniques for painting in the field, on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The program is sponsored by the Bethlehem Art Association and the public is welcome. For information call 439-6808.



Winter begins in Delmar

The end of autumn. The first dusting of snow rests on hay bales off Van Dyke Rd. in Delmar. *Spotlight*

Hadassah observes Soviet Jewry month

The Albany-Bethlehem Hadassah will hold a general meeting in observance of Soviet Jewry month, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

Dr. Happy Scherer and others will observe their observation in their meeting with refuseniks.

For more information call 439-5635.

Devane to perform at St. Michael's

Kathleen Devane, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Devane of Voorheesville, will be one of 44 students singing in the St. Michael's College Chorale at their 1988 Christmas concert. The concert will take place in the college chapel in Winooski, VT., and will consist of six works including the "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, and "The Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham.

QUILT donates to McDonald house

QUILT (Quilters United In Learning Together) has been making quilts to donate to the Ronald McDonald House of Albany for the past several years, and a recent donation included four twin size quilts and eight crib size quilts.

This has been a group effort of all members.

QUILT meets the second Friday of the month at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar at 9:30 a.m. and new members are welcome.

Nursing assistant training offered

The Adult Learning Center in Albany is offering a free 10-week nursing assistant training program. The course consists of seven weeks of classroom training and three weeks of clinical experience. Classes are on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in session. Topics to be covered include physiology, anatomy, nursing skills, patient care and medical terminology. To apply call 434-5200 or visit the Department of Human Resources, North Lake and Central Aves., Albany.

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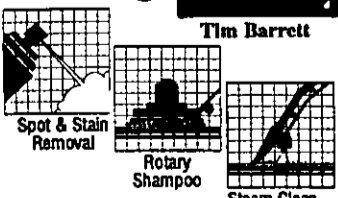
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Bethlehem hoopsters off to slow start

By Bill Dixon

The Bethlehem boy's basketball season got off to an inauspicious start at the Colonie Tipoff Tournament as the Eagles narrowly lost to both Colonie and Shaker, two of the more formidable forces in the league. The defeats, though disheartening, did not come as a surprise. BC was not favored in either game, a fact largely due to the team's relative inexperience on the varsity court, but there was encouragement in the orange and black's ability to substantially challenge its opposition throughout the tournament, in deference to expectations that the Eagles would be unable to hold their own.

Basketball

"It was a good crowd, a few thousand people for each night," said BC coach Jack Moser of the atmosphere of the tournament held last Friday and Saturday. Both games were played under Colonie's powerful court lights, the effect of which, Moser admitted, made a considerable difference in the attitude of those involved, as it made the games seem that much more spectacular. "I was very pleased with the way we played. We had a high intensity level and we worked ourselves very hard."

The first half of the Colonie game saw Bethlehem trailing by 16-15. A strong defensive effort combined with instances of keen penetration gave Bethlehem a 30-26 lead at the half, but the host team caught up in the third quarter to forge ahead by 41-40. The Eagles managed to tie at 50-all with 3:50 remaining, but the favored host team had too much firepower at the close and won by 49-58.

Notable plays for Bethlehem came from junior Sean McDermott, who totaled 22 points for the game, as well as from seniors Neil Breslin and Kyle Snyder.

If the match against Shaker was even more closely played

than the Colonie game, it was surely finished with a much more potent dose of frustration. As with the previous night, the game was close. The lead alternated with no clear signs of superiority coming from either side of the court. McDermott again pumped in 22 points, while classmate Scott Hodge scored 20. But in the last moments of the game, Bethlehem missed a foul shot that would cost them the game and end their tournament play with the agonizingly close score of 69-68.

"We shot pretty well and we had some good rebounds. We made some key turnovers, which helped us," said Moser. "We have

to work on our execution, but that will come with experience. We know we are a junior-dominated team, but I know we'll get the experience we need sometime this season."

Yesterday (Tuesday) the Eagles faced Burnt Hills on BC's home court. On Saturday the Eagles will again be at home against Guilderland. The Dutchmen are expected to be a formidable opponent, with six returning starters from last year, but Moser remains confident. "We'll have to spread them out a little, make some matchups, but I know if we keep our conditioning, keep our game in sync, we'll be able to out-hustle them. I know it."

Ladybirds hot

Carmody leads girls basketball team to three victories

Any team expecting to beat Voorheesville in girls basketball this season will have to put some wraps on Tricia Carmody.

The Blackbirds' 6-foot-1 senior center is well on the way to becoming the dominant player in the league. After leading the Ladybirds to the championship of the Ravena Gold Medal Tournament, she sparked the team to two more wins last week, including a 68-35 rout of Holy Names in the league opener.

This week things could be a lot tougher. A rematch with Ravena's

Indians was on the card yesterday, this time a home game that counts in the league standings. And Friday, when Cohoes comes to the Helderbergs, there will be a showdown between Carmody and the Tigers' Erica Kehn, one of the few players around who can match Carmody's height.

Against Holy Names last week Voorheesville's high-rise star poured in 21 points and cleared 26 rebounds off both boards. Kim Sullivan, a senior guard, added 12

and Kristen Foster, a junior, had nine.

Earlier last week the Birds journeyed to Albany High and dusted off their big-city hostesses, 44-31. Carmody had 17 points and 10 rebounds in this one, including an 11-for-14 performance from the penalty stripe. Sullivan had 11 points. The Blackbirds took advantage of some cold shooting by the Class A team in the first quarter, and opened up a 10-0 lead before Albany got on the board for the first time in the second period.

Blackbird boys lose league opener

By Rick Leach

It's back to the drawing board for the Voorheesville Blackbirds after a 77-35 defeat at the hands of Albany Academy in the league opener for both teams.

The Birds, who had looked solid in two games at the Gold Medal Tournament a week ago, just couldn't get anything going last Friday. They trailed from the start, unable to handle Academy's inside game. The Cadets had many second and third chances on offensive rebounds, many of which led to 30 points by Mike Shanley.

The visitors also sparkled on

defense, holding Voorheesville center Craig Lapinski, who had been averaging 22 points a game, to just five. The hosts, who trailed 34-22 at halftime, scored just five points in the fourth quarter. Derek Moak led Voorheesville in scoring with 10 points.

The Blackbirds are looking to bounce back this week in games at Ravena on Tuesday and at home against Cohoes on Friday. The Indians are 3-0 and are expected to battle for the league title, while the Tigers stand at 1-2. The Birds need at least one victory to get back on track towards a successful season.

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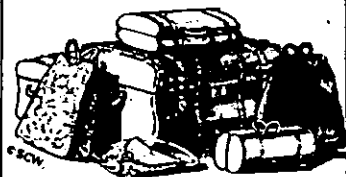


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BC matmen defeated in season opener

By John Bellizzi III

Bethlehem Central is looking ahead to the challenges they will face on the wrestling mat this week. The Eagles began the wrestling season rather humbly last Friday as they were overcome by a much-improved Mohonasen team, 44-29, in a Suburban Council varsity dual meet.

The Eagles' first loss to the Mighty Warriors in a decade is a testimony to the vast improvements Mohonasen-Draper has made in their wrestling program of late. It also reinforces the fact that this year's Bethlehem squad will have to work consistently hard this

winter to earn victories that came rather easily last year. The loss in Friday's season opener may soon be forgotten, for Bethlehem has high hopes for this week's competition.

Of major importance this weekend is the Clyde Cole Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Oxford. Bethlehem placed second in this prestigious tourney last winter, and is looking for another good finish this time. Having won his weight class as a sophomore and as a junior, BC senior Pat Leamy, a team co-captain with Paul Vichot and John Gallogly, will be striving

for the rare distinction of being crowned a three-time Oxford champion. Before they leave for Oxford, though, BC will travel to Shaker for a league dual meet tonight (Wednesday).

Mohonasen accepted a forfeit in the 91-pound weight class, giving them an early six-point lead. The Warriors quickly built it to 18-0 as Anish Shah and Chris Brozowski, both first year wrestlers for BC, were pinned. Senior Jeremy Hartnett, wrestling in the 112-pound weight class, was decided 12-3, increasing Mohonasen's lead to 22-0.

Bethlehem got on the scoreboard with the 119-pound bout. Eric

Brown, beginning his third varsity season, won by technical fall, giving the Eagles six team points.

At 126 pounds, the first of several upsets that evening occurred as Pat Leamy, one of the team's most experienced wrestlers, fell victim to a 9-3 decision. Mike Leamy got Bethlehem back on track at 132 pounds with a 14-2 decision, and Gallogly narrowed the deficit to 29-17 by scoring a technical fall at 145 pounds.

Mohonasen's Bob Grimm, who placed second in the Section II finals last year, pinned BC's Bob Rodgers at 155 pounds. Pete Bragaw secured a pin at 167, but

at 177, Vichot was narrowly defeated in a 6-4 match. Joe Emerich won by fall for the Eagles at 215 pounds, and the superheavyweight weight class went to Mohonasen by forfeit.

BC's wrestling program salvaged a degree of respect by defeating Mohonasen Friday night, 48-21. Sean VanWely, Eric Newdom, Kevin Schoonover, John Bellizzi and Rob Lloyd all recorded pins for the Eagles.

Bethlehem's varsity will have a chance to redeem itself tonight at Shaker. Last year BC rolled over the Blue Bison rather easily, 62-12. The jayvee Eagles shut out Shaker last year, 66-0.

Blackbirds eye council wrestling title

By Kevin Taylor

Even though the Voorheesville wrestling team lost three key members to graduation, they feel they have a good chance to win the Colonial Council title this year.

Despite losing John Traudt, Matt Cillis and Mario Darpino, two of whom were Class C champions, the Blackbirds still have eight returning lettermen from last year. Four are seniors. Coach Dick Leach hopes that these seniors will provide the leadership his team needs. These seniors are Bob Blanchard, Chris Dell'Acqua, Tom Ravida and Rick Leach, who are the co-captains of this year's squad.

The other returning lettermen are sophomores Josh Vink, Pat Magrum and Chad Hotaling along with junior Paul Novak. Moving up from the junior varsity are Tim Reeth, Andy Symula, Mike Gaudio and Bob Stapf. Stapf is temporarily sidelined with an injury.

The program has also attracted three new wrestlers this year, George Sterling and Trampis Talaveri, ninth-graders, and 10th-grader Scott Harms, who might fill the open varsity weight classes, at 119, 145 and 177.

The jayvee team also has some good wrestlers in junior Christian Rooney, sophomore Chris Lawler

and freshman Brian Wuttke. One of the big problems facing both squads this year is an abundance of good, talented wrestlers at the same weight, especially at the 132 and 138 classes where there are five wrestlers fighting for two spots.

Here is a rundown of who is going to be wrestling at what weight class. At 91 pounds there is an opening. At 98 or 105 is Vink, Magrum is at 112, and the 119 spot is most likely to go to George Sterling. Blanchard appears to have earned the 126-pound berth, Dell'Acqua will be at 132, and at 138 there is a crowd. A leading contender is Tom Ravida, who also might wrestle at 145. At 155 is Leach, at 167 is Novak, at 177 is Talaveri, and last but certainly not least is Chad Hotaling in the 215 heavyweight division.

The outlook for this year is very positive as the Blackbirds are picked for second place in the Colonial Council behind a Ravena squad with talent and experience. Another team the 'Birds will have to watch is Albany Academy.

The Blackbirds open their season with two home matches, the first tomorrow (Thursday) against Cohoes and then on the following Tuesday against Cobleskill. Both matches begin at 6 p.m. with preliminary bouts featuring junior high and jayvee teams.

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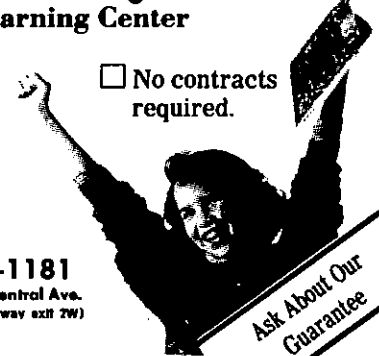
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RCS matmen open with dual win

By Josh Curley

Though not performing up to complete potential, the RCS wrestling team was able to defeat Mont Pleasant and Galway in a non-league double dual meet on Saturday.

Curt Van Derzee, Bill Stanton, Henry Mormile and Joe Dillberg provided the force in the victories by coming up with wins against both teams.

Ravena beat Mont Pleasant 48-20 with pins coming from Bob Pelletier at 105 pounds, Stanton at 126, Mormile at 145, Van Derzee at 155, and Dan Eagan at 215.

The Indians outscored Galway 37-24. In this match, sophomore Chris King accounted for the only victory by pin for Ravena. Stanton and Dillberg won by points and Jeff Friday and Van Derzee by technical fall.

Coach John Vishneowski was

pleased with the opening season victories but was a little concerned with some shaky matches. Most of Ravena's strength came from the heavier middleweights.

Colonial Council matches begin this week when RCS hosts Waterford on Wednesday. Though Vishneowski is aware of the vast improvement shown by the Waterford wrestling team, he still expects to come out on top in this match.

Santa Claus to visit Bethlehem VFW party

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185 will hold a children's Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the post on Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The party will start at 1 p.m.



RCS takes to the mats

Scott Brickner of Galway, above, pays an arm and a leg to Bill Stanton in his 10-0 loss to the 126-pound RCS varsity wrestler. The Indians' Kevin Kraft, below, is on top of things in his jayvee wrestling victory over Mt. Pleasant's Brian Rockwell.

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The Soroptimist Club of Albany is seeking area high school seniors to compete for its annual Youth Citizenship Award. Winners will receive a \$400 prize for "outstanding citizenship in the family, community, nation and the world."

The award will not be paid directly to an educational institu-

tion, but must be used "toward a goal of education" said Nancy Haase, YCA chairman. YCA winners will automatically compete for regional awards of \$2,000.

Applicants must be under 21 and graduating seniors in a public, private or equivalent high school. Application forms are available from school guidance counselors, or from Haase at 439-9415.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Nov. 27 at Del Lanes in Delmar go to:

Senior citizen men — Bob Montgomery 223, 556.

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Women — Sharon Lyons 234, 633.

Junior boys — Matt Barkman 210, 581.

Junior girls — Lisa Green 189, 492.

Prep boys — Dave Decker 168, 442; Mike Soronen 168, 439.

Prep girls — Laura Van Valkenburg 153, 379; Lisa Seaburg 136, 381.

Bantam boys — Nick Martin 153, 386.

Bantam girls — Sarah Stigmeier 121.

Jewelry taken from Glenmont home

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of cash and jewelry from a Commonwealth Dr., Glenmont, home.

Police said over \$250 in coins were taken as well as several diamond rings and other jewelry of unknown value. The items were stolen from a bedroom, police said.

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Writers

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as layout editor last year. Babiskin, current editor-in-chief, has been a member of *The Thinking Reed* staff since her sophomore year and was literary editor last year.

D'Ambrosi has also served as an editor for the high school yearbook and was a correspondent for *The Spotlight* for two years. She has applied for early acceptance to Cornell University, where she plans to study science and journalism. She said she has an interest in a career in medical journalism.

Babiskin has served as a yearbook editor and has been a member of the drama club for four years. She has performed, worked back stage and worked as a student director as member of the club. Outside of school she is actively involved in Congregation Beth Emeth youth group. She is first in her class academically and plans to continue her education, but she has not decided what or where she will study.

Both writers have received numerous scholastic awards including awards for their writing from Wells College and the state Women's Federation.

Indians put fire to Cohoes' hopes

By Curt VanDerzee

Last Friday Cohoes came into town with thoughts of a big upset, but they left town wondering what hit them.

The visitors' biggest mistake was expecting to come in and play a close game for two or three quarters and then laugh and watch the Indians blow all of their chances and the game. But these Indians are very opportunistic, and on Friday it didn't seem like they could do anything wrong.

RCS jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead and was up 14-5 at the end of the first quarter. At this point the Indians, playing without injured guard Tony Johnston, took control of the game and outscored Cohoes 33-17 to take a commanding 48-22 lead at the halftime. Junior Tony Cary scored all ten of his points in the second quarter and Phil Nicewonger added nine of his game high 15 points.

In the second half the Indians, rather than just coasting to a win,

came out firing with an intensity that was rarely seen around here last year. The subs came off the bench to play a very good game. A.J. Nunziato led the way with 10 points, Mark Winnie had 7, and Darrin Hall and Bill Peletier each had 6. With the win, the Indians improved their record to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the league.

The jayvee boys also improved their record to 3-0, but they had a much tougher time in doing so. Center Steve Bullock led the way with 13 points and 21 rebounds, and Ed Nieves chipped in with 10 points and seven assists. Despite their efforts Ravena needed two key free throws from Adam Leonardos with five seconds left to preserve the 58-55 win.

This week the Indians will host two more league opponents. On Tuesday, Voorheesville comes into town looking to rebound from their loss to Albany Academy. Then on Friday they will take on Mechanicville in a key Colonial Council game.

Girls volleyball dominates opponents

By Josh Curley

The RCS girls volleyball team dominated last week's opponents with virtually "mistake free" play to begin this season's council action.

Last Wednesday's home game against Schalmont resulted in humiliation for the highly regarded Sabres. The Indians crushed Schalmont 15-3, 15-4. Dawn Dinardi led the team with high-accuracy serving and excellent setting.

On Thursday, Ravena easily handled Emma Willard 15-5, 15-8. Again Dinardi led the team with sets and serves. Hope Ackert added the force, spiking Dinardi's sets. Dinardi has made 31 good serves out of 32 attempts in the

two games.

This year's squad is led by senior tri-captains Dinardi, Jill Gottesman and Stacey Herron. Other starters include Juniors Theresa Darlington, Ackert and senior Cherie Pryor. Sophomore Sara Fink is Coach Ronald Racey's "complete player" coming off the bench.

The Indians' goal this year is to come up victorious in the Colonial Council for their fourth consecutive league championship title and to earn respect for Ravena and Section II at out-of-section tournaments at Syracuse and Plattsburgh.

This week the Indians will play a non-league game against Tamarac and will face Cohoes in a Council match-up.

Red Cross launches blood drive

The American Red Cross has kicked off its 1988 "Gift of Life" blood donor campaign in the Northeastern New York region. The theme of this campaign is "Home for the Holidays." Each unit of blood donated may help to bring someone home for the holidays. The Albany chapter of the American Red Cross will be accepting donations on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 1 Norstar Plaza, Broadway, Albany.

The Red Cross provides all the blood and blood products needed daily at the 27 hospitals it serves. The need for blood has steadily been increasing, and in order to maintain adequate blood supplies during the holiday season the Red Cross must collect 835 usable units of blood at each "Gift of Life" collection, as well as, collect 6,639 units from their 77 bloodmobiles scheduled throughout the campaign.

During 1987-88 approximately 190,000 blood products were provided to patients from the 76,326 units of blood donated. Every day, approximately 275 donations are needed to keep up with the demand. Donations may be made at the American Red Cross Regional Center on Hackett Blvd., the Empire State Plaza or the Crosstown Plaza.

The Red Cross emphasizes that blood donation is a safe and simple procedure. New and sterile needles are used for each donor.

Cerebral Palsy Center seeks drivers

The Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled is looking for drivers for its transportation department. The department operates a fleet of 20 vehicles, which includes full-sized busses and mini-vans. The agency has an on-going need for qualified bus drivers.

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The Center serves clients of all ages who have disabilities or neurological impairments. The transportation department allows clients more access to services, and important mobility. For information, call 489-8336.



Holiday decoration

Delmar Progress Club members Ann Casper, left, and Beatrice Bird oversee the club's decoration of the Bethlehem Public Library by placing a holiday wreath.

Mark Stuart

'Lung Line' offered during season

A part of the holiday season since 1907, when they were introduced to raise funds to fight tuberculosis, Christmas Seals has added to the fight against lung disease this Christmas season with the inauguration of a special "Chronic Lung Disease Hotline."

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Bank sponsors campaign

The Home and City Savings Bank is sponsoring their "Light a Child's Life" campaign for the holiday season. Donations are being collected for the Children's Hospital at the Albany Medical Center.

For each \$5 donation a donor may light a lightbulb on a Christmas tree in the lobby of each Home and City Savings Bank.

Self-help group meets

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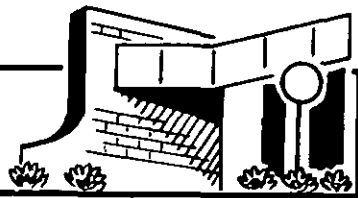
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"Career Finder," a 1987 publication of CIASA Wintergreen Software, consists of a floppy disk, counselor's manual and master copies of worksheets. While the package is especially suitable for ages 10 to 18, adults will enjoy finding out if they are in the right career field.

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educational requirements, and shows how your values and interests are related to the work.

The "Student Financial Aid Estimator," which was produced by New York State's Higher Education Services Corporation, determines what post-secondary education aid you might be eligible for. Based on information you provide from income tax returns, the program indicates whether or not you qualify for a New York State TAP award.

The program also determines eligibility and calculates the amount of federal Pell Grants, GSL (Guaranteed Student Loans), SLS (Supplemental Loans for Students) and PLUS (Parent Loan) programs. The program is made up of a manual, two disks and three financial worksheets. Repayment schedules give you an idea of how much it costs to pay back a loan.

The library has a patron to thank for donating the 1987 edition of "The Perfect College." The database holds 440,000 facts on all 1,650 accredited, four-year colleges and universities in the U.S.

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the searching and sorting for you. The goal is to narrow the choices to five schools that you can realistically gain admission to and attend.

Finally, to insure you get into the college you've chosen, the library carries the "Computer Preparation SAT." The package contains a printed text, two disks and a manual. The 470-page text includes four, full-length practice exams. The program on the first disk scores a practice test, evaluates your performance in eight math and seven verbal skill areas, and creates a personalized study plan. The program also drills you, times your performance and explains how to find answers.

The program on the second disk contains 1,000 computerized "flashcards," including definitions, opposites and examples, for vocabulary development.

While the "Computer Preparation SAT" may not make studying for the SAT exactly fun, the package might make the task easier and more interesting.

All of the programs mentioned are available for use in the library by anyone validated to use the microcomputer. For information call 439-9314.

Legion hosts party

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040, the American Legion, will hold the annual egg nog party, on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the post in Delmar.

The party will start at 3 p.m., and is free.



Friendship tea

"We Three Sings", Ray Stees, left, pastor of the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church, Shenendehowa's church organist Rick Brokhoff and Cal Brigg-Harris, pastor of the Waterford United Methodist Church performed at an interfaith tea sponsored by the United Methodist Women at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. The tea will feature the popular SELFHELP crafts for sale before and after the event, with proceeds going to artisans in developing nations.

Mark Stuart

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 20, 1988, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 P.M., to take action on the application of Anthony Caccamo, 16 Roland Dr., Albany, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed three (3) lot Subdivision, to be located Kenwood Ave. as shown on map entitled, "Preliminary Plat, Title Caccamo Subdivision (3-10), Made for Anthony Caccamo, Location 130 Kenwood Ave., Town of Bethlehem, N.Y." dated 10-7-

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Kenneth Ringler, Jr.
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(December 7, 1988)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a SPECIAL MEETING on Thursday, December 15, 1988, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 P.M.,

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for the purpose of reviewing progress in the Route 9W corridor study. All interested groups and citizens are hereby invited to attend.

Kenneth Ringler, Jr.
Chairman, Planning Board
Town of Bethlehem
(December 7, 1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, invite sealed bids to be publicly opened at 7:45 P.M. on December 13, 1988 #1 No. 2 Fire

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for a new 5 ton Roll-Off Hoist and four (4) 8 cubic yard Roll-Off containers for use of the Town of Bethlehem Sanitation Department.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 20th day of December, 1988 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope which

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shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL and ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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Obituaries

Fredrick C. Albright, Sr.

Frederick C. Albright, Sr., 61, of Delmar, a custodian at Bethlehem Central High School, died Saturday.

A World War II Navy veteran, he is survived by a son, Chris Albright of Valley Falls, and a daughter, Staci Albright of Selkirk; a sister, Carol Burton of Queensbury, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday morning at the Applebee Funeral Home, and burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland.

Charles R. Mead

Charles R. Mead, 86, of Delmar, founder of Charles R. Mead Associates Inc., an independent insurance adjuster, died Sunday in Albany Medical Center.

He was president of Charles R. Mead until his retirement in 1968. He was past president of the state Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters, a member of the National Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters, the Astoria Lodge No. 963 of the F&AM, the Elks, and the Capital City Chapter 242 of the Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by three daughters, Vivian Snook of Delmar, Claire Hyde of Gloversville and Carol Mead of Albany; a sister Dorothy Bonnett of Richmond, Va., two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Calling hours were held Tuesday at the Applebee Funeral Home, followed by private services.

Burial was in Memories Garden, Colonie. Contributions may be made to the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany.

Charles F. Connell Sr.

Slingerlands resident Charles F. Connell Sr. died last Tuesday in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. He was 79.

Born in Rensselaer, he worked for the railroads, including Amtrak for over 50 years. He also served as general chairman for the Sheetmetal Workers Union in Albany for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge 1096 F&AM, and a past elder of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Iona; two daughters, Barbara Hurst of Slingerlands and Charlotte McDougall of Lebanon, N.Y.; a son Charles F. Connell Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz. and a sister Sarah Almy of Rensselaer. He is also survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday in the Applebee Funeral Home, in Delmar, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk.

Jeffrey Paul Tilroe

Jeffrey Paul "J.T." Tilroe of Delmar died Dec. 3. He was 23.

A native of Seoul, South Korea, he was a naturalized U.S. citizen who had lived in Cherry Hill, N.J., for six years before moving to the Capital District.

He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1984, where he played varsity soccer for four years, serving as team co-captain his senior year. He played in the Empire State Games in 1983, as well as on several select teams. He had attended Castleton

State College in Vermont, where he also played varsity soccer. In the Capital District, he played on several adult teams.

Survivors include his parents, Connie and George Tilroe of Delmar; two sisters, Cathie Gebhart and Cindy Looper; his brother, Jason Tilroe and his grandfather, Dr. Dexter Tilroe.

A memorial service was held at the Delmar United Methodist Church on Monday, with arrangements by the Applebee Funeral Home. Contributions may be made to the Jeffrey Tilroe Scholarship Fund of the Bethlehem Soccer Club, in care of Dick Matarrese, 17 Borthwick Ave., Delmar, 12054.

Leslie Edsall

Leslie Edsall of Delmar, a former teacher at Bethlehem Central High School, died Dec. 2 in Albany Medical Center after a long illness. He was 79.

Born in Bath, N.Y., he had been a Delmar resident for almost 50 years. A graduate of Alfred University and Albany State Teachers College, he was a chemistry teacher at Bethlehem Central High School, and supervisor of science for the Bethlehem School District before his retirement in 1964.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, a daughter, Norma Edsall of Austerlitz, N.Y., a son, John Edsall of Columbus, Ohio, a brother, Louis Edsall and a sister, Dora Haller, both of Bath.

Private services were held by Zwack and Sons Funeral Home in Albany. Contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, or to the Delmar Rescue Squad.



Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
Nov. 24	Selkirk Fire Department	Brush Fire
Nov. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
Nov. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Nov. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Nov. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Nov. 25	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Nov. 25	Selkirk Fire Department	Propane Leak
Nov. 25	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Nov. 26	Delmar Fire Department	Structure Fire
Nov. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Nov. 26	Selkirk Fire Department	Propane Leak
Nov. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Nov. 27	Selkirk Fire Department	Car Fire
Nov. 28	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
Nov. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
Nov. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Nov. 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Nov. 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Nov. 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Nov. 29	Elsmere Fire Company	Wash Down
Nov. 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Nov. 30	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency

The top bowlers for the Elsmere Fire Company for the week of Nov. 25 were: men's high single — Ron Gazzetha, 201; men's high triple — Bill Webb, 574; women's high single — Darlene Wilson, 173, and women's high triple — Barbara Palmer, 460.

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad members and their families will be Christmas caroling in the Glenmont area for the Ronald McDonald House. Everyone will meet at the Glenmont firehouse at 6:30 p.m. For information call Isabel Glastetter 439-2627.

With winter weather now upon us, please try to assist area fire departments by keeping the fire hydrants near your home clear.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Selkirk Fire Department will host a children's Christmas party at the firehouse on Route 396 in Selkirk. Mi Mi the Clown and Santa will entertain. The event is from 1 to 4 p.m.

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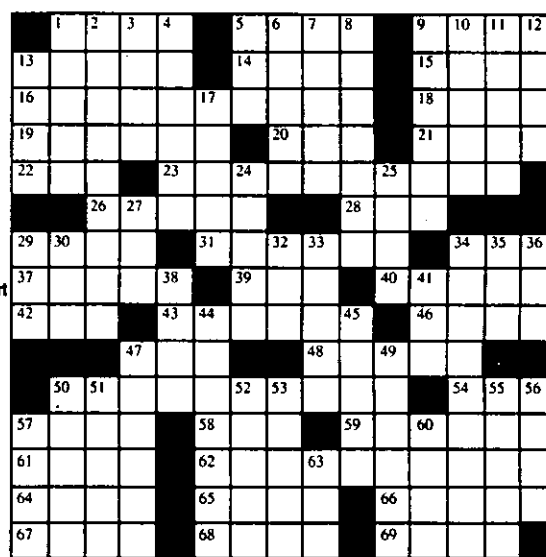
Weekly Crossword

"TIS THE SEASON"

By Gerry Frey

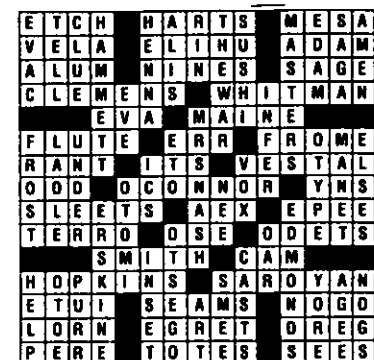
ACROSS

- Pierre's Christmas
- Space org.
- Shepherd's guide
- To the point
- Braun and Gabor
- Sea bird
- a/k/a Kris Kringle
- Assists
- Laud
- Mr. Amin
- Shop
- Sault Ste. Marie for short
- Wassail bowl ingredient (2 wds)
- Artist's desk
- Christmas cookie container
- Lease
- Most confident
- Bleat
- Come on stage
- Burden
- Period of time
- Dr. of Dental Sci.
- When losers are winners
- Up on your toes
- Inflating fuel
- Pest
- Munich Christmas Tree
- "Hrt. of Dixie" State! (scrambled)
- Jets or Sharks
- Oil viscosity std.
- Charming women
- Off Broadway "Tony" work
- Laze
- Narcissus' love
- Not odds
- Fawns' moms
- Animal org.
- Tech readings



- Kitch. measures
- Chemical endings
- Satiates
- Broadway winners
- Consumed
- A Christmas color
- Receiver
- Norma _____
- Surplus
- Famous birthplace
- Formerly Clay
- A high mountain
- Spoil
- Special int. group
- Lifts weights
- "March King"
- "Peace on Earth" proclaimers
- Scrooge was _____
- Off limits
- Old womanish
- Spingarn medal award org.
- It could be baseball's Johnny _____! (scrambled)
- Times to come
- Egyptian cobras
- Magi's gift
- Answer please
- "Ode _____" Nightingale"

Last Week's Solution



DOWN

- Closes in on
- Balls, lights and tinsel
- Precedes "mate"; good guess
- Sometimes tough to break
- Ms. Carter
- To be of use
- _____ Arabia
- Supports
- Tar
- "_____ By Jury"
- Tennis player Agassie
- Sojourn

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Volunteers sought

The Glenmont Job Corps Center is currently accepting new members for its community relations advisory board. The advisory board functions as the center's means of staying in touch with local developments and concerns, and helps the administration plan involvement in related activities.

The board meets every other month, beginning in January. Anyone from the region, including the Town of Bethlehem, who would like to volunteer is welcome. For information call 767-9371

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Thomas Hamill marries

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Laura Jane Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Scott Pike of Siesta Key, Fla., and Thomas Patrick Hamill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hamill of Delmar, were married on Oct. 8 in Sarasota, Fla.

Lucinda Neurork, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Timothy Dinneen served as best man.

The bride, a graduate of Berry College, is employed by Trans-American Energy Associates of Atlanta, Ga.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Paul Smith's College, is employed as an auditor by Mayfair Suites Hotel in Atlanta, Ga.

The couple will reside in Roswell, Ga.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Mulkerne of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, to David Joseph Kavanaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kavanaugh of Albany.

The bride-to-be is a benefit

specialist at the Travelers Insurance Company.

Her fiancé is a student at Western New England School of Law.

A June 24 wedding is planned.

Ombudsman internships offered

A voluntary one-semester intern program at the state Department of State's 13 regional ombudsman offices is being offered to New York's college and graduate students for the upcoming semester.

The program will enable interns to earn credits by helping Secretary of State Gail S. Shaffer's representatives administer Governor Cuomo's Ombudsman Program. The Ombudsman program is designed to help answer citizens' questions or problems with state agencies. The assistance will include handling telephone inquiries,

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Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Steven Paul, to Linda and Bruce Yelich, Elsmere, Nov. 9.

Boy, Jordan, to Darlene and Michael Baumes, Selkirk, Nov. 10.

Girl, Kristen, to Kathy and Nicholas Vitillo, Selkirk, Nov. 10.

Girl, Caitlyn, to Audrey and Kelley Reardon, Delmar, Nov. 30.

Boy, Adam Palmer, to Susan and Eagleye Nye, Feura Bush, Nov. 3.

Girl, Lauren Ann, to Karen and Jeff Vadeny, Delmar, Nov. 22.

Girl, Jessica, to Sue and Daniel Demmer, Selkirk, Nov. 22.

Girl, Lauren, to Patricia and John Quirk, Voorheesville, Nov. 24.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Kevin Jeirod, to Kathy and Alan Seymour, Glenmont, Nov. 10.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Amber Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Witt, Selkirk, Oct. 12.

Boy, Shane Alexander, to Gail and Stuart Myers, Glenmont, Oct. 19.

Boy, Lawrence Christian, to Karen and Lawrence Christian Gloeckler, Fuera Bush, Oct. 22.

Boy, David Paul John, to Dawn Myrtle and Brian Wood, Delmar, Oct. 22.

Girl, Deborah C., to Deborah C. and Joseph Fish, Delmar, Oct. 28.

Girl, Pamela Dalton, to Trish and Kevin Brooks, Voorheesville, Oct. 28.

Boy, Peter Matthew, to Dawn and Jeff Houck, Clarksville, Oct. 31.

Sound-alike agencies confusing public

The American Heart Association has urged the public to be cautious when responding to mail requests for donations from non-profit organizations. Organizations using similar sounding names to the American Heart Association have been diverting funds away from legitimate agencies.

"In particular, we are concerned with groups whose names include words like 'American,' 'National,' 'Heart,' 'Heart Disease,' 'Heart Research,' 'Cardiac,' and so on," said William Selwood, chairman

of the board of the American Heart Association. Selwood said that the region had received numerous requests for information on such sound-alike organizations, and that while he does not wish to prevent any legitimate agencies from raising funds for cardiovascular research, he wants the public to become aware of this growing problem.

Before making any contribution on a questionable request, the American Heart Association suggests contacting the local office of the Better Business Bureau, or the council's Philanthropic Advisory Service at (703) 276-0133.

For information, call the American Heart Association, Northeast Region at 869-1961.

Donations sought

The Living Resources Corporation is seeking funds to secure employment and offer support services for the developmentally disabled through a limited telephone fund raising campaign from Dec. 12 through 14.

Living Resources is a non-profit organization that maintains community homes and supportive living apartments for people with developmental disabilities. The agency offers training for people they are able to place in the job market, and assistance to the workers and employers.

Donations made to the agency are tax deductible.

Ronald Arthur

 Just blowing a tune tooting

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Community Corner

Prince of Peace

The Christian Music Ministries will present "Prince of Peace," a proclamation of Christmas 1988, on Friday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m.

The event will consist of a concert with a 100 voice choir and a 40 voice children's choir, plus a live nativity scene.

The program will take place at Christian Music Ministries in Feura Bush. All are welcome to enjoy this free Christmas celebration.

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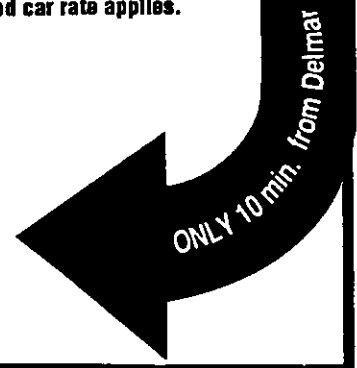
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