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Delmar letter carriers Ed Fox, left, Duane Woodruff, Supervisor Ken Ringler, carriers Melinda Elston, Mary Hampton, Bob Robinson and Postmaster Thomas Porcaro kick off next week's food drive.

Postal workers pick up much more than mail

By Mel Hyman

Carriers with the Delmar Post Office will once again take on an extra burden this week on behalf of the area's food pantries.

From Monday, Dec. 6, through Saturday, Dec. 11, the letter carriers will pick up non-perishable food items in or adjacent to mailboxes for later distribution to Capital District food pantries.

"It is our hope to collect at least one item from each of our customers to help feed the less fortunate of our community," said Postmaster Thomas Porcaro.

This will be the sixth year Delmar carriers have collected food for the poor.

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Residents to dive into source of water supply for Bethlehem

By Mel Hyman

Clear Water for Bethlehem is the name of a new group formed this week to investigate whether the source for the town's new water supply is actually the Hudson River.

The group of concerned residents met informally on Monday night and decided that there were enough unanswered questions about the town's new \$10 million water treatment facility to warrant going public.

Group spokesman Sherwood Davies said "The participants had looked at prior engineering reports, records of the public hearing, statements made in the newspaper, and from everything we looked at it, it appears the bulk of the water is coming from the Hudson River."

Needless to say, that has caused some concern and consternation among group members, who now number less than a dozen. But Davies said that interest is growing and another meeting will be scheduled in a couple of weeks to continue the discussion.

Town officials, including Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, adamantly deny that any part of the expected six million gallons per day output of the new plant will come directly from the Hudson River.

The entire supply comes from an underground aquifer that travels from the

vicinity of Route 144 all the way east to the shore of Rensselaer County. In between is the Hudson River, which does help renew the aquifer, but most of the recharge, according to Secor, is accomplished by streams and tributaries flowing across the

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Ringler considers run for Faso's seat

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler confirmed the rumor last week: He will give "strong consideration" to a run for the state Assembly if Assemblyman John Faso, R-Kinderhook, pursues his bid for the Republican nomination for state comptroller.

"It's definitely an option," Ringler said. "It's premature to speculate, but it's something I will definitely consider after the first of the year provided Faso's campaign is still on track."

While Faso is now considered the leading contender to challenge Democratic

State Comptroller Carl McCall next November, State Sen. Roy Goodman, R-Manhattan, has also been testing the waters.

Faso has already visited 45 counties in his bid for statewide office. He has been in the state Assembly since 1987.

The 102nd Assembly District includes all of Schoharie County, the towns of Bethlehem, Coeymans and

Westerlo in Albany County, all of Greene County except for Catskill and three towns in Columbia County.

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Ken Ringler

Town board discusses adding 3 new districts

By Mel Hyman

Where there used to be 27, there may be 30. Election districts, that is.

The Bethlehem Town Board last week discussed newly drawn election districts, which will go in effect for the 1994 elections if the board approves them by Jan. 15. The initial reaction of board members was favorable.

The election district boundaries had to be redrawn in order to conform with the revised borders of the six



Galvin

Albany County legislative districts in Bethlehem. Lines for county legislative districts are redrawn every 10 years to reflect the new federal census figures.

The election district lines for Bethlehem were first redrawn in July 1992. But the board asked the town engineering department to redo the job because board members Sheila Galvin and Charles Gunner were concerned about disparities in the number of

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Santa's back in Bethlehem



Santa Claus, aka William Person, Delaware Plaza manager Joanne Bucci and her niece Kristi, greeted shoppers on Saturday during the plaza's Christmas season kickoff.

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Students, parents disagree on extending training rules

By Dev Tobin

Should Bethlehem Central students participating in plays, the school newspaper or the ski club be required to refrain from alcohol, tobacco and drug use, just as students on athletic teams currently are?

In a community where two high school students died last year in alcohol-related crashes, what to do about teen alcohol use in particular is more than a parental or law enforcement problem, a new task force organized to answer the above question agreed at its first meeting Monday.

"There is certainly a problem with off-campus drinking by high school students every weekend," said parent Barbara Bartoletti. "When parents open their doors to my child and others, and are not there to supervise, it puts my child at risk, and that becomes school district business."

But agreement on what schools can do about the problem was more elusive, particularly since students on the committee said that athletic training rules are routinely violated.

"I don't think the (athletic training pledge) cards are effective," said senior Jen Martin. "Athletes still drink and smoke, and what gets reported is a small fraction of what happens."

"They're forced to sign to play, but the majority of people who sign the card don't abide by it," added junior J.C. Thorpe.

High school guidance counselor Scott Carlton echoed the students' comments. "Some ath-

letes I talk with don't stop drinking (when they sign the card), they just go underground."

Adults in the group generally supported the card concept, although some had reservations about it.

"It's a deterrent, and it's critical to have something," said parent Alan Lobel.

"From a coaching standpoint, it's our business (if an athlete is violating training rules), but the difficulty is in finding out about off-school violations," said Fred Powers, BC athletic director.

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Jen Martin

The card is effective because a "parent or student can't come back and say, 'I didn't know,'" argued Fred Burdick, middle school principal.

On the other hand, "It's risky to make rules you can't enforce," said parent Holly Billings, who heads Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, which works to provide alcohol-free activities for area youth.

Billings also wondered whether disciplining students for off-campus behavior was legal.

"This would be a waste of time if there's no legal basis for regulating behavior off school grounds,"

she said.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis, who moderated the meeting, responded that school district attorney Roger Fritts was researching the matter, and would report back at the group's next meeting.

"There's a danger in extending the card" in that it may dampen students' willingness to participate in extracurricular activities, noted high school teacher Joe Farrell.

Activity advisers may "no longer function as helpers or assistants, but may be seen more as parents, enforcers or policemen," he added.

The Task Force on Student Responsibility and Extracurricular Participation is a unique mixture of 22 parents, staff and students from the middle and high schools.

Loomis, an *ex officio* member of the task force, has charged the group with coming up with a recommendation by May 1 on whether alcohol, tobacco and/or drug use, on-campus or off, should result in a student being suspended from extracurricular activities.

The group elected to have three chairpersons — Powers, Billings and senior Chrissy Nelson.

It also decided to schedule regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, starting in January.

December meetings were set for Mondays, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m., and Dec. 13, at 4 p.m., in the district offices at 90 Adams Place. Meetings are open to the public.



Miniskirted misses Adriana (Rachel Kennedy, left) and Luciana (Sarah Frank) give Dromio of Ephesus (Dave Malbin) a hard time in a rehearsal of *The Comedy of Errors*, which will be presented at Bethlehem Central High School this weekend and next.

BCHS acting troupe mixes Bard and Beatles

By Dev Tobin

Although most of Shakespeare's work isn't slapstick, the Bard comes close to madcap farce in *The Comedy of Errors*, this year's production by the Vincent J. Crummles Acting Troupe at Bethlehem Central High School.

"This is a funny play, with no heavy themes or intricate soliloquies," said James Yeara, the BCHS English teacher who directs the play. "The audience can expect to have a lot of fun."

As a visual metaphor for the play, the students and teachers chose the Peter Max Pop Art style of the Beatles' movie *Yellow Submarine*.

"It's very colorful," Yeara said. "And, like the movie, the play involves sets of twins in a magical place."

Yeara stressed that "The language is all Shakespeare, with nothing cut or altered," but noted that he found several ways to inject the Beatles' music into the high school production.

"It seems like a strange mix, but it fits really well," he added.

Behind the scenes, Yeara said, William Morrison and George Dirolf have done "a remarkable job on the sets."

Yeara also commended the costumes by Joyce Laiosa and Margot Downs for providing an authentic '60s feel.

Starring as the two sets of twins are Dan Aycock as Antipholus of Ephesus, Jonathan Weiss as An-

tipholus of Syracuse, Dave Malbin as Dromio of Ephesus and Nicholas Sattinger as Dromio of Syracuse.

The female leads, sisters Adriana and Luciana, are played by Rachel Kennedy and Sarah Frank, respectively.

Yeara noted that this year's production is "more of a challenge" because four of the six leads have never appeared in a Shakespeare play before.

Other students with speaking roles are Dan Levine, Anna Groper, Annie Tocker, Liz Karam, Nora Bunk, Denise Hern, Debbie Kerness, Seth Fruiterman, Julia Donnaruma, Jennifer Rifkin and Barbara Toms.

In a way, the BCHS show has already opened out of town, as several scenes were presented at a recent festival of high school Bard-loving thespians sponsored by Shakespeare & Company in Pittsfield, Mass.

"We were very well-received. They were taping our scenes, and even the videotape guys were cracking up," said Yeara, adding that the Bethlehem troupe was invited back for next year's festival.

The Comedy of Errors will be on stage at the high school, 700 Delaware Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11, and Thursday, Dec. 9. Tickets, at \$6 for adults and \$4 for students, are available at the door and at the Ben & Jerry's in Main Square.

ZBA may remain at five members

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals, which is down to five members with last week's resignation of Thomas Scherer, could very well stay that way.

The seven-member board was reduced to six earlier this year with the death of longtime chairman Charles Fritts.

Scherer, who has moved to Cape Cod, was another board veteran. "He and Charlie (Fritts) went on about the same time,"

said town Building Inspector John Flanagan. "Sometime in the early '70s, I'd guess."

Rather than filling the two vacancies, the town board has been discussing whether the appeals board should revert back to a five-member body, as it was before being expanded in the late 1980s.

"I've been discussing it with (Councilwoman and Supervisor-elect) Sheila (Fuller)," said Supervisor Kenneth Ringler. "Personally, I think a five-member board is more than sufficient."

The actual decision should probably be left up to the incoming board, which takes office on Jan. 1, Ringler said.

"There are only two meetings left for the current board, and we have a lot of things left to clean up," Ringler said. "Something long-term like that should probably be handled by the new board."

Fuller, who won a razor-thin victory over town Democratic Chairman Matt Clyne to succeed Ringler as supervisor, said she preferred letting the matter stand until the new board took office.

The size of the ZBA has been

"something that I've been considering," she said. "Obviously, I haven't met with (Councilman-elect) Ted (Putney) and (Councilman-elect) George (Lenhardt), but a lot of things are going through my mind right now."

"The possibility of going back to a five-member board is certainly there," she added. "It would be a savings. Right now I'm leaning that way."

Councilman Fred Webster recalled that the town board originally felt that, given the change in state law permitting a seven-member zoning board,

"It was worth a try," he said. "We thought it might be more efficient. I'm not sure there's really a necessity for it anymore, and this seems like an appropriate time since there are two vacancies. If the town board can operate with five members, they should be able to also."

The remaining members of the board, which meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, are Robert Wiggand, James Morgan, Michael Hodom, Marjorie O'Brien and Richard Lewis. Board members are paid \$3,111 per year.

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Rural Place residents file suit against town

The residents of Rural Place have decided to take legal action against the Town of Bethlehem to stop a gourmet delicatessen and catering service from locating on their street.

The proposed new location for Manning's Menu is a former, two-story residence at 273 Delaware Ave., but the ingress and egress for the business will take place on Rural Place, which is why the neighbors are upset.

Only 14 households are situated on this dead end street, which is one of the oldest in town. But they managed to raise a substantial amount of money to pay for the services of Gunderland attorney Ralph Mancini, according to

Mark Peckham, spokesman for the Rural Place Neighborhood Association.

"We've decided to appeal the town's determination that Mr. Manning's proposal conforms to zoning and site requirements. Most of us are longtime residents of the street who are concerned about property values, safety of the children and the quality of life. This is a very pretty neighborhood which is not suited for commercial encroachment."

Litigation is not a step that the residents take lightly, Peckham added. Aside from the cost, "We feel short-changed by our own town officials."

Delmar woman joins area firm

Claudia A. McDowell of Delmar recently joined Strategic Marketing Group in Latham as marketing coordinator and office manager.

McDowell has more than 10

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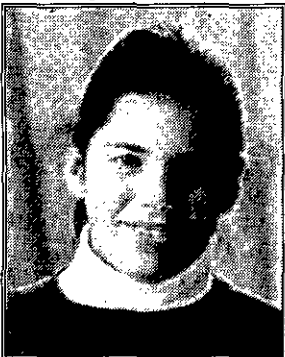
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"Liz is working hard and doing very well," said Mrs. Condra. "The curriculum is challenging, but the girls get the one-on-one help and encouragement to be successful."

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Police make DWI arrests

State and local police arrested three drivers last week on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Guillermo Concepcion, 46, of 4 MacGuire Ave., Albany, was stopped at 7:17 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, for failing to keep right on Route 144 in Glenmont, Bethlehem Police said.

He was also charged with DWI and released pending a Dec. 7 appearance in town court.

Chadlee D. Hall, 28, of 6 Darling Green, Delmar, was stopped at 1:33 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, for driving with inadequate headlights on Route 32, Bethlehem Police said.

He was also charged with DWI and released pending a Dec. 7 appearance in town court.

Steve A. Lamorre, 36, of Maple Avenue, Selkirk, was apprehended after a traffic stop on Route 144 in Glenmont, according to State Police in Selkirk.

He was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court. Tpr. Robert Missenis made the arrest.

Tri-Village AARP sets safe driving course

The Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is planning a "55 Alive Safe Driving Course" on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 28 and 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Those completing the course will receive a 10 percent discount on their automobile liability and collision insurance.

The course costs \$8. For information, call 439-4955, ext. 170. Preregistration is requested.

Decision-making changes due for Bethlehem schools

By Dev Tobin

It's both a mandate and a kind of mantra. Shared decision-making (SDM), its supporters say, is a way to involve teachers and parents more effectively in the workings of a school, with the hoped-for added benefit of improving student performance.

Beyond doubt, the new concept will significantly change how schools are run by substituting decision-making by a committee of staff, parents and administrators for responsibilities currently undertaken mostly by administrators.

To implement a written SDM plan before the state-mandated deadline of Feb. 1, 1994, the Bethlehem Central School District's committee working on SDM has completed its second draft, and will share the results at a district-wide community meeting Monday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave.

"We've had varying degrees of staff and parent involvement at each school," said BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis. "This plan now provides a formal structure for that participation."

The second, and final, draft of the SDM plan states that "site teams" at each school can have "significant input" on building-specific issues like hiring and allocation of staff, expenditures and allocation of resources, student behavior and discipline; and district-wide issues like curriculum, assessment of student achievement and selection of instructional materials.

According to the draft report, the teams at the district's five elementary schools will consist of the principal, two parents, one support staff, one supervisor and three to five teachers, including at least one special education teacher.

At the middle school, the team will include the principal or assistant principal, three parents, one support staff, one supervisor and six teachers.

At the high school, the team will consist a principal or assistant principal, three parents, one support staff, one supervisor and eight teachers. Two high school students, selected by student government, will compose a student advisory committee to the site team.

Decisions by the site teams will be reached by consensus, with a quorum of more than 60 percent needed for a final decision.

The plan also envisions a district-level coordinating council to work on issues of staff and curriculum development.

Copies of the draft SDM plan are available at every school and at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Comments on the plan are due back to Assistant Superintendent Judith Wooster, who encouraged "feedback from as broad a group as possible," by Dec. 16.

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AN IDEAL HOLIDAY OR BIRTHDAY GIFT



When was this picture taken?
Emma and Charles Frazier of Slingerlands are shown with their daughter, Helen, dressed for a special occasion. Answer on page 210 in *Bethlehem Revisited*.

In the bag



A.W. Becker PTA recently collected winter clothing for Native Americans on the St. Regis Reservation. Fourth-graders, from left, Rachael Kuhnunch, Katie Bishop and Adrienne Davis helped pack the clothes that were sent. Elaine McLain

V'ville trustees close insurance gap

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville board of trustees acted to close an insurance loophole last week that left firematic officers uncovered for errors and omissions.

The lack of coverage was discovered by one of the firms preparing to bid on the village insurance package, said Deputy Mayor Daniel Reh.

"We owe it to the volunteers to do this tonight," said Reh, who acts as the board's liaison to the Voorheesville Fire Department.

Reh explained that the regular firemen were covered for their actions in the line of duty, but decisions made by the chief and/or assistant chief in their official capacities were left uncovered.

The full year premium for the errors and omissions, along with a small renter's policy for some department-owned equipment, is about \$3,400, Reh said. The prorated premium from now until July 15, when the village's insurance policies come due, would be approximately \$2,100, with the department picking up part of that for the renter's policy.

Reh noted that "nothing's come up in years" as far as a claim for errors and omissions, but "it's always a possibility."

In other business, Treasurer Lauren Hatch reported that the village had received a workers compensation refund of \$5,617, and recommended that the village acquire WordPerfect word processing software to replace its

old Wordstar program.

Hatch also asked that the village consider buying new computer monitors. "The green ones are tough on the eyes," she said. "They were the only option seven years ago, but there are other options now."

Village Mayor Edward Clark said he would "seriously consider" the monitor request in the new village budget, but "it's not an absolute necessity to do now."

In another matter, Hatch said that she had decided to take the village clerk's position that will open up Jan. 1 with the impending resignation of Phyllis VanDerLinden. Diane Williams Relyea, currently the village court clerk and a part-time clerical assistant, will replace Hatch as treasurer.

Elsmere student needs sponsors for Isles tour

By Dev Tobin

The good news for Joey Gutman is that he has been selected to be a student ambassador and go on a three-week trip to the British Isles next summer. The bad news is that he has to raise more than \$3,000 to pay for it.



Gutman

The bright-eyed seventh-grader from Bethlehem Central Middle School was chosen as "an all-around good kid" by the People to People Student Ambassador program.

Gutman, 12, will go on the trip to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales along with 30 middle school students from upstate New York chosen for the program, which is a little mysterious about how students gain the lucky nominations.

"We don't advertise, and I don't know who the area people are who noticed Joey," said the delegation leader, a Latham woman who asked not to be identified.

After being "noticed," Gutman had to write a six-page essay, gather and forward teacher recommendations, and be interviewed. He found out last Tuesday that he was accepted for the trip.

The delegation leader said that the People to People trip is different from overseas trips organized by schools.

"The students get to know peers they're not associated with day in and day out," the delegation leader explained. "It's a maturing process when you go on a trip like this with people you don't

know."

The program provides a mixture of historical, cultural and sporting activities for the student ambassadors. They will meet a member of Parliament in the House of Commons, tour London for several days, check out Loch Ness for any monsters, visit a British middle school and learn to play cricket.

"I'm not sure how it works. You have this paddle and try to hit the ball," said Gutman, who plays soccer, basketball and baseball, as well as karate.

An important facet of the experience are the several "homestays" on the itinerary, where the students will spend a night with British and Irish families.

"I want to see what it's like there and make some friends," said Gutman.

The People to People programs are "a voluntary effort of private citizens to establish lasting two-way relationships from which international friendship and understanding can grow. The technique is to be direct—people to people, as distinct from governing contacts," according to President Dwight Eisenhower, who founded the programs in the 1950s.

Gutman, who has never been out of the country, will be making the rounds of local service clubs and contacting businesses through the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to raise the necessary funds for the trip.

He will be keeping a diary, and reporting back to contributors after the trip, he said.

He is the son of Joseph and Carol-Lisa Gutman of Brookman Avenue, Elsmere.

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Matters of Opinion

God bless us, every one

'Tis the season to be . . . openhearted. Openhanded, too. Our people's noble tradition of charity and philanthropy reminds us all that no matter how scant our blessings seem, they almost surely are greater than many others.'

Our northern climate's extra hardships at this time of year give sharp meaning to the appeals of benevolent organizations for renewed help by those who have, on behalf of those who have not. The food pantries operated by many churches, civic organizations, and missions describe especially poignant needs. Request by the Salvation Army become acutely apparent as their bell-ringers reappear on street corners. It behooves each

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of us to heed the calls as much as we find it humanly and humanely possible.

In the spirit of the season, as well, there are appeals such as the Toys for Tots, so that some uncomprehending youngsters, beguiled by dazzling TV offerings and glistening shop windows, may not be wholly disappointed.

In timely fashion, the performances of "A Christmas Carol" (opening with a Big Brothers/Big Sisters benefit tomorrow night at the Palace) will once more remind audiences of the lesson that Ebenezer Scrooge learned.

Education's Pearl Harbor?

A revolutionary document of far-reaching implications for the way in which education is to be provided to Bethlehem Central's pupils is to be put before the district's residents on Monday evening, Dec. 6.

The "Shared Decision-Making Plan" has been worked on by a 15-member committee for months, but reached its present, presumably final draft form within recent weeks and became available for public access only last week.

Monday's session, where comments are to be solicited, will be only nine days before residents' input is to be shut off. By order of State Education Commissioner Sobol, he must receive the district's plan on "shared decision-making" by February (as is true of all other school districts in the state).

The lack of adequate opportunity for the public to be informed, to study, and to respond appropriately—despite the major, long-range importance of the proposal—is only one of the problems that many people are going to have in relating to the plan.

With whatever opportunity they may avail themselves of to study and understand the document, district residents will find it loaded with such expressions as "Consensus is the mode for making decisions" and (cooperative planning and shared decision-making include . . .) "Setting priorities for building expenditures and allocation of resources."

This latter is but one of five "educational is-

sués" where judgments which are the proper preserve of administrators are to be diverted to a whole raft of "site teams" (whose members will be elected by "their constituencies").

Thereby—inevitably, as we read the document's intricate web—responsibility will be diffused, and accountability will disappear from the offices where the difficult task of making good decisions should reside, instead becoming hidden in layers of teams and a coordinating council.

And far from least significant, a large number of teachers will be further diverted from the classroom where their essential duty lies. At one point, the document makes a passing reference to an "ultimate goal of improving student achievement." But no pupil was ever taught by a bureaucracy nor learned from a teacher in a consensual consultation. James A. Garfield is famed for his reference to the ideal teaching situation: "A log with a pupil at one end and Mark Hopkins (the master teacher) at the other."

This mischief began in the chambers of the State Education Commissioner, who imposed a mandate for development of faulty ideas on the school districts which must bend to his demands.

But, given even a few days' notice, parents and other residents of the BC district should speak up and have their say when confronted by nonsense.

Tremors within the Legislature

The Albany County Legislature, whose thirty-nine members will be working in the context of the new county charter next month, also are in the midst of some personnel shake-ups.

One of these is so far only potential—the resistance to redesignating Harold Joyce as the chairman of the Legislature—but a second is already assured. Beginning with the new year, a Colonie legislator Peter G. Crummey will take over as leader of the Republican minority. In that post he will succeed another member from Colonie, Jay Sherman, who is giving up the responsibility after one year; he, in turn, followed another one-year leader, James C. Ross of Bethlehem.

Mr. Crummey, who is in only his second term as a legislator, undoubtedly will need all

his diplomatic and persuasive skills to hold his 15-member band in line on votes important to his party. This task might be made somewhat more difficult if it begins to appear that County Executive Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., is becoming serious about seeking a State Legislature seat and thereby leaving open the Executive's office so hard won two years ago.

Whether Mr. Joyce, his own credibility wounded after his unexpected loss in the Democrats' mayoral primary in Albany, will be able to turn back any challenge from Legislator Paul Collins or some other ambitious party member is still problematic. But in any event it appears that the legislative proceedings will be no less contentious than has been the recent custom.

Clinton's health plan will undermine care

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the debate on health care continues, I would like to point out an important difference between health *care* and health *coverage*.

America's health-care system is the best in the world. Untold thousands of people from all over the globe coming to our country to receive medical care is a silent testimony to this fact. We should not emasculate our excellent health-care system in an attempt to provide health *coverage* for all our citizens.

Unfortunately, President Clinton's plan will do exactly that. Health care and health coverage will be irrevocably intertwined, and placed completely under government control, to the detriment of all. The result of so-called global budgeting and premium caps will be health-care rationing, including long waiting lists, fewer services, and outright denial of care. The Clinton plan would not even let us buy our own health care from a non-government source with our own money—but instead would make that a criminal offense. So much for choice!

Giving people portions of their own earnings on tax-free basis to spend on health care will ensure that people make wise choices, and bring costs down, while allowing more people to receive quality care.

In the hypocrisy department, while President Clinton is touting his proposal to give everyone in America exactly one choice for a health care/coverage plan, how many plans will the President and Congress have to choose from? Congress currently exempts itself from any health insurance bills it passes, and we can see why. The health plan Congress enjoys is one of the best anywhere.

Federal employees may choose from among ten to twenty different plans every year (compared to only two or three at most employers). They have plenty of time to

Vox Pop

compare costs and make informed decisions to select the best value for their money.

Because of the incentive to economize, the rate of increase in premiums paid by federal employees over the past fifteen years was one-third less than the increase the rest of us experienced in most employer-sponsored plans.

Best of all, when federal employees move to another job within the government, they keep their coverage.

How can we ensure that the government will enact the best health-care reform package for all of us? Make them adopt the same program they want to foist on us.

Latham

James Ault

BC excellence is topic of new parents' group

Editor, The Spotlight:

The issue of excellence in education is the focal point of a new BC parents' group. Some of the issues of immediate concern are the elimination of accelerated classes at the middle and high schools and the yearly threats to the elementary schools' Challenge program.

The new group will advocate to the administration and the Board of Education that children need more opportunities to excel—not fewer.

A meeting to discuss the structure and activities of the group will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. in the board room of the Bethlehem Public Library. For more information, interested parents may call me at 439-5422. All are invited.

Jim Schwab

Glenmont

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Your Opinion Matters

A fresh kid takes to the Fresh Air

You know you're older when almost everything reminds you of something in the past. It's good and it's bad but, no matter, you're stuck with it at this age.

Several months ago, a book review transported me back to the mid-'30s for an event I hadn't thought much about in years.

The review was of *The Orphan Trains* by Marilyn Irvin Holt that told of the period between 1853 and 1929 when 150,000 orphans or children in the East who couldn't be supported by their parents were adopted by farm families needing children as extra help on their farms.

Described by the reviewer as a "Fresh Air Fund for life," this orphan-train concept was a charitable enterprise that did more good than harm. It was a precursor to the actual Fresh Air Fund established in New York City by the Herald Tribune and philanthropic organizations to give children in the city an opportunity to see another side of life during the summer vacation.

When you're a New York City child in the mid-'30s in the midst of the Depression, the Fresh Air Fund was a chance to escape from the tenement apartment I shared with my parents and brothers. More than a vacation, I soon learned, among other things, that there were birds more varied than the pigeons and sparrows found on city streets. What a wonder for a kid who thought sparrows were young pigeons.

My mother registered me for the Fresh Air Fund to share two weeks with a farm family in Connecticut. The hundreds of kids were taken to Grand Central Station with tags on our shirts for a train ride of a few hours.

Commentary

Martin P. Kelly

My stop was Willimantic, Connecticut, where a number of us were led off the train and lined up. Soon, adults were going up and down the line, checking the tags. Within minutes, a large, friendly woman fingered my tag and called out: "Here's ours!"

Homesick already and bewildered by the process, I set off on a two-week adventure that was to give me a whole new view of life. The couple's son was my age and equally friendly. Soon, I was a city-bred Huckleberry Finn leading the Connecticut Tom Sawyer astray.

It was I who suggested we walk the stone fences that Robert Frost celebrated in his poem and the two of us paid for our folly. We stepped into a hornet's nest and fled crying across the fields to the big farmhouse where we were greeted by the mother wearing her large white apron.

She soothed the hornet stings with ointment and put us to bed. Later, I awoke to the smell of a freshly made cake. I forgot the

pain and went down to the kitchen. There, I was greeted by this cheery woman who assured her son and me that because of our mishap, we'd have cake and homemade peach ice cream after dinner.

To this day, almost 60 years later, I can still taste that rich yellow cake covered with delicious chocolate icing which to me is "chocolate cake." And the peach ice cream has never been duplicated in my mind.

I was invited by the family the next summer to spend a month despite my early misadventures such as trying to parachute off the barn roof with an umbrella and falling into the pig pen.

Now a year older and realizing that little girls were not simply chubby little boys, I fell madly in love with the girl on the next farm. I never expressed it because at 10 years old, you're tongue-tied around girls so she never knew how I felt. Besides, I don't feel she'd think too much of a kid who sat next to her in church and slid under the pew when he fell asleep during a sermon.

By the following year, I was convinced I was going to star with the Yankees in a World Series and became involved in city sandlot baseball during the summers. But my dream of baseball stardom never diminished my memory of the chocolate cake, the peach ice cream, and the little girl who left me speechless.

After 136 years, The Atlantic rolls on

The subject today is the December issue of "The Atlantic," but I expect to stray quite far from its limitations.

Perhaps it suffices to say that for my taste, the portion of this issue that I found most appealing was the monthly almanac, a full page devoted to diverting trivia and not-so-trivial information.

I liked being informed that today is the deadline for all federal departments and agencies to tell how they're going to streamline their operations, meaning cutback on payroll among other things. I found it useful to know that more than half of the 72 million Christmas trees in homes and on public display will be artificial. Woodrow Wilson's century-old statement about the importance of poetry, dramas, and epic tales compared with constitutions and other public documents gave some new perspectives. And I enjoyed being reminded that the earliest sunset of the year takes place on Dec. 7 at 4:35. Sunrise continues to grow later daily for the next two weeks, until we have the winter solstice, the year's shortest day.

Of course, there is other good, and rather heavy, stuff in "The Atlantic," as there has been for the past 136 years. The article that I found most compelling and (for me) most readable is called "The Turn," by a pilot-writer who guides us through the physics, other in-

tricacies, and hazards of altering an airplane's direction in flight. You might think this is a pretty abstruse topic, and it is, but you may well also learn some things that will be of interest—not necessarily reassuring—the next times you fly.

Constant Reader

These contents take on a pallor for me in comparison with certain other literature relating to the storied past of "The Atlantic." Coincidentally, I happened across two books that have been on the shelves at home for many years, and that I have delved into for some fragmented nighttime reading in recent weeks.

One of these is "Atlantic Harvest," which is essentially a collection of about four dozen articles and stories published in the magazine up to 1947. They were selected by one of the past editors of "The Atlantic," Ellery Sedgwick. But that is only a portion of the book's contents, for Mr. Sedgwick wrote an informal introduction to each of them, based in most instances on his personal acquaintance with the various authors, ranging from Mark Twain to Edith Wharton and Ernest Hemingway. His tidbits are almost without exception fascinating reading in themselves. For your sake, I

hope that some library will still stock "Atlantic Harvest" after all these years. If you find it, look for a fairly long tribute to the dog; unparalleled and unashamed sentimental appreciation. This book is a vast treasurehouse of good reading.

The second book, one of personal reminiscences by another former editor of "The Atlantic," is "In Friendly Candour" by Edward Weeks. This is a collection of warm and human essays about his own life that, in its way, is equally well done as Mr. Sedgwick's excellent contribution. Perhaps it, too, has survived librarians' regular weeding of purportedly outdated volumes.

I was particularly attracted to the Weeks book (published in 1960) because on a great occasion in the spring of 1967 I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a dinner meeting of the Magazine Publishers Association where Edward Weeks was the speaker. The title of his address, as I remember it, was taken from Dylan Thomas, "When I was a windy lad and a bit." It was perhaps the finest address I've ever heard.

Those were great editors in their day. To me, the magazine in its present form (and the proprietorship of Mortimer Zuckerman), is in a trial stage. At least, it is still edited on Boylston Street in Boston.

Constitutional revision
—the 'con' in con-con

The writer, former Secretary of New York State Senate, contributes occasionally to this column. He is a resident of Slingerlands.

By Albert J. Abrams

Radical surgery, not just a facial uplift, is being planned for our state constitution. More like liposuction, a blood transfusion, a blond dye, and bone reconstruction—plus a few transplants.

Point of View

Admittedly you can easily see the constitution's wrinkles amidst its clauses—bags of verbiage on every page, painful arthritic-like legalese throughout.

But it's perking along, feisty as ever, still vigorous as a karate black belt in protecting our liberties. Despite frequent transplants of many sections, the state constitution is a bulwark of our freedom.

Academics, reformers, and purists would like to bury it in some archaeological archive, and produce a new one. Governor Cuomo is the principal cheerleader for the movement. He shrewdly told the public last May 26 he was going to appoint a nineteen-member blue-ribbon panel that would advise him, by January, on whether to call a constitutional convention and what issues the "Con-Con" should wrestle with. This serves to give him a bit of protective coloration, like a camouflage suit; he could claim later: "Who, me? I never said I was for it—I just said we need to look into it."



Anticipating an affirmative response, the Governor instructed the panel to recommend issues that a convention would need to deal with.

Actually, he was prodded by his former chief advisor, Hank Dullea, a political scientist now at Cornell, to take the lead in a drive for a new constitution. "I see it," Dullea advised, "as a healthy opportunity to rejuvenate our structures and policies for the coming generation."

Every 20 years, this allegedly senile document says of itself, it should be reviewed by a con-con if the public agrees. Since the state was founded two centuries ago the public has repudiated the work of four out of seven con-cons.

Con-con itself is a 'con'—
too expensive, divisive, unlikely
to succeed—while inciting
racial and other conflicts

Our last, in 1967, was a debacle and went down like the Titanic. The one scheduled before that, in 1958, was aborted by public vote before it began. Not an awesome record.

Admittedly, the constitution is long, three times the size of the U.S. Constitution, and it does carry some detritus from past eras—but this does little harm.

The argument goes that we need to bring the constitution "into the 21st century." That is a porous argument, because apart from a genetic revolution, high-tech "superhighways," and telecommunication advances, no one really can foresee what the 21st century will bring. Yet for many of us a zeal burns for new adventures—and constitution-making sounds like roller-blades which make obsolete old-fashioned roller skates.

A small example: The constitution says nothing about health insurance, but retired teachers, police, firemen, and other state and local retirees want the constitution to deny localities the ability to reduce their health benefits. The constitution does bar tampering with retirees' pensions—but says nothing about slicing their health benefits.

Among changes needed, say advocates of con-con, are a one-house legislature instead of the Senate and Assembly as at present; plus initiative and referendum, recall of elected officers, term limits, campaign finance reform, reapportionment reform, and consolidation of counties.

Matters of Opinion

Con-Con

(from page 7)

A nonpartisan election for convention delegates would result, proponents claim, in the independent voter having more say in determining candidates.

The proponents hail a convention as the greatest thing since car phones. An Assemblyman, Richard A. Dollinger of Buffalo, predicts it would "reinvent government." That's enough to make one shudder.

The 1967 Con-Con

When the 1967 con-con opened it immediately reached its high point. Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the opening message and high hopes were in everyone's heart. Then Assembly Speaker Anthony Travia, as the con-con president, wielded his gavel and delegates began their work. From then on it was downhill.

The delegates were not really representative of the people. It was a convention of male jocks and ex-jocks, celebrities, power-brokers, judges, and party bosses. Only eight women, three blacks, and three hispanics were among the 120 delegates.

The star-studded cast included

Robert F. Wagner, former Mayor of New York; Ambassador Marietta Tree; ILGWU boss David Dubinsky; Comptroller Arthur Levitt; a judge named Hortense Gabel (who later hit the headlines because of involvement in the notorious case of Bess Myerson and her boyfriend); Abraham Beame, later the Mayor of New York; Assemblyman David Dinkins; Mayor Erastus Corning of Albany; former Speaker Joseph Carlino; Frank C. Moore, former Comptroller and Lieutenant Governor; and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Charles Desmond. They topped a select roster of other headline figures.

Q: How could such an array of talent produce a bomb?

A: They were concerned with their own special interests.

They also were drenched in judges who loved to orate at length and bogged the convention down in minutiae. The delegates knew no humility; their egos seemed bigger than the cavernous Assembly chamber where they met. Simply put, they didn't have a vision. Senator Robert F. Kennedy was called in to address them, but the charisma had no lasting impact on sober deliberation.

City officials wanted more taxing power. Religious fanatics wanted their own version of God brought into the classroom. Business wanted regulations eased. Democrats wanted a reapportionment. The big question was whether to submit the constitution to the people in one package or submit it separately.

Travia gavelled the group into putting its work into an "all or nothing" ballot question. The result: virtually all factions in the state who opposed one or another of the draft united in calling for a "No" vote. The public sent it down to a humiliating defeat.

The Next Convention

The Cuomo-inspired convention, if held, will meet when societal tensions are likely to be still high, hunger rampant, industry "restructuring," and thousands on unemployment rolls. Factories are leaving the state; crime is rampant, streets unsafe; courts are swamped; racial strife ongoing; schools are in chaos; and cities have become unmanageable. To hold a con-con in such a period is a crap shoot.

Conventions have the power to toss out the old constitution and start anew. Or they can decide to

keep the basic document but delete some parts and add other parts. Civil rightists generally fear tampering with the bill of rights. Other groups whose benefits are riveted into the present document also are leery of what revisionists might wreak at their expense.

The convention would be meeting at a time when lobbyists are more savvy and far more numerous than in prior years. It is likely that even with a "nonpartisan ballot" judges and party bosses and legislators would be elected as delegates as in 1967—but this time lobbyists would get their head inside the tent, too.

And what an agenda they would have: pro-choice versus anti-abortionists, pro-and-con gun-control forces, health professionals, court reformers, big and small business interests; environmentalists, social service providers, teachers and school boards, reapportionment reformers, term-limit advocates, and many other interests would be peddling their programs. The collection of factions would be bound to create fault lines in our society.

Finally, is it worth it? The 1967 con-con cost about \$10 million. This one, based on inflationary

and other factors, would run about \$50 million in salaries, staff, printing, computers, and research. Each delegate who is a public official would double-dip, getting \$57,500 extra over regular salary, plus perks, plus boosting pension benefits.

A low-cost alternative would be for the media and public to put pressure on the Legislature itself to agree to submit to voters in each of five succeeding years a series of two amendments covering major articles, such as judiciary, legislature, executive, social welfare, health, and criminal law.

Thus, we voters could focus on two major amendments a year, rather than having to vote for or against a proposed constitution

The 'all or nothing' decision to submit the entire draft to a vote in a single package was an error resulting in a rejection in 1967

with perhaps a bouillabaisse of proposals—some good, some bad—with the option only of voting up or down the entire kit and caboodle.

The prospective con-con probably would become a desperate effort by special interests to achieve in one swoop what they could not wring from the Legislature.

The bottom line? I am skeptical about con-con. It is a con; too expensive, too divisive, too unlikely to achieve its potential—and too likely to incite racial, economic, religious, and social conflicts.

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Your Opinion Matters

Plastics in packaging gain expert defender

Editor, The Spotlight:

In writing about recycling of plastics, Sharon Fisher, Bethlehem's recycling coordinator, seems to place a lot of reliance on publications such as "Garbage Magazine" which treat plastics as bad, when in fact if all things are considered, plastics are better in packaging than alternatives such as glass and corrugated cardboard.

Significantly more oil and gas are needed to produce a glass container than a plastic one of the same capacity and plastic has many other advantages such as its lower shipping cost (fuel) and it is mostly unbreakable. Corrugated cardboard, to be made waterproof, must be coated with plastic which renders it not recyclable.

Where incinerators are used, the plastic which remains in the waste stream reduces the amount of oil or gas which is added in the incinerator. Paper and cardboard are the largest part of the waste stream with little recycling being done on post-consumer waste.

Secondly, Ms. Fisher states that

Don't just look away

Editor, The Spotlight:

In regard to the article "commuters' cow concerns rifle farmer," I wish I had seen the cow and called the sheriff's department myself! The owner's statement "If they don't like it, they can take another road or look the other way," is like putting your head in the sand. Too many people look the other way when they are unsure if animals or people are suffering. I'm glad there are people who care enough to question whether something or someone is suffering. I hope there are more of these people in the world and fewer like the man who wants us to look the other way.

Louise Mahon

Glenmont

"there are seven different processes and each type has its own specific characteristics relating to use, reuse, or recycling." This is absolutely untrue. The process used has no bearing on reuse of the material. The material is the only criterion.

Polyethylene produced by blow-molding, extrusion, injection molding, vacuum-forming, foam molding, etc., is still polyethylene and can be used in any of the hot-melt processes. Commingling of plastics is seldom possible and, since many plastics look alike, the recycling logo and identifying number are put in the finished product to aid in separation.

Using "Garbage Magazine" as a source is like trying to get reliable news by reading the tabloids.

Carl Leunig

Glenmont

Editor's note: Mr. Leunig writes with a background of 40 years in plastics production with General Electric and Albany International. He is now retired.

Words for the week

Detritus: Any accumulation of disintegrated material, or debris. Originally, fragments of rock produced by disintegration or wearing away. (Emphasis on the second syllable.)

Con: As a noun, the act or an instance of conning (tricking or swindling). To con is to swindle a victim by first gaining his confidence. That is a trick worked by a confidence man.

Legalese: The conventional language of legal forms, documents, etc., involving special vocabulary and formulations, often thought of as abstruse and incomprehensible to the layman.

Bouillabaisse: A stew of various fish, crustacean shellfish, vegetables, and seasonings. Also, any of various similar stew or soups.

RCS board to adopt new discipline policy

Copies of the proposed Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk School District conduct and discipline policy are now available in all school buildings.

The board of education will discuss the policies at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, at the RCS Middle School, Ravenna. The board plans to adopt these policies on Monday, Dec. 13.

For information, call the board of education office at 767-2513.

Amateur radio group to meet at center

The Albany Amateur Radio Association will elect new officers at its monthly meeting on Friday, Dec. 10, at the town of Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., Colonie.

The general meeting will begin at 7:45 p.m.

For information, call 869-1074.

All for the birds



Slingerlands Elementary School third-graders in Diane McNiven and Mignonne Philips' classes recently enjoyed a visit from a National Guard helicopter. Shown with the children are Bruce Kern, center, and Capt. James Burton.

Tourney nets \$4,500 for DARE

Hudson Valley Taekwondo Center of Delmar, under the direction of head instructor Michael Friello recently hosted its fourth annual 'open' martial arts tournament to benefit local DARE programs.

More than \$4,500 was presented to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Programs in

Bethlehem, Colonie, Niskayuna, Rotterdam, and Maybrook.

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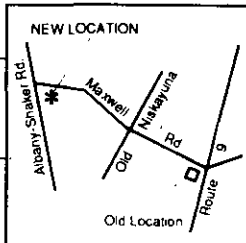
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RCS announces middle school honor roll pupils

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School recently announced the high honor and honor rolls for the first quarter. Pupils on the high honor roll have a 10-week average of 90 percent or better. Pupils on the honor roll have a 10-week average of 85 to 89 percent.

High honor roll

Seventh-grade

Jeffrey Andritz, Nicole Breen, Matthew Collins, Crystal Conrad, Ian Cummings, Cara Davis, Ryan Doherty, Heather Doyle, Melissa

Eissing, Courtney Endres, Christina Fahrenkopf, Junette Figueroa, Alyssa Filkins, Christopher Glassanos, Kristyn Gordon, Benjamin Hafensteiner, Michael Hamilton, Gary Jones, Daniel Kowalski, Noah Lamoree, Angela Marathakis, Benjamin Mazier, Nancy McClumpha and Kara Mosher.

Also, Richard Nestlen, Katie Orsino, Daniel Ostrander, Rebecca Ostrander, Sarah Pascale, Coleen Prior, Coleen Quinn, Jarrod Rivituso, Gordon Ryan, Michael Sengenberger, Deborah

Seufert, Amanda Sickles, Samantha Skiff, Tifney Sullivan, Kristen Tower-Knapp, Shayla Townley, Laura Trombley, Anthony Tucker, Jamie Wagner, Emily Whalen, Rebecca Whipple, Sabrina Wilson and Paul Yackel.

Eighth-grade

Adam Ayers, Megan Bailey, Judith Beachler, Brad Berletic, Veronica Blendell, Nicole Bonney, Courtney Connell, Donald Cross, Devon Davis, Krysta Domery, John Edick, Mark Foulger, Brianne Francolini, Jennifer Frese,

Sarah Gardner, Christopher Gnip, Elyse Griffin, Kirsten Hoose, Crystal Hotaling and Emily Janssen.

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Honor roll

Seventh-grade

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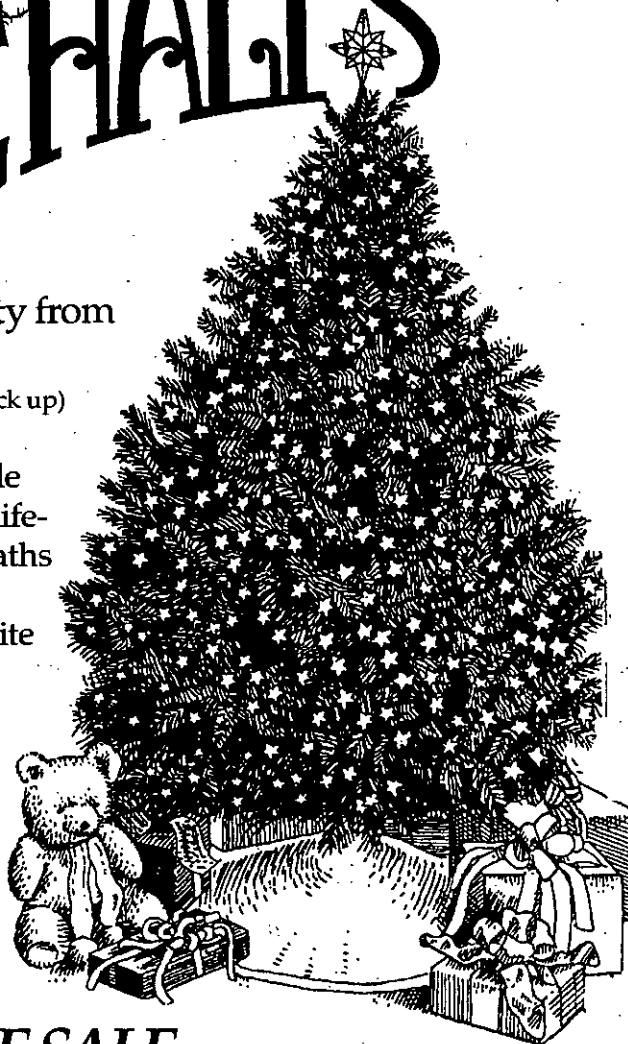
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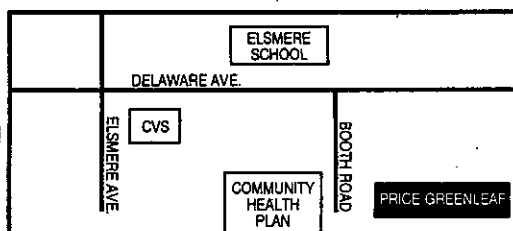
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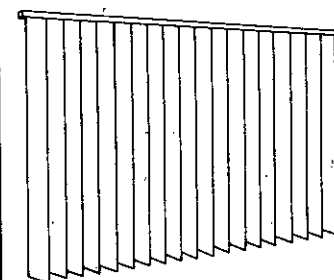
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Restaurant's new name reflects its cuisine

By Dev Tobin

In honor of what is undeniably the best-known facet of Swiss cuisine, chef Rene Tornier has changed the name of his Auberge Suisse restaurant in New Scotland to Swiss Fondue.

The restaurant, on Route 85 just over the Bethlehem townline, retains its cozy, country-inn ambience, and now features a variety of

entrees, and a chocolate and fresh fruit fondue for dessert.

Each fondue is different, Tornier explained. The seafood fondue features pre-cooked lobster, shrimp and scallops that are dipped in a seafood cream sauce; in the filet mignon fondue, thin-sliced raw tenderloin is dipped and cooked in a seasoned wine/stock broth; and the dessert fondue features fresh fruit dipped in a warm chocolate sauce.

Although he added fondues to the menu, Tornier continues to offer specialties like Beef Wellington, rack of lamb, Shrimp St. Tropez and Coq au Vin.

Despite the sluggish economy, Tornier says that his customers appreciate the high quality of the locally unique cuisine he offers.

"Everything is fresh here; nothing is frozen or push-button," he said, adding that he generally has lightened the heavy, Escoffier-style sauces of classic French cuisine in accord with his customers' tastes.

Entrees range from \$12 to \$24.

In another new venture, Tornier now sells a wide variety of made-to-order sauces, as well as pates and salad dressings for home consumption.

The restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday for dinner, with a classical guitarist playing



Chef Rene Tornier samples a fondue, the specialty of the Swiss Fondue Restaurant.

Dev Tobin

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Rene Tornier

fondues as appetizer, entree or dessert, said Tornier, a Swiss native who has owned and operated the former Heavenly Inn for the past seven years.

"Many of my regular customers asked for fondue, so I decided to put it on the menu and change the name of the restaurant," Tornier said.

Tornier prepares a cheese fondue with a mixture of gruyere and emmental cheeses, white wine, kirsch and seasonings as both an appetizer and an entree, a filet mignon and a seafood fondue as

on weekends. It has banquet facilities for receptions or parties of up to 65 people. For information or reservations, call 439-3800.

Clarksville firehouse sets Sunday breakfast

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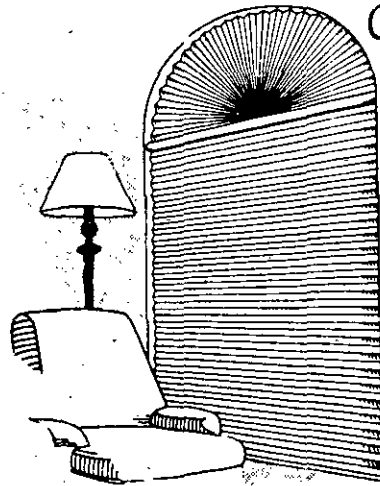
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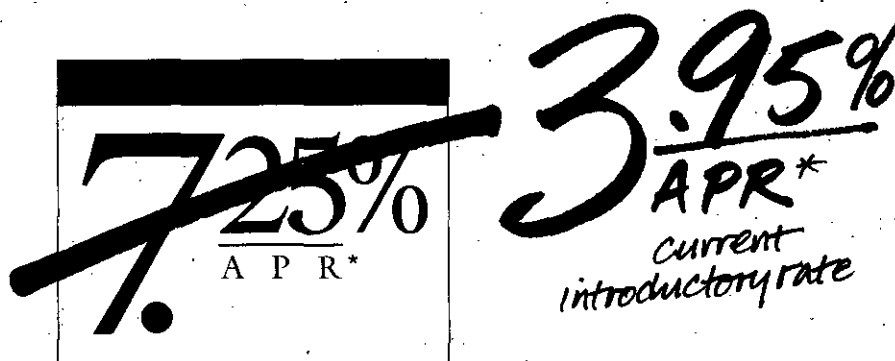
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Tri-Village AARP sets Christmas lunch

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will host its Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Normanside Country Club in Elmsmere.

Cocktails will be served at noon, with lunch to follow at 1 p.m.

For information, call 439-5711.

Middle school library seeks plants, posters

Mary Hill, librarian at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, said the library is seeking plants, posters, floor pillows and holiday decorations to liven up the decor.

To help, contact Hill at 439-7460.

Masons plan program on safety for kids

A program for middle and elementary school children on what to do in an emergency will be offered at the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents as well as Boy and Girl Scouts are welcome.

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History association planning annual silver tea

The Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its annual Christmas Silver Tea at the Little Red Schoolhouse museum at the corner of Route 144 and Clapper Road in Selkirk on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The museum will be decorated for the holidays by the Bethlehem Garden Club in a "Nut-cracker" theme.

The association will offer a fingerfood and beverage buffet. This program is free and open to the public.

For information, call 767-3052.

Library schedules holiday story hours

The Ravena Free Library on 126 Main St. has scheduled a series of preschool story hours this month.

Preschoolers and family members are invited on Thursdays, Dec. 2 and 16 and Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10:30 a.m. to hear seasonal stories followed by a story theme craft project.

Dec. 1 through 15 are amnesty weeks for overdue library books. Return books in good condition, and no questions will be asked.

Harvey Durham's presentation "A Trip To The Mountains" will be rescheduled for the spring.

For information, call 756-2053.

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South Bethlehem church fund-raisers under way

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue is currently taking Florida Citrus Fruit and Dine A Mate orders to benefit the general fund.

For information, call 767-9953 or 767-2281.

Deadline extended for receipt collection

The Grand Union Apples for the Students register receipt collection program has extended its deadline to Jan. 15. That adds four additional weeks to the tape collection period for the R-C-S School District. Yellow register tapes can be dropped off at any of the district schools during regular business hours or can be sent in with students.

For information, call 767-9289, 756-2155 or 756-8190.

Ravena Seniors to host holiday dinner

Senior Projects of Ravena will host a Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at the senior

center on Bruno Boulevard in Ravena. For information and reservations, call 756-8593.

REACH support group hosts national speaker

The R-C-S REACH Parents Support Group will hear guest speaker Pat Schuler from the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented at a workshop tonight, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

Schuler will discuss special needs of high-ability young people and the strategies parents might employ to meet these needs. This workshop replaces its regularly scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 30, meeting.

For information, call 756-8013.

Middle school book fair set

The R-C-S Middle School book fair will be Wednesday, Dec. 1, through Friday, Dec. 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the school.

Extended evening hours are planned for parents on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Parents can also tour the building at this time.

This program replaces the middle school level education week open house originally scheduled Monday through Friday, Dec. 6 through 10.

For information, call 756-2155.

Program postponed

The R-C-S guidance department kindergarten through grade-eight program, scheduled on Tuesday, Dec. 7, has been postponed and will be rescheduled later in the school year.

Holiday concerts set

R-C-S second-graders from Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School will give a holiday concert at the senior high school on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

Other Pieter B. Coeymans grade levels will present a holiday concert at the senior high school on Monday, Dec. 6, also at 7 p.m.

For information, call 756-8190.

Board to review discipline guidelines

The R-C-S board of education

will meet Monday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the middle school. The new policy guidelines on student conduct and discipline will be reviewed. The board will have a work session at 6 p.m. prior to the meeting.

For information, call 767-2513.

Scout leaders planning holiday potluck supper

The annual pot-luck supper is planned for Girl Scout leaders and troop volunteers of the Ravena Neighborhood on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church Hall.

Participants should bring a menu item to share, a small homemade gift to exchange and an individual place setting. An investiture ceremony is also planned.

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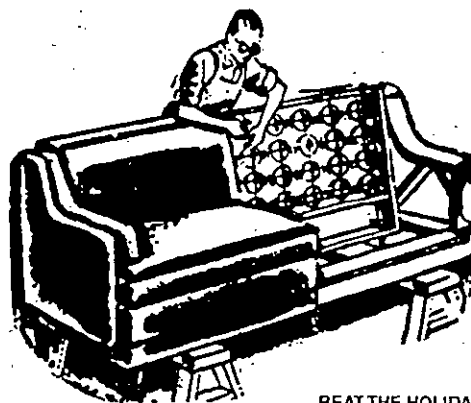
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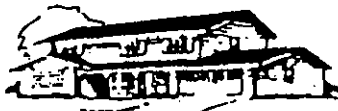
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For information, call 765-4022.

Bouton tuning up for holiday concert

Enjoy the festive spirit at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School at a program of holiday music on Monday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The public is invited.

Speaker to address historical association

The Town of New Scotland Historical Association will hold its monthly program on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

After a short business meeting, a program will follow on "the Forgotten Holidays: New Netherlands Traditions Recalled." Peter Rose will present a slide presentation on Dutch holiday customs and have a sampling of Dutch cookies, cakes and candies.

The Historical Association has 1994 calendars on sale. Photographs of life in Voorheesville and the surrounding areas were used in the calendar.

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Voorheesville

Susan Casler
765-2144



For information call 765-2071.

SAT test slated at Bouton Dec. 4

Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School seniors can take the college board Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Students should arrive at 8 a.m. at the test center of their choice. Each student must have an admission ticket, proof of identification and two No. 2 pencils with erasers and a watch. On Saturday, Dec. 11, the American College Testing (ACT) will be held. For information, call the guidance office at 765-5529.

Bouton faculty sets Monday meeting

Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High school will hold a faculty meeting on Monday, Dec. 6. Classes will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. For information, call the school at 765-3314.

Church distributes 40 food baskets

The Human Concerns Committee of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville distributed 40 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the area.

Pack 73 Cubs collect for pantries

Voorheesville Cub Scouts Pack 73 recently collected approximately 2,000 items from residents of the Voorheesville area. These items were taken to the rectory garage at St. Matthew's Church. Boy Scout Troop 73 counted and sorted the items and distributed to a local food pantry.

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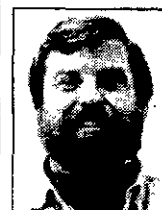
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Methodist church plans dinner

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The dinner is sponsored by the church, the Bethlehem Ministe-

rial Association and the town of Bethlehem Senior Services. The Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service will provide transportation for those over the age of 60.

For information, call Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4955, extension 170.

Residential home for disabled opens

The Center for the Disabled recently opened the Sidney Albert House, a residential facility for eight disabled people in Guilderland.

The house was named after the late Sidney Albert, who supported the agency through his participation on the center's governing and foundation boards.

The house is a 3,600-square-

foot structure with two double and four single bedrooms, a kitchen, dining room, living room, and two-and-a-half bathrooms. Although 12 residences are now operating at full capacity in the Capital District, but 200 individuals are awaiting placement.

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The holiday season is associated with more toothaches, broken teeth, broken dentures, and sore temporomandibular joints than any other time of year. This may be due to the larger variety and quantity of foods we eat, as well as the texture and toughness of these foods. Some of the food culprits (that may lead to dental disease) are tough cuts of meat, nuts, bagels, candy, fruitcake, etc.

Your best bet to avoid these problems is preventive care. If you think you are headed for a bad situation, make an appointment to get it fixed now. Sometimes the old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is so true.

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Bethlehem Central girls varsity basketball: -

Dec. 11 - Mohonasen - home - 3 p.m.
Dec. 15 - Niskayuna - away - 8 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Colonie - home - 8 p.m.
Dec. 22 - Scotia - home - 8 p.m.
Dec. 29 - Holiday tournament at Catholic Central - 6 p.m.
Dec. 30 - Holiday tournament at Catholic Central - TBA.
Jan. 7 - Columbia - away - 8 p.m.
Jan. 12 - Saratoga - away - 8 p.m.
Jan. 15 - Burnt Hills - home - 3 p.m.
Jan. 20 - Amsterdam - away - 8 p.m.
Jan. 22 - Mohonasen - away - 3 p.m.
Jan. 27 - Niskayuna - home - 8 p.m.
Feb. 2 - Shenendehowa - away - 8 p.m.
Feb. 5 - Scotia - away - 3 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Guilderland - home - 8 p.m.
Feb. 12 - Columbia - home - 3 p.m.
Feb. 16 - Shaker - home - 8 p.m.
Feb. 18 - Burnt Hills - away - 8 p.m.



Bethlehem Central boys varsity basketball: -

Dec. 3-4 - Colonie Tip-Off tournament - Dec. 3 - 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Mohonasen - away - 8 p.m.
Dec. 14 - Niskayuna - Niskayuna - 8 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Colonie - away - 8 p.m.
Dec. 21 - Scotia - away - 8 p.m.
Dec. 28 - Helderberg Holiday Tournament at Guilderland - 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 29 - Helderberg Holiday Tournament at Guilderland - TBA.
Jan. 6 - Colonie - home - 3 p.m.
Jan. 8 - Columbia - home - 8 p.m.
Jan. 11 - Saratoga - home - 8 p.m.
Jan. 14 - Burnt Hills - away - 8 p.m.
Jan. 21 - Mohonasen - home - 8 p.m.
Jan. 28 - Niskayuna - away - 8 p.m.
Feb. 1 - Shenendehowa - home - 8 p.m.
Feb. 4 - Scotia - home - 8 p.m.
Feb. 8 - Guilderland - away - 8 p.m.
Feb. 11 - Columbia - away - 8 p.m.
Feb. 15 - Shaker - away - 8 p.m.
Feb. 17 - Burnt Hills - home - 8 p.m.



Voorheesville boys varsity basketball:

Dec. 3 - Mechanicville - home - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7 - Lansingburgh - away - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Watervliet - away - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14 - Waterford - away - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Schalmont - home - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 - Albany Academy - away - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28 - Helderberg Holiday Tournament at Guilderland - vs. BC - 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 29 - Helderberg Holiday Tournament - TBA
Jan. 4 - Ravena - home - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7 - Cohoes - away - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11 - Averill Park - home - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 - Mechanicville - away - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18 - Lansingburgh - home - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 - Watervliet - home - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 - Waterford - home - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1 - Schalmont - away - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 - Albany Academy - home - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8 - Ravena - away - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11 - Cohoes - home - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15 - Averill Park - away - 7:30 p.m.



Voorheesville girls varsity basketball:

Dec. 2 - Greenville - away - 7 p.m.
Dec. 3 - Mechanicville - away - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7 - Lansingburgh - home - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Watervliet - home - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14 - Emma Willard - home - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Schalmont - away - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 - Holy Names - home - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28 - Greenville - home - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4 - Ravena - away - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7 - Cohoes - home - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11 - Averill Park - away - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 - Mechanicville - home - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18 - Lansingburgh - away - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 - Watervliet - away - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 - Emma Willard - away - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1 - Schalmont - home - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 - Holy Names - away - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8 - Ravena - home - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11 - Cohoes - away - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15 - Averill Park - home - 7:30 p.m.



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Dec. 3 - Watervliet - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 7 - Waterford - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 10 - Schalmont - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 14 - Albany Academy - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 17 - Averill Park - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 21 - Cohoes - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 28 - Gold Medal Tournament - 8:30 p.m.
 Dec. 29 - Gold Medal Tournament - TBA
 Jan. 4 - Voorheesville - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 7 - Mechanicville - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 11 - Lansingburgh - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 14 - Watervliet - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 18 - Waterford - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 21 - Schalmont - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 28 - Albany Academy - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 1 - Averill Park - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 4 - Cohoes - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 8 - Voorheesville - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 11 - Mechanicville - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 15 - Lansingburgh - away - 7:30 p.m.

RCS girls varsity basketball:

Nov. 30 - Watervliet - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 7 - Emma Willard - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 10 - Schalmont - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 14 - Holy Names - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 17 - Averill Park - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 21 - Cohoes - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 28 - Gold Medal Tournament - 5 p.m.
 Dec. 29 - Gold Medal Tournament - TBA
 Jan. 4 - Voorheesville - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 7 - Mechanicville - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 11 - Lansingburgh - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 14 - Watervliet - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 18 - Emma Willard - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 21 - Schalmont - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 28 - Holy Names - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 1 - Averill Park - home - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 4 - Cohoes - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 8 - Voorheesville - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 11 - Mechanicville - away - 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 15 - Lansingburgh - home - 7:30 p.m.



RCS Varsity wrestling

Dec. 9 - Waterford - 6 p.m.
 Dec. 16 - Mechanicville - 6 p.m.
 Dec. 22 - Watervliet - 4 p.m.
 Jan. 6 - at Cohoes - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 8 - RCS Tournament - 10 a.m.
 Jan. 13 - at Schalmont - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 10 - Albany Academy - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 27 - Averill Park - 6 p.m.
 Feb. 3 - at Lansingburgh - 6 p.m.
 Feb. 10 - Voorheesville - 6 p.m.
 Feb. 12 - at Council Tournament - 10 a.m.
 Feb. 14 - at JV Tournament - 4 p.m.
 Feb. 18 - at Class B Section - 4 p.m.
 Feb. 19 - at Class B Section - 10 a.m.

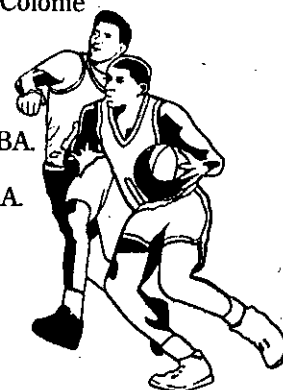


Voorheesville varsity wrestling

Dec. 9 - Mechanicville - away - 6 p.m.
 Dec. 15 - Catskill - home - 6 p.m.
 Dec. 16 - Albany Academy - away - 6 p.m.
 Dec. 18 - Hudson Falls Tournaments - away - TBA
 Dec. 18 - Burnt Hills JV Tournament - away - TBA
 Dec. 22 - Schalmont - home - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 4 - Cobleskill - away - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 6 - Averill Park - away - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 8 - Ravena Tournament - away - TBA
 Jan. 13 - Lansingburgh - home - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 15 - Mt. Anthony Tournament - away - TBA
 Jan. 20 - Waterford - home - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 22 - S.G.F. Tournament - away - TBA
 Jan. 25 - Guilderland - home - 6 p.m.
 Jan. 27 - Cohoes - away - 6 p.m.
 Feb. 3 - Watervliet - home - 6 p.m.
 Feb. 10 - Ravena - away - 6 p.m.
 Feb. 12 - Colonial Council Tournament at Averill Park - TBA
 Feb. 14 - Colonial Council JV Tourney - away - TBA
 Feb. 19 - Class D Sectionals @ Salem - away - TBA
 Feb. 26 - Class D Sectional @ Salem - away - TBA
 Mar. 4-5 - NYS Tournament @ Syracuse - away - TBA

Bethlehem Central varsity boys wrestling

Dec. 8 - vs. Scotia and Guilderland at Guilderland - 4 p.m.
 Dec. 22 - Saratoga - away - 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 5 - Columbia - home - 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 11 - vs. Mohonasen and Colonie at Colonie - 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 27 - Mohonasen - away - 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 1 - Burnt Hills - home - 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 2 - Shaker - home - 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 5 - SSC Tournament at Colonie - TBA
 Feb. 10 - Colonie - home - 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 18-19 - Class A & B Sectionals - TBA
 Feb. 26 - Section II finals - TBA



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New equipment for children

The Children's Room of the Bethlehem Public Library recently acquired a new computer and educational games for use by children and accompanying adults.

The BitWise IBM compatible machine and nine software packages were purchased with the financial support from the Friends of the Library. The equipment replaces a Texas Instruments computer and software, which were outdated and in need of repair.



Children can sign up at the children's room desk to use the computer for 30 minute blocks. Children who cannot yet read must have an adult use the machine with them.

Software packages available for use with the computer include the reading games "Reading and Me," "Reader Rabbit I," "Flodd, The Bad Guy" and "Word Gallery." These are designed for children in pre-

school through grade-two or three. Picture games include "Mickey's Memory Challenge" and "Facemaker."

In addition, the Children's Room has the math programs "Adventure Math," "Math Castle" and "Math Rescue" which comes in three levels, easy for ages 4 to 7, medium for ages 7 to 10 and hard for ages 10 and up. Several programs have instruction manuals to accompany them.

"The new computer is very popular. We've had children as young as 3 through about age 13 use it," says Children's Librarian Lisa Bouchard. "We would like to add more software. If people have suggestions for programs, particularly for older elementary school-age children, please let us know."

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, at 10:30 a.m., children ages 3 to 6 are invited to see three short films, the traditional folk tale "The Gingerbread Boy," and "Angus Lost" and "The Snowy Day" based on picture books by Marjorie Flack and Ezra Jack Keats. The program is free and no registration is

needed.

Preschoolers can celebrate the holiday season by making a gift for someone at "The Giving Treat" on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. Children ages 3 to 6 are asked to bring small cookies to share with each other and to make a gift. Children will hear stories and make decorative containers to package treats. Packages will be sent to area homebound persons and those in institutions for the homeless, disabled or elderly.

Sign up by calling the library at 439-9314.

Anna Jane Abaray

St. Paul's Church slates Advent service

"A Meditation on Christ's Nativity" will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany.

The Advent service will include lessons, carols and poetry.

For information, call the church at 463-2257.

Water

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terrain.

While the purity of Hudson River water is much improved over the past few decades, there are still advisories issued by the state Department of Environmental Conservation against eating fish from the river because of past pollution.

Test results from wells drilled along the Hudson River shoreline have revealed a high quality water supply free from virtually all contaminants except for traces of iron and manganese. Secor said this validates his belief that a natural filtering system removes any contaminants before they reach the aquifer.

"Our other concern involves the cost projections," Davies said. "We wonder whether this plant is really going to save money for the Town of Bethlehem."

"The cost projections for the plant, which has not yet been constructed, were prepared two years ago. We feel that it needs an update in terms of how much water will be used and what the unit costs will be," Davies said.

"Are those figures still accurate today?"

"We're not talking about the difference between the cost of Albany and Bethlehem water," he added. "We're interested in the true cost of building and operating the new plant because that could definitely have an impact on future residential rates."

Davies said his personal research showed that the total water budget for the town had increased from \$2.68 million in 1990 to a projected \$3.65 million for 1994.

"In my view, when you get a 36 percent increase like that, it behooves an administrative body to take a look at it."

The group's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Dec. 13. The time and date will be announced.

Rhoe receives award

Delmar resident Sheri Rhoe has received the 1993 Nursing Student Leadership Award from the New York State Nurses Association.

Rhoe is currently a nursing student at Russell Sage College, Troy.

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Fine time to check books in

The library's annual Food for Fines program starting on Wednesday, Dec. 15, will give patrons a chance to clear up overdue fines and give something back to the community at the same time.

Voorheesville Public Library



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Year off with a clean slate.

All food will be given to St. Matthew's Human Concerns Committee for distribution to local families.

A host of literary happenings, including meetings of both the Writers Group on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. and a meeting of the new women's writing group, Quiet Voices, on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., is planned for next week.

The Every-Other-Thursday-Night-Poets, who have been gathering at the library for more than two years now, are quite excited to have three of their members featured in a reading at Borders Book Store on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Barbara Vink, coordina-

tor, along with Larry Rapant and Tom Corrado, will read.

Children of all ages and their moms and dads will want to bundle up and come on in for a special evening family story hour scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Dream a Little Dream should get everyone ready for some cozy winter nights.

Regular fall story hours end on Dec. 17.

Until then, sessions are set for each Monday at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 4 p.m., and Friday at 1:30 p.m.

The board of trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the director's office.

Christine Shields

Dutch treats



Food historian Peter Rose presents "The Forgotten Holidays: New Netherlands Traditions Recalled," a slide/lecture show on Dutch holiday traditions in the New World that will include a sampling of authentic treats, at the next meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

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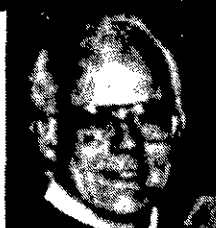
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SPOTLIGHT ON

SPORTS

BC boys looking to challenge for hoop title in Gold Division

By Joshua Kagan
and Ted Hartman

The Bethlehem basketball team looks to improve on last year's 8-13 season and first-round loss in the Section II tournament by winning the Suburban Council Gold Division, which is considered up for grabs.

Coach Jack Moser hopes to compensate for his team's inexperience by stressing a fast-paced offense and tough, man-to-man defense.

"I think we're going to be pretty strong," BC co-captain Scott Lobel said. "I think we're probably going to win the Gold. I think Colonie and Shaker (of the Blue Division) are the best in the Suburban Council. The Gold Division is pretty much up in the air and it's ours for the taking."

"I think it'll be tight up to the end of the season," said co-captain Matt Follis. "I don't see any stand-out teams this year."

BC point guard Rob Kind predicted that "this is going to be the best Eagles team in years."

Follis will share the backcourt with Kind. Lobel and the third captain Jon Gould, will be the starting forwards and 6-foot-6-inch

junior Eric Gill will start at center. All played at the varsity level last year.

"There are only four seniors, which is good and bad," Follis said. "Eric Gill, because he played last year for us, is kind of like a senior. He'll be a leader on the floor. There's a lot of leaders on the floor. There are no stars on the team. No one's going to try to take the game into their own hands."

Moser hopes the underclassmen will make major contributions. "The juniors are playing better than we expected them to, with Jason Gutman having one of the best preseasons."

While he expects his Eagles to be competitive, Moser realizes this team is "untested and unchallenged. Our biggest question will be depth."

The five starters will be backed up by juniors Gutman, Matt Winterhoff, Matt Wing, Greg Sack, Chris Britton and sophomores Sean Berry and Joe DeAngelo. All figure to get significant playing time. All played at the junior varsity level last season.

"They're all confident kids," Follis said. "Once they get on the

court, they forget that they're young. They all seem to have experience."

The Eagles' size will most likely play a large role in their season.

"I think we have to get Eric (Gill) and Joe (DeAngelo) involved," Lobel said. "I don't know if that means concentrating on them. It's a five-man game and everyone on the floor has to contribute."

"We're a big team, which will help for rebounding," Follis said. "We have three guys that are 6-5, 6-6."

"I think the chemistry, we all get along, is important for the team. It's pretty early, but I don't see any weaknesses now. We always try to run. That's our offense. Wherever the shots are, we'll take it."

Bethlehem lost several players to graduation, most notably captains Mike Pellettier and Chris Macaluso. Pellettier was the team's leading scorer last season and Follis was second.

Bethlehem opens against LaSalle on Friday, Dec. 3, at the Colonie Tip Off at Colonie Central High School. If BC wins, they will meet Gloversville or Colonie for the championship.

Ready for action



BC junior Ken Van Dyke (top) is expected to be a key wrestler for coach Rick Poplaski's varsity squad this year. The first meet is on Monday, Dec. 8.

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Dolphins shine at Shaker

Coached by Boris and Lyubov Rybatskiy, the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club performed well in the ninth annual Colonie Aquatics' Pilgrim's Pride Meet at Shaker High School Sunday Nov. 28.

Competing with the 8-and-under girls, Courtney Arduini was second in the 25 backstroke, third in the 100 yard individual medley (IM), 25 freestyle and 25 butterfly. Larissa Suparmanto was ninth in the IM. Emily Fong was ninth in the breaststroke.

In the boys division, Scott Solomon took third in the backstroke, sixth in the breaststroke and seventh in the butterfly. Rick Grant was fourth in the butterfly, sixth in the IM and 10th in the freestyle. Joseph Cardamone was sixth in the butterfly, ninth in both the backstroke and breaststroke.

The Dolphins fielded two, 8-and-under mixed freestyle relay teams. Team "A", consisting of Courtney Arduini, Ricky Grant, Joseph Cardamone and Scott Solomon, finished in second place. Team "B", Larissa Suparmanto, Emily Fong, Hannah Gold and Jeanne Drucker, took fourth.

Swimming her last meet in the 9-10 age group, Lisa Fong won the 100 IM in a time of 1:12.19, the 50 butterfly in 31.96, the 50 breaststroke in 38.54 and the 50 freestyle in 29.20.

Among the 9-10 boys, Thalys Orietas was fifth in the breaststroke and ninth in the 50 backstroke.

In the 11-12 boys, Brian Dowling won the 50 butterfly, was second in the IM and third in both the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke. Bobby Pasquini took third place in the breaststroke.

Fresh from last weekend's state high school championship meet, BC varsity standout Nadine Maurer won the 13-14 year old girls 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:15.40, tied for second in the 100 butterfly, was fifth in the 200 IM and ninth in the 100 freestyle.

Maggie Tettelbach took first place in the 100 freestyle in a time of 1:00.84, was fifth in the 100 backstroke, sixth in both the IM and butterfly. Stephanie Fong was sixth in the breaststroke and seventh in the IM.

Brian Strickler won the 13-14 boys 100 yard butterfly in a time of 1:05.28, was fourth in the breaststroke, fifth in the IM and eighth in the 100 freestyle. Reid Putnam was third in both the IM and backstroke, fifth in the 100 freestyle and seventh in the breaststroke.

Scott Strickler was eighth in the backstroke and ninth in the IM. Jeff Harren was 10th in the breaststroke. The Dolphins 13-14 boys freestyle relay team of Harren, Putnam and the Strickler brothers finished in third place.

Strong performances were also contributed by Dolphins Katie Keller, Tara Ornoski, Richard Bailey, Sara Gold, Bradley Bailey, Michael Blendell, Melanie Hill, Sarah Kundel and Michael Berger.

V'ville boys soccer team stands tall

By Kelly Griffin

After a stellar regular season, the Voorheesville boys soccer team fell to Maple Hill 4-1 in the finals of the Class C championship, ending their post-season title quest.

"I don't feel that the game was a true indication of our ability," said coach Bob Crandall. "It was a very disappointing loss, but there were many people who thought that we would never go so far. We had a good year."

Voorheesville compiled a 14-5-1 record. They went 14-2 after losing three of their first four games. The Blackbirds buried both Lake George and Berne-Knox-Westerlo on their way to the finals.

Their style of play this year was characterized by sharp passing

and extreme quickness — a formula that met with success versus bigger, stronger and more physical teams.

In the bitter cold at Blecker Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 13, the Birds dominated their opponents, yet were unable to capitalize on their scoring opportunities. Their shots went directly on goal and into the keeper's hands.

"Maple Hill went to the ball very hard, and I think that we were a little shocked," Crandall said. "They also kept six or seven players back on defense at all times against us."

Maple Hill scored eight minutes into the game off a corner kick and again five minutes later.

After halftime, Maple Hill scored two more goals on breakaways when Voorheesville had ad-

vanced its defenders up the field for more offensive punch.

Voorheesville got on the board when junior Adam Keller scored off an assist from Christophe Duquesne with 12 minutes remaining in the game. The Birds continued to press the action, but could not make up the deficit.

"It's too bad, and it's very disappointing," Crandall said. "It definitely was not one of our better games, but I give the Maple Hill team and its coach a lot of credit."

"They were very well prepared to shut down our style of play. We played at their pace."

"High school sports are a funny thing," he concluded. "Kids have to have the responsibility and take the initiative to motivate themselves. They have to make themselves ready to play."

900 kids Bethlehem played soccer despite the chilly autumn weekends

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's Intracub program finished out a highly successful fall season despite some very cold Saturdays.

Friends and relatives of 900 soccer players volunteered their time as coaches, assistant coaches, field setup and line crews, 50/50 raffle sales and many other responsibilities necessary to keep BSC thriving.

In action last weekend, the Bethlehem Bullets Under-12 team placed third in the Clifton Park Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Bullets played teams from Fulton, Amsterdam, Cobleskill

and two teams from Clifton Park. Their tournament record was 2-1-2. They outscored their opponents by seven goals overall.

The Bullets were outstanding on defense, paced by Luke Haskins, Steve Troiano, Kevin Hotaling, Mike Cardamone and Matt Thibdeau in goal.

The offense was led by Tim Cooper, Dan Heim, Dan Tripp, Benji Felson and Matt Cardamone.

"The kids played their hearts out, and I am very proud of them," Cooper said.

A special thank-you goes out to

Bruce Scott, the man responsible for providing coffee and donuts every week under the canopy and to Kathy Glannon for becoming the club's new Intracub coordinator.

Work on the Soccerplex continues. Completion of the first four fields is expected in 1994. Great efforts have been made to assure quality fields at the Wemple Road site. Drainage pipes were laid at all the fields this year and crushed stone was trucked in by the ton.

Private and corporate donations continue to arrive. Completion of the Soccerplex will progress as quickly as additional contributions are received.

Registration for Spring Soccer will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. for coaches only. Assistant coaches can register on this date only if they have already teamed up with a coach.

General player registration will be on Thursday, Jan. 20 and Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the town hall. No one will be allowed to register without signing up to assist with a part of the club's operation.

Due to general program and insurance rate increases, there will be a significant increase in the registration fee. Scholarships will be available based on need. Further information is available by calling 475-1150 or 439-1109.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Nov. 21 at Del Lanes —

Jr. Classic: Joe Mazuryk 279, Tom Neiles 254, Mandy Watt 205, Krystal Burns 195.

Majors: Nick Martin 220, Pete O'Keefe 205.

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Districts

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registered voters in certain districts.

Galvin, who conducted her own in-depth analysis of the July 1992 revisions, said it was unfair to have as few as 185 registered voters in a Slingerlands election district compared with more than 800 voters in an Elsmere district.

She also cited possible violations of the state election law, which requires local election districts to have a "compact form" and to follow the boundaries of readily visible geographic landmarks such as streets, rivers and railroad tracks.

Galvin noted several instances in which this was not the case, such as District 25, which looked like it had "rabbit ears," she said.

The engineering department and the town clerk's office spent about two weeks last summer on the overhaul.

Nearly all of the districts now contain between 600 and 700 voters, except for one where the number dropped to 370, and one other where the number slightly exceeded 700. The district with 370 is expected to rise sharply, according to town engineer Michael Cirillo, since it includes the Beverwyck retirement community, most of whose residents have not yet moved in.

The board stopped short of formally approving the new election districts so that town Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz and town Democratic Chairman Matt Clyne could sign off on the plan. Politically, the lines are significant because they affect the selection of the two party committeemen assigned to each district.

"The whole idea of 30 districts seems better because it allows for

the growth the town is experiencing and will experience in the future," Galvin said. "But I still want to examine where the boundaries are and whether they follow natural contours."

Councilman Fred Webster said he expected the plan to be adopted sometime in December, since neither Kaplowitz nor Clyne, who were at last week's town board meeting, voiced an objection.

The Albany County Board of Elections will notify each registered voter in the town of their new polling places prior to the next primary or general election.

Pike receives award

Dr. Robert E. Pike, an osteopathic physician practicing in Delmar, recently received an award as "Physician of the Year" by the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society.

Pike's practice is located at 17 Morningside Drive.

Ringler

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candidate to succeed Faso, other Republicans in the district have reportedly made rumblings as well, according to former Democratic Assembly candidate Joseph Glazer of Bethlehem.

The others said to be interested include former Schoharie County District Attorney Mike West; Keith Stark, a town supervisor from Columbia County; and Sandy Mathes from Greene County, who works as an aide to State Sen. Charles Cooke.

Glazer, who waged an unsuccessful campaign against Faso in 1992 on the Democratic line, said he's giving serious consideration to another run for the Assembly should the seat become open.

In 1986, the last time there was no incumbent running in the 102nd District, there was a four-way Republican primary, he recalled. "At this point, it's starting to line up much the way it did in 1986."

"There's a lot of time between now and then," Glazer said. "There are probably some other Democrats interested as well."

"I will not run the same way I did last time," he added. "We were underfunded and outspent by more than three to one. Yet we still managed to get nearly 20,000 votes. Since next year is an off-year for the presidency, I'd expect the winner to get somewhere around 26,000 or 27,000 votes."

Ringler, who chose not to run for a third, two-year term as supervisor this year, citing the need to focus on business matters, said he wouldn't speculate further on the subject until January. "For now, I'm going to be doing a lot of skiing and spending more time on my business (Del Lanes in Delmar.)"

He brushed off the suggestion made by an area reporter last week that he would be considered a popular choice to run for Albany County executive should GOP County Executive Michael Hob-

lock decide to run for the state Senate next year.

"It's not an option," Ringler said.

Pick up

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and, if anything, the need has become greater over that time span, Porcaro said. The food is put right on the mail trucks and separated at the main office.

The shelves of the Bethlehem Food Pantry as well as many others in the area are "virtually empty and their demand increases daily," he said.

The response of local residents was described as "awesome. By and large people have been very generous."

The Delmar Post Office was one of the first around to conduct a food drive for the needy and, since 1988, "a lot of other cities have taken hold of the idea."

"It's a community project," Porcaro said. "The carriers want to be considered part of the community rather than just employees doing their job."

Tri-Village Little League Registration 1994 Season

Thursday, December 2, 1993
from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, December 4, 1993
from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Bethlehem Town Hall Auditorium

- Children born between 8/1/81 and 7/31/87 are eligible to participate in the Little League Program, including T-Ball.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to register. Registration donation is \$25 for one child, \$40 for a family registration.
- Children registering for the first time must provide a copy of their birth certificate to be retained by the League.

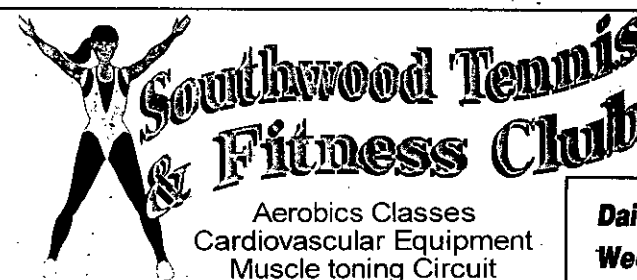


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Sandra and Edward Roche Jr.

Hoffmeister, Roche wed

Sandra Hoffmeister, daughter of Kathryn Smith of Loudonville and Charles Hoffmeister Jr. of Slingerlands, and Edward Roche Jr., son of Carol and Edward Roche of Loudonville were married Oct. 3.

The Rev. John Mealey performed the ceremony at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Albany. A reception followed at the Polish American Citizens Club.

Michele McCoy was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Michelle Roche, the groom's sister, Sharlene Melnick and Michelle DeVoe.

Peter Roche, the groom's

brother, was best man. Ushers were David Hoffmeister, the bride's brother, John Estep and Munny Narang.

The bride is a graduate of Shaker High School and Syracuse University. She is employed as an internal auditor by Farm Family Insurance Company in Glenmont.

The groom, a graduate of Shaker High School and the University at Albany, is a sales representative for Legi-Tech in Albany.

Following a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple lives in Guilderland.

Ville man promoted at Albany TV station

Bruce Sowalski of Voorheesville was recently promoted to director of marketing for WXXA-TV in Albany.

Sowalski is responsible for development and implementation of marketing activities, including media planning, placement of external advertising, coordination of special events, sales promotions, client services and public relations.

Sowalski, in his fifth year at WXXA, was promoted from director of client services.

Academy students cited for performance

Gregory Finkell of Slingerlands, a senior, and Michael Belleville, also of Slingerlands, a sophomore, both attending the Albany Academy, were recently commended for their academic performances.

Finkell was named for his scores on the 1992 PSAT/NMSQT. Belleville was named to the Albany Academy chapter of the Cum Laude Society, a group of students in the top 20 percent of their class.

Company gives money for journalism lab

Blue Circle Cement has donated a \$14,505 journalism lab to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School.

The donation will provide desktop publishing equipment for the continued development of the RCS journalism program. In recognition of George E. Bleezarde, past owner and editor of *The News Herald*, Blue Circle Cement has asked that the lab be named in his honor.



Yvonne Perry and Mark Hulbert

Perry, Hulbert marry

Yvonne Perry, daughter of Vincent and Bonnie Perry of Voorheesville, and Mark J. Hulbert, son of Matthew and Kay Hulbert of Loudonville, were married Oct. 2.

The bride's uncle, Col. Barry Lonergan, performed the ceremony in St. Mary's Church, with a reception following at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, both in Albany.

Martha Perry, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Carla Rodrigue, sister of the bride, and Linda Loumeau. Andrea Rodrigue, the bride's niece, was flower girl.

Matthew Hulbert Jr., brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers

were Luke Hulbert and John Hulbert, also brothers of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Adelphi University and the American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco. She plays Rosanna Cabot on the CBS daytime drama "As the World Turns," which is produced in New York City.

The groom is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and Colgate University. He is employed by Equitable Financial Services in Albany.

Following a wedding trip to the Greek Islands, the couple lives in East Greenbush and New York City.

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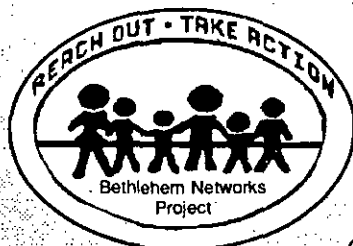
Bethlehem Community Partnership will host a gourmet breakfast meeting on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue.

The breakfast will focus on the problem of underage use of alcohol and other drugs. The meeting is open to the public. For reservations, call 439-7740.

Recently, PTAs in the Bethlehem Central School District distributed community magnets at school open houses. The magnets, which list important local phone numbers, were funded by Bethlehem Central PTAs, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Spotlight Newspapers and Bethlehem Networks Project.

On Friday, Nov. 19, at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 16 pupils attended a brown bag lunch at the library and took part in a workshop about friendships. The workshop, which featured hands-on activities dealing with relationships, was co-sponsored by the Bethlehem Public Library Children's Room and Bethlehem Networks Project.

On the recent half-day at the middle school, Del Lanes and Delmar Billiards offered special rates and more than 80 students took advantage of the discounts. Also on that day, Ben & Jerry's served approximately 60 99-cent cones.



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Dr. Mary Davis and Colin Gibney

Davis, Gibney marry

Dr. Mary Haran Davis, daughter of Richard and Sheila Davis of Delmar, and Colin Edward Gibney, son of Grace Gibney and the late Lawrence Gibney of Yorktown Heights, Westchester County, were married Sept. 18.

The Rev. John Gayton performed the ceremony in St. Joseph's Church, Stockbridge, Mass., with a reception following at the Cranwell in Lenox, Mass.

The matron of honor was Dr. Jami Small, and bridesmaids were Elizabeth Vincelette, Dr. Wendi Arline, Marge Daly and Susan Gibney.

The best man was Kevin Gibney, brother of the groom, and ushers were Patrick Daly, Chuck DeMilo, John Colucci and Terry Quinn.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cornell University and Cornell Medical College. She is currently a resident in dermatology at St. Louis University.

The groom is a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Graduate School.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Brentwood, Mo.

Kendrick, Teaney plan May wedding

Maureen D. Kendrick, daughter of Pat and Anne Kendrick of Delmar, and Kevin S. Teaney, son of LaVerne and Kathleen Teaney of Rotterdam, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, SUNY Delhi and SUNY Oswego. She is a senior contract administrator for Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Schenectady.

The future groom is a graduate of Schalmont High School and SUNY Plattsburgh. He owns The Mortgage People in Rotterdam.

The couple plans a May 1994 wedding.

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Dillon commissioned as reserve officer

Navy Ensign Robert Dillon, son of Richard and Catherine Dillon of Delmar, was recently commissioned upon graduation from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Program.

Dillon was honored as a distinguished naval graduate based upon his academic achievement, performance and dedication to duty.

Dillon is a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a graduate of Cornell University.

DeMarco stationed off Somalia coast

Navy Petty Officer First Class Joseph F. DeMarco, whose wife, Cindy, is the daughter of Wilfred and Myra Godwin of Voorheesville, is aboard the aircraft carrier USS America, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The America recently passed through the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean Sea to take station off the coast of Somalia.

The 1977 graduate of Albany High School joined the Navy in November 1977.

Hogan named adviser at Bates College

James Hogan of Delmar, son of Frank and Dorothy Hogan, has been named as a junior adviser at Bates College this year.

Hogan will serve as a peer counselor, mediator and resource person for first-year students.

Hogan graduated from Doane Stuart School in Albany.

Mail weddings, engagements

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Catharine Chetney and Henry Heikkinen

Chetney, Heikkinen wed

Catharine Chetney, daughter of Harriet and the late John Chetney of Delmar, and Henry Wendell Heikkinen, son of Elsie and the late Henry Heikkinen of Minneapolis, were married Aug. 1.

Judge Russell Pugh performed the ceremony in Centennial Hall of the University of Northern Colorado, with a garden reception following at the groom's home, both in Greeley.

The matron of honor was Carolyn Anderson, sister of the bride, and the ring bearer was Christopher Anderson, nephew of the bride.

The best man was Eugene Sheehan, and ushers were Henry An-

drew Heikkinen, son of the groom, Paul Richard and Preston Karr.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, SUNY New Paltz and the University of Colorado. Prior to moving to Colorado, she was employed at the National Research Council in Washington, D.C.

The groom is a graduate of Yale University, Columbia University and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland at College Park. He is a professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Northern Colorado.

After a wedding trip to Santa Fe, N.M., the couple lives in Greeley.



Hamagrael school sets annual craft fair

The Hamagrael Elementary School craft fair is scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the school on McGuffey Lane in Delmar.

The fair, sponsored by the school's PTA, will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 75 vendors will be featured. For information, call 439-3050.

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Obituaries

Everett Watson

Everett H. Watson, 79, of East Dennis, Massachusetts, a former Delmar resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Born in Rochester, he lived in Delmar for 31 years.

Mr. Watson was vice president and sales manager at Wendell Cadillac of Albany.

He was a member of Delmar Reformed Church.

He was also a member of the Albany Lions Club and the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge 1096 F&AM.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Hotaling Watson; four daughters, Roberta Moskos of Mount Vision, Otsego County, Susanne Sterrett of Lakeville, Mass., Constance Cronk of Apex, N.C., and Carolyn Mazurowski of Marcy, Oneida County; a sister, Mrs. John Wagner of Chappaqua, Westchester County; and nine grandchildren.

Burial will be in Dennis at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Lions Eye Conservation. Arrangements were by the Johnston Funeral Home, Morris, Otsego County.

Etta Steinbach

Etta Russell Van Alstyne Steinbach, a native of South Bethlehem and Rensselaer resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

She was born in South Bethlehem and lived in Rensselaer for many years.

Mrs. Steinbach was employed by National Commercial Bank and as a teller for 30 years at the former City and County Savings Bank until her retirement many years ago. She was a member of the American Institute of Banking.

Mrs. Steinbach was a life member of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church of Albany.

She was the widow of Ernest J. Steinbach.

Survivors include a son, Rod-

ney Steinbach of Rensselaer; a daughter, Joan Schwenke of Rensselaer; a sister, Beulah Brownlee of Colonie; 10 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Albany.

Services were from the W.J. Lyons Funeral Home, Rensselaer.

Anne Collins

Anne Singleton Collins, 81, of Woodridge Road in Delmar, died Friday, Nov. 26, at her son's home.

Born in Mechanicville, she was educated there and in Waterford.

She had lived in Menands for 13 years. She moved to Delmar in 1988.

Mrs. Collins was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Waterford.

She was the widow of Warren A. Collins.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Collins of East Junction, Vt., and Craig Collins of Delmar; a daughter, Susan Belluschi of Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Helen McDonough of Waterford; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Philip Brendese Funeral Home, Waterford, and St. Mary's Church.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Waterford Public Library.

Carl Stoughton

Carl A. Stoughton, 86, of Delmar died Saturday, Nov. 27, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Mr. Stoughton was born in Moores, Clinton County. He was a graduate of Albany Business College in Albany. He was a self-employed contractor in Delmar.

He was husband of the late Ethel Kingsbury Stoughton. Survivors include a son, Philip Stoughton of Round Lake; a daughter, Nancy Ethier of Ballston Spa; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Stoughton donated his remains to Albany Medical College Anatomical Gift Department.

Contributions may be made to

St. Peter's Hospice of Rensselaer County, South Lake Avenue, Troy 12180.

Arrangements were by the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home, Albany.

Shirley Barnard

Shirley Burgess Barnard, 71, of Albany, a Delmar native, died Friday, Nov. 26, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was born in Delmar and lived in Albany most of her life.

Mrs. Barnard retired in 1984 from the state Department of Education, where she was an account clerk for 20 years.

She was the widow of Richard F. Barnard Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Richard F. Barnard Jr. of Duaneburg and Thomas Barnard of Hannacroix; a brother, William Burgess of Cape Cod, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Hearley and Son Funeral Home, Guilderland, and St. Joan of Arc Church, Menands.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

John Cameron

John Bernard Cameron, 38, of Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville died Saturday, Nov. 27, at his home.

Born in Queens, he was a former head coach of freshman football at Bethlehem Central High School. He also coached Little League and Pop Warner teams in Delmar.

Mr. Cameron worked with learning disabled children and was in the process of earning a master's degree in the field at Russell Sage College at the time of his death.

He played football in the early 1970s for the University of South Carolina and was a graduate of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. He played semi-pro football locally with the Metro Mallers; and won a gold medal in shotput and discus at the Empire State Games in Syracuse.

Survivors include his wife, Hope Denise DiLillo Cameron; two sons, John B. Cameron II and Gregory Cameron, both of Clarksville; a sister, Katherine Banks of Mystic, Conn.; three brothers, Ronald Cameron of Ballston Spa, Donald Cameron of

Queens, and Thomas Cameron of New York City, and his paternal grandparents, Bernard and Frances Cameron of Mystic.

Services were from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Camary Statewide Services for Autistic Children, 879 Madison Ave., Albany 12208.

Delmar church offers time management tips

The Christian Education Committee will offer "Time Management Tips" on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, at 8 p.m.

For information, call the church at 439-9252.

Five Rivers center sets holiday program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will host an indoor/outdoor holiday program, "Deck the Halls for the Holidays," on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m.

Participants will collect natural materials which can be used to create a holiday atmosphere.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Sports booster club to meet in V'ville

The Voorheesville Booster Club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School.

The booster club supports sports programs at the school.

For information, call Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748.

Tawasentha DAR to meet in Selkirk

The Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Bethlehem Historical Association, 1003 River Road, Selkirk, on Saturday, Dec. 4.

At the meeting, which will begin at 11 a.m., Good Citizen awards will be presented to area high school students, and a talk on Victorian era food will be given.

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Theatre Institute offers Heidi for the holidays

By Dev Tobin

A play about a plucky orphan who perseveres through to the happy ending is the feel-good holiday offering of the New York State Theatre Institute.

Heidi, based on the book by Johanna Spyri, tells the story of the Swiss orphan girl who is taken from her grandfather in the mountains to be a companion for a wealthy, sickly girl in the city. Heidi warms to her new surroundings and helps others get the most out of life in this adaptation by Thomas Olson.

"It's a very uplifting story, with a happy ending where each person's needs are met," said Lisa Martterer, the 12-year-old star of the show.

Marterter, who tries out "for any audition I can" but never played a lead role before, liked the challenge of playing Heidi because "she is both so different from who I am and also similar. I like to think of myself as light-hearted, ready for something new, and asking honest questions."

The daughter of Paul and Patrice Martterer of Troy, proprietors of Morningside Gallery in Latham, she is a seventh-grader at Catholic Central Junior High School.

Heidi is directed by Ron Nakahara, with costumes by Karen Kammer, lighting by Victor En Yu Tan, and sound by Dan Toma.

Also starring in *Heidi* are students Allison Sharpley as Clara (the sickly girl), Christopher Geisel as Peter, David Katz as Erich, and Jason Bowman as the Young Man with Kittens.

Adult roles are played by Carole Edie Smith (Aunt Dete), John Romeo (Grandfather), Erika Newell (Miss Rottenmeier), John Thomas McGuire III (the butler Sebastian), David Bunce (Clara's father), Betsy Riley (Clara's grandmother) and Joel Aroeste (the Pastor and Herr Kandidat, Clara's tutor).

Heidi runs from Dec. 7 to 22. Weekday matinees at 10 a.m. are scheduled on Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21 and 22. Weekend matinees are slated at 2 p.m. on Dec. 11, 12, 18, and 19. Evening performances are set at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 17.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students, and \$7 for children under 13. Subscription packages for three or all four of the institute's remaining shows are available at a 25 percent discount, and there are also special rates for groups of 20 or more.

Performances are in the Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy, on the northeast corner of River and Division streets, just south of the Congress Street Bridge from Watervliet (Route 2) and I-787. Ample free parking is nearby.

Call the institute box office at 274-3256 for information and reservations.



Lisa Martterer, left, star of the New York State Theater Institute's production of "Heidi," shares some fun with Allison Sharpley as Clara.

Zamir singers sparked birth of Hanukkah concert partner

Budding local group to share stage with renowned chorus

By Elaine Jackson Cape

For at least two members of the Albany Jewish Community Center's Ne'imah Chorus, Sunday's Hanukkah concert will be like a dream come true.

The concert, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 5, at Albany High School, will pair the year-old local group with the nationally-known Zamir Chorale of Boston. Anna Dubrova, Ne'imah Chorus conductor, calls the prospect of performing with the popular musical ensemble "a real thrill."

Dubrova, 49, came to this country from St. Petersburg, Russia, almost three years ago, seeking religious freedom and relief from persecution. "It was very unsafe there for Jews. I didn't want to expose my daughter (Alexandra, 23) to danger. There was talk of pogroms (government-directed massacres of Jews), and even though the mayor went on television to say there would be no danger, no one believed him."

Although a professional musician and choral conductor in Russia, Dubrova was convinced that she'd never be able to find a job in her field, because of language and cultural differences. She was working as an aide in the Congregation Ohav Sholom nursery school in the spring of 1992 when she decided to attend a concert in Albany by the Zamir Chorale.

"The music was so beautiful," she said, "and it made me so sad to think that I would never be involved in something like that again, that I started crying." Dubrova's tears were noticed, however,

and several members of the community began searching for an outlet for her talent.

Another member of the audience at that concert was Rosemary Linsider. Josh

Jacobson, the conductor of Zamir, was staying at the Linsiders' home that weekend, and the Albany resident was so inspired by the experience that she vowed to form a local Jewish chorus.

Linsider went to the Jewish Community Center, and they agreed to sponsor the group. However, she said, the biggest problem was to find a professional conductor. So, when she heard about Dubrova, it was like an answer to her prayers.

"Without Anna, it would never have come to be," she said.

At first, Dubrova was reluctant to take on the assignment. "I didn't think I could do it. I didn't know any Hebrew, or anything about Jewish choral music. Rosemary talked me into trying it. I thought it would be a small group, but when we started last fall, we had 40 people."

According to Linsider, who acts as chorus manager, the group now has close to 70 members, representing all areas of the Capital District. The name was chosen, she said, because it means "melody; and also pleasantness."

"Music brings all kinds of different people together. We have young and old, and our members range in age from 7 to



The Zamir Chorale of Boston will share the stage with the Albany JCC's Ne'imah Chorus at a Hanukkah concert on Sunday, Dec. 5.

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GREETINGS

by Tom Duzick, Capital Rep. South Pearl Street, Albany, through Dec. 19, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sundays, 2:30 p.m. Cost, \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4534.

THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MURDER IN EL SALVADOR

by Charles L. Mee Jr., presented by the Skidmore College Department of Theater, Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 2 to 5, 8 p.m. Cost, \$7, \$5 students and senior citizens. Information, 584-5000, ext. 2347.

DAMES AT SEA

Schenectady Light Opera Company, Opera House, 826 State St., Schenectady, through Dec. 12, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. Cost, \$14, Fridays and Saturdays; \$12, Sundays; Children, half price. Information, 377-5101.

THE NUTCRACKER

performed by the Capital Ballet, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage Troy Campus, Monday, Nov. 29, and Tuesday, Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m. Cost, \$4. Information, 270-2248.

DANGEROUS LIAISONS

University Theatre, Lab Theatre, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Dec. 2 to 4, and Dec. 8 to 11, 8 p.m. Cost, \$8, \$6 students, senior citizens, and university staff. Information, 442-3995.

HEIDI

New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, preview Dec. 7, 10 a.m., opens Dec. 8, 10 a.m. Cost, \$14, \$12 senior citizens and students, \$7 children. Information, 274-3256.

THE ADDING MACHINE

by Elmer Rice, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 2, 3, 4, 8 p.m., and Dec. 5, 4 p.m. Cost, \$9, \$8 senior citizens and students. Information, 438-5503.

MUSIC

URBAN BUSH WOMEN

ensemble of African-American artists, Foy Campus Center, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

SONGS OF THE SEASON

with Allen Mills and "Goldie the Mighty Theatre Organ," Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m. Cost, \$15.50, \$7.50 children. Information, 346-6204.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second Streets, Troy, Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

A MEDITATION ON CHRIST'S NATIVITY

Saint Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 4 p.m.

TWICE TUESDAY CONCERTS

with pianist Finlay Cockrell, Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, Dec. 7, noon and 4:15 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

BENEFIT CONCERT

for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York's "Holiday Hunger Appeal," Kiggins Auditorium, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, Thursday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Cost, \$8. Information, 274-4440.

SINGERS FOR ENJOYMENT

performing at the tree lighting festival, North Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Information, 459-5046.

FLASHBACK

"Show and Dance Band," Dudek's Nightclub and Banquet House, Mohawk Street and Route 787, Cohoes, Friday, Dec. 3, Information, 237-1900.

A SONI A SAVIOR

Christmas musical narrated by WIEN-TV's Beth McKay, Christian Music Ministries Center, Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, Saturday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5, 3:30 and 7 p.m. Information, 768-2818.

SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Cost, \$8. Information, 434-1703.

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The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Cost, \$12. Information, 434-1703.

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The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$10. Information, 434-1703.

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SHOWCASE

Capital District Classical Guitar Society, First Presbyterian Church, 34 Broadway, Rensselaer, Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Information, 489-1508.

NOWELL SING WE CLEAR

Guilderland High School, Route 146, Guilderland, Saturday, Dec. 4, 3 p.m. Cost, \$10 adults; \$8 senior citizens and students; \$3 children.

MESSIAH

Choir of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, State and Lodge streets, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 3:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

HANUKKAH MUSICAL CELEBRATION

with the Zamir Chorale of Boston and the Ne'imah Community Chorus of the Albany Jewish Community Center, Albany High School, 700 Washington Ave., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Cost, \$8 adults, \$6 senior citizens; \$4 children. Information, 438-6651.

CANDLELIGHT CHOIR SERVICE

The Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 to 4:15 p.m. Information, 449-7332.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Festival Celebration Choir, Church of St. Margaret Mary, Western Avenue and Homestead Street, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 4 p.m. Cost, \$8, \$5 senior citizens.

KIEV CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Cost, \$13, \$6 students. Information, 273-8135.

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

The College of Saint Rose Masterworks Chorale, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Sunday, Dec. 5, 1 p.m. Information, 454-5178.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The College of Saint Rose Masterworks Chorale and Chamber Singers, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Eagle Street and Madison Avenue, Albany, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$7 adults, \$5 students and senior citizens. Information, 454-5231.

IRISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

with pianist Phil Coulter, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 273-0038.

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French horn player, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Tuesday, Dec. 7, noon. Information, 273-0038.

ROSEMARY CLOONEY'S WHITE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Cost, \$32.50, \$28.50, \$22.50, adults, \$15.50 children. Information, 346-6204.

WINTER CONCERT

Saint Rose Jazz Ensemble and Empire State Jazz Ensemble, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Friday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$5 adults; \$2 senior citizens and students; free for the Saint Rose community. Information, 454-5195.

DANCE

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

performed by the eba Dance Theatre, eba Theatre, Lark Street, Albany, Friday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. Cost, \$4. Information, 465-9916.

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

Guilderland Elementary School, Route 20, Guilderland, Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 to 11 p.m. Cost, \$6, \$2 children. Information, 765-2815.

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Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, The College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5171.

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selections from the 2-year-old magazine about AIDS, Trinity Methodist Church, Lark and Lancaster streets, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 to 4 p.m. Donation, \$25. Information, 426-9010.

TATYANA TOLSTAYA

Russian short story writer and essayist, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Thursday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

ORIGINAL SCRIPT STAGED READING

Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Monday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Donation, \$1. Information, 438-5503.

POETRY

POETS' ACTION AGAINST AIDS

in conjunction with World AIDS Day, Book House, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, and Borders Books, Wolf Road, Colonie, Wednesday, Dec. 1, Information, 438-6314.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

CAPITAL LIGHTS

drive-through course decorated with holiday light displays, Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, Altamont, through Jan. 2, 5 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$8 per carload. Information, 1-800-258-3582.

DINOSAURS

life-sized display, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost, \$4.50, \$2.50 children 12 and under. Information, 474-5877.

FUN AT THE STUYVESANT PLAZA

horse and carriage rides, carolers, strolling Santa, Western Avenue, Albany, weekends through Christmas, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 482-8986.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

more than 85 decorated trees, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 5, Mondays through Thursdays and weekends, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cost, \$4 adults; \$3.50 senior citizens, students, and museum members; \$1 children. Information, 463-4478.

THE WALDO-WOODHEAD SHOW

music, juggling, and slapstick, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Cost, \$8, \$6 children. Information, 473-1848.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

The Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave., Troy, Sunday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost, \$9, \$5 children. Information, 235-2120.

VISUAL ARTS

EXHIBIT

Nancy Spero, hieroglyph, The College of Saint Rose Art Gallery, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 5, weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 485-3902.

EXHIBIT

"Mirrors: Reflections of Society and Self," New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Information, 474-5877.

EXHIBIT

"Art From Nature," Five Points Gallery, Route 295, East Chatham, through Dec. 18. Information, 392-5252.

EXHIBIT

"Light," Russell Sage College Gallery, Sage Troy Campus, through Dec. 18, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 270-2248.

EXHIBIT

Lorie Loeb, films and animation drawings, Foundation Gallery, Arts Center, Columbia Greene Community College, Hudson, through Dec. 15.

EXHIBIT

David Slater, "Dreams and Nightmares," Rathbone Gallery, Sage Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through Dec. 17; Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 5:45 to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

EXHIBIT

paintings by Scott Brodie and sculptures by Susan Clarke, RCCA: The Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy, through Dec. 23, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

EXHIBIT

"Albany Architecture: Contemporary Photographs by Gary Gold and Mark McCarty and Historical Photographs from the McKinney Library," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Jan. 2, Information, 463-4478.

EXHIBIT

serigraphs by Eva Loucks, Dietel Art Gallery, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, through Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Information, 885-3668.

EXHIBIT

"A Gathering of Angels," multimedia collection, Visions Gallery, Pastoral Center, Roman Catholic Diocese, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, through Jan. 28, Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

EXHIBIT

"Art of the Twentieth Century: Selections from the Permanent Collection," The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Dec. 4 through Feb. 20, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

OPEN HOUSE

The Print Club of Albany, 140 North Pearl St., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 432-9514.

EXHIBIT

"From Music Halls to Movie Palaces," New York State Museum, Albany, through Jan. 5, Information, 474-5877.

Weekly Crossword

"Potent Potables"

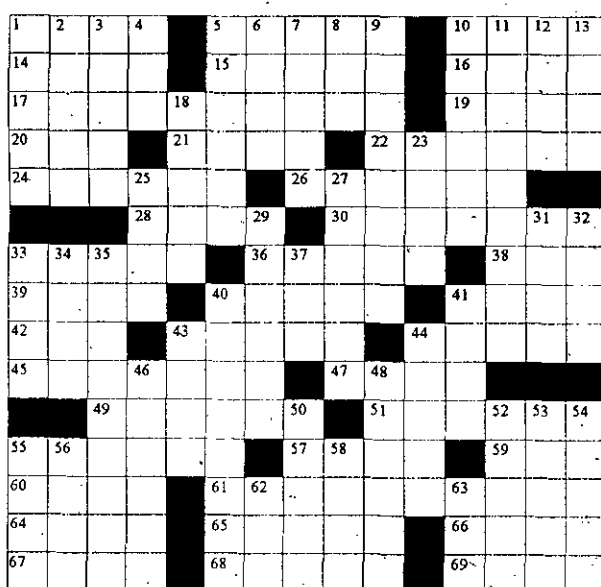
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Brewing grain
- 5 Open mouthed
- 10 WWII town
- 14 Bread spread
- 15 Calm down!
- 16 Formerly Persia
- 17 Type of schnapps
- 19 Get ore from
- 20 Poetic before
- 21 Secretary, eg
- 22 Hammer, for one
- 24 Certain violins: abr.
- 26 Glossy paint
- 28 Citations: abr.
- 30 Worshippers
- 33 Secret stash
- 36 Twos
- 38 Formal male address
- 39 Former tennis star
- 40 Fields for one
- 41 City in Nevada
- 42 Charlie's demise
- 43 Talk to Pierre
- 44 Pins
- 45 Arrogant
- 47 Pub missile
- 49 Carried, as a rifle
- 51 Ha-Ha
- 55 Half-conscious state
- 57 Economy: abr.
- 59 Black gold
- 60 Baseball's Berra
- 61 Mixed drink: 3 wds.
- 64 Sheet of glass
- 65 Care for
- 66 Odd companion
- 67 Chemical endings
- 68 Mideast ruler
- 69 Twerp

DOWN

- 1 Broods
- 2 Warn
- 3 Ostracized person
- 4 Children's toy
- 5 Bust
- 6 Jewels
- 7 Similar
- 8 Search for gold
- 9 Martini request
- 10 Smirk
- 11 Type of liqueur
- 12 Narrow way
- 13 Sunday punch
- 18 Munster or Van-Halen
- 23 Andy's partner
- 25 Pain's partner
- 27 Stapled
- 29 Meager
- 31 Hockey need
- 32 Broadway signs
- 33 David
- 34 Concerning: 2wds
- 35 Bubbly
- 37 Each and every
- 40 White wine
- 41 Assess
- 43 Parisian pork



LITERATURE 101



AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER**
ALBANY COUNTY
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

mildly affected, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

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Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE

sponsored by Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Cost, \$3.50. Information, 459-2888.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP

Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

IMPACT OF THE MEDIA

lecture, "Deadly Persuasion: Advertising and Addiction," led by Dr. Jean Kilbourne, focusing on connection between advertising and alcohol abuse, College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5171.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Albany YWCA's Growing Tree Nursery School will decorate the Albany County Airport's Christmas Tree and sing holiday songs, Albany County Airport, Colonie, 9:45 a.m. Information, 438-6608.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION THEATER

audience will participate in AIDS and drug abuse scenarios as part of World AIDS Day, New York State Museum, Albany, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 452-3455.

SENIORS LUNCHE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

INFORMATION SESSION

about graduate programs at Empire State College, State University of New York, Room 114, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon. Information, 587-2100.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER**
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIOR CHORALE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SENIORS LUNCHE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 455-2441.

THE ESTROGEN/ PROGESTERONE DEBATE

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, noon to 1 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

FREE SCREENINGS

speech, language and hearing, Winkler Center, Hubbard Hall, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 1 to 5 p.m. Information, 454-5263.

MONTHLY MEETING

Capital District Club of Printing House Craftsmen, Crossgates Restaurant and Banquet House, Washington Avenue Extension and Rapp Road, Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 783-8941.

NUTRITION SEMINAR

The Desmond, 660 Albany Shaker Road, 7 p.m. Cost, \$5, free by calling 355-1475.

SHARE

support group for persons who have experienced an ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or death of an infant shortly after birth, board room, St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Boulevard, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER**
ALBANY COUNTY
MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

SENIORS LUNCHE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, through Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Donations, \$5 families, \$2.50 adults, 50 cents children. Information, 436-9826.

MULTICULTURAL INFORMATION DAY

The College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 8:30 a.m. Information, 454-5150.

GLAUCOMA SEMINAR

Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 434-1042.

REGISTRATION DUE

for December 19 trip to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, sponsored by the New York State Museum. Cost, \$102, \$97 children (museum members pay \$92, \$87 for children). Information, 474-5801.

CHRISTMAS GREENS SHOW

Mynderse Frederick House, Main Street, Guilderland, 4 to 8 p.m.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

breast-feeding support group for couples, Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-1774.

PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS

support group for parents of children with social, emotional and behavioral problems, Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany, Delaware Avenue, Albany, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 434-0439.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER**
ALBANY COUNTY
GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

for Kwanzaa and Christmas, gym, Sage Junior College of Albany, Academy Road, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost, \$3. Information, 465-2146.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Christ the King School, Sumpter Avenue, Westmere, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 456-5400.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Robert L. Weininger Memorial Post No. 8692, Old Karner Road, Colonie, 7 p.m., deadline for reservations Dec. 1. Cost, \$7. Information, 489-0678.

CHRISTMAS GREENS SHOW

Mynderse Frederick House, Main Street, Guilderland, 1 to 6 p.m.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Safety and Health Council offices, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER**
ALBANY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

New Simon play reverts to playwright's youthful beginning as gag writer

 For the past 10 years, Neil Simon has been writing plays which combine comedy with dramatic overtones as he reflected on his early life in such plays as *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Biloxi Blues*, *Broadway Bound* and *Lost in Yonkers*. All captured the youthful Simon as he grew up in Brooklyn in a troubled family.

 His one exception was *Rumors*, an out-and-out farce that didn't do well on Broadway.

 Now, he's written an in-your-face comedy that has little plot and a gag every 15 seconds. *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* is a return to the characters and comic lines of *The Odd Couple*, *Barefoot in the Park* and *Come Blow Your Horn* and it is proving to be one of the favorite shows for Christmas season audiences.


Martin P. Kelly

 In *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, Simon writes a thinly-disguised show about the gag writers who wrote for Sid Caesar on *Your Show of Shows*. These were writers that included Woody Allen, Carl Reiner, Mel Brooks and Larry Gelbert (he wrote *MASH* and lives in Columbia county) as well as the young Neil Simon.

He's fortunate in having a fine crew of actors in this Broadway production, including Nathan Lane, a young actor who's risen to Broadway stardom since he played for three summers about a dozen years ago at the Mac-Hadyn Theater in Chatham.

The comedy is playing at the Richard Rodgers Theater on Broadway.

Classic expressionistic play revived at Steamer 10 Theater in Albany

 In the early 1920s, Elmer Rice was an American playwright influenced by the German and middle-European expressionistic theater. The result was *The Adding Machine*, a drama which examines the repression suffered by workers and their families because of the crushing power of business interests and government.

With some stretch, the play still has some relevance to contemporary times but the performing style required by the play makes it theater of the past.

 Presented at the Steamer 10 Theater in Albany *The Adding Machine* is staged by newcomer Russell Dobular.

In all, the 70-year old play is frozen in the time of its writing and is primarily of academic interest.

Performances continue until December 19. Reservations and information are available at 438-5503.

Greetings continues at Capital Rep with plaudits for 30-year old actor

 The simple new Christmas comedy, *Greetings*, now at Capital Repertory Company in Albany through December 12 is a flawed but entertaining production that does feature a startling performance by Clark Middleton.

This actor plays Mickey, a retarded son of a couple who are more involved in the affairs of his brother and the woman he plans to marry. While the action swirls around the young couple, (he's Catholic, she's Jewish and an atheist), the character of Mickey draws the most audience interest.

Middleton has drawn upon his own physical problem (he has rheumatoid arthritis) and the work he did with several clients of of an institute for the disabled in New York City where he worked for a time.

The actor who had his hips replaced last spring, was back on stage this summer and is playing his first real regional theater engagement here at Albany.

 He hopes to return to New York in the new production of *Greetings* to be produced off-Broadway. Based on the sensitivity and poignancy he has given the role, there's a good chance he'll get the New York opportunity.

Greetings plays through December 12. Reservations and information available at 462-4534.

Around Theaters!

Dames at Sea, musical spoof at Schenectady Light Opera Company through December 12 (355-2946)... *A Christmas Carol*, new production of classic Dickens' novel at the Palace Theater in Albany through December 26 (465-4663)

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1

BETHLEHEM

BC SCHOOL BOARD
90 Adams Place, 8 p.m.
Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.
Information, 439-4955.

TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS
program offered by the
Christian Education Committee
of <Delmar Presbyterian
Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 8
p.m. Information, 439-9252.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES**
Parks and Recreation Office,
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 439-0503.

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women
and new mothers, call for a
Welcome Wagon visit, Monday
to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Information, 785-9640.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist,
555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Normanside Country Club,
Salisbury Road, 7 p.m.
Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m.
Information, 767-2886.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
evening prayer and Bible study,
1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m.
Information, 439-4314.

**ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-
2181.

**BETHLEHEM BUSINESS
WOMEN'S CLUB**
Normanside Country Club,
Salisbury Road, 6 p.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS**
village hall, 29 Voorheesville
Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-
2692.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR
CITIZENS**
Wyman Osterhout Community
Center, New Salem, call for
time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING
First Methodist Church of
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8
p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8
p.m. Information, 477-4476.

**MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**
evening service, Bible study and
prayer, Route 155,
Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 765-3390.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30
p.m. Information, 765-2870.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous
symptoms, First United
Methodist Church, 428
Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m.
Information, 439-9976.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES**
Parks and Recreation Office,
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 439-0503.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109
Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
12:30 p.m. Information, 439-
4955.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
Bible study, 10 a.m., Creator's
Crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior
choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave.
Information, 439-4328.

NEW SCOTLAND

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS
4-H group for ages 8 to 19,
Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush,
7 to 8 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30
p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3

BETHLEHEM

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS
presented by the Vincent J.
Crummles Acting Troupe at
Bethlehem Central High School,
700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.,
adults (\$6) and students (\$4).

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and
kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere
Ave. Information, 439-8280.

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of
Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4

BETHLEHEM

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS
presented by the Vincent J.
Crummles Acting Troupe at
Bethlehem Central High School,
700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.,
adults (\$6) and students (\$4).

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
BREAKFAST**
and discussion of the problem
of under age use of alcohol and
other drugs, Bethlehem
Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave.,
8:30 to 11 a.m. Information and
reservations, 439-7740

TAWASENTHA DAR
meeting at the Bethlehem
Historical Association, Route
144, Selkirk, 11 a.m. Information,
439-1855.

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at the school on McGuffey
Lane, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Information, 439-3050.

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

BETHLEHEM

CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA
featuring holiday decorations
and food at the Bethlehem
Historical Association, Route
144, Selkirk, 2 to 4 p.m., free.
Information, 767-3052.

NORTH LOOP HIKE
two and a half miles, Five Rivers
Environmental Education
Center, Game Farm Road, 1
p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**
Sunday school and worship
service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill
Road. Information, 438-7740.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship
service, 10:30 a.m., nursery
provided, evening fellowship, 7
p.m., 201 Elm Ave. Information,
439-3135.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.,
worship service, 11 a.m., 10
Rockefeller Road. Information,
439-7864.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee
hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery
care provided, Poplar Drive
and Elsmere Avenue.
Information, 439-3265.

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**
Bible lecture, 9 a.m.,
Watchtower Bible study, 10:25
a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information,
767-9059.

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followed by coffee hour,
Willowbrook Avenue.
Information, 767-9953.

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CHURCH**
worship service, church school,
nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship
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education, 11:15 a.m., family
communion service, first
Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave.
Information, 439-9252.

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service, 10 a.m., child care
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Information, 439-2512.

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Sunday school and worship
service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery
care provided, 386 Delaware
Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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BETHLEHEM**
church school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 11 a.m., youth
group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk.
Information, 767-2243.

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Sunday school and worship
service, 11 a.m., nursery care
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Information, 439-7710.

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a.m. and noon, 35 Adams
Place. Information, 439-4951.

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Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W,
Glenmont.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., 1
Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-
4314.

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:15 a.m.,
Auberge Suisse Restaurant,
Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

FAITH TEMPLE
Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship
service, 7 p.m., New Salem.
Information, 765-2870.

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN
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Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m.
and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and
11:30 a.m., Mountainview
Street, Voorheesville.
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Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
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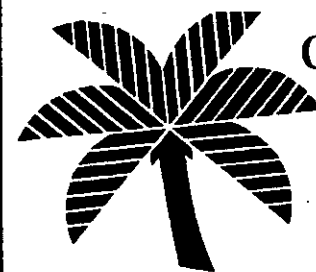
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 21, 1993, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Stephen R & Joan E. Coffey, 76 Huntersfield Rd., Delmar, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a one (1) lot subdivision, 16.64 acre parcel located between New Scotland Road and Western Avenue, as shown on map entitled "Lands to be Conveyed to STEPHEN R. COFFEY and JOAN E. COFFEY, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York," dated October 5, 1993, Sheet 1 of 1, and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, A Division of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE, LS, LA, PC, Rensselaer, New York, on file with the Planning Board.

Martin L. Barr
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Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**TUESDAY
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BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD

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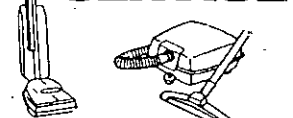
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Ne'imah's accompanist is Sheryl Adler, who plays with the State Street Trio.

At Sunday's concert, the Ne'imah and the Zamir groups will perform together, and each will also sing separately. The material will include a wide range of old and new music from the Ashkenazic and Sephardic, American and Israeli, classical and folk, religious and secular traditions.

"There's music from all over the world," Linsider said. "It's very upbeat, very inspiring. We sing in many languages, and we teach as we go along, tell the history of the pieces."

The Zamir Chorale, founded in 1969, has won a number of music awards, including the Silver Medallion Award from Boston's Association for the Performing Arts. Jacobson, the group's founder and conductor, is a professor of music and chairman of the music department at Northeastern University in Boston.

Dubrova, who still teaches at the nursery school and also gives piano lessons at the Magic of Music in Delmar, said the best thing about being in this country is "just freedom, the feeling of freedom."

"It's wonderful to see smiling faces. In

Russia, life is so hard, people don't see any good ahead. There's no reason to smile. After three years, it's still special to walk down the street and see people, even strangers, smiling at you."

The Dec. 5 concert will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, or may be purchased in advance at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children 12 and under.

The box office will open at 2:15 p.m. on the day of the concert. For information, call 438-6651.

Another event for area Jewish music lovers is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, when "The Voice of the Turtle" will perform at 3 p.m. at the Empire Center at the Egg.

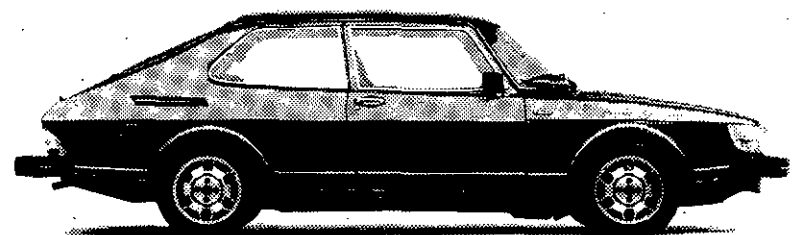
The quartet, which takes its name from a passage in the Song of Songs, performs Sephardic music collected from Jews who lived in the Ottoman Empire and North Africa.

The event will also feature a craft fair with refreshments in the Hart Theatre lobby, beginning at 1 p.m.

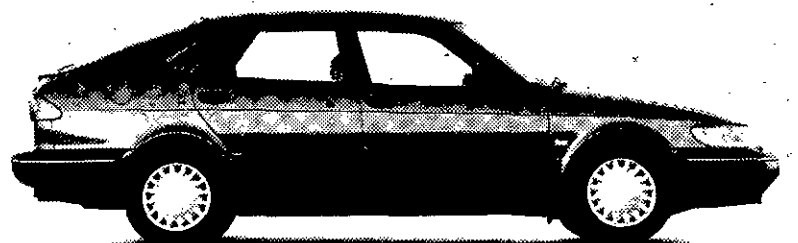
The concert and craft fair are co-sponsored by the Albany JCC. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. For information, call the Empire Center Box Office at 473-1845.



Members of the Ne'imah Chorus prepare for their upcoming concert with the Zamir Chorale, scheduled on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. at Albany High School.



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