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Town planners pledge Delaware Ave. study

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board will "take a look at what's going on" along Delaware Ave. from the Normanskill bridge to town hall, according to board Chairman Charles Redmond.

The statement was made at least partially in response to a petition from over 250 residents of Elsmere who live in the neighborhood of Herrick Ave. and Groesbeck Pl. near the Elsmere Elementary School. Those residents are asking that the land between Herrick and Groesbeck fronting on Delaware Ave. — the Liebich property — be rezoned from CC to CCC commercial amid rumors of a fast-food franchise on the site, which currently contains two stores as well as a

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recently cleared lot. The petition was forwarded from the town board to the planning board last Tuesday night for the planners' recommendation.

The current CC zoning for the property would permit a restaurant as a use for the site. The CCC designation would not.

"We will not just look at your problem in particular," Redmond told two area residents in attendance. "But we will also

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Board shaves '84 budget

Bethlehem's tentative 1984 budget now carries a tax rate of \$27.26 — a drop of 41 cents — following a budget work session by the town board Friday.

Three weeks ago, Supervisor Tom Corrigan had proposed a tentative budget with an 18 cent increase. Corrigan said the only major item trimmed from that plan was a truck for the Parks and Recreation Department — "we'll look at that in 1985," he said.

Although the property tax decrease for Bethlehem comes to just over one percent, it appears that taxpayers will see a more substantial reduction in their bills. Albany County Executive James Coyne is proposing a 6 1/4 percent decrease in

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property taxes county-wide, although that has not yet been broken down into a specific tax rate for the various municipalities. Currently, town and county taxes in Bethlehem are virtually the same.

The board increased this year's \$17,000 allocation to Project Hope, which runs a satellite center for troubled teenagers in Glenmont, to \$18,000, and also agreed to allocate \$2,400 to the Albany Dispute Mediation Service, which has been

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Bethlehem Cemetery may look inviting on a sunny fall day, but it's a good place not to be Monday evening when spirits, friendly and otherwise, reportedly will be abroad. Whatever you do, don't go alone. For other things to do and not do, see page 3.

Tom Howes

An author's life: check and double check

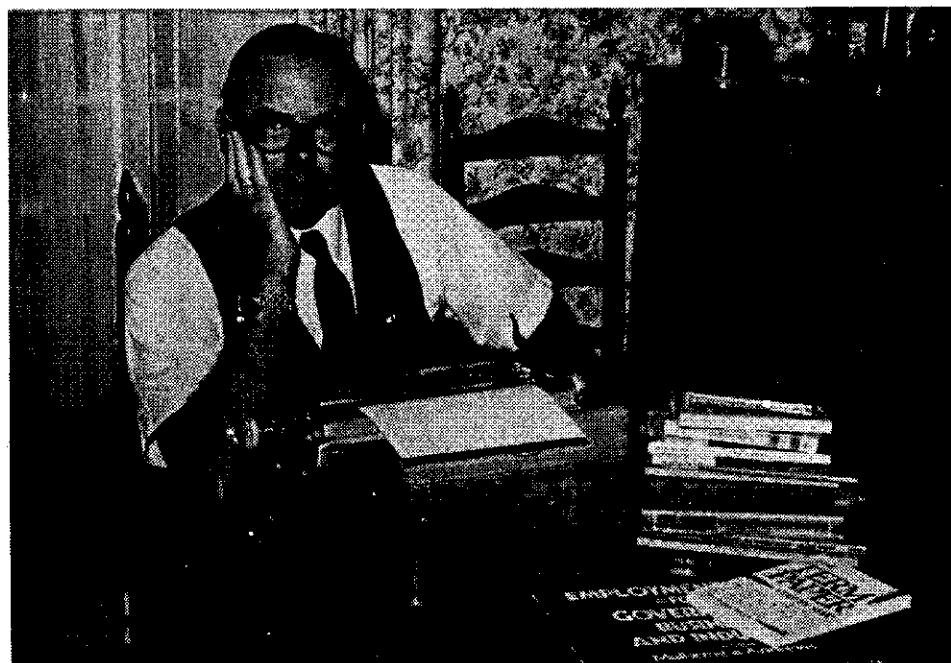
By Caroline Terenzini

One might think being a best-selling author for a major publishing house would mean a path strewn with roses, but in fact it is a path strewn with pitfalls. Donald J.D. Mulkerne of Delmar, who has produced nine volumes including a Doubleday best-seller, *The Term Paper, Step by Step*, knows.

For example, in the third edition of *Term Paper*, which contains a sample essay on Lincoln's assassination, a well-meaning copy editor who apparently had never heard of President Andrew Johnson changed the copy to read Andrew Jackson. Fortunately, Mulkerne, having learned a few things along the way, was patiently proofreading the essay yet again even though he had proofread it for each of the first two editions and, supposedly, nothing was changed. But — aha! — there it was.

If that's not enough to send shivers through your word processor, Mulkerne also related with relish the struggle he had to get his birthplace changed back to Rockland, Mass., in a biographical paragraph when the only Rockland another copy editor had ever heard of was Rockland, Maine.

His advice to any author: read the galley proofs carefully, read the page



Donald Mulkerne spends long hours in his Delmar study.

Tom Howes

proofs carefully and then read the book carefully. For a book of employment tests he devised with Dr. Margaret Andrews, Mulkerne painstakingly redid all the calculations after it had been set in type, just in case the typesetter had inverted a number. And for the third edition of *Term Paper*, Mulkerne took

over a chore that best-selling authors are usually spared — he produced a new index for the book, confident he could do it better.

Such perseverance and thoroughness are hallmarks of the work Mulkerne has been doing for the past 25 years, along

with teaching courses in business education for teachers at the State University at Albany, where he has been on the faculty 33 years.

His first book, in 1958, was an economic and social geography for McGraw-Hill, written with Sidney E. Ekblaw. The volume came about because Mulkerne had been asked to review an existing text and made such good suggestions for improvement that the publisher decided Mulkerne might as well write it. That volume even came out in a Japanese edition.

This success meant that in the early '60's Mulkerne was working on three books at the same time. One was a volume of civil service tests for typists (with Dr. Andrews) that required him to devise words to be typed solely with the right hand and words to be typed solely with the left hand. He also had to come up with sentences that were exactly 69 characters long and that contained all the letters of the alphabet. That cryptographic-like exercise meant long hours hunched over the keys.

For *The Word Book*, (done with Gilbert Kahn, original co-author of *The Term Paper*) which gives the spelling and division of 23,000 common words, Mulkerne went through all 1,800 pages of *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, page by page. This volume proved to be so

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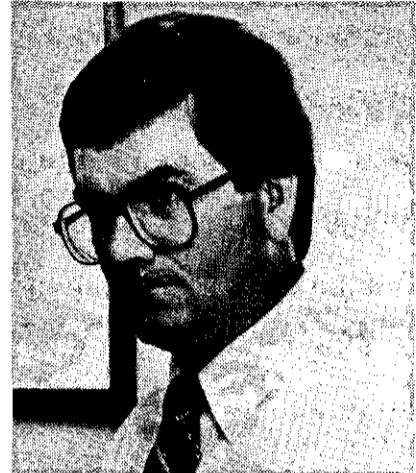


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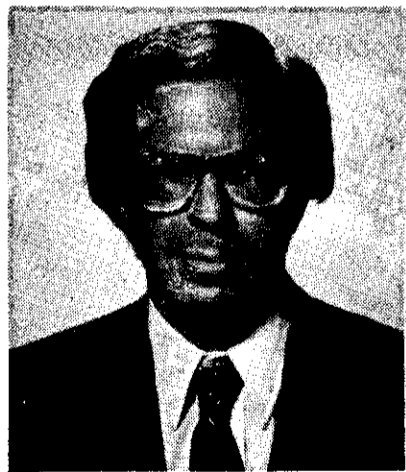
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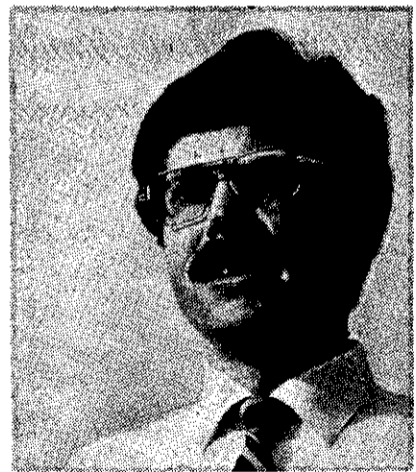
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36th District



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NOTE POW A - DEMOCRAT
- ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

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The cemetery may be safe in daytime, but it could be spooky after dark.

Things that go bump . . .

While children are busy planning their Halloween costumes, parents and other adults are busy planning how to keep Halloween safe and happy.

McDonald's Restaurants have a Halloween gift certificate booklet available for \$1 that provides 12 coupons for McDonald's products to be given out to trick-or-treaters. In addition, 50 cents from the sale of each booklet will be donated to the Albany Ronald McDonald House, S. Lake St., a home away from home for families of children who are receiving treatment at Albany Medical Center.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) suggests masquerade or face-painting parties, pumpkin-decorating contests, and Halloween sports events as substitutes for the traditional doorbell-ringing. The new "treaditions" would help promote safety on that special night and also could involve older children who are past the trick-or-treat stage. President Lyndon Johnson in 1967 declared Oct. 31 National UNICEF Day, and since then many costumed youngsters have collected money door-to-door to benefit UNICEF.

Bethlehem Police Officer James Corbett, assigned to the Youth Bureau, is visiting local elementary schools this week with a safety message for young Halloweeners. Among the tips are:

- Go trick-or-treating in a group — never alone.
- Decorate the costume with reflective tape for safety at night.
- Pets may be wary of costumed creatures. Steer clear of dogs and cats.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Have an adult member of the family check all treats before dipping in. (And, of course, brush your teeth after eating the sweets.)

Haunted church

For the sixth year, members of St. Matthew's Youth Group have issued the challenge "Come if you dare!" to their Old Haunted Church. The event is to be held this weekend.

Begun as a fundraiser the Halloween project has given area youngsters too old to trick-or-treat an outlet for their creativity. It is estimated that more than 150 teenagers are taking part in the project from construction to production, with 35 adults lending a hand. Only youth group members take part in the final haunting, but adults will supervise parking and help at the refreshment booth. The teens have spent countless hours preparing for the upcoming weekend, including coaching by area college drama clubs.

Situated on the Pleasant Street Hill in

Voorheesville, the former St. Matthew's Church will have monsters that shriek, and eerie music playing as ghoulish characters and other surprises catch thrill-seekers.

The church will be open to the public on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. Admission is 75 cents and proceeds will help fund Youth Group projects.

For a sneak preview tune into "P.M. Magazine" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Halloween hangout

Free movies, candy, cider and doughnuts for the whole family will be part of the Slingerlands fire department's annual Halloween party Oct. 31, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the firehouse. The evening is a community service of the fire department.

Author's life

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popular that United Air Lines had an edition printed to be given out to executives traveling on its plane. And now, Donald J.D. (Jay) Mulkerne, Jr., one of the seven Mulkerne children, and his wife, Suzanne, are working on an update of *The Word Book*. Jay also worked on the latest edition of *The Term Paper*, so his name has replaced that of Gilbert Kahn, who created the first edition with the senior Mulkerne. Kahn died in 1972.

The Term Paper is the only one of Mulkerne's nine volumes that went "over the transom" — which "is not the way to write a book," said Mulkerne. "Over the transom" means the book was completed before being offered to a publisher and was sent off unannounced. It proved to be the right manuscript at the right time, however, and it was one of Doubleday's 30 best-sellers the first month it was out. *The Term Paper* has since sold some 350,000 copies and is the publishing house's best-selling educational paperback.

And all this came about because Mulkerne had looked at what was available in that genre and decided "the market needed a better kind of book." That decided, he and Kahn wrote it.

An infantry lieutenant in World War II, Mulkerne was injured while commanding a rifle patrol in France. During the long recuperation, he met his wife, Doris, who was a nurse. The injury has meant years of restricted physical activity, including the need to train himself — naturally left-handed — to write with his right hand. He still types 65 words per minute, using his right hand and only the index finger of his left.

In writing, Mulkerne said, he follows his own advice. "I establish datelines and checklists. I break tasks into little pieces, and write notes to myself on what should be done by the end of the day.

"It takes time to write a book," he said, "and it's disastrous not to meet an editor's target date — stores will be asking for a book that doesn't exist. If you mess up, you have to go to the end of the pipeline. I've always been upset with editors," he added. "They give themselves plenty of time, but compress the author's time."

Given the effort and discipline that goes into producing a book, Mulkerne has harsh words for book pirates, chiefly in the Far East, who take a volume produced elsewhere, reproduce it cheaply

and undersell it in the marketplace. This piracy has cut deeply into the profits of American publishers, Mulkerne said, raising the prices of books produced here. And there are no international sanctions against the pirates, who say, "Sue me."

Plagiarism, too, leaves a bad taste in an author's mouth. Copyright does not extend to titles, Mulkerne said, so a competing book can bear the same title. And those who are unscrupulous enough to copy a title wouldn't hesitate to lift other parts of a book. "I bet I'll be seeing pieces of *Term Paper* in a competing volume in a year," Mulkerne said.

Despite his disaffection with editors and others, Mulkerne is thinking about his 10th book — a volume on Civil War battles. And when he isn't busy lecturing on Lincoln or putting together a workshop on communications or giving a commencement address, he'll sit down at his typewriter and confront that first empty white sheet. His approach? "You start where it's easiest to write," he said. "And that is not necessarily at the beginning."

Planners

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look at your problem in particular." He requested members of the board to familiarize themselves with the stretch of Delaware Ave. mentioned.

Two years ago the planning board, as part of an extensive review of zoning in the town, looked specifically at the commercial zoning on Delaware Ave. and decided not to make changes at that time. The town did institute a site plan approval procedure for commercial properties, but that procedure is limited to building requiring additions of 50 percent or more of properties near an historic district.

Questions have been raised as to whether those controls are adequate on Delaware Ave.

Haunting Elsmere

The Elsmere Fire Dept. will host its annual Halloween hauntings Monday at the fire house from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Young ghosts and goblins can get their thrills from a haunted house, an original play put on by Bethlehem Central High School students or from monster movies shown continuously throughout the evening. There will also be treats and a poster contest with prizes.

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Developer Riemma: lose one . . .

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week unanimously denied developer Vincent Riemma's application to resubdivide three lots on Manor Dr. in the Bicentennial Woods subdivision into two lots that would contain one duplex each.

The proposal had generated considerable opposition in the Glenmont subdivision, with residents arguing that they hadn't been warned that duplexes could be built near their homes when they bought.

But discussion of the case last Tuesday was brief and centered on the fact that Riemma was asking to change an already-existing subdivision plan. Board attorney Earl Jones seemed to express the consensus of the board: "People have a right to rely on the map that's filed," he said.

The board also dealt with these items from a lengthy agenda:

- Held a public hearing on the Ashford Park subdivision, where developer Bedros Karian sought an amendment to the lot lines to allow construction of a duplex. No one spoke in opposition to the proposal.

- Held a public hearing for the proposed Tudor Estates subdivision, where Paul Wagner proposed to subdivide three lots on Westphal Dr., Delmar. No one spoke in opposition to the plan.

- Approved a site plan for a proposed two-unit dwelling on Krumkill Rd. owned by Dix and Joan Colbert.

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- Reviewed a site plan for a six-unit apartment building to be located on Adams St., Delmar, on land adjacent to the Merry-Go-Round bookstore and L & H Brake. The proposed structure, according to Pat Higgins, representing George and Mary Cochran, would be two stories with three two-bedroom units on each floor. The board deferred its decision.

- Heard an informal presentation for a subdivision of approximately 90 lots, each large enough to accommodate a duplex, to be located on Blessing Rd. and Krumkill Rd., N. Bethlehem. The board had no objection to the proposal, but suggested to David Elliott, representative of Carnevale Development of Colonie, that a planned residence district might be a better way to develop the site.

- Discussed the proposed Woodhill subdivision, approximately 90 lots to be located off Feura Bush Rd. and Murray Dr., Glenmont. The plan presented by civil engineer Lindsay Boutelle on behalf of developer Vincent Riemma calls for some 15 four-unit apartment buildings and 13 lots large enough to accommodate duplexes. Permission to build the multi-unit dwellings was granted by court order some time ago, and the town requirements for minimum lot size have since been changed, according to town planning consultant Edward Kleinke. Jones,

the board's attorney, said he would review the legal aspects of the case and report to the board at its next meeting.

- Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 for the proposed Eastmount subdivision, 57 duplexes to be located on Blessing Rd. The subdivision is a planned residence district and the hearing will be for building project approval.

- Heard a short presentation from Building Inspector John Flanigan on a possible amendment to the zoning ordinance that would change the minimum required frontage on a town highway for subdivided lots to be used as

access for a site. Problems with interpretation of section 280-A of the state Town Law, including the use of easements for access, have made it necessary to clarify the town's position on the matter, Flanigan said, and he asked board members to begin thinking about how they would like to address the problem.

- Learned that the board's appeal of a state Supreme Court ruling overturning a denial of the proposed Norman's Gate subdivision to be located off Euclid Ave. in Elmsmere had been argued in the court's appellate division the previous week. The board had denied the proposal on the grounds that the plans of the developer, the Van Euclid Co., to use two lots on Euclid Ave. for access to the site violated a previously approved subdivision. Jones said a decision was expected in four to six weeks.

. . . compromise another

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has informally approved two variances from Section 280-A of the state Town Law that will permit two driveways on Jefferson Rd. in the Bicentennial Woods subdivision, Glenmont, to use easements for access to the street.

The approval last Wednesday followed the reopening of public hearings held Sept. 21. Thomas Jeram, attorney for developer Vincent Riemma, presented the board with a revised plan that called for the driveways of lots 105 and 107 Jefferson Rd. to follow an easement over land owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. in a fashion that would leave them side by side and away from property owned by John Stim at 103 Jefferson Rd.

Stim spoke in favor of the revised plan and no one spoke in opposition. The revision was suggested at the Sept. 21 hearing by board member Thomas Scherer, acting as chairman, but Jeram was not authorized at that time to submit such a plan. Subsequent discussions with Riemma led to submission of the new plan.

The town planning board the previous evening had approved a site plan utilizing the new plan for the driveways on the condition that the Board of Appeals grant the needed variances. Plans for the driveways have been before town agencies for some three months, according to town Building Inspector John Flanigan, and the plan on the original subdivision map, which called

for two long driveways to pass before Stim's house, had met with considerable neighborhood opposition.

"Now I can sleep at night," Stim said after the decision.

In other business, the board:

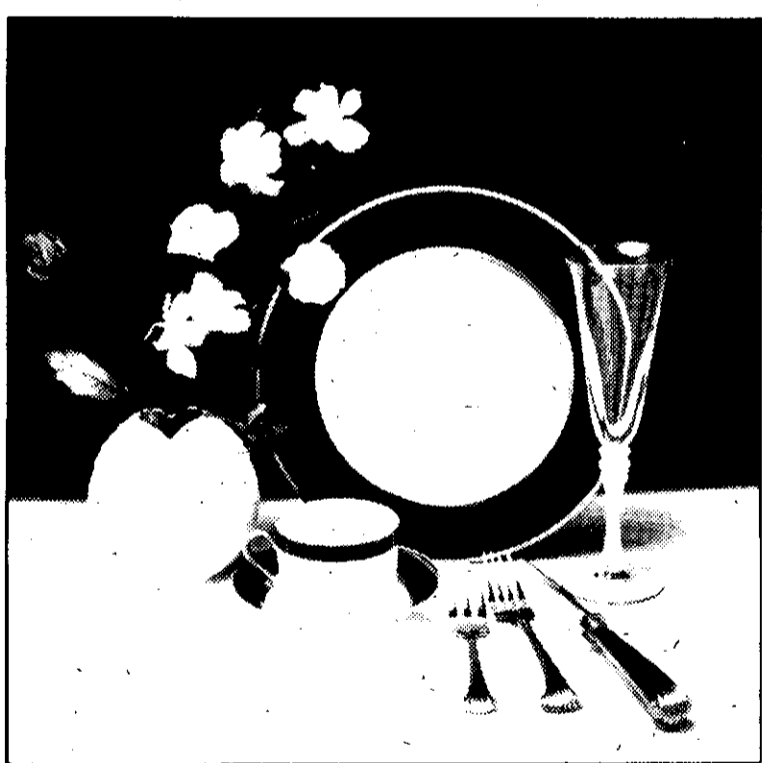
- Held a public hearing on a request by Robert H. Finke for a variance that would permit construction of a pole-type barn for his business on Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Finke told board members the structure was needed to store pumps, tractors and generators that he sells mostly to contractors. The site is zoned B-residential. No one spoke in opposition to the proposal and the board took no action on the application.

- Held a public hearing on a request from Wayne T. Davis, owner of Yale Auto Sales, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, who sought a special exception to permit outside sale, display and storage of used cars and small trucks and vans on the site, which he leases. No one spoke in opposition and the board came to no decision in the case.

- Returned an application from Donna Lee, who sought a special exception to permit a dog kennel at 1691 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The board, in a letter to Lee from Chairman Charles Fritts, cited her pending appearance in town court on a charge of operating a kennel without a permit as the reason for its rejection of the application.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2.

Vincent Potenza



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TOP TOWN SERVICES

Town road maintenance and repair are now less expensive (and you know roads are high-cost items) **because we "do it ourselves,"** with Town equipment and personnel! In addition to many other Town programs, recreation facilities and substantive programs for everyone from Pre-schoolers to Senior Citizens receive constant attention. **GOOD MANAGEMENT!**

SECURITY

98% of the folks queried in a recent survey said, "Bethlehem is a wonderful place to live!" We'll continue to support our own security people; working for you. To speedily handle emergencies — Fire, Police, Ambulance — we have instituted **Centralized Dispatching** for all these services. **GOOD MANAGEMENT!**

PLANNING

The obvious growth of our Town is the obvious reason for careful planning by several agencies in Bethlehem. If you look at Delaware Avenue, you'll be impressed with orderly development and tasteful signage. No mumbo-jumbo bizarre mess. **GOOD MANAGEMENT!**

COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Corrigan is undoubtedly the most accessible supervisor our Town has had. Tom and the entire team at Town Hall are available to hear from you and to come up with productive answers. The Town Hall telephone number is 439-4955. **GOOD MANAGEMENT!**

CONSIDERATION

Consideration and concern for folks of all ages with special needs are the Town's special very human guidelines. The Town financially supports Hope House, Project Equinox and Adelphi in young-people peer-group relationships. **Alternative sentencing** is in effect now in our Town Courts, involving a variety of community-service projects (road-litter cleanups, for example) for offenders. **GOOD MANAGEMENT!**

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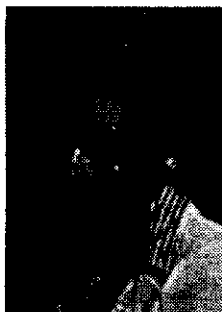
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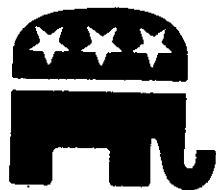


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Ricci, Donohue vie in 33rd

ELECTION '83

By Tom Howes

Basing his campaign on a single issue, Democratic challenger Ed Donohue is charging Republican incumbent Legislator Michael Ricci with failing to communicate with his constituents. Ricci, not surprisingly, doesn't see that as the issue at all — reduction of county property taxes and an increase in senior citizen funding are his priorities.

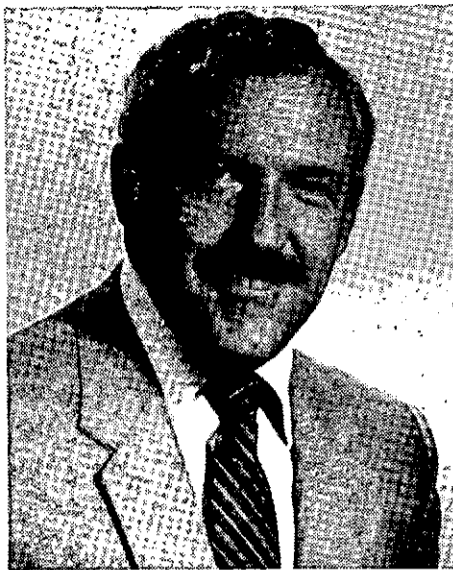
The two are vying to represent the new 33rd legislative district in the Albany County Legislature. Realigned last year by the Democratic-controlled legislature, the 33rd District covers about 25 percent of New Scotland, including the Village of Voorheesville, and an adjacent area in Guilderland.

"In the twelve years I've been out here (New Scotland) I've never received a newsletter or been polled in any way," said Donohue. "We assume our representative is covering county interests."

Entering a political race for the first time, Donohue has made the communication issue his calling card. "I feel the overriding factor involved is communication," he said. "Ninety percent of the job is listening to the people and going about accomplishing those objectives. Ten percent is learning the ropes and handling red tape."

If elected, Donohue proposes authoring a newspaper column to appear regularly in any of the local papers.

The official Democratic candidate, Donohue has found his bid to collect the Independent line stymied in court. Though petitions circulated by his supporters have collected more than three times the minimum necessary to satisfy election law, petition writers failed



Edward Donohue

to specify the legislative district. That, according to Ricci, who brought the suit, violates election law. A court decision is pending.

Donohue is a native of Albany, and has lived in New Scotland for 12 years. He has a wife, Jo Ann, and two sons and two daughters. A district technical service manager with the Burroughs Corp., Donohue works with computers on hard and software problem analysis.

He has been an officer in the American Legion and an organizer and former Exalted Ruler of the New Scotland Elks.

Republican incumbent Michael Ricci, a 16-year legislative veteran, sees the reduction of real property taxes and an increase in senior citizen funding as priority goals in the upcoming term.



Michael Ricci

Uncomfortable with "excessive" government spending and the resulting tax collections, Ricci views the budget surpluses turned in by Albany County in recent years with dismay. "I'm opposed to deficit spending," he said, "but when we have surpluses that are double-digit percentiles of real property taxes, I think that's excessive." He proposes to reduce the budget by applying surpluses against the real property tax.

Senior citizens in the 33rd deserve a fairer shake of the money tree, according to Ricci. "Most senior citizen funding goes back to the inner city," he said. Using figures taken from "The County Office for Aging Three-Year Plan, Ricci noted that City of Albany senior citizens received about 73 percent of the total

county funding in that area of spending while seniors in his district received a statistically negligible amount.

Ricci also supports a feasibility study of a foreign trade zone for Guilderland. "I don't think we'll ever see heavy industry in this part of the country again, but we could be one gigantic distribution center," he said, noting the presence of railroad, shipping and air transportation in the area.

Ricci would also like to abolish the 1 percent sales tax on heating fuel and electricity, see more public auctions for tax-delinquent property, regionalization of the county jail and require competitive bidding.

A lifelong resident of Voorheesville, Ricci is married, has four children and is the proprietor of Ricci's Market in Voorheesville. He has served on the finance, social services, health and judiciary committees, among others in the county legislature, and has been involved with a number of civic activities including the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Dept., American Legion and P.T.A.

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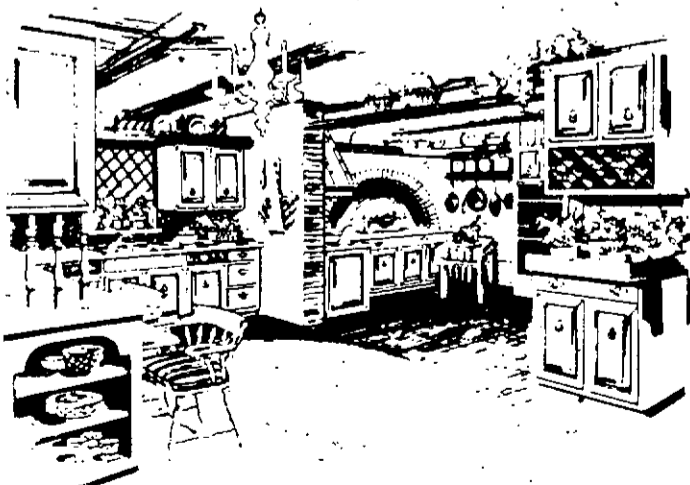
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Spirited contest for the 'new seat'

By Nat Boynton

One of the more spirited contests in the 1983 election campaign locally is the race for the seat in the Albany County Legislature assigned to the reapportioned 38th District.

The recent reapportionment by the county's ruling Democratic organization had a major impact on the Town of New Scotland, where voters in the more populous northeast corner — Voorheesville and Slingerlands — found themselves aligned with a rural section of Guiderland, and the rest of New Scotland lumped with the entire Town of Westerlo in the new 38th District.

Ironically, this new rural district replaces — for political purposes — the old 3rd District in Albany's solidly Democratic South End. Due to population shifts, the city lost one district in the reapportionment, and the Democrats sought a replacement that would be outside the sphere of the suburban Republicans.

The rival candidates, running for a seat without an incumbent, are both residents of New Scotland. Ronald Van Ronne, a Republican who works for Main Care, a distributor of heating fuels, and Charles

Houghtaling, a Democrat and proprietor of a grocery store, are members of long-established New Scotland families.

Early financial statements filed with the Albany County Board of Elections indicate that the Republicans see the 38th as worth fighting for. As of Oct. 7 — the most current filing date — Von Ronne had already collected \$1,480 in campaign contributions, including \$50 each from the Bethlehem Republican Committee and from the Citizens for Kevin Dailey, a Republican committee that presumably doesn't need the money because its candidate lost in the primary election. Von Ronne has also held a fund raiser.

In what political observers view as the most interesting of the contests on the local ballot this year, there's an absence of controversial issues, and neither candidate has a political record for the other to shoot at. That reduces the race to a personal popularity contest that may be decided in the end by party enrollment, although many New Scotland voters are certain to cross party lines when it comes time to pull levers for this contest.

With Westerlo's heavily Democratic enrollment thrown in with New Scotland's traditionally narrow Republican advantage, Von Ronne faces an uphill battle to win the seat. On the other hand, Houghtaling must fight off the stigma of being allied with the county Democratic organization that is dominated by city politicians and distrusted by many rural and suburban property owners.

For the last four weeks, both candidates have been campaigning nights and weekends. Both have made the rounds in agricultural Westerlo, where many homeowners are county employees with unwavering Democratic loyalty, but both agree the New Scotland portion of the district holds the key with the outcome hinging on whether Von Ronne can pull through enough plurality to overcome Houghtaling's substantial advantage in Westerlo.

The rivals insist they have been friendly townspeople for many years, and both are avoiding personal attacks.

In Von Ronne's view, the basic issue is the "need for representation in the rural communities, representation we're not getting at present." He points out that of the 26 Democrats in the Legislature, 21 are from urban areas and are unfamiliar with the needs of small-town taxpayers.

"The people in the cities have their vote, but we don't have ours," he



Ronald Von Ronne



Charles Houghtaling

contends, "Take the elderly — the money goes to the city people, zero for the country people."

Bicycle thefts

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Boy, Joseph Charles, to Carol and Thomas Bennett, Delmar, Sept. 26.

Districts defined

The reapportionment of New Scotland into two county legislative districts is based on one dividing line that traverses the town roughly from north to east circumventing the Village of Voorheesville.

In the new realigned 33rd District are all residents of the village and Slingerlands residents living in the Town of New Scotland. The district also includes a rural segment of the Town of Guiderland.

All other residents of New Scotland are in the new 38th District, along with the entire Town of Westerlo. The reapportionment line dividing the town runs from the Guiderland town line and the Conrail tracks on the north to Rt. 85A on the western boundary of the village, west on Rt. 85A and Martin Rd., south on Picard Rd. to 85A, and east on Rt. 85 traversing the town via Clipp Rd., Hurst Rd., Bullock Rd., Orchard Hill Rd. and Game Farm Rd. to the Bethlehem town line.

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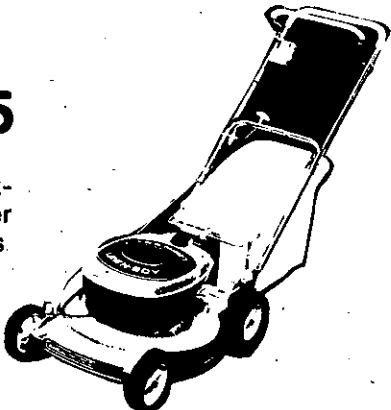
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County eyes heating system

By Lorin Pasqual

The Albany County Legislature Monday night gave unanimous approval to a \$110,000 pilot plan for an innovative steam-heating system in Albany that could feasibly generate heat from refuse-derived fuel.

That, says Republican minority leader Gordon Morris, could have long-lasting implications for towns such as Bethlehem and New Scotland which now send refuse to Albany's ANSWERS plant.

The county project would run a series of pipelines from a steam generating plant to about 500 residential units in the Arbor Hill section of Albany and possibly to some downtown office buildings. Initially, according to Albany County Executive James Coyne's office, the steam would be generated by natural gas, but the system could later be converted to burn refuse.

Eventually, said Morris, a Bethlehem disposal, the system could reduce town disposal costs. Like other towns in Albany County, Bethlehem and New Scotland have contracts with the City of Albany to dispose of their refuse. The city's ANSWERS plant sells shredded refuse to the state, which burns it to heat and cool the Empire State Plaza. Since the state has been unable to use all of the shredded refuse, the city has been landfilling a large portion of it. Under the terms of the city's contract with the towns, the city could charge \$12 a ton, rather than the current \$4.25 per ton, if the situation continues.

The county's study, which is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is subject to HUD approval.

- In other measures, the legislature:
- Authorized Coyne to apply for about \$8.3 million federal and state funding for a rehabilitation and construction project at Albany County Airport. This includes an expenditure of \$7.4 million to buy property near the north approach zone of the airport, where residents are affected by loud aircraft noise.
 - Authorized bonding of \$650,000 for the construction of a sand and equipment storage building at Albany County Airport and the bonding of \$680,000 for the purchase of a snowplow and a sand spreader for the airport. County officials expect to receive partial reimbursement from the state and federal government.
 - Authorized a time extension to the Albany County Industrial Development Agency for the repayment of delinquent property taxes at the Tobin Meat Packing Co. Plant.
 - Reappointed John F. Lynch to serve as director of the Albany County Real Property Tax Service Agency at an annual salary of about \$26,000.

Though legislators gave overwhelming support to most of the proposals, the 1984 budget review procedure, which involves more than \$158 million, drew sharp criticism from Republicans.

County legislator Robert Prentiss, among others, claimed that the budget lacked in-depth analysis by the legislature's Finance Committee and supported an amendment requiring standing committees and department heads to also scrutinize monetary requests during committee meetings. The legislature defeated the amendment and referred the budget back to the Finance Committee for review.

Other signs of protest at the county's monetary management were evident. Republican members placed rolls of paper towels and plastic cups holding plastic forks on Democrats' desks. The supplies, a reference to recent newspaper stories critical of county purchasing practices, remained there obtrusively for the entire session and became the object of several biting remarks. The Republicans said they expected Coyne to attend the meeting to discuss the budget as he did last year. Presumably the paper and plastic exhibit was for him but he did not show up, nor was he scheduled to do so, according to the Democrats.

Long arm of the law

Five persons face misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated as a result of Bethlehem police action this week, including an Albany woman age 71 and a Feura Bush man who is 74.

The woman was charged late Saturday after her vehicle struck another car as she was driving the wrong way in the Delmar-bound lane of the Cherry Ave. Extension, police said. The woman continued on her way after the minor accident and the driver of the other car followed her to her Albany home, according to the police report. When Bethlehem police were contacted, they took the woman to the Bethlehem police station, where she agreed to a chemical test for intoxication. She was to appear in Town Court Tuesday.



Democrats at a Sunday fund-raiser pose with County Executive Jim Coyne, right, in Delmar. From left, Dan Sutherland, Kevin Herrin, Barbara Smith and Ed Stack. Sutherland and Smith are running for the town board and Herrin for town justice. Stack, county controller, and Coyne are seeking reelection.

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The 34th: unabashed partisans

By Caroline Terenzini

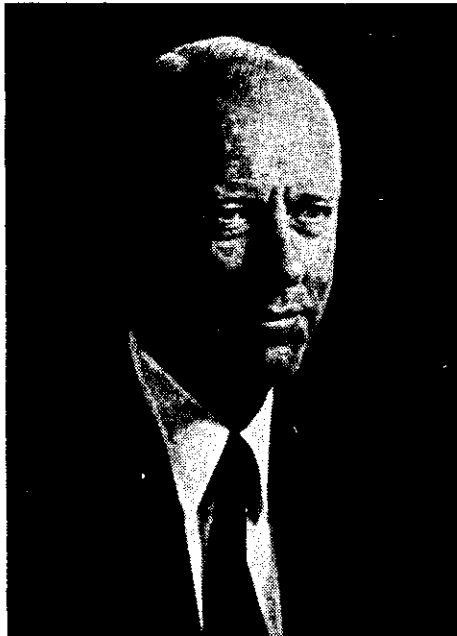
Democrat Ronald A. Townsend of Elsmere in his first bid for public office finds himself pitted against veteran W. Gordon Morris of Delmar, minority leader of the Democratic-controlled County Legislature who is seeking reelection in the redesigned 34th District. Townsend also has Liberal Party endorsement while Morris will be on the GOP and Conservative ballot lines.

But "political labels don't have to apply," says Townsend. "If it's the 'Democratic' County Legislature, why isn't it the 'Republican' Town Board? Is there anything wrong with being a Democrat in the Town of Bethlehem?"

Speaking of the Republican role in the generally partisan County Legislature, Townsend said, "I don't think you can vote nay for the sake of being the loyal opposition. You have to look at each resolution with respect to the county as a whole."

As Morris sees it, however, "the only way we're going to get good government in the county is to have an effective minority representation. Our tax money supports the City of Albany in greater proportion than anyone suspects. The rest of the people are taken care of after the City of Albany is taken care of. The only thing we can do is continually point it out to voters, show where the excesses are. People have to be told."

Concerning a county bond issue for road repair that has been blocked by a Republican legal challenge to the proposed use of county money to repair city-owned roads, Townsend said, "We can sit back in Bethlehem, but let's not forget we're part of the same county. You have to look at the county as a whole with respect to your district in particular." But Morris' view is: "Probably 80 percent of county government is aimed at support of the City of Albany."



Gordon Morris

Morris, who won a seat in the County Legislature in a special election in 1979 and who has three times been elected minority leader, made note of the recent redistricting that gave each of the three county legislative districts in the Town of Bethlehem about 50 percent new constituents. The 34th District also was drawn

Map of new Bethlehem districts, page 13.

to include the residences of both Morris and Sue Ann Ritchko, a Republican colleague in the legislature, forcing the Bethlehem GOP to choose between the two. Usually, Morris observed, "you don't gerrymander unless you have a chance of winning."

Morris is a native of Albany and has



Ronald Townsend

resided in the Town of Bethlehem 25 years. He graduated from Albany Academy and then served two years in the Navy during World War II. He took cemetery management courses at both the University of Maryland and the University of Georgia, and is general manager for Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Townsend, also a native of Albany, has lived in Bethlehem five years. He is a graduate of Cathedral Academy and Cardinal McCluskey (now Bishop Maginn) High School, and attended Albany Business College and the Graduate School of Public Affairs (now Rockefeller College) of the State University at Albany. Townsend is acting director of the taxpayer assistance bureau of the state Department of Taxation and Finance, where he has been employed 17 years.

Candidates on TV

A video tape of interviews conducted by the League of Women Voters with candidates for Bethlehem's three seats in the Albany County Legislature will be shown on public access Channel 16 today (Wednesday) and next Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 9 p.m.

The 20-minute interviews, conducted by Sally Webb of Glenmont, president of the Albany County league, pair the candidates for the 34th, 35th and 36th districts, who are questioned on subjects ranging from the county's budget surplus to alternatives to an addition to the county jail.

Budget

(From Page 1)

operating in the town for a year. Both organizations made presentations to the board at its last meeting.

Corrigan said the board also agreed to his recommendation for a six percent raise for all town employees except police officers, who are covered by a separate contract. The raises would take effect Jan. 1.

The session Friday is the only budget workshop planned before the public hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 9. Corrigan had come under some criticism from Democratic candidates for planning the hearing the day after the election, and he had said it would be up to the board to pick the date. But it may not be possible to hold the hearing any sooner, he said, Monday, because sewer tax rates, made more complicated this year by the recently completed sewer extension project, are still being calculated.

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Thoughtful campaign against party backdrop

By Tom McPheeters

For the Republicans and James Ross, a lot of the campaign in the 35th Legislative District has already taken place, and they intend to keep reminding the voters of that fact. For the Democrats, Tom McCord's campaign is about issues he says the opposition isn't facing up to, and probably doesn't want aired.

Ross and McCord are running for the seat held by the late Edward Sargent, although the 35th District has been substantially changed due to redistricting. (The seat is currently occupied by George D. Frangos, a Democrat appointed by the legislature to fill out the rest of Sargent's term.)

And despite the fact that the two candidates have remarkably similar backgrounds — both hold academic PhDs and are employed in academic settings, and both are running for office for the first time despite a long-time interest in politics — party positions appear to play a large role in the campaign.

Typical is their response to a question posed at the League of Women Voters televised campaign forum last week. Asked about the county budget surpluses that have in past years been criticized by Republicans, McCord replied, "It clearly depends on how you define a surplus."

All budgets, he argued, provide for uncertainties in revenue and unanticipated costs, and Albany County should not be criticized for doing that. The projected surplus for the 1984 budget is \$2.3 million, which is less than 2 percent of the total budget; compare this with budget surpluses for the Town of Bethlehem, "which has typically run between five and nine percent," said McCord.

The size and use of the town budget surplus has recently come under fire from Democratic town board candidate Barbara Smith.

Ross's reply to McCord was not to dispute the numbers, but advance to another principle of budgeting — that one year's surplus should go to next year's revenue — "in total" — in order to keep the tax rate down. In Albany County, according to the Republican

figures, only \$16.7 million of the \$32 million accumulated over the past six years went into the next year's budget.

What about Bethlehem's "fair share?" McCord: "It's clear that the town has not done well, primarily because of the negative nature of the Republican opposition, except for Sargent."

Ross agreed that the town had been shortchanged, but disagreed on the reason — county funds should be for county roads, rather than city streets, he said. And the county should eliminate the sales tax on home heating fuel, "particularly for senior citizens," he added.

Nevertheless, the candidates appear to have a view of the job that goes beyond partisanship. Asked about a League of Women Voters concern that there is no shelter for battered women in Albany County that will accept children, McCord replied without hesitation: "That is a question the county really should address."

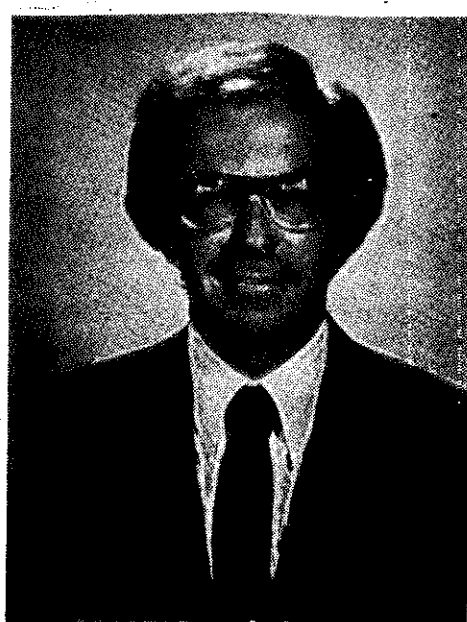
Ross disagreed: He is for such a shelter, he said, "but I feel equally strongly that this is not solely the role of county government." Volunteers, with county guidance, could deal with the problem, he said.

All this discussion of the issues is taking place against a backdrop of Sargent's untimely death and the events that took place after. The Democrats, led by party Chairman Michael Breslin, successfully challenged Ross's designation by the Republican committee to fill Sargent's line on the ballot on the grounds that the GOP had waited too long. The matter went to court, where Ross won the right to an open primary. He got his Republican line back, plus an independent line and the designation of the Conservative Party — a crisis turned into an opportunity.

Ross has missed few chances since then to thank his volunteers and remind voters that the Democrats almost kept him off the ballot.



James Ross



Thomas McCord

Rights of renters

Do you know your legal rights as either a landlord or a tenant? The New York State Bar Association has revised a pamphlet that provides legal information about the relationship between landlords and tenants. Entitled "The Rights of Landlords and Tenants," the copyrighted pamphlet describes many of the pro-

visions that should be in a lease. It also contains information about recent legal changes concerning assignment and subletting, as well as occupancy by persons other than tenants. In addition, the pamphlet describes when a landlord has a right to enter the premises, the maintenance of property, and termination of leases.

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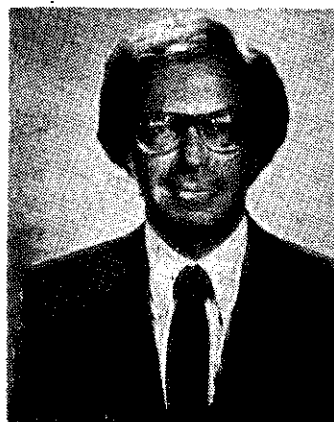
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This election presents the voters with a choice not just between two parties or two individuals but between two very different philosophies about the role of your county legislator — one which is based upon maintaining old urban-suburban divisions, and the other which seeks to put aside old hostilities and move on to the real issues facing the County.

More frequently than not in contests for local office, the choices facing voters on election day are far from clear cut. Choosing a candidate of one's own party therefore seems generally reasonable. In this contest, however, voters of the 35th Legislative District face a choice not just between two individuals or two parties, but between two very different conceptions about the function of County Government and the role of your county legislator.

I do not think that most of us truly believe that the most important thing our representative can do is to protect us from the City of Albany. Surely no decision should be adopted simply because it benefits the City — but just as surely neither should a proposal be rejected simply because it might in part benefit the City. Such criteria strike me as artificial and inappropriate if for no other reason than that while we may live in the Town almost all of us work in, shop in, and seek our entertainment in the entire Capital District.

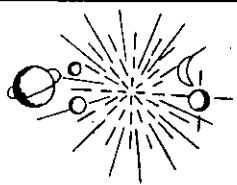
Exploiting old geographic division, particularly urban vs. suburban divisions, is clearly a well established, but hardly honorable tradition in many parts of our country. I believe it is time to put such notions aside and move on to the real issues which confront Albany County — jobs, the environment, drinking and driving and modernizing the structure and management practices of County Government. For these reasons I seek your support on election day.

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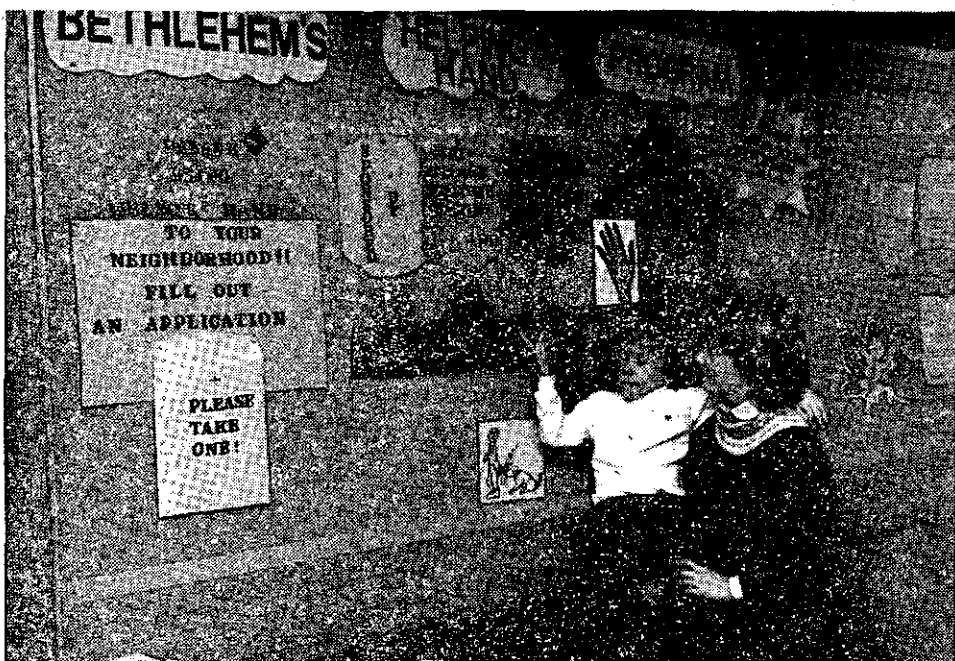
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Michael Steffes of Delmar points out to his mother, Cindy, the display at Bethlehem Public Library for Helping Hand Week. The program, jointly sponsored by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon and the Bethlehem police, enlists adults who will put a "helping hand" in their window signaling that help is available there for a child who is lost or frightened.

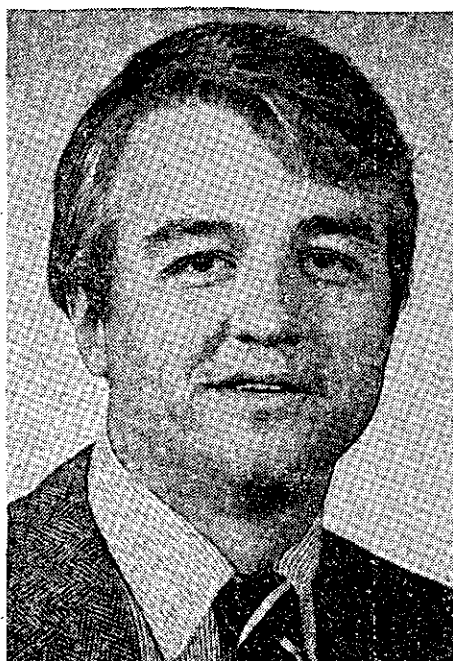
Spotlight

A look at home care

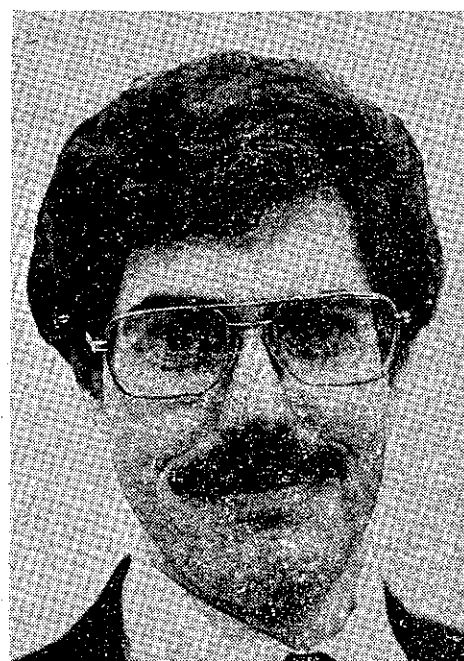
"Home Care for the elderly: The Possibilities" will be the topic on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Guggenheim Gallery of the Institute on Man and Science in Rensselaerville. Dr. David Hornick, an internist-specialist in geriatrics, will discuss the pros and cons of home care as an alternate for institu-

tionalization. His talk will include consideration of diets, exercise and where caretakers can turn for emotional support and respite.

The lecture is part of the fall health series "Help Yourself to Health in the Hilltowns," and is sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Community Foundation in Albany. For information, call the institute at 797-3783.



Robert Hoffmeister



David Sawyer

A Democrat with a past against the GOP record

By Tom McPheeters

At the end of his cable television "debate" with Robert Hoffmeister last week, David Sawyer looked straight at the camera and summed up his qualifications for the county legislature:

"I do have a history," he told the voters.

That's such an unusual statement for a Democrat in the Town of Bethlehem to be able to make that it throws the race for the 36th District of the Albany County Legislature in quite a different light. Whether that difference, coupled with hard work, can overcome the Republicans' 2-1 advantage in registered party members and massive organizational strength is another question. But with no

incumbent, this race is as close as a Democrat can come in Bethlehem to having an advantage.

It has meant that Hoffmeister, an administrator in the state Dept. of Motor Vehicles making his first run for elective office, has had by necessity to rely on his party's record in the legislature — a record that the Democrats claim is mostly negative.

To counter that, Hoffmeister stressed the need for study rather than the sorts of controversial actions the Democratic majority has proposed in the case of the county jail and in repairing roads.

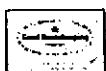
"There has to be a long-range plan," Hoffmeister told the cable audience. "I don't think there is a long-range plan

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now. I think they react to whatever the crisis is for the day."

Sawyer moved to Delmar in 1980, resigning a seat on the Albany Common Council he had held for six years. He had been the first "dissident Democrat" elected in the city, and had used his background as a state budget examiner to regularly probe and criticize Albany budgeting practices.

In his Bethlehem campaign, Sawyer has done all he can to remind voters of that experience, while Hoffmeister has reminded voters of the Democratic Party's less-than-perfect (from Bethlehem's point of view) stewardship of county finances.

Hoffmeister on the county budget surplus of the last six years: "Basically what we have here is that when the City of Albany can't raise sufficient revenue, they look to the county."

Sawyer on the same subject: "I think what we need is someone who will go in there and take a good look at where our money is going."

That is not to say there aren't partisan differences also. Hoffmeister stresses the \$16 million in the last five years that "can't be explained." Sawyer notes that next year's anticipated surplus is only \$2.3 million, a much smaller percentage of the county budget than Bethlehem's proposed surplus.

The same divisions hold true when the candidates talk about the controversial proposal to sell bonds to repair both county roads and connecting city streets. While not defending the specific plan put forward by the Democratic majority in the legislature, Sawyer argues that city residents do pay county taxes and a legislator has to look at "what's fair for the county overall." Hoffmeister espouses the Republican opposition to the whole bonding concept on the grounds that the county should pay as it goes for road repairs. He says he would help come up with "a logical alternative" to bonding.

The 36th is primarily the district currently represented by Sue Ann Ritchko, except that during reapportionment by the legislature last year the new line was drawn around Mrs. Ritchko's residence. Thus the open race, and perhaps the tightest race of any Bethlehem will see this year.

A new 'Carmen'

The Capital District Humanities Program (CDHP) is sponsoring a trip to a performance of Peter Brook's "Carmen" Saturday, Nov. 19, at Lincoln Center, in New York City. The production opened in November, 1981 in Paris for a two-week run that stretched to six sold-out months. The performance will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Vivian Beaumont Theatre.

To prepare for the performance, Richard Goldman, associate professor in the State University at Albany's English department, will lecture on "Carmen" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar. The fee for the trip is \$65 and includes the lecture, bus transportation and an orchestra seating theatre ticket. To register for the trip, contact CDHP at 457-3907.

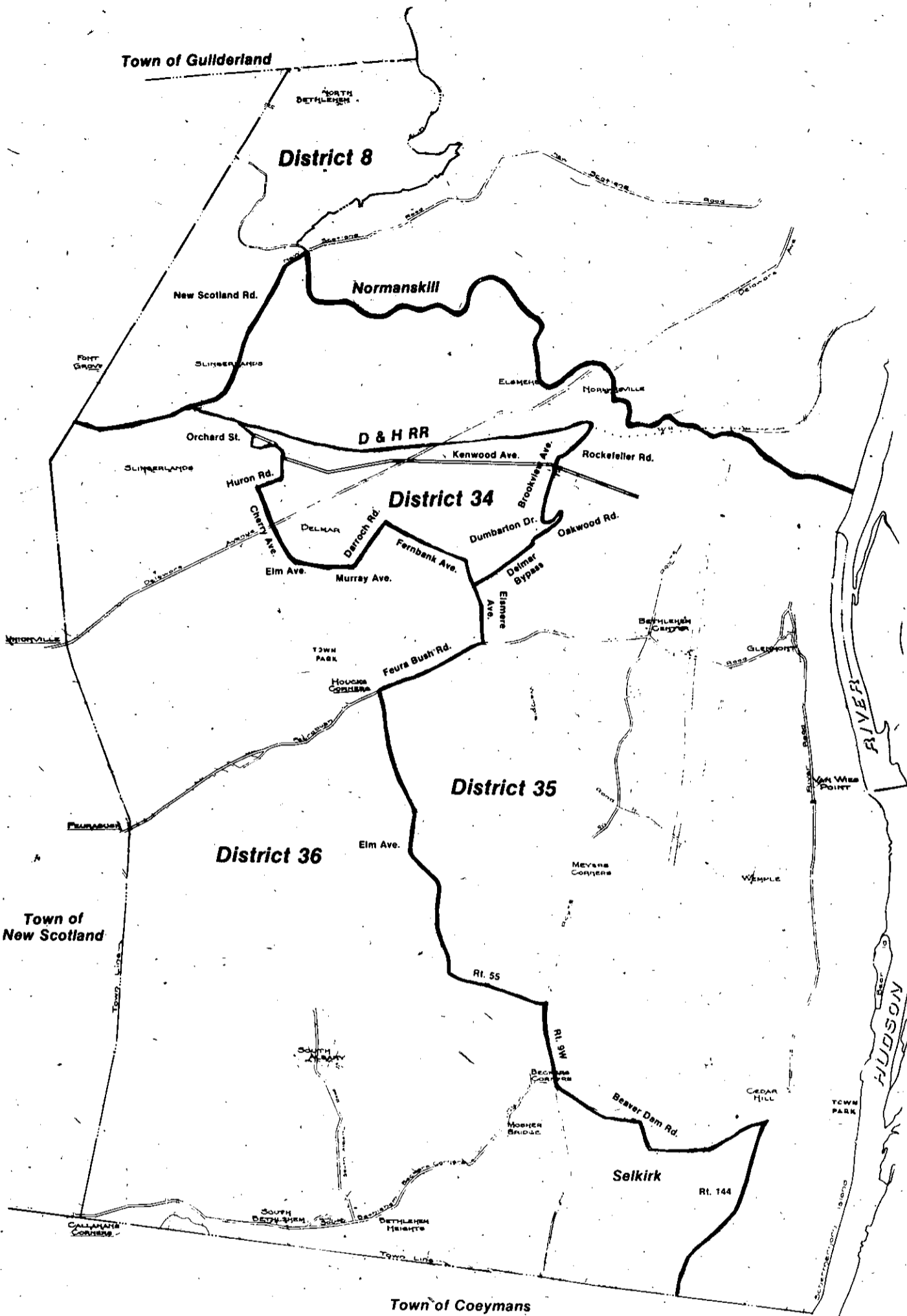
Valentine VP

Glenn Valentine of Glenmont was recently elected executive vice president of Mall Airways at the Albany County Airport. Mall Airways got its start at the South Albany Airport, Selkirk, as South Albany Enterprises. It now serves 11 locations in the Northeast and has direct service to Toronto and Montreal. The company flies Piper Navaho Chieftains and Beech Aircraft 99 Airliners.

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County legislative districts: the new look



Due to reapportionment, the three Albany County Legislature districts in the Town of Bethlehem — the 34th, 35th and 36th — are substantially different this year, and many voters will find themselves with new representatives, no matter who

wins. Part of the new 8th District, which primarily covers the New Scotland area of Albany, is also in North Bethlehem. Sal Garufi is the Democratic incumbent and Paul Fontane is the Republican challenger.

Spotlight map

More budget criticism

Democratic town board candidate Barbara Smith continued her criticism of the tentative 1984 Bethlehem town budget, contending Friday that the town could lower property taxes by 20 percent "when taking into consideration the million dollar surplus."

Dr. Smith and Supervisor Tom Corrigan (who is running unopposed this year) have been disagreeing through the media for the past several weeks both on the size of the budget surplus and what that surplus means. Corrigan has contended that the excess revenue from the current

year — estimated now at about \$650,000 — simply is applied against next year's general fund and thus is used to lower the tax rate. Similar excesses in the water, sewer and highway funds, figures which Dr. Smith uses to come up with the "million dollar surplus," are applied against the following year's budget, Corrigan said.

"Call it what you want — rollover, revenue — it's still slush and it's growing yearly," replied Dr. Smith in this week's press release.

"The surplus has almost doubled since

1981. And income from county sales taxes has increased by 63 percent in the same period. Yet, property taxes have continued to climb," she said.

Corporate gift received

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. made a gift to the day camp program operated this summer by the Eleanor Roosevelt Development Services Center. Students for South Albany Clients, a group of young volunteers, received the donation, which was used for camp supplies and rental of the Bethlehem Middle School pool, according to Jack Dennis, senior recreational therapist with the center.

Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Library doings

As always, the Voorheesville Public Library is offering something for everyone.

This Friday, Oct. 28, the library will sponsor a "Pumpkin Bash" featuring Halloween films and games for area youngsters. Those who wish may bring a carved or decorated pumpkin to be judged that afternoon. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, largest, smallest, happiness and most unusual pumpkins. The fun begins at 4 p.m.

On Tuesdays, adults will get a chance to have their day at the library. Beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 1, the library will debut its "Tuesday Topics at Two" program. On the first Tuesday of each month speakers will be featured on topics such as "Old Albany," "Bed and Breakfast in Ireland" and "Are You Plugged into the Good Life?"

To begin the series, Ira Freedman, public relations specialist will speak on "Your Name and What it Means." The program, which begins at 2 p.m. will give information about various family names in the United States. All adults are invited to hear this free lecture.

For budding writers in grades 2 through 8, the library is sponsoring a mystery writing contest as part of its observance of Children's Book Week in November. Students in these grades are invited to write an original mystery, making sure to include their name, phone number and grade, and take it to the library before Monday, Nov. 7. Those participating may illustrate their stories as they wish. Prizes will be awarded on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. All stories will be displayed at the library during Children's Book Week Nov. 14 through 20.

Firehouse goals

There's still time to join in the fun this Saturday when the New Salem Fire Department and its auxiliary sponsor their annual Halloween dance. Those wishing to attending the "Bewitching Bash" featuring Gold Rush may contact Judy Shearer at 765-4334 for tickets or information. The event will run from 9 to 1 a.m. at the firehouse on Rt. 85A. Tickets are \$7 a person or \$13 a couple. Beer, set-ups, snacks and prizes are included.

Calling all goblins

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will give area ghosts and goblins a chance to celebrate Halloween a day early. On Sunday, Oct. 30, the local men's group will hold its annual Halloween party at the elementary school from 1 to 3 p.m. Preschoolers through fourth graders are invited to come in costume and take part in games and share in refreshments. Prizes will be awarded in each age category for the funniest, scariest and most original costumes.

For information, call Jack Fairbank at 765-2575.

Even the youngest

At about the same time the Community Nursery School of Voorheesville will have a family Halloween party at the school, located in the United Methodist Church. The 4-year-olds and their families will participate in games and decorate holiday cookies.

Sweet treat how-to

Good news for those who always wanted to make a gingerbread house for Christmas, but never knew quite how to go about it. Voorheesville's continuing education program offers the chance to do just that on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning Nov. 1. During the three-hour

weekly sessions, expert baker Jim Keigle will tell how to bake, construct and decorate a treat which could be a family treasure or priceless gift. For information, call the high school, 765-3314.

Salve atque vale

Last Wednesday, members of Voorheesville's Boy Scout Troop 73 joined together to bid farewell to retiring Scoutmaster Jack Rasmussen and greet incoming leader Lanny Parsons. The boys, who usually meet in the elementary school on Wednesday evenings, moved their meeting to the Methodist Church for the event, giving themselves and their families more space to mark the occasion with a pot-luck supper.

Soccer finale

The youth soccer program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland ended with all four teams participating in playoff games followed by a family picnic at the town park.

Congratulations go to members of the Gold Team coached by Rich Adams and Alan Joseph, who placed first in the event. Contenders were the Red Team, coached by Don Belcer and Gary Ellsworth; the Blue Team, coached by Brian Rose and Jay Labelle, and the Green Team, coached by Mike Malark, Bill Hotaling and Jim Ryan. Most of the officiating was done by Mike Lancor and Jim Hladun.

Hladun, who coordinated the program said this is the fifth year the men's service group has sponsored the program for students in grades 4 through 6. On behalf of the Kiwanis he thanked the youngsters who participated, the coaches who gave their time and talent, and the many boosters who turned out to cheer.



Voorheesville inaugurated its new bike path between the elementary school and high school on Saturday with appropriate ceremonies and some trial runs by bikers and joggers of all ages. The nearly two-mile bike path was constructed by the state Department of Transportation.

Tom Howes

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem



Barbara Pickup 767-9225

Concert at high school

Music enthusiasts should have a thoroughly enjoyable time Thursday evening, Oct. 27, when the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High holds its fall concert. Spotting popular tunes of the past and present, the program will be under the direction of Brent Wheat and will include the Senior Band and the Senior High Jazz Band. Also featured will be Meredith Bryant, a talented young musician who is first violinist with the Empire State Youth Orchestra. Accompanied by Barbara Wright, Miss Bryant will perform violin solos.

The National Honor Society will have refreshments for sale during the brief intermission. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the senior high auditorium. There is no charge for admission, and the public is invited to attend.

Scenery and shopping

Lured by the gorgeous panorama the Green Mountain State provides in the autumn, the Sunshine Senior Citizens took a fall foliage tour that led them to Manchester, Vt., last Thursday. While enjoying the beautiful scenery, the Seniors also had an opportunity to visit the recently restored home of Robert Todd Lincoln there. Touring Hildene, the summer home of Abraham Lincoln's eldest son, was only a portion of the day's activities. Sidetrips to Basketville, The Jelly Mill, and the Cheese House in Arlington enabled the group to return home with a variety of items.

Haunting ahead

Beware all who dare enter! The teens of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem Youth Group will test their courage when they visit the old Haunted House in Schenectady Oct. 29. Supervised by youth advisers Mary Helen and Luther Fourman, the teens will leave from the church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, at 6 p.m. Saturday. As part of their Halloween celebration, they will visit the Haunted House and then stop for a snack before returning to the church. Any youth of junior or senior high school age is invited to attend. Those wanting to join the fun should contact Mr. or Mrs. Fourman by Thursday at 767-9013 (after 5 p.m.) A small fee will be charged for admission.

Dance to 'old' tunes

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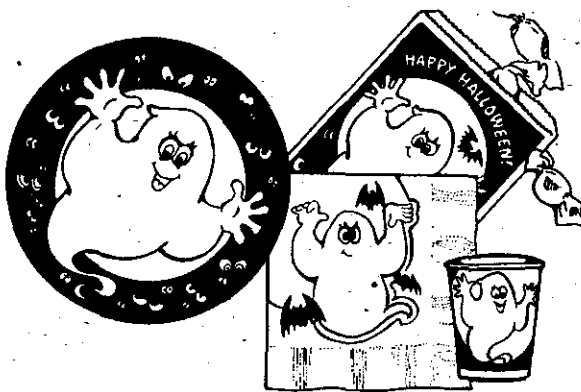
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Evening on wheels

The RCS Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization of both northern and southern areas are sponsoring a family night of rollerskating at Guptill's, Rt. 9, Latham, on Nov. 9. Private transportation is necessary for the event, from 7 to 10 p.m. Parents are encouraged to participate. There is a beginners' rink and the disco area will be open if a large enough group attends. Skate rental is included in the \$3 admission charge. Advance tickets will be available until Nov. 3 by contacting Larna Milburn, 767-9018, or Waynett Engel, 767-2316. Tickets also will be sold at the door.

'Country Store' slated

The time is drawing near for the annual Country Store sponsored by the auxiliary of Elks Lodge 2233. The "store" has become a popular attraction each autumn, offering a large selection of merchandise for purchase. This year the event will take place Sunday, Nov. 13,

from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. Anyone wishing to rent booth space may do so by calling Rita Townsend, 462-2864.

Large goblins

If you're anywhere in the area of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge Saturday night, don't be too surprised if you see some rather large ghosts and goblins wandering around — it will probably just be some of your friends and neighbors. Actually, it's all just part of the fun planned by the lodge, which is holding an adult Halloween masquerade party beginning at 8 p.m. Oct. 29. Music for dancing will be provided by J.F. & Co. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Good eating

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday will be: Thursday — pea soup, baked haddock with lemon butter, baked potato, carrots; Friday — oven-fried chicken, Spanish rice, Brussel sprouts; Monday — chicken noodle soup, barbecued beef on a bun, French fries, broccoli; Tuesday — veal parmesan, spaghetti with tomato sauce, tossed salad; Wednesday — roast pork with gravy, applesauce, mashed potato, carrots; Thursday — chicken chow mein, steamed rice, Chinese noodles, soy sauce, Chinese vegetables.

Date for pinocle

Have you ever played round robin pinocle? Word has it that if you haven't, you've missed something, and if you have played before, you know you can expect a lot of fun and laughter. The Adults Only Fellowship group will have an evening of round robin pinocle Saturday, Nov. 5. The time is 7:30 p.m., the place is the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem auditorium. The cost of the evening is just one prize per person — anything under \$2 such as note paper, key rings, pens, etc. Anyone planning to attend is asked to call Colleen Janssen, 767-3406.



Denizens of the Old Haunted Church in Voorheesville are waiting to greet the intrepid this weekend, courtesy of the Youth Group of St. Matthew's Church. The spooks and ghouls in the old church on Pleasant St. will welcome visitors Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Extension's 68th

The Albany County Cooperative Extension's 68th annual meeting will follow a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Resource Development Center in Voorheesville. Dr. Lucinda Noble, director of the state Cooperative Extension, will speak. The business meeting at 8:30 p.m. will provide an opportunity for county residents to talk with Extension personnel and also to vote for directors. Any county resident 18 or older is eligible to vote. For information, call 765-3635.

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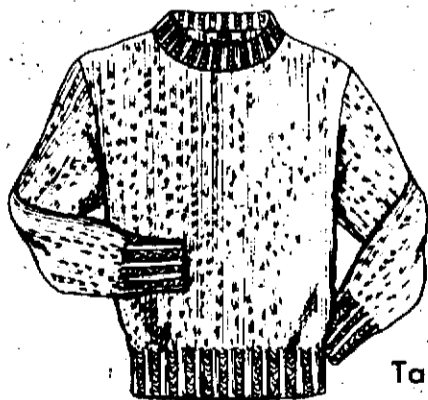
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Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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

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

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

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

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

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-9140 (after 5 p.m.).

THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tri-Village FISH, 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year 'round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elmsere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

Project Equinox, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

Investment Seminar, Edward LaVarnway of First Albany Corp. on "Investing Through Options," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Job Club meets Wednesdays at Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

Photographic Lighting Workshop, second in five-part series for beginners with 35mm camera, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. \$5 registration, 457-6092.

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

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

Student Concert, at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Old Haunted Church, Pleasant St., Voorheesville, 4-9 p.m. 75 cents admission.

"Bewitching Bash," at New Salem Fire Dept., Rt. 85A, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$7 for singles, \$13 for couples. Information, 765-4334.

Church Ham Dinner, at Community United Methodist, Slingerlands, 5-7 p.m. \$6 adults, \$4 children. Reservations, information, 439-1766.

Silhouettes by Maine artist Kay Housel, by appointment, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Rd. Information, 439-3306 after 1 p.m.

Resume-writing Workshop, at Bethlehem Public Library, by career counselor Karen Maher, 10 a.m. Free. Registration by Oct. 27, 439-9314.

Neighborhood Garage Sale, sponsored by auxiliary of North Bethlehem Firehouse, Schoolhouse Rd., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Refreshments available.

Last Acre Ceremony, public observance of completion of Albany County Soil Survey's field work and mapping, at Resource Development Center, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

"Anything Goes," student-faculty athletic contest sponsored by Key Club at Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m. \$2 admission at the door.

Old Haunted Church, Pleasant St., Voorheesville, 6-9 p.m. 75 cents admission.

Halloween Films and Pumpkin Contest, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m. Free.

Delmar Progress Club, drama group visits Ohav Shalom Retirement Home, 7:30 p.m.

Silhouette Art, Maine artist Kay Housel, by appointment, at Slingerlands United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd. Information, 439-3306 after 1 p.m.

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

Farmer's Market, fresh produce and crafts, St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays.

Family-style Meatloaf Dinner, at Bethlehem Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 5-7 p.m. \$5 adults, \$2.50 children; information, 439-3931.

area arts

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

THEATER

"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" (Neil Simon comedy from Riverview Productions), St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6, dinner at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays. Reservations, 462-3822.

"The Glass Menagerie" (Tennessee Williams captured in this first production of Capital Rep's season), Market Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Oct. 29 through Nov. 20 (Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2:30 p.m.). Box office, 462-4534.

MUSIC

Capitol Chamber Artists play at Albany Institute of History and Art, music of J.S. Bach, Oct. 26, 12:10 p.m. (final concert in series).

Paillard Chamber Orchestra (French ensemble plays works by Vivaldi, Bellini, Debussy and Mozart), Union College Memorial Chapel, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.

Billy Taylor Trio (versatile jazz group), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

Cindy Mangsen (traditional and contemporary folk), Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, Oct. 29, 8:45 p.m.

"A Masked Ball" (Lake George Opera Festival's evening of Verdi arias), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

ART

"Recognition: Faces and Places" (color photographs by Charles Traub), University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, Nov. 1 through Dec. 16 (hours Tuesday-Friday 9-5 p.m., Thursdays open to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 p.m.).

Larry Kagan, metal sculptures, Albany Academy Gallery, Academy Rd., Albany, through Nov. 11.

Faculty exhibit, Kruesi Art Gallery, Art Building, Union College, through Nov. 18.

Recent Arrivals (Kipniss, Altman, Babbitt, Schurr, Bowden, McKnight and others), Posters Plus Gallery, Robinson Square, Albany, through October.

Rhoda Sanders, paintings, Diel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through Nov. 5.

Lorraine Schapiro (Delmar artist exhibits watercolors and gouache), Learning Resources Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through October.

"In Search of the Picturesque: 19th Century Images of Industry Along the Hudson River Valley" (70 drawings, watercolors, oils and oil sketches by American painters), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Nov. 27.

"Twentieth Century Ornamental Painters and Graphics," Museum of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, Wednesdays through Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays noon to 3 p.m.

"Dutch Painting in the Age of Rembrandt" (on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct. 30.

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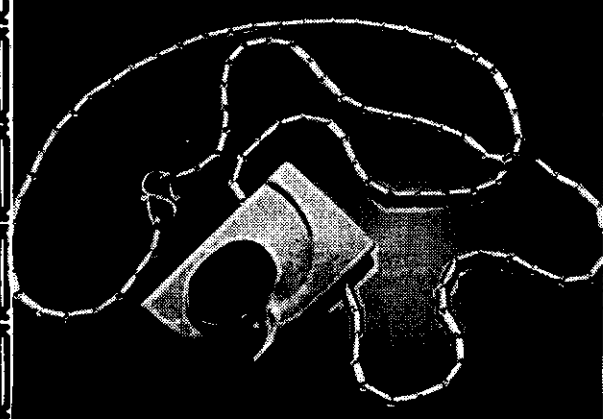
- **Mark Russell Comedy Special** Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- **"There Was Always Sun Shining Someplace: Life in the Negro Baseball Leagues"** Wednesday, 10 p.m.
- **Diamonds in the Sky (premiere)** Friday, 9 p.m.
- **Newton's Apple (premiere)** Saturday, 8 p.m.
- **The Making of a Continent (premiere)** Monday, 8 p.m.
- **Call Gov. Cuomo** Tuesday, 10 p.m.

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John Ainsworth of Delmar has a solo role in a performance of *Alleluia* that will be presented on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. More than 40 area churches are represented in the 100-voice choir directed by Bill Womer, executive director of Christian Music Ministries of Feura Bush. The concert is open to the public at no charge; an offering will be accepted.

Fair and Chicken Supper, at Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-2046.

Bird Seed Pickup, for orders from Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Alleluia - A Praise Gathering for Believers", choral concert by Christian Music Ministries of Feura Bush, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Church Youth Group Trip, from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem to Schenectady haunted house, 6 p.m.

Albany County Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting, business meeting, speaker, buffet dinner, at Resource Development Center, Rt. 85A and Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 765-3635.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Bible Film Series continues at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., 8:30 and 11:15 a.m., 7 p.m., \$5 registration. Information, 439-9929.

Children's Halloween Party at Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk.

Old Haunted Church, Pleasant St., Voorheesville, 3-8 p.m. Admission 75 cents.

Children's Halloween Party sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis for preschoolers-grade 4, at Voorheesville Elementary School, 1-3 p.m.

Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Lecture, "Cursing and Swearing: The French Language and Religion in Quebec," Bethlehem Public Library, 2-3 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

"The Natural History of Halloween", open house featuring owl prowls and star walks at Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 6:30-9 p.m. Free. Information, 457-6092.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Bethlehem Business Women's Club meets first Wednesday of month at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

Bethlehem Board of Education, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Voorheesville High School gym, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays (third Wednesdays in July and August).

Central Delmar Neighborhood Association, Delmar Key Bank Community Room, 7:30-p.m. Information, 439-7749.

Photographic Composition, third in five-part series, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. \$5 registration, 457-6092.

New Scotland Historical Association meets, with slide lecture on Albany area art, Old Schoolhouse, New Salem, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Turkey Dinner and Fair, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, dinner, 5-7 p.m.; fair, 3-8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Association, Tish Shipp demonstrates framing and matting at Northeast Framing Shop, 243 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4117.

Investment Seminar, Kenneth Leichman of First Albany Corp. discusses tax shelters, at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Children's Films, for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; for school-age, 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Contra and Country Dancing, sponsored by Old Songs Inc., workshop for advanced contras 3-5 p.m., \$2; dance, 8:30 p.m., \$3.50, at United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-4193.

Roast Beef Dinner, at Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, 4 p.m.

"Basics of Bird Feeding", Five Rivers Center workshop on types of feeders and seed, and bird identification, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Free.

"The Seeds of Change", guided hike at Five Rivers Center, Delmar, 2 p.m., weather permitting. Free.

Fall Dance, at Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Adult Fellowship, at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Pancake Race, 3.5-mile road race and 1-mile children's race through Delmar, sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, 9 a.m. Information, 489-2053.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Latin America Through Film, "Americans in Transition" and "El Salvador: Another Vietnam," sponsored by CDHP, at Albany Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

All-Star Irish Cabaret, Irish musicians and comedians perform to benefit LaSalle School for Boys, at Empire State Plaza Convention Center, 8 p.m. \$7 admission at door. Information, 489-4731.

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Looking at Contemporary Art", critic Noel Suter lectures on art trends, Harmanus Bleeker Center, 19 Dove St., 7:30 p.m.

Jawbone Reading Series, playwright Michael Blitz, doctoral student at SUNYA, reads from his play, "The Favor," noon-1 p.m. in Humanities 354. Free.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

"Manet", illustrated talk on Manet exhibit at Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, at Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

"Sharing and Caring", support group for post-cardiac patients and their families, at St. Ambrose Church library, Old Loudon Rd., Latham, 7:30 p.m.

"Lobbying for Environment", lecture by Judith Enck, executive director of Environmental Planning Lobby, at Union College Humanities Bldg. 11F, 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-6288.

Lunch with the Arts, College of Saint Rose Chaplain Tom Berardi discusses student trip to Greece and Egypt at college's Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Free.

Reading by Poet-Journalist Carolyn Forché, at Bush Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, 3 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

"Something for Everyone", two-day fair, auction, to benefit Child's Hospital Nursing Home, at nursing home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Halloween Window Painting, three days of fun at Stuyvesant Plaza.

Halloween Square Dance, costumes optional at Altamont Station Squares dance, former Gunderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6476.

"Folklore by the Fireside", stories and legends for children at Crailo State Historic Site, Riverside Ave., Rensselaer, 7 p.m. Free. Information, 463-8738.

Benefit-Racquetball Tournament, three-day event to help American Heart Association, at Club East, East Greenbush, information, 477-2741 or 869-1961.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Halloween Window Painting, at Stuyvesant Plaza.

"Fall and Winter Gardening—Dig In", slide lecture by Robert Beyfuss of Greene County Cooperative Extension, at State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 10:30 a.m. Free.

Montessori School Open House for prospective students and their parents, at the school, 633 Morris St., Albany, 1-3 p.m. Information, 482-1628.

Holiday Bazaar and Garage Sale, 9:30 a.m., Italian dinner 3:30-7 p.m., at Calvary Methodist Church, W. Lawrence and Morris sts., Albany. Information, 482-0486.

Russell Sage Open House, tours and presentations on financial aid and student life, for prospective applicants, at the college's Schacht Fine Arts Center, 9:30 a.m. Information, 270-2218.

Loudonville Haunted House, at St. Pius School gym, Upper Loudon Rd., 6-9 p.m. \$1 admission, free for adults with more than two children.

"Black Magic—Which is the Witch?" holiday drama, song, magic and films for whole family, at State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1-4:30 p.m. Free.

"The Male Executive in Mid-Life Transition", one-day seminar at State University at Albany, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information and registration, 455-6121.

Historic Albany Foundation Bus Trip through southern Vermont, open to public. Reservations \$31.50, call 463-0622.

Crafts Fair, to benefit Community Human Services, at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, Lake Hill Rd., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Halloween Party, sponsored by Honest Weight Food Coop, costumes optional, at eba chapter house, Hudson Ave. at Lark St., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 465-0383.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Halloween Costume Parade for young and old, with-Cranberry the Clown, at Stuyvesant Plaza, 2 p.m.

Distinguished Service Race, eight-mile race sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, at SUNYA campus, 2 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by St. Patrick's Church, at Knights of Columbus, 95 Main St., Ravena, 1-6 p.m. \$5.25 adults, \$3 children.

Loudonville Halloween Party, costume contests, games and pumpkin carving, 2-4 p.m.; haunted house, 1-8 p.m., at St. Pius School gym, Upper Loudon Rd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Chinese Cooking Workshop, how to cook egg rolls, fried rice and cashew chicken with dumplings, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 2nd St., Troy, \$11 fee. Information, 273-0552.

Empire State College Information Session, SUNY school answers questions at 155 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 447-6746.

Railroad Pensioners Club, to meet at Albany YMCA, 275 Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-6369.

"How to Develop the Promotional Tools of Your Craft Business", workshop for craftspeople, at Albany Ceramic Institute, 305 Hamilton St., in Robinson Square, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

"Hallelujah Trail", Western film starring Lee Remick and Burt Lancaster, Albany Public Library, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Free.

"Home Care for the Elderly: The Possibilities", internist Dr. David Hornick lectures at Institute on Man and Science Guggenheim building, Rensselaerville, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Health Systems Agency Public Meeting for comments about regional health plan for 1984-85, at Memorial Hospital north wing conference room, Northern Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

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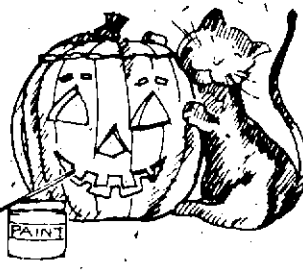
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Fall has fallen upon us again with its clear and not so hot sunny days, its star-filled nights clouded only by wisps of chimney smoke dabbing our nostrils with fireplace fragrances; its transition of color from green lawns to patchwork quilts of rainbow leaves — and Halloween.

As, I presume, many of you, I have fond memories of that hallowed American evening celebrating the light side of witches and goblins, apple harvests and cider fests, jack-o'-lanterns and shocks of corn. Sadly, the shocks of Halloween these days are less often of corn and more often of the seamy side of human nature. The hallowed evening has turned into the hellish evening.

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Now I'm not referring to the "tricks" portion of that unrefusable offer made by costumed sprites spilling out across the nation's streets on Halloween. I don't recall any of our neighbors pressing charges against trash overturners or window soapers. When the deeds of derring-do surpassed generally acceptable limits in our niche of the world. Such as pulling up prized flora or breaking a garage window pane or slashing the tires of the neighborhood grouch, then suitable parental punishment would be meted out upon discovery of the villains.

Then there were the creative mischief makers whose convert exploits on the eve of eves provided school cafeteria chatter for weeks after. One of the more popular tricks was to tape a fishline to someone's living room window, preferably a picture window, and string it out tautly to the hiding place in nearby bushes. By running one's nail across the line, the vibration created would cause the window to drone and clatter. When the

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



occupants looked out the window, they would see nothing due to the "invisibility" of the tape and the fishline. The only giveaway was usually the giggling and muffled hysterics of the perpetrators.

Finally, there were the Bigtime Producers of Halloween extravaganzas, at least one in every neighborhood. These were folks who probably also won the prize for most elaborate decorations at Christmas. Their production numbers included sound effects at the front door, bedsheet ghosts that would charge across the porch on a string and pulley, and the best fun of all, a haunted house which took all those little people with enough courage on a trail through the front hallways, down the cellar stairs, through a maze around the furnace, up the back stairs and out the back door to the driveway. We loved tripping over stuffed pillows on the floor of those scary, dark trails in our neighbor's home. We shrieked when our faces were brushed by "witches' hair" hung from the ceiling. Luminescent gloves sent shivers down our spines and the "monster" whose awesome shape was outlined by a flashlight would suddenly inflate from a hidden vacuum cleaner and send us scurrying up the back stairs out the door.

Perhaps the most fun, though, was sifting through the bounty of "treats" we collected on our masquerade trek. We valued above all the few candy apples we'd get, full-size candy bars and money. But the rest of the booty was great, too, and we loved it all. So did our parents. The only thing they seemed to show concern about was if the weather were nasty or cold, if we were being moderate in our behaviors and our appetites, and whenever strangers from another part of town came knocking at the door. "Can't

they stay in their own neighborhood? They come to our part of town because they think we're rich and they'll get better treats. I don't trust them. You don't know what they'll do if they don't get what they want."

Then came the horror stories of razors in apples and pins in candy bars. Parents became less concerned with lacing their toddlers' shoes than they were about some "sicko" lacing the candy with poison or drugs. Fresh fruit and unpackaged cookies began disappearing from the loot bag, and a new customs office opened in each home as parents demanded to scrutinize the goodies before they were gorged.

Mayors, chairmen of school boards and police chiefs began declaring hours prior to dusk as the official time for Halloween marches and the traditional street beggars' ball. Parents were urged to accompany their youngsters while citizens everywhere were told to light their front door if they were in the "treats" market. Police patrols were reinforced during the evening and witch hunts were anticipated.

Not long after the streets spewed out their isolated episodes of senseless cruelty, Hollywood reflected and exaggerated the dark phenomena with its series of "Halloween" movies of the macabre. These gruesome tales vividly portrayed on the giant screen and the TV tube confirmed in the minds of many that Halloween was no longer a carefree and

joyous time to be celebrated, but rather a dangerous and serious time against which one must protect kids and pets and precious possessions.

Too bad. Halloween used to be a lot of fun, good clean fun. But a few disturbed folks out there have intimidated the masses of us into looking forward to the day after Halloween, not that special evening itself. Perhaps the answer is not to retreat into the safety of our homes and onto the known paths to and from our friends and neighbors afraid to venture off that familiar trail, but rather to learn how to handle the few aberrant individuals in our midst. Indeed, if we can learn how to "treat" them, not just professionally, but personally as well, then maybe we won't have to fear their "tricks" anymore.

Counseling for women

Equinox Counseling Center, Lark St., Albany, is offering a women's counseling program that provides individual, couple, family and group counseling for women of all ages. Professional female counselors help women explore alternative ways of dealing with problems. Also planned in October is an incest "survivors group" for women. For information, call 434-6135.

Cited as scholar

Catherine Castellani of Delmar has been named a University Scholar at New York University. The university Scholars Program each year honors approximately 100 freshman who present superior academic records. She is a freshman in the Tisch School of the Arts.



Dozens of helium-filled balloons were sent aloft recently by Sunday school pupils at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Each balloon carried a tag with a message and the name of the sender and the church. So far two people have reported finding balloons — one in Pittsfield, Mass., and one in Peru, Mass.

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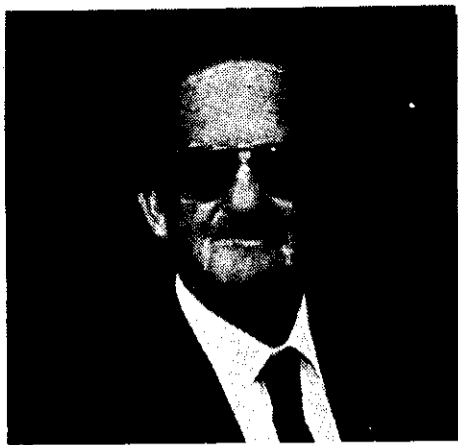
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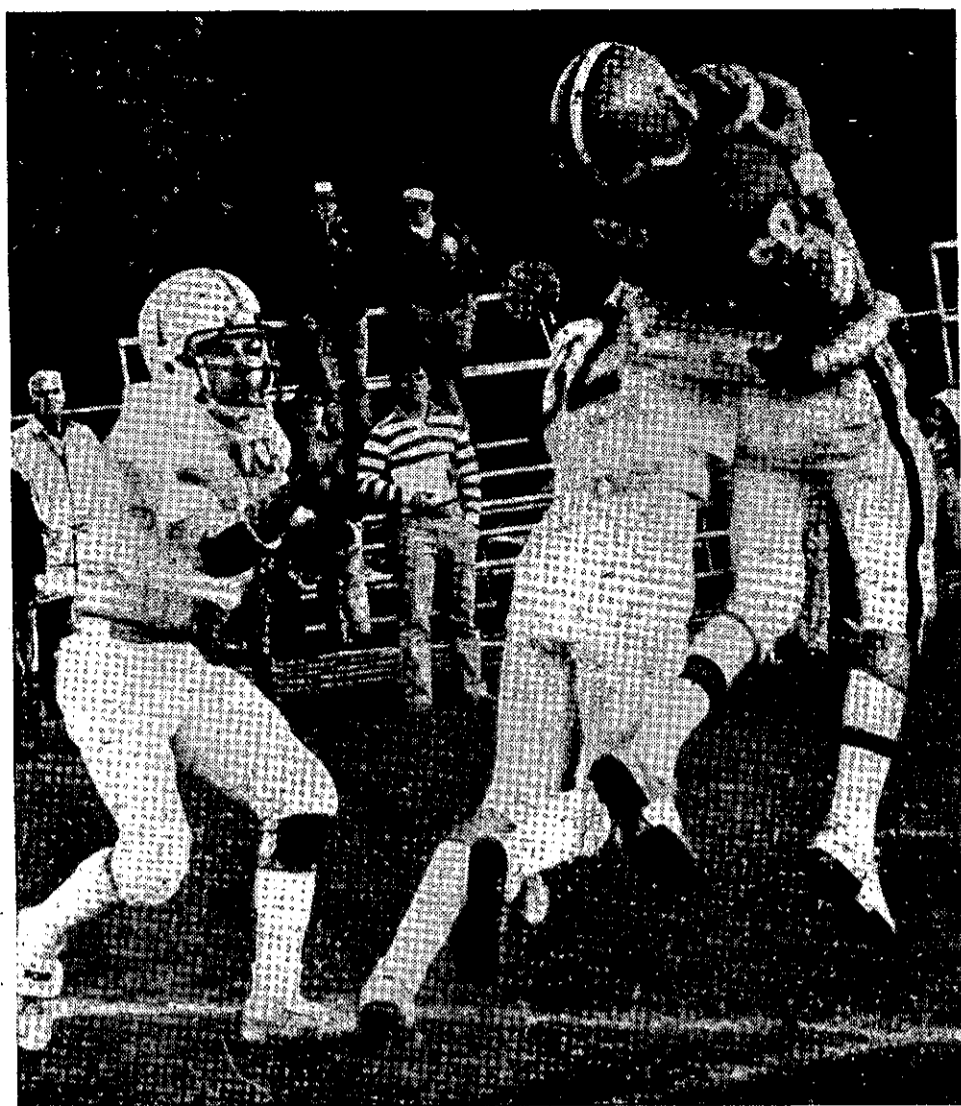
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'We gave them all they could handle'

At this time last season Bethlehem Central was celebrating an 8-6 upset of Shaker and a 1-4-1 record, its best season since 1978. Today the Eagles stand 1-5 after six games, including Saturday's 23-6 loss to Shaker, but Coach John Sodergren firmly believes the 1983 Eagles are a better team than last year.

"Shaker is a good football team," he said. "We held them to fewer points than anybody except Shenendehowa. In some respects we gave them all they could handle. We had our opportunities. We dropped a pass in the first quarter that would have been a touchdown, and it was only 3-0 with less than a minute to go in the first half."

A Shaker touchdown in the last few seconds of the half made it 10-0 leading into the midway ceremonies for the large Homecoming audience responding to the week-long booster campaign. "That touchdown really hurt," Sodergren said. "It was an emotional factor."

Despite that setback to team morale in the locker room at intermission, the Eagles looked better in the second half. On the offense they opened up, but Shaker was tough on the running game. Quarterback Steve Mendel threw 20 passes, high for the year, completing 10 for 142 yards and a fourth-period touchdown. Two throws fell into enemy hands.

There were other bright spots. Tom McTague, a previously unheralded senior tailback, ground out 33 yards on six carries, accounting for more than half of BC's meager mileage of 56 yards rushing. Doug Cole, a junior split end, caught six passes for 77 yards, including a 10-yard toss for the lone local touchdown.

"I'm disappointed to lose, but I'm not discouraged by our effort," Sodergren commented after reviewing the game films. "Our team is stonger than last year, but the league is stronger. We looked better against better people, a far cry from the week before at Guilderland."

In the coaches' weekly post-mortem Cole was voted the MVP (Most Valuable Player) award. Sodergren's comment: "Doug made several big catches for us. He runs very sound patterns and he's open all the time. If we could get the ball to him more often we'd be on the scoreboard more often."

Mendel was cited as the Offensive Back of the Week and Jeff Masline, who had 38



Tom McTague, Bethlehem Central senior tailback, got a short gain on this foray up the middle against Shaker in Suburban Council football in Delmar Saturday. BC lost, 23-6. R.H. Davis

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tackling points, the Defensive Back. Charley Lynk, senior linebacker, was given the defensive lineman award for his 39 tackling points. The specialist citation went to McTague, who accumulated 119 yards on kick returns.

This week the Eagles revert to the have-nots in Saturday's visit to Scotia, the Suburban Council's only winless team. After that come the big boys, Burnt Hills and Shenendehowa.

To guard against any thoughts his players may harbor about a possible cakewalk at Scotia, Sodergren had a word of caution. "If you guys think Scotia is a team you can beat, just remember that they have motivation, too. They look at us as a team they can beat."

A top finisher

In a field of some 17,000 runners, Dennis Northrup of Selkirk was 56th across the Central Park finish line in the New York City Marathon on Sunday. He was the top finisher from the Capital District contingency. His 2:19.06 clocking was just two seconds shy of the qualifying time for the marathon in the Olympic trials.

Two other Bethlehem runners also completed the televised grind, according to the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club. They were John Brimmer of Elsmere and John Rivard of Delmar, both far back with times of 3:23 and 3:51 respectively.

Burnt Hills one game Eagles will remember

Scholastic soccer teams can go from the pits to glory and vice versa almost overnight, as witnessed by the events of the past week. In Bethlehem's case, Coach Gene Lewis' struggling contingent bounced back from a lackluster performance in losing to Guilderland by 3-0 Tuesday to a sparkling exhibition on Saturday in losing a 2-1 verdict to Burnt Hills in double overtime.

While all this was going on, Scotia, whom Bethlehem had upset a week ago, perpetrated a 5-0 jobbie on first-place Niskayuna, who had blasted the Eagles, 5-0.

Meanwhile, Bethlehem's longest season in a dozen years or more will come to a close today (Wednesday) as the Eagles take a 4-8-2 league record (5-9-2 overall) into the final game against Colonie at home. Last week's shutout by Guilderland erased BC's last mathematical chance to make the Sectionals, where they have appeared every year but one since 1969.

"We just weren't ready to play," sighed Lewis after the Guilderland debacle, but a few days later they were.

After whitewashing Saratoga, the Eagles played perennial power Burnt Hills even until a high corner kick and a header did them in well into the second overtime period. Bobby Keens booted home the tying goal with 5½ minutes to go in regulation time, and Keith Miller pulled another of his patented goal-savers for maybe the fourth time this season.

Mike Guarino, who has developed into one of the Suburban Council's best goalkeepers despite BC's dismal season, gave the Burnt Hills crowd a demonstration of gymnastics in front of the cage. At one

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point he blocked a sequence of three shots, two of them diving stops to the ground. Late in the game he came out to make a stop, and when the ball got by, Miller cut in front of the net from his fullback position and booted the ball away from the very mouth of the goal.

"It was a matter of inches and a fraction of a second," Lewis said later. "He's done this a couple of times before, but I don't know how he ever saved that one."

The Eagles had a good game Thursday on Saratoga's small, dusty field, dominating a team that has spent the season in the Blue Division basement. Jason Tilroe, Chris Kelly and Brett Zick got the goals.

The Colonie game today marks the swansong of seniors Andy Tomlinson, Rob Leslie, Jeff Randles, the Tilroe brothers, Kelly and Miller. Two other seniors, Jeff Ross and Tom Denham, are out of action with injuries.

Parking ordinance in effect

The Town of Bethlehem's "No Parking" ordinance will go into effect on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and continue in effect until April 15. The ordinance prohibits parking on town streets and highways from 1 to 7 a.m. The purpose of the ordinance is to allow for efficient snow removal. Cars parked in violation of the ordinance may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

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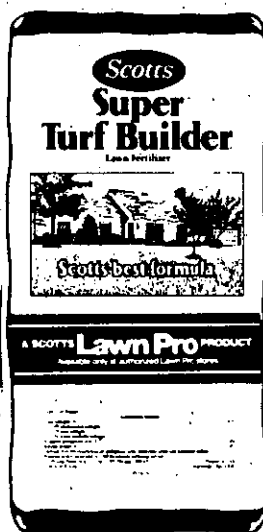
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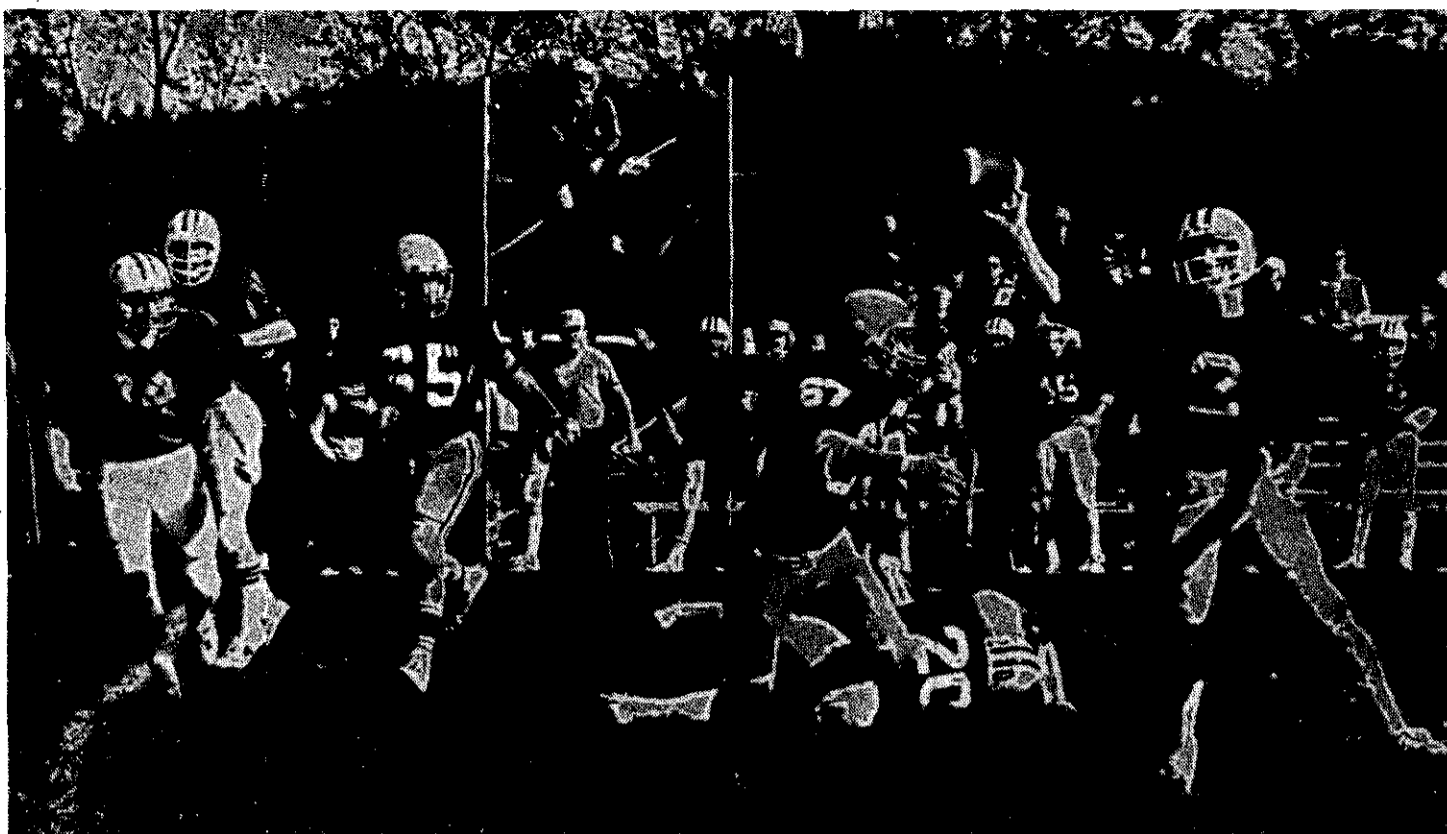
Drawing comfort that it will be another two years before he has to take a football team back to Ravena, Coach Tom Buckley was hard at work this week preparing his Blackbirds for Saturday, when Tamarac, the Capital Conference's only undefeated team, comes to town.

The Bengals are 6-0 in the conference, and 3-0 in the division, only one game up on Voorheesville and Albany Academy. A win Saturday would put the Blackbirds in a tie for first place, and with the Cadets favored at Ravena, the crow's nest could get a bit crowded.

If Buckley considered himself fortunate to escape from Ravena two years ago when his Sectional championship team won by a point, he was downright lucky this time. In the fourth period the Blackbirds got two breaks — an apparent Ravena touchdown on a goal-line pileup on fourth down was denied by officials who placed the ball short of the big stripe, and an apparent game-winning field goal that was nullified by a procedure penalty.

It was 12-0 Voorheesville at the half, and the Blackbirds seemed well on their way to a rout when Sean Rafferty connected with Brian Smith for a 20-yard touchdown in the third period. Ed Mitzen's placekick made it 19-0.

Then the tide changed abruptly and drastically. The Indians scored once in the third period and twice more in the fourth. At 19-18, Ravena went for the two-pointer that spelled victory, but John Ryan slammed into the ballcarrier for the stop that saved the game.



Voorheesville's Sean Rafferty had to get this pass off in a hurry under pressure from Chris Carroll (67) of Ravena in Saturday's Capital Conference collision in Ravena. On the cover: Mike

Kerrigan (17) of Ravena sidestepped Carl Burnham (66) of the Blackbirds in this first-period action.

Spotlight photos — Tom Howes

"It was a super hit on a straight away play," Buckley said after the game.

There were still minutes of playing time, and a fumble on the first play after an attempted on-side kick put the Blackbirds back on the defensive. The Indians worked the ball deep, and had fourth and 4 on the Voorheesville 12 with 40 seconds remaining. The field goal attempt was a

booming kick that split the posts for an apparent Ravena victory, but the yellow handkerchief on the ground told the story — a Ravena lineman had moved before the snap. The penalty was marked off, and this time the kick was wide and short.

Apart from the dramatics, the fourth period was a near-disaster for the Birds.

Twice they fumbled on first down. Ravena had the ball most of the quarter.

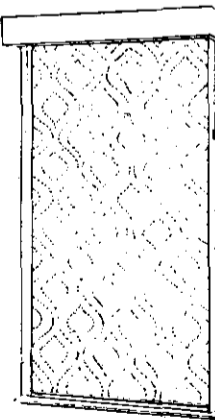
But the Blackbirds put on some positive dramatics of their own in the first half. Rafferty and Mitzen hooked up for a 52-yard touchdown in the first quarter, but the key plays came in the waning seconds of the second period, after the

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Rafferty had respectable numbers, completing 10 of 14 for 194 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. Mitzen, the team leader in receptions, caught five more for 86 and one score. McCarty had two for 60 and Smith two for 25.

Phi Bettas sought

The Upper Hudson Association of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, is launching a membership drive this fall, marking its 70th anniversary. Any Phi Beta Kappa interested in joining should contact Sherman D. Spector at Russell Sage College, Troy, or Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Foster, Wellington Rd., Delmar. The asso-



Ravena's Shawn Leonard barely eludes the grasp of Chris Zeh of Voorheesville (45) on a sweep in the second period at Ravena. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

ciation's first dinner meeting for the year will be Saturday, Nov. 5, at the faculty dining room, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy. The speaker will be Orin Lehman, state commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation.

Shake it off, Indians

Long after the football season ends, Ravena Coach Gary VanDerzee, his coaches and players will remember the most critical penalty of the year, a five-yarder with less than a minute to play on an otherwise beautiful October Saturday.

The Indians had stormed back from a 19-0 deficit to score three touchdowns. Trailing 19-18 and the clock showing less than a minute, the Indians were inside the Voorheesville 14 lining up for a fourth-down field goal. The kick was good, but a penalty marker was down, a procedural penalty assessed on a lineman, and the ensuing try was off target.

That heartbreaking 19-18 loss may make it tough to get the team up this Saturday when Albany Academy comes to Ravena. Up until last Saturday's game, the Indians had either a good or a bad break in the schedule, depending on how you look at it — bad if you see the last three games being against Voorheesville, Academy and Tamarac, all strong teams, but good if you see the opportunity to win the title by knocking off the three biggest threats.

Against the Blackbirds, the Indians had a poor first half and a good second half. Down by three touchdowns in the third, the tribe closed the gap to 19-12 and almost tied it on a Shawn Leonard fourth-down plunge that was marked down two inches short of the goal line. The ruling stood despite protests that later were supported by the films.

Moments later Ravena was knocking on the door again after picking up a Voorheesville fumble. Quarterback Mike Kerrigan, who had a gutsy game, scored his second touchdown of the day on a 17-yard scamper, breaking three tackles cutting back through the middle on a keeper.

The Indians dominated the second half, rushing for 143 yards and passing for 39 more, as contrasted to a net of 64 in the first half, all on the ground. Leonard had 103 yards for the day on 17 trips.

Jim Clouse was the defensive standout. He was credited with 11 tackles from his spot as middle linebacker.

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Stickers finish with a flourish

This has been an historic year for the Bethlehem Central varsity field hockey team. It was the first time in Coach Julie Wendth's hockey coaching career that her team has had a losing record (4-10) and failed to qualify for Sectionals. Fifteen girls on the squad played varsity hockey for the first time.

BC finished the season with a week of still more firsts by upsetting Columbia (7-5), 1-0, Saratoga (8-6), 2-1, and scoring a season-high four goals in one week. But it was the marathon barn-burner against Saratoga on Friday that Eagle fans will not forget for a long time. The extraordinary game had extended through regulation, overtime, four flickoffs and into its second hour before BC halfback Jess Mantaro netted a game-winning sudden-death flick. Moments before, Gabriella Mirabelli scored a clutch goal to even the fourth flickoff at 2-2.

The lead had seesawed throughout. Saratoga led 1-0 before Mantaro evened the score with a crossing shot in the final 10 minutes of regular play. Overtime was scoreless, and BC's designated flickers Mantaro, Roxanne Chin, Peg Jeram, Kristin Boluch and Mirabelli bore the brunt of the nerves from then on.

Encouraged by improvement she saw in her team during the eight-week schedule, Wendth has high hopes that Bethlehem will be able to rechallenge rivals Shaker (14-0) and Shenendehowa (11-3) at the top of the Suburban Council in 1984 behind returning stars Mantaro, Jeram and Tricia Weber. She will lose five seniors, including goalie Kara Mackey, to graduation, and will have many of her players for two more years. Most of them will go to summer camps.

Julie Ann Sosa

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Bethlehem's Carol Kendrick, in the light shirt at right, goes for the ball as a Saratoga squad member tries to head for the goal. The field hockey action was Friday at Bethlehem.

Tom Howes

Slip leaves one pair in semis

For Bethlehem Central's varsity tennis players in the individual Sectional tournaments, everything was going according to script until misfortune struck at Central Park, Schenectady.

The script called for BC's top two doubles combos, seeds Nos. 1 and 2, to meet in the finals, then continue to the state intersectionals. Neither Jody Jones-Ayran Shayegani nor Laura Treadway-Leanne Cory had lost a set in three matches leading into the quarterfinals, nor had they been extended.

Facing an undefeated Niskayuna tandem, Treadway and Cory were leading 6-3, 1-0 when Cory went back for a deep ball. She slipped, her foot went out and, as Coach Grace Franze described it, she "landed wrong."

TENNIS

The result: a dislocated kneecap, an ambulance trip, 3½ hours in Ellis Hospital, and a match defaulted.

On a nearby court their teammates, Jones and Shayegani, momentarily lost concentration with the ambulance lights flashing, but rallied to win their fourth straight tournament match in straight sets. That put them in today's (Wednesday) semifinals against a Niskayuna pair indoors at Capitaland Tennis Club.

Of the four surviving doubles teams — two from Niskayuna and one from Saratoga besides the BC duo — three will go to the state championships to represent Section 2.

Bethlehem's third doubles entry, Julie Liddle-Eileen Berry, won their first three matches before succumbing to Niskayuna's Jordan sisters, Lisa and Kim, seeded No. 4 in the tourney.

In the singles draw, where Franze entered younger players to gain experience with an eye on 1984, junior Carolyn Cross was eliminated in a first-round tiebreaker, junior Barbara Hipp went two rounds and lost a tiebreak, and sophomore Kim Burke was sidelined in the second round.

For seniors Treadway, Cory and Berry the tournament was their scholastic curtain. Shayegani also is a senior.

CROSS COUNTRY

BC girls are champions

By Damon Woo

The Bethlehem girls' cross country team relied on team depth in capturing the Suburban Council dual meet championship. Defeating Shaker and Shenendehowa, the girls finished their dual-meet season with a record of 11-0. The boys' team lost a close one to Shaker, 28-29, to finish 4-7 for the season.

Running the Albany County Championships at SUNYA, Bethlehem came away with heads held high. The girls' team showed the depth of their squad, placing their top five within 20 seconds of each other, and first four within a second. Tania Stasiuk, Colleen Nyilis and Christine Ainsworth finished 6-7-8 with the same time. Jen Hammer, one second off the pace was 9th. Also placing for the girls was Anne Carey.

The boys' team was led by Pete Hammer, who avenged a loss earlier in the week to Shaker's top runner en route to the county championship. The team's No. 2 and 3 runners, Montanus and Cai also ran well. Montanus placed 15th, while Cai ran his best race of the season. Bill Drapeau termed by Coach Nyilis as "the most improved member of the boys' team" has become the team's steady No. 4 runner.


When asked about the remainder of the girls' season, Nyilis was confident. "Right now we are the best in Section 2, and if we stay healthy we'll prove it." Feeling Niskayuna as the only threat, he talked about their improvement. "We've beaten them four times this season, but since our last meeting they've developed more depth." The Eagles will have a chance to see Niskayuna at the Suburban Council meet before Sectionals.

On the cover: the Bethlehem Central girls' cross-country team shows its championship style at the BC track. Runners are, from left, Anne Carey, Tricia Shultes, Jenny Hammer, Colleen Nyilis, Dana Nuss, Tania Stasiuk and Christine Ainsworth.

Tom Howes

Arrested for shoplifting


Jo Catherine Tibbs, 26, of Albany has been charged with third degree grand larceny, a felony, in the theft of clothing last Wednesday from the Peter Harris store on Kenwood Ave., Delmar. The woman was released in her own recognition for court appearance this Tuesday.



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One loss for Voorheesville

By Frank Baker

The Voorheesville boys' and girls' varsity cross-country teams are both coming off frustrating weeks. For the girls a loss to powerful Cohoes marked their first Colonial Council defeat of the year. The boys suffered their first league setback at the hands of equally strong Albany Academy.

Big deal? Well, you have to go back to 1972 to find the last time the boys' team lost a league meet. Nevertheless, Coach Ken Kirik is optimistic. "I'm not disappointed," he said. "It was a very close race. Albany Academy is an all-senior team and we're very young. We still have a chance to beat them Saturday in the Colonial Council championships." He also added that he felt Cohoes was the odds-on favorite to capture the girls' Class B championship. (Voorheesville is Class C.)

In the race against Academy and Cohoes, the Blackbirds managed to defeat Cohoes. This left their record at 8-1 in the league and 9-3 overall. The girls' record now stands at 7-1 in the Council and 8-2 overall. Chuck Rogers and Adam

CROSS COUNTRY

Schiabie led the way for the boys with third and fourth-place finishes respectively. The girls were led by Vicki Ross's fourth and Kirsten Ford's fifth-place.

On Friday in the Albany County championships at SUNYA, both teams finished fifth out of 11 schools. For the boys it was a close race with only 15 points separating them from third-place Guilderland. This time Schiabie ended up eighth and Rogers, who had an uncharacteristically poor race, finished 18th. Ross and Ford crossed the line 13th and 18th respectively for the girls.

On tap this Saturday is the biggest race of the year for the two teams — the Colonial Council championships at Saratoga.

Soccer team bows to Academy

By Peter Fisch

After holding a 1-0 first-half lead, the Voorheesville Blackbird soccer team slipped to a 2-1 loss to Albany Academy Friday on their home field. The win by Academy enabled them to clinch the league title in the tight Colonial Council with a 12-1-1 league record.

Senior Jeff Rockmore put the Birds on the board with a score, but the Cadets responded with two first-half goals to post the final score. The local booters ended with a Colonial Council mark of 3-11 and an overall record of 4-13.

Last Wednesday the Birds traveled to Lansingburgh only to be zipped 3-0. As coach Bob Crandall put it, "They wanted the game more than we did. They physically beat us to the ball."

With non-league rival Duanesburg in town last Tuesday, the Blackbirds gave the hometown fans a 2-1 victory. Sophomore Tim Curren chipped in the first score while sophomore Justin Cochrane scored the second with an assist by junior Chris Smolen. The home team outshot the visitors and controlled the ball.

On Monday, Oct. 17 a powerful Schalmont squad trounced the Blackbirds at home by 9-1. Sophomore Matt Ramsey

had the only goal for Voorheesville on a penalty kick.

Crandall, with only today's (Wednesday) home contest against non-league foe Greenville remaining in the season, looks forward to a larger team in numbers next season.

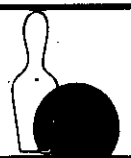
Save on ski gear

The Willard Mountain Ski Club used ski sale will run for five consecutive weekends this year, ending Nov. 20. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. Anyone with good used equipment to sell may drop it off at the Willard Mountain base lodge, Rt. 40, North Easton, between Greenwich and Schaghticoke. The club will support junior alpine ski racing.

Heads festival

Kenneth B. Burroughs of Delmar has been selected as chairman of the 12th annual Festival of Nations. The festival features ethnic arts, crafts, foods and live entertainment offered by cultural groups in the area. It is scheduled at the Empire State Plaza, Sunday, Nov. 13, from noon to 7 p.m.

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Major Girls — Tara McKenna 179-481.

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Junior Girls — Tracy Dwyer 155-436.

Prep Girls — Kelly Myers 166-381.

Baked ham dinner

The men's fellowship at the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church will serve a family-style baked ham dinner on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages nine to 12, can be purchased at the door or by calling the church office at 439-1766.

End of the trail

The hopes of individual championships for a small crew of Voorheesville tennis players were set to rest last Wednesday at Prospect Park in Troy during the Section 2 tournament.

Eliminated in the first round of singles play were sophomore Sue Merritt, freshman Donna Mensching and eighth grader Paige Hotaling. In the doubles, the combination of juniors Adrienne Fitzgerald and Courtney and the team of freshman Betsy Zeh and seventh grader Michelle Petre were eliminated in the first round. Juniors Terry Balfe and Tina Rasmussen registered a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 first-round win, but fell short in the second round.

Peter Fisch

Dance in Punkintown

Those spirits looking for a spirited time for the Halloween holiday need look no further. The New Salem Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary are co-sponsoring their annual Halloween dance on Saturday, Oct. 29. This year's event, entitled Bewitching Bash, will run from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the fire house on Rt. 85A in New Salem, and will feature music by the 50's and 60's band, Gold Rush. Admission price is \$7 per person and \$13 per couple and includes games, prizes and contests, as well as beer, setups and snacks. Those wanting tickets or information are asked to call Judy Schearer, 765-4334.

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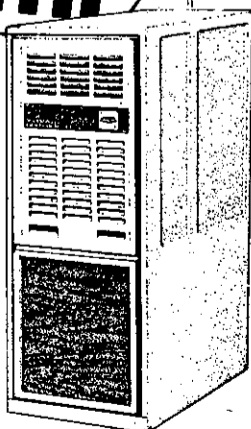
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Warner teams struggle

Rain, cold and mud proved too much for the Bethlehem Pop Warner teams on Sunday. The high point of the day turned out to be the Junior Midget Hawks 6-6 tie with North Colonie. The defensive struggle was highlighted by a touchdown by Travis Hagen.

The Pee Wee Ravens bowed to the North Colonie Mavericks, 8-0, despite aggressive offensive action by Peter Klein and Bo Acquario. It was a tough day for the Pee Wee Falcons, who were ripped by the South Colonie Packers, 19-0. The team's starting offense was riddled with illness and injuries and relied heavily on its inexperienced members.

The Midget Eagles lost to Troy, 19-8. The Bethlehem touchdown was made by Frank Macri, set up by a long run by Rich Gray. Macri also scored a two-point safety.

Melissa Klein

RCS wins crown

For the 11th consecutive year the RCS Girls' varsity soccer team is the Colonial Council champion with a league record of 7-0-1 and an overall record of 10-3-1.

The team had a non-league game against Cairo Tuesday of this week, and they will be in the sectionals.

Lauri Dennis

Hudson River dredging plan has town dump sites

BETHLEHEM

The Army Corps of Engineers has set Nov. 7 as the deadline for public comment on its plans to dispose of material that is to be dredged from the Hudson River in 1985 as part of a 10-year maintenance program. Five sites in the Town of Bethlehem have been identified by the corps as potential dumping locations for material from the river near Castleton, including two sites for contaminated material.

An environmental impact statement concerning the dredging and dumping is available to the public at the Albany field office of the Army Engineer District, Bond St., Troy, telephone 273-0870. A spokesman for the Corps of Engineers said the federal government does the dredging at the request of the state, and that the Department of Transportation is responsible for providing the disposal sites.

The sites in Bethlehem include two farmland areas east of the former West Shore railroad line that have been designated as acceptable sites for contaminat-

ed or hazardous materials. In the dredging, an auger will churn up sediment and the water and sediment will be pumped upland.

Comments or protests must be in writing and submitted to Col. F.H. Griffiths, District Engineer, Army Corps of Engineers, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10278.

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"Alleluia: A Praise Gathering for Believers" will be performed by the 100-voice Christian Music Ministries choir on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. The Feura Bush choir, under the direction of Bill Womer, includes singers from more than 40 Capital District churches.

Heading west

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreational Department will sponsor a free travelogue, "Land of the Sleeping Rainbow," on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. It will include a slide presentation and taped commentary on vacationing in the Grand Canyon, southern Utah and northern Arizona.

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No movement on contract

Mary Schmitz, chief account clerk and treasurer for the Bethlehem Central School District, has retired after 27 years of employment with the district. Her resignation was accepted by the school board at its regular business meeting last Wednesday, when the board named Marilyn Conley acting treasurer. She has been with the district since 1966.

The board worked its way through a routine agenda in about 20 minutes, including an executive session to discuss a personnel matter before a vote. About 30 members of the faculty were present for the meeting, augmenting the usually skimpy audience of administrators and one or two reporters. The teachers reportedly are showing up at the board meetings to signal their displeasure at the lack of a contract to replace the three-year pact that expired at the end of June. Negotiators for both sides are scheduled to have their first meeting with a fact-finder on Tuesday after an Oct. 13 meeting had to be canceled.

Caroline Terenzini

Historians meet

The Town of New Scotland Historical Association will meet Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. in the Museum Room of the Old Schoolhouse in New Salem.

Mildred Zimmerman will present a slide lecture of Albany area art from 1683 to 1983, featuring early Patroon painters and current artists. Following the program, refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to the public.



Bethlehem Central students stepped lively a week ago at the high school's annual Daisy Mae Drag. No injuries were reported.

Prescription charge

An Albany woman faces charges of third degree criminal possession of stolen property and second degree criminal possession of a forged instrument after a July incident at a Glenmont pharmacy when she allegedly submitted a stolen and forged prescription. The woman was arrested by Bethlehem police on a warrant after information was presented by the state Health Department.

SUNYA offerings

The Division of Continuing Studies of the State University at Albany is offering 15 noncredit courses and workshops that begin the week of Oct. 29.

For baffled parents

"Computers for People Who Don't Speak Computerese" is the title of a workshop scheduled at 8 p.m. Tuesday for parents of Bethlehem High School students. Serving as guides to the computer world will be Eugene Scott, program research specialist for the state Department of Health; David Parry, director of management information systems for the state Department of Corrections; Principal Charles Gunner and Asst. Principal Francis Rogers. A student will demonstrate the school's computer facilities. The evening's program is sponsored by the Faculty-Parent Organization.

RCS asks help for water tap

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board is asking the Village of Ravena to annex the land on which the junior and senior high school sits, and also the bus garage, to allow the district to tap into the village's water lines. The buildings currently are supplied by wells and the district has encountered problems with them.

If the village board approves the plan, the annexation would include several buildings owned by the Atlantic Cement Co. The village obtains its water from the Alcove Reservoir under an agreement with the City of Albany, according to district Clerk Charles Emery. He put the cost for installation of the necessary water lines at about \$440,000 over a 20-year bonding period at 8 percent interest. If the village approves the arrangement, work on the water lines could begin in the spring, Emery said, "and the sooner, the better."

John J. Biscone, attorney for the Village of Ravena, said a public hearing must be conducted within 90 days following receipt of the petition by the village and the Town of Coeymans. The law provides for a joint hearing by the two municipalities, he said. After the town and village boards have voted on the matter, it will be put before the people in a special election. The petition given to the village listed 11 residences in the area in question, as well as the school buildings. The cost of putting in additional water lines would be assessed only those benefiting, Biscone said.



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A tax complaint

Editor, The Spotlight:

In his Oct. 12 response to the Rev. Richard Thomas' Oct. 5 letter, Receiver of Taxes and Assessments Kenneth Hahn adopted his best holier-than-thou tone to sing the praises of the Bethlehem tax office. He then went on to bestow pious praise on the local postal services for their faithful deliverance of tax bills.

Well, a funny thing happened to the check I sent to pay our school taxes. Somewhere between leaving my desk and being returned cancelled by the bank, the check had been altered to correct an error that I had made. The words "three hundred" had been inserted (by a self-appointed Guardian Angel at the tax office, I later learned).

When I voiced my objection to Mr. Hahn of this tampering with a check, he explained, halo almost visible; that the check had, indeed, been altered at the tax office, but to save me! Yes, indeed! I had been saved! As I wondered to myself, "from what demon?" he uttered the word that strikes terror in the heart of every beleaguered taxpayer: "P-e-n-a-l-t-y!"

"Penalty?" I responded, mentally subtracting Sept. 20 (date of check) from Sept. 30 (taxes due).

Before I could share with Mr. Hahn my revelation that the check could have been walked from Delmar to Slingerlands and back to Delmar again in the ten days left before Judgment Day, he was already emphasizing (with righteous indignation at my ignorance of the obvious) that my check stood practically NO chance of going the distance in time for me to be saved.

The postal services are apparently "outstanding" only when they appear unto you bringing tidings from Mr. Hahn. But, Mr. Hahn has "corrected" hundreds of checks" rather than entrust them to the (suddenly) fallible postal employees to return to their senders.

Mr. Hahn appears to speak of the postal services with a forked tongue. He also seems to have his own peculiar set of ethics to apply to circumstances as, in his infinite wisdom, he sees fit to serve his purposes.

Nancy N. Relyea

Slingerlands

The check in question had the correct amount in numerals, but the wrong amount written in below — a fairly common error, according to Hahn. The receiver's office had inserted the correct amount above the amount written by Mrs. Relyea. "Not only is this legal, it is done by banks in the thousands," Hahn said.

Hahn says that considering turn-around time from his office, the time required for mailing, writing another check and sending that back in the mail it is doubtful that the bill would have been paid on time.

"We go out of our way to assist people in that respect," Hahn said. "I might add that this is the first person in 20 years who has complained about this." Ed.

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Signs and issues

Editor, The Spotlight:

My apologies to all those who told me that I should ignore the Republican Campaign Committee's nonsense about my campaign signs. However, it became clear to me when a Republican candidate in a different district criticized the signs at a debate, when I was not present, that the committee is basing its campaign on signs rather than real issues or candidates' qualifications for office.

Therefore I have decided to eliminate this red herring by adding the word "for" to the signs so that the committee will know what I am running for.

With that out of the way, maybe we can talk about my long record of independent and effective representation for my constituents. But, it's up to the Republican Campaign Committee; will it start focusing on real issues and qualifications for office . . . or will it now choose to attack my bumper stickers?

David Sawyer

Democratic, Bethlehem Independent and Conservative candidate for County Legislature, 36th District

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Editor, The Spotlight:

We, the members of the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association, would like to take this opportunity to clarify any misconceptions the citizens of the Town of Bethlehem may have about us. The first and foremost is that there are many officers on the force who, in our estimation, are qualified to serve as Chief of Police. The Bethlehem Police have always been a community-oriented department with most of its officers having lived in the town all their lives and being educated in its schools.

Now the leaders of the Town of Bethlehem intend to bring in an outsider who knows nothing of our town or its people.

In the recent past *The Spotlight*, *The Times-Union* and media publications have led the people to believe that the entire Bethlehem police force is totally incompetent. This is an unjust evaluation. We do not blame the media, but more so its source of information. We as a police department will match or out-perform any department in New York State of comparable size, and many larger ones.

As for the town board's latest problem regarding Mr. Picciotti, let us say that we were far from heartbroken. Mr. Picciotti stated that he made an "extensive survey" of the police force when, in fact, most of us had never seen the man. Mr. Corrigan (town supervisor), and the town board did not even have the courtesy to discuss Mr. Picciotti's imminent appointment with any of our command officers. We were shown a press release of Mr. Picciotti's appointment one day before you saw it.

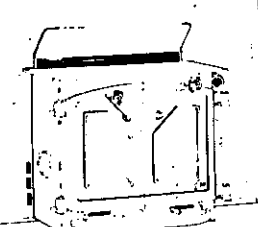
As far as the office of public safety commissioner is concerned, we can sum up that position in one word, "fiasco." That office has done very little to improve or enhance the police department since its inception approximately six years ago.

We urge the citizens of the Town of Bethlehem to suggest to our town board to promote a chief from within the ranks of the existing department, a man who has lived and worked in the community and knows the people and their needs.

In closing, let us say that we will give our Bethlehem political leaders the same vote of confidence in the future that they have afforded us.

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Phyllis Willey wed

Phyllis A. Willey, daughter of Mrs. Howard E. Willey of Slingerlands and the late Howard Willey, and John F. Thompson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Thompson, Sr. of Delmar, were married Oct. 8 in the Delmar United Methodist Church. The Rev. Leon Adkins performed the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, David N. Willey, the bride was attended by Beth A. Willey, her sister, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Bonnie Griesmer of Schenectady and Lorraine Wall of Latham. Donald Veltman of Slingerlands was best man, and Stephen F. Bub and James P. Willey, brother of the bride, served as ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the College of Saint Rose, Albany, and is employed by Connecticut National Bank, South Norwalk, Conn. The bridegroom is also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by Victoria Station Restaurant, Bridgeport, Conn.

The couple will reside in South Norwalk, Conn.

Working on wishes

Students at the College of St. Rose, Albany, plan a fund-raising campaign to make "a wish come true" for hospitalized children. The campaign is a project of the college's chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children and is intended to provide the funds to carry out wishes of children selected by professionals at local hospitals. The first fund-raising event will be a "mixer" Nov. 13 at the college's Activities Center with disc jockeys and live music. Anyone interested in contributing to the campaign may contact the CEC chapter at the college, Western Ave., Albany.



Mr. and Mrs. John A. Peterson, Jr.

Bonnie Richman bride

Bonnie E.S. Richman, formerly of Delmar, was married Sept. 25 in Seaside Park, N.J. to John A. Peterson, Jr. The bride is the daughter of Sol and Elizabeth Peterson of New Jersey.

Mary Louise Critz was maid of honor and Dr. Charles Peterson was best man. Ushers were Dr. Joel Richman, Dr. Jack Richman, Herman Penner and J. Scott Neilsen.

The bride received a bachelor's degree from the State University at Albany, a master's degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the J.D. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a member of the bar in New Jersey and New York. The bridegroom is a graduate of Lawrenceville School and Rider College, and received the J.D. degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a member of the New Jersey bar and is in the general practice of law in Seaside Park. The bride was previously an assistant district attorney in the Brooklyn district attorney's office.

The couple will live in Seaside Park.



James Marden and Paula Knight

Knight-Marden

Martha and Edward Knight of Burlington, Vt., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Paula, to James Marden, son of Joan and William Marden of Altamont. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and received a master's degree from the University of Vermont. She is a social worker for the Franklin-Grand Isle Mental Health Agency in St. Albans, Vt.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Voorheesville High School and the University of Miami, Fla. He is a doctoral candidate in zoology at the University of Vermont. A December wedding is planned.

Help line needs helpers

REFER, a volunteer-staffed telephone help line, has revamped its volunteer programs and training sessions to reduce the number of hours required. Laurie

Novick, coordinator, said volunteers who train to be crisis counselors are expected to make a six-hour-a-week commitment for a minimum of nine months. Other positions at REFER require less time. The training program consists of nine weekly sessions in which listening skills are taught and information is presented on such topics as drugs, domestic violence and suicide. During training, volunteers serve an apprenticeship for several months, receiving supervision, support and guidance from experienced volunteer staff. New training sessions begin the second week of every month. Anyone interested in volunteering or receiving services should call the help line at 434-1200.

Senior woodworking

Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc. are offering an introduction to woodworking for persons 60 or older who are interested in learning woodworking skills or in sharpening their skills. The free class will be held on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Louise Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. In addition, an open woodworking shop will be held at the Louise Corning Senior Service Center on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon for those who want to work on their own projects with the assistance of an instructor. For information, call 465-3325.

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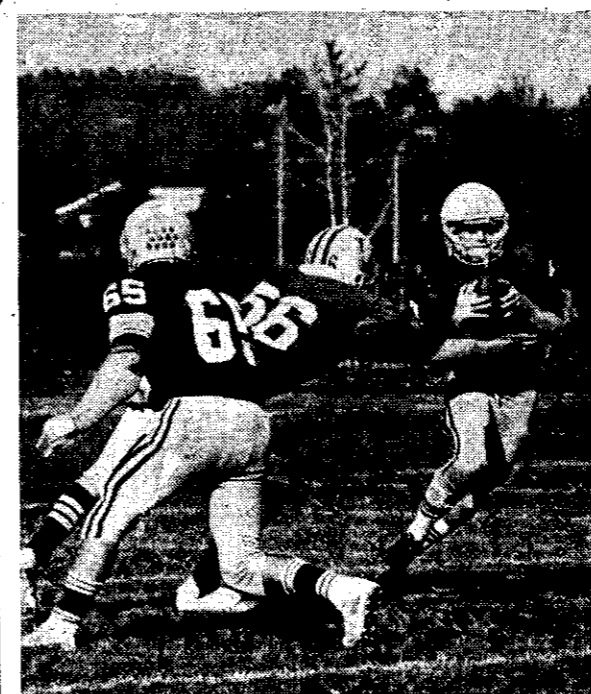
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