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## Why the town lacks control

By Vincent Potenza

Of all the recent changes in the zoning ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem, perhaps the most potentially important — and sensitive — are the recently-adopted rules and regulations for commercial Site Plan Approval.

The town, many feel, is rapidly approaching a watershed where government will have to make some hard decisions on what kinds of development will take place. This was ostensibly the reason for the sweeping changes in the zoning ordinance of the past two years in regard to residential development, including the creation of residential Site Plan Approval.

While the residential/commercial distinction is ostensibly two aspects of a single issue — what living in Bethlehem should be like — there have been radically different forces at work both at shaping and implementing residential and commercial site plan approval.

Residential SPA was instituted for

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buildings of two units or more as an adjunct to changes in zoning designations that were seen as a way to eliminate existing confusion over where apartments should be located in the town. The new AB-Residential designation allows apartments of up to four units, and SPA was a way of exercising further control elsewhere.

There have been many residential SPA cases before the town planning board, which administers SPA regulations, and most if not all have gone smoothly.

Commercial SPA has an entirely different history. It was first discussed by the planning board on Nov. 11, 1981, when a Slingerlands resident concerned over possible commercial development at the Toll Gate intersection asked the board if it would consider adopting

commercial SPA rules. The board at that time was already well on its way toward finalizing residential SPA rules, and had already reviewed and approved residential site plans as early as the summer of that year.

The board said at that time that it would consider adopting commercial SPA rules, and at its next meeting got to discussing the matter. The key issue then was just what commercial projects would be subject to SPA: whenever a business changed hands? For remodeling? Expansion? Reconstruction after fire?

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Three board members said they felt commercial property adjacent to a residential area should be subject to SPA, and one of those members said he felt that something should be done about the 10-foot front-yard setback minimum for  
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## Residents oppose Brooks-Byer plan

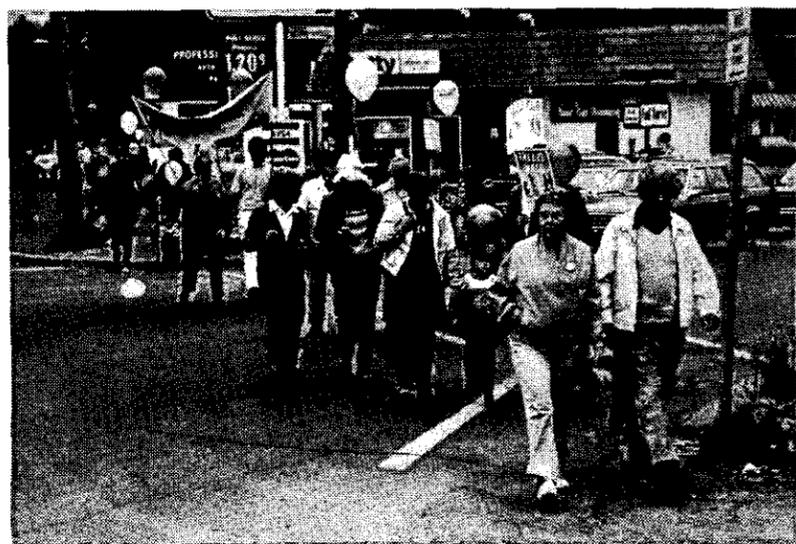
By Tom McPheeters

About 80 residents of the area around two small lots on Kenwood Ave. just off the Delmar Four Corners told the Bethlehem Town Board emphatically last Wednesday that what happens to those lots is important to them, and questioning by those residents brought out some issues that go well beyond the lots themselves.

The residents appeared at a public hearing on a proposal by Brooks-Byer Associates to rezone the two lots from A-Residential to CCC-Commercial. The only person to speak in favor of the plan was Edward Kleinke, the town's planning consultant, who reported on the Planning Board's decision to recommend the rezoning earlier this summer. That decision, in contrast to Wednesday's

session, was arrived at with very little discussion and no local opposition.

If the residents had been slow on the uptake then, they more than made up for it Wednesday. They had researched Kleinke's recommendations — as well as those of the Albany County Planning Board. They had gone back to a 1978 decision by the Board of Appeals that  
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Marchers showed their support Saturday for a "freeze" on nuclear weapons, with the Town of Bethlehem producing the largest turnout in the Capital District. In Delmar, left, some 200 participants filed past the Four Corners, backed by sponsors with total pledges of \$1,100 for a national campaign to elect pro-freeze candidates to Congress. Below right, Caleb Kuhn, musing on the meaning, looks on from his stroller. Below at left, walkers in Voorheesville are led by Janet Weitzman, organizer of the event, who is holding the sign. On the cover: Balloons with the slogan "Freeze Now" testify to the crowd that gathered at Bethlehem Town Hall before the walk.  
Photos by Tom Howes



## Towns hold line on taxes

### Bethlehem: edging up

Bethlehem's tentative 1984 budget shows an increase of about five percent, including a six percent raise for most town employees. But, Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday, the current \$27.67 per \$1,000 property tax rate should change very little.

The budget figures, Corrigan said, are "very tentative — I still don't even have the September figures yet." But as of Friday, the projected tax increase was 18 cents, or about .6 percent. "So we'll stay under \$28," the supervisor said.

Balancing the higher costs are a projected nine percent increase in county sales tax revenue to the town, and also a higher return on money the town has invested. The sales tax revenue is based on projections from current revenues, which are considerably higher than anticipated. The interest income, similarly, is up about \$40,000 over the amount budgeted this year, and should be about double next year, Corrigan said.

Corrigan was to present the draft document to the Bethlehem Town Board at a special meeting Wednesday (today) at 4 p.m. The formal budget hearing is scheduled for Nov. 9 — as is traditional in Bethlehem, just after election day.

Corrigan said he is proposing a \$10,266,000 total budget (general town and highway), which is an increase of \$506,000 (or 5.2 percent) over the current year. Most of the increase is due to inflation and increases in such fixed costs as medical insurance (up \$40,000), but Corrigan said he will propose to the town board that all employees except police officers get a six percent raise. Members of the Police Benevolent Association negotiate separately with the town, and their current contract is due to expire at the end of 1984.

There are no other "significant changes" over the current budget, Corrigan said, although the town will continue to budget higher amounts for computer services during the next few years as more departments go on line.

The highway fund, which also derives revenue from property taxes, is expected to increase by \$113,000 from the current \$1,689,000. Again, most of the increase reflects increased costs for materials and other fixed costs, and Highway Department employees would get the same six percent raise as other town employees. Both the water and sewer funds, which are supported by rates and special assessments, show slight increases, indicating that those basic fees may go up, Corrigan said.

### New Scotland: another drop

New Scotland residents can look for another small decrease in their town property taxes next year, thanks to higher sales tax revenue and a tight lid on spending this year, according to Supervisor Steve Wallace.

As of Monday, Wallace was projecting an average 33 cents per \$1,000 decrease in the tax rate. "It would have been a lot more than that, but one of the things the  
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## □ New Scotland budget

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town board decided on when we closed the landfill was that we would pay that off in five years," Wallace said.

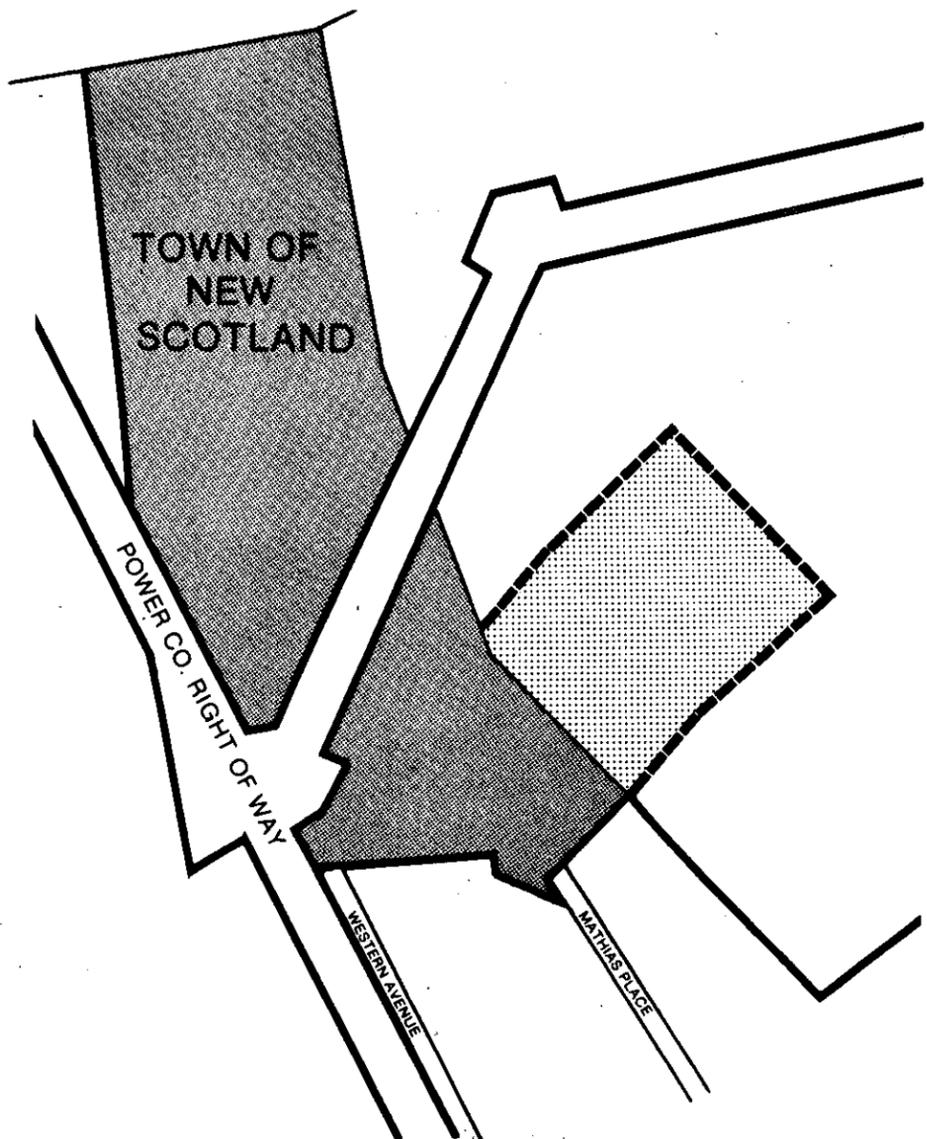
Next year's installment on that environmental debt is \$100,000. Other spending increases include Wallace's proposal for a six percent pay increase for all town employees, \$30,000 to develop the town's new park in Feura Bush, \$45,000 for a new refuse truck and an additional \$30,000 for paving in the highway fund.

Balancing those increases are a projected six percent rise (about \$33,000) in the town's revenue from the county

sales tax, plus savings from such items as lower insurance premiums (about \$25,000), said Wallace.

The result is a projected tax rate of \$33.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the part of the town outside Voorheesville (which doesn't pay for highway and some other services), down 34 cents. In Voorheesville, the rate would be \$20.17, down 17 cents, Wallace said.

The tentative budget will be presented to the town board at its regular meeting tonight (Wednesday), and Wallace said he expects to hold several workshops before the required public hearing is set.



Money to develop New Scotland's new park in Feura Bush is included in the town's proposed 1984 budget. The 25.2-acre park site is off Mathias Pl. and Western Ave. near Rt. 32. Town officials are completing negotiations to buy an additional 8.6 acres (shaded area) of farm land for recreation areas. *Spotlight map*

## □ Rezoning opposed

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granted a variance to permit the existing real estate office at 45 Adams Pl. And they came armed with some healthy skepticism about the town's ability to enforce good planning if the land is rezoned.

"There is no question that the design of all this has to be integrated into

Kenwood Ave.," Kleinke assured the residents.

"I don't read anything in there that says it should be integrated at all," replied Douglas Veno of Adams Pl., referring to the planning board's recommendation. And Kleinke under questioning had to admit that unless the owners make major changes in the existing buildings — which

they have not indicated they plan to do — the town would have virtually no control over what happens to the site.

"We don't have that control in the ordinance at this time," he said.

Kleinke also got a grilling from Michael Breslin, who is not a neighbor but is chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee and an Albany lawyer. Breslin hammered away at what he said was the planning board's failure to look at a broader area in making its decision on the Brooks-Byers request.

"We got the tail of the dog pulling the whole dog through the keyhole, don't we?"

Later, when Breslin charged that the decision shows that "the system is subverted," Supervisor Tom Corrigan interrupted him.

"You're impugning the integrity of this board," said Corrigan angrily. "I object to what you're getting into. This system is not subverted."

Other than that exchange, the board members asked few questions and gave no indication as to how they will vote on the rezoning. Corrigan said later it is likely that the board will make its decision at either its Oct. 12 or Oct. 26 meeting.

The board did learn that it faces a similar situation on Delaware Ave., where neighbors of the Liebich property at Herrick Ave. are seeking to have the land rezoned from CC to CCC commercial, which limits the type of commercial development possible. An old house on the site was recently demolished by the owners, and since then rumors have circulated that the property will be developed as a fast food restaurant. The petition, with 298 signatures (many of them Elsmere Elementary School parents), was referred to the planning board.

And the board did make one decision regarding the hearing: after numerous complaints from the crowd that only those in the front of the town hall auditorium could hear, the board members agreed to investigate the purchase of a public address system.



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This lot at 231 Delaware Ave., next to Hilchie's, was cleared of trees and blacktopped recently to provide more parking for the hardware store and the building's tenants. No review was required under Bethlehem's current code. *Spotlight*

## □ Commercial control

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commercial property.

There was talk at subsequent meetings about proximity to historic sites, about changing the use of a building in a commercial zone from residential to commercial; and there was much discussion about just how much control the town should have and how much work the planners, as the review board, could handle.

About reviewing commercial sites adjacent to residential property, Building Inspector John Flanigan told the board he thought it would be saddling itself with too much work, because virtually all the commercial sites along Delaware Ave. abut residential property.

"It's not a question of the workload," board member T.E. Mulligan said at the time, "It's our job to establish control. We don't have any control today."

The planners' ideas were then sent to the town board. The town board formed an investigative committee that included Flanigan, Town Planning Consultant Edward Kleinke, town board members and representatives from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, and commercial SPA vanished from the planning board's agenda for the better part of a year.

What came back to the planners almost two years later in the form of comprehensive SPA guidelines (that the board approved after a public hearing last month) was, essentially, the rudimentary guidelines that Kleinke had laid out for the planners when discussion had begun all those meetings ago.

The essence of the present criteria for commercial SPA is, expansion of more than 50 percent of current building size and proximity of 500 feet or less to an historical site (town or state-recognized).

Simple external remodeling is not one of the criteria for appearance before the planners, nor is proximity to a residence. Indeed, none of the questions posed by planners in regard to commercial site requirements as stipulated in the ordinance were addressed. The 10-foot setback from the sidewalk remains. A commercial building can occupy 80 percent of a site, 90 percent of a corner lot. There are no side or rear-yard provisions for commercial buildings at all, though there are such provisions for residences on commercial lots.

A commercial building could, therefore, theoretically be built right to the property line on all sides except the one that fronts on the street, from which it

must be set back those 10 feet. But a multi-unit residence on the same lot could not.

Why is this, and how did it come to pass that hardly any of the concerns originally expressed by the town planning board have been addressed?

The answer may lie in the fact that there is virtually no official mechanism for the average resident to provide input on the issues involved. It would not be too great an assumption to say that the changes in the ordinance that led to the creation of the AB zone and residential SPA were the direct result of opinions expressed by residents at public hearings conducted before the town board of appeals, which formerly handled small apartment building cases through the special-exception method.

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No such forum has ever existed for commercial development that did not specifically require a similar appearance for a variance before the board of appeals. As long as the ordinance was complied with, plans for commercial development need go no further than the building inspector's office.

But, aside from the front, side and rear-yard requirements already mentioned, the ordinance is vague in dealing with everything else about a commercial building except signage, where it is very specific.

There is a provision, for instance, for the minimum amount of off-street parking space required for different types of commercial use. A retail store needs at least one parking space for each 250 square feet of space devoted to customer use. For a restaurant the figure is one per 50 square feet devoted to patron use, and so on for every permitted use.

But there is no maximum allowable parking. Which means that, theoretically, a commercial building on a large lot could be surrounded by a sea of asphalt without so much as a bush on the entire site, even if it abuts residential property.

There have, in fact, been only two commercial SPAs to come before the planning board in the almost two years

since its conception. One was for the Pagano/Weber building on Delaware Ave. in Elsmere, which was necessitated by plans for an addition in excess of the SPA criteria. The other was for a proposed dental office building to be built by Dr. Thomas Abele on Delaware on land adjacent to St. Thomas Church.

Though there was talk in the former case of proximity to adjacent apartment buildings and in the latter of proximity to the church's rectory, both plans were approved with little if any input from the planners. Under the current rules and regulations the board is not required to hold a public hearing on SPA applications, which in turn means it is under no legal obligation to notify neighbors of the site of what is intended, nor is it necessarily obliged therefore to harken to the opinions of those neighbors if they happen to express any during the actual review by the board.

One concern expressed at the outset of commercial SPA discussion by board member John LaForte was that the board would get embroiled in some type of architectural review, for which he wasn't "emotionally ready."

But last month, when after discussing buffer landscaping with Dr. Abele's representative it became apparent that the developer wasn't obliged to plant anything he really didn't want to, LaForte said something about SPA he's said many times since his comment of two years ago: "Why do we bother?"

### Burglaries probed

Richard A. Sargent, 19, of Greenwich was arraigned last Wednesday before New Scotland Town Justice Kenneth Connolly on charges of second degree burglary in connection with recent Voorheesville area entries, according to the Albany County Sheriff's Department. Sargent was remanded to the Albany County Jail without bail.

A spokesman for the sheriff's department said the arrest was a result of investigations by a number of area police agencies. Bethlehem police have said they also want to talk with Sargent.

### Four charged with DWI

Two Delmar residents were among four motorists charged this week by Bethlehem police with misdemeanor counts of driving while intoxicated. In one instance that led to a DWI charge, a car struck a parking lot fence and set some brush on fire. Delmar fire fighters were called to the scene, with police coming to assist.

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# Moylan appointed to planning board

Neal Moylan, 12 Kensington Ct., Delmar, has been appointed by the Bethlehem Town Board to the town planning board. He fills the vacancy created by the recent death of Edward Sargent.

Moylan, who recently retired as an official of Key Bank, is a former New York State commerce commissioner under Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. His term expires at the end of 1986, and he will receive the regular salary of planning board members, \$1,915 a year. (That salary will be a new expense for the town, since Sargent had declined to accept it.)

In other business last week, the town board:

- Congratulated Highway Superintendent Martin Cross on his election as president of the state Association of Town Highway Superintendents. "It's a signal honor for Marty," said Supervisor Tom Corrigan. "He's worked very diligently in both the county organization and the state organization."

- Held a hearing on Mid-Hudson

## BETHLEHEM

Cablevision's application for a \$1 increase in its \$8.95 basic service fee. Mid-Hudson services about 30 residences along Rt. 9W just north of the Coeymans line and has similar applications pending in Coeymans and Ravena. No opposition to the increase was heard, but Corrigan said the board would wait for the other municipalities to act before making its decision.

- Agreed to set an Oct. 26 public hearing date for Bethlehem's application for federal funds to build sidewalks along Delaware Ave. and nearby streets. Corrigan said he had been advised to go ahead with the hearing by the town's consultants on the project, LaBerge Engineering, despite the fact that the state Senate has not yet approved rules under which the program will be administered.



Francis Wisley of Slingerlands is one of three or four retired men who regularly share the fruits of their gardening labors with others at the Thursday meetings of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization at Town Hall. About 50 pounds of home-grown food is distributed free every week. Here Marge Morelock admires a tomato from Wisley's garden. *Spotlight*

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### Historic slides shown

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### Musicale Thursday

The Mohawk Chapter, DAR will present its fall musicale on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Alden Merrick, 356 Wellington Rd., Delmar. For show details, call Mrs. Merrick at 439-1653.

### Thrift shop in New Salem

The New Salem Reformed Church, at the junction of Rts. 85 and 85A, will turn its basement into a thrift shop-sale on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 and 8. A large supply of new and next to new clothing and accessories at reasonable prices will be sold. The proceeds will go toward the church's 200th anniversary celebration, which begins Sunday, Oct. 33.

### The French connection

The Bethlehem Public Library is actively participating in a 10-month long examination of Franco-American and Quebec heritage that is being jointly sponsored by Albany State, the state library and Capital District public libraries. The Delmar branch will host a series of free lectures on the French dialect in North America on Sundays, from 2 to 3 p.m., through Nov. 6. The weekly lecture topics will be listed in the Spotlight calendar.

A photo exhibit documenting the French community in New England will also be on display at the library. It includes the work of French photographer Lionel Delevingne, who now lives in Northampton, Mass.

For information, call 457-8584.

### Oriental how-to

Lila Hollister Smith will demonstrate the ancient Zen-inspired art form Sumi-e at the Oct. 6 meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association. Sumi-e captures objects in nature in one-brush, black ink strokes. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, and the public is welcome. For information, call Lorraine Shapiro, 439-5069.

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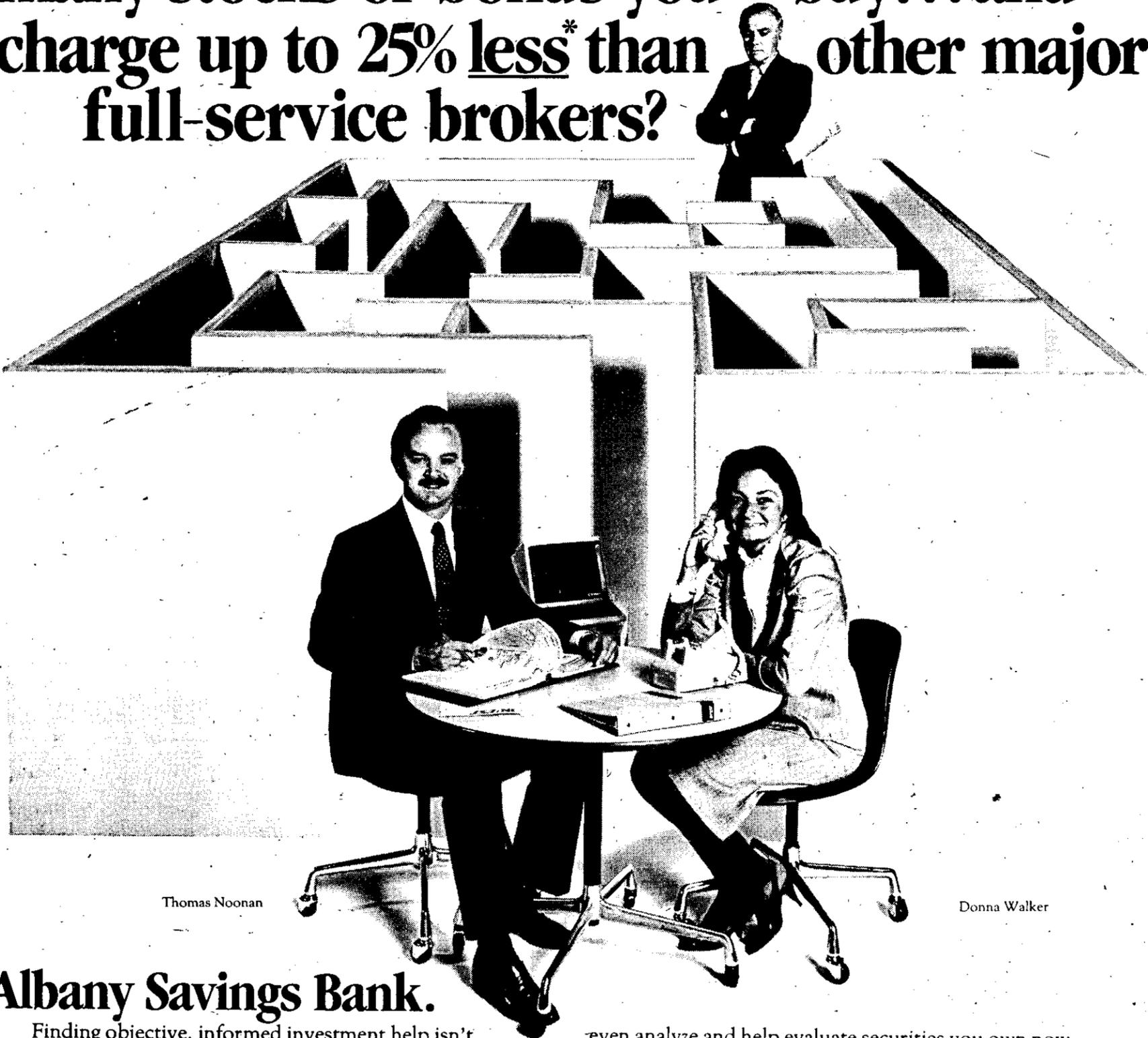


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# Voorheesville News Notes

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## RENEW begins

The RENEW program will begin this weekend in all diocesan churches. As a pre-weekend event St. Matthew's Church will sponsor a special evening this Friday featuring Rev. Paul V. Bryan, pastor of St. Clemens Church in Saratoga, who will speak on the changes in the church's teachings on traditional beliefs and practices in a talk called "Can You Go Home Again". The program beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the church on Mountainview Rd. is open to the public. Those wanting more information on the event are asked to call large group chairmen Hugh McDonald at 765-2093 or Bill Kelly at 765-2439.

## Swim classes start

Summer may be over but for Voorheesville students swimming need not be a thing of the past. The Voorheesville Swim Club is offering a chance for children ages 7 through senior high to receive swimming instructions every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 4, and continuing throughout the month of October.

The classes which begin at 6 p.m. at the high school pool are conducted by certified waterfront safety instructors and will offer instructions for both the novice and advanced swimmer. A registration fee of \$10 per student will be assessed to cover all eight sessions.

Call Hank Donnelly at 765-4961 or Larry Dedrick at 765-2107 for information.

## 50 years of 4-H

Osborne Corners, and area 4-H group, will be celebrating 4-H Week in a big way this week. On Friday at 7 p.m. the group

will hold a special open house in honor of the Golden Jubilee of the co-ed 4-H group. An informal reception will be held at the Cooperative Extension Resource Building on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville, giving both old and new members of the club a chance to get together and compare notes on 4-H practices then and now.

Leader Bill and Helen Springer, who have guided the group for the last 24 years, and their daughter Cheryl and her husband David, who have worked with them for the last decade, are hoping that many former members of the group will be able to attend.

Began in 1927 as an "onion club" under the guidance of the Department of Agriculture, the group became affiliated with 4-H in 1933. In those early days the club met in an old school house near Osborne Corners in Altamont, deriving their name from the location. As the group was passed on it kept the name even though it lost its proximity to the original location.

Since the exact date of the 50th anniversary is not known the group decided that 4-H Week was a perfect time to celebrate. The public is invited to join in the fun and view the many projects and pictures from over the past half century that will be on display.

## Another celebration

The Voorheesville Vikings 4-H group under the leadership of Ken and June Hunter also have some special events planned to celebrate 4-H week. The group invites the public to view a special display they have set up at the Voorheesville Key Bank in honor of the occasion.

On Friday, Oct. 7, the club will hold its annual achievement night at the Voorheesville Methodist Church. Members of the "Food-Let's Begin" group will prepare a spaghetti dinner with the yeasts group furnishing homemade Italian bread. A special program is being planned by Renee Hunter, Glen Reynolds and Alexis Steinkamp. Members of the Vikings and their families are invited to attend.

## Dolls and plants . . .

Gladys Chamberlain's group, The Lucky Four Leafs is also busy preparing for 4-H week. Getting a jump on the holiday season the club as been dressing dolls for the Salvation Army. Younger members have been transplanting plants for the Heldeberg Reformed Church bazaar. An achievement night is planned later this month.

## And, of course, cookies

All three groups remind the public to be on the lookout for 4-H members bearing cookies. The cookie sales program ends soon. Those wanting the tasteful tidbits may call any of the 4-H leaders to make arrangements for cookie delivery.

## Meeting night changed

A reminder to all residents of the Voorheesville Central School District that due to the Columbus Day Holiday the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the board of education has been moved from Monday, Oct. 10, to Tuesday, Oct. 11. The meeting, which will be held in the district offices located at the high school, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Oktoberfest

What would October be without an Oktoberfest? The Voorheesville American Legion doesn't want to find out so they've planned an Oktoberfest dinner-dance to be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the legion hall. A sauerbraten dinner prepared by Bill and Evelyn Wenzel and fellow workers will be served at 7:30 p.m. and will feature traditional German fare including Sauerbraten, Kaitofelklosser

(potato dumplings) with gravy, red cabbage and all the trimmings ending with (what else?) apple strudel.

After dinner fraus, fraulines and their dates may dance to the music of "The Melody Three" until 1 p.m. Door prizes will also be awarded during the evening. Tickets are \$10 per person for the evening, which promises to be "Wunderbar". Those interested in making reservations may call the legion hall after 3 p.m. at 765-4712.

## High school open houses

Now that the two week-long parents night programs at the grade school are over the parents of the "older set" will have a chance to attend open house programs at the junior-senior high school. On Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. parents of students in grades 7 and 8 will have an opportunity to follow students' condensed schedules, meet the teachers and obtain additional information about course expectations.

The following week, on Thursday, Oct. 20, a similar program will be held for parents of students in grades 9 through 12.

Parents are advised that these open house sessions are not intended to serve as individual parents-teacher conferences. Those who would like to have such a conference may do so by making appointments through the guidance department or with the individual teachers.

## A reading 'happening'

The Voorheesville PTSA will begin the new school year with a special meeting featuring Dr. Francis Hodge, owner of the Hodgepodge Bookstore in Albany. Parents and students are invited to join Dr. Hodge in the high school library on Thursday, Oct. 13, to hear his presentation designed to show how reading helps children learn and how parent-child and teacher-child relationships can be enhanced through reading.

The program will end a day-long (Turn to Page 8)

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reading "happening." An avid reader of children's literature and consultant for

the Parents as Reading Partners program, Dr. Hodge will begin the day with Voorheesville seventh and eighth graders at an assembly at the junior high at 7:45 a.m. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. he will be busy conducting one-half hour grade level presentations at the elementary school and after school he will present a special workshop for faculty members in grades K through 12.

The day long program is sponsored by

the Voorheesville PTSA.

### Historian to speak

With the holidays coming all too soon, the Helderview Garden Club is sponsoring a special program at its meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13, entitled "Christmas at Williamsburg." The program, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church, will be presented by local historian Allison Bennett and the public is invited to attend.

### On computer committee

Ed Donahue of Swift Road, in Voorheesville, has been selected by the State University of New York at Cobleskill to serve a two-year term on the Data Processing Advisory Committee.

A district support manager of Burroughs Corp., a national computer company, Donahue has been involved with computers and programming for the past 16 years.

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# Ambulance squad makes appeal to village board

By Tom Howes

The Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance Squad, contending that fund drives can no longer meet its increasing budget needs, made its pitch for municipal funding last week to the Voorheesville Village Board. But the board told the volunteers that they would have to wait for budget time next spring.

Squad Captain Janet Fisch and member Paul Jeffers presented the village board with a budget of \$31,451 at the board's Tuesday night meeting, more than double the previous high budget.

Although squad budgets have been met in prior years through fund drives and benefits, Jeffers said, "we haven't been able to set aside any money for replacement of our vehicle (ambulance) or enlargement of our building."

The squad's ambulance, a 1979 demonstrator model, is about midway through its six to seven year lifespan, according to Fisch and Jeffers. The new budget contains a \$12,000 fund to be set aside yearly until a new ambulance can be purchased. Citing the 259 service calls received in 1982 as evidence of need, Fischer and Jeffers hope to buy a larger, more versatile vehicle, an investment of \$50,000 to \$70,000.

If the squad does buy a larger vehicle, their station house on Voorheesville Rd. will need enlargement. The budget also contains funding for expansion of the garage space and addition of a meeting room, construction Jeffers estimates will cost \$27,000 to \$30,000.

"Because of the economy it's been very difficult to get money," Jeffers said. "My wife Barbara went out last time and said she'd never seen so many doors slammed in her face."

"They'll call us when they need us — but they won't give us money ahead of time."

With a goal of \$30,000, the squad's last drive three years ago raised only \$23,000. In addition to the major drive, the squad receives money from various benefit functions as well as an occasional unsolicited donation. If funded contractually, Fisch said, the other money-raising methods would probably be unnecessary.

Fisch was not sure what the financial breakdown of such a contract would be

specifically, but said a plan had been submitted to the Town Board of New Scotland in which 53 percent of the cost would be assumed by the town and 47 percent by the village, based on taxable assessed valuation. The proposal also involves expanded coverage for the New Salem area.

Mayor Milton Bates accepted the proposal for consideration, but the board did not act on it. "Our fiscal year is June 1 to June 1," he said, "and this is definitely a budget item."

Jeffers declined the mayor's invitation to use the village hall meeting room for the squad's monthly training sessions, explaining that the equipment is too difficult to move back and forth.

In other action the board:

- Acknowledged it was ready to meet with developers Rosen and Michaels. The board hopes to assume control of the Salem Hills Sewerage Corp., currently owned by the private company. Bates said he will try and contact Jerry Rosen this week.

- Approved a football rally and bonfire sponsored by the Key Club for Oct. 7 at the village green.

- Approved bids from Walter S. Pratt & Son on an air hammer (\$1,051) and an air compressor (\$6,550). The machinery will be used by the highway department.

- Increased the income limit for senior citizen real property tax exemptions from \$9,200 to \$10,500.

- Announced it will turn off the village tennis court lights on Oct. 15.

## Death investigated

State police are looking for additional witnesses in the stabbing death of Darrin Van Iderstine, 23 of Voorheesville, which occurred early Sunday morning outside a tavern in Greene County. According to police reports, Van Iderstine was slain in an altercation in the parking lot at Cabin Tavern, Rt. 81. Three other persons were injured. As of Monday afternoon, no arrests had been made.

He was the son of Richard and Beatrice Van Iderstine and survivors include his wife, the former Donna Tallman. Services are scheduled today (Wednesday).



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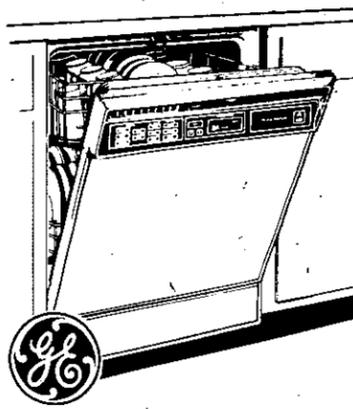
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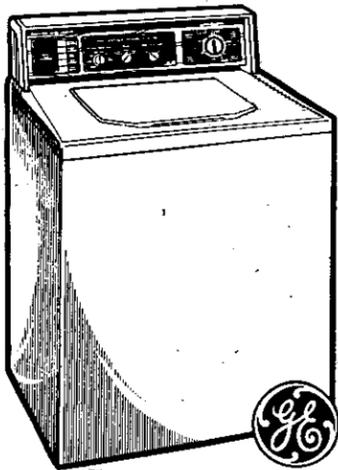
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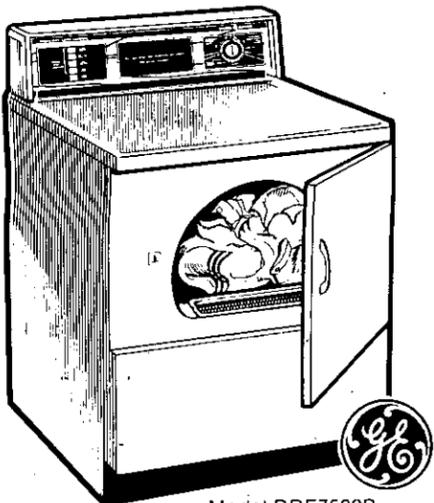
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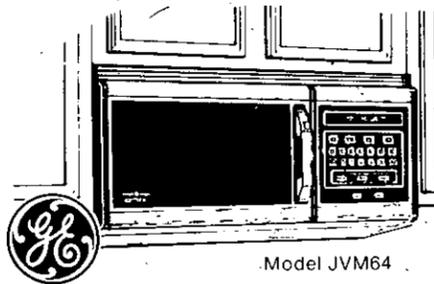
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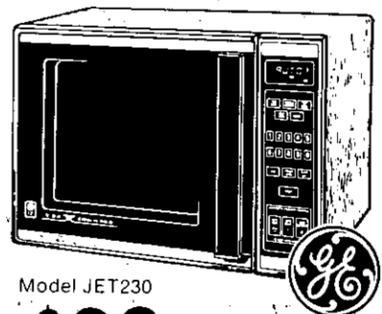
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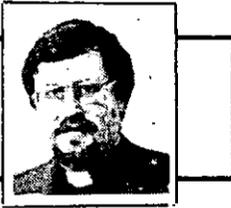
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Being a minister of a church is a bit like being a lightning rod. By that I do not mean that the minister receives bolts from heaven, but rather that he or she catches the force of people's opinions about the church. Many people are very ready to tell the minister just what they think of the church, whether or not they have darkened the door of one since childhood or not. And much of that opinion is critical. In fact, it is difficult to surprise most of us with any *new* criticisms; we have heard them all in countless variations.

Let it be admitted that a good deal of criticism is justified. The church has engaged in some colossal mistakes through the centuries. One need think only of the Crusades or the witch trials or the persecution of the Jews or the Galileo affair. Indeed, many folk have smaller personal stories — stories just as telling. Who cannot relate a tale about a church so concerned about its institutional survival as to forget about some person's deep spiritual and emotional needs? We must even say that for the church *not* to admit to criticism is in and of itself to open itself to criticism. For then it would be engaging in a dishonest self-righteous-

ness, smug in its purity. And the church has done that too.

But the criticism that has interested me some of late is that the church is a gathering of hypocrites. That church, says one of those who have joined the church's alumni association, is full of people who claim to believe one thing and act quite the contrary. They say that they follow the Prince of Peace, and the One whose commandment was to love, but anyone with one eye can see that they engage in all sorts of double-dealing violence in their personal and communal lives. If that is what the church is, then it doesn't look like it does much good. I don't want to associate with those sorts of persons (we *are* known by the company we keep). I might as well look for some other means of finding my way in life.

The person who says that is saying more than she knows. She is saying that she *expects* something of the church. It still remains at least a symbol of what it should be like if we could have a morally and spiritually pure institution. (She is also setting an extremely rigid standard of behavior for herself, but that is another matter.)

But she is also claiming more for the church than the church claims for itself. For the church, at its best, is a gathering of *admitted* hypocrites, who understand that God demands more of them than they can deliver. They gather because they hear the good news that in the miracle of grace God loves even them. And more, that he can take even such hypocrites and begin to bring their thought and behavior more and more into line with what they were created to be. That this happens haltingly and with backward steps at times is to be expected, given our human readiness to cave in to temptation. But that it happens at all is enough to keep calling us back into this gathering.

So that my response to the criticism that the church fills (or half-fills) its pews with hypocrites is to say: "Yes, that is true. But it has always been thus. Still this bunch is not hopelessly lost, for it still hears the good news of God's love. We are not gathered to congratulate ourselves on our goodness, but to hear and to taste what *God* intends. This group of hypocrites would be happy to have you back with us."

## Courses mapped

Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany is offering a series of adult education courses for members of the Jewish community. Courses this fall include "Cinema Soul: Coping with Life Crises," "Ethical Dilemmas: Jewish Perspectives" and basic Hebrew literacy. For information, call 489-4706.



Eldon and Marge Perry, visitors from Texas, show how it's done as the Tri-Village Squares brought square dancing to Delmar Saturday at the First United Methodist Church. Tom Howes



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# Growing up, then growing old

I met a man the other day sitting on a park bench. He was neither old nor young, and as his conversation grew less casual, I realized that he himself was unusual of his age. His words caused me to review my own.

"I used to be idealistic in my foot-loose and fancy-free days, perhaps as you were or still are." He glanced at my eyes as though he were searching for a glint of youth still in them. "In my struggles to be a responsible adult and a parent, I feel exiled from the Kindergarten of Eden. I'm not visited by Santa or the Easter Bunny."

"That's all part of growing up," I said. "We all mature by separating fantasy from reality."

## I have learned that the best things in life cost an arm and a leg.

He leaned back gazing into the afternoon sky. "I used to lie on the lawn in my parents' yard and look up at the moving clouds as they changed shape from giant dogs to old white-haired wizards and into mountainous landscapes. I remember feeling like my small frame was magnetized by the movement of those huge billows, almost like I was part of the movement and I was being gently carried around the whole world."

He sat up and continued. "I used to stand on shaky wooden docks on lake-shores and watch the incessant waves splash and recede over and over, making me feel like it was I who was moving, not the water." His eyes sparkled as he relived his memory. "The movement made me blend into the expanse of the lake and I'd feel like I was part of a much greater space than the dock itself."

"And I used to sit on benches downtown

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Norman G. Cohen



and watch the crowds walking, shopping, catching buses and taxis, meeting one another, leaving one another, dropping packages and picking them up, just being everyday people. I would feel connected with all of them, part of it all, because I was a person just like the rest of them."

He stood up, loosened his belt a notch and slowly returned to the bench. "I used to do these things and feel good, feel a sense of belonging with the world around me, and I truly believed that the best things in life really were free, simply for the taking. All you had to do was to be there and appreciate it."

"I know what you mean, but you don't still believe that way?" I asked.

"Well, by most folks' standard of reference I have grown up and turned into an adult. I don't really know when it happened. There wasn't any party or certificate of passage, but from the feedback I get from my family and friends, I am no longer a boy."

I could see he wasn't merely talking about his chronological age, but his perception of things, his view of the world.

"One measure of my adulthood," he continued, "is that I don't lie down on grass anymore. These days I think about grass stains on my trousers, and when I look at clouds I visualize giant H's and L's with colored splotches showing weather patterns from the six o'clock news. Then I think about what I'll wear tomorrow and whether I'll do indoor or outdoor chores."

The man's face seemed to sag subtly as he went on. "And downtown benches, well, I've hardly had time to sit in doctors' waiting rooms, let alone park benches."

"But here you are," I observed with a half-smile.

"Yes, I am, but you know there is a strong connotation associated with an adult lazily sitting on a bench in the middle of their typical urban afternoon. I have unfortunately learned to a fault that the best things in life cost an arm and a leg. And don't kid yourself, there's plenty of lousy things in life that carry a hefty price tag, too."

## One measure of my adulthood is that I don't lie down on grass anymore. These days I think about grass stains...

"Do you really believe that? 'Free' is still one of the most eye-catching words," I proposed. "Ask any advertiser."

He paused for a moment, then turned toward the grocery store on the corner. "I don't know why, but I'm not attracted to the free things anymore. In fact, I'm downright skeptical of anything that's offered free. If I saw a hundred-dollar bill lying by the curb, I'd figure it had too many strings attached to pick it up. Maybe I spent too many years trying to grab a cloud or a wave, or maybe I realized that I was getting splinters from the downtown bench."

We watched traffic for a while. I wondered just how disillusioned my benchmate was. "You sound pretty disappointed with life in general."

"No," he replied. "I haven't lost sight of my youthful gaze or the promises it used to hold for me. I just recognize the folly of

how I used to see things. I would love to pass the time on the lawns and decks and benches of this world, but I can't do that and feed my family at the same time. So instead, I've been spending my hours as an adult on concrete streets, formica hallways and metal desk chairs and I stare at papers and electronic images and at other adults doing the same as I do. The irony is that when I want to escape now, when I want to return for a few moments to a simpler time, I flick on the television to watch a program about nature."

"Come on," I challenged, "you're not confined to a TV set."

"I know," he conceded. "Perhaps I'm mourning the loss of the child I used to be. Maybe it's just middle-aged woe, but I still remember those lovely times as a youngster and wish I could feel that way again."

"Maybe you could revive some of your boyish idealism by doing some of those things you used to do," I encouraged.

"Yeah, I suppose I could. Well," the man sighed as he stood up to go, "if you happen to see someone resembling me lying on some lawn in town or swaying on a remote wooden dock by the river or sitting cross-legged back here on this bench some afternoon, don't think I'm three bricks short a load." He cracked a wry smile at me and began walking away. "I'll just be trying to convince myself that some of the best things in life as I remember them are really still free."

## Watch the stars

The Albany Area Amateur Astronomers will cosponsor an autumn star watch on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. The indoor-outdoor star gazing will feature naked eye observation, star stories and telescope use. Registrants should dress for cold weather and bring a flashlight and binoculars. In case of rain, the program will be moved indoors.

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

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

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

# THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Girl Scout Uniform Exchange**, Delmar Key Bank community room, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 439-0159.

**Halloween Costume-making**, for children over 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

**Public Hearings**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of LeRoy VanRiper, 112 Union Ave. S., Delmar, for variance to permit construction of addition at premises, 8 p.m.; Robert and Nancy Fraser, 64 Dumbarton Dr., Delmar, for variance to permit construction of addition at premises, 8:15 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

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

**Investment Seminar**, Wednesday series begins with "Tax Advantaged Investments," led by Joseph Herd of First Albany Corp., at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Bethlehem Art Association**, Lila Hollister Smith demonstrates ancient Oriental brush work, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Open to public. Information, 439-5069.

**Autumn Star Watch**, indoor-outdoor gazing with binoculars and telescopes, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 457-6092. Free.

**"Build a Spooky House,"** Halloween series for children over 6 begins at Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

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

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

**Delmar Progress Club** picnic lunch for creative arts and garden groups, leaves town parking lot at 9:30 a.m. (Rain date Oct. 13.)

**Mohawk Chapter, DAR**, fall musicale at home of Mrs. Alden Merrick, 356 Wellington Rd., 2 p.m. Information, 439-1653.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

**Free Legal Clinic for Senior Citizens**, Bethlehem Town Hall, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For appointments, call 439-4955 weekdays.

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

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

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

**Thrift Shop Sale**, two-day event at New Salem Reformed Church at Rts. 85 and 85A, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Voorheesville PTSA**, Voorheesville High School library, at 7:30 p.m.

**Helderview Garden Club**, Allison Bennett on "Christmas at Williamsburg," Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

**Halloween Candy Sale**, sponsored by Bethlehem Lions, Delaware Plaza, \$2 a bag.

**Thrift Shop Sale**, New Salem Reformed Church, Rts. 85 and 85A, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Bible Films Series**, "The Promise," Delmar Reformed Church, 8:30 and 11:15 a.m., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

**New Scotland Run**, 7.1 and 12-mile races sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m.

**Church Youth Group**, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

**Children's Films**, "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," Bethlehem Public Library, at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**Columbus Day Holiday**, Bethlehem and New Scotland town halls and Voorheesville village hall closed; Bethlehem landfill open and garbage collection as usual.

## area arts

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

### THEATER

"The Glass Menagerie" (autobiographical play by Tennessee Williams). Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Oct. 4-8, 8 p.m.

"Evita" (return of the Broadway musical hit). Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Oct. 3-5, 8 p.m. Information, 382-1083, tickets, 346-6204.

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" (the punk rock version of Shakespeare's comedy). Little Theater, Russell Sage College, Troy, Oct. 6, 7 and 8, 8 p.m. Tickets, 270-2263 or 270-2000.

"Twelfth Night" (production by National Shakespeare Company). Maureen Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

"These are Women" (more Shakespeare in one-woman show by Claire Bloom). The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 9, 2 p.m. Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"The Woolgatherer" (comedy by William Mastrosimone gets a second SUNY production). Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Oct. 11-15, 8 p.m.

"Once in a Lifetime" (Kaufman and Hart's satirical comedy about Hollywood with Delmar's Dick Harte in the lead). Albany Civic Theater, Second Ave., Albany, Oct. 12-16 and 19-23. Tickets, 462-1297.

### MUSIC

Capitol Chamber Artists play at Albany Institute of History and Art. Russian composers, Oct. 5; Beethoven, Faure and Kennan, Oct. 12, 12:10 p.m.

Swedish National Orchestra of Gothenburg. Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Oct. 6, 8 p.m.

"Serenades" (faculty showcase with works by Mozart, Strauss and Dvorak). Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

Jerry Rasmussen (singer/songwriter), Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 362 State St., Albany, Oct. 8, 8:45 p.m.

Riverboard Ragtime Review, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Oct. 9, 2 p.m.

### DANCE

"Firebird" (area premiere of Berkshire Ballet's all-new choreography of Stravinsky classic in this all-Stravinsky program). Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Oct. 7, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or (413) 442-1307.

Joffrey II Ballet, Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 212 and 375 in Woodstock, Oct. 8, 8:30 p.m. Tickets, (914) 679-2436.

### ART

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

David Hayes (sculpture), Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Oct. 23.

Marge Scilipote, watercolors, Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., through October.

Claudia DeMonte, recent works and installation, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through Oct. 15 (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.)

"Classical Influences in 19th and 20th Century Architecture in Troy," photography exhibit presented by Gerald Miller, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Oct. 20 (9 to 5 Monday-Friday, 2-5 Sundays).

Patricia Loonan-Testo and Helen DeAndreade, Works on Paper, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through Oct. 8 (9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily).

Faculty Exhibition, College of Saint Rose, Picotte Gallery, through Sept. 30 (Sunday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.)

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

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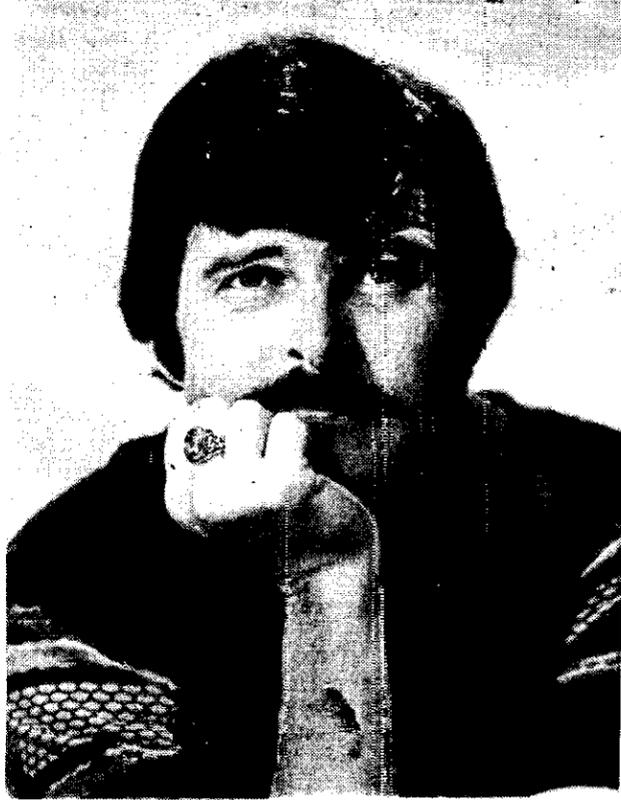
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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Voorheesville Board of Education**, regular monthly meeting in district offices, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Slingerlands Home Bureau**, second Tuesday of month, at Delmar Reformed Church, at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Mother's Time Out**, Bethlehem historian Allison Bennett addresses Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, Delmar Reformed Church, 385 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary** meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. second Wednesday of month.

**Red Men**, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

**Second Milers**, learn about "Changes in Telecommunications" after monthly luncheon, Delmar Methodist Church, at 12:30 p.m.

**New Scotland Elks** meet second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

**Half Moon Button Club**, "The Art of Cameo Carving," Bethlehem Public Library, noon. Information, 482-7683.

**Slingerlands Fire District**, second Wednesday at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

**Junior High Open House**, Voorheesville High School, 7 p.m.

**Investment Seminar**, "The AT&T Divestiture," effect on investors and tax considerations, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Delmar Dolphins Registration**, two-day sign up for swimmers ages 6-18 able to swim 25 yards, at Bethlehem Central High School pool, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 439-7721.

**Job Club** meets Wednesdays at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. \$10 fee for five sessions. Call 439-9314.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**

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

**Delmar Fire Department Auxiliary**, regular meeting second Thursday of month except in August, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

**RENEW Talk**, the Rev. Paul Bryan on charges in church's teachings, at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7:30.

**Osborne Corners 4-H club** has 50th anniversary open house, County Cooperative Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

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

**Bethlehem Central Middle School Open House**, for parents of sixth graders, to meet teachers, tour school and order shirts, bags and locker ladders, at the school, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9647.

**Bethlehem Historical Association**, card party at Bethlehem Elks, Rt. 144 and Winne Rd., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m. \$2.50 tickets, call 439-1448 or 439-4489.

**Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Coffee**, for new mothers and area newcomers, home of Linda Drew, 79 Paxwood Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0509.

**Delmar Dolphins Registration**, for swimmers ages 6-18 able to swim 25 yards at Bethlehem Central High School pool, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 439-7721.

**"Build a Spooky House"**, Thursday Halloween series for children over 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

**Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post** meets second Thursday of month at post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-983E.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**Red Cross Bloodmobile**, at Owens Corning, Rt. 32, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**YMCA Indian Guide-Princess**, information meeting for fathers and sons or daughters in kindergarten through grade 3, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 449-7196.

**Ladies Auxiliary Fish Fry**, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., 5-7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Country and Country Dancing**, music by Fennig's All-Stars at First Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission.

**Pancake Breakfast**, sponsored by youth group at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7-11 a.m., \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children under 12.

**Elks Anniversary Dinner Dance** at the lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

**Voter Registration Deadline**, last day to register in person for general election Nov. 8, New Scotland Town Hall, from 1 to 9 p.m.

**Chicken and Biscuit Supper and Fair**, sponsored by Women's Guild at Onesquehew Reformed Church, 4:30 p.m. Reservations, 768-2611.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**Bible Film Series**, "Sodom and Gomorrah," Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., 8:30 and 11:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m. \$5 registration, call 439-9929.

**Christian Music Concert**, singer, composer and pianist Ken Medema at Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 6:30 p.m. Free.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185, V.F.W.**, third Monday, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

**Career Development Seminar**, eight-week series taught by career counselor Karen Maher begins, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. \$15 registration by Oct. 14, call 439-9314.

**Selkirk Fire Commissioners**, meeting at Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., 7:30 p.m.

**Lincoln Hill Books Open House**, to preview fall children's books, at the store, 163 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-10 p.m. Information, 439-8241.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**American Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040**, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lodge 1096, F&AM**, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, third Tuesday, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 7-8:30 p.m.

**AARP**, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

## Events in Nearby Areas

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**Epilepsy Association**, monthly meeting at First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8085.

**Alpoeia Areata Support Group**, first meeting at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 436-1962.

**"The Breakup of AT&T: How It Affects You,"** phone company representative leads discussion at Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

**"Imagery in Contemporary Women's Art,"** free lecture series sponsored by Albany Institute of History and Art at Harmanus Bleecker Center, Dove St., 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

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

**Writers' Workshop**, poet Paul Weinman discusses collecting oral histories and year-long project, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.

**Cornell Club Cocktails**, at the Steuben Club, Albany, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$5 tickets. Call 489-1524 evenings, 465-7511 days.

**Recorder Society**, meeting at Frederick House, Rt. 146, Guilford Center, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7785 evenings.

**Senior Citizens Flu Immunization**, 1 p.m., blood pressure clinic, 9:30 a.m., and aerobics and diet class, 10 a.m., at Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. \$3 vaccine fee. Information, 465-3325.

**Lunch with the Arts Series**, for downtown professionals to review a trip to Russia and other Eastern Bloc countries over lunch, at College of Saint Rose, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Free.

**Health Policy Forum**, Harvard University sociologist Paul Starr discusses "The Social Transformation of American Medicine" at public forum, Rockefeller Institute, 411 State St., Albany, 10 a.m. Free.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**Billy Crystal Live**, comedian of TV series "Soap" kicks off Union College homecoming weekend with performance at Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. \$7 tickets at student activities box office, Carnegie Hall.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Animal Hibernation**, puppet show and discussion for children, at State Museum, Empire State Plaza. Free.

**Downtown Albanyfest**, street party sponsored by city and merchants with music, crafts, mimes, clowns, food and fashion shows, N. Pearl St. between State and Van Tromp Sts., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**Schenectady Harvest Festival**, bed race, arts and crafts show and sale, specialty booths, food and music, State St. between Jay St. and Broadway, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Bird-watching Field Trip**, Norman and Marilyn Fancher of Delmar lead Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club trip to Pleasant Valley Sanctuary, Lenox, leaving from Howard Johnsons Rt. 1-90, East Greenbush.

**"Autumn Insects: Strategies for Life,"** science lecture and field trip to the Pine Bush, 10:30 a.m. Information, 474-5877 or 474-5842. Free.

**Half Party**, St. George Orthodox Catholic Church golden jubilee celebrated with Greek and Arabic dancing, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9 p.m. Information, 439-3250.

**Warrensburg Garage Sale**, two-day event expected to include more than 50,000 buyers, five miles north of Lake George Village, Rt. 9.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Warrensburg Garage Sale** and auction, 1 p.m., five miles north of Lake George Village, Rt. 9, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Westerlo Nature Walk**, leaves from entrance to Big Bear Swamp preserve, Rt. 404, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Information, 377-1453.

**Rensselaerville Institute Open House**, hosted by President Hal Williams of Delmar, at the Institute on Man and Science, 4 p.m. Free. Information, 797-3783.

**"Heat and Dust" Benefit Performance**, India film starring Julie Christie, sponsored by Columbia County Historical Society, followed by gala reception at Tracy Memorial Hall, Chatham, 6-9 p.m. \$10 tickets. Call 758-9265.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Safe Place**, support group for families and friends of suicide victims, at Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-0799.

**Friends of the Library Noon Book Review**, review of Nicholas Gage's "Elean", Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

**Dutch Settlers Society**, meet at First Reformed Dutch Church, Clinton Square, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

**Adirondack Mountain Club**, guest speaker meteorologist Ray Falkner, at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m.

**Sage Women's Issues**, monthly discussion group to hear Karen Burstein, state Civil Service Commission chief, at Russell Sage Bush Memorial Center, 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2306.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**Career Festival**, local businesses, government agencies and service organizations talk with local college students, at Union College alumni gym, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 370-6176.

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## On Siena faculty

James A. Thomas of Slingerlands has been named an assistant professor of computer science at Siena College, Loudonville. Thomas is among 15 full-

time faculty members appointed at the college this fall.

## Earns library degree

Paul J. Donovan, son of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William T. Donovan of Delmar, has earned a master's degree in library and information science from the State University at Albany. He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attended the Junior College of Albany, University of Arizona and New Hampshire College. Donovan, who was reference librarian at the Bethlehem Public Library this summer, is now working at the Vermont state law library in Montpelier.

## Earns doctorate

J. Mark Weber, son of Pirie and George Weber of Delmar, has received the Ph.D. degree in pharmaceutical biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He received the bachelor of science degree in biology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1975 and a master of science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1978. He will pursue his research interest in molecular biology at Harvard University.

## Seeks master's

Mary Beth Curtin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Curtin of Delmar, is studying for a master's degree in biology at the State University at Binghamton.



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# Can Eagles shake off tough loss?

Bethlehem Central's 20-19 loss to Niskayuna Saturday may have been "emotionally draining" but it wasn't necessarily discouraging, says BC Coach John Sodergren. How his players react to that experience could determine what sort of game the underdog Eagles give Saratoga this weekend.

In a game where the lead changed hands twice, and where three times Bethlehem came clawing back, the final score was decided by a tipped pass to foil a BC two-point conversion attempt with less than two minutes to go in the game.

"The kids wanted to go for the win, and that's what I really wanted too," confessed Sodergren.

They didn't get it, but Sodergren saw a number of positive points.

First, Niskayuna, last year's Suburban Council doormat, played a respectable game; the Eagles didn't give it away. Second, the BC offense was far more consistent than it had been all season. "We played well enough offensively to win," said Sodergren.

More good news: Steve Mendel turned in his second standout performance at quarterback, completing six for eight passes for 60 yards with no interceptions, including a fourth-period touchdown toss to Mike Mooney. That means that BC has two capable starters at the key position when Dave Young, the season starter, returns to 100 percent. Right now, says Sodergren, Mendel has earned the right to continue starting on a week-to-week basis.

And some bad news: Fullback and co-captain John Zuker broke a bone in his foot shortly after he scored Bethlehem's



Fourth-quarter play was fast and furious on the BC field as Chris Oberheim, in the light jersey at right, heads in for the ball thrown by Steve Mendel, chalking up a big gain against Niskayuna. R.H. Davis

first touchdown in the second quarter. He's out for the season, "a big loss for us," said Sodergren.

Zuker's TD, followed by Ed Buluch's kick, sent the Eagles to the locker room at half time with a one-point lead. And those extra points — or lack of them — continued to dominate the game. When Niskayuna scored in the third period on a six-yard pass it elected to go for two and made it, putting the score at 12 to 7.

In the fourth quarter, Mendel's pass to Mooney brought the Eagles close, but a

run attempt to regain the lead failed. Again Nisky tailback Dan Gioia eluded BC tacklers for a 22-yard TD run, and this time their two-point conversion failed. So when BC's John Tonetti scored from a yard out with less than two minutes to go the stage was set. A kick would have tied the game, but Sodergren reasoned that there simply wasn't enough time to get the ball back. And what's that line about kissing your sister?

MVP honors went to tailback Jeff Masline, whose offensive statistics — 20

carries for 93 yards, one reception, one completed pass and two punt returns for 21 yards — were matched by his solid play on defense. Masline was responsible for blocking one of Niskayuna's conversion attempts.

Mark Hoffman got the coaches' nod for offensive lineman of the week, and Mendel was named top offensive back, with Sodergren particularly impressed by his leadership.

On defense, where Sodergren saw "some big plays by individuals although

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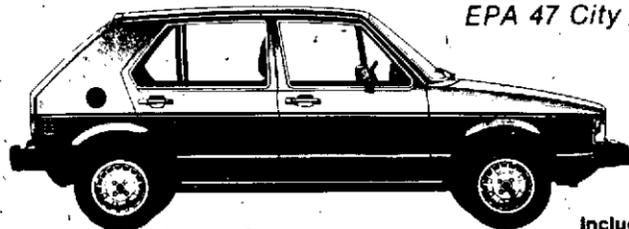
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# Spotlight SPORTS

we didn't do anything special as a team," Charlie Lynk was defensive lineman of the week with a hand in some 30 tackles, and Mike Cronin, whose second period interception set up the Eagles' first touchdown, was named defensive back of the week.

Chris Oberheim and Joe Klink tied for honors for bench players, Oberheim going both ways for the entire second half and Klink turning in a solid game at offensive tackle. Tom McTague's kickoff returns and downfield coverage earned him specialist of the week honors.

Saratoga visits Van Dyke Rd. at 2 p.m. Saturday. They're 3-0 with an outstanding quarterback, several good running backs and a speedy wide receiver, says Sodergren. They could have extra incentive now that Shenendehowa has lost, opening up the Suburban Council race considerably. So the Eagles need to bounce back from an emotional downer. Sometimes adversity does breed character...

## BC girls booters go 1-1

The girls' varsity kickers at Bethlehem Central won one and lost one last week. In game No. 1 the squad kept the Guilderland goalie busy with 26 shots on goal, three of which went in. None of Guilderland's nine tries succeeded. Scoring for BC were Kelly Burke, Jill Kaplowitz and Kara Matarrese, who also got an assist.

Up against Shenendehowa, however, it was a different story, with Kathy Schenkel the only scorer for Bethlehem, while the home team picked up 6. Kelly Burke, was credited with an assist for BC.

## Dolphins hold registration

In order to boost its winter membership, the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club will hold a registration on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 12 and 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School pool. Children ages six to 18 who can swim one 25-yard lap are eligible to sign up. For details, call Hal Patrick at 439-7721.

# Room for improvement

By Julie Ann Sosa

"The chips will have to fall where they may. We are learning not to have any big plans and to be happy with improvement," said a humbled Coach Gene Lewis of his Bethlehem Central varsity soccer team, now 1-5-1. It has not been a good season as records go, and time is — if not was — of the essence to get to the .500 record that is required for a Sectional berth.

The team's record last week was 0-2-1; BC was crushed 4-0 by Guilderland, beaten 3-0 by Shenendehowa and tied 1-1 with Burnt Hills. "But Ray (Sliter) commented, correctly, that the boys were playing better after the Shenendehowa game because I've juggled them and their positions and found the right matches — finally," said Lewis.

The Tilroe tandem, seniors Jeff and Jason, have been all that they were expected to be — consistent and adaptable. Senior Andy Tomlinson has played sweeper in only three games, but the spot looks to be his for awhile. Sophomore Matt Dunmore had his appendix removed during an August soccer tour in England and is just now getting into condition to play halfback.

The team was plagued by restart problems in an earlier Scotia game, and Guilderland, too, made short work of BC's sloppy defensive set-up after

whistles. Its first three goals came at 6:20, 23:10 and 34:10 in the first half on a cornerkick headed in and two direct free kicks that found an unmarked man in the box and a wall and keeper that were surprised by a banana-curved ball.

"Mike Campsi (Shenendehowa's coach) might have been a little disappointed with his team on Thursday," said Lewis. The undefeated Plainsmen are THE modern soccer team in the Suburban Council, but Lewis said that BC played them on a par in the first half, when their only goal came at 11:45 as scoring sensation John Joseph netted his first of two in a one-on-one race with BC goalie Mike Guarino. Guarino left himself uncommitted, half-in-half-out of the goal, but he still had seven saves on the day. The teams were even in time of possession, but Bethlehem had eight shots AT the goal while Shenendehowa had 11 ON goal.

The Saturday home game against Burnt Hills (3-2-1) began as a matinee but extended into double overtime. The visitors went ahead 1-0 six minutes into the second half, but Jason Tilroe evened the game eight minutes later on a direct free kick from outside the 18 yard line. Center forward Bob Keens and left wing Chris Kelly missed two shots wide in the scoreless overtime. It was halfback Knut Havlsmarken and keeper Guarino (8 saves) who Assistant Coach Bob Keens,



Bethlehem's Bob Keens seems to be exhorting the soccer ball to catch up with him as BC's booters came out on the short end last week against Shenendehowa. Tom Howes

Sr. credited with keeping the team in the game in the first half.

Bethlehem should have better luck this week at Columbia on Tuesday and at home against Mohonasen on Saturday.

## Homecoming

Bethlehem Central High School's second "homecoming" is planned for Saturday, Oct. 22, under sponsorship of the Football Boosters Club. Former football players and cheerleaders are urged to participate in halftime activities during the game with Shaker High School, beginning at 2 p.m., with festivities set to start at 1:15 p.m. BC's marching band also is scheduled to perform. Persons with information about former players or cheerleaders are asked to call 439-9418.



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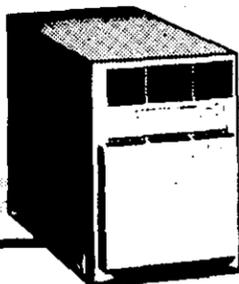
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# A game to forget, mistakes to remember

By Nat Boynton

If lessons are learned from mistakes, Voorheesville's football team should be a world-beater this Saturday when Watervliet comes to the Helderbergs in the opening game of the Southern Division round-robin of the Capital Conference.

The Blackbirds made enough booboos at Hudson last week to last all season, and came off on the short end of a 26-0 debacle. Three gift touchdowns put the game out-of-reach and nobody cared about the fourth.

That accounted for Hudson's side of the scoreboard, but what hurt the Blackbirds most was the frequency of procedural errors and mental mistakes that produced the zero on the other end. Fumbles, false starts, illegal motions and busted plays did more to stop Voorheesville than the enemy troops.

As a result, the Blackbirds, with a quality passing game and adequate runners, never mounted a serious scoring threat. In the second quarter, when it was still a ball game, the Blackbirds got to the Hudson 45 twice, the 32 once and the 25 once. They did not cross midfield in the second half. Meanwhile Hudson went nowhere against the Blackbird defense.

Of those four drives, two were stopped by fumbles and one by an interception. The pickoff came in the end zone on the final play of the first half as Sean Rafferty, who had connected on his first three throws and was 4-for-6 in the half, just missed in the left corner. The score was 6-0 at the time, and a touchdown at that point might have swung the whole game around.

Those six Hudson points came before the Blackbirds had run a play from scrimmage. On the opening kickoff the Voorheesville receiver was clotheslined, gave up the ball on the 17, and the beneficiaries scored in two plays.



Voorheesville's Mike Ricci, left, brought down No. 30, Otis Taylor, to hand Hudson a yardage loss in night action last week. *R.H. Davis*

That was the only Hudson offense of the half, so well did the Blackbirds smother plunges and sweeps. The second quarter was all Voorheesville, but the mistakes were costly.

As if playing catch-up football against one of the league's strongest teams wasn't enough, the Blackbirds donated another easy touchdown late in the third. Again it was a fumble on a kick return, this time a deep punt, and the hosts were first and 10 on the 11. The Birds gave ground grudgingly, and it was not until the fourth play that Hudson swept left into the corner.

Gift No. 3 came on the next succession with an assist from the officials. Down by 12 with three minutes left in the quarter, Coach Tom Buckley elected to go with a Rafferty sneak on fourth down and inches on the Hudson 30. Rafferty appeared to have made it over the chalk mark, but the official moved the ball back and the measurement fell short by two inches. Hudson then scored in three plays, helped by a pass interference call for a first on the 15. The TD came on their first pass completion of the evening with 1:47 on the clock.

Voorheesville lost Ed Mitzen early in the third quarter on a punt reception. The shifty junior, who had caught three passes for 44 yards, was X-rayed for a shoulder injury, but the X-ray was negative and he is probable for Watervliet this week.

"We missed Mitzen's quickness after that," said Buckley later. "Our offense looked pretty good, but the mistakes hurt us. We did a good job on defense, just what we wanted to do. We hit hard, but sometimes we bounced off the runner instead of bringing him down right away."

Buckley praised Kevin Rafferty, who made eight tackles, blocked an extra point kick and knocked down a pass, and

Tom Paeglow, who had 13 tackles. The middle linebackers, Matt Beals and Kevin Conley, had 11 stops between them, and the secondary was superb — Lee Kraus had 12 tackles, Mike McCarthy eight and the attackers stayed away from Kevin Rafferty all night. McCarthy also had three pass receptions for 48 yards.

What about Watervliet, now that the games really count? "We'll make some adjustments, sure, but mostly we'll work on avoiding those 5-yard penalties, motion, procedure," said Buckley.

## Leads auxiliary

At the recent seventh annual convention of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association, the ladies' auxiliary appointed officers for the coming year. They are: president, Darlene Duff of Elsmere; first vice president, Arlene LaDuke of Onesquethaw; second vice president, Donna Welker of Voorheesville; recording secretary, Barbara Hotaling, Coeymans; financial secretary, Carolyn Day, Delmar; and treasurer, Marion Waterbury, Boght. The directors of the association are Marguerite Sutter, Slingerlands; Mary VanAlystne, Onesquethaw; Evelyn Carolus, Menands; Sheila Mears, North Bethlehem, and Rose Shea, Elsmere. Ellen Hunsinger of New Salem is junior past president. The officers were installed by Richard Wood, convention chairman, at the North Bethlehem Firehouse.

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A Selkirk motorist was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after the hood came off the 1967 car he was driving on Rt. 144 Monday morning, sailed over the car behind him and struck the grill on a brand-new Ford Thunderbird that was third in line.

The Thunderbird swerved and the vehicle struck a utility pole, resulting in extensive damage, according to police. The couple in the car, who are from Climax, N.Y., were taken to St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, for treatment of head and leg injuries. The wife, Martha Harvey, was admitted for observation.

Bethlehem police, who were called by a witness to the accident, alerted city police and Albany County sheriff's deputies, who located a vehicle minus its hood parked at the Port of Albany. Wayne Smith, 23, of Selkirk, faces a charge of leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor.

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# Blackbird soccer program struggles

By Peter Fisch

As in recent years, the varsity soccer program at Voorheesville High School has been unable to find the winning formula. So far the team has struggled to a 2-4 league record (2-6 overall).

Middleburgh has handed the Blackbirds two non-league defeats. In the season opener, Burgh stopped the local team, 2-1, with senior Brerton Bissell scoring the Birds' only goal. In their most recent loss, the Blackbirds traveled to Middleburgh last Saturday only to be blanked 2-0 in a very physical contest.

In the league opener, Voorheesville squeaked by Ravena in a poorly played game, 4-3. Amidst the rain, VCHS led 2-0 at the half, but allowed the Indians to tie it at two in the second half. The Black-

birds then scored twice to clinch the victory. Senior Jeff Rockmore popped in two goals for Voorheesville with Bissell and junior Chris Smolen pitching in one apiece.

In one of their better games, the Birds lost a close contest to league rival Cohoes, 4-3. The Tigers broke a 3-3 tie with 5:45 left to take the victory. Smolen contributed two scores for VCHS with sophomore Dean Solomos also booting a goal.

The Birds played a closer second half against Waterford, but one half doesn't make a game as the Fordians zipped Voorheesville, 3-0. Waterford scored their first goal in the first three minutes, their second with only 15 seconds left in the first half, and their final goal with 35

seconds remaining in the game. The Blackbirds controlled the ball most of the second half, but just couldn't score.

Rockmore scored the only goal for the Blackbirds as they gave up three second-half goals to give Watervliet a 3-1 victory. In the following game, a powerful Schalmont club blasted VCHS, 8-0, with a three-goal outburst in less than a minute in the first half.

Once again, Rockmore connected on two goals for Voorheesville including the winner with 36:20 left in the game to lead the team to a 2-1 win over Lansingburgh. Smolen assisted Rockmore on both of the scores.

Coach Bob Crandall said the team is "small physically and the inexperience is beginning to show." The team is very young, with only two or three seniors on the field at one time. The majority of the squad consists of sophomores.

Two bright spots have been the play of seniors Rockmore and Frank Baker. Rockmore currently has five league goals and is basically the field leader. Baker has played well in his first full season as goaltender. "He has been forced to make a lot of saves and has held up well," said Crandall.

"The soccer program at Voorheesville has not been successful in recent years and the kids are very accepting of that fact," said Crandall.

Elsewhere around the Colonial Council, Albany Academy holds down first place with a 5-0-1 record while Schalmont and Waterford remain close behind

at 4-1-1. The Cadets were scheduled to play host to the Blackbirds as was Cohoes Wednesday. Friday VCHS will attempt to sweep the season series versus Ravena at home.



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# Tennis team surprises with winning record

With only three seniors returning from last year's girls' tennis team at Voorheesville High School, coach Tom Kurkjian wasn't sure if he'd have enough players for the 1983 season. As it turns out, Kurkjian had enough to not only field a team but a competitive one.

So far, the girls have compiled a 2-1 league record and a 3-2 overall record, despite the fact that there are no seniors in the starting lineup. In the number one spot is junior Adrienne Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald's season has been tough thus far due to the high quality of the number one players in the Colonial Council. Playing competitive tennis for the first time in the number two spot, Donna Mensching is consistently improving.

Holding down the third and fourth slots are junior Courtney Brennan and eighth grader Paige Hotaling, two of the most consistent players on the squad. Sue Merritt, a sophomore, is in the final singles position. Alternating at doubles throughout the season have been juniors Terry Balfe, Kathy Danforth and Tina Rasmussen along with freshman Betty Zeh and seventh grader Michelle Petre.

The Birds opened up their league season with a 6-1 romp of Ravena. Registering singles victories were Fitzgerald, Brennan, Hotaling and Merritt. In addition, the doubles combination of Zeh and Danforth played to a 7-5, 7-6,

victory while Petre and Rasmussen breezed by their opponents 8-3. The Blackbirds racked up another 6-1 win when they played Ravena a second time. Mensching gained her first victory for the season by beating the same girl she lost to in the first match.

Lansingburgh handed the local netters their only league loss thus far, 4-3. Tallying victories were Brennan, Hotaling and the doubles team of Danforth and Petre. Kurkjian felt that the match could have gone either way. Currently, Lansingburgh is resting atop the Colonial Council in first place.

In non-league matches, the squad defeated Cobleskill, 5-2, and was defeated at the hands of the top team in the Patroon league, Catskill.

At the Colonial Council tournament last Friday and Saturday, the only advancing Blackbirds were the doubles pair of Merritt and Hotaling. On reaching the finals, the duo lost, 6-3, 6-2, to a Watervliet team.

Monday, the netters were scheduled to play host to the first place Knights of Lansingburgh before traveling to Cobleskill on Wednesday for a non-league contest. Thursday Watervliet will travel to VCHS for a league matchup. Catskill comes to Voorheesville tomorrow to end a testing week for the Birds as they make their run for the Colonial Council title.

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# Eagles shade Saratoga

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The Eagles survived a serious threat last Tuesday, handing Saratoga its first loss in what Franze praised as "a real team victory." The score was 5-4, and it was not until late in the day when Eileen Berry at No. 6 singles nailed down the vital fifth win that clinched the match.

Bethlehem was battling for life after Saratoga had swept all three doubles matches against BC tandems that had not lost a match in four team outings up to last week.

"That was a real shocker," said Franze. "It put immense pressure on the singles players. It was a real team effort when the singles came through."

Trailing 3-1 after the doubles, the BC girls rallied to win five of the six singles matches. Laura Treadway at No. 1 had a big win, upsetting Saratoga's Jennie Whalen, a seventh grader en route to becoming a local superstar. Whalen had previously beaten Niskayuna's Jessica Vernon, one of the area's top players who had defeated Treadway in the opening match last month. Last week Treadway

## TENNIS

dispatched Whalen with surprising ease, 6-2, 6-0.

Other singles pairings were real battles. At No. 2 Jody Jones, an eighth grader in her second year on the varsity, came back from an erratic second set to win by 6-1, 5-7, 6-1, while Aryan Shayegani at No. 3 was being pressed to win by 7-5, 6-4. Leanne Cory, meanwhile, was denied the final point in a barn-burner at No. 4, bowing by 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. Julie Liddle won her match by 4 and 3.

Two days later the Eagles had an easy time at East Greenbush, taking Columbia, 9-0, without losing a set. That setup gave Franze an opportunity to give two JV players, Molly Foresman and Kim Burkhart, their first taste of varsity experience. They came through in the third doubles slot, 6-2, 6-0.

Leading up to Friday's date with Shenendehowa BC was scheduled for two other matches, both at home, Burnt Hills Monday and Scotia today (Wednesday).



Roxanne Chin is set to swat the ball, but it was in a losing cause as the Bethlehem field hockey team bowed to Shenendehowa Friday, 4-2. Tom Howes

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Are they best in the area?

By Damon Woo

The Bethlehem girls' cross-country team could well be the best team in the area. Despite many injuries, the girls have run well and after two weeks of competition remain undefeated. Last week the girls faced Niskayuna, generally their biggest competition for the Gold Division title, and won easily, 24-33.

Over the weekend the girls ran in the Grout Invitational, the largest meet in upstate New York, and finished an impressive second. Out of the 28 teams in their division, the BC women were second to last year's state champion out of Long Island, Mephram. Among the schools that BC beat were Shaker, Shenendehowa and Columbia, all considered powers in Section 2.

Coach John Nyilis was very happy with his girls' performance. "There has been much talk about the Shaker team being ranked in the state, and after Saturday's meet Bethlehem should get a state ranking," he said. By eliminating the places of the other 26 schools, the girls would have beaten Shaker 26-30.

Nyilis compared this season with that of his section champion boys' team of 1969. "That year we were undefeated in the section, and we finished second at the Cobleskill Invitational to that year's state champion," he said.

Placing for the girls were Christine Ainsworth, 10th, Tania Stasiuk, 18th, Colleen Nyilis, 20th, Anne Carey, 23rd, and Jennifer Hammer, 33rd. Tricia Shultes ran in her first meet and finished 46th out of a field of almost 200 runners.

The boys' team was led by a strong performance from Peter Hammer, who finished 5th. The team's second runner, Paul Montanus, finished 17th. "Paul continued to make the big improvements," said Nyilis. The team was hurt in waiting for their next runners, who finished in 106th, 111th and 113th place.

The teams will meet Columbia and Scotia this week, and will be in Cobleskill for the Invitational this Saturday.

## Swimmers top records

Highlighted by two new school records, the Bethlehem girls' swim team was in fine form in the first week of their season, posting victories over Niskayuna and Amsterdam.

The Lady Eagles' first record came in the 200 relay against Amsterdam. The combination of Susan Mallery, Lynn Schultz, Lynn Apicelli and Sandi Blendell produced a record time of 1:58.6, to set both the school and pool record. The other record came later in the same meet, when Lynn Schultz broke the existing school record in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 1:12.84. Coach Paul Jones was delighted: "I think the team will still continue to improve," he said.

Jones has been continually impressed by many strong individual performances. Pointing out Kristen Mallery, he said, "She has been constantly improving and her times reflect this." Jones was also pleased in the meet against Amsterdam with personal best times from Sandi Blendell and Susan Mallery. Both members of the record-setting relay team, Blendell did her best in the 50 freestyle while Mallery swam away with the 100 backstroke.

A nice surprise for Jones came in the diving. Kelly Ross, the team's only diver, was in her best form and came away with her personal high score of 165.25 points. Also showing very well have been the team's two co-captains, Annika Berge and Becky Friedlander.

## Road race set

Runners are to gather Sunday at the New Scotland Town Park, Swift Rd., in Voorheesville, for 7.1- and 12-mile races over hilly country roads. The fifth annual New Scotland road races are being sponsored by the town and the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, and will start off at 10:30 a.m. Registration begins at 9.

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<b>Thurs., Oct. 6</b>	Golf, Scotia, away 3:45		Soccer, girls, Emma Willard, away 3:45
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# RCS gets morale booster

A renewal of the old Rt. 9W rivalry with Cocksackie was definitely to the advantage of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's struggling Indians, a 35-7 confidence builder that Coach Gary VanDerzee hopes will point his young troops in the right direction as the for-keeps Colonial Division season begins next week.

"It was definitely a morale booster for us, and I think the kids realize now that they can win," said VanDerzee. On the other hand, it was not a win to take overly seriously: "They are a weak team," he said.

Ravena, now 1-2, begins its league season Friday against Lansingburgh, always a respectable opponent. The game is under the lights at Troy's Catholic Central field.

"They'll give us a tough game," said VanDerzee. But with Academy a surprise

loser Saturday, the Colonial Division doesn't look like anybody's lockup.

Ravena locked up Saturday's game in the first half despite some early jitters that allowed Cocksackie the first score on a dropped punt. Quarterback Mike Kerrigan solved his problems with Ravena's veer offense, making the split-second decisions to run or give with devastating effectiveness. He ended the afternoon with two touchdowns and a 29-yard TD pass to Kevin Hoffman.

Sean Leonard, the Indians' standout speedster, had one of his better games despite only one touchdown run — two others were called back on penalties. And after the first score, the RCS defense didn't let their visitors anywhere near the goal line. Frank Ginola filled in admirably at nose guard.

"The kids enjoyed winning," said VanDerzee.

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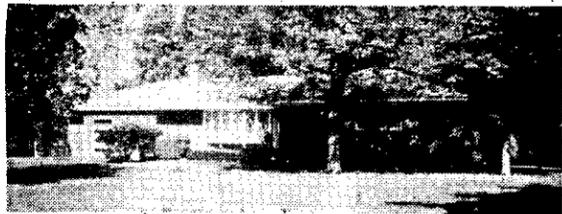
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### No door to door

Editor, The Spotlight:

An open letter to the members of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education:

We are surprised and disappointed at the school board's decision to allow school children to participate in door to door fund drives.

We feel it is inappropriate for young children to participate in this type of activity, which may subject them to unsafe situations; and represents yet another addition to the never ending list of door to door fund raising efforts the community must endure.

We sincerely hope the members of the board will reverse this ill-conceived decision.

Janis C. Engelstein  
Martin S. Engelstein, M.D.

Delmar

### Tardy tax bill

Editor, The Spotlight:

RE: Article on page 16, *Spotlight* Sept. 28, "Friday Tax Deadline" (refers to Friday, Sept. 30, 1983). For the record, I have been advised that the Bethlehem Central School District tax notice 1983 was mailed from Delmar on Sept. 1, 1983. It was mailed under the "Pre-Sorted First Class Mail, U.S. Postage Paid, Delmar, N.Y., Permit No. 50." For the record, the tax bill arrived in the mail at my home on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1983.

'Nuf written, but plenty to think about!

The Rev. Richard R. Thomas, Jr.

Selkirk

### Keep them coming

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a spokesman for my staff and the children entrusted to our care in St. Peter's Hospital pediatric facility, I publicly wish to thank everyone in Bethlehem who responded to the appeal for toys, games, puzzles and toy furniture instigated by Mr. and Mrs. David Haley, Delmar.

Judging by the amount of playthings delivered, the whole community must

have contributed. Special thanks to Caroline Terenzini of *The Spotlight*, Dan and Andrea Formica of McDonald's and all of those who contributed toys.

Some of our hospitalized children have very few worldly possessions. When one of them takes a fancy to a special playroom toy, we allow that toy to go home with that special child. Consequently, we have a constant need to replace our supply of playthings. Therefore, in addition to thanking all of you, I hasten to say, keep the toys coming.

M. Edwin Pesnel, M.D.  
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### Scheduling problem

Editor, The Spotlight:

My sophomore got his class schedule, but with band omitted. My wife went to his counselor and principal, but was told that band was not being offered to students in his language (foreign) group.

Three years ago, the school and music department encouraged him to take lessons and join the band. Three months ago nothing was indicated that he might have to drop band, due to any scheduling problems. Why can't all students get all the education they want to get?

Paul Stracke

Slingerlands

Bethlehem Central High School Principal Charles Gunner noted that band was omitted from the student's original course request form. District officials this year fit 1,275 students into 497 sections of 188 courses using a "conflict matrix" that covered all of one wall and part of another. Gunner noted: "As the school gets smaller, you do have more 'singletons,' and it's harder to fit everybody where they want to be." When there are course conflicts, the student has "to make a choice." Gunner added that the student does have an opportunity to play in the cadet band at the school. Ed.

### Sorrow

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is with much sorrow that I received the news of Dave Corbin's death. As a neighbor and customer I was always treated with respect. As a friend, I was treated with warmth, interest and approval.

He will be missed.

Mrs. William Acquario and family  
Delmar

## Editor's View

Occasional comments by the editors of *The Spotlight*

We have a problem here, and it's time to address it.

The problem is what's happening to the commercial areas of Delmar-Elsmere, particularly the Delaware Ave. "strip" and the Four Corners. It's not a new problem, but it is apparently one that is accelerating. It can no longer be shrugged off.

Recent developments have illustrated what town officials and planners have known for a long time — that Bethlehem has virtually no control over how most commercial property is developed. Very often that is not a problem, since most merchants and developers know that it is in their own best interest to present an attractive, compatible appearance. And Bethlehem's small-town atmosphere has encouraged merchants to think of the overall good of the town rather than their own narrow interests.

But sometimes good will is not enough. There are legitimate differences in interests, and where that is the case it's up to the town to step in and represent the broader good.

But the town couldn't stop the recent toppling of two large trees at 231 Delaware Ave. so the front yard could be blacktopped for parking, because under the current code no approval was required. The town couldn't stop the owners of the new Peter Harris store on Adams St. (we know it well, since it's across the street from the *Spotlight* offices) from making their facade facing the street essentially a blank wall with two large bumps for air conditioners, or deter them from putting in only the most minimal landscaping and blacktopping everything else. Nor did the town make it necessary to install curbing for traffic control either on Adams St. or on Grove St. when a parking lot was paved there.

As the pressure to develop Delaware Ave. continues to mount, we will see more and more asphalt, the removal of more of the beautiful old trees that give our town character, and more buildings erected or altered without regard to the impact on their neighbors. We will also see a continually worsening traffic problem, a virtual free-for-all encouraged by the town's live-and-let-live attitude.

In this context, the opposition to the proposed Brooks-Byer rezoning on Kenwood Ave. by neighbors seems

perfectly understandable and reasonable. Under Bethlehem's rules, they are being asked to buy a complete unknown.

The answer, we believe, is site plan approval. Elsewhere in this issue, the tortured path of the development of site plan approval for commercial properties is traced. It is clear that the ordinance as it was finally written is a toothless compromise, worthless as a tool for good planning.

Commercial SPA should apply to all commercial properties undergoing any significant exterior change, without regard to proximity to an historical district or whether there is an expansion of the building. The review need not be extensive or time-consuming, nor should it be a burden to the vast majority of property owners who are responsible and have the community's interests at heart. What is needed is a clear, fair set of guidelines, so property owners know what is expected of them in advance.

To be sure, this is a proposal for "more government." But the alternative is a slow but sure deterioration of Delaware Ave. And, it should be added, a slow but sure deterioration in the trust town residents place in the ability of the town to plan wisely.

Tom McPheeters

### Many returned

The recent reunion for Bethlehem Central graduates in 1936 through 1940 drew more than 200 people, some from as far away as the state of Washington. Prizes were awarded for the most children — eight; the most grandchildren — 13; and the longest marriage — 44 years. The dinner served at the American Legion Post in Elmsmere was catered by Anna Mae Morrison White, a BCHS alumna. The reunion coincides with but is not part of the high school's 50th anniversary observance this year.

### Cornell Club has mixers

The Cornell Club of Albany has set two dates for membership mixers. All area alumni are invited to cocktails at the club on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Steuben Club in Albany. There is a \$5 charge for the cash bar. For information, call Sheila Gorman at 489-1524 (home) or 465-7511 (work).

The Cornell Women's Club will hold a bring-your-own-dish-dinner of its own on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. at the home of Anne Wasserstrom, 75 Devon Rd., Delmar. Call Barbara Sommer at 439-5432 to confirm.

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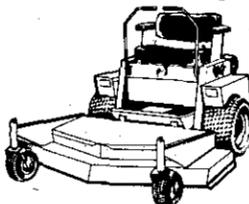
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### Anne Putney bride

Anne Elizabeth Putney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman T. Putney, Jr. of Cedar Hill, was married on Aug. 28 to Peter Michael Swire, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Swire of Menands. The Rev. Gail Faithfull, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan, Conn., performed the ceremony at the Putney home.

Sarah Browning Putney was her sister's maid of honor. Andrew William Swire was his brother's best man.

The bride, formerly assistant director of admissions at The Emma Willard School, Troy, is employed by Connecticut Planned Parenthood, Middletown. She graduated from Albany Academy for Girls, where her mother, Sherry S. Putney, has taught history, and from Dartmouth College. Her father is senior vice president and trust officer of State Bank of Albany.

The bridegroom is entering the third year of a joint degree program at Yale Law School. He graduated from the Albany Academy and summa cum laude from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. His father is president of the Mayfair Group. His mother is the hostess of the "Stevi Swire Show" on radio station WQBK.

### Dutch settlers meet

The Dutch Settlers Society will hold its first fall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the First Reformed Dutch Church in Clinton Square at 8 p.m. Plans for the group's fall tea on Nov. 6 at the Ten Broeck Mansion will also be discussed.

### Architects wed

Teresa Aurora Escudero, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antenor Escudero of Lima, Peru, and Stewart Anthony Skubel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Skubel of Delmar, were married Sept. 10 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

Stephen and Marimichael Skubel of Washington, D.C., brother and sister-in-law of the bridegroom, served as best man and matron of honor. Ushers were Michael Sullivan of Feura Bush and Gilles Burger of Gaithersburg, Md.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Lima, and received a master of architecture degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. She is an architect and senior designer with Hunter-Miller Associates, Environmental Designers, in Alexandria, Va. The bridegroom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and also received a master of architecture degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is an architect with Wilmot, Bower and Associates of Rockville, Md.

The couple will reside in Alexandria, Va.

### Cross-Kelly

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Cross of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Dee, to Arthur S. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Kelly of Melville, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended the Junior College of Albany. Her fiance is a graduate of Colgate University and Albany Law School.

Hallenbeck, also a niece, was flower girl. Timothy Veltman was best man for his brother, and ushers were James Haslam, Robert Zautner, a brother of the bride, and Donald Veltman, a brother of the bridegroom.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed at the Toll Gate Restaurant, Slingerlands. The bridegroom, also a Bethlehem graduate, is a shop foreman for BPW Refuse Service.

The couple will reside in Slingerlands.

### BC on stage

A musical, a dance ensemble and performances of plays written by local students are the events being brought to Bethlehem Central elementary pupils this year by the Student Theatre Committee. The committee annually attends showcase events to choose the program for students in kindergarten through grade 5 in the district. Efforts also are made to share reviews and performers with neighboring school districts, according to Joan Barron, librarian at Elsmere School. Representatives from each of the five Bethlehem elementary schools serve on the committee, which has been bringing theater to students for about 25 years.

A musical adapted from Frances Hodgson Burnett's "Sara Crewe" was presented Monday and Tuesday, and in March a dance ensemble will spend a day in each elementary school with a program of Indian and Middle Eastern dance.

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

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Mail registration forms are available from the town clerks in Bethlehem and New Scotland and must be postmarked by Tuesday, Oct. 11. Registration may be made in person on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the respective town halls. Hours are 1 to 9 p.m. that day.

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