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Woman looking to fill Fuller's board seat

By Mel Hyman

A second candidate has announced interest in the soon-to-bevacated town board seat now occupied by Councilwoman and Supervisor-elect Sheila Fuller.

Fuller, who won a razor-thin victory for town supervisor in November over Demo-

"I was approached in the spring when it became clear that two seats on the town board were going to be vacant," Davis said. "At the time I couldn't pursue it, because of family commitments.

After the November election, Davis said she was approached again about the job, only this time her personal situation had changed so that a candidacy was now feasible.

"I am committed to pursuing the seat," she said. "I've lived in the community for 28 years and I consider it a special place. ... One of the important issues that the board will consider next year is the master plan submitted by LUMAC (Land Use Management Advisory Committee). My experience as a planning board member should come in very useful in considering that issue."

Town Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz said that Davis appears to be well qualified for a board seat, as does former town comptroller Phil Mahar, who had previously announced his interest in the job.

He cautioned, however, that additional candidates may come to the fore in coming weeks and the nomination process is

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Doris Davis

crat Matt Clyne, will be taking over the reins from outgoing GOP Supervisor Ken Ringler.

Planning board member Doris Davis is actively seeking support from the 54-member town Republican committee, which will meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, to consider all candidates for the job.

A week later, on Thursday, Jan. 20, the committee will meet again to decide who it will recommend to the Republican-controlled town board.

Local leaders pay tribute to Wyman Osterhout

By Dev Tobin

Longtime New Scotland civic leader Wyman Osterhout, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 11, of heart disease at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Gunderland. He had been living in the Pheasant Run Apartments in Voorheesville before his condition worsened earlier this year.

"If anybody could be termed Mr. New Scotland, it would be Wyman Osterhout," said Alan McCartney, superintendent of the Voorheesville Central School District that Osterhout worked to form. "He was a wonderful man who really had a feeling for the kids and the community."

Osterhout served on the New Scotland Town Board (as a Republican) for 27 years (from 1964 to 1991), the Voorheesville Central School District Board of Education for 15 years (from 1948 to 1963, the last nine years as president), the New Salem School board of trustees for 12 years (from



Osterhout

1936 to 1948), and the Voorheesville Library board of trustees for 42 years (from 1943 to 1985).

During his time on the school board, Osterhout was instrumental in

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Hospital announces plan for urgent care facility

By Mel Hyman

Albany Memorial Hospital is planning to construct an urgent care medical facility off Route 9W to serve southern Albany County and northern Greene County.

Proposed for a 3-acre parcel at the end of Languish Place in Bethlehem, the \$350,000 facility would cater to minor medical emergencies. It's also intended as a primary care facility for people who do not have their own doctors.

"It will work in conjunction with the primary care facility that we just opened up in Slingerlands," said hospital spokesman Robert Stark. That office, at 834 Kenwood Ave., does not handle medical emergencies, however.

Site plan approval for the new 3,500-square-foot building was considered for the first time last week by the town planning board.

"A lot of people use the emergency room of a hospital for their medical care in lieu of having their own doctor," Stark said. "That gets very expensive for the patient and also clogs up the emergency room at the hospital."

Albany Memorial operates one other urgent care facility located in Valatie, which serves the Columbia County area.

The new facility is meant to serve Bethlehem, Ravena, Coeymans, New Baltimore, Hannacroix, Alcove, Coxsackie, Greenville and Feura Bush. Stark said the hospital would like to see construction start next spring and the facility up and running by fall 1994.

Clinic hours are projected to be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday with slightly abbreviated hours for the week-ends.

Fernbank Ave. stop signs up

By Mel Hyman

New stop signs at the intersection of Fernbank Avenue and Brookside Drive, approved last week by the Bethlehem Town Board after one of the longest public hearings in recent memory, have already been installed.

Supporters of the new signs made a lengthy presentation during the Wednesday, Dec. 8, hearing, but opponents had

their say as well.

Charles Heer, special consultant to the town traffic safety committee, appealed to the board not to approve the new signs. Past experience indicates that they sometimes do more harm than good, he said, because commuters get frustrated by the signs and often disobey them.

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And the big winners are...



Edna and Herbert Shampf of Glenmont took the top prize in the Sports Illustrated Giveaway. See story on page 3.

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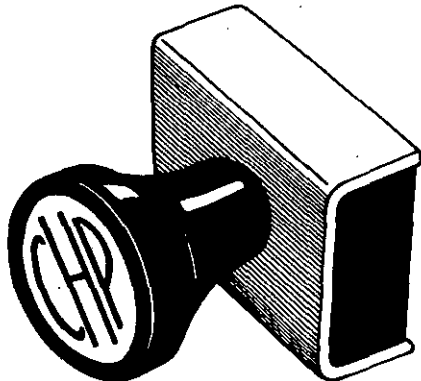
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Police warn of tele-scams

It's the holiday time of year again, and unfortunately it's also the period when people need to be wary of unscrupulous fundraisers.

A group calling itself the Chiefs of Police National Drug Task Force has been soliciting funds in the Bethlehem area, according to Police Lt. Frederick Holligan.

"They're soliciting money by phone around the whole area using high-pressure tactics," Holligan said. "We've had some complaints, and checking around,

we've found no connection between this group and any recognized police chiefs association in the state or the country.

"I'm not certain it's a scam," he continued, "because they are registered with the charities office in the Department of State. We just don't know where the money is going."

Regardless, people should exercise caution around this time of year, Holligan said, especially when receiving solicitations over the phone.

Charges filed in head-on crash

An Altamont woman has been charged with felony vehicular assault and misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in connection with a head-on crash on Route 85 in Slingerlands on Nov. 22.

Catherine Steverson, 35, was also charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, aggravated unlicensed operation, failure to keep right, no seat belt and no headlights, police said.

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol investigated the crash, which occurred at

around 7:30 p.m. near Westover Road just over the Bethlehem town line. Steverson was driving with only her parking lights on when she crossed the double-yellow center lines and struck a car driven by Warren Davis, 58, of Albany, police said.

Davis was treated and released for his injuries at St. Peter's Hospital. Steverson was treated for more serious injuries at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Steverson is due to answer the charges in New Scotland Town Court on Thursday, Dec. 23.

Post office sets holiday hours

The Delmar Post Office on Delaware Avenue will be open for expanded hours during the holiday season.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, window

hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Sunday, Dec. 19, window hours will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and on Friday, Dec. 24, the post office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Winner helps charity

By Mel Hyman

In her 78 years, Selkirk resident Edna Strumpf has never won anything big — free carpet cleaning one time, and then there was a baseball raffle of some kind, but nothing that gave you the shivers.

Now that she's one of the first-prize winners in the Spotlight Newspapers Holiday Gift Certificate Giveaway, she's not exactly in shock, although "Whenever anyone gives you \$500, it's certainly helpful," she said.

"We'll probably rob Peter to pay Paul," she said when asked how she planned to spend the money. "We'll probably take the money we had set aside for presents and give part of it to charity."

Like many families, when the Christmas season rolls around, Edna and her husband Herb look to share some of their material bounty with the less fortunate.

One of the retired couple's preferred charities is the Salvation Army, and she expects to make a donation to the homeless.

She also plans to give to three colleges — Russell Sage in Troy, which her daughter attended; the University of Pennsylvania, where the same daughter now teaches nursing; and a small school in the hills of Kentucky that is the only college the Strumpfs know of that doesn't charge tuition.

"We were there this summer for a week," Edna said. "It's in the heart of Appalachia, where all of the students come from. They work in exchange for their tuition, and as far as we can tell, it's a no-nonsense school."

Dem runner-up asking for board appointment

By Mel Hyman

Based on her strong showing in the fall election, Democrat Susan Burns has written to town Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz indicating that she would like to be considered to fill the vacancy that will be created on Jan. 1 by Councilwoman Sheila Fuller's resignation.

Fuller won a tightly-contested race for town supervisor in November, beating Democrat Matt Clyne by only 54 votes out of more than 11,000 cast.

In the town board race, Burns received 5,154 votes and finished a close third behind GOP Councilman-elect Ted Putney, who received 5,445 votes, including 5,106 on the Republican line and 339 votes on the Conservative line.

"Given the broad support that I received, I feel that the residents of Bethlehem need and deserve a responsive and representative town board," Burns said.

Without at least one Democrat on the board, that might not be the case, she added.

"From listening to the voters, I

got the distinct impression that people want more balance in town government. This would be a way of accomplishing it."

Burns, who made her first run for public office this year, would have been only the second Democrat elected to the town board in more than 100 years. Her former husband Bob Burns was elected to the board in 1987 and resigned in 1991 when he accepted a job outside the area.

People want more balance in town government.

Susan Burns

"I almost felt an obligation to do this since so many people voted for me," Burns said, adding that she wouldn't be surprised if Kaplowitz failed to take her letter seriously.

That was precisely Kaplowitz' reaction.

"I consider it a joke," the long-time GOP town leader said. "Would she hire a Republican if the Democrats controlled the town board? This is the way it's done at every level of government in the country."

When there aren't any qualified Republicans around, Kaplowitz quipped, "We'll look at a Democrat."

Burns, who said it was way too early to decide whether she will run again in next year's special election for the unexpired year of Fuller's term, was undaunted by the chairman's response.

"I guess they can dismiss me, but they can't dismiss the numbers."



Senior Voorheesville soccer players celebrate their championship season and help out needy families at their recent banquet. From left are Christina VonDell, Nicole Piquette, Jamie Tornquist, Mara Steinkamp, Megan McCartney and Melissa Cooper.

Soccer champs celebrate charitably

By Dev Tobin

For the Section II Class C girls soccer champions from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, their season-ending banquet was more than a chance to celebrate a very successful year.

It also became an opportunity to help the less fortunate in the community, as the entire girls soccer program used decorated baskets of food, later donated to the New Scotland Kiwanis Club for its holiday food drive, as table centerpieces instead of flowers and balloons.

Voorheesville Superintendent Alan McCartney, whose daughter Megan was a co-captain of the championship team, said he had heard about athletic banquets in other areas making charitable donations, and suggested it to the athletes and parents who were planning the event.

The soccer players' donation of more than four large boxes of

food comes at an opportune time, as the Kiwanis Club has seen a near doubling of the need for holiday largesse this year, reported Dick Ramsey, the club's first vice president.

"We usually serve six or seven families, but we're up to 11 this year," Ramsey said.

The club's holiday package for needy families contains enough for a holiday meal, food staples for two to three weeks, as well as a toy for each child in the family, Ramsey said. The club also provides for about 10 widows in town.

The soccer players' gift is "a really good help to us. It's a nice gesture on the part of these kids," Ramsey said.

McCartney noted that community service work like the girls soccer team donation teaches students "that it's OK to care about other people and that it's important to give something back to the community."

For varsity girls soccer coach and Kiwanis Club President Jim Hladun, the food donation was a surprise in one way, but not in another.

"I had no idea this was coming until about two days before the banquet," Hladun said. "But these are the kinds of kids who pitch in when it comes to community service."

Also at the banquet, several championship team members were honored.

Melissa Cooper, Jamie Tornquist and Megan McCartney were named to the Colonial Council All-Star team. Jane Meade was an honorable mention All-Star.

Cooper and Tornquist were named Outstanding Defensive Players of the Year; McCartney was honored as Outstanding Offensive Player; Christina Gaudio was named Most Improved Player; and Jessica Reed received the Outstanding Effort Award for her play against Tamarac.

Two local Elks lodges plan merger

By Dev Tobin

Faced with steadily declining enrollment, Elks in the New Scotland Lodge will vote this month on merging with the Bethlehem Elks Lodge in Selkirk.

The 13-year-old New Scotland fraternal organization has had trouble filling officers' positions, according to Edward Donohue, chairman of the lodge's board of trustees.

"There was a lack of active participation by members," said Donohue, noting that other fraternal organizations are also suffering declines in membership.

At its peak, the New Scotland Lodge had more than 200 members. The current enrollment is about 130, Donohue said.

The lodge was founded in 1980, and met for four years at Happy's Coach House in New Salem. In 1984, the lodge bought a building, formerly a hardware store and post office, at 22 South Main St. in Voorheesville.

The New Scotland Lodge will sell its building, and bring the proceeds to its new home, Donohue said.

New Scotland Elks will vote on the merger question Dec. 22, and Bethlehem Elks will vote Jan. 5, then the results will be forwarded to the Grand Exalted Ruler in Chicago for approval.

While the New Scotland Elks could vote to consolidate with any surrounding lodge, Donohue said he expected strong support for merging with Bethlehem.

"A lot of the folks who attend meetings are from the Clarksville and Unionville areas," Donohue noted. "I assume the vote will go towards Bethlehem."

Donohue said the combined lodge would continue serving the New Scotland/Voorheesville community through scholarships, donations to local volunteer emergency services and sponsorship of a Cub Scout Pack.

"It's unfortunate they have to

dissolve, but fortunate that they have a place to come to," said Jim Clancy, the Bethlehem Lodge's Exalted Ruler.

The Bethlehem Lodge has also seen membership decline, from a peak of more than 900 to just more than 500 today, and Clancy said attracting young people to replace members who move away, drop out or die, was difficult.

"Kids today need to learn more about what Elks do in the community," Clancy said. "I've tried to let our work, raising money for cerebral palsy and visiting vets in the VA Hospital, for example, convince people to become Elks."

While some join fraternal groups for social reasons, Clancy maintained that community service is the key to retaining old members and attracting new members.

Both lodges consider this "a great opportunity," Clancy said. "I hope the merger is concluded by March 31, the end of my year as Exalted Ruler."

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Cleanup agreement puts gavel on auction

By Dev Tobin

Less than four days before a scheduled sheriff's auction, the New Scotland Town Board agreed Monday to allow James E. Smith Jr. six months to clean up his property on Route 85 between Clarksville and New Salem.

The stipulation, reached in a 90-minute closed-door meeting with Smith and his attorney prior to the board's December meeting, requires that Smith pay \$12,500 for the town's legal fees in the matter, and put \$15,000 in escrow for six months, or until the property is brought into compliance with town codes.

Smith would forfeit the \$15,000 if the cleanup is not completed to the town's satisfaction, according to the stipulation.

The town agreed to forego more than \$60,000 in fines and interest that have accrued for the violations since 1989, provided that Smith cleans up the land.

Building Inspector Paul Cantlin inspected the property recently, and told the board that substantial progress on the cleanup, mostly removing junk cars, had already occurred.

The property, 27 acres in two parcels, including the ruins of the former Helderberg Lodge restaurant, features a spectacular eastern prospect across the Hudson River valley. In the town's new assessment roll, the two parcels are valued at slightly less than \$50,000.

In a related matter, the board was informed that the Bulich farm next to town hall had been cleaned

up in satisfaction of a similar stipulation.

Frank Bulich had acquired the 80-acre former Terhune property earlier this year, and members of his family worked most of the year to clean it up. The Bulichs also refurbished and opened a farm stand, Our Family's Harvest, in the front of the property.

Also at the meeting, the board granted another 90-day extension to Syd Dunston for screening his automobile junkyard at routes 85 and 443 in Clarksville.

In other business, Supervisor Herb Reilly announced that the town had received another \$7,000 state legislative member item (for a total of \$77,000) for preliminary work on the Orchard Park Water District.

The town also received \$7,882 in federal disaster aid for costs related to the March snowstorm.

The board also:

- Accepted the resignation of Scott Houghtaling from the zoning board of appeals. Houghtaling was elected to the town board in the November election. The board decided to seek resumes for that ZBA seat, and for a planning board position (Ann Richards, last incumbent) and another ZBA position (Larry Cross, last incumbent).

- Authorized the state Cable Television Commission to negotiate town cable TV rates with Cablevision.

- Scheduled its year-end meeting on Monday, Dec. 27, at 8 p.m., and the organizational meeting of the new board on Saturday, Jan. 1, at 11 a.m., both in town hall.

Rescue rangers



Saturday's cold rain and snow did not keep scores of Bethlehem middle and elementary schoolchildren away from the 'Home Alone' program at the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge, during which Mary Preska of the Delmar Fire Department Ambulance explains what a ride to the hospital in an ambulance is like.

Ross seeking county chairmanship

Forget about the political make-up of the Albany County Legislature. Republican County Legislator James C. Ross wants the position of chairman.

In the true spirit of cooperation, Ross said Tuesday that legislators should put their partisan feelings aside and elect him as the next chairman at the Jan. 3 monthly meeting. The Democrats hold a 24-15 edge in the 39-member body.

"I am confident that I can obtain five more votes from legislators who will put the principles of good government before partisan

politics," the Bethlehem Republican said. "I will offer them a prospect of open government under the new charter that takes effect next month.

"This will be a year of change and challenge," he said. "We will be concerned with management audits, with the state mandates that exacerbate the continuing struggle with the budget and the increased pressure for services that must be paid for from the county's limited resources."

Ross was minority leader of the county legislature during the 1991-92 session. A resident of Elsmere,

he serves as interim president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities and executive director of the Council of Governing Boards.

Ross was elected to the legislature in 1983 to fill the vacancy created by the death of Edward Sargent.

Legislature Chairman Harold Joyce, D-Albany, who made an unsuccessful run for mayor of Albany this fall, is expected to face a challenge from members of his own party.

Ross is the only announced Republican candidate.

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Drinking tops on survey

By Dev Tobin

It's like listening to a broken record — one of the major health problems in this area is alcohol abuse and underage drinking, at least according to a recent survey of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district residents.

The survey was conducted by the Council of Community Services, a local non-profit human service planning agency, at the request of the school district. The 261 adult respondents to a telephone survey ranked underage drinking as the number one problem in the community, with adult alcohol abuse in fourth place.

Adults are not alone in their perception of teen drinking as a major problem. The council conducted two focus groups with 19 Natural Helpers (peer counselors) from RCS High School. The students ranked alcohol use as the second most prevalent problem among teens, behind male/female relationships.

The students estimated that 90 percent of their peers had experimented with alcohol, and that drinking parties were a "common activity" for juniors and seniors.

The students also emphasized

an enduring theme among young people in southern Albany County and elsewhere — "There's nothing to do."

The students suggested more athletic facilities, like a swimming pool, tennis courts, and gymnasium, with evening access for teens. Beyond what the school district can accomplish, they said that the community needs a movie theater.

Barbara Bartoletti of Delmar, chairwoman of the committee which conducted the survey, noted that alcohol abuse, on its own and as an underlying factor in crime, auto accidents and sexual promiscuity, is a major health problem in all communities.

"It's a pervasive problem; the difference is in how communities react to the problem," she said.

Bartoletti noted that the recent formation of a youth club should help provide alternative activities, other than hanging out and drinking, for high school kids.

RCS Superintendent William Schwartz said the district will "work with parents and community agencies to find constructive ways for kids to use their leisure time."

Firehouse festivities



Santa (Mike Hotaling) and Mrs. Claus (Barbara Stone) listen to the holiday wish list of Michelle Tedesco at the Voorheesville Fire Department Christmas Party.

Hugh Hewitt

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Matters of Opinion

Diminishing our school boards

In the name of "education excellence," the state's school boards—and, in fact, all their clientele—have been put on the spot by the State Education Department.

Their mandate is to bring parents and teachers into the process of making decisions about issues relating to education. In departmentalese, each district must "develop and adopt a plan for the participation of parents and teachers with administrators in school-based planning and shared decision-making." These plans are to be approved by the Education Department's bureaucrats holding such titles as "team leader" in "categorical aid management" and "field services."

What is "Shared decision-making"? This is the department's definition:

"A process by which all members of the education community at the district and school levels cooperate in identifying educational issues, defining goals, formulating policy and implementing and assessing activities to help students reach standards of excellence."

Essentially, this goes to the heart of what has been, for many decades, the responsibility to the local boards of education, whose members are elected by the district's residents. These boards are, of course, composed largely of parents of school-age children.

On the face of it, the Education Department is forcing the local districts to impose a new level of "participation" which is to be interjected between the boards and the administrators they have hired and oversee.

This will be at the expense of both the boards and the administrators. The school boards are charged with the planning and decision-making which the Education Department now demands be "shared" with

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others. The administrators are responsible to their boards for developing appropriate plans and recommending decisions on which the boards are to act.

The department tacitly acknowledges the desirability of accountability, but then promptly diffuses any such concept by suggesting that the district committee's members would be accountable to "their personal constituency." This amounts to a negation of the ultimate responsibility of the publicly elected local district boards of education.

As they prepare to supervise their own burial, the local boards might well wage a series of skirmishes to protect what remains of their authority. We suggest:

- That each board should require, as the schools' faculty is drawn into all the various committees' labors and decision-making hassles, that their students not be penalized by undue absence of classroom teachers. No students should lose any classroom hours with the normally assigned teacher.

- The board should require firm predictions of what implementation of the department's mandated program is going to cost the district and its taxpayers. This is basic to one of the fundamental duties of a school board—financing the education services offered.

- The board should determine whether the decisions reached by extracurricular committees are advisory in nature—or whether they will have the power to inflict their decisions regardless of what the board and/or administrator prefers. The department's brochure refers to "empowering people at all levels of the system."

Al Tech on the upswing

Now that the Al Tech Fund has had its name cleared and has been invigorated and reconstituted by the driving determination of County Executive Michael J. Hoblock, some favorable signs are beginning to appear for certain Albany County businesses.

As *Spotlight* stories described last spring, the fund—intended to encourage new business undertakings here, or enlargement of existing firms, with a view to increasing employment—had been almost completely depleted during the last years of the discredited Coyne administration of the county.

The original supposition was that businesses creating products would be in the most favorable position to qualify for Al Tech loans.

The fund now stands in the neighborhood of \$750,000, three times what it was when Mr. Hoblock and his counsel, Patrick K. Greene, set out nearly two years ago to learn what had happened to the money and, if possible, to rectify the situation. But a desirable level of financing will require at least an additional \$5 million in order for the fund's trustees to authorize a meaningful volume of significant loans.

Business people who consider that the nature of their operations, and their realistic prospects for being able to boost employ-

ment with the help of a loan, would qualify them for such assistance, should be looking into the possibilities of modest help such as Al Tech can offer at this time. Local chambers of commerce are an early source of advice and information.

Albany County and its taxpaying citizens are gradually being spared the consequences of an out-of-control spendthrift administration. Eventually, we can expect a real bonus in the form of employment-encouraging loans through Al Tech to a much more substantial number of ambitious entrepreneurs.

'Mr. New Scotland'

Not every citizen can be as complete a participant in the important affairs of the community as was Wyman Osterhout. Over a period of 55 years, he put in a total of 96 years' work on town, school, and library governing boards. That is apart from decades of service to his church, lodge, club, and fire department. His follow-through always was as great as his commitment. He was truly a hands-on citizen, described by colleagues as hard-working, cooperative, honest—and "tremendous."

No, not everyone can be as complete a citizen as Wyman Osterhout. But we can try to honor the life of such a man through our own dedication of service to others.

By whatever name, a stroke is a stroke

The writer, a resident of Delmar is a member of the faculty at State University at Albany. Two years ago, he wrote for The Spotlight about the New Hampshire primary.

By James J. Kiepper

Late last June, I had trouble sleeping and for two days I was completely disoriented and unable to read my personal telephone-address book. Because I live alone, I was not able to call or contact either my family or neighbors.

It was a frightening experience, but even in my disoriented state I was able to get dressed and set out to drive myself (as incredible as this may seem) to a hospital emergency room. The question was, *where?*

As I proceeded down Delaware Avenue in Delmar, I turned around at the Delaware Plaza to return home to see if I could use my telephone directory. I couldn't. I again proceeded down Delaware Avenue—cautiously. Only later did I learn it was around 11 a.m. on Sunday when many people would be in church!

I suddenly—in a flash—realized that if I turned left at St. James Church and the fire station in Albany and drove two blocks to the end of that street (thus reaching Hackett Boulevard), I could visualize St. Peter's Hospital.

I had not been a hospital patient since I was 16, to have my tonsils removed. This was a new experience for me. I missed the turn for the hospital off South Manning, turned back success-

fully, picked up my ticket for parking, and finally proceeded to the emergency room. I ambled in, sat down, and said to the triage nurse, "I think I'm really sick." Within minutes nurses were everywhere. I was so disoriented I was unable to give them my name or the name of the President of the United States. Then I knew I was out of it!

Dr. Kimberly Snyder, an emergency room physician, told me after man tests that I had had a stroke! In my confusion I was amazed (as I recall later), that I could have a stroke. I'm a relatively young man (59 then); I *can't* have a stroke—I exercise regularly, control my weight, and am generally in good health.

Although my stroke was somewhat mild, it was a hemorrhagic bleed known as a CVA (cerebral vascular accident). At least in part, my stroke was caused by atrial fibrillation (an irregular heartbeat of an atrium). Fortunately it did not affect my speech or motor skills. It did affect my cognitive skills (high reasoning and thinking ability). I spent 27 days in the hospital. After a brief stay in Intensive Care I was moved to the rehabilitation center. I now visit the center twice weekly as an outpatient.

I have learned some things about strokes which may interest you. A stroke occurs because of an interruption in blood supply to the brain. A stroke (CVA) is a sudden, often severe, impairment of the body brought on by that

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Dr. John Purcell, who has worked with stroke patients for over 30 years, shared with me the key factors he believes contribute to longevity:

- 1—Positive thinking
- 2—Ability to deal with loss
- 3—Having an enduring interest in something
- 4—Motivation to be independent

He noted that Freud identified four essentials for living: work, play, love, and a belief system.

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Coaches forward, diner catching up

The part that I liked best about those news stories last month on the ultra-high speed "maglev" trains was the anticipated round-trip fare from Rensselaer to Manhattan—\$160 "and up." That surely will make the train ideal for commuters, they being among the principal beneficiaries of riding above the rails.

The rest of us will be able to impulsively dash down in an hour or so to Big Town for a bit of shopping or a matinee, and just count the travel charge as part of the sales tax or the markup on the show tickets.

But the other part of the news stories that fascinated me was the slight difference in the account, depending on what paper you read.

The Times Union's headline read: "1 hour to NYC, Lundine pledges." In The New York Times, the headline went this way: "Cuomo calls for rail link at fast speed." The Governor did not acknowledge the Lieutenant Governor in his announcement, nor did Stan Lundine mention the Governor. This was in the morning issues of the same day, Nov. 10. Do you imagine that the Gov and his Lieut are planning competing lines? Or will there have to be a high-level compromise?

Inasmuch as they are projecting that maglev wouldn't be complete until 2003, there will be the

question (better settled now than then, I'd think) as to whom the line will be named for. In the style of the Thomas E. Dewey Thruway, we probably should expect

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Dan Button

the Mario M. Cuomo Maglev. This would be very appropriate, since they're talking about putting the rail line somewhere along the Thruway's berm. And can't you see the billboards: "If you rode the Cuomo Maglev, you'd be there by now?"

This raises the question about Stan: Should he concede the NYC-Rensselaer line to the Superchief, and settle for the Lundine Line over to Boston (another part of the same franchise)?

Personally, I can hardly wait. I admire the spirit of the gentleman (his reported age of 90 made the story sparkle) who sent in his check for a reserved seat on the first train out.

I was brought up in a railroad town, and liked to watch the big trains—especially the Twentieth Century Limited roar by, whistle screaming for all the grade crossings. I suppose there will be a maglev train called the Twenty-first Century Limited?

Now I have to admit that a long

time ago, just a bit over 23 years, I was an ardent advocate for a high-speed train along the Hudson. In fact, there was one campaign when I sought to make such a visionary proposal one of the planks in a reelection platform.

But there weren't many takers at that time, and the proposal languished along with my campaign.

It was a lot less visionary than maglev, and one of maglev's attractions it lacked was the prospect that the Feds would put in 75 percent of the money to improve the right-of-way and the rolling stock to enable trains to shave quite a few minutes off the running time.

The other day I read a carping letter from a hardheaded gentleman writing in The Times about the foolhardiness of spending \$6.7 billion on maglev, whose route would take it *outside* virtually every community on its route, including New York City. He was suggesting expenditure of something like \$300 million on improving Amtrak, thus leaving all those extra billions for some of the social needs that we hear about every day. He concluded that maglev is a fantasy that will never come to realization. Obviously, the man lacks imagination. Cuomo Maglev, Lundine Spur, here we come!

Using a scalpel on an editor

For many, many years, among the features of "The New Yorker" that I consistently liked best was the quirky little tidbit that filled out the bottoms of columns on many pages at random.

The magazine called them "newsbreaks," and they were anything from typographical errors that created an unintended humorous twist, to grandiose publicity handouts, or paragraphs from a British publication (under the heading of "There'll always be an England"), and so on.

The magazine's back page almost always included a good one, so that was (for me) a natural place to start reading (scanning) the issue, from back to front.

Typically, you'd be likely to come across eight or ten "newsbreaks," always good for another little chuckle or perhaps a derisive snort in keeping with the satirical item and the magazine's clever one-liner titling it.

The newsbreaks and the cartoons made the magazine, so far as I was concerned. Occasionally I read some of the text, but not often. In fact, years and years ago I partitioned my life to seek out potential newsbreaks, and send them in. Several eventually ended up in the New Yorker's pages, heralded by arrival of a \$5 check. It wasn't a way to get rich, but it was fun.

In the last issue that I've re-

ceived before writing this, The New Yorker contained not a single newsbreak. (And the cartoons, on a per-page basis, are fewer, more hip and impenetrable, odder and less comic.)

Constant Reader

The disappearance of newsbreaks (most issues do have one hidden away somewhere) typifies the "new" New Yorker for me. At our house, we are trashing their renewal appeals, and somehow will manage to do without it quite well. A friend who has been a subscriber, says "Well, it's a magazine, but it's not The New Yorker."

The real point of this commentary, however, is not my low opinion of the seventy-year-old weekly periodical that S.I. Newhouse has authorized a woman named Tina Brown to wreck, but a description of how she set about doing it, as described in a nine-page article by Elizabeth Kolbert in the Dec. 5 "New York Times Magazine." (Four of the pages are graphics, featuring seven photos of Ms. Brown—plus the cover picture which seems calculated to underscore a hardness in its subject, whether or not that is an accurate and fair analysis.)

Ms. Kolbert, who specializes in covering the media for The

Times (at one time she served in the Albany bureau), has done a masterful job of dissecting this 40-year-old Londoner who is unquestionably one of the most powerful editors in the country."

Here is one key paragraph: "Brown's critics—and they are many, even if most do not want to be identified—like to attribute her success to a canny

Some critics attribute part of Tina Brown's success as an editor to an importation of Britain's 'standards'

commercial instinct and to an importation of British standards of journalism, which is to say hardly any at all."

The article's title is "Soul of the Buzz Machine," meaning that The New Yorker has been turned by Ms. Brown into an organ that will create gossipy talk about itself and its editor.

The article's last sentences are: "The questions journalists once asked themselves on the eve of publication were: Is this smart enough? New enough? Important enough? Now they are likely to ask: Will there be a buzz?" Find a copy of the Sunday Times Magazine for Dec. 5; I predict you'd enjoy this article.

From mumble-the-pegs to switchblades

Al Abrams reviewed changes that shaped the world in his lifetime

The late Albert J. Abrams wrote this commentary not long before his death on Dec. 6. It is the last of several Point of View columns that he contributed for The Spotlight's readers. The title is the one he put on his essay.

By Albert J. Abrams

The years of my life run three-quarters of a century, from pre-World War I into the Age of Space, from barrel-chested, spindle-legged Babe Ruth to and beyond those technocrats of swat, Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams.

When I was a lad, young boys carried in their pockets Boy Scout knives so they could play mumble-the-pegs (tumble the point to stick in the earth); today, young boys carry switchblades and 9 mm. guns to maim their peers. What a difference in our social order in just one lifetime.

No Shakespeare emerged during this period—but Hemingway, Ezra Pound, Robert Frost, and Archibald MacLeish weren't scrambled eggs.

We had some world-class monsters: Holocaust Hitler the Hun, with outstretched arm and upturned palm like a Fifth Avenue cop halting traffic, and be-moustached Stalin, the psychotic butcher of dissidents.

True, we didn't have a Mozart or Beethoven, but we had a Schonberg and Stravinsky, not to forget Lenny Bernstein, Irving Berlin, and Aaron Copland.

My time has been like a roller coaster as the world plunged to near nuclear catastrophe, then soared to the moon.

Einstein gave us a new look at the universe from his blackboard long before astronauts sent us colored pictures from space. Albert Schweitzer introduced a continent to the humanity and medicine of European civilization.

My time spans the raw-knuckle prize fighters who beat up each other for \$10 in private clubs, to Las Vegas black-tie affairs where bouts pit one millionaire against another. Jack Dempsey and Mike Tyson bracket my years.

TV has become a major factor in politics and religion.

Talk-show hosts are educators of the masses. Cities have declined as civilizing instruments. Our times may be considered as the 'Era of Wars'

What a time in which to live! The crash of '29 on Wall Street, the Depression of the '30s, double-digit inflation, and the Dow breaking through the 3,000-mark. Karl Marx with his "one for all and all for all" economics sowed the seeds for tyranny of the state and is now spinning in his grave after the Soviet Union has dissolved and nationalism arises, socialism is abandoned, and the "cold war" declared ended.

We moved from a slow-paced, agricultural society that was dominant when I was born, to a giant industrial machine—and now to a frenetic, fast-moving, fast-talking computer-driven age. The world shrank.

Loud in volume, garish in colors, loutish in manners, our culture has reduced the Ten Commandments to eight or (would you agree) seven.

The decline in standards is seen in the arrogance of graffiti and boom boxes, and the mocking move from hoop-skirts to minis. Hemlines went up, necklines went down. Cookie-cutting mass production and synthetics replaced craftsmen's pride in quality.

Hollywood became a major impact on values and style around the world, went from black and white to color, from silent films to

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Stroke

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disruption. Each year, between 500,000 and 600,000 people in the United States have a stroke. One-third of these individuals die within a month. Stroke is the third leading cause of death by disease in the U.S. Of those surviving, two-thirds will have some degree of permanent disability. Currently, two to three million people in this country are living with the effects of stroke, the number one cause of adult disability.

I urge you to remember a stroke can occur at any age, but its incidence rises dramatically as we get older. Two-thirds of strokes occur in persons over the age of 65.

Risk factors of a stroke—risks you can change—include: high cholesterol level, diet, heart disease, smoking, diabetes, excessive use of alcohol, history of previous strokes, obesity, and oral contraceptives (especially over age 30). A 1991 Gallup survey found that 97 percent of respondents were unable to recognize stroke warning signs. And a survey by the American Heart Association found that 42 percent of respondents couldn't name a single cause associated with it. This is serious business.

Philomena Kong, M.D., is a psychiatrist (not to be confused with a psychiatrist). A psychiatrist is a physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

The focus of the specialty is restoring function to people.

Dr. Kong said, in an interview in her office recently, "My work helps the stroke patient toward recovery and to attain his or her maximum functional level."

"It is true," she continued, "age is a factor, but more and more people who have strokes are younger."

"Many people," she explained, "have minor strokes and don't need rehab, yet even with rehab the patient may not be able to live independently of it."

Carol Bartley, R.N., the nurse manager of the rehab center—an expressive and enthusiastic woman—is currently working on a M.A. in health management at Union College. "Stroke," she said in her small but neatly organized office, "can be a major disability which requires major life changes. The general public is reluctant to discuss strokes. They are uncomfortable, often afraid. But nothing you say to the patient can be wrong."

Explaining that remark, she points to a new study of 46 first-time stroke patients which found that those who thought they received the most TLC from friends and families recovered best.

Ms. Bartley is planning to develop a support group for former stroke patients and their families. I plan to be one of the first members. Support from families and friends is essential for recovery,

Stroke Signals

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arms, or leg, particularly on one side of the body.
- Blurred or dimmed vision in one or both eyes.
- Sudden or severe headache.
- Difficulty in talking or comprehending speech.
- Dizziness or loss of balance.

and both must be willing to participate in the rehab process. The goal is to get the patient back to an independent life style.

"I believe," Ms. Bartley says "we have a first-rate rehab program." The center has 45 therapists who work in physical therapy (PT), speech and language (audiology), occupational therapy (OT), and psychology. These young and vital therapists always present a positive attitude to the patients, families, and friends. They are all geared to helping the patient. And the glue that pulls the whole process together are the nurses; they work with patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Anthony J. Maddalonia is vice president of community affairs and ambulatory services. In a soft voice, he describes St. Peter's as "a community hospital with regional programs . . . If we do not provide good services to people, we have violated our predominant mission—ensuring services to the community." He proudly states that St. Peter's has been in the black for 12 years and is one of three hospitals in New York with

an A bond rating. "Our greatest strength, however, is our people and our staff."

Dr. John Purcell, a clinical and neuro-psychologist on the rehab staff gave me extraordinary counsel in the early days of my hospital stay. Late in the evening, he would enter my room and supportively encourage me as to the affects of my stroke and future adjustments as I returned to my life and work. I slowly began to understand I had a major assault to my body, and realized how extremely fortunate I am that my speech and motor skills were not directly affected.

Finally, I must mention the therapy and nursing staff who did wonders for me. Nurses Janet Krzanowski and Robin Bridgeford were always positive and encouraging. Susan Moffit, Marie Opeila, and Jackie Andre together created a formidable therapy team to help me resume a full and productive life. And especially Lisa Toomey (M.S., CCC-SLP), my speech and language therapist; her patience and understanding were well beyond the call of duty.

I shall always be grateful for their work and dedication. Because of their confidence in me, I now look forward to returning to teaching at the University at Albany in the Spring semester with enthusiasm.

What have I learned from this experience? I received the greatest wake-up call in my life. Things that used to be important I see differently now. I know how to take time for myself; and I'm learning to relax and I plan to do a lot of playing and laughing in the future.

I still have a lot of rehabilitative work ahead, but shall be forever grateful for the warm support of my family and friends.

Vox Pop

Disaster turns to success with neighbors' help

Editor, The Spotlight:

The spirit of Christmas is sometimes lost in the rush of shopping and parties. The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon was fortunate enough to find people who believe in the spirit of giving.

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, the Welcome Wagon was informed that an area restaurant had closed. It was where we had planned Breakfast with Santa for 80 children on Dec. 4 and 11. Needless to say, we were frantic trying to find another location for breakfast.

I want to thank all the people who tried to assist us in finding a location. They are: The Rev. Dr. Robert Hess, the Rev. Larry Deys, Dorothy Whitney, Barbara Mladinov, and Laura Taylor, as well as individuals at Brueger's Bagels and Adams Station.

We would especially like to thank Tom and Diane Acosta of Haggerty's Restaurant. They saved the day. We called late on Dec. 1, and they opened their restaurant for us on the two following Saturdays. We have many happy children due to their generosity. It's nice to know we have such good neighbors.

Lisa Hancock
President,

Welcome Wagon Club

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Your Opinion Matters

River Road's 'carnage' calls for DOT action

Editor, The Spotlight:

Tuesday, Dec. 7, our son's school bus was almost hit head-on by a vehicle passing dangerously at high speed. It was only through the alert action of the bus driver that a tragedy did not occur near Mosher and River Roads.

The horrible death of Elizabeth Dralle in the previous week points out all too clearly the potential dangers to anyone driving this road. With tankers of volatile chemicals or grains, smaller trucks, and commuters hurtling hell-bent and recklessly along at 60+ m.p.h., it is only a wonder there haven't been more serious

Vox Pop

or fatal accidents. The day before Miss Dralle was killed, I watched at bus time as a northbound car slowed to turn into Grumme's and, just as he was executing his turn, a cowboy from four cars back (unable to see turn signals from his place in the line) decided to pass the "slowpokes." It was a split-second near-miss!

This past Monday I was run off the road by a northbound driver who, because of excessive speed and carelessness or lack of control, swerved into my lane.

Since the lowering of speed limits on 9W and installation of traffic lights there, River Road traffic is out of control, as is illustrated by the numerous fatalities, many accidents, and near-miss horror stories that abound. This is a problem created by the State Department of Transportation. It needs to be addressed by DOT, which claims we do not present enough "hard data" (i.e. "deaths") to warrant any changes.

Passing zones should be eliminated from Mosher Road to the Job Corps where in one half-mile stretch there are 14 driveways or

side roads. Speed should be lowered to at least 45. No one should have to live with dangerous chemical tankers speeding by in excess of 60 m.p.h. A traffic light should be installed at the junction of Mosher and Wemple at River Road, as pulling out on a graded curve into 60 m.p.h. traffic is foolhardy at best. And lastly, we need more enforcement. Since there is a special cadre of State Police to monitor the Thruway, let DOT put a few unmarked State Police cars down here to sort out the mess they created when allowing River Road to become the high-speed alternative to the Thruway and 9W.

Either my neighbors or I have contacted Supervisor Ringler, the Bethlehem Traffic Safety Committee, and Mr. Peters of Bethlehem Central Schools Transportation Department vis-a-vis the dangers of this road. While I realize there is nothing substantive the town itself can do, since this is a State route, the actual support of town and school boards, agencies, and committees voiced to DOT could help solve what has become a nightmare crisis situation on this road.

We appeal for help to end the carnage, before BC or RCS children become the "hard data" that force change.

Glenmont *Barbara Burt*

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sound, and from Tom Mix and Al Jolson to Katharine Hepburn and Walt Disney.

Humanity shifted in masses. Blacks in our country went north. European and Russian Jews fled to Israel and the U.S.A. Algerians and Moroccans went to France. Vietnamese rafted to wherever they could. Chinese escaped here, to Hong Kong, and Taiwan. African blacks in the colonies fled to England. Our middle class fled to the suburbs, our super-rich to penthouse condos here and villas abroad. Everybody seemed on the move.

TV became a major factor in politics and religion. It defined the looks needed for candidacy, the

shirts worn, the 10-second bites as substitute for platforms, and it enabled TV preachers to sell God world-wide. Talk-show and game-show hosts are educators of the masses. Many high school graduates can't read or write or "do math." College graduates can't parse sentences ("ain't got no practical use") and don't know the Latin derivatives of commonplace words. Yes, why bother with verbs or adverbs, ya know, ya know.

I've seen the decline of cities as civilizing instruments; today the streets are owned by thugs, drug dealers, and murderers. Smog encloses many cities with a blanket of chemicals that destroy lungs and kill fish.

The "best and brightest" went into government in the '30s, into military in the '40s, into the Peace Corps in the '60s, into rebellion

later in the '60s, into Wall Street in the '70s—and in the '80s, well, some went into jail.

The Rev. Martin Luther King sent a message of liberation for blacks that loosened their chains but did not cut them. The Church gave up fish on Fridays and the Latin service every day and John F. Kennedy became the first Catholic elected President.

People, dazed by the world's mad dash and pressures, sought to 'find themselves' in eastern religion or western psychiatry. God was proclaimed dead after the Holocaust. Later, God was resurrected, pardoned, and placed on probation

The history books may someday look back on our times as the Era of Wars. World Wars I and II, Korea, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Af-

ghanistan, and others; no continent escaped. But I also think of it as the age of Noel Coward, Hoagy Carmichael, and Cole Porter, Dave Brubeck, Benny Goodman, Ella Fitzgerald, John Lennon, and many others whose music made them foremost interpreters of our culture.

Look what we've accomplished in my time. We've been able to coax more food out of the ground, more protein out of animals, and greater amount of use from the sun.

None of the institutional forces, such as religion, police, law, or family seem to have an affect in moderating greed, lust, hatred, or violence. Corruption of all kinds is as rampant as ever.

Our world population leapt

from 1 billion in 1900 to 5 billion now and is heading upward fast. This has put terrible strains on peace and prosperity, on the air we breathe, on the water we need, on our traffic, and on food distribution.

Washing machines and driers, not to mention McMeals and the microwave oven, freed women to enter the labor market and challenge "the old boy network." Two-car families liberated women and plunged families into debt.

In my time the power to blow up the world has been handed to mankind. Certainly, preventing extinction of humanity in the years ahead will have to be your No. 1 priority. Yes, my time was a shabby and cruel time in many respects; in good taste, no! But I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

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Handyman hammers away at small home repairs

By Susan Graves

The joys of owning a home fade quickly when those annoying little problems crop up — especially when you have no clue as to how to fix them. The leaky faucet, clogged gutter, broken window pane or any number of the myriad of house related minor disasters can seem insurmountable. But one area builder has tried to address some of those problems with a new program that offers the services of an expert handyman.

Keystone Builders on Delaware Ave focuses on large projects including home additions and the like. That means the crew is usually too spread out to take care of the demand for smaller jobs that fall into the \$50 to \$100 range, said Ric Kaplowitz, Keystone manager.

So to try to meet the need for small repairs, Keystone decided to initiate a handyman program, he said. "We've been in town 18 years and want to provide" as many services as possible to our customers. What Kaplowitz didn't expect, however, was the deluge of calls to engage the services of Roger deRosiere, Keystone handyman, who has been busy since the program started last month.

de Rosiere, who has worked in construction for 30 years, said he felt the idea would fly, but was surprised by the number calls for his services. "There is a definite need," for someone to help out

with the smaller around the house jobs, he said. He already has run the gamut since the new program began. "Leaks in the roof, tile replacement, new gutters, cleaning gutters, installing doors, are just a few of the jobs he has done recently.

"People call not just with one item, people call with a list," Kaplowitz said.

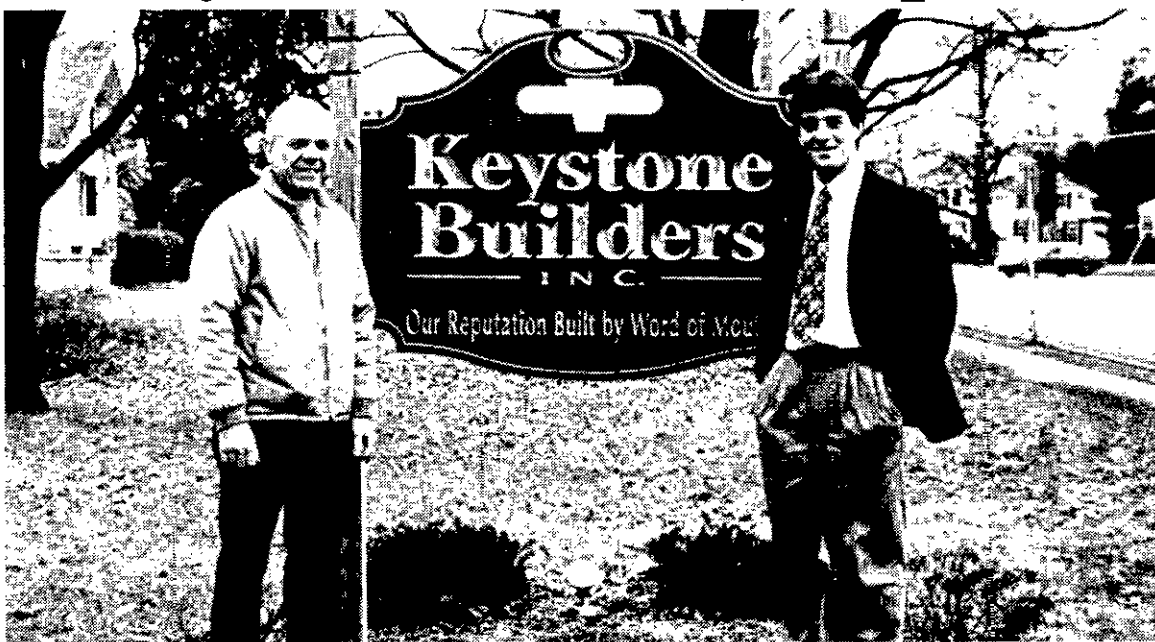
When a homeowner has a problem, he or she can call de Rosiere and describe it to him as accurately as possible. de Rosiere will then give an estimate over the phone.

"We have folks calling who would like an idea of what it (a job) would cost to fix XY or Z, and he can give them some idea," Kaplowitz. "We try to come close."

Right now Keystone is targeting the Bethlehem area for the handyman program, but hasn't ruled out expanding the program to nearby areas.

Kaplowitz said other builders offer similar services, but usually only to their regular customers.

de Rosiere said one nice feature of the program is that it has the backup of Keystone, owned by Stephen Bolduc, should a job be more extensive than first anticipated.



Roger deRosiere, left, Keystone Builders' new handyman and Ric Kaplowitz, manager. Elaine McLain

The bottom line is: "If it's broke, we'll fix it," he said.

Further on the plus side for Keystone, it's a way of developing a new customer base for those bigger projects down the road, Kaplowitz said.

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Programs are open to residents of the town of Bethlehem and/or the Bethlehem Central School District.

For information, call the park office at 439-4131.

Glenmont church sets Christmas programs

The Glenmont Community Church on Chapel Lane in Glenmont has slated several Christmas programs.

The church choir will present a Christmas cantata following a family Advent supper on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m.

Another Advent supper, scheduled at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22, will be followed by a Christmas pageant presented by children of the church.

The church's Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24.

For information, call the church at 436-7710.

Service groups raise money

Delmar service groups are continuing the tradition of bell ringing at the Salvation Army kettles at Delaware Plaza.

The Kiwanis Club and the Bethlehem High School Key club

recently manned kettles and raised \$642.22. The money benefits the Albany Salvation Army's holiday and winter relief efforts.

Prize winner



Matthew Taber of Delmar was one of the winners in the holiday open house at The Paper Mill in Delaware Plaza. Taber is shown with Lauri Mendleson, Paper Mill manager, and a very large prize bear. Other winners include Beth Carpinello and Michele Polard.

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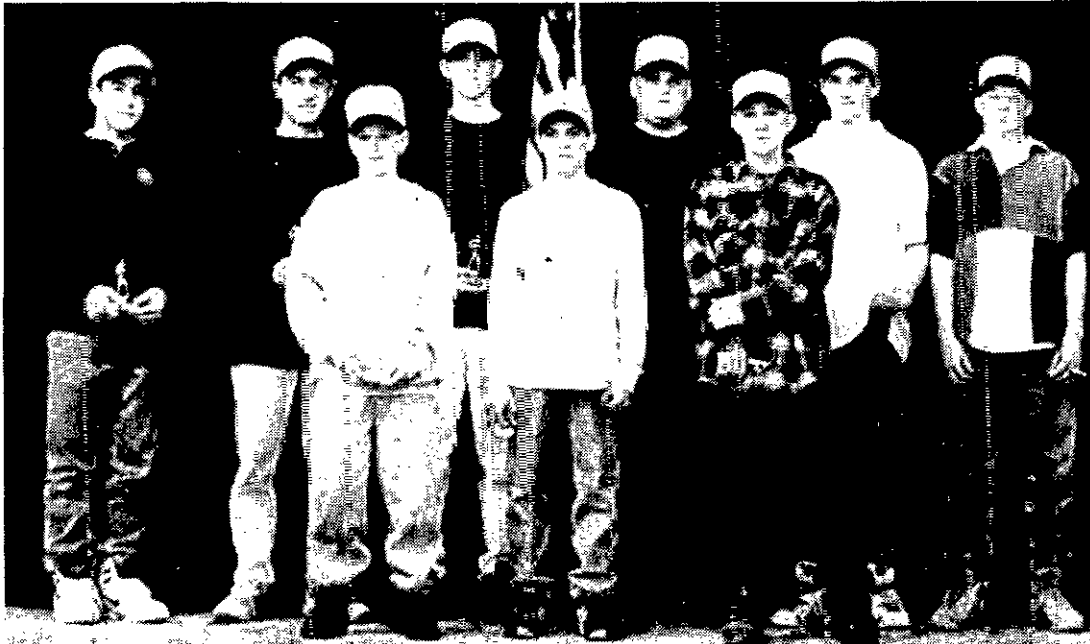


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Babe Ruth winners



This year's Bethlehem Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Awards were made to Matt Kelly, left, Matt Zalen, David Shaye, Matt Melcher, Andy Loux, Mike Gilliagn, Brian Walsh, Tom Feller, and Joey Bush.

Ravena church lists events

The Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, has announced its schedule for the week of Thursday, Dec. 23.

Chancel choir will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23, and Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24.

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 9 a.m. Morning worship starts at 10:30 a.m. followed by coffee and fellowship

at 11:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27.

The TOPS Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Al Anon will meet at 7 p.m. and Bible study at 7:30 p.m.

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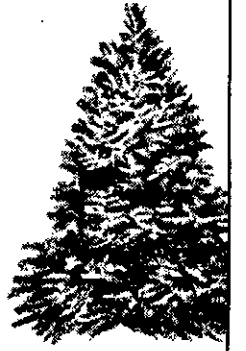
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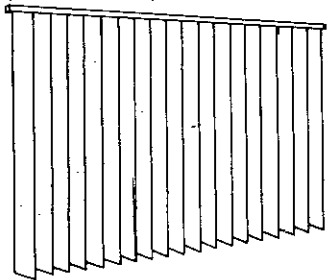
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Partnership targets house party drinking

By Dev Tobin

After a breakfast of quiche and fruit, 30 members of the Bethlehem Community Partnership brainstormed recently about how to deal with the perennial problem of teen drinking at house parties.

The partnership, composed of school, parent, police and other community leaders, met at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church to report on the progress of its several committees.

Getting parents to be more active in preventing house parties where alcohol is present was a major focus of the discussion.

"It's clear that largely unsupervised house parties continue and are a major problem," said Bethlehem Central School Superintendent Leslie Loomis. "Is there a way to prevent these parties? Can we get word to the police before the party occurs?"

Although there is some "confusion" about the constitutional constraints police operate under, Loomis said that if police know about a party in advance, a phone call from them to the parents would likely stop the party from happening.

People who call the police with information about an upcoming or ongoing party don't have to give their names, said Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt.

"We would try to call or visit the parents and tell them we heard a rumor that there was going to be a party," Vanderbilt said. "If we can't contact the parent, we'll show up the night of the party."

A house party this fall, attended by scores of BCHS students, led to the host being kicked off the football team, and an ongoing examination of whether athletic

training rules, which forbid alcohol, tobacco and drug use, on or off-campus, should be strengthened and extended to other extra-curricular activities.

Holly Billings of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited reported on the first meeting of the committee looking at extending training rules.

"It's raising awareness of the issue," Billings said. "If each committee member talks to 10 to 15 people, that in itself is good."

Marge Kanuk noted that the committee's meeting, followed by a coaches' night and a *Spotlight* story, had a lot of people talking about the need for and effectiveness of training rules.

Kanuk said the communications group was working on a flyer explaining the legal ramifications of unsupervised house parties that will be distributed to all school district residents in January.

The communications group is also working on a short videotape explaining alcoholic beverage control laws for use by stores in training their employees, Police Officer Christopher Bowdish said.

On another matter, Loomis noted that the school district will be moving toward establishing drug-free school zones around each of its seven schools.

Penalties for drug-related crimes are doubled within the zones, Bowdish explained.

Also, Nan Hinman reported that her group was working with students to plan "Open High School," several weekend nights when the high school would be open for athletic and social activities.

"It would be sort of a teen center," Hinman explained. "Right now, there's no logical place where these kids can go."

Bearing up



Bethlehem Police Officer Jeffrey Vunck accepts teddy bears that police use to comfort young children following accidents from Carol Bourdeau, president of the Insurance Women of Albany, and Betty Griffin, project chairwoman.

Bethlehem school board to discuss its long-range needs and resources

The Bethlehem Central school board will discuss long-range planning at its meeting tonight, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. in the district offices at 90 Adams Place.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis will cover technology needs, enrollment projections, the educational program, staffing levels and

facilities needs in his presentation to the board.

"We need to study the entire extent of needs, and recognize that we have limited resources," Loomis said. "The board will need to discuss this and determine the next step."

The bulge in the school population (class sizes of about 400) is beginning to move into the middle school, and will have an impact on the high school in future years, Loomis noted. In addition, continued residential housing growth in the district will affect enrollment.

BCHS grad cited for book on blues great

Kip Lormill recently received the ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) Deems Taylor Award in recognition of his book "The Life and Legend of Leadbelly," co-authored by Charles Wolfe.

The book is available at the Bethlehem Public Library and has recently come out in paperback.

Morton Gould, president of ASCAP, recently presented the award to Lormill's parents, B.J. and Wal-y Lormill of Delmar.

Lormill was unable to be at the ceremony.

Lormill is a 1971 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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Party set at Selkirk firehouse

Selkirk Fire Company No. 3 on Bridge Street in South Bethlehem will host its 23rd annual children's Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m.

Area children ages 10 and under are invited to attend.

Entertainment will be provided by magician Jay Alan and clowns Sugar 'n' Spice. Refreshments will be served, and each child will receive a gift from Santa.

Helping elves include Beth Anne Filkins, Tim Brown, Lisa Kot and Amanda Gager.

Cookie donations will be accepted, but admission is free.

For information, call Kurt Witt at 767-3077.

Ravena library offers month of amnesty

The Ravena Free Library on Main Street is offering amnesty for overdue books this month.

All books returned in good condition will be accepted, no matter how long they've been out.

The library will be closed to observe upcoming holidays on Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 24 and 25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Student government to host senior breakfast

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School Student Government will host a free breakfast for senior citizens at the high

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school on Route 9W in Ravena on Thursday, Dec. 23, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The menu includes pancakes, toast, cereal, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice.

Bus transportation from the Ravena Senior Center on Bruno Boulevard will be available every 30 minutes starting at 8:15 a.m.

For information, call Chuck Pettinato, Andrew DeFeo or Amanda Nulton at 756-2155.

High school thespians to present plays

The RCS senior high drama club will perform three one-act plays, "Rats," "The Bear" and "The Lottery" on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The cost of admission is \$2 for students with ID and senior citizens, and \$3 for adults.

For information, call 756-2155.

Board of ed to meet

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk board of education will meet Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the middle school on Route 9W in Ravena.

For information, call 767-2513.

High school invites parents to lunch

Parents of high school students have been invited to eat lunch with their child at school the week of Dec. 20 through 23.

Visitors must register at the main office.

Faso named friend by state Farm Bureau

State Assemblyman John J. Faso, R-Kinderhook, was once again welcomed into the "Circle of Friends" for 1993 by the New York State Farm Bureau, which represents 23,000 member families in New York.

Membership in the "Circle of Friends" is reserved for legislators who support the farm families for New York. It is reviewed annually based upon the voting record and cooperation of each legislator.

Holiday times



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Bethlehem chamber offers health plan

Members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce have an opportunity to enroll in WellCare Health Plans through the chamber, effective Jan. 1, 1994.

Completed forms must be returned by Dec. 10. Contact WellCare at 446-0200 for information.

Annual festival slated at Methodist church

The fourth annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival of Song will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave.

The community choir and band will perform traditional and modern Christmas music.

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V'ville band and chorus concert slated

The Voorheesville Elementary School winter concert is set for Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Lydia Tobler, music teacher, will direct the sixth-grade band in the "Theme from Dances with Wolves," "Feliz Navidad" and "Concerto for Sleigh Bells."

Mary Teresa Morgan will direct the fifth-and-sixth-grade chorus in "Light the Candles," "Deck the Hall," "Simply Alleluia" and "I Love a Piano."

For the finale, the combined chorus will perform selections from "The Sound of Music."

Kiwanis to hold annual holiday party

The New Scotland Kiwanis annual Christmas party is slated for Friday, Dec. 17, at the Voorheesville American Legion Post.

Holiday cheer will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a cash bar followed by a roast beef dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Grab bag gifts will be exchanged between guests and members.

Entertainment will be provided

NEWS NOTES

Voorheesville

Susan Casler
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by Voorheesville high school students.

Church to host holiday festival

Area churches are invited to the Community Christmas Festival at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

Rehearsals will be at the church on Thursday from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

The special ensemble will sing traditional and modern Christmas music.

For information on how to join the group, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Also, a holiday tradition will continue at the church on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. The youth group will participate in a living nativity scene.

Legion to dish up Sunday breakfast

The last breakfast of 1993 will be at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. Scrambled eggs, french toast, sausage, home fries, juice and coffee will be served.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Continuing-ed slates mini-session courses

The Voorheesville Continuing Education Program has scheduled a mini-session from Jan. 3 to Feb. 3.

A hydroslimnastics water class is scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. with instructor Liz Foster on Mondays and Vicky Bastian on Thursday.

A water works class will be taught by Lisa Lahey on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m.

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School pool. The course cost is \$14.

To register, call Jim Hladun at 765-3314.

Garden club meeting

The Helderview Garden Club recently held its holiday social at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center. Members brought items to be given to the local food pantry and exchanged cookies in the annual Christmas cookie swap.

New members are always welcome to meetings on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.

For information, call Ivy Brockley at 765-2108.

Collection points set for letters to Santa

Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Bethlehem Town Hall, McDonald's, and the Bethlehem Public Library, all on Delaware Avenue, through Dec. 21.

Santa's senior citizen volunteers and the Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau will make sure that each child receives an individual reply.

Lutheran church sets Christmas concert

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., will host a Christmas concert by dvd productions on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature both popular and sacred Christmas selections.

There is no charge for the concert, and all are welcome. For information, call the church at 439-4328.

Bethlehem chamber slates holiday party

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Holiday Business Afterhours" at the Village Furniture Co., Main Square Shoppes, Delaware Avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For information, call 439-0512.

Blood pressure screening slated

The Town of Bethlehem Blood Pressure Screening will be in the auditorium of the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., on Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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historians of 21 other localities. The "I and R" file includes the contact person for the Mendelssohn Club and nine other regional music organizations.

It also contains information about the Council of Fluency Support Group, as well as support groups for several dozen other medical and social problems.

The 160-page, alphabetically-arranged print out covers 962 agencies and organizations. Each entry contains an address, telephone number and the name of at least one contact person, date the information was last updated and a description of the organization. There is a 14-page subject index.

This resource provides the kind of grass roots information not readily found in phone directories, newspapers or other printed sources. Reference librarians gradually developed the file to make faster and more effective referrals. It has recently been

expanded and completely revised. It has also been computerized to make updating easier, since the information changes very rapidly.

The focus of the listing is sources and services that have been historically important or are potentially useful to Bethlehem residents.

Most organizations are located in Bethlehem and the greater Capital District, with a few extending as far away as Massachusetts. The largest group of entries are health-related. There are also many social, local history, and cultural organizations and a number of 1-800-help lines.

Reference Librarian Rosamond Tift, who managed the updating project, said, "People should not hesitate to call these organizations for help. Every person contacted was more than generous in giving information."

Residents can access this resource by calling the Reference Desk at 439-9314.

The Library's Book Discussion Group has announced the titles of three novels they have chosen to talk about in upcoming meetings.

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, they will discuss *The World of Nagaraj* by R.K. Narayan, and *Saratoga Headhunter* by mystery writer Stephen Dobyns on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The group meets on the third

Tuesday of the month from September to May in the adult lounge at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the current book are available for loan from the reference desk. New members are welcome at any time.

Call 439-9314 for information and to reserve a title.

Anna Jane Abaray

Tri-Village Squares slate Christmas dance

Tri-Village Squares has scheduled its annual Christmas dance and party on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Dan Guin will call the class level square dance.

For information, call Jean or Ken Marriott at 439-4875.

High school singers to perform at party

The Bethlehem High School Sound System Singers will entertain at the St. Peter's Hospital Christmas party for employees on Friday, Dec. 17, from noon to 1 p.m.

The party will take place in the hospital's Cusack Auditorium. More than 3,300 people have been invited.

For information, call the hospital at 454-1232.

Bethlehem church sets annual 'Live Nativity'

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, will offer its annual "Live Nativity" on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18 and 19, at 6:30 p.m.

The story of Christmas will be presented by the church's high school youth group.

For information, call Carol Budliger at 439-0006.

BC football boosters sell Christmas trees

The Bethlehem Football Boosters sponsor their annual Christmas Tree Sale at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., on Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All proceeds will go toward the purchasing of uniforms and equipment.

Center sets program on plants and animals

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar has slated a family program, "Plants and Animals," on Monday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m.

Participants will walk along forest trails looking for animal tracks, evergreen trees, ferns and other plants.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.



These are the kinds of questions about local organizations and services that are answered by the library's newly updated and expanded Information and Referral File.

The list includes NEUMAC, a Macintosh owners support group, plus 13 other computer user groups, the address for the Watervliet town historian and for the

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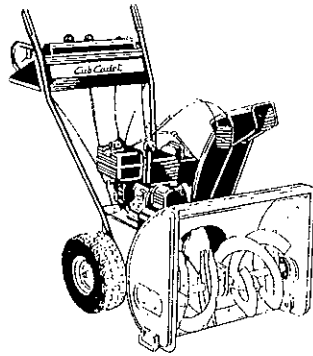


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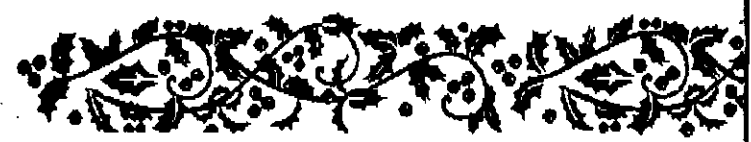
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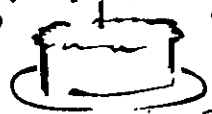
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through Jan. 14.

Parents will want to mark their calendars with two special holiday vacation programs.

A scheduling conflict has necessitated the cancellation of The Rude Mechanicals show on Tuesday, Dec. 28, but school-age children will instead be treated to Puppetales with storyteller Debra Picker.

The 11 a.m. program (note time change) that day will introduce youngsters to a giant bee from outer space, Maurice Sendak's "Wild Things," and a glittering child made of snow.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m. music educator Skip West will present a concert for the entire family.

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Those who attend story hours with their toddlers should note that fall sessions end this Friday, Dec. 17, with the 1:30 p.m. session. Winter story hours will begin on Monday, Jan. 24.

Last but not least on the agenda for children is a Family Evening Story Hour scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Dream a Little Dream will provide a cozy preamble to bedtime. All ages are welcome for stories, a film and a craft.

The board of trustees meets next Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Christine Shields



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Colleen Skiff Kriss, outgoing-president of the Bethlehem Art Association, left, Bethlehem Library director Barbara Mladinov and BAA president Jean Eaton, display the latest additions to the library's permanent collection.
 Elaine McLain

Drill team wins at Maine competition

The La Salle Institute's O'Donovan Drill Team, which includes John Willey of Delmar, won three events at a Nov. 13 competition.

The O'Donovans competed against 16 Junior ROTC high schools in the Northeastern Sector Drill League's first competition of the school year at Lewiston High School in Lewiston, Maine.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Heat and Sixers battle to stand-off in BBC tilt

Wire to wire excitement characterized the second week of play in the Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC).

In the All-Star Division, the Heat and the Sixers battled to a 35-35 tie. Dave Sherrin paced the Sixers with seven points and six assists, while Chris Gerber inspired the Heat with 11 points and two steals.

Behind the 11-point performance of Kevin Russell and solid team defense, the Mavs stayed unbeaten as they throttled the Rockets 47-41. Aaron Smith's floor leadership helped the Rockets to stay close.

The Hawks also stayed unbeaten as they dumped the Magic 41-33. Nicole Conway paced the Hawks scoring attack with five points as every member of the team hit the scoring column. Scott Kind had a game-high 18 points for the Magic.

Also, the Spurs outlasted the Bucks 46-36 as Brian Cheeseman and Ryan Harrison played tough defense for the winners. Kris Darlington was on fire with eight points for the Bucks.

In Pro Division action, the Knicks edged the Bulls 42-38. Mike Carney and Mike Pascone combined for 24 points to lead the winners, while Cory Reid kept the Bulls close with eight points.

The Pistons made up a 10-point deficit in the last quarter to get by the Hornets 32-29. Steve

Kidera was unstoppable with 13 points for the Pistons, while Matt Bratrud tallied six for the Hornets.

Behind the 14-point effort of Chris Williams, the Celtics caught the Nets by surprise with a 51-24 victory. The Nets were led by the eight-point effort of Ryan Venter.

In an exciting contest, the Lakers stayed unbeaten with a 38-37 win over a tough Nuggets squad. For the Lakers, Calvin Brown tallied 18 points, while Jon Kaplan paced the Nuggets with four points and solid rebounding.

Providence outlasted a fiesty Georgetown team 36-16 in the College Division. Alex Voetsch with 10 and Marquin Jennings with seven points inspired Providence, while Mike Mooney paced Georgetown with nine points.

Mitch Lane ripped the nets for 22 points to lead Villanova over Pitt 40-29. Brian Singerle and Aidan McManus combined for 17 points.

Steve Watt and Francis Sheehan and scored eight and nine points respectively to help Seton Hall defeat St. John's 35-28. Chris Sherin lead St. John's with nine points.

Finally, Ryan Sweeney led all scorers with 12 points as a fired-up Syracuse squad upended Miami 31-8. Ted Blumenthal played tough defense for Miami.

Battle underneath



BC's Sarah Mineau tries to fend off three Mohonasen players during Saturday's game at the Bethlehem Central High School. The Eagles won 65-36 and are now 3-0 on the year. They face Niskayuna and Colonie this week. *Hugh Hewitt*

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BC wrestlers start well; VV boys still ironing out the wrinkles toughest foes yet to come

By Joshua Kagan

Bethlehem's wrestling team looks to make waves in the Suburban Council this year on the back of some very talented underclassmen.

"We were a struggling 4-9 (last year)," BC coach Rick Poplaski said, "and most of our people were very young. This year we've already turned it around to 5-0, which is nice to see because it obviously means that some of our kids have really worked hard to improve."

About half of Bethlehem's starting varsity wrestlers are freshmen or sophomores.

Freshmen Andy Loux and Matt Wagoner wrestle in the 91 and 98 pound weight classes, respectively. Senior co-captain Anthony Genovese starts at 105 pounds and is backed up by sophomore Jason Seward. Senior Zack Hampton, 132 pounds and a 145-pound junior, Matt Carotenuto, are the other two captains.

"I think that our senior captains are unquestionably top-level performers," Poplaski said. "There's no question that at the end, they'll be there vying for sectionals and maybe a place at states. We'll benefit a great deal from our senior leadership this year. Those are a stabilizing influence for young kids. They're very good leaders."

Sophomores Adam Mooney and Jon Wagoner will split time in the 112 pound weight class. Two more sophomores, Jim Spinner and Hank Tripp, will wrestle in the 119 and 126 weight classes, respectively.

Steve Demarest, a junior who is coming back to wrestling after missing last season, will start in the 138 class.

Sophomore Nat Beyer will wrestle in the 155 pound class. "He, too, is one of those younger kids who wrestled at the varsity level last year," said Poplaski, "and got pounded around, and now is turning it around."

In the heavier weight classes, BC will feature juniors Ken Van Dyke and Adam Britton, seniors Chris Miller and Bill Smith and sophomore Jeff Brown.

The Eagles' most recent victory came in a 42-21 win over Guilderland on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Loux, Genovese, Mooney, Spinner, Hampton, Demarest, Carotenuto and Beyer won their matches for BC.

"We're still a pretty young team, but we do have a lineup whose experience from last year is now paying dividends," Poplaski said. "We're probably at this point considered to be at the bottom edge of the top rung in terms of teams in Section II. We are going to have some real challenges to face when we deal with the top two or three teams in the Suburban Council and in Class A's. There's no question about the ability of the kids to hang in there and perform."

Scott Cunningham and Brian Davies, star Eagle wrestlers from last season, graduated last spring. Poplaski said initial worries about their loss have faded. "We kind of wondered about that, but, as it worked out, our younger kids have come to the forefront. I'm particularly impressed with the sophomore group that we have as a nucleus for the next couple years."

Bethlehem's untarnished record will be tested in coming weeks against Suburban Council foes Saratoga, Columbia, Mohonasen and Colonie.

"A 5-0 record, while it's nice, is not an indication of having wrestled our toughest competition," Poplaski said.

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville boys basketball team is still experiencing some early season difficulties, as they dropped two league games last week.

Yet coach Skip Carrk viewed his team's rocky start positively. "We need to walk before we run. We've been on the road, it's the beginning of the year and we are a young team. I feel that we're learning some valuable lessons that will prove helpful in the future."

On Friday, Dec. 10, Voorheesville faced Watervliet

away. Although the 'Birds led after the first quarter and at halftime, Vliet's press was devastating in the second half. Voorheesville was defeated 52-37 despite playing terrific defense for the majority of the game.

No Vville player scored in double digits, but Josh White had nine points and Dave Burch eight in defeat. Sophomores Ryan Foster and Thom Larossi also gave outstanding performances underneath.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the Blackbirds visited Lansingburgh. Despite getting off to an excellent

start, with White and Burch executing the man-to-man offense perfectly, the 'Birds came up short, 65-61.

They struggled from the foul line going seven for 19, and wilted during the second quarter against a tough, full court press.

After halftime, the boys battled back and sent the game into overtime. "We played really well in overtime," said Carrk. "but we just took shots that didn't go in."

Burch dominated the scoreboard, pouring in 26 points. White finished with 13.

Girls team pulls one out in overtime

By Jacob Van Ryn

The Voorheesville girls basketball team pulled out an overtime victory against Watervliet last Friday to get back on the winning track.

After regulation, on the Blackbirds' home court, the game was tied at 41. The game entered a three-minute overtime session and after trading baskets, the game was still tied.

During the second extra session, Kelly Griffin took over. Griffin scored four of the team's six points and the battle was finally over with the 'Birds winning a thriller.

The scoring was balanced with Griffin and Kristin Dougherty leading the pack with 12 each. Kristin Person had seven, while Jen Person and Jessica Reed each contributed six.

VV coach Nadine Bassler Bassler was happy with how well the defense worked. "Our pressure defense worked very well all night," she said. "We never gave up, even when they were up by six in the fourth."

final score was 42-36. "We had one really flat quarter and struggled to score," Bassler said.

The 'Birds scoring attack was lead by the Person sisters, Jen with 12 points and Kristin with 10. Said Bassler, "We lost to a good team on Tuesday night."

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Buddies in high school now foes on the field

By Kelly Griffin

This year's NCAA Division III college soccer tournament pitted two longtime friends and teammates as opponents.

Erin Sullivan and Eric Logan, 1992 graduates of Voorheesville High School, are now sophomores at Williams College and Clarkson University respectively.

Each followed a dream to play college soccer, and each proved to be an integral part of their teams and their appearance in the tournament.

The irony of the situation is, previous to this encounter in the playoffs, the two boys had contributed greatly to each other's success. For four years at Voorheesville, Erin and Eric played side by side. They supported and pushed each other to become better players. With Eric at stopper and Erin goaltending, they helped carry their high school team to the 1990 State Championship.

Not only did they play school soccer together, they also competed on summer league teams, traveling teams and the high school basketball team together. In addition, Logan and Sullivan both participated on the soccer team of the 1991 Empire State Games.

In the Empire State Games, Sullivan's excellent goalkeeping and Logan's ball-handling and scoring ability were important

parts in the team's success in winning the Gold Medal.

As seniors, the two were named to the Colonial Council first All-Star team. Erin was also named Goalkeeper of the Year and Eric was designated a Section II All-Star.

For the Williams soccer team, this was the first year in which the schools of the New England Small Colleges Athletic Conference (NESCAC) were allowed to participate in the NCAA tournament.

For Erin Sullivan, the graduation of last year's goalkeeper opened up a starting position on the Williams team. "I was eager to prove my worth," said Sullivan. "and I was very excited about the season in general."

The Williams team had an outstanding season, spurred by Sullivan shutouts. Its 11-0-1 record earned it the first seed in the New England region.

Clarkson University, too, had a stellar season. The team finished with a 7-0 record and captured the Eastern Athletic Association Division title. This accomplishment earned the team an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament.

Eric Logan had been a starter on the team since the beginning of his freshman year. This was only the third time that Clarkson had ever made it to the tournament, and Logan was thrilled.

"I think that going to the NCAA

tournament is one of the best things that could happen to someone," said Logan.

Both players had mixed feelings when they learned that they were to play each other, Sullivan recalled.

"When I first found out, it really bothered me. Eric and I are very close, especially where soccer is involved. He's not just any friend, and I think that a lot of the closeness comes from playing together. To me, soccer and Eric are one and the same, I was really worried because I knew that one of us had to end our season with the outcome of the game."

I believe that their achievements are an honor for them and our program.

Coach Bob Crandall

Then Erin began to see the positive aspects. "I got very excited," he continued. "And it was kinda neat, due to the fact that my teammates at Williams had always cracked on Voorheesville because it was so little and unknown."

"When Eric and I were both on teams that had made it to the Final Four, it made everyone change their minds. The two of us proved that Voorheesville was capable of breeding first-rate soccer players.

Eric and I were both eager to do our home town proud!"

Logan experienced similar emotions when he heard the news. Like Sullivan, he was psyched.

"It was the most excited I've ever been," he said. "I never thought that it would happen. It was especially weird for me, because since I had played with Erin so much and knew his style of play, I was called upon by my coaches to give a scouting report on him. I could think of only positive things to say about him."

The semi-final game in which Williams faced Clarkson was held at Williams College on Saturday, Nov. 20. But in an unfortunate turn of events, the anticipated showdown between the two former teammates never truly materialized. Logan suffered a knee injury early in the first period, which sidelined him for the remainder of the game. It was a bitter disappointment for both players.

Nevertheless, Williams was victorious, 3-1, in a well-played game. Sadly, Williams lost in the NCAA final round against San Diego State in California.

"It's too bad that we lost our last game," Sullivan reflected. "Looking back I'm not satisfied, but I'm proud."

Regarding his injury and subsequent loss, Logan was regretful. "I was extremely disappointed

to get hurt in that game, of all games," he said. "Although I wish it could have been my team that had won, I was really happy for Erin. I'd love to play Williams again, but it will probably never happen."

Although they've gone their separate ways in collegiate soccer, both Sullivan and Logan agree that their success is attributable in large part to their high school experiences and coach Bob Crandall.

"I think that both of us doing so well at higher levels proves that Mr. Crandall is a knowledgeable coach who should be credited with forming some great players," said Sullivan.

"I think that he deserves a lot of respect because he's an excellent coach," said Logan. "Every year his teams go far, and many of his players are named to All-Star teams. This is an indication that he really knows his stuff."

"I believe that their achievements are an honor for them and our program," said Crandall. "I also feel that it speaks very well of our program here at Voorheesville. It's good to think that we, as high school coaches, have an impact on our players."

"Both Eric and Erin went on to high-quality schools whose coaches had built strong soccer programs. Division III soccer is very good soccer, and the whole Voorheesville community is very proud of them. Win or lose, they both had outstanding seasons and they are both superior soccer players. As their former coach, I am very proud of them and their accomplishment."

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"He was a very hard-working school board member," recalled Dominick Tork, who served with Osterhout on the board in the early 1960s. "He was 100 percent for the schools."

On the town board, he worked on instituting townwide garbage pickup, building a new highway garage and setting up town parks

□ Davis

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by no means closed. Any town Republican interested in the position is welcome to seek the GOP nomination on the night of Jan. 13, although they should contact Kaplowitz or their district committeeperson beforehand.

Davis, 51, works for the majority counsel's office in the state Senate. Prior to entering the political realm, she taught for 13 years at Columbia High School in East Greenbush. She has been on the planning board since 1991.

If appointed, Davis promised to "work as hard as I possibly can" to keep the seat in Republican hands during a special election next November to fill out the remaining one year of Fuller's term.

Whoever wins next November will be faced with the prospect of running again in November 1995 for a full, four-year term.

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"He was always very cooperative, and never gave you a hard time when you needed something," said fellow Republican Peter Van Zetten, a longtime highway superintendent who also served with Osterhout on the town board. "He was well-liked and helped a lot of people in the community."

"He was very honest, and never forgot who elected him and who he represented — the people," said Supervisor Herb Reilly, a Democrat. "We could easily disagree, but it was never an impediment to our friendship."

As library trustee, Osterhout was the prime mover in establishing a school district library and then helping out as a caretaker there.

"He was tremendous. I could call him at any time of day or night and say we've got this problem or that problem, and down he would fly," recalled former librarian Jane Salvatore. "One day, when he was well into his 70s, I came down and there was Wyman, up on the roof chopping ice."

Osterhout was born in Slingerlands and moved to New Salem as

a teenager. He worked for many years as an ironworker and site supervisor for the McKinney Steel Co. of Albany. With his construction background, he became an informal clerk of the works for many town, library and school district projects, including the town garage and the junior-senior high school.

With his late brothers Everett and DeForest, he also owned and operated Osterhout's, a popular restaurant and bar on the Helderberg Escarpment outside New Salem for 30 years.

He was a founding member and former president of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club and a founding member of the New Salem Fire Department, serving as the company's first chief.

He was also chairman of the New Scotland Republican Committee for 10 years.

He was a member of the New Salem Reformed Church, the New Scotland Elks Lodge, the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge and the New Scotland Senior Citizens Center.

The senior group meets in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, formerly the New Salem

School, which was renovated and dedicated in Osterhout's honor in 1989.

Osterhout was the husband of the late Eunice Pollard and Alice Quay Osterhout. His five brothers, Everett, DeForest, Glenwood, Thomas and John, and his sister, Lucille King, are also deceased, as is a son, Walter Osterhout.

He is survived by a son, Wyman Osterhout of Florida; a daughter Marilyn Reynolds of Virginia; five stepchildren; six grandchildren; and 13 step-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday) in the New Salem Reformed Church, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, New Salem.

Relatives and friends are invited to a celebration of Osterhout's life at 3:30 p.m. today in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the New Salem Reformed Church, Voorheesville 12186.

First Methodist church to close Tuesday

The First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will be closed for business on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

For information, call Dorothy M. Kelly at 439-3133.

Library plans program of holiday stories

A holiday program for school-age children is scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Storyteller Anne Brew will read "The Eight Lights — The Story of Hanukkah" and "The Night Before Christmas." Classical pianist Adalina Kirvochiena will accompany the stories.

The program is recommended for children over 4.


For information or reservations, call the library at 439-9314.

Parsons to perform at Haggerty's Pub

Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade will perform at Haggerty's Restaurant and Pub, 155 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

For information, call 439-2310.

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RCS board approves new teacher contract

By Michele Bintz

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District Board of Education recently approved a new contract between the district and its teachers.

At the meeting, Board President Maurice Satin, who abstained from voting, congratulated teacher union president Russ Miller on the agreement.

The new contract will provide an average pay increase of 4 1/2 percent annually. Teachers had been working under the previous contract for the past year and a half, while the new contract was being negotiated.

According to school district Business Administrator Rodger Lewis, both sides were uncomfortable at first using outside negotiators. "But when we sat down face to face and each side heard what the other was saying, things began to happen," he said.

Chief negotiator Gerry Van Alstyne was also pleased with the outcome of the talks. "I believe we have a new willingness to work together here. It's the interest of the kids that we share."

In addition to the salary issue,

the changeover of health insurance to complete coverage by Blue Cross was another major item in the new contract. According to Van Alstyne, the district has carried hospitalization and prescription coverage with Blue Cross for about 22 years, while major medical was with Phoenix.

"By combining all three pieces together under Blue Cross, we were able to save a little in dollars and guarantee the rate for the next 18 months, through June of 1994," Lewis said.

After the vote, Dr. Mona Selover recommended the use of Albany Health Associates at a cost of \$875 to assist in the implementation of IRS Article 125. Under this plan, the portion of health insurance that teachers pay will not be taxed, and the district will not have to pay FICA on dollars diverted to health insurance.

"I'm very pleased we were able to reach an agreement," said Superintendent William Schwartz. "It was a long and arduous process involving many different issues and perspectives. We came face to face and worked things out. The outcome restores my faith in the process."

Area residents noted for 4-H achievements

Several area residents were recognized for their accomplishments at the recent Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H achievement program.

Those honored at the program included Linda Dunkerly of Bethlehem's Morning Glories, Cheryl Appleby of Voorheesville's Osborne Corners, Jane Lyman of Bethlehem's Ramblin' Ruminants, Mary Jane Rissacher of Voorheesville's Animal Lot, Karen Moreau of Bethlehem's Green Team and Gloria Ozimek of Bethlehem's Windhaven 4-H received Honor Club.

George Stahl of Slingerlands was recognized as a top individual at the 1993 4-H Cookie Sale.

Jason Robinson of Glenmont was honored for being one of the 10 members exhibiting the most projects at the Altamont Fair.

Rebecca and Amanda Terhune, Dan Rissacher and Melissa Dunkerly, all of Slingerlands were recognized for acting as teachers at the annual 4-H Teaching Day.

Wendy Reynolds of Voorheesville, Laurel Ingraham and Dustin Leonard of Clarksville received college scholarships sponsored by the group.



Terri and John Biszick

Kleinke, Biszick marry

Terri Ann Kleinke, daughter of Paul and Ann Kleinke of Glenmont, and John Hans Biszick, son of John and Magda Biszick of Poughkeepsie, were married Oct. 2.

The Rev. Warren Winterhoff performed the ceremony in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A reception followed at Scholz's Hofbrau in East Berne.

The matron of honor was Deborah Kitchen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Helen Havill and Caitlyn Ryan, niece of the groom. Raeann Kitchen, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

The best man was Robert Cornell. Ushers were Robert Havill, Michael Ryan, brother-in-law of the groom, and Jeffrey Kitchen, brother-in-law of the bride. The ring bearer was Michael Ryan, nephew of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She is employed by Rose & Kiernan in Albany.

The groom is employed by Fleet Bank of New York in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple lives in Glenmont.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

Youth group members make new friends

The entries below were written by members of the St. Thomas Youth Group. The group, which began three years ago, has approximately 65 members between the ages of 15 and 18. Theresa Borchetta, youth minister, is the leader of the organization.

The youth group for me is like another family. At this stage in my life with all the complications of growing up, there are many things that I can't talk to my parents about, things they can't understand. These things, I can bring to the kids and so-called "adults" in the youth group. These "adults" are even bigger kids than the rest of us. They are like brothers and sisters to all of us. The group provides love and support outside of my home.

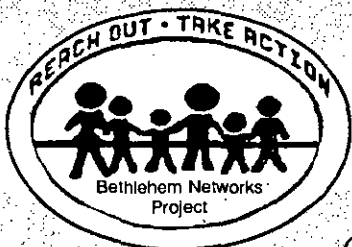
Matthew Nuttall
Youth group leader

I joined the youth group a year and a half ago. Then I would have never thought this would be as important as it is to me. I was apprehensive going into my first retreat, but I came out with lots of new friends whom I never would have met otherwise. The youth group means to me a place to be with people who you trust and it is a way to talk about what is going on in your life. Everyone is there to listen and help if you need it.

Karen Recene
Youth group team leader

I became interested in youth group through a friend, and I joined in the fall of my junior year. It's a nice way to have fun and form friendships with people my own age. Youth group is also a group where one can relax and fit in automatically. We've enjoyed many activities, such as retreats, pool parties, football games, Christmas parties, Ben & Jerry nights and more. Youth group is a great way to meet new people.

Siobhan Sheehan
Youth group team leader
Bethlehem Central senior



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Steven Katz and Elin Swanson

Swanson, Katz to wed

Elin Patricia Swanson, daughter of Roger and Patricia Swanson of Slingerlands, and Steven Lawrence Katz, son of Warren and Anita Katz of Hartford, Conn., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cornell University and Boston University Law School. She is

employed by the Boston law firm of Wright & Moehrke.

The future groom is a graduate of Emory University and Boston University Law School. He is employed by the Boston law firm of Cullen & Butters.

The couple plans a March 1994 wedding.



Lynne and James Giordano

Giordano, Barry wed

James Giordano, son of Anthony and Alba Giordano of Delmar, and Lynne Barry, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barry of Fargo, N.D., were married Sept. 5 at Pelican Lake, Minn.

The groom is a graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School and Niagara University. He is vice president of the Chartwell Reinsurance Co. of Stamford, Conn.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Weston, Conn.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Jessica Renee Branstrom, to Jackie and Duane Branstrom, Selkirk, Oct. 15.

Boy, Drew Mitchell Christner, to Erin and Alan Christner, Voorheesville, Oct. 25.

Girl, Amanda Rose Sternklar, to Debbie and Philip Sternklar, Delmar, Oct. 27.

Girl, Rachel Kathleen Frueh, to Melanie and Christopher Frueh, Selkirk, Oct. 28.

Boy, Robert Frederick Calhoun IV, to Tina and Robert Calhoun, Glenmont, Oct. 29.

Girl, Rebecca Susan Lang, to Jane and John Lang, Delmar, Oct. 30.

Girl, Brooke Sarah Edelman, to Beryl and Dr. Mark Edelman, Slingerlands, Nov. 1.

Boy, Ian Arthur Anderson, to Susan and Eric Anderson, Delmar, Nov. 5.

Boy, Arthur K. Avery Jr., to Laura and Arthur Avery, Delmar, Nov. 5.

Local students chosen for citizenship awards

Two local students have been named to receive the Tawasentha Chapter DAR Good Citizen Awards for 1993-94.

Cori Cunningham of Delmar, a student at Bethlehem Central High School, and Patricia Tracy of Voorheesville, a student at Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, were chosen on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The winners will receive pins, certificates, and \$50 cash awards.

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Paul and Diane Miller

Stephens, Miller marry

Diane Stephens, daughter of Phil and Elaine Stephens of Delmar, and Paul T. Miller Jr., son of Paul and Marion Miller of Delmar, were married Sept. 4.

Dr. Donald Paine performed the ceremony at Pineview Community Church, with a reception following at the Crossgates Banquet House, both in Albany.

The maid of honor was Beth Murphy, and bridesmaids were Lisa Los, sister of the bride, Shelley Bengel and Charlotte Senecal.

The best man was James Cofer,

and ushers were Mike Mullaney and Bill Miller and Charles Miller, brothers of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Ball State University. She is employed as a senior information analyst for Key Services Corp in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Houghton College. He is employed as a laboratory administrator by the Norton Co. in Watervliet.

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

Community Corner



Fire department plans Saturday Christmas party

The North Bethlehem Fire Department on Russell Road will host a Christmas party for children ages 10 years and younger on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The festivities will include a visit from Santa Claus.

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Obituaries



Ann W. Gridley

Ann W. Gridley of Slingerlands died Monday, Dec. 13, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in New York City, she graduated from Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, in 1951, and from Vassar College in 1955.

She served on the board of Parsons Child and Family Center and was a volunteer for St. Peter's Hospice in Albany and for the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include her husband, Henry M. Gridley; a daughter, Ann G. May of New York City; two sons, Leveritt S. Gridley of LaJolla Calif., and John M. Gridley of McConnellsville, Ohio; a sister, Joan Cox of Easton, Md.; and a grandson.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. from Tebbutt Funeral Home on 633 Central Ave. in Albany. Burial will be private.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Peter's Hospice or the cancer care unit at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Josephine Graziano

Josephine DeFlorio Graziano, 83, a longtime resident of Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 6, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Italy, she lived in Delmar for many years. She was a communicant of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Albany and a former communicant of the

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Mrs. Graziano was the widow of Anthony Graziano.

Survivors include a son, Ralph Graziano of Guilderland; a daughter, Joan Horan of Delmar; three sisters, Angeline DeFlorio, Philomena Russo and Anna DeFlorio, all of Albany; and three grandchildren.

Services were from St. Catherine of Siena Church. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Arrangements were by the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany 12208.

Cecilia Myrick

Cecilia Theresa Bendock Myrick of Unionville died Friday, Dec. 3, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Mrs. Myrick was a member of Our Lady of Angels Church in Albany for more than 40 years, and was a charter member of the Catholic Nurses Association of Albany. She also was a former member of the Ravena-Coeymans Yacht Club.

She formerly was head nurse of the gynecology floor at the Albany Medical Center Hospital, before retiring in 1972.

She was also a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, George C. Myrick; a sister, Anne Boyer of Conklin, Broome County; and a brother, Joseph Bendock of Laceyville, Pa.

Services were private. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Clarksville, St. Peter's Hospice of Albany or the building fund of Our Lady of Angels Church, Albany.

Frances A. Ott

Frances A. Pabis Ott, 81, of Troubadour Farm on Route 9W in Selkirk, died Thursday, Dec. 9, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Amsterdam, she was a longtime Albany resident before moving to Selkirk. Mrs. Ott was a homemaker. She was a communicant of St. Casimir's Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Charles E. Ott.

Survivors include two sons, Richard T. Ott of East Greenbush and Edward Ott of Delmar; a

brother, Stanley Pabis of Fort Myers, Fla.; three sisters, Josephine Strozik of Syracuse, Phyllis Burton of Rensselaer and Clara Czwakiel of Albany; nine grandchildren; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany and St. Casimir's Church. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Casimir's Church Restoration Fund.

Dr. E.G. Weisenburn

Dr. Elwood George Weisenburn, 76, of Athens and a Bethlehem native, died Thursday, Dec. 9, at his home.

Born in Bethlehem, he attended schools there and at the former Ravena High School. He was a graduate of Union College and Albany Medical College. He did his internship at Highland Hospital in Rochester, and was a charter fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Weisenburn was employed by the Coxsackie-Athens Board of Education as a school physician and by the state Department of Correctional Services as a physician at the Coxsackie Correctional Facility.

He was a member of the American Medical Association until he retired in 1987. He was a diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners, and was a member of the New York and Greene County medical societies.

Dr. Weisenburn was a lifelong member of the United Methodist churches in both South Bethlehem and Coxsackie. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Coxsackie and the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Mull Weisenburn; a son, Bradford Weisenburn of Willow Spring, N.C.; a daughter, Lorraine Peck of Ballston Lake; a brother, Gerald Weisenburn; three sisters, Sylvia Griffin, Lillian Countryman and Grace Cable; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were private. Arrangements were by the Richards Funeral Home, Athens.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 4 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, Coxsackie.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the United Methodist Church, Coxsackie.

Arthur McDowell

Arthur C. McDowell, 79, of Oakwood Place, Delmar, died Thursday, Dec. 10, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he had lived in Delmar for many years. He was a graduate of Hobart College in Geneva and later received an engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

Mr. McDowell was a structural steel engineer for several area firms. He retired in 1981 from Albany Steel in Menands.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany, and was a former vestryman and warden of the church. He was a member of Hobart College Alumni Association, the Albany Society of Engineers, the Tri-City Yacht Club, the University Club and the Albany Oratorio Society.

Hewas a member of the Mohawk-Hudson Power Squadron and editor of its publication, Scuttlebutt, for many years. He was a charter member of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Steamship Society of America and a member of the Maritime Museum in Kingston.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth M. Pugliese McDowell; a son, Walter S. McDowell of Maitland, Fla.; a brother, Thomas McDowell of Delmar; a sister, Ethel Eckel of Delmar; and two grandchildren. Services were from St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Music Fund at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

James Dooley

James T. Dooley, Sr. 67, of Long Lane in Selkirk died Thursday, Dec. 9, at his son's home in Westerlo.

Born in Albany, he had been a lifelong area resident. For 20 years, he had been employed as a mechanic for Colonie Liquor Distributors until his retirement in 1986. Prior to that, he had been employed as a mechanic at Gateway Motors for 17 years.

He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was husband of the late Joyce A. Dunican Dooley.

Survivors include four sons, James T. Dooley, Jr., Steven C. Dooley, and David P. Dooley, all of Slingerlands and Thomas S. Dooley of Westerlo; a sister, Beverly DiMura of Albany; a brother, Raymond Dooley; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

□ Fernbank

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Moreover, data collected by the committee does not justify the neighbors' claims that speeding was a problem on that street. A town resident, Heer said he sympathized with the neighbors, but thought their approach was not correct.

Orville Poland, a 20-year resident of Fairway Avenue, said the new signs would likely increase traffic on his street, which intersects Fernbank, because people would be looking for alternative routes to shorten their commuting time.

Bernard Harvith, a Fernbank Avenue resident who walks his dog every day, brought some levity to the evening when he quipped that he might someday be listed in the paper as the first person to be knocked on his derriere by a speeding vehicle while complying with the pooper scooper law.

Supervisor Kenneth Ringler said that the impassioned appeals from neighbors proved that public hearings did serve a purpose. Despite his deep reservations about the value of stop signs in solving traffic problems, he said he would go along with the neighbors and vote for installation of the new signs on Fernbank.

The value of the new signs in reducing traffic problems along Fernbank will be evaluated by the Traffic Safety Committee in one year's time. If they haven't proven their worth, the local law establishing them may be rescinded.

"For the next few weeks anyway, until people get used to the new signs, we're urging everyone to exercise caution," said Fernbank Avenue spokesman Ed Rosen. Needless to say, "driving conditions at this time of year are the worst."

Deputies arrest two men for DWI

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol arrested two men recently for driving while intoxicated.

Richard Lizzie, 33, of 824 River St., Troy, was arrested and charged with DWI after leaving the scene of a personal injury accident on Route 85 in Bethlehem Dec. 2 at 7:24 p.m., police said.

Andrew Csiza, 22 of 4 Sky Terrace, Voorheesville, was charged with DWI after he was stopped for failure to keep right on Route 85A in Voorheesville Dec. 5 at 3 a.m., police said.

Fire department sets Saturday kids party

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Area rinks offer lessons for aspiring ice skaters

By Eric Bryant

They always make it look so easy on television — Dorothy Hamill does a triple toe loop or Scott Hamilton flows into a double Solchow.

Ice skating appears effortless in the hands of professional practitioners, but for anyone who's ever gotten up on a pair of blades, those first tentative steps are anything but graceful.

You lurch for the side rail and curse tiny tots who whiz by with ease. You stumble along with a partner who asks one too many times, "Didn't you learn to skate when you were younger?"

Well, as a matter of fact, no, I didn't. Painful memories still linger somewhere in the recesses of my mind: a Cub Scout trip in which I stand at the corner of an icy pond, unsteadily balancing myself with a hockey stick; invitations to winter parties not taken.

But now there's hope for us skating-disadvantaged adults and even youngsters as yet unsullied by the stigma. Beginner lessons for all age groups are offered at several rinks in the Capital District throughout the fall and winter. For a fee, you get the basics from the ice up and a chance to quash some future painful childhood memories.

Here's a list of some facilities which offer lessons:

Swinburne Park: The local YMCA sponsors seven-week group skating lessons at Swinburne Park in Albany. The lessons are given weekly and will start up again in mid-January.

Classes are broken down into three age groups, and the cost is \$55. For those skaters who are a little more advanced, freestyle and ice dancing classes are also available. The cost is \$65.

"We've seen an increase in the number of adults in our classes this year," said Jodi Ten Eyck, who teaches private lessons and helps coordinate the program at Swinburne. Ten Eyck said she's even seen a few senior citizens out for lessons.

The park is located near the juncture of North Manning Boulevard, Clinton and Central avenues.

For information, call the YMCA at 449-7196.

This season, the Swinburne Park rink will remain open until March 27. Rink hours are from 3 to 9:30 p.m. weekdays and on Sunday and from 3 to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Cost for skating is \$1 for adults; 50

cents for those under 18; and 25 cents for senior citizens. A free seniors-only session is held Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Skate rental is \$2.

Frear Park/Knickerbacker Recreational Complex: The city of Troy will sponsor skating lessons at two separate facilities this winter — at the Frear Park rink and the Knickerbacker Recreational Complex in Lansingburgh. Lessons are coordinated through the Randall School of Skating, which specializes in teaching 2 to 6-year-olds how to skate, according to owner Beth Randall.

The school currently has a 15-week learn-to-skate program at the Knickerbacker Complex. A two-for-one deal is available — \$90 for two people. Private lessons for children and adults are also offered at both rinks and at their studio rink on Oakwood Avenue. Cost for private lessons are between \$20 and \$46.

Admission for open skating at both
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Instructor Jodi Ten Eyck, left, gives David Mark a hand during a skating lesson in Swinburne Park recently, while Nicole Cruz, above, takes a few tentative steps.

Elaine McLain

Open mike nights highlight local literary talent

By Mel Hyman

Poetry, anyone? Pick any night of the week and probably somewhere in the area you'll find a performance in progress.

For the first time in recent memory, the Capital District is literally teeming with open mikes and featured-speaker poetry readings. Now, budding writers, literary giants or anyone who enjoys listening to the spoken word can wallow in it.

It's appropriate to start with downtown Albany, since the blossoming poetry scene really started several years back with readings at the former

Half Moon Cafe on Madison Avenue.

Margarita's on Lark Street features open mike readings on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 p.m. Joe Hollander, Steve Clarke and R.M. Englehardt are hosts.

The Eighth Step Coffeehouse on Willett Street has an open mike every Wednesday at 8 p.m. that mostly attracts musicians, but poets often show up and are welcome to do their thing.

On the last Monday of every month, starting at 7:30 p.m., the "mother" of all readings, the QE2 open mike, is hosted by performance poet/political activist Tom Nattell. This month's open mike has been rescheduled at the

Frobel Gallery on Lark Street in Albany as part of First Night festivities.

Where other open mikes have "come and gone," Nattell said, the QE2 mike has withstood the winds of change and remains a highly popular venue.

The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza will feature poets every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in January and February. Albany poet Linda Boulette is coordinating this series.

But the real poetry hot spot right now is Borders Books & Music, and judging by the generous literary offerings they have on tap, it's easy to see why.

Voorheesville's "Every Other Thursday Night" poets group plans to hold court in the Borders Espresso Bar at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, and again in January.

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Carolyn Scrygley reads her poems.

AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 15**

**ALBANY COUNTY
NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH
BELL ANNIVERSARY**

40th anniversary celebration, Well of the Legislative Office Building, Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 434-0439.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP
GROUP**

sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Capital District Chapter, 7 p.m. For location, call 427-0421.

**SENIOR CITIZENS HOLIDAY
SHOPPE**

crafts for sale made by people over 60, South Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 474-5987.

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE

Colonie Lodge of Elks BPOE 2192, Elks Lane, Latham, 8 to 10:30 p.m. Cost, \$3. Information, 785-9477.

**ELECTION REFORM
CONFERENCE**

"Revamping the Election Process: Toward a New Spirit of Reform," speaker, Attorney General Robert Abrams, Dean Alexander Moot Court Room, Albany Law School, 80 New Scotland Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 445-2329.

WALK-IN VISIT

through Dec. 18, showcasing new wallpaper and upholstery, Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, 32 Catherine St., Albany, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 434-0834.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

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

**RENSSELAER COUNTY
FREE COMPUTER LITERACY
COURSE**

and Dec. 16, sponsored by Club 55-Plus Job Center on Wheels, Wal-Mart, Rensselaer County Plaza, Routes 4 and 43, Rensselaer, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 459-5622.

SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

"Beyond Survival to World Class Competitor," Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Eighth Street, Troy, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 487-6217.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

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 16**

ALBANY COUNTY

BREAKFAST SEMINAR

"Taxes," sponsored by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, Albany Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 a.m. Cost, \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. For information, 456-6611.

REAL ESTATE SEMINAR

through Dec. 17, "Understanding Real Estate Appraisals," sponsored by the Office of Executive Development Programs of the School of Business, State University of New York at Albany, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 442-3932.

FARMERS' MARKET

corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIOR CHORALE

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

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT
GROUP**

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 17**

ALBANY COUNTY

**B'NAI SHOLOM REFORM
CONGREGATION**

Shabbat Evening Service, Mickey Graper, soloist, Oneg Shabbat, Diane Feit, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Robert L. Weinger Memorial Post No. 8692, Old Karner Road, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 869-5118.

"ROSE DAY"

sale to benefit the Arthritis Foundation, Northeastern New York Chapter, Colonie Center, Center Court, First Level, Wolf Road, Albany, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost, \$15 per dozen. Information, 456-1203.

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.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**SCHENECTADY SATELLITE
DROP-IN SOCIAL GROUP**

sponsored by Capital District Mothers' Center, Stanford United Methodist Church, 1569 State St., Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 456-1064.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 18**

ALBANY COUNTY

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING

Albany Urban Cultural Park Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

"KID PIX" MOVIE

"Aladdin," New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cot, \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Information, 474-5877.

"ROSE DAY"

sale to benefit the Arthritis Foundation, Northeastern New York Chapter, Colonie Center, Center Court, First Level, Wolf Road, Albany, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost, \$15 per dozen. Information, 456-1203.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 19**

ALBANY COUNTY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Robert L. Weinger Memorial Post No. 8692, Old Karner Road, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 869-5118.

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

SARATOGA COUNTY

POSADA

Hispanic Pre-Christmas Celebration, sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Institute, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire Department Community Room, Fire Road, Clifton Park, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 664-3878.

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 20**

ALBANY COUNTY

**CROHN'S AND COLITIS
FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**

support group and holiday party, Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 283-5491.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Attendance at A Christmas Carol promises break-even run at the Palace

As the new production of *A Christmas Carol* reaches the mid-point of a 28-performance run, attendance so far has indicated that this new venture will at least break even, something that will herald a success for the producers.

Individual weekend performances have reached the 2,000 figure in the more than 3,000-seat house.

The production certainly merits attendance as it is a sparkling and creative adaptation of the Charles Dickens' classic. The set design by Desmond Healey is breathtaking, especially the iced design on the main curtain. It is a three-dimensional inventive effect which provides a wintry atmosphere as a prelude for the play.



Martin P. Kelly

Frank Hauser's adaptation of the 1843 novel serves the story well. Action moves briskly under Hauser's direction with an excellent cast working in finely-tuned ensemble.

Viewing the play a week after it opened, as I did, permits you to see the company in full command of the material. While reviews of the opening performance were almost universal in finding film and TV actor Wilford Brimley less than satisfactory in the role of Scrooge, there is evidence a week later that he has grown in the role.

He is still giving an intelligent reading rather than a full blown performance but in his final scene in which Scrooge recants his miserly ways, he shows evidence of the potential within the actor and the role. Here he adopts the more expansive performing mode of the rest of the cast and abandons the naturalist style. Brimley has won reknown for a naturalistic style of acting that is not always consistent with the 19th century tone of the play. Where the rest of cast caress the vowels, Brimley hammers the consonants.

The supporting company features some fine performances including a wonderfully comic characterization by Don Perkins. He plays the effervescent Fezziwig who hosts a Christmas Eve party and will have no nonsense about "humbug" from Scrooge. Perkins is aided in a sprightly dance scene by Vikki True as a oversized and giddy Mrs. Fezziwig.

In other performances, Terry Rabine is delightful as the self-assured nephew of Scrooge who won't be deterred from his own enjoyment of life despite his uncle's disapproval. Richard Jay Sullivan and Amanda Raines are engaging in poignant scenes involving the young Scrooge and the girl he jilted because of a business venture.

While not as downtrodden as one expects of Scrooge's put-upon clerk, Bob Cratchit, actor John Allen provides the dutiful and loyal husband and father of a poor brood that includes Tiny Tim, played by Erin Probst.

Hopefully, this production heralds the start of an annual tradition in Albany.

A Christmas Carol runs through December 26. Tickets and reservations are available at 465-4663.

**Masque Theatre in Troy presents
Yuletide medieval pageant**

A return to medieval pagentry for Christmas has been made by the Masque Players of Troy in the troupe's presentation of *A Medieval Masque For Yuletide*.

This work, created from the type of masked balls that were held at Christmas during the Middle Ages, blends farcical comedy with morality sequences that borrows from the morality plays of the period.

Created by Steve Boaden, artistic director of the Masque Theater, and members of his company, the play is based on an outline which was originally entitled *A Battle for the Lord Mayor's Soul*.

Improvisations by the company from this outline developed the finished script which comprises the work now being presented.

A Medieval Masque for Yuletide plays Friday (December 17) and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Maureen Stapleton Theater on the Hudson Valley Community College campus in Troy. Reservations: 459-4961.

Around Theaters!

Heidi, through December 22 by the NYS Theatre Institute at Russell Sage College (274-3256)

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15

BETHLEHEM

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
at Slingerlands Elementary
School, 25 Union Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4905.

BINGO
Blanchard American Legion
Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-9819.

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

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist,
555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-2512.

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.

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

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.

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

ADVENT SERVICE
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4328.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 4 p.m.
Information, 765-2791.

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

**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.

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16

BETHLEHEM

HOLIDAY CONCERT
at Bethlehem Central Middle
School, 332 Kenwood Ave., 7:30
p.m. Information, 439-7460.

**HOLIDAY BUSINESS
AFTERHOURS**
Bethlehem Chamber of
Commerce mixer, hosted by
The Village Furniture Co., Main
Square Shoppes, Delaware
Avenue, 5 to 7 p.m. Information,
439-0512.

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.

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

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

**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.

**AMERICAN LEGION
LUNCHEON**
for members, guests and
membership applicants,
Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive,
noon.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community
Church, 1499 New Scotland
Road, noon, and Delmar
Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Information, 489-6779.

LA LECHE LEAGUE
breastfeeding support group,
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5254.

NEW SCOTLAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

at Voorheesville Elementary
School, Route 85A, 7:30 p.m.

POETRY READING
by members of Voorheesville
Public Library's Writers' Group,
Borders-Books, 59 Wolf Road,
Colonie, 7 p.m. Information,
765-2791.

**NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS
CLUB**
New Scotland Presbyterian
Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 17

**BETHLEHEM
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
GROUP**
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., Delmar, 6:30 p.m.
Information, 457-4427.

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels, St. Stephen's Church,
Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information,
462-4504.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARTY
for members and guests, at the
Voorheesville American Legion
Post, Voorheesville Avenue,
cash bar at 6:30 p.m. and
dinner at 7:30 p.m.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 1:30 p.m.
Information, 765-2791.

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

BETHLEHEM

**CHRISTMAS DANCE AND
PARTY**
sponsored by Tri-Village
Squares, First United Methodist
Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8
p.m. Information, 439-4875.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
for children 10 and under, at
the Selkirk Fire Co. #3, Bridge
Street, South Bethlehem, 6 p.m.
Information, 767-3077.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY
GROUP**
excavation and laboratory
experience for volunteers,
archaeology lab, Route 32
South. Information, 439-6391.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
live nativity, 6:30 p.m., holy day
and holiday concert, 7:30 p.m.,
85 Elm Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-4328.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

BETHLEHEM

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

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST**
Sunday school and worship
service, 10 a.m., child care
provided, 555 Delaware Ave.
Information, 439-2512.

**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.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
worship service and church
school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour,
nursery care provided, 1499
New Scotland Road.
Information, 439-1766.

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

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 11 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour,
Willowbrook Avenue,
Information, 767-9953.

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

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

**GLENMONT REFORMED
CHURCH**
Sunday school and worship
service, 11 a.m., nursery care
provided, 1 Chapel Lane.
Information, 436-7710.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE**
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and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30
a.m. and noon, 35 Adams
Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W,
Glenmont.

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

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
worship service at 8 a.m. and
10:30 a.m., Sunday school and
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at 4:30 p.m., live nativity at 6:30
p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information,
439-4328.

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Auberge Suisse Restaurant,
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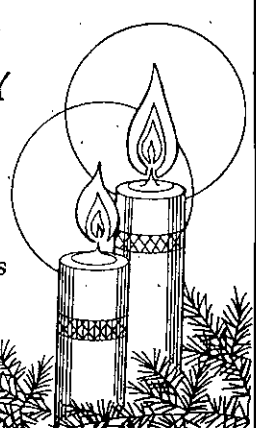
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 Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
 Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH
 worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
 Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
 worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
 worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

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 worship service, 9:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of the following materials for the Department of Public Works, Town of Bethlehem, for the year 1994:

Curb Boxes, Tapping Sleeve, Tapping Valve, Copper Tubing - Type K Soft, Rockwell or Equal Water Meters, Eddy Fire Hydrants, Valves, Valve Boxes, Ductile Iron Pipe, Pipe Fittings, Pipe Repair Sleeves, Pipe Repair Clamps, Bell Joint Repair Clamps, Corp Stops, Curb Stops.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on materials, December 27, 1993 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 Kathleen A. Newkirk
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: December 8, 1993
 (December 15, 1993)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of the following chemicals for the Department of Public Works, Town of Bethlehem, for the year 1994:

Commercial Sulfate of Alumina, Calgon TG-10 or Equal, Ortho/Polyphosphate Calgon C-4 or Equal, Liquid Chlorine (30,000 lbs.), Liquid Chlorine (60,000 lbs.), Copper Sulfate, Activated Carbon.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Fuel Oil for the use of said Town, including

LEGAL NOTICE

Water District No. 1, during the year 1994, as and when needed:

Bids will be received up to 2:20 p.m. on the 28th day of December, 1993 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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 Dated: December 8, 1993
 (December 15, 1993)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of 1994 mid-size sedan passenger cars as required by various departments within the Town of Bethlehem, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on the 28th day of December, 1993 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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 Dated: December 8, 1993
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the use of said Town for the year 1994.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of December, 1993 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Del-

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 Kathleen A. Newkirk
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: December 8, 1993
 (December 15, 1993)

At a regular meeting of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Slingerlands, New York, in said Town, on the 13th day of December, 1993 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:
 HERBERT W. REILLY, JR., Supervisor; CRAIG SHUFELT, Councilman; PETER W. VAN ZETTEN, Councilman; RICHARD DECKER, Councilman

In the matter of

Proposed Extension No. 1 of Font Grove Water District.

ORDER CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, A Petition for Proposed Extension No. 1 of the Font Grove Water District was duly filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of New Scotland in November of 1993; and

WHEREAS, said petition requests that said district be extended in order to service several homes on Font Grove Road in the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the petition appeared to be duly signed by the majority of the landowners in said proposed district and by the majority of the assessed valuation in said proposed district; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of said district are attached to the petition and include a total of 11 lot owners on Font Grove Road and said map and description is filed with the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be expended is estimated to be \$60,000, which will be paid for by the residents of said district and shall not cost the Town residents outside of said proposed extension any monies whatsoever;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland shall be held at the Town Hall on December 27, 1993, on Route 85, New Scotland, New York, at 7:00 P.M. to consider the petition for the Proposed Extension No. 1 of the Font Grove Water District; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **SECTION 2.** That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this Order to be published once in the official newspaper of the Town, and a copy thereof to be posted on the signboard of said Town maintained pursuant to Subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, both publication and posting shall be made not less than ten (10) and not more than twenty (20) days before the date set herein for the public hearing.

SECTION 3. This order shall take effect immediately. The Order was duly adopted by the vote of the Town Board.
 (December 15, 1993)

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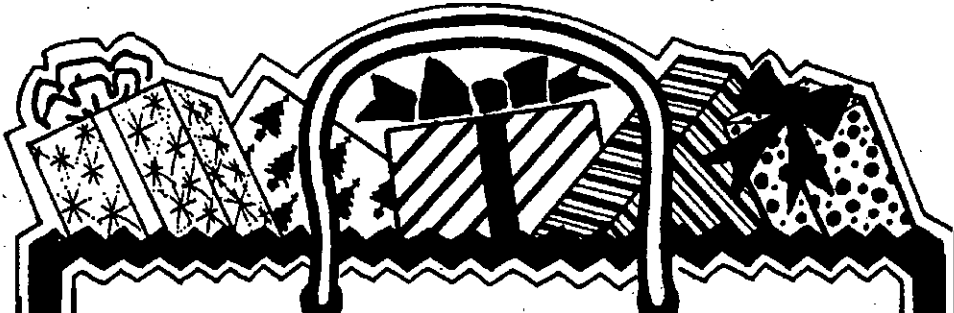
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