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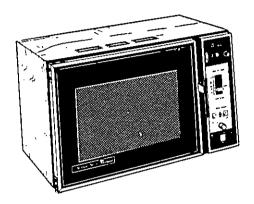
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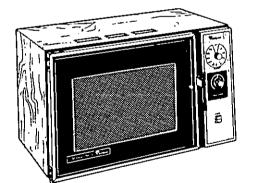
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Evangelical Women's Caucus meeting to discuss rape and battered women, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

"Cooking for the Small Family," program sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information 765-2874.

Open house program for parents of 7th and 8th graders, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

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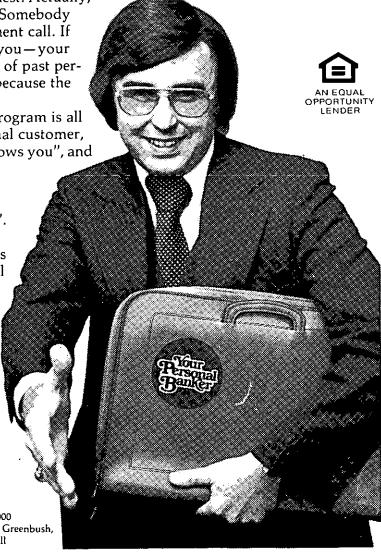
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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Program on Antiques and antique appraisal by William Pillsbury, Bethlehem Library, 2:30 p.m.

Holiday shopping sponsored by Tri-Village Nursery School, National Commercial Bank, Delmar, 1-4:30 p.m.

Covered dish supper and annual congregational voters meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 5 p.m.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Story hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 a.m.

Passages to Learning, "Creativity with arts and crafts," special materials in Bethlehem Library media center all week.

Reception for Principal David Murphy, Clarksville School, 7:30 p.m. Selkirk Fire District commissioners meeting, Fire House No. I, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

Story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30-11 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m. for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds.

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Story hour, Clarksville School, 11-11:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

Film: "Virginia City," Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Afternoon of Eckankar, a meditation technique. Bethlehem Library, I p.m. Eck music, poetry, speakers, film.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Passages to Learning, "Creative Photography," special material in Bethlehem Library media center all week

Story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30-11 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m.

Ray Geiger from Farmer's Almanac, State Bank, Elsmere, 4 p.m.

**Story hour,** Voorheesville Library. 10:30-11 a.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**Delmar Progress Club** drama group meeting. Delmar Reformed Church 10 a.m.

Story hour, Clarksville School, 11-11:30 p.m.



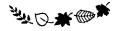
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### THEATER

- "A Glass Menagerie," Tennessee Williams Classic, Cohoes Music Hall, Oct. 29-Nov. 20, Wed.-Sun. 8 p.m.; Sat., Sun. matinees at 3. Ticket information and reservations, call 237-7700.
- "Horse Johnson," comedy-drama, Ensemble Theatre Enterprises, CDPC Little Theatre, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Nov. 18-20, 25-27, 8:15 p.m. \$3.50. Seating limited. Reservations 434-1777.
- "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," dinner theater by Theatrical Services Unlimited, Italian Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, *Dec. 2-7*, \$12.50 includes tax, tip and dinner. Doors open 6 p.m. dinner 7, curtain approximately 8:30. Reservations 372-6888.

### MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra, concert. Dubussy's "Faun" and Brahms No. 3. Palace Theatre, Albany, *Dec. 3*, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

University Celebrity Series, Philharmonia Virtuosi of New York, Page Hall, State University, *Nov.* 20, 3 p.m. \$3; students \$1.50, 457-8606.

### ART

Exhibition, abstract painter Marion Bers and sculptor Nell Harrison Russell, Center Gallery, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Oct 29-Dec. 3, Mon.-Fri., 12-3, weekends 1-4.

"Reflections of Women," Ann Gati, Art Gallery of the College of Saint Rose, Oct. 30-Nov. 27, Sun.-Fri., 2-5 p.m.

Mini-show of cartoons by Hy Rosen, prize winning Albany cartoonist, Albany Institute of History and Art, through November.

"Don Mochon Celebration," paintings, drawings, water-colors, through Nov. 27, 9-5 weekdays, 1-4 weekends.

Rhea Athanassiades Bauley, Cypriot painter, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, through Dec. 16, Mon.-Fri. 2-6, closed Nov. 23-27.

# FILM

"Ashes and Diamonds." Andreaj Wajda, CDPC Auditorium One, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, *Nov. 30-Dec. 2* (Wed.-Thurs. 8 p.m., Fri. 7:30 and 9:30), \$1.50; students \$1.



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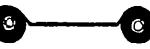
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**BETHLEHEM ELECTION** 

# After the voting: new public responsibilities

In the wake of Bethlehem's overwhelming swingback to a dominant Republican stewardship in town government the local GOP leaders found themselves with several new commitments: a heavy mandate to provide responsible government and a campaign pledge to discuss public issues in public.

In last week's general election Bethlehem Republicans swept every district in a spectacular return to the traditional margins of the postwar years. Behind the balloting was a familiar old spectre, recognized by astute political observers; the axiom that a government with a strong and viable opposition party must provide capable leadership, a government with no visible opposition can quickly become in-grown and arrogant, thus spawning splinter groups, U.S. political history has a long list of examples, some of them close to home: Bethlehem's Republican dominance of the 50s and 60s that inspired dissidents to put up a "Lincoln" slate, and the classic showcase provided by the Albany County Democratic machine.

An aggressive Bethlehem Democratic organization, battling a 4-1 registration deficit but encouraged by a steady trend of narrowing the town's traditional GOP pluralities, waged its most vigorous campaign in a decade. Party leaders felt they had a good chance to at least elect the supervisor, only to be swamped by the "new look" Republicans. Observed one defeated candidate: "We lost, but we feel



Victory smiles at GOP celebration: from left, Roger Fritts, Tom Corrigan, Marion Camp, Martin Cross Jr., Edward Mocker and John Geurtze. On the cover: Ed Stringham congratulates Corrigan.

that an aggressive second party has caused change and forced them (the Republicans) to bring out the issues." Added another: "The town is growing rapidly, but there are still too many people who don't identify with the town. There are more apartment houses and transient families who put their houses on the market when the last child finishes in the school system."

Despite the fervor of the 1977 campaign, especially in its late stages when the handbills appeared. Bethlehem's vote total again fell off. Using unofficial figures of 11,154, the turnout was 5.5 percent below the Sheaffer-Harder contest of two years ago and 6.3 percent below the 11,904 who pulled.

the curtains in the Kohinke-Bergen contest in 1973.

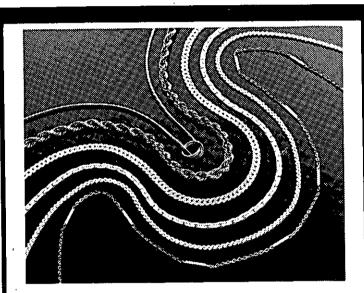
The vote this year underlined. Supervisor-elect. Tom. Corrigan's commitment, voiced during the Jaycees' debate, to shift at least part of the town board's discussion of public issues. from closed-door sessions in the supervisor's office to the council table.

In other developments:

• Corrigan said he would exercise his retirement option at the New York Telephone Co. in order to devote full time to his new job as town supervisor Jan. 1. He will be 55 in January, making him eligible for retirement as of Dec. 31 of this year. With accumulated vacation time, his last day on his present job will be Nov. 23.

- A mechanical error in setting voting machines caused early confusion on Election Day when voters, given the multiple-choice option of voting for any two of the four council candidates, were unable to press levers in the same vertical row. The machines affected were quickly reset, officials said.
- Many voters apparently treated the two council races as head-to-head contests. Candidates names appeared in alphabetical order on Rows A. B and C. but the deviation between the Geurtze-Burkhard total and the Mocker-Dinneen total varied only 4 to 7 percent in Bethlehem districts. In New Scotland the confusion, attributed to a lack of pre-





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Democratic chairman Ken Thacher, right, came to GOP headquarters to congratulate a happy Bernard Kaplowitz. Republican chairman. Spotlight photos

election communication, was even more noticeable, especially in District 1. Clarksville-Feura Bush, where the deviation was only 8 votes in more than 550, and in District 4, New Salem, where it was only 2 out of 520.

BETHLEHEM

# GOP landslide a real shocker

In the final five or six days of Bethlehem's town election campaign, there were enough political indicators to preface a clear-cut Republican victory. but nothing to foretell the stunning extent of the GOP sweep. The avalanche that swept every one of the town's 21 districts, with only two moderately close, came as a shock to both parties in the wake of a mounting momentum of Democratic gains in recent local elections and the most aggressive supervisor campaign waged by the minority party in recent years.

There were almost as many theories to explain the rout as there were political savants enjoying the analytical clarity of 20-20 hindsight. In the postmortem, however, the explanations most favored by close observers were (1) the Republicans' successful presentation of a "new image" slate of candidates that appeared to be independent of the stamp of the former establishment of longtime leader Bertram E. Kohinke, and (2) the 11th-hour splash caused by statements by Dr. John A. Lvons, Albany County health commissioner, casting doubt on the town's administration of its water system. When the commissioner waded into the local scenario, observers of both parties agree, the subsequent waves caused a backwash that focused attention on county government vs. town government that apparently soured many voters. There was documentation that the town has moved at a somewhat leisurely



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pace in its long-range pursuit of water security, but the timing of the county's action, whether intentional or not, gave it a political stamp that turned out to be unappreciated locally.

Of more basic significance. sideline pundits agree, was the accomplishment of Bernard Kaplowitz, town Republican chairman, in reshaping the countenance of Bethlehem's dominant party leadership. In a courageous move, he engineered the replacement of the incumbent supervisor, Harry H. Sheaffer, with Councilman Thomas V. Corrigan. The younger wing of the party. looking at steady Democratic gains since the demise 15 years ago of the GOP splinter group calling themselves the Lincolns, successfully pulled the rug from Kohinke's handpicked successor by an unprecedented secret ballot in the party caucus last May. The fact that Corrigan also served in the Kohinke administration was countered by the nominations of two newcomers for councilmen. John Geurtze, a popular Glenmont businessman with deep Bethlehem roots, and Edward Mocker, an outspoken critic of the Kohinke regime.

Geurtze was an overwhelming winner from the start. Mocker, a sometimes controversial figure, got a major boost when an anonymous "underground" pamphlet deriding his candidacy was circulated on the final weekend. Observers concede that the maneuver apparently backfired when residents voiced their personal distaste of such a tactic, obviously not of Democratic origin.

Whatever the reasons for wholesale crossovers from the last two or three local elections, the balloting showed that the town's large "swing" vote leaned heavily Republican, at least for this year. Registrations give the GOP roughly 60 percent, the Democrats 15 percent and the remaining 25 percent "independent." Two years ago Sheaffer won by a nervous 359-vote margin.

barely over 50 percent of the vote. This time Corrigan collared 60.9 percent and had a plurality of 2.436.

The shocking landslide was quickly apparent as the first returns came into the Republicans' temporary headquarters in town hall and the Democrats' nerve-center in the kitchen of the Legion post in Elsmere. The indicators: District 16, the Kenwood-Kenaware area, carried by the Republicans two years ago by four votes, went for Corrigan by 156 this time, and District 5, Glenmont, which went to Sheaffer in 1975 by 101 votes, went to Corrigan by 224.

Then came the real shockers: District 6, voting in the Selkirk Fire Hall, gave Democrat Mike Bergan a slender three-vote margin in 1973, tottered back to the GOP in '75 by an equally slim three-vote margin, and went for Corrigan this time by 69, and two huge districts in "open country" on each side of Feura Bush Rd, swung heavily

Republican. The biggest turnaround came when the 14th. Democratic by 7 in 1973 by 102 two years ago, returned a whopping 145-vote plurality for Corrigan. In the 12th, which embraces the section between Feura Bush Rd., Delaware Ave., Murray Ave. and the town line. Harder beat Sheaffer by 67 votes two years ago, this year it was Corrigan by 17L And so it went. In 1971 Kohinke won reelection by 2,099, losing only two of the then 19 districts. In 1973 the Democrats cut his plurality nearly in half, to 1,092, and took four districts. In 1975 Sheaffer squeaked through, losing seven of the 21 districts.

Town clerk Marion T. Camp again led the triumphant ticket with 7.968, followed by Martin Cross Jr., superintendent of highways, 7.550. Roger Fritts will be the new town justice with 7.429 votes, succeeding Robert Rice, who is returning to full-time private law practice. Geurtze polled 7.390 and



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Despite the fervor of the campaign and the town's normal population growth, the turnout was off some 6 percent.

In the judgeship races, Bethlehem voters provided generous margins for Republicans Con Cholakis and John J. Schick. especially Cholakis, who ran nearly 2,000 ahead of his GOP associate, 3,000 ahead of Harold E. Koreman and nearly 2-1 over John H. Pennock, Kevin Moss, Republican candidate for Albany County district attorney who was inundated by the county

machine, also came close to doubling the vote of Sol Greenberg, Democratic-Conservative incumbent in Bethlehem's voting booths.

Elsewhere on the ballot. Bethlehem voters did the expected. They buried Gov. Carey's bond issue by a whopping 6.931 to 2.064, nearly 3½ to 1. defeated the constitutional convention question by better than 2-1, and generally followed statewide trends on the amendments with the exception of No. 5, which would increase pension benefits of surviving spouses of retired state employees. That amend-

ment lost in Bethlehem by 300 votes but passed statewide.

# **CP** event Friday

The fifth annual "get acquainted gathering" will be held at the Cerebral Palsy Treatment and Educational Facility, 314 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, on Friday. The festivities are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., with entertainment provided by the Phil Foote quartette. Joe's Caterers will be supplying hors d'oeuvres and cocktails,

The public is invited. Reservations, the Cerebral Palsy Facility at 489-8336.

# Non-traditional education

The Bethlehem Library is sponsoring a panel presentation on independent study and non-traditional education Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Representatives will be available from Empire State College, College of St. Rose degree program for experienced adults. Educational Options for Adults, External High School Diploma Program and Regents External Degree programs. The program is planned for adults who are interested in alternatives for continuing their education and upgrading their skills.



### **NEW SCOTLAND**

# Budget pruned, tax rate down

New Scotland's town board has trimmed its 1978 budget by paring operating expenses in virtually every department, provided the first pay raise in four years for town employees, and reduced the tax rate by 8 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Whether property owners will actually get lower tax bills in January is up to Albany County, which also puts the bite on residents to finance its government.

There were only three onlookers in the council room at town hall when the board held its annual budget hearing last Monday, the night before election. In routine action, board members approved a preliminary budget of \$296,409, off slightly from the current budget of \$298,473. A year ago the board cut the town rate by 13 cents.

In New Scotland, where residents of the village of Voorheesville pay for only part of the town services, the general town-wide budget will be \$145.304 next year, the "part-town" an additional \$18.956. The highway budget makes up the remainder of the overall budget. The townwide tax rate will be \$17.39 per thousand townwide, down 5.3 cents, and

\$9.58 for village residents, down 2.6 cents. The town's total assessed valuation is \$12.3 million, of which \$3.9 million is within the village limits.

"It's a simple budget," observed Supervisor Steve Wallace after the annual reading of the itemized ledger at last week's public hearing. "The cutbacks are in the contractuals, the funds needed to run the departments' offices. By using approximately \$50.000 in revenue sharing we were able to cut the recreation item without substantially affecting the programs."

The 7-percent raise for the town's approximately 40 employees will take effect Jan. 1.

### **BETHLEHEM**

# Town budget up, so is tax rate

Bethlehem Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer attributes the bulk of the town's budget boost to "general inflationary increases," especially in insurance costs and an anticipated hike in the cost of lighting.

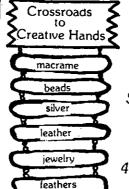
Seventeen persons were in the audience when Sheaffer conducted the annual budget hearing last Wednesday, including the town's two councilmen-elect, two town department heads, two Republican party leaders, four



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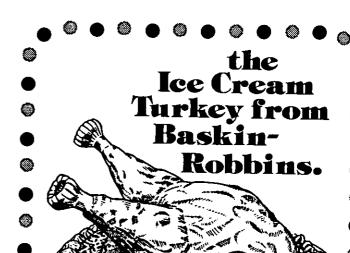
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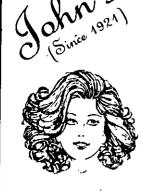
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Democratic party leaders and three newspaper reporters. No one spoke for or against the 1978 tentative budget of \$2.415.118, up 8.4 percent over the current general fund budget. Edward B. Stringham, Democratic candidate for supervisor, and Kenelm Thacher, town Democratic chairman, raised several token questions in an otherwise routine recitation.

Highway fund appropriations add another \$261,000 to the town's expenditures, up from the current budget of \$252,200. The sewer district budget, relatively unchanged, is \$1,253,356, to be funded by taxing residents of the sewer district, and the water district another \$387,672, up nearly 20 percent.

The new budget carries with it a boost of \$1.36 in the combined town and highway tax rate, raising the figure from \$24.18 currently to \$25.54 per thousand. Albany County adds its take on top of this. The raise caught Bethlehem Democrats by surprise: this year they had made no issue of the town's custom of holding the annual budget hearing after the

election because, a spokesman said, they foresaw little change in the rate. "We always have held the budget hearing after the election." Sheaffer observed. In the 1975 town election that policy was severely criticized by local Democrats.

Sheaffer said the actual cost of the town's "umbrella" liability insurance policy through Sept. 30 of this year had exceeded \$93,000, far above the current budget figure of \$70,000, hence a 1978 budget item of \$100,000. A new item, underwriting unemployment insurance now required by law, will cost another \$7,000 next year. The cost of street lighting to accommodate rate increases by Niagara Mohawk is expected to jump approximately 16 percent in 1978, Sheaffer said.

At the hearing, Sheaffer said the town had provided appropriations for a 7-percent pay raise for members of the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn. The new police contract, however, is still in negotiations. The budget also provides for the addition of four police officers.



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New Scotland winners George Hotaling and Edita Probst enjoy victory buffet Election Night.

Spotlight photo

**NEW SCOTLAND** 

# Board stays 3-2 despite upset

New Scotland's town council race was expected to be close and it turned out to be a real cliffhanger. With just under 7,000 going to the polls, only 101 votes made the difference between victory and defeat in the tightest four-way contest within memory.

Campaign workers at Republican headquarters at the Heavenly Inn and the Democratic sanctum at the New Salem fire hall sat on the edges of their chairs for nearly two hours Election Night before it was clear that George Hotaling. Republican. and Herbert W. Reilly Jr., Democrat, both of Voorheesville, had won the two contested seats on the board. In the early returns it looked like



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Charles Houghtaling Jr. of Feura Bush, the Democratic incumbent, and William Seymour, of Unionville, Republican, would make it, but both faded in the village vote.

The results left the balance on the board right where it was, 3-2 Republican. Supervisor Steve Wallace ran unopposed. giving Democratic voters the opportunity to bypass his lever in the booths, and the four other races went handily to the Republicans, Corinne Cossac, who won a special election last year for an unexpired term. defeated Sharon Boehlke of Unionville by 2,231 to 1,273 and led the ticket.

The council candidates provided the excitement on the night the ballots were tabulated. Houghtaling, considered by pre-election strategists as the strongest of the four, piled up a huge lead in Districts 1 and 2, his "home" precincts in Clarksville, Feura Bush and Unionville, but it wasn't enough to stand off the

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heavy vote in Voorheesville, where he trailed badly. Village voters gave sizeable margins to Hotaling and Reilly, and Hotaling also had a big vote in District 4, New Salem.

### Cookies for veterans

The Bethlehem AARP's annual service project will be preparing and delivering cookies and candy to the Veterans Hospital. Members will meet on the morning of Nov. 21 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, to pack the cookies and then will distribute them to hospital patients.

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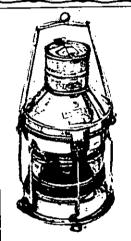
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Buses will leave from three locations, including the state parking lot at Southern Blvd., at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Institute or by mail. Tickets at \$12 may be ordered by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Institute, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Cochairmen are Mrs. Edward D.

Palmer and Mrs. Frederick Stimmel, both of Slingerlands.

### New Salem bazaar

The annual holiday bazaar sponsored by the women's guild of the New Salem Dutch Reformed Church will be held on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available and tables will feature handcrafted gifts, decorations, baked goods, plants and next-to-new items. The public is invited to come and browse or buy.

### Rape seminar

The local chapter of the Evangelical Women's Caucus will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the Bethlehem Library. The discussion will be about problems of rape and battered women. All interested persons are invited.

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The concert 'paggram will include a number of Shristmas carols sung in special arrangements. The choir also will present a 14-member madrigal group clad in Renaissance attire. Director of the choir is Richard W. Kadel, who earned his doctor of music degree from Indiana University.

### Post Stroke elects

Harold Goodman of Heritage Village, Guilderland, has been elected and installed as president of the Albany County Post Stroke Assn. He succeeds Phillip Yauch. longtime president who did not seek reelection. Officers reelected include Mrs. Gene Wellisch, secretary, and Mrs. Rudolph Puma, treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Russo were elected vice chairmen. Mrs. Melvin Carev headed the installation committee, which included Larry DiCarlo, Mrs. Hy Pearson and Mrs. Margaret Zautner.

### Slides on China

A slide presentation on cooperative farming in mainland China will be presented Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, by Chris Gilmartin, who worked with a model agricultural community. The program is sponsored by the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Assn.

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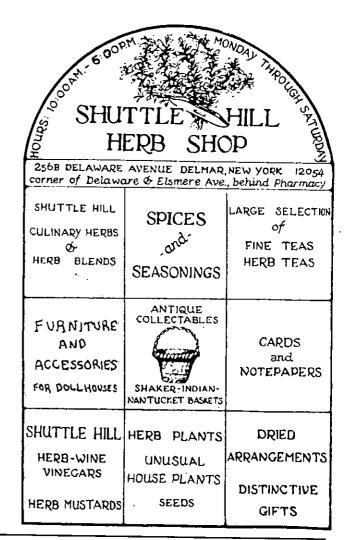
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# **Hunter arrested** in deer jacking

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Bethlehem police officers Charles Rudolph, Richard Vanderbilt and Joseph Sleurs arrested Richard J. Carev, 29, of Oak Hill, on Weniple Road.. Glenmont, at II p.m. Saturday. The carcass of a whitetail buck deer was found in the trunk of Carey's car. police said, after they had followed the vehicle from an area near Rt. 396 in Selkirk where Carey allegedly had shot the animal with the aid of an artificial light.

Police said Carey was turned over to conservation authorities on charges of possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and discharging a .22 rifle across a highway in addition to deer jacking. At his

arraignment in Bethlehem justice court, he was also charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, driving while intoxicated and driving without insurance.

### Patio cooker vanishes

Robert Y. Foresman of Delmar reported to Bethlehem police that a large kettle barbecue grill was taken from the rear patio of his residence at 21 Longwood Dr. He valued the cooker at \$85.

### Stolen car recovered

A car reported stolen in Albany was recovered Elsmere last Saturday when Officer Fred Holligan of Bethlehem police spotted the vehicle parked off Rockefeller Rd. near the power lines. The vehicle, registered in the name of Delores M. Leonardi, was towed to a local garage and turned over to the owner.

# Cooking for 1 or 2

The Home Economics Program of Albany County Cooperative Extension will present a program "Cooking for the Small Family," today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville. Menu planning. purchasing, storage and preparing appetizing food for one or two people will be discussed. For information call 765-2874.



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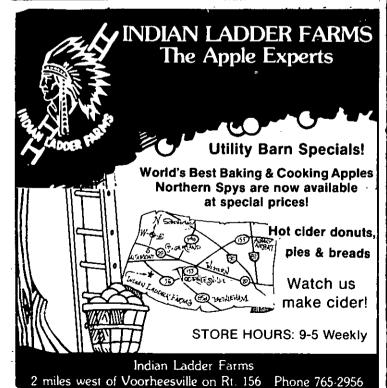
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Recovery, Inc. an international organization of nervous and former mental patients. will institute meetings in Delmar. The organization is for individuals experiencing emotional and nervous symptoms and people having difficulties coping with every day problems at work, home or in social surroundings. The first weekly meeting will be on Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Delmar, and will last approximately two hours. There is no charge, but a goodwill offering will be taken. For information phone 346-4044 or write Recovery, Inc., 2918 Consaul Rd., Schenectady, 12304.

# Realty office opens

Moffat-Hollis Realtors have opened an office at 1785 Western Ave., Westmere, to serve the nearby Guilderland, Bethlehem and McKownville sections. The newest office, managed by Joseph Shevy, joins those in Latham, Clifton Park and Glenville. The firm, with 39 sales representatives, is headed by Thompson K. Moffat.





Thomas M. Docous

# Glenmont man honored

Thomas N. Docous, of Glenmont, has been selected by the members of the Upper New York Orthodox Square Club as the 1977 "Outstanding Orthodox Person" in the Capital District. He received a plaque at the annual award dinner, Nov. 12, at the O.C.A. Hall, Cohoes,

Docous is active in youth and church work. He is a board member of the Tri-Village Little League, manager of a team in the Bethlehem Babe Ruth League, and is active in Boy Scout work in Glenmont and Delmar. He has been a member of the board of trustees of both Saint George's Syrian Orthodox Church and Saint Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, and director or assistant director of choirs in both churches for many years.

# **Quilting workshop**

The next meeting of QUILT, Quilters United in Learning Together, will be Friday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. The morning program will feature a slide show and in the afternoon there will be a sampler block workshop. Anyone interested is invited. Bring a sandwich, beverages will be available.

### Camera winners

Winners in the October competition of the Delmar Camera Club on "Water" for both slides and black and white prints were Alice Porter Florence Becker, Miss Zeh, Monica Bishop, Mr. Kaido and K. Darmer

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Senior members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church were honored last week by the Ladies Guild of the church at 85 Elm Ave. From left, Fred Buess, Bill Stickler, George Wagoner, Anna Birmingham, Frank Markus and Herta Besemann.

# Another mailbox fire in Elsmere

Federal investigators have been called in to investigate the third incident of mailbox arson reported in Bethlehem in five weeks.

Bethlehem police were summoned to the mail deposit box at Herrick Ave, and Laurel Pl. in Elsmere at 9:10 p.m. Friday after a woman in a nearby house had telephoned an alarm to the Answering Service in Delmar.

Delmar postal authorities said four letters were in the box, only one of which was damaged. U.S. investigators said an object, possibly a dried sponge, had been soaked in lighter fluid or a similar flammable material, set afire and pushed into the box.

It was the second time police had been called to the Laurel Pl. box. Federal authorities are still investigating a similar incident there the evening of Oct. 10 and a blaze in a deposit box at Hawthorne Ave. and Adams Pl. Oct. 2.

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# Delmar to host camera competition

The Delmar Camera Club will host the fall meeting of the Hudson-Mohawk Camera Club Assn. to be held in the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, at 8 p.m. Friday. The four camera clubs in the association are from Delmar, Albany, Schenectady and Glens Falls.

Judging color slides and black and white prints will be Ed Kenney, artist and photographer of the Conserva-



Florence Becker, competition chairman, and Dean Stout, president of the Delmar Camera Club, review prints for the fall competition of the Hudson Mohawk Camera Club Assn. to be held here Friday.

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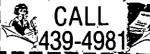
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# Churches planning special services

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville will have their annual ecumenical service at St. Matthew's on Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30. The service will include choral music under the direction of Jean Franks of St. Matthew's and a choir combined from the two churches. They have planned a unique expression of Thanksgiving through a slide presentation with choral accompaniment depicting things in the two churches and the community for which parishioners are grateful. A fellowship will follow the service.

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# Speeder flees. leaving rifle

Bethlehem police have issued a warrant for an Albany man who fled on foot while officers were searching his car after he had been stopped for speeding on New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.

William Thomas, 889 Lancaster St., was stopped by Officer Richard L. Vanderbilt for allegedly driving 76 miles an hour in a \$5-mile zone. The police report said Vanderbilt radioed for assistance when he detected the smell of marijuana as he approached the vehicle. Officer Charles Rudolph responded in another patrol car and questioned Thomas while Vanderbilt searched the car. Thomas suddenly ran off in the direction of Mahar Rd.

Police said no evidence of marijuana was found, but a .22 calibre rifle was confiscated from the rear seat of the car. Thomas was charged with obstructing governmental administration.

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Miss Boughton is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a receptionist for Drs. Drew, Gifford, Duffy and Levhane in Delmar. Her fiance was graduated from Albany Business College and is an accountant at Tarrant Manufacturing Co., Saratoga Springs.

May 20 wedding is planned.

# Selkirk couple wed

Marie Elena Filkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Filkins, Selkirk, and Daniel Joseph Hillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hillman, Clapper Rd., Selkirk, were married by Rev. Warren Winterhoof at at the Bethlehem Lutheran church on Saturday, Oct. 22. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by Christine Filkins Carter, matron of honor, and Margie Dingman Fried and Lori Ann Hillman, bridesmaids. William DeBarthe was best man. Ushers were David Hillman and Robert Filkins.

The couple graduated from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. The groom is employed by General Electric

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**FOOTBALL** 

# BC gains tie for 2nd place

A workmanlike 26-0 job on Columbia at East Greenbush Saturday earned Bethlehem Central a tie for second place in the rugged Suburban Council football race as the 1977 season came to a close. The Eagles finished 5-2 in the league and won both their outside games, tieing Niskayuna for the runner-up spot. Bethlehem lost only to Niskayuna and the undefeated champion Shenendehowa.

Greg Manion contributed two of BC's three touchdowns, one on a 9-yard run and the other on a 15-yard sprint with an interception. The game's first score came on a 10-yard pass from Steve Nowak to Jim Giacone, the fourth time in five games this combination has reached the end zone. Nowak, Scott Boice and Manion ran for two-point conversions and Steve Herzog nailed a Columbia runner for a safety in the fourth quarter.

**VOORHEESVILLE** 

# Blackbirds give champs a scare

Voorheesville Central gave the Southern Conference's undefeated football champions the scare of their lives in the season's finale for both teams, dropping a 14-12 decision at Tamarac on a sloppy field.

The Blackbirds dug themselves an early hole by fumbling the ball away on their own 30 on the second play of their first offensive series. The host team took it in from there, and in the second period scored on a 60-yard run for a 14-0 lead at halftime.

The second \*half was all Voorheesville, Rich Fenwick ignited a spark with a 35-yard runback of the second half kickoff, setting up a 45-yard TD drive. With Tamarac keying on Tom George, Craig Gleason did most of the carrying and scored on a slant off tackle from the 3. With five minutes left in the game. Alex Kernozek, a linebacker, hit the Tamarac passer on an option play and jarred the ball loose on the Blackbird's 40, where defensive end Bob Sipple scooped it up and sprinted 60 vards untouched to pay dirt.

The Blackbirds got the ball back after an exchange of fumbles in the soupy going, but couldn't get a drive going. Tom George finished the season with more than 900 yards rushing, which could be a school record. The team finished a tough schedule 5-4, including 5-3 in the league.

Stratton hosts 'town meeting'

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton is concluding a third series of Congressional "town meetings" in the 28th District designed to give district residents an opportunity to ask questions or express their views to him on any topic of concern.

One such meeting will be held tonight (Thursday), in the Voorheesville Central School from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., geared primarily to residents of the towns of New Scotland, Berne, Westerlo, Rensselaerville and Knox in Albany County.

# Community box office

The Albany League of Arts has opened its newest and most innovative project, the Community Box Office, in Colonie Center. The box office, unique in this region, fills a need that has long been felt by many arts organizations to have a central location for getting tickets and information to the public.

Lamaze classes start

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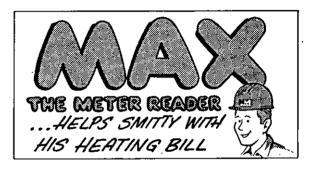


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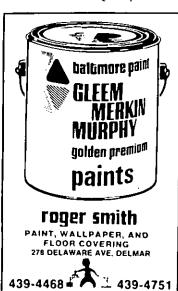




# College netmen learn from vets

It was more than just experience that propelled the district's top-rated men's singles and doubles players into lucrative championships at Southwood Tennis and Swim Club over the weekend, it was an arsenal of better shots and more stamina.

Inderjit Singh, 36-year-old General Electric engineer from Schenectady generally conceded to be the area's best player, was expected to have his hands full with Paul Feldman, Albany State's undefeated first-singles player, and Larry Linett, precocious teenager who holds the Albany County and Tri-County crowns. Feldman made him work in the first meeting between these two fine local players, but Inder wore the vounger man down in a slugfest that lasted two hours and 40 minutes. Singh pinned



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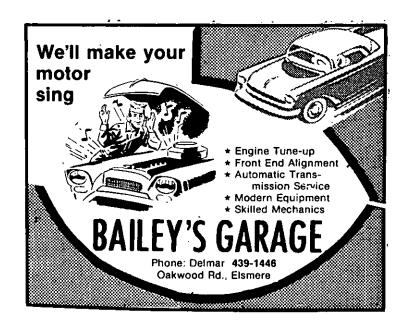
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Singh, seeded No. 1, gained the finals when tournament officials disqualified Linett for throwing his racquet after several warnings. The score was 6-3, 4-3 when the match was halted. Singh also enriched himselfaby another \$125 when he teamed with lefthanded Barry Negri, a longtime champion, for an easy 6-2, 6-2 win over Feldman and his Albany State teammate Mike Fertig, in the men's doubles. Singh-Negri is the team that was picked for the Armory exhibition with Billie Jean King and Ceci Martinez in Albany back in 1972, in which Billie Jean, then the world's no. I women's player, insisted on mixed doubles instead of a proamateur confrontation.

In the Southwood mixed doubles final, also good for a \$250 winning team prize and \$150 to the runners-up. Tom Gould of Waterford and Carol Mesch of Albany, seeded No. 2, upset Peter Boyd and Sue Romeo, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2. Boyd

played No. 1 singles for Cornell in 1974, while Sue at 16 is Albany County champion and a ranking Fastern player.

A good crowd was in the galleries all weekend as the area's premier local shootout came to a climax. Onlookers enjoyed the pleasant diversion of tourney director Dick Balsam's "target tennis" in which contestants served for accuracy into color-coded areas. The winner was Dave Graham of Schenectady. runnerup was Delmar's Charlie Schanz. Of the seven who won merchandise from Courtside Tennis Shop were Balsam himself, finishing sixth, and Barbara Steger of Elsmere, seventh.

## Camera club special

Members of the Delmar Camera Club will observe "A Night in the Dark Room" under the tutelage of Lou-Spelich at their regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 22. The meeting place will be the photo lab at Bethlehem Central High School, starting at 7:30 p.m. Members have been asked to bring their own supplies, black and white negatives and printing paper. For information call 439-6677.

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Prior to joining Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, Miss Murphy was employed for three years as a teacher in the Albany City School District. She holds a bachelor of science degree in economics and business education from the College of St. Rose.

### Bank merger set

In a joint announcement Peter D. Kiernan, chairman and president of United Bank Corp. of New York, a bank holding company based in Albany, and Harry E. Whittingham, Jr., president of The Schenectady Trust co., said that agreement in principle had been reached on the affiliation of the Schenectady Trust Co. with United Bank New York (UBNY). Under the terms of a letter of intent signed by the chief executive officers of both institutions, the Schenectady bank would be operated as a constituent member of United Bank subject to the approval of Schenectady shareholders and state and federal regulatory authorities.

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Nov. 15, 1962

Acting Postmaster

Rosemary E. Dottino turned the symbolic first spadeful of dirt at ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Selkirk Post Office. Among the participants were Lansing Vroman, Selkirk postmaster in 1914, and William Winnie, who served 28 years as postmaster.

A total of 10,099 voters east ballots in the 1962 election, or 87 percent of the town's eligible voters, according to Otto deHeus, Bethlehem Republican chairman.

Mrs. Harold J. Willard, 330 Wellington Rd., Delmar, won first prize in the Cape Cod Charter Boat Assn. stripedl bass tournament with a bass weighing 51 pounds 12 ounces on a charter out of Rock Harbor, Mass.

The Princeton University Triangle Club will stage their 71st annual production. "Ahead of the Game" at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium Jan. 3 during their Christmas tour.



# Too close to see

Vox Pop

Vox Pop is open to all rea-

ders for letters in good

taste on matters of public

interest. Letters over 300

words are subject to abridg-

ing by the editor. All letters

must be signed but names

will be withheld on request.

A number of readers quickly identified the location of last week's nostalgic photo of the garage being hauled through Four Corners in the Thirties as having been taken on Kenwood Ave. a few feet east of the Adams St. corner...in other words, almost directly in front of the Spotlight office! We especially liked this letter, particularly the last line:

Editor, The Spotlight:

In regard to your picturearticle on moving a garage through the Four Corners, try the following: (1) step out of your building on the Kenwood Ave. side. (2) go to the center of Kenwood Ave.. (3) with a copy of the article in hand, face the Four Corners. (4) Open Your Fyes! Joesph T. DiNapoli

Delmar

# Campaign coverage

Editor. The Spotlight

You did a super job of covering our Bethlehem election campaign and also provided a much needed vehicle for both parties to get their messages across to the voters.

Communities of our size (26,000 population) are too large for all the issues to be discussed in depth, face to face. We need the full coverage provided by the Spotlight on the persons and subjects being presented.

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### Easy on Vandals

Editor, The Spotlight:

In regard to the article on mail arson (Nov. 10 Spotlight, page 23). I don't understand how those kids can get off so easily with vandalism the way it is here in Bethlehem. For instance, that girl who got sprayed in the face or the broken barber shop window. Here we are, we've finally caught two vandals, and all that happens is their parents are talked to and restitution must be made.

Furthermore, whether charges are pressed or not is not up to Officer Wilson. Tampering with mailboxes is a federal offense and charges can only be pressed by a U.S. Attorney.

After this, I am definitely not going to put my mail in a public mailbox if this is what Bethlehem police call "law enforcement".

Please withhold my name.

Name Submitted

The writer is 14. Ed.

### Village Volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Delmar would like to thank you for your support during our 1976-1977 marching season. The Corps was very active. participating in parades and performances locally, in neighboring states and as far away as Michigan, Your help in announcing our activities has enabled us to reach many more people interested in fife and drum music and performances of the Corps. Lynne Perry

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This year's Winter Sports Mart will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Delmar Middle School. The schedule: 9 a.m. to 12, bring items for sale; 1-3 p.m., buy the bargains; and 3:30-4:30, sellers collect their dollars. See you there!

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