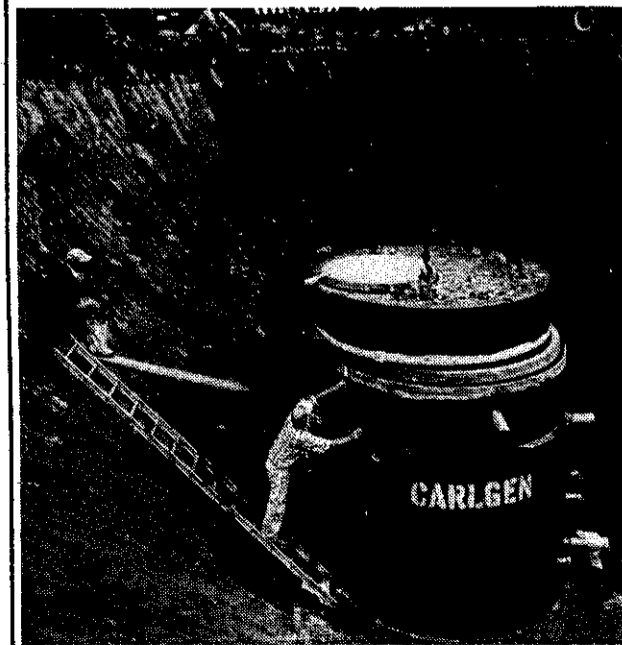
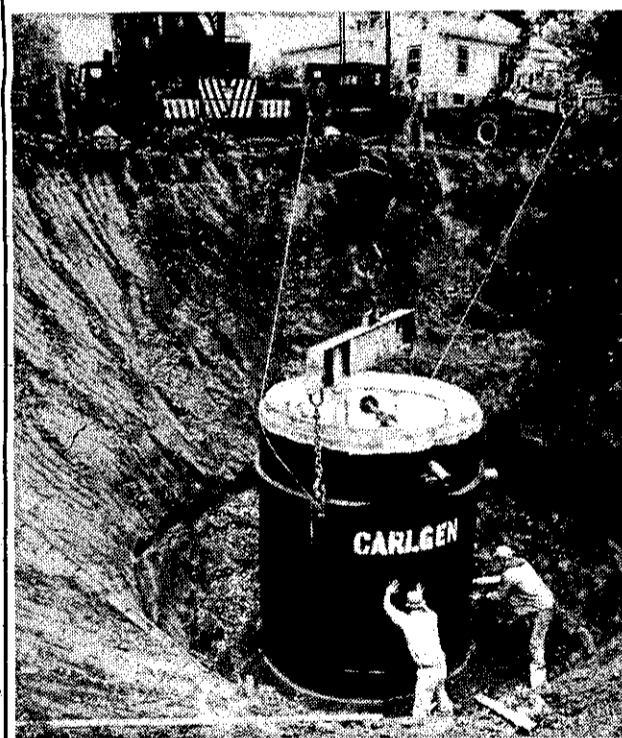
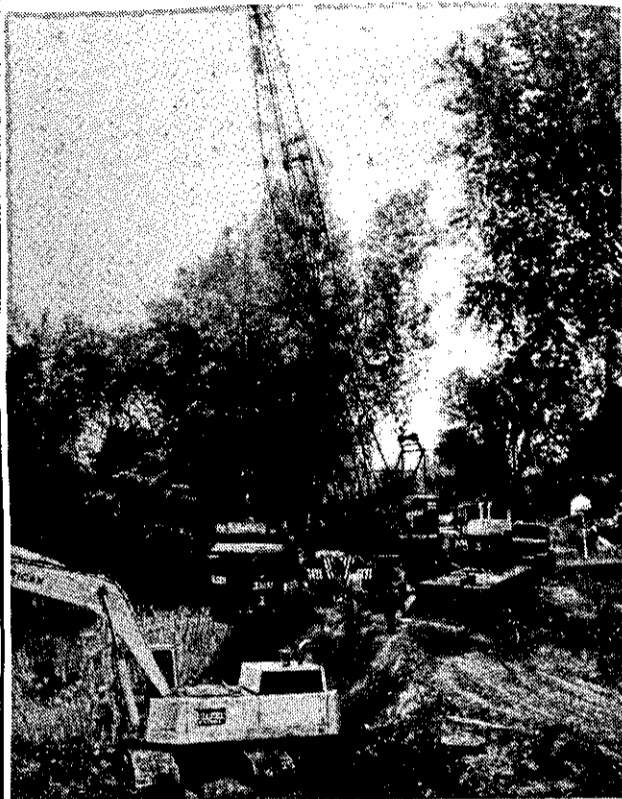


What goes down...



It looked more like a space capsule than any earth-bound object, but the cylinder being lowered into the ground last week on Hunter Rd. is a self-contained pumping station to serve new sewers for the Merrifield Garden area of Delmar. The station has two pumps, either of which can handle the load. Once the pump station was installed, a wet well was lowered on top.

How Bethlehem appeals work

By Vincent Potenza

The variance application for proposed legal offices in a residential zone along Delaware Ave. that the Bethlehem Board of Appeals is set to approve this week has raised some serious questions about who decides planning issues in the town.

The board of appeals was scheduled to meet Tuesday to vote on the variance application that will allow Jess Turner to sell his duplex at 399-401 Delaware as law offices, and has given every indication that it would approve the change. This despite opposition as close by as neighboring property owners and as distant as the Albany County Planning Board.

But perhaps most significant has been the response of the Bethlehem Planning Board, which is in many ways the partner of the board of appeals. Whatever the final outcome of the Turner case, it serves to point out some major differences in functions of the two boards, the way they operate and the manner in which they arrive at decisions.

Perhaps the differences are inevitable — in one sense, planning boards exist to make the rules and boards of appeals exist to break them. But the differences also arise from custom, the way the boards see their jobs, and perhaps a certain undercurrent of friction arising from a redefinition of duties last year.

The most obvious difference is in their functions. The board of appeals hears applications for variances and exceptions from the town zoning ordinance. It is an independent quasi-judicial body whose decisions can be reversed only in court.

The planning board hears applications for subdivisions and site plans. It is also empowered to make recommendations to the town board for changes in zoning lines, though it cannot make those changes itself. The planning board is also "lead agency" for the town in the State Environmental Quality Review procedure, and handles all these assessments for the town. It was in this role that the planning board became involved in the Turner case.

The way the boards operate is also entirely different. The board of appeals receives an application for a variance or special exception through the building inspector's office. The applicant is not present. The board

immediately schedules a public hearing for the case. If any discussion pertinent

to the application takes place before the hearing it is based upon information supplied by the building inspector or board members themselves.

At the hearing the applicant gets his first chance to state his case to the board, with legal or other counsel or without. Board members question the applicant, then the floor is thrown open to those in the audience who wish to speak for or against the proposal. When all have had their say the hearing is adjourned and the board does not entertain any more arguments for or against the proposal.

The planning board's procedure is markedly different. Applicants are encouraged to come before the board informally prior to making a formal application. The board usually lets the applicant know at this point whether or not it is inclined to granting the request and, if not, what problems it sees. This is all done by consensus, without formal vote. The applicant is reminded that he has the option to formally pursue his request, whatever the informal disposition of the board.

There is also a large contrast in the way the boards seem to arrive at decisions. Board of appeals members gather in the building inspector's office before every meeting. They arrive in the public meeting room down the hall as a unit. After they have received and reviewed the minutes of a public hearing, board members "discuss" the case — but very little discussion takes place. Most of the talking is about how to implement decisions that are arrived at within a few minutes. The Turner case was decided that quickly. There has not been a formal dissenting vote on the board of appeals in well over a year.

That dispatch raises the question of whether the real decisions aren't actually made beforehand, perhaps down the hall in the building inspector's office, where the board members routinely gather before their formal meetings.

Board Chairman Charles Fritts said Monday no business is discussed before the formal meeting; usually

ANALYSIS

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Group helps singles share, cope

(From the Cover)

A school-year schedule is observed, so the group will be starting its fourth year of regular get-togethers on Monday, Oct. 4.

Mrs. Lornell's association with the group is voluntary and separate from her work for the school district. She started it by placing a small notice in her church bulletin, inviting anyone interested to come to an initial session. About 10 people did, so she put out a few more notices.

Since then, there's been an average attendance at the monthly meetings of about 15 people, a group size Mrs. Lornell called comfortable. "And it shows no signs of disbanding," she said recently.

She decided to offer this local forum for single parents, Mrs. Lornell said, after being told by many elementary school teachers of the problems they were hearing about from parents of their pupils, usually during parent-teacher conferences.

Three years ago, the teachers became aware that as many as a third of their pupils came from single parent homes, according to Mrs. Lornell. And that figure may now be

even higher: one recent estimate made by an agency based in New York City was that 45 percent of children entering kindergarten this fall in schools throughout New York State live (or have lived at some time) with only one parent.

Mrs. Lornell was quick to point out that she's not sponsoring a therapy group. "If a complex problem comes up, I talk privately to that person after the meeting and make a referral to an appropriate agency," she said.

The Delmar group is, instead, simply an opportunity for people who share similar problems and concerns to get coping tips and moral support from each other.

What are the most common problems and feelings experienced by single parents? Mrs. Lornell said they include financial stress, child care arrangements, visitation rights, loneliness, bitterness, learning how to trust again... and many more.

She has observed three categories of single parents at the group's sessions: those who are "deeply hurt" by the break-up of their marriages, those who have been "the aggressors" in getting out of bad marriages, and

those whose spouses have died. The majority fall in the first category, she said, for they are the ones most likely to be attracted to — and benefit from — the group's goals.

Participation in the group, either regularly or occasionally, is free of charge and strictly informal. "We often have volunteer resource people come and give advice in their areas of expertise, which is a format that just naturally evolved," Mrs. Lornell explained.

The group has heard from professionals in various fields — lawyers, psychologists, a professor of social work, a school administrator — many of whom have experienced divorce or separation themselves so are particularly sensitive to the needs and feelings of those in the group.

Once or twice, the people present at a meeting have divided into groups according to the ages of their children, to exchange ideas relevant to different stages of child-rearing. And at least twice a year, there are no guest speakers on purpose, so those attending can talk about whatever they want.

"They really boost each other,"

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□ Support for singles

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Lornell said, remembering one woman who had been divorced for 10 years, but still referred to her remarried ex as "my husband." The others let her know "kindly but firmly," she said, that this was both inappropriate and a barrier to her personal growth and adjustment.

As the participants learn to feel better about themselves, they want very much to help people facing many of the same doubts and concerns, she said. But it's all "low key" and attendees can even remain anonymous if they wish.

Through her volunteer work with the group — and aided by her professional background — Mrs. Lornell has compiled a list of 10 tips for the newly-single parent:

- Allow yourself time to adjust.
- Take stock of your assets. You are not a failure.
- Live in the present. To do otherwise is unproductive and boring.
- Let your children share in your life.
- Spend some private time with each of your children each week.

- Let people into your life.
- Become a more interesting person.
- Decide on a standard of conduct in your sex life.
- Take charge of your own life.
- Recognize that things will get better.

She and members of the group have also discovered some good books on the subject of single parenting — although there was "a great dearth" of these until recently, according to Mrs. Lornell. She recommends two by Dr. Richard Gardner, "The Parents Book About Divorce" and "The Boys and Girls Book About Divorce," both now available in paperback.

The Bethlehem Single Support Group was included in a listing of similar groups throughout the country published in the August issue of "Working Mother" magazine. Mrs. Lornell doesn't know how the magazine's editors heard about hers, but she finds it heartening that many are now available.

She views the Support Group time she spends as "a community service," and said "I keep monitoring it, because I don't



Cub Scouts Merlyn Gordon, Andre Cadieux, Dave Brewer and Kevin Schoonover of Slingerlands get instruction from Boy Scout Gary Wirth of Troop 72 on how to start a campfire as Slingerlands Pack 272 began its 40th year with an Achievement Day at the Slingerlands Fire Dept. pavilion last Saturday. R.H. Davis

believe in continuing something just for the sake of continuing."

But even though it has many happy "graduates" by now, the group is still obviously filling a need, so the monthly meetings will continue.

Cocaine sale

A Delmar man arrested last March for selling seven grams of cocaine to an undercover Bethlehem police officer was allowed to plead to a reduced charge of criminal sale of a controlled substance

second degree last week in Albany County Court.

Edward A. Coons, 20, was sentenced to 2 1/3 to seven years by Judge John Clyne. Bethlehem police said the arrest, not announced at the time it was made, indicates that cocaine is becoming more readily available in the Capital District, and in Bethlehem.

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□ Granting variances

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the talk in the building inspector's office is about sports, he said.

By contrast, the planning board spends much of its time trying to arrive at a consensus in most of its cases. Members frequently disagree on fundamental issues and approaches to specific situations. When the planning board got the request for a SEQR assessment for the Turner case from the board of appeals, there was a great deal of discussion about the idea of a commercial use in a residential zone. And even more over what to do about it, if anything.

There is also a difference in the personnel of the two boards. There are six members of the planning board, plus two consultants — one for planning, one for engineering. Building Inspector John Flanigan also frequently attends meetings.

Yet the controversy generated by the Turner case clearly indicates that the case-by-case, letter-of-the-law approach of the board of appeals seems in the eyes of many to indicate a lack of flexibility and a handicap to foresight.

The board of appeals has five members and no consultants. The building inspector is regularly in attendance.

All of which seems to add up to a large disparity in the perspective of the two boards. In the Turner case, for example, the planning board viewed with alarm what its members saw as an encroachment on a residential area; the board of appeals stuck doggedly to the question of whether Turner could claim a "hardship" despite being an absentee owner.

There are some good reasons for that disparity.

The planning board tends to deal with large-scale plans that have many details. There is usually room for compromise. The vast majority of cases that come before the board of appeals require a simple yes or no answer, with little or no room for compromise.

The planning board makes zoning recommendations — not zoning decisions. The board of appeals' decisions are final until tested in court. For every variance and special exception it grants it is required by law to state findings of fact and reasons for granting or denying the request.

Both the boards' approaches have drawbacks. The planning board's decision (with one dissenting vote) to deny a subdivision on Elsmere Ave. in Elsmere last year because, in the words of its attorney, it "didn't like it," was reversed

in court because it had no legal basis. And more than one regular spectator at planning board meetings has described the experience as an excursion into the Land of Gab.

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There is also the question of power. Last year the town board transferred many of the de facto functions of the board of appeals to the planning board in what was seen as an attempt to distribute power more evenly among town agencies. The planning board acquired the power of site plan approval for residences of two units or more. And this year the planning and town boards have worked on an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would give the planners the power of commercial site plan approval as well.

Sweeping changes were also made in zoning lines throughout the town, in what appeared to be an attempt to remove the need for the granting of so many variances by the board of appeals.

And Edward Sargent, a highly respected and independent county legislator, was appointed chairman of the planning board to see all the changes through. The obvious inference is that somebody in power thought he could, and that a decision toward change had been made.

Politics thereby enters the picture. All the members of both the planning board and the board of appeals — and the town board — are Republicans. And, rather than facilitating communication between town agencies, as one might expect, it has the reverse effect. The Turner case proved that.

Members of both boards are loathe to publicly criticize — or even confront — the other board's decisions. When Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz told the planning board to, in effect, mind its own business in the Turner case, the planners did just that. Whether they didn't send their formal letter of concern over the case to the board of appeals because Kaplowitz is town attorney or because he is chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Committee is open to debate.

Yet the fact that planners did make statements publicly questioning the Turner application shows that a rift of sorts has clearly developed between the two boards, whatever the cause.

Planners have privately expressed concern over the case because they see it as having far-reaching consequences. The board of appeals has publicly maintained that granting the Turner application would not set a precedent, since each case is considered on its own merits.

But one interpretation sees a repressed economy, sagging building industry, and

Can meetings be secret?

Could the Bethlehem Board of Appeals — if it wished — meet behind closed doors to discuss and decide variances?

Although New York State law has increasingly made it more difficult for public bodies to meet in secret, away from public and press scrutiny, boards of appeals have traditionally been exempt from such requirements.

According to Robert Freeman, director of the state Committee on Public Access to Records, boards of appeals have traditionally been considered quasi-judicial bodies, exempt from the state Open Meetings Law. Thus, they could meet secretly without going through the "executive session" procedure, which requires most public bodies to first meet in open sessions and then vote to close the meeting.

But Freeman also noted that the Open Meeting law is superseded by already-existing state laws governing town — and the law governing town boards of appeals (Section 267, Subdivision 1) says: "All meetings of such board shall be open to the public."

That seemingly simple statement has, however, been interpreted in different ways. Most recently, the Albany Times Union sued the Guelderland Board of Appeals for holding secret deliberations in the Crossgate case. A state supreme court justice ruled that the meetings were legal because such sessions "are based on tradition reaching back through many, many decades."

Freeman, an attorney who frequently issues non-binding opinions on such matters, disagrees: "the question is whether the law means what it says." The Times Union is appealing the case.

Krumkill Rd. closed

Bethlehem's sewer construction will require closing Krumkill Rd. for three to four weeks starting next week. But Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor hopes another town obstruction — Kenwood Ave. near Oakwood — will be taken off the books this week.

Rain has delayed repaving Kenwood, the finale of the project in that area, "but as soon as the rain lets up we're going to pave that road," Secor said Monday.

In the north end of town, construction of a new sewer line between Beldale Rd. and Olympian Dr. will require closing Krumkill Rd. from Blessing Rd. to the Albany city line, Secor said. Work is expected to begin Oct. 5, and through traffic will be prohibited between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

the likelihood that a simple lack of space and ready capital will force more and more commercial uses into established residential areas.

In this case, at least, only time will tell which attitude was correct.

Subdivision approved

The Bethlehem Planning Board has granted preliminary approval for a 3.5 acre one-lot subdivision located on the east side of Rt. 144 at its intersection with Rt. 396.

The board granted its approval last Tuesday to Benjamin Chi with the provision that a 50-foot easement at the site be granted to the town to be reserved as possible future access to property beyond Chi's.

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How the towns voted

Bethlehem voters generally followed the lead of their brethren throughout Albany County last Thursday, with one exception — the town was apparently the only municipality to give a majority to John Dow.

Dow, the former downstate congressman who challenged Rep. Sam Stratton in the Democratic primary on national defense and the nuclear freeze issue, could do no better than about 25 percent throughout Stratton's new district, which extends into Schenectady and Rensselaer counties. But in Bethlehem, Dow won 825-782, getting majorities in most of the Delmar and Elsmere districts.

Dow apparently benefited from a strong local campaign organization that formed following the town board debate over a town nuclear freeze resolution last spring.

Otherwise, Bethlehem voters generally followed state-wide trends, except they tended to favor candidates identified with state government.

Republicans went for Lewis Lehrman over Paul Curran 1,619 to 326, but picked Muriel Siebert, who was until recently state banking commissioner, over primary winner Florence Sullivan as the GOP nominee for U.S. Senate. Siebert got 732 votes, Sullivan 600 and Whitney N. Seymour 469.

Democrats picked Lt. Gov. Mario Cuomo over New York City Mayor Ed Koch in overwhelming numbers, 1,191 to 421. But they gave the majority to Carl McCall, a former state senator, rather than nominee Alfred DelBello, 735 to 669 in the lieutenant governor's race. And



Sam Stratton, demonstrating why he is so tough to beat, campaigned at the Elsmere firemen's carnival prior to last week's primary. Nevertheless, the congressman lost to John Dow in Bethlehem.
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James Tully, former tax commissioner, got Bethlehem's nod for comptroller. Statewide, Tully lost to Raymond Gallagher.

In the only other Bethlehem primary, Conservatives in the 21st District split 2-2 for Gregory and Monica Rutnik versus William and Colleen Little, leaving little question about who voted.

In New Scotland, Republicans picked Lehrman over Curran 267 to 74, and Democrats went for Cuomo over Koch, 398 to 78. Stratton edged Dow, 269 to 201.

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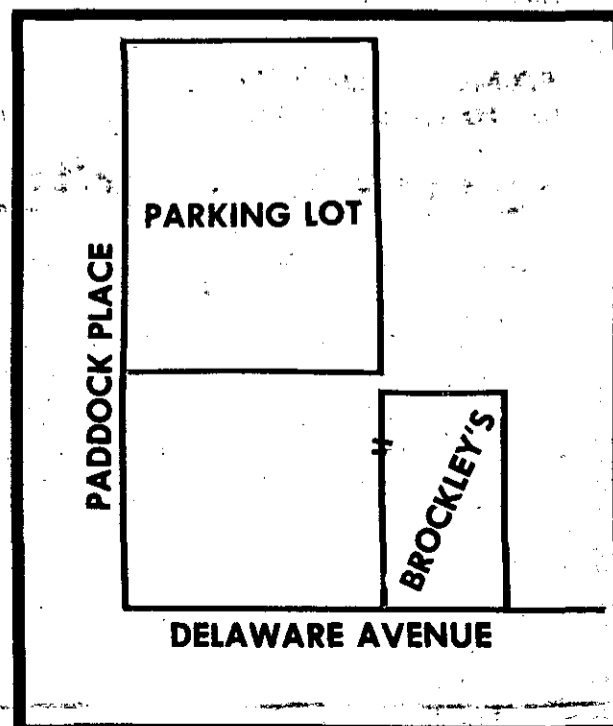
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Peg Brown of Slingerlands spruces up the herb garden in preparation for Saturday's Fall Festival at Five Rivers Center.

Bethlehem not interested in Tall Timbers ownership

Municipal ownership does not appear to be the way out for the tangled ownership situation for the Tall Timbers Country Club in Slingerlands.

Reacting to a query from the attorney for one of the parties trying to gain control of the financially ailing course, the Bethlehem Town Board last week firmly rejected the idea of going into the golf club business.

"I don't think a town of 24,000 could support it," said Supervisor Tom Corrigan. It would be different, he said, if the towns of New Scotland and Guilderland were interested in a joint venture, but even then problems would remain. Chief among them is the fact that the golf course pays property taxes to New Scotland, and if the course were municipally owned those taxes would probably be lost.

The proposal came from Michael O'Connor, the Troy attorney who is representing former owners William R. and Melanie Wais of Slingerlands. The Waises hold the second of three mort-

gages on the property and want to recover about \$200,000 in missed payments they are owed, according to O'Connor.

To do this, they are attempting to pay off the first mortgage and the considerable back taxes — the club reportedly owes some \$200,000 to the Town of New Scotland — so they can get clear title again. But they are being opposed in court by the Widean Holding Corp., which bought the assets of the club three years ago, and preliminary legal maneuvering has started in state supreme court.

Last week, O'Connor said he has already received one settlement offer from Widean representatives. He called it "grossly inadequate."

Professor named

Frank Kramer of Delmar has been named an assistant professor in economics at Siena College. Kramer is a doctoral candidate at the University of California, Berkeley.

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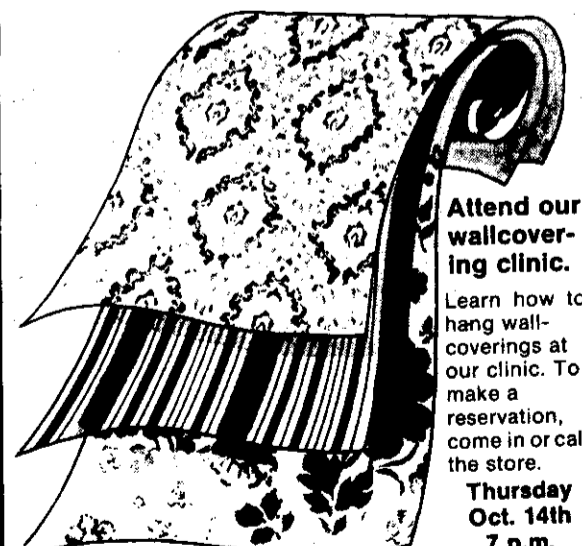
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The old order changeth: computer for town hall

This may be the last year that the Town of Bethlehem's budget looks like a budget. Next year, it may be spit out to deliberating councilmen on a computer printout.

Ironically, the new computer is probably the largest single new item being contemplated by the town board as budget time approaches. Last week, the board agreed to begin the process of buying the hardware that will eventually change the way town hall operates.

By the end of the year, town employees will probably be getting their paychecks from the computer. By the second quarter of next year, the computer could be handling water bills to town residents. From there, property data in the town assessors office could find its way onto microchips and floppy discs. The justice court, with its steady flow of paperwork, is a likely candidate, as is the police department, which could use the computer's ability to keep track of crimes and accident trends.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan, who last week outlined those general priorities for the phase-in of the computer, stressed that timing and priorities are still tentative. Some computer functions, such as word processing, "may be a little sophisticated for our type of operation," he said, but new uses may pop up as more and more town employees become accustomed to using the device.

At any rate, it was clear from last Wednesday's town board discussion that the computer is not seen as a major cost saver, or a threat to anyone's job. "I would hesitate to say that it would be self-supporting," said Councilman W. Scott Prothero, chairman of the ad hoc computer committee.

One reason for moving now, Corrigan said, is because the town's present bookkeeping equipment must be replaced anyway.

Following the recommendations made by Prothero's committee, the town will buy its own hardware — at an estimated total of \$75,000 — and use programs already developed by other municipalities. The board authorized Corrigan to hire Elmer Dering and David Perry, both members of the computer committee, as consultants to write specifications for the new equipment.

The board set next Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. for a special meeting to look at the 1983 tentative budget. Corrigan has already said that besides the computer there will be no major new expenditures. The proposed solid waste transfer

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station, a \$500,000 item, will not be on the budget, although it could be financed later in the year through notes.

The cost of the computer will, in all likelihood, come out of the \$162,801 the town expects to receive this year in federal revenue sharing funds. As required by law, the board held a public hearing Wednesday to solicit proposals for using that money. In addition to the computer, the only other suggestion likely to bear fruit came from Ann Reardon, president of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization, who wants a public address system for the auditorium at town hall.

This year's budget will, as always, be typed on plain white paper, but there will be changes nevertheless. Councilman Robert Hendricks, a former state budget examiner, has been working on the budget with Corrigan with an eye to making it more understandable to the average citizen.

"We'll be adding some verbiage to it," Corrigan said recently.

Family portraits

The Bethlehem Central Middle School Parent-Faculty Organization will have professional photographer Allan DeFazio, from School Pictures, Inc., at the Middle School on Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon to take family portraits.

The 11 x 14 portrait will cost \$8.95, and part of the proceeds will go to the PFO. This event is open to the public and exact sitting times are required. For an appointment call 439-9237 or 439-6885. The proofs are expected to be ready in approximately four weeks at the Middle School.

Tour to Quebec

There are just three more places left on the bus trip planned by the Gallery Tours of the Albany Institute of History and Art, Oct. 19-24 for the historic city of Quebec.

Tour participants will stay at the Chateau Frontenac for three nights, visit the island of Orleans, Basilica of Saint Anne De Beaupre and Montmorency Falls. They will also tour the Old City. For information and registration, call the Albany Institute of History and Art by Oct. 2.



Mrs. Frieda Treadway, president of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, presents a Girl Scout Award to Leslie Gohlke as Leslie's parents, Carl and Beth Gohlke, look on.

Wins top Girl Scout award

Leslie Gohlke of Slingerlands recently received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. The ceremony was conducted at Camp Little Notch near Lake George, Girl Scout summer resident camp, where she had been a counselor.

Leslie is the daughter of Karl Gohlke, chairman of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council camp committee, and Beth Gohlke, former Delmar area neighborhood chairman. She has a sister, Martha, 15, also active in Girl Scouting. A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Leslie will study business administration this fall at Northeastern University in Boston.

A Girl Scout since the second grade, Leslie has traveled to Florida, Niagara Falls, Myrtle Beach, Savannah and Washington, D.C. with her troop. She was in charge of a field day last spring for Girl Scouts in the Delmar area and has been co-leader of a Delmar Cadette troop. Leslie also was a counselor in training for two summers at Camp Little Notch before becoming a counselor.

The Gold Award requires high achievements in leadership, community service and current affairs. Each recipient must demonstrate skills in communication, values clarification, business and technology, arts and humanities, energy conservation, personal well-being, the environment, career opportunities and foreign cultures.

Winning the award, Leslie says, "feels great. It's the climax to all my Girl Scout experience. It's like the whipped cream on the sundae."

Shop changes owners

Jay and Joan Tanzman of Guelderland are the new owners of the Nut Factory, 99 Delaware Ave., Elsmere. Tanzman, a former mathematics teacher in the Cobleskill middle school, gained food service experience while working for many years for his parents, who own a hotel in Sullivan County.

The Tanzmans have three children, Jonathan, 9, Glenn, 6, and Erin, 2.

Art bash

Aspiring artists and art lovers can attend the first fall meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams House (old town hall) on Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The evening's program, entitled "Art Bash," is open to new members.

The club will meet the first Tuesday of each month and will sponsor \$6 life drawing classes on other Thursday evenings.

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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225

A Veterans Off-Station Party was held at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church Sept. 15.

Rose Mayo and Delores Arnheiter, co-chairladies, explained that the affair is an annual event sponsored by The United Methodist women, who host patients from the Veterans Administration Hospital of Albany.

Ada Court, Marie Griffin, Nina Archibald and Dorothy Percival helped serve a combination hot and cold dinner to 31 patients and three attendants. The men expressed a special pleasure in having home made apple pie, made by the women of the church, to complete the delicious dinner.

After being served, the patients enjoyed chatting with Rev. Kenneth Miller and listening to George Kendall sing and play the guitar for them.

Congratulations to the members of the Selkirk Fire Department, who received a trophy last weekend at the Albany Convention. The Firemen received the award for Most Men in Line during the four day event held in Elsmere.

There are two special groups now forming at the First Reformed Church in Bethlehem. Both promising fun and fellowship.

The first is Youth Night for all senior and junior high students. It will begin this Sunday at 6 p.m. with the group sharing pizza and games and exploring such possibilities as parties, discussions, movies, etc. for the future. Parents are welcome to attend this first meeting.

The second is an adult fellowship group, organizing for the purpose of providing adults of the area with the

opportunity to socialize and enjoy a variety of activities.

The first activity will be a hay ride, planned for this Saturday evening at the Van Etten farm in Knox. A car pool will be formed and leave the church parking lot at 7:15 p.m. Any adult who would like to join the party is asked to call Collen Janssen (767-3406) or the church office (767-2243) by Wednesday. Be sure to dress warm and bring blankets.

If you're looking for something old, new, handcrafted, homegrown or edible, the possibility of finding just what you want at the flea market sponsored by the Selkirk Fire Dept. is almost a certainty.

The flea market will be held this Sunday at the firehouse on Maple Ave. in Selkirk. Beginning at 9 a.m. and running until 6 p.m., the event will be held rain or shine. For additional information call Richard Gudz (767-3080).

Mrs. Carol Goes and daughters Alicia and Michele of Selkirk recently returned from a trip to Daytona, Fla. The trip was in part to relatives in the area, but mainly was made to investigate schools and colleges in the state.

Alicia, a senior at RCS Central, suffers from an extreme sensitivity to cold. The condition makes her extremely vulnerable to frostbite, and doctors have suggested the possibility Alicia may have to continue her education in a climate less harsh than ours.

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge No. 2233, Selkirk, have two very worthy events scheduled. The first event will be a dinner-dance for the benefit of the Association of Retarded Children this Saturday.

This will be the 12th annual benefit

sponsored by the Elks to help the retarded children. The roast beef dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Dancing will follow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Next weekend, on Sunday, Oct. 10, they will be having a pancake breakfast for the benefit of Cerebral Palsy. An 'All You Can Eat' breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee will be served from 8 a.m. to noon.

New officers of the Bethlehem Grange were installed at a meeting last week. They are Helen Raynor, Henry Mayers, Alice Britenbaker, Hazel Martin, Randall Drobner, Helen Van Alstyn, Clarence Klahn, Ben Myers, Nettie Harding, Florence Klahn, Betty Atkins, Betty Morehouse and Harry Wickham.

The grange has a roast pork dinner coming up this Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the hall, Beckers Corners. All are welcome.

Parents Night at R-C-S Junior High will be held this Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. Parents will meet in the cafeteria with Mr. DeSarbo and Mr. Wade. At that time, exploratory teachers will give a brief overview of their programs. Parents will then proceed to individual grade-level classrooms to meet for a presentation by math, English, social studies and science teachers. Keep in mind there are no individual conferences about student problems during this time. Personal conferences can be arranged for Nov. 2.

High school seniors applying for Regents scholarships face a deadline of Friday, Oct. 1, for mailing applications for SAT and ACT examinations. The last ACT exam for scholarships will be held on Oct. 30 and SAT on Nov. 6. There will be later dates for college entrance exams.

In Selkirk The Spotlight is sold at Convenient Food Market.

District busing vote Thursday

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District residents are to vote Thursday on a special resolution to increase to 20 miles the limit for transportation of district residents to non-public schools outside the district. Some 115 pupils attend schools outside the district.

With the defeat of a proposed budget in June, the 20-mile limit, which the district had used for about 20 years, was reduced to the legal minimum, 15 miles. A second vote failed to restore the funds. A petition signed by more than 800 district residents requested the revote.

The cost associated with the resolution is about \$15,000, of which \$13,500 would be reimbursed by the state the following year. The tax levy in the 1983-84 budget would be upped by 51 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for Coeymans residents of the district; 43 cents for Bethlehem; 72 cents for New Scotland and 43 cents for New Baltimore.

The district may be able to fund the busing this year, if approved, with uncommitted money.

Voting will be from 1 to 9 p.m. in the senior high school cafeteria. A special district meeting will be held at 12:45 for those with questions on the resolution.

Stuyvesant Sampler

The Stuyvesant Plaza merchants have planned The Stuyvesant Sampler — a week-long series of free, informative in-store programs that are open to the public through this Saturday.

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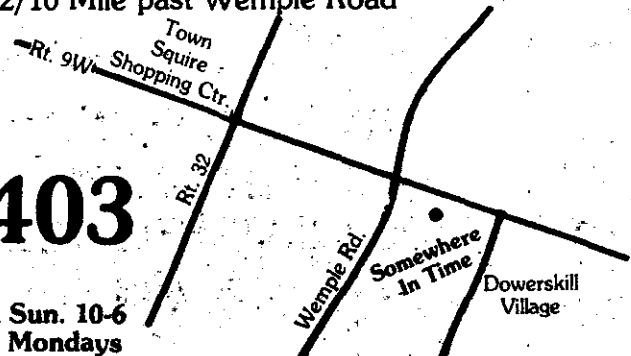
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Selkirk dust a mystery

The state Department of Environmental Conservation expects Thursday to know the content of samples of the dust that is plaguing Selkirk residents.

Sloan O'Donnell, a department spokesperson, said Friday an in-house expert is examining the samples microscopically and chemically.

Robert D. Van Slyke, manager of employee relations for Atlantic Cement Co., Ravena, said an independent laboratory also is examining dust samples for the company. The process takes up to two weeks, he said.

Van Slyke said the company normally receives two or three calls a year about dust, but that it had received a number of such calls in the past 10 days. "I've seen the properties, the cars, the lawn chairs," he said. "There certainly is dust there."

One guess concerning the dust, Van Slyke said, is that the recent dry spell has meant there is more "fugitive" dust in the air. He said dust-collecting jars have been put out for the past 10 years by Atlantic Cement, and their contents analyzed monthly. One jar five miles southwest of the plant "is just loaded with dirt," Van Slyke said.

The plant, built in 1962, underwent alterations that cost the company some \$10 million after environmental protection regulations came about during the 1960's. Van Slyke said the plant's lobby "is full of awards from the Environmental Protection Agency, the American Lung Association and others."

Dinner in Clarksville

The dinner bell at the Clarksville Community Church will ring at 4:30 p.m. for the roast beef and turkey dinner to be served there this Saturday. To include a mini-fair, the dinner will be served family style and will feature a salad bar.

For reservations, call 768-2391 or 768-2343.

Show and sale Sunday

The Albany County Women's Republican Club plans a flea market and craft show Sunday at Sheehy-Palmer Post, 525 Delaware Ave., Albany, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The show will include ceramics, art works and dried flower arrangements, as well as a section devoted to exotic plants and other greenery. Baked goods and confections will be available and admission is free. Dorothy Alliger of Delmar is president of the group.

Voorheesville News Notes



Maryann Malark 765-4392

The Home Economics Department of the Albany County Cooperative Extension Association will sponsor a mini-course entitled, "Cash In on Warm Windows," on Friday, Oct. 8, and 15, from 10 a.m. to noon. The course will present a variety of ways to cut upwards of 35 percent off heating bills. Class participants will be instructed in how to execute two quick window treatments. The class will be held at the Deitcher's Wallpaper Factory Outlet, 188 Rensen St., Cohoes. There is a one-dollar fee for the course. For more information and to pre-register call 765-2874.

To help get ready for holiday cooking, the Voorheesville Continuing Education program will sponsor a "Candy-Making" course in two sessions. The classes are scheduled for Thursday evenings, Oct. 7 and 14, from 7 to 9:30 in room 160 at the Voorheesville High School. To register call 765-3314.

It's bazaar time again in Voorheesville. On Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. the First United Methodist Church on Maple Ave. will hold its Annual Bazaar-Auction. Everything from soup to nuts is available at this yearly event that is held on the church grounds. The auction will begin promptly at 11 a.m.

Just across the road from the First United Methodist Church, St. Matthew's parishioners are getting ready for their Second Annual Christmas Crafts Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Committee chairmen are in need of volunteers to donate to the various booths and to sell during the bazaar. To volunteer your time or talent, contact bazaar chairpersons Rosemary Zongrone or Arlene Pafunda.

Preschool story hours continue to be held every Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library.

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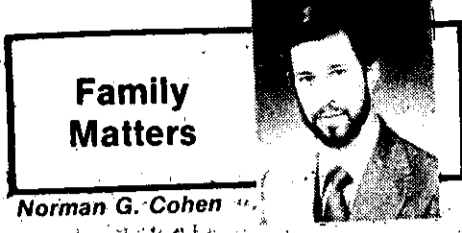
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If 'The Cave' were in Delmar . . .

Following my column two weeks ago about the successful rock party held at a local video game parlour, and after a second one was repeated just as successfully the next week, I decided to allow my pen a flight of fancy into a hypothetical telephone conversation between two 15-year-olds discussing an equally hypothetical place called "The Cave," just to see what would develop.

Imagine some weekday October afternoon at about 4 p.m. A boy I'll call Brandon just finished his ninth grade math homework, grabbed a handful of dry roasted cashew nuts, and dialed his buddy, who I'll call Neil.

"Hello?"
 "Hi, Neil."
 "Oh hi, Brandon. Whatcha doin'?"
 "Talkin' to you. What're you doin'?"
 "Talkin' to you. Hey, what are you eating?"
 "Cashew nuts."
 "Wicked bad. I like almonds."
 "Yech! I can't stand 'em. Hey, what're ya gonna do tonight?"
 "I'm goin' to the Cave. 'Mutation' is rehearsing there."
 "Oh yeah? They're pretty decent. Is McPherson still lead guitar?"
 "Uh, uh. He quit the band. Guess he wants to start his own."
 "I bet it's 'cause the drummer's goin' with his old girlfriend."
 "You mean Amy?"
 "Yeah."
 "No. He's trying to go out with Carrie Allen."
 "You mean Carrie from Clarksville?"
 "Yep."
 "Oh wow! Is she a real Clarksvillian?"



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Family Matters

"No, she's okay. As a matter of fact, she's excellent."
 "Then how could she be from Clarksville?"
 "Hey, Brandon, remember that group discussion we had at the Cave last month when we got into prejudice, and that kid from Clarksville . . ."
 "You mean David Smith?"
 "Yeh, him. Well, he talked about how kids out there put us Delmar kids down. You know, like snobs and know-it-alls and everything."
 "Okay, okay. I remember. I shouldn't have put her down before I even know her."
 "Right! That's the whole thing about those meetings at the Cave. If you don't learn anything, why go?"
 "Yeh, I know. Sometimes I think about not going, but then I remember it can get pretty interesting. Mr. Adams is great. I'm glad he's running the place and not somebody like Mr. Jones. Nobody would go if he were in charge."
 "I know what you mean. You couldn't really say what you wanted to, 'cause he'd come down on you if ya said it."
 "It's neat to have the Cave in town. Most kids I know think it's a great place to go. There was nuthin' much to do before."
 "Yeh, I know. It's got a lot more than that other place used to be, you know, that teen center place?"

"Well, they didn't have enough space inside for dances or roller skating parties or the shows we put on now."
 "And they didn't have so many parents helping out, either, or all the kids chippin' in to help, too."
 "Yeh. By the way, when are we on cleanup there?"
 "Oh, not until the end of the month sometime. It's on the board."
 "Isn't that when the Halloween Comedy Workshop is supposed to be?"
 "I think so. Did you hear that Zito is gonna do a standup routine for that?"
 "He is? Excellent! If he's as funny as he is in Health class, he'll be great."
 "Yeh, I can't wait to hear him. Have you noticed he doesn't clown around so much anymore at school?"
 "He doesn't?"
 "No. He's mellowed out ever since he began seeing Mr. Adams."
 "How do you know he's seeing Adams?"
 "He told me."
 "Why is he seeing Adams? He doesn't do any dope, does he?"
 "No. You don't have to be a druggie to see Adams. He can help you with a lot of different things. Like remember Sue . . . you know, Sue with the acne?"
 "Yeh. Her brother plays football?"
 "Yep, that's the one. Well, I heard she was almost kicked out of her house for messing around with guys, and Adams helped her work it out with her folks."
 "Well, I don't really, but I do know her brother beat her up once, pretty bad, and this kid I know on the football team said it was because she was gettin' into heavy sex and her brother was really mad."
 "Wow! I didn't know that. Did Adams

talk to her brother, too?"
 "How should I know? You know he keeps all that stuff confidential."
 "Well, that's cool, 'cause I wouldn't want anybody to know if I were having big problems."
 "How about if I knew?"
 "Well, you're my friend. I wouldn't mind if you knew."
 "Yeh, I wouldn't keep any secrets from you either. Hey, wanna do the Science outline together?"
 "Sure. Let's go to the Cave early, before the band starts rehearsing and get it done there."
 "Great. If we get it done quick, maybe we can get Adams into a dart game. Gotta beat him just once."
 "Yeah. That'd be great. See ya later."
 "See ya."
 (Any resemblance of characters or places to reality is purely coincidental.)

Methodist women meet

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar will kick off their fall season with a noon luncheon and officer installation ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 7, in the fellowship hall. Chairing the luncheon will be Mrs. Harold Kelp and Mrs. William Shaffer.

Those women taking office at the meeting will be Mrs. Alan Riedel, president; Mrs. Bruce Heathwaite and Mrs. George Tilroe, co-vice presidents; Mrs. John Logan, secretary; Mrs. Lorne Hall, treasurer; and Mrs. Robert McNitt, assistant treasurer. Mrs. Bernard Law, Mrs. Robert Evans, Mrs. J. Robert Denny, and Mrs. William Cowing will be made mission coordinators.

Bringing the meeting to a close will be Pat Geary, director of the developmental disabilities program at the Parsons' Child and Family Center in Albany, who will speak on "An Overview of Parsons."

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The Coeymans Fire Department was judged the best-appearing member company with 25 or more in line. S.W. Pitts Hose Co. of Latham was best appearing member company with 24 or fewer in line. The West Albany Fire Department was tapped as best appearing member department with 25 or more in line, and Slingerlands Fire Department took honors for best appearing member department with 24 or fewer in line.

Coeymans also took honors as the company with the most men in line, and Selkirk, the department with the most men in line. Best appearing ladies' auxiliary of a company, 15 or more in line, was Coeymans; 14 or fewer in line, Westerlo. The best-appearing ladies' auxiliary of a department, 15 or more in line, West Albany; 14 or fewer, Fuller Road Fire Department auxiliary. Coeymans and West Albany were also cited for most ladies in line.

The Palmer Engine and Hose Co. of Kinderhook was judged best appearing out-of-county unit, with the South Schodack Junior Ladies the best-appearing out-of-county auxiliary.

Mohonasen High School was the best appearing band; the Vagabonds, best drum and bugle corps, and Spirit of '76, best fire and drum corps.

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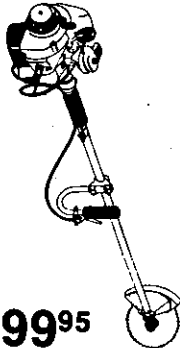
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Eugene Duffy, supervisor of English for the Bethlehem Central School District, will address the board of education at their informational meeting on Wednesday, Oct 6, following the regular business meeting at 8 p.m.

It is the practice at the first board meeting of the month to have an informational presentation on some aspect of district operations. Residents are encouraged to attend both the regular and informational meetings. Duffy's report to the board will be on language arts, English and writing programs in Bethlehem Central schools.

Explorers meet

Outdoorsy Bethlehem high schoolers interested in the challenges of hiking, canoeing, camping, bicycling, whitewater rafting and cross-country skiing should feel right at home at the next meeting of Explorer Post 415 Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. Already on tap for the adventurous teenagers is a canoeing trip in the Saranac region from Oct. 1 to 3, as well as a long hike on an Appalachian trail in Massachusetts Oct. 16 and 17.

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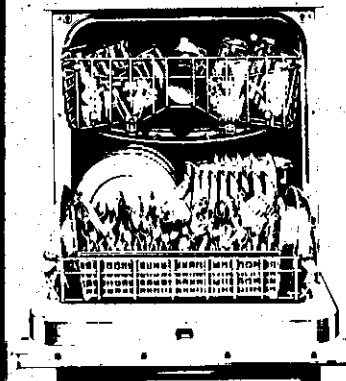
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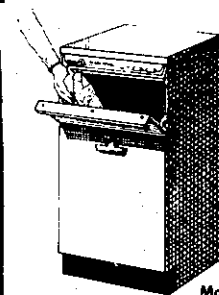
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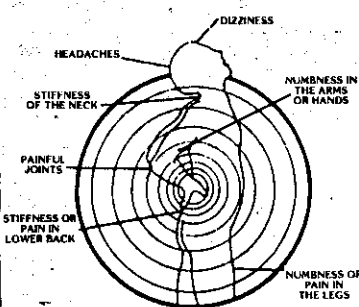
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Job Stress Workshop, lunch hour with therapist to learn how to manage on-job pressure, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon. Free. Continuing on Wednesdays through Nov. 3.

Art Display, Governor's Conference on Children of Alcoholics art, Empire State Plaza concourse, through Oct. 6.

Thoreau Film, "Thoreau's Maine Woods," on Thoreau's literature and lifestyle, Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., 12:10 and 1:10 p.m. Free.

India Information Night, information about India and trip there planned in spring, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m.

VAACR (Volunteer Administrators Assn. of Capital Region), noon luncheon meeting open to directors of local volunteer groups, Parsons Child and Family Center, Academy Rd., Albany. Information, 482-3331.

Explorer Scouts Carnival, to continue through Oct. 3, with children's rides and games, 112th St. Park, Lansingburgh.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Free Financial Seminar, with advice on "How to Shop for High Yields as Interest Rates Decline" from Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Americana Inn, Colonie, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, 462-8312.

Colonie Business and Professional Women's Reunion, for past and present members, Valle's Restaurant, Central Ave., Colonie, 6 p.m. For \$2 reservation, call 471-2594 or 447-8915.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Apple Festival, through Oct. 3, with arts and crafts booths, food booths, antique show, flea market, apple pancake supper, and pie-eating and baking contests, Altamont village park and fairgrounds.

Christian Singles covered-dish supper and chalk art presentation, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 869-8088 or 797-3740.

Food Collection Drive, Regional Emergency Food Task Force, volunteers will accept food donations at 23 local supermarkets in five counties, 5-9 p.m. Information, 372-9881 or 438-6681 ext. 523.

Nuclear War Threat Mini-Course, one credit, "Nuclear War: The Unthinkable," to continue through Oct. 3, Junior College of Albany campus center, room 224, 7-10 p.m. Information, 445-1745 or 465-0216.

Rain or Shine Book Sale, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

WMHT Radio Membership Drive, through Oct. 5, for FM 89.1 listeners centering on "Get Acquainted with Classical Music" theme.

"Fitness After Fifty" Workshop, three-day conference, "Exercise for Health and Therapy," with physicians, professors and authors speaking on how to reduce stress through exercise, Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville. Limited registration, 465-6927 or 462-1331.

Cerebral Palsy Center Festival and Dedication, cocktail-supper buffet and dedication of Mayor Erastus Corning Atrium, at the center, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 6 p.m. Tickets \$7.50. Information, 489-8336.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Food Collection Drive, with volunteers receiving food donations at 23 local supermarkets in five counties, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Upper Hudson Program, lecture on "Schaghticoke on the Albany Frontier" in 17th-18th century America, State Museum auditorium, 10-11 a.m.

Catholic Schools Marathon, running, cycling and roller skating races, Outdoor Plaza, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Early American Decoration Workshop, on "Stenciling on Velvet" heirlooms, Museum of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. \$10 registration, call 462-1676.

Ravena Church Festival, with motorcade, antique car display, arts and crafts, magician, food and game booths, and 5 p.m. roast beef dinner, Grace United Methodist Church.

Arts Festival, Wood Memorial Park, Hoosick Falls, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Hair Styling Program, six hair stylists to give free hair cuts and barbershop quartets to sing, State Museum. Free.

Divorce Seminar, with two keynote speakers on divorce-crisis counseling, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, day-long. \$12 advance registration, 438-6681, ext. 534.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Family Festival, featuring science novelties (electric bike), unusual animals collection and clowns, Rensselaer County Junior Museum, 106th St. and 5th Ave., North Troy, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Entrance is \$2.

Flea Market and Craft Show, sponsored by Women's Republican Club, with handcrafts, ceramics, art work, dried flowers, exotic plants and other gift items, Sheehy-Palmer Post 6776, 525 Delaware Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m. For booth space call 273-3079.

Autumn Jazz Party with Skip Parsons' band, dancing, cocktails, games and prizes, sponsored by Vanguard-Albany Symphony, Inc., 435 Second Ave., Troy, 3-7 p.m. Information, 463-2048.

Run for Life, for runners of all ages with \$1-per-mile pledge, eight-mile course starts at Colonie Price Chopper, 10 a.m., and goes to Empire State Plaza. \$6 registration forms at local Price Choppers or Heart Assn., 459-5880.

Bike for Life, bike rally and races for all ages, with 40, 26 and 5-mile loops, 1 p.m. \$6 registration forms at local Price Choppers or call 459-5880.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Expectant Parents' Night, to meet hospital staff and tour nursery and labor and delivery rooms, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

"Computer Anxiety and Women" Talk, at luncheon meeting of Albany Women's Forum, Thruway House, 12:30 p.m. Tickets \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. Information, 449-7331.

"The Elephant Man" Film, special benefit screenings for Simple Gifts Community at 3rd Street Theater, Rensselaer, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Monday Musical Club, with reading, chorus, sing-alongs and piano selections, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Public admission free.

Millay Colony Lecture, with film on Edna St. Vincent Millay, SUNYA downtown campus alumni house, 7:30 p.m. Information, 457-4631.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Dharma Study Group, open house and discussion on "Self-Deception" for new and regular members studying Buddhist meditation, 637 Morris St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-7358.

Dutch Settlers Society meeting with lecture on "Light-

houses on the Hudson River," First Reformed Church of Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

P.A.C.C.T. (Parents and Cardiac Children Together), support group for parents and children who have had or are about to have open heart surgery, Colonie Town Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 459-5880.

Noon Book Review, with biochemist Dr. Helen Bayly, founder of Capital District Physicians for Social Responsibility, to review Jonathan Schell's "The Fate of the Earth," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Epilepsy Assn., general informational meeting on epilepsy for patients and family and friends, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., 7:30 p.m.

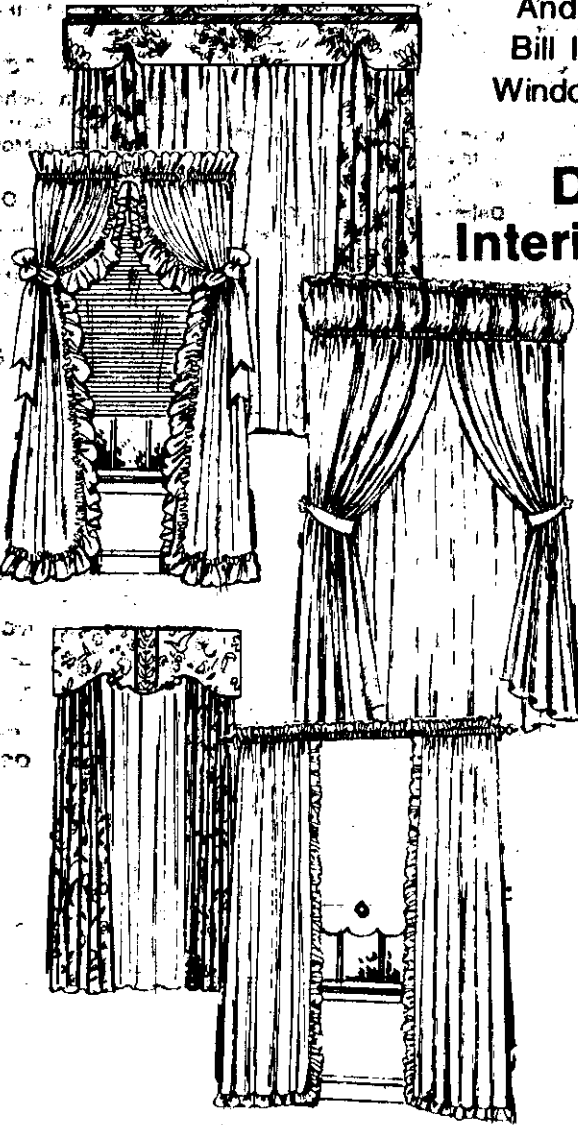
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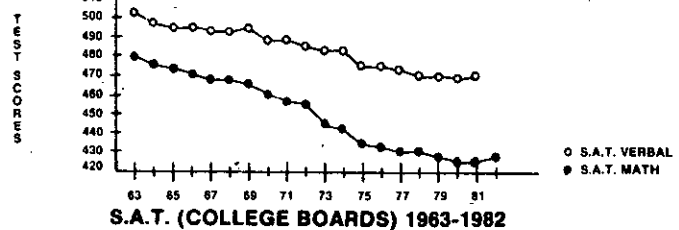
DATES: Oct. 12, 19, 26 & Nov. 2, 9, Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.

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The seminars will feature four speakers: on Oct. 6, Rev. Robert Sprunger, minister of the First United Church, Presbyterian, in Hoosick Falls, will speak on "Faith Healing." Rev. Sprunger, a former research chemist, was ordained in the United Presbyterian Church in 1962.

On Oct. 13, Sister Jean Roche will speak on "Inner Healing" as revealed through work with terminally ill patients and their families. Sister Jean, a graduate of the College of Saint Rose, is chaplain of St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

The third seminar, on Oct. 20, will feature Mrs. Jane Crowther who will speak on "Physical Healing" and its relationship to one's faith. Mrs. Crowther leads many workshops and retreats on healing prayer and inner healing. A graduate of Keuka College, she has done post graduate work in nursing education at the University of Rochester.

At the final seminar on Oct. 27, Rev. Robert Hess, pastor of the Delmar Reformed Church, will discuss "Healing Experiences" and ways to apply the models of healing offered in previous seminars. There will be an opportunity to share needs and receive prayers for healing.

For information, call the church office at 439-9929.

Sunday school for disabled

On Jan. 9, 1983, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar will begin a Sunday school for handicapped children ages 5 through 12. Registration must be in by Oct. 16. For information or to register call Barbara Goodrich, 439-5917, or Dorothy Cartwright, 434-2050.

Helping Hand is back

With the opening of school the Helping Hand program also brings a new year. Organized by the Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, the program is now sponsored by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon and the Bethlehem Police Department.

Participating parents with questions or with a need for a new window sign may contact Cindy Steffes at 439-7543 or Bonnie Haley at 439-8065. A recruiting program for new participants begins in October.

Blessing for pets

St. Thomas the Apostle Church plans a blessing of pets at 2 p.m. Saturday on the lawn at St. Thomas School, Delmar. Parishioners are invited to bring pets and plants, as well as family and friends, to be blessed by priests of the parish. The celebration is in honor of St. Francis, patron of all living things.

A time capsule will be buried, as part of the continued observance of the church's jubilee year, and the parish Human Concerns Committee will plant a tree for the occasion. The Youth Ministry will serve cider and doughnuts.

On Sunday, a coffee hour is planned for parishioners following the masses. The event also will be on the lawn of the school, and is sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society and the Human Concerns Committee.

Square dancers organize

Registration for a new class of square dancing in the Bethlehem Central Adult Education program will remain open until Tuesday, Oct. 5. The class, which meets Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the BCHS cafeteria, started this week. The class is taught by Duane Silver, Delmar caller and instructor, and his wife, Gina.

Graduates of last year's adult education class have formed a club called the Tri-Village Squares. The club welcomes new members to the first meeting and dance, to be held Oct. 8 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany.

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Institutions are difficult to defend. As collective entities, their actions never completely satisfy any one person, even their staunchest supporters. And yet, at least one institution deserves some defense in light of recent attacks.

The *Readers Digest*, a popular magazine read and respected by many in our country, recently carried an attack on the World Council of Churches under the title, "Karl Marx or Jesus Christ?" The article found that this world-wide ecumenical organization has strayed from its original purpose of unifying the variety of expressions of Christianity and has instead become a sort of religious front for the political left around the world. The writer highlights the council's work in supporting those who cry out against human oppression and that body's simultaneous silence in response to the Soviet Union and its allies.

This article is most disturbing because it is half-truth. And when we hear half-truth, we tend to accept it as whole-truth. Those who have involved themselves in the ecumenical movement have not been silent in their criticisms of the World Council of Churches. Not all of her actions have been wise; there have been times when the WCC has been silent when it should have spoken. This is true in the case of the Soviet Union, at times.

But that is only half-truth. The WCC has never supported violent revolution. It

has supported those who will stand against oppression or racism. It has never endorsed socialism as the only economic model for human society. It has been critical of capitalism. It will continue to work along side those who might be "suspect" of being in collusion with those on the left; as it will work with those "suspect" of being in collusion with the right.

What is more disturbing about such attacks is not so much that they bring criticism. Rather, they assume that for an organization to be "Christian," it must accept the values of the American way.

What is more disturbing about such attacks is not so much that they bring criticism. Rather, they assume that for an organization to be "Christian," it must accept the values of the American way. The Christian has a clear mandate to stand on the side of the poor, the shut-out, the dispossessed. It has other mandates as well, but it cannot ignore its call to work for the kingdom of God where racial discrimination is erased, where poverty of body and spirit is

overcome, and where hunger has ended.

Thus the church cannot keep itself out of political conflict, even if it wanted to. Her Lord will not allow it. At the same time, the church cannot endorse one world-governing system over another. We who are American Christians may hold strongly that democracy is closer to what God wants than dictatorship. A Swede may defend a state-run socialism as a more appropriate expression of economics than communism. But the American Christian is Christian first, and the Swedish Christian is a Christian first. That means that both are ready to be critical of their own way of life whenever it harms the least of God's children.

It is Jesus Christ that we follow, not

Karl Marx or Vladimir Lenin. It is Jesus Christ, not George Washington or Abraham Lincoln, or Ronald Reagan, or Adam Smith. And so long as the church refuses to join any ideological camp, so long as the church defends the powerless against the powerful, so long as the church stands against any idol that human society erects in whatever political guise, that church will be subject to attacks like the August, 1982 *Reader's Digest*.

Rummage at St. Stephen's

Buyers can rummage through items for sale at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, at Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 439-5568 for information.

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What the tie means for Bethlehem football

The only resemblance between Saturday's Bethlehem Central football game and BC games of the past three years was that the goal lines were still 100 yards apart, and the home uniform colors are the same as ever.

Everything else was different. There was a crowd, or let's say a lot larger audience than usual. There was spirit, an ingredient not seen on Van Dyke Rd. since 1978. The biggest difference apart from the score of the game, was what was in those uniforms.

On the field it was a 14-14 tie with Saratoga, a Suburban Council co-champion last year. This time BC took an early lead, never trailed all afternoon, and it was Saratoga that had to come from behind to gain the tie.

Long-suffering Bethlehem fans, who have seen only two league wins in three seasons, were happy about the tie, but the players weren't. "The boys were genuinely disappointed they didn't win the game, and that's a very positive sign," said Coach John Sodergren. "We're starting to establish a little credibility. We got a lift from the crowd; there was more enthusiasm than we've seen in quite a while, a pep rally and the support of the booster club. I think the boys earned a lot of respect from people in the community."

A number of those boosters are planning to follow the Eagles to Burnt Hills Saturday for a 2 p.m. kickoff against a team that has beaten the two teams BC has faced in the young season. Burnt Hills handled Saratoga by 23-6 last week and edged Scotia by 6-0 a week after the Tartans shelled Bethlehem by 31-12.

But Bethlehem's new spirit and the marked improvement each week could mean that Burnt Hills is in for an interesting afternoon. Mike Whitney, the sophomore pocket calculator filling in at quarterback for the injured Dave Young, played all but five or six plays, but one of those was a touchdown pass from Jim Lockman, a 6-2 quarterback, to Fran McHale.

That TD enabled BC to hold a 7-6 lead at the half. The Eagles went ahead by 14-6 in the third period on Tim Fox's plunge from the 2 and Dave Talmage's second conversion kick. The visitors pulled even in the fourth on two short-yardage plays, a 2-yard run and a 2-point conversion run.

In Sodergren's view, Whitney is the focal point of BC's fortunes, at least for another week or two until Young is ready. "At this point Whitney is the real key in opening up our offense, and we need to do a better job protecting him."

Sodergren plans to continue using the sprint-out format so that Whitney, who is only 5-5, can see the receivers better. "He can read the defenses well," Sodergren had remarked the previous week after Whitney, coming up unheralded from the JV, had thrown two touchdown passes to Mike Mooney against Scotia. How the little dynamo can see anybody from his altitude is a mystery: when he's in action out there a passerby might wonder what a Pop Warner player is doing in a high school varsity game.

But Whitney generated most of BC's 238 yards in total offense. Chris Hoffman ground out 207 yards in 18 carries, many of them on draw plays with the enemy keying on Whitney. After reviewing the films Sunday, the coaches named Charlie Lynk, an offensive guard and inside linebacker who intercepted a pass to set up the first score, as BC's player of the week. Len Klink was named offensive lineman of the game, and Hoffman tops on the offense. Other awards went to Rich Jadick, defensive lineman; Tom Vichot, defensive secondary, and Chris Braga, special teams.

The films showed the improvement, especially on defense. Says Sodergren: "Burnt Hills is very physical, but I think with the progress we've made this week we'll be able to stay with them."

Pete Kelly, a co-captain and outstanding linebacker, may be back in action this week. The squad came through the Saratoga game with no serious injuries.



Charlie Lynk was named outstanding player of the game. On the cover: Tim Fox scores for Bethlehem. R.H. Davis

Ravena: its back to the air

Coach Chuck Engelhardt put the emphasis on the overhead game this week as the R-C-S Indians prepared for a home game with undefeated Watervliet, emerging as one of the Capital Conference's stronger teams.

The Indians trimmed Lansingburgh, 31-13, Saturday, rolling up 20 first downs, and a game total of 291 yards. All but 53 yards came on the ground.

"We didn't have to throw much," said Ron D'Ambrosi, offensive coordinator. "We'll pass a lot more this week. We did a good job opening up holes last week, and we figure to give them (Watervliet) a good game anytime."

Ravena gave up an easy touchdown early in last week's involvement when a high snap soared over the head of the Indians' punter. That gave Lansingburgh the ball on the Ravena 13 and led to the first score.

The Indians came storming back and took control. Dexter Greenlee booted a 23-yard field goal and Robbie Nolan climaxed a drive with a rollout from the 3. In the third period Greenlee broke loose for a 10-yard scoring jaunt, and in the fourth Shawn Leonard and Nolan

carried into the end zone for 31-7 before calling it a day.

Leonard had 117 yards on 16 totes, an average of 7.3. Jay Askew, his halfback running mate, added 68 on 11 trips. On defense, Nolan picked off two passes and Mike Kerrigan one.

Battle of the bands

The rock music of "Deaf Zone," "Strange Anatomy," "Soreanus" and "Death Wish" will resound into the night this Friday from 8 to 11 p.m. at the annual "Battle of the Bands."

Sponsored by D.E.C.A. (Distributive Education Clubs of America), the band competition gives top billing to four young local bands tempted by the \$400 winner's purse. The four groups, organized by aspiring student instrumentalists, will compete for the largest audience applause at the Bethlehem Central High School's lower gym-turner-concert hall.

Tickets to the four-part gig are \$3 at the door and \$2.50 pre-sale at the high school store, the "Buy-It."

Julie Ann Sosa

Blackbirds regroup, look for Chatham win

With Academy out of the way, Voorheesville's football forces can concentrate now on Chatham, always a strong challenger which has a date in Voorheesville Saturday. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m.

The Blackbirds were no match for the talent-rich Cadets, who won last week by 28-0 for their 29th triumph in 31 games. Only a 1979 loss to Watervliet and a 7-7 tie with Voorheesville two years ago mar Academy's recent slate.

The Blackbirds held the powerful Cadets to 6-0 for most of the first half. Just before the gun at intermission, a penalty and an Academy pass from Mark Verstandig of Delmar to Bill Marks came within inches of being intercepted; instead it went for 17 yards and a touchdown.

"That took a bit of starch out of us," commented Coach Tom Buckley after the game. "If we had held them to 6-0 at the half I think we would have been in a little better mental frame in the second half."

Buckley was full of admiration for the Academy, the Capital Conference's top football bastion, which is led by two Bethlehem standouts, Verstandig and

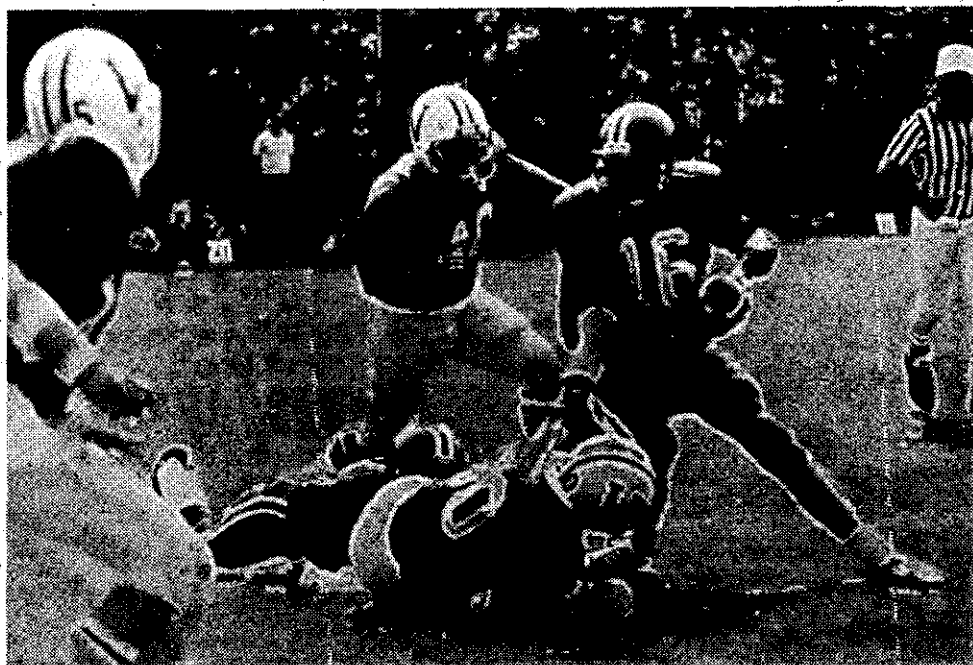
Andy Mendleson. Mendleson, who with his brother Alton had a big day running the ball against Voorheesville last year, had another 100-yard day on 20 carries and scored once.

"They're an excellent football team," said Buckley. "They are experienced and executed well. We're inexperienced and still making mistakes, but we've shown we can hit and we can move the ball. It seems that each time we get a drive going, boom, a penalty or a mistake."

With only three seniors, plus 20 players up from the JV, the Blackbirds should get better each week. Jim Meacham, an experienced quarterback, was 6-for-15 aloft with one interception, and ran for 53 of the Blackbirds' 95 yards on the ground. Ed Mitzen caught five passes for 85 yards.

Chatham is 1-1, same as the Blackbirds, having edged Ravena and lost to Rensselaer. "We're not going to do anything different to get ready," said Buckley. "Just drill to eliminate those mental mistakes."

In Elsmere The Spotlight is sold at Plaza Drug, Paper Mill, McBoogle's, Tri-Village Fruit, CVS, Johnson's, Stewarts and Cumberland Farms.



Voorheesville tacklers close in on Delmar star Mark Verstandig (16), Albany Academy quarterback, in Saturday's clash at Voorheesville. *R.H. Davis*



Bowling honors for the week of September 20 at Del Lanes, Delmar, went to:

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Tennis team undefeated

A much-ballyhooed confrontation with Niskayuna, defending Suburban Council champion, turned out to be a breeze for Bethlehem Central's girls varsity tennis team, but there are still pitfalls ahead — at least two.

The first is Saratoga, leading the Blue Division, and playing host to the undefeated Eagles today (Wednesday). The second is Shenendehowa, which entertains BC on Friday.

The 8-0 wipeout of Niskayuna in what both coaches had expected to be a close match gave the Eagles a major boost toward a Suburban Council title that now seems clearly possible. Sitting solidly atop the Gold Division at 6-0, BC has only to guard against a letdown in its own bracket, but Saratoga and the Shens could be troublesome.

The Eagles didn't lose a match and dropped very few sets in three outings last week. They swept Burnt Hills, Colonie and Scotia by 9-0, and shocked the Niskies by 8-0 with the third doubles match suspended by darkness.

Against Niskayuna the closest approach to suspense was in the No. 2 singles, where Jody Jones had to come back to win the second set in a tiebreak, 7-5, 7-6, and in the first doubles, where Leanne Cory and Laurie Gould had a shaky start before closing out a 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 win. That was the only set the Eagles let get away that day.

Cory and Gould kept Coach Grace Franze biting nails in their other sorties last week. They had the only three-setter against Burnt Hills and the only three-setter against Scotia, the latter a first-degree barnburner at 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Getting to know you

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will be sponsoring a "get-to-know-each-other" coffee in Delmar on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. The evening is also designed to acquaint prospective members with the club's social and service activities. For details, call 439-2268 or 439-9103.



Bethlehem (white shirts) owned the soccer ball most of the time against Scotia, but all but two of 40 shots on goal went astray. The camera caught Jeff Tilroe (8) starting downfield with the



ball, and Andy Tomlinson (17) setting up a pass to Jason Tilroe (6).

Tom Howes

BC booters need to improve aim

Two disappointing ties against winless teams clouded Bethlehem Central's soccer status going into the most critical period of the season — three straight games against the Suburban Council's top teams.

Coach Gene Lewis was hoping his charges were drawing a little better aim on the goal as they prepared to meet Guilderland Tuesday (as this newspaper was going to press), Shenendehowa Thursday and Burnt Hills Saturday.

Burnt Hills, a perennial power, is the defending champion, and Guilderland the 1981 runnerup and unbeaten after whipping Burnt Hills 4-0 last Saturday. Shenendehowa is the Council's most prolific scoring machine that many observers pick as the favorite for the 1982 title.

The Eagles wasted a lot of shots on poor marksmanship last week in permitting a scoreless tie with Niskayuna and a 2-2 stalemate with Scotia. Neither team had won a game, and neither figures to win many in such a strong league.

Against Niskayuna last Tuesday the Eagles hit the goal post several times. They came back to shut out Shaker, 4-0, outshooting the Blue Bison by 25-12, then were frustrated Saturday in a home game with hapless Scotia. Bethlehem had 40 shots on goal to Scotia's 14, but netted

only two of them in a 2-2 draw, and two 5-minute overtimes drew only blanks.

The revealing statistic in the Scotia debacle was the matter of saves. The Scotia keeper had only 18 saves among the 40 shots, indicating the Eagles were cutting it too close on the outside.

The Eagles had to come from behind twice in that one. Scotia had a 1-0 lead at the half, which lasted until Chris Kelly

Girls soccer: plenty of depth

Five games into the season, Coach Connie Tilroe is still experimenting with a starting lineup for the Bethlehem Central girls soccer varsity. She hasn't started the same combination twice in compiling an early balance sheet of one win, two losses and a tie.

"We have a lot of players pretty equal in skill," she summarized this week. "There are no standouts, and everybody is able to step in and do a job."

That situation permits her to substitute freely. Of her 18 girls, seven are seniors and four are sophomores. The Eagles also have an exchange student from Sweden with soccer experience. Eva Marie Ehnstrom, who played club soccer in her homeland, scored the winning goal

booted the equalizer at 14:40 of the third period. The visitors took the lead again in the fourth, and it remained for Jeff Guinn to slam home a direct free kick with 2:20 left to restore the tie.

Randy Dean scored twice and Andy Tomlinson and Jason Tilroe had one apiece in the Shaker exercise. The Eagles begin their week of crisis at 2-0-2. Guilderland was 3-0, Burnt Hills 2-2 and Shenendehowa 3-0.

in BC's only victory so far, a 1-0 triumph over Shaker.

The team opened with a scoreless tie with Mohonasen, shut out Shaker and lost to Niskayuna by 5-1 and Scotia by 2-0. One of the problems has been errant shooting, with many missed shots. Kelly Burke, a senior right winger and one of the fastest afoot on the team, got the only goal against the title-bound Niskies.

Other seniors are Alunda Smith, Maggie FitzPatrick, Heather Mathusa, Louise Richardson, Liz Maercklein, Tracy Holland and Meg Manion.

Smith, the only keeper, twisted an ankle against Scotia and was a doubtful starter for Guilderland Tuesday and the home game with Shenendehowa this Thursday.

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Winning hasn't come easy to Bethlehem Central field hockey coach Julie Wendth and her girls; but then they've been lucky enough recently to rank with Vegas gamblers. With a 5-0 record atop the Suburban Council, the girls have more than one game in the clutch.

Almost everyone got a piece of the action at Burnt Hills, when BC rolled to a 4-0 win that saw link Diane Cohen pick up her first goal while Ann Howell cashed in twice to raise her team leading total to six. Tiny junior Kristen Boluch came off the bench and scored her first varsity goal.

Shaker stayed longer than BC would have liked at what is now being touted as last Thursday's "game of the week." The scoreboard read 0-0 through regulation play and the overtime period. So the five top flickers from each team alternated facing the opposing goalie in a sudden-death style pressure cooker. A case of sweaty palms kept Bethlehem's first three

shots — by Amy Davis, Lynda Stokoe and Whitney Obring — out of the nets. But Cohen and halfback Chrissie Gray connected on the last two. BC net tender Elin Swanson outperformed Shaker's Empire State veteran goalie, and the Eagles won the flick-off, 2-1, and the game, 1-0.

The Eagles got up early Saturday to play a 3-1 Scotia team, but they didn't seem fully awake until the second half when they kept the ball in front of Scotia's goal mouth. The home team's backfield successfully thwarted the late BC pressure to force the game into overtime. BC's right inner Obring chose the right time to pick up her first goal of the season and clinch the game, 1-0, for the Eagles. Swanson extended her streak of regulation time shutouts to five.

Fans can watch a real field hockey showcase when Shenendehowa visits Bethlehem Thursday at 3:45 p.m.

Julie Ann Sosa

Girl runners point the way

As usual, Bethlehem Central cross-country coach John Nyilis put his money on the fairer sex before the season started. So far, his five fleet-footed gals have lived up to expectation with an unblemished 3-0 dual-meet record. Lagging at 0-3, the boys are trying to halve the two-minute time gap between their speedsters and stragglers that costs them in point totals.

The prestigious Gloversville Invitational got the girls off to a fast start. They improved upon last year's fourth-place finish, easing past Niskayuna by one point to place second among 12 teams, only 10 points behind first-place Burnt Hills. BC trophy winners included Christine Ainsworth, who picked up a second, and Colleen Nyilis, who was fifth across the tape. Other top Eagle finishers among the 85-odd competitors were Laura Koban, 17th; Dana Nuss, 20th, and Audra Ingraham, who placed a surprising 22nd.

The boys didn't find the 2.65-mile course as easy, dragging in behind 11 other teams. Pete Hammer saved face for BC in 15th place, while seventh-grader Tommy Nyilis ran past his elders to cross the tape 12th in the freshman race.

Although local sportswriters picked Burnt Hills to run off with the Suburban Council girls championship, its stamina ran out against Bethlehem the second time around when they conceded 23-32

on the hills of Saratoga. Saratoga, needless to say, was buried by the Eagles, 15-42. Ainsworth was first, Nyilis second, Koban, third; Nuss, eighth, and Ingraham, ninth.

The BC boys didn't keep up their side of the bargain, losing twice: 26-29 to Saratoga and 29-34 to Burnt Hills. Hammer finished a respectable fourth, while little Nyilis was second in his younger division race.

Ainsworth went the distance in 18:28 to lead the girls to a "walk away" win over Voorheesville, 20-38, last Friday. Although the Eagle boys were no match for the Blackbirds, who are on a streak of 25 consecutive wins, Hammer turned in a speedy 15:58, still 40 seconds off Bill Street's school record. BC lost the meet, 19-36, on its own figure eight course.

Perhaps the day against Voorheesville belonged to a little known BC sophomore, Jim Seagle, who made his season debut late but wowed even Coach Nyilis with a seven-minute improvement over last year's time.

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New Scotland hills a test

More than 100 runners conquered hilly terrain in the Town of New Scotland Sunday in the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners fourth annual Grand Prix.

Doug Irons of Altamont won the 7.1 mile race in 39:02. Other local finishers were Hank Steadman of Delmar, Charles Scholes of Delmar, Fred Fischer of Slingerlands, John Carey of Voorheesville, and Rick Pontillo of Delmar. Forty-five runners finished the demanding course over Rt. 85 and Bullock and Clipp roads, ending at the town park.

Top woman in the 7.1-mile run was Denise Herman of Saratoga, with a course record of 47:17.

Another course record was set by the winner of the 12-mile run, Pat Glover of Clifton Park, who finished in 1:05. Dale Keenan of Selkirk came in third, in 1:05:55, followed by Chris Smith of Delmar, ninth; Herb Reilly of Voorheesville, 14th; Bill Sheppard of Delmar,

20th; Steve Basinait of Voorheesville, 28th; and Joe Wilkinson of Delmar.

The 12-mile course record for women was set by Ellen Weglarz-Mendel of Ballston Lake, who finished in 1:17:26.

Warner teams split

Bethlehem Pop Warner football teams won one, lost one and tied one in Sunday's league action, with the highlight of the day a "sure" touchdown that didn't happen.

Playing in the Junior Midget grouping, the Bethlehem Hawks saved a scoreless tie when Ed Kane intercepted a Troy pass on the 10-yard line to end a scoring threat. Coach Joe Allegretta, however, issued all-out rave notices when his boys held Troy for four downs starting on the 6-inch line.

In Midget action, the Bethlehem Eagles got into the win column after two losses by whitewashing Troy, 19-0, while the Falcons were dropping a 19-12 decision to Rensselaer in a PeeWee contest.


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A dangerous situation

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to comment on what I feel is a dangerous situation currently existing in the Town of Bethlehem. I feel that the widespread circulation of this fine news-weekly might alert more citizens to this problem — namely, underage drinking and its invariable consequences.

Over the course of the summer I attended a few "teenage" parties. I was frankly shocked to see 16, 15 and even 14 year olds guzzling down quantities of beer. Although many of these youths acted giddy after "just" a few beers, it is sad indeed to note that some of them had built up tolerances to alcohol already, even though many had just entered the high school.

From what I gathered, both getting drunk and getting high appear to be very popular among certain groups of teenagers. If I were to hazard a guess, I would say that 75 percent of the kids in the high school have tasted alcohol by the time they have reached 17, while the legal drinking age is soon to be 19. Of course once drunk, these vagabond youths get rowdy, resulting in much vandalism (as can be substantiated by police reports).

Another aspect which I find particularly disturbing is the loosened sexual morals, especially regarding young girls. Many parents would be shocked if they knew what their 15-year-old daughters were doing at a typical Friday night party

— drinking a little, getting high, and cavorting about with the first male who catches their bloodshot eye.

I realize this description may be a bit graphic, but if that's what it takes to awaken the parents of Delmar, so be it. They must keep a closer grip on their kids, or the town will suffer greatly. Just go to the high school one day, and see how you like the deteriorating conditions where your offspring are educated.

I do not mean to make a blanket statement about everyone in the high school; there are many fine students. There is a significant number, however, who by drinking and doing other illegal and immoral things, are making a very bad name for the rest of the group.

I apologize if I have gotten anyone "uptight" with this letter, but I feel it is the best way to expose a stinking situation.

Name Submitted

Delmar

The writer, a college student, is a recent graduate of Bethlehem Central.

Dow in Bethlehem

Editor, The Spotlight:

A complete account of the election story in the Town of Bethlehem has not been told: John Dow won in Bethlehem by a count of 825 votes to Congressman Sam Stratton's 782. Over half of the eligible voters cast their ballots and a candidate thought to be unbeatable in any town or city of the district was defeated.

A number of factors accounted for the result: John Dow was a strong and tireless campaigner; he was not a one-issue man; but he did benefit from the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Movement and especially the two meetings with the Town Board which Linda Burtis and Lois Dorman had organized in order to have a dialogue with the board on a nuclear freeze resolution. Several hundred citizens participated and, with skillful leadership, persuaded the town board to alter its decisions on the nuclear freeze

resolution. From these experiences the people of the Tri-Village developed a sense of community and the possibility for effective political action.

More than 100 dedicated people worked for John Dow in the Town of Bethlehem in the weeks before the primary. They and the 825 people who voted for John, and the platform he ran on, have a right to know that their effort was successful.

Mary Ann Muntz

Delmar

To R-C-S voters

Editor, the Spotlight:

I want to encourage all R-C-S voters to get out and vote on Sept. 30.

I feel that the majority of the voters expressed their opinion on July 29, in regard to the 15 to 20 mile busing proposition. By a revote on Sept. 30 we are in great danger of a minority rule.

Ronald J. Selkirk
Board Member

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Good security

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a resident in the immediate area of the Elsmere Fire Company I would like to compliment the officers and members for their professionalism shown in handling the recent Firemens Convention. I feel they arranged a very satisfactory security program with the Bethlehem Police for those of us living in the neighborhood.

Although there were many visitors to our town they managed to keep our residential area as it would be normally with very little inconvenience.

I would like to extend my compliments for a job well done.

Richard B. Haverly

Elsmere

4-H cookie sale starts

Bethlehem 4-H clubs will launch their annual cookie sale Friday, Oct. 1, and will continue at various locations in the community through mid-October. The clubs will publicize displays in the community during National 4-H Club Week Oct. 3-9.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Sept. 26, 1957

The Spotlight, soon to observe its second birthday, this week launched its first house-to-house subscription drive. Eight Tri-Village teenagers will conduct the campaign, George Steedes, Jimmie O'Brien, George Strayer, Chip Walsh, Wayne Stickler, Burton Martin, Mike Mosher and Peter Lynch. The local paper, which made its debut in December, 1955, as a four-page flyer, this week published 12 pages of news and advertising.

Sept. 27, 1962

A new 4-H club has been formed in Elsmere, called "Buttons and Bows" with seven members, Terry Lee Nelson, Larry Lee Nelson, Mary White, Patricia Haselbarth, Sheryl Cosgrave, Marlene Fountain and Susan White. Leaders are Mrs. James Cosgrave and Mrs. Robert White.

Members of Blanchard Post, American Legion, and their guests will have a chance to see the World Series on color television. A \$3.50 ticket is good for clams, sandwiches and beer for the afternoon, and another \$1.50 will purchase a charcoal-broiled steak for dinner. The event is for men only.

Sept. 29, 1977

Bethlehem Central's teachers' union, growing impatient over the deadlock in contract negotiations with the school board, stepped up its pressure on the board and parents of pupils by implementing the work-to-rule procedure. Union leaders last week distributed a mimeographed instruction sheet to teachers spelling out guidelines. They include strict adherence to the 7-hour, 30-minute workday required by the contract, no extra duties, and no extra help to students or tutoring during lunch periods or after school. The reaction of some parents, disgusted at picket lines and other job-action incidents, indicated the tactics may be backfiring into a public relations problem for the union.



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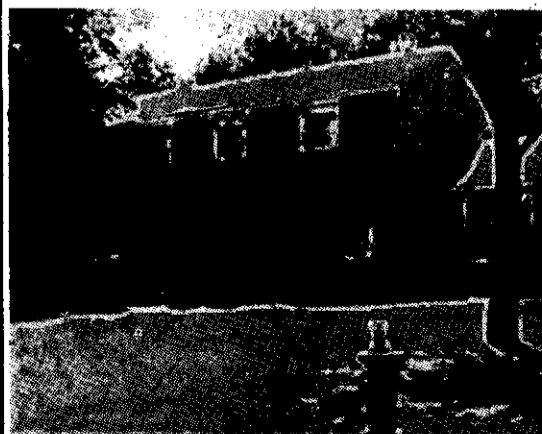
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Jane Marie Cassidy

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Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy of 82 Salisbury Rd., Elsmere, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane Marie, to John Bowe Norrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Norrish of Borden, Western Australia.

Miss Cassidy is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the State University College at Plattsburgh and her Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland. She is presently the manager of food publicity for Cunningham and Walsh Advertising, Inc., San Francisco.

Her fiance was educated in Western Australia and London, England. He is a telecommunications systems designer contracting in Perth, Australia.

The couple is planning a January wedding in Australia, and will reside in Perth.



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maguire

Wed 60 years

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maguire of 273 Delaware Ave., Delmar, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their son and daughter, Howard Jr. of Roanoke, Va., and Barbara Palmer of Delmar, honored the couple at a party. The Maguires were married Sept. 5, 1922. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Keith Plog

Kathleen Neumann wed

Kathleen Elizabeth Neumann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Neumann of Hudson Ave. was married June 5 to Keith Michael Plog of Easton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert Powhida at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James F. Plog, Sr. of Easton.

Kathryn Lambert and Linda Khoury served as maid and matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Paula Plog, sister of the groom; Dale Palmer, Laurie Schradler, cousin of the bride, and Cathy

Dubuque. The groom's niece, Sarah Roberts, was the flower girl. Ernest Trinkle was the best man and ushers were Gary Neumann, brother of the bride; Cliff Wolff, Jon Wright, Terry Lamb and James Plog, Jr., brother of the groom. William and James Neumann, brothers of the bride, read passages from the New Testament during the ceremony.

Following a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, the couple is living in Greenwich.

Elsmere man 99

There must have been a huge cake at Harvey Pendleton's birthday party Sept. 21 — it had to hold 99 candles. Pendleton, of Crannell Ave., Elsmere, was honored on his 99th birthday by friends and neighbors at a party given by his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Nooney.

An Elsmere resident for 38 years, Pendleton retired in 1931 as a conductor for the New York Central Railroad. He is a charter member of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens and is a member of the Greenbush Masonic Lodge. He previously resided in Rensselaer.

Scholarship winners

Two Delmar residents have been awarded scholarship grants for the 1982-83 school year at Ithaca College. They are Kearne L. Cooley and Jill A. Bunis.


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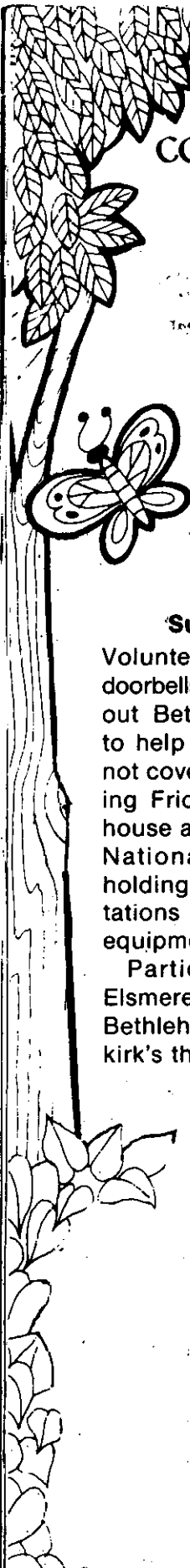

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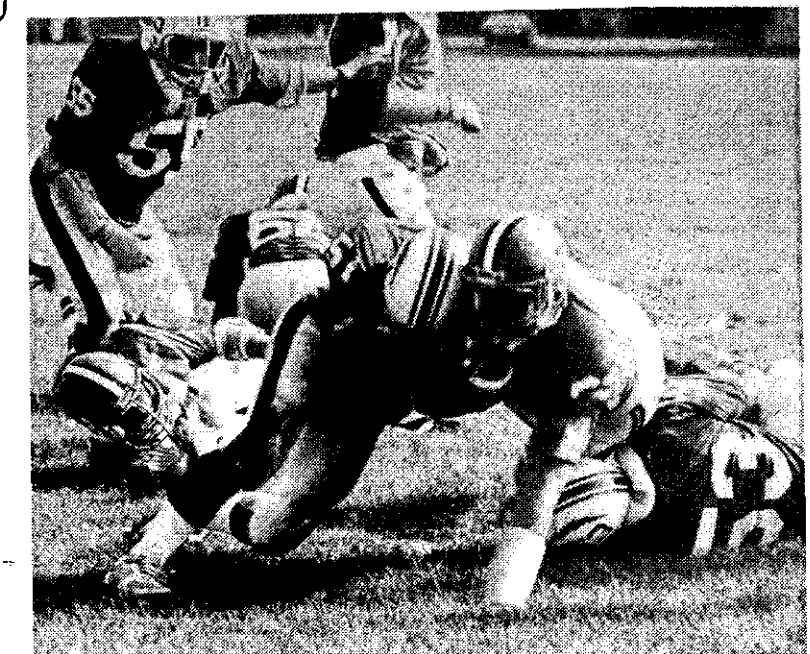
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