

Police: Delmar death was from natural causes

Bethlehem police responded Wednesday, Feb. 10, to what has been determined to be the scene of a death by natural causes at 22 Hunter Road in Delmar.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Thomas Heffernan said officers do not suspect foul play, but since the person lived there alone it took detectives longer than usual to perform the steps involved in an unattended death investigation. A patrol car was stationed outside the house the next day and the house remained cordoned off by police tape.

"The person died of natural causes ... there was nothing suspicious," Heffernan said.

A patrol car was stationed outside, and the house remained cordoned off by police



Bethlehem police and other emergency responders investigate the scene of a death by natural causes at 22 Hunter Road in Delmar on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

tape the next day while police completed their investigation.

Police declined to release information on the person's identity until

the investigation has been formally completed.

- Charles Wiff

Police Blotter

Police respond to false complaint at Job Corps

The Bethlehem Police Department and several other agencies responded Thursday, Jan. 28, to a report of a woman being held at gunpoint, but the incident was determined to be a false complaint.

State police dispatchers received a call from a woman on a cell phone reporting that she was being robbed at gunpoint and had a gun held to her head at Job Corps, located at 822 River Road in Glenmont, according to police reports. Officers from the Bethlehem Police Department, SUNY Albany police and state police responded to the scene, where the facility director had been advised to move all students into the auditorium, according to police.

A search of the building did not turn up any weapons or contraband and a head count showed all students accounted for, police said. A fight started when the male students were dismissed from the auditorium, but was broken up by police, according to reports.

No one was forthcoming about the incident, and police said there are no suspects. An investigation is continuing.

G'land woman arrested for criminal mischief

Kimberly Valenti, 20, of 34 Cambridge Ave., was arrested by Guilderland police on Saturday, Feb. 6, for criminal mischief in the third degree, a felony, and leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor. According to police, Valenti drove to the home of a man she was upset with and crashed her vehicle into his vehicle, which was parked in his driveway. Valenti also allegedly keyed the driver's side of the vehicle and left the scene. She turned herself in to police later that day, and was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Other arrests:

• Jason Sammon, 25, of 23 Gardner Terrace, Delmar, was arrested by Guilderland police on Friday, Feb. 5 for DWI. According to police, Sammon drove off the road and struck a mailbox and a traffic marker while traveling northward on Johnston Road. Police responding to the incident observed a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Sammon. Upon failing subsequent sobriety tests with a B.A.C of 0.08 and then 0.09, Sammon was charged with DWI. Sammon will be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Feb. 19.

• Kurt J. Shattuck, 29, of Gansevoort, was arrested by Guilderland police on Friday, Feb. 5 for criminal possession of stolen property, a felony, and possession of burglar tools, a misdemeanor. Police arrested Shattuck after responding to a "check a subject" call for a man looking into a number of vehicles in the parking lot of Crossgates Mall. According to police, upon their arrival they observed Shattuck looking into the window of a car in the lot. Police found Shattuck in possession of a crow bar concealed by his coat, and a stolen Wal-Mart visa money card. Shattuck was arrested, processed, arraigned at Guilderland Town Court, and handed over to the East Greenbush Police Department later that day on an active bench warrant.

• Matthew Bryan Whalen, 17, of 19 James St., Troy, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, Feb. 4 by Guilderland police for grand larceny in the 3rd and 4th degrees, both felonies, and falsifying business records, a misdemeanor. Whalen, a former employee of Best Buy, allegedly issued gift cards to himself without paying for them, and then used them at various Best Buy locations and on the store's Web site. Whalen turned himself in to police after a complaint was issued by the store. He was arraigned at Guilderland Town Court later that day.

• Anderson Dashawn Best, 28, of 3356 Carman Road, Schenectady, was arrested by Guilderland police on Tuesday, Feb. 2, for criminal possession of a weapon, a felony, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. Best, a convicted felon, was arrested for allegedly possessing a loaded Springfield .40 caliber pistol in his apartment. Best was arraigned later that day at Guilderland Town Court.

• Michael Westley Boggs, 21, of 459 West St, Albany, was arrested by Guilderland police on Tuesday, Feb. 9 for criminal contempt in the first degree, a felony, and aggravated harassment in the 2nd degree, a misdemeanor. Boggs turned himself in to police for a complaint issued at an earlier date. He was arraigned at Guilderland Town Court on the same day, and sent to Albany County

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Glenmont shoots for the top

Elementary school's Hoops for the Heart event top fundraiser nationally

By CHARLES WIFF
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Not all students at Glenmont Elementary School went rushing for the buses when the bell rang last week; instead, many booked it to the gymnasium, where almost the entire student body participated in the school's annual Hoops for Heart event.

This was the 12th year Glenmont has held the event, and with a 90 percent student participation rate, it's easy to see why it is one of the most successful schools anywhere in this nationwide fundraiser.

"The kids always look forward to participating in it," said Glenmont Secretary and event organizer Kathi Davey.

"The younger students, they have siblings who have been coming since they were preschoolers."

— Glenmont Secretary and event organizer Kathi Davey

In addition to serving as a fundraiser for the American Heart Association, Hoops for Heart educates kids about their heart and the ways they can keep it healthy. Students rotate between stations where they run, jump and, of course, play basketball.

While Glenmont is not the only Bethlehem Central school to hold the event, it's routinely among the highest earning schools in the under-500 enrollment category. Last year, Glenmont students raised \$15,891, bringing the school's total take over the life of the event to nearly \$240,000, according

to the AHA.

American Heart Association Youth Markets Director Jeff Masline said Glenmont is consistently the top earner in the state based on its enrollment size and is a great example of how Hoops for Heart can be a community event.

"Glenmont Elementary is really the focus that we look to," he said. "The type of event they run is community wide... there are other folks who are instrumental in running it ever year."

Organizers were still tallying this year's donations when *The Spotlight* went to print,



Neal, Scott and Craig Anthony help kindergartners during Glenmont Elementary Hoops for Heart event. The three brothers, now seniors at BC High School, have been participating in the event since it first began 13 years ago.

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but had processed more than \$10,000.

The proceeds go toward furthering heart disease and stroke research in the northeast.

As evidenced by the high participation rate, Hoops for Hearts is always a great success, said gym teacher and event organizer Laurie Nolan. Some students keep

coming back as volunteers once they graduate from Glenmont.

"The younger students, they have siblings who have been coming since they were preschoolers," she said.

The cancellation of after school activities on Wednesday, Feb. 10, temporarily derailed

the event, but that evening's activities for third and fourth graders were rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Thursday's activities went off as planned, however. A dozen teachers played against fifth graders in a round robin tournament that stretched into the evening.

G'land schools hold budget 'conversation'

Those in attendance call for openness and fairness when facing fiscal challenge

By RYAN MUNKS
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Teachers, parents and district residents asked the school board to be open and balanced in their approach to the budget shortfall at the Thursday, Feb. 11, community conversation held by the Guilderland Central School District to address the funding challenges of the 2010-11 school year.

"Public education is faced today with the greatest economic threat of our lifetime," said Superintendent John McGuire in his opening remarks. "We can no longer afford everything to which we have become accustomed."

According to McGuire, the 2010-11 school year budget faces a \$7.6 million shortfall, prompting the district to look at staff and programs to determine

where cuts should be made.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Neil Sanders explained the situation to those in attendance, saying Guilderland's status as a wealthy school district will mean the maximum possible cuts proposed in the governor's budget.

"We received a 21 percent reduction in state aid," said Sanders.

That 21 percent represents the largest chunk of the shortfall, with \$4 million lost from the gap elimination adjustment and a \$2.6 million loss in other state aid. Stimulus funds will help to offset \$1.4 million of the state aid reduction, however, stimulus funding ends after the 2010-11 school year. All of these factors, as well as increases in employer retirement contributions, lead to what Sanders referred to as the "funding cliff," the result of which will be the depletion of the district's reserves and fund balance, staff layoffs and program cuts.

Those at the meeting eventually divided into small groups to hold discussions facilitated by communications specialists from BOCES. The discussions centered on the concerns of the community, what they valued about the school district and what



Approximately 90 to 100 members of the community gathered to discuss the schools budget for the 2010-11 school year. The community called for a balanced and open process in addressing the \$7.6 million shortfall.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

cost-cutting measures they would like to see employed by the district.

Some of the ideas for cost-cutting included the elimination of late bus service, increasing class sizes at the high school level, scaling back full-day kindergarten, cutting back after-school programs and scaling back on non-mandated courses.

Deborah Bush-Suffita, communications manager for Capital Region BOCES, was the first to present the ideas discussed by her group.

"The district needs a long-term fiscal plan considering the situation here in New York state," she said. "There was a lot of agreement that we need more information."

After Bush-Suffita, Jessica Scheckton, of BOCES, reported that her group wanted a balanced approach to making up for the shortfall.

"None of the options were viewed as all or nothing," said Scheckton.

She also said her group viewed a tax increase as a last resort, however, tax increases would be easier for the community to agree to if the district employed the use of cost-control measures.

Scheckton also said her

group agreed the district's fund balance should not be depleted all at once as a "one-shot deal."

Another group, represented by communications specialist Christy Muller, said, "We have to spend less if we are going to tax more."

Finally, Stephen King, also of BOCES, said his group agreed that it would not be wise to use all of the funds in the reserve balance all at once.

"If a program reduction would need to take place, it would need to be a joint effort," he said.

The community budget discussion, the first of its kind to take place among parents and teachers, was generally well-received by

those in attendance.

"I think it went very well, it was the first opportunity to hear facts from the state level and bring them to the community level," said Dana Vachon, a teacher at Lynnwood Elementary School.

Mike Charron, a parent of children in the high school and the middle school, said, "I think there is a lot of desire to work together. There is an undercurrent of really hard choices to make."

Charron said he would have liked more details about the revenues and expenditures of the school district.

"We had a great discussion on how to get the greatest value for the least cost," he said.

School Board President Richard Weisz closed out the conversation with some observations he made about the night.

"We need to communicate more about what we are doing," said Weisz.

He encouraged people to join the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

"In Guilderland, March madness is our budget process," said Weisz.

He ended the discussion with a call for a long-range plan and greater community involvement in the process.

"We need a long-range financial plan, and we need a community more involved with what we are doing," said Weisz. "The dialogue does not end tonight."

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Shop and chop and watch those veggies fly

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Bits of food end up strewn around the kitchen when I cook, especially if I chop vegetables. It seems to happen regardless of whether or not I'm rushing.

My knives are partly to blame. They are not sharp enough. That means I have to apply extra force and suddenly pieces of carrot or zucchini are flying off the cutting board and onto the floor.

My lack of experience is also to blame: Too many years of relying heavily on take-out (pizza, subs, Chinese food) and cooking pasta or the same-old chicken dishes.

It's not like I don't have any cookbooks; I have several. What I don't have are all the ingredients. And sometimes I'm lacking the tools. And usually I don't have the time. Sometimes I'm out of all three.

A recipe sounds great right up until the instructions say: "transfer to a food processor" or "add the goat cheese" or "soak the beans for at least eight hours."

A few weeks ago I was at the supermarket, cookbook in hand, making my fifth or sixth pass around the produce section and thinking to myself: This is an incredibly inefficient way to shop.

Most people make a grocery



list before heading to the store. I did not do this. Instead of a list, I took a cookbook. And before I went into the store, I sat in my car in the parking lot for 10 or 15 minutes and picked out two recipes. Although the only reason I did that much "planning" is because I wanted to hear the end of a short story that was being performed on the radio.

Armed with my cookbook, I grabbed a cart and headed inside. I then proceeded to walk around, flipping back and forth between pages 16 (the dish with lentils) and 94 (red beans with rice) in an effort to gather the ingredients for both recipes.

If I'd made a list before leaving the house, I would have only stopped once at the onions, red peppers and tomatoes because I would have known right away to get enough for both recipes.

If I hadn't wasted so much time circling round and round making multiple stops for the same items then I would not have resorted to traveling to the prepared-foods section to ask a store employee where to find the jalapeno peppers. "That's a

produce item" she said, "There is a peppers section." I was sure she was wrong since I'd already been by the bell peppers at least twice. But when I returned to that aisle, the jalapenos magically appeared.

And though my shopping process was inefficient, I did not get discouraged. Usually I'm in my home without the key ingredients or I'm in the store without the recipe. That day I was in the store with cookbook in hand, passing over the items I knew I had at home (chicken stock, brown rice, thyme, oregano, cumin) and successfully finding the ones I needed.

Last summer I was in a bookstore looking for Ina Garten cookbooks. Up and down the aisles I browsed, but I couldn't find them. I was perplexed because I understood her to be a fairly current sensation.

The books were displayed alphabetically by author's last name, but it took me four passes by the Barefoot Contessa cookbooks before I noticed Ms. Garten's name on the covers. If only my friends hadn't been on a first-name basis with this celebrity ("Ina's recipes always come out great," they raved) I might have found the books a lot sooner.

The first Ina recipe I tried was for individual meat loaves. They came out so tasty that even my daughter, who is not a big meat

eater, liked the dish.

Next I grilled a steak. Normally the grill is my husband's territory. In fact, I needed to have him light it for me. The directions for the steak were fairly simple: Let meat stand at room temperature for 30 minutes (this made me nervous since I never even leave frozen meat to defrost on the counter, but I figured the publisher must have determined this was safe.) The recipe continued: Pat the meat dry. Sprinkle with pepper and kosher salt. Cook for two minutes on each side, then brush with olive oil and cook for three additional minutes. Remove to a plate and cover with foil and let it sit for 15 minutes.

I set the microwave for two minutes and ten seconds then dashed outside to put the steak on the grill. When the timer went off I flipped the steak, ran in and reset the timer.

The next part got a little tricky. When I brushed the meat with oil a great flame rose from the grill and it looked like a giant bonfire. Yet somehow the steak came out a perfect medium rare. The only problem is that I can only cook a single steak at a time and I can only cook it medium rare.

But back to the meat loaf: The recipe instructed me to cook chopped onions over medium-low heat for eight to 10 minutes until translucent. This became somewhat challenging because the recipe also called for adding thyme to the onions. Once I mixed in the green herb the

onions were never going to appear "translucent."

I'm not entirely sure what setting to use for "medium-low" heat. The dial on my oven starts with "low" ends with "high" and contains the numbers one through nine in between. The number five is in the middle. I guess this is "medium" heat. So where is medium-low? Is it number three? Is there a reason I need so many numbers on the dial? What number do I use for "simmer?"

A chicken picatta recipe required the "juice of two lemons." How superior is juice of fresh lemons compared to lemon juice in a bottle found in the back of the fridge? When do your hands stop smelling like "juice of two lemons?"

There's so much to learn about cooking!

The kitchen aromas were fantastic the day I prepared the recipes on pages 16 and 96 of the Rosie Daley cookbook I took to the supermarket (Rosie is Oprah Winfrey's chef!) The red beans and brown rice were tasty, but the beans were not "plump and tender" (The author cautioned that beans soaked overnight are best, but I used her short-cut "boil and simmer for an hour" method.) The vegetable barley stew with lentils was delicious.

And with a bit more practice, perhaps one day I'll be able to chop veggies without having them end up airborne.

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Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 34°	AVERAGE LOW 15°
	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, February 17	60°/1981	-16°/1973
Thursday, February 18	63°/1981	-21°/1973
Friday, February 19	66°/1981	-7°/1878
Saturday, February 20	66°/1930	-16°/1966
Sunday, February 21	65°/1981	-9°/1950
Monday, February 22	68°/1997	-8°/1963
Tuesday, February 23	62°/1984	-16°/1972

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
22.3 inches as of Friday, February 12th
19.8 inches below average

This week in weather

February 18, 1959 Some of the higher elevations of California were in the midst of a five day storm which produced 189 inches of snow, a single storm record for North America at that time.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:49am	5:30pm
Thursday	6:48am	5:31pm
Friday	6:46am	5:32pm
Saturday	6:45am	5:33pm
Sunday	6:43am	5:35pm
Monday	6:42am	5:36pm
Tuesday	6:40am	5:37pm

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Factoid

By the middle of February, cities like Washington, Atlantic City, Philadelphia and Baltimore had already set records for their all-time snowiest seasons following back to back storms.

Ski Report

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Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	6:56am, 7:03pm	1:21am, 1:46pm
Thursday	7:34am, 7:39pm	2:01am, 2:32pm
Friday	8:15am, 8:19pm	2:41am, 3:22pm
Saturday	9:02am, 9:08pm	3:26am, 4:15pm
Sunday	9:56am, 10:07pm	4:16am, 5:12pm
Monday	10:56am, 11:16pm	5:12am, 6:10pm
Tuesday	-----, 12:00pm	6:12am, 7:08pm

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Stormwater still a concern in McKownville

Residents fault nanoscale college, but school officials say 'blame game' needs to stop

By RYAN MUNKS
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The Town of Guilderland, in cooperation with Stuyvesant Plaza and a number of state entities recently worked together to mitigate a flooding problem that frequently occurs on Western Avenue and Fuller Road. However, Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Albany, said that stormwater in McKownville is still an issue.

According to McEneny, residents in the area believe the construction of the University at Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering has disrupted the natural flow of stormwater to the north, and redirected it to the south.

"The flow used to go into Patroon Creek [to the north] and now flows south into Krumkill and then Normanskill," said McEneny.

The result of the diverted flow is the increase in soggy ground and moisture that has an effect on the foundations and basements in homes south of the college.

Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, said the amount of standing water in the area has increased since the building of the nanotech college, which has had



McKownville Improvement Association President Don Reeb points to the soggy, dune-like ground created by storm water flooding in the woods behind Freedom Quad.

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major additions since 2004. He said the pond behind Freedom Quad has grown since the construction commenced on the new college.

"Years ago, if you couldn't jump over it, you could certainly almost jump over it," said Reeb.

The university has said there is no connection between construction of the college and the flooding.

"I'm surprised that this blame game is continuing since the issue was dealt with a year ago," said Stephen Janack, vice president for marketing and communications for the college.

Janack said that a year ago, geological experts determined that the flooding in McKownville is tied to an increase in the water table due to

abnormally heavy rainfall over the course of the past few years. He said the experts determined that flooding in McKownville would have occurred even if the construction of the college had not taken place.

"To tie the flooding situation to anything occurring at the college is simply inaccurate," said Janack. "It's time to stop the blame game and focus on identifying and implementing a solution. We're in this together, and we would like to find a solution together."

McEneny said that the only thing that has changed in the area since the flooding started was the construction of the college.

"I'd like to see the responsibility assigned to someone," he said.

"Somebody has to make a ruling. ... They didn't have flooded basements before [the construction], and they didn't have soggy ground."

McKownville resident Laura Plant described a situation in July 2009 in which the stormwater caused a cave-in of the wall in her basement.

"That year, we had a really heavy rainstorm. ... I heard a sound late at night, and I didn't think much of it," said Plant.

She said it wasn't until her husband returned home from work that the damage was discovered.

"Water was pouring in like a river ... the whole underground wall caved in," said Plant.

Since the dirt that entered the home clogged up Plant's sump pumps, they were unable to

pump the water out of the basement.

Following the incident, town authorities ruled the home unsafe to live in and the Red Cross put the family up in a hotel for four days, until they were able to find other accommodations. The family was able to move back into the home 10 days after the collapse, after support beams were added to support the home in lieu of the missing wall.

While the Plant family's situation is an extreme example of damage from

stormwater, flooding and the sump pumps used to prevent flooding in basements have become commonplace in the McKownville area.

The community will discuss stormwater issues at the next meeting of the McKownville Improvement Association on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Western Avenue. Representatives from the Albany County Storm Water Coalition will give a presentation on issues concerning the Krumkill watershed area.

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Keep your eyes open

They're everywhere, you know.

Lurking behind microphone stands, scribbling letters in the darkness of night.

And those are just the ones you notice. Sometimes they're the guy bagging your groceries or — God forbid — the woman helping your kids cross the street to school every morning.

We're talking about, of course, those nefarious Political Operatives.

It's a phrase we here a lot at *The Spotlight*. A reporter may be leaving a Town Board meeting and be told by someone that everyone who spoke at the meeting was a Political Operative of one politician or another. We receive calls about some of our letters to the editor telling us that their writers are merely Political Operatives.

So what constitutes a Political Operative? Is it someone who speaks out on a political issue? We thought those people fell into the Concerned Citizen category. Is there a moment when a person transcends Concerned Citizen to being a Political Operative?

Some might say the difference between the two is the operative has a vested personal interest in the politics of a town, maybe because of an undue influence on the part of certain politicians.

If that's the case, then why aren't there more Political Operatives? Everyone, whether they like it or not, has, or should have, a vested personal interest in the workings of the government that impacts their lives. And as for influence — influence is what gets politicians elected and, in a democracy, it is influence as much as it is hard work that gets things accomplished.

So again we ask, what separates the Concerned Citizen from the Political Operative? More than likely it depends on who is making the accusation. We at *The Spotlight* suspect that when someone's outspoken opinion falls in line with another's, he or she is the Concerned Citizen. When it does not, that same person must be the dreaded Political Operative.

And what about us, the local newspaper? Are we Political Operatives as well? We're sure some would say we're the worst offenders, but we hope that most of our readers understand that we broker in the truth, and the truth doesn't care much if you agree with it or not.

So, again, where are the Political Operatives?

They are everywhere. And bear in mind, that if you cared enough about local politics to read this editorial, you are one too.

Editorial

Making inroads to innovation

By JEFF ROTHENBERG

The author is the Managing Partner of Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C. and the chairman of the Center for Economic Growth's Technology Council Building an Innovation Ecosystem

The Center for Economic Growth held its 2009 annual meeting at the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. We were honored to have RPI President Shirley Ann Jackson deliver the meeting's keynote address. Jackson highlighted the core principles in New York's and Tech Valley's economic development strategy, known as the "5 I's" — Infrastructure, Intellectual Capital, International Efforts, Investment Strategies, and Innovation. Her comments focused on the fifth "I" — innovation in creating an economic future — a process she calls "building a self-sustaining innovation ecosystem."

According to Jackson, four elements are necessary to assemble a self-sustaining innovation ecosystem. These elements include: strategic focus, idea generation, translational pathways and capital (financial, infrastructural and human).

Jackson stresses that it is at the points of intersection between these elements where promising ideas may be lost if the interplay between them is insufficient or counterproductive. To prevent this from happening may require new approaches and new policies.

Our overall regional strategic focus, the first element, should include two of the most urgent national challenges: health care, and energy and environmental sustainability. In order to create real change we need transformational technologies in both, and with these come abundant economic opportunities. We have recently seen a local advance in the field of energy with General Electric's plan to build a new state-of-the-art manufacturing plant that will

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produce high energy density, sodium-based chemistry batteries.

Idea generation, the second element, has been stymied across multiple sectors as government and corporations focus on shorter-term, safe bets.

"This hardly makes sense in a world — and an economy — that needs illuminating ideas, dramatic discoveries, and transformational technologies," states Jackson.

Tech Valley's universities and colleges play a critical role in the development of the innovation ecosystem by educating bright, motivated students whose curiosity and energy may foster technological discoveries for decades to come.

The third element, establishment of translational pathways, allows idea generation to be applied in commerce and society. For example, the Bayh-Dole Act gave universities ownership over their federally funded research results, thus allowing universities to share their storehouses of knowledge while protecting their intellectual property rights, resulting in the creation of thousands of new enterprises. Translational pathways include such modalities as the business incubator and the internet. Placing Tech Valley at the forefront of such approaches, RPI opened one of the first university-based incubators in 1980.

Capital is the final element in creating a successful innovation ecosystem. Financial capital, especially seed capital, is critical at this juncture, as is a new financial model for more early-stage government support for potentially transformative technologies.

We are fortunate in Tech Valley that we have the foundational physical capital, or infrastructure, for innovation. Our institutions of higher learning offer critical resources such as computational power, instrumentation, robotics, clean rooms and fabrication facilities and more. But we cannot depend

on our universities alone. We must develop infrastructure that can be shared by nascent industries. The Rensselaer Computational Center for Nanotechnology Innovations, CCNI, offers a model. CCNI, a joint venture of IBM, New York State and RPI, hosts one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world and assists companies of all sizes to conduct research, model products and processes, and to tap the experience of RPI's faculty.

Human capital is also a critical factor — in order to create and sustain an innovation ecosystem, we need technologically trained professionals, scientists, mathematicians and engineers — yet we are failing to produce these specialists. Jackson calls this gap the "quiet crisis," which has the potential to scuttle the efforts being made unless it is addressed. To avoid such a catastrophe, it is imperative that academic institutions collaborate regionally to offer programs consistent with their existing pathways and missions while endeavoring to meet the needs of burgeoning industries, such as the TEC-SMART program at Hudson Valley Community College. Collaborative improvement in the teaching of the sciences, mathematics and technology, and contribution to a comprehensive education effort for technology workforce development and deployment, will guide our path and prepare Tech Valley's next generation to compete in the global economy.

Both RPI and CEG are working to build a system in which educational institutions and new and existing business enterprises can blossom and flourish. CEG plays a critical role in this transformation of our region through its three-pronged mission to grow local companies, attract opportunities for local investment and expansion, and prepare local communities for growth and enhanced quality of life. These efforts are a foundational piece of our own self-sustaining innovation ecosystem — our future. CEG is proud to work with its partners in championing this cause.

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Weekly poll

Last week's poll results:

Question: "Should a town favor commercial development for tax revenue?"

• No way. We need to preserve our sense of community.: 13%

• You bet. We need the tax base.: 40%

• I don't accept the premise that commercial growth leads to a net gain in tax revenue.: 13%

• Who cares? I'm leaving New York as soon as I can.: 32%

This week's question:

"Can a person be involved in politics without being a 'political operative?'"

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Childish behavior at Town Board meeting not good for children

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I attended the Feb. 10 Town Board meeting to pay tribute to my friend Michael Hodom. The board was to present him with a resolution honoring him for his 20 years of distinguished service to the town as a Zoning Board member.

As the board proceeded through the agenda and reached the time for the public to make comments, I was completely appalled at what I heard. Four men, one at a time, took to the microphone and each began making insulting and demeaning remarks to the board members. Now, I believe residents have every right to make their views heard and hold their elected officials accountable, but what I saw was far from productive or constructive.

What I saw from these four individuals was a total lack of decorum and civility that will only foster more division as well as make it harder for our elected officials to work together for the good of the community. I think we, as residents, should not conduct ourselves in such a poor manner.

Which leads me to why I decided to write this letter. In attendance that evening were some

20 school-aged children — probably there because of their government participation requirement. And what those children saw and learned was that it's OK to insult, demean and degrade individuals publicly.

Some of the most outlandish statements made were "you (Town Board members) either do what Mr. (Sam) Messina says or else you better resign." Another was "they had better start working with the supervisor because he had been hired by the voters and all you others have been appointed."

So, in addition to the total lack of decorum and respect, those children were also provided with a very poor civic lesson. Every board member was elected by the voters of Bethlehem and they are each sovereign elected officials just like Supervisor Messina.

Then another man told Messina "not to compromise one inch with the board" and that he should "start swinging for the fences" — another great civic lesson for the children. Well, the fact is, governing is the art of compromise and majority vote. And the last time I checked we didn't have

a parliamentary form of government.

However, the comment that really disappointed me was the totally uncalled for personal attack of the town clerk. The issues among the board members and the supervisor have nothing to do with the town clerk or her role in town government.

These remarks made it quite apparent what was being done had less to do about government business and everything to do about advancing political agendas.

Residents have every right to make their voices heard, but it should be done in a civil and constructive manner. And when making accusations you should be sure to have your facts straight. This is exactly the kind of behavior that has so many people frustrated with politics and government.

But the sad part is now a few vocal residents, a la Tea Party activists, are now doing it. It's really sad is that a group of children had to see this first hand. I really hope this childish behavior stops for the good of our community.

David DeCancio
Selkirk

Vote for change wasted if there is no support

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Last November, the people of the Town of Bethlehem voted for a change.

They voted Jack Cunningham out and voted Sam Messina in. Now is the time for the people to step up and support their chosen candidate. He will not be able to make changes if he is out-voted 4 to 1 by the

rest of the Town Board. He can't do it alone. Find out what his ideas and plans are for the town. If you agree, then let the rest of the board members know that you want them to represent you also. If they don't, then elect those who will in the next election.

Nothing has changed since last September. There is a different supervisor, for sure, but

he still has only one vote. They will vote against him every time unless we give him the support he needs.

There is more to government than just getting your candidate elected to office. Now it's time to step up. If you don't, your vote for change was wasted.

Alan Hughes
Delmar

IN BRIEF

Storytellers to present cultural frum at Institute

The final segment of a four-part presentation on different cultural forms of storytelling hosted by the Albany Institute of History and Art and the New York Folklore Society will take place on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Presenters at the event will include a Congolese mbria player, dancers from a Hindu temple, and a Senegalese storyteller and musician.

The program is free with museum admission. For information, call the museum at 463-4478.

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Rally around Messina

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I want to comment on the recent Town Board meetings of Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 and the apparent discord between our town supervisor and the board.

I grew up in Delmar and graduated from Bethlehem Central in the 1960s. My parents grew up in Delmar and graduated from Bethlehem Central in the 1940s. My grandparents built homes on Douglas Road and Rowland Avenue, when both areas of "Old Delmar" were nothing but woodlands.

I was brought up to believe Delmar was a very special place — a real community with its own Four Corners and one where people looked out for one another.

But after reading the article "Supervisor and Board Clash" in the Feb. 3 *Spotlight* about the conduct of some of the board at the Jan. 27 meeting, I felt ashamed of my town leaders — something new for me,

and very disconcerting.

The people of Delmar wanted change, went to the polls, and elected Sam Messina to lead them in a different direction. From what I understand, the Town Board exists to bring their various areas of expertise to town governance, but primarily to support the Town Supervisor.

This was not apparent from what I read in *The Spotlight* about the meeting of Jan. 27 and what I observed myself at the meeting of Feb. 10 when some of my fellow townspeople stood up to express their concern and disappointment over the board's lack of support for Mr. Messina.

As a citizen and taxpayer of Bethlehem, I would like to know that our board is doing its best to take care of the decent, hard-working people who live here. I need to know the elected officials of my town have my best interest at heart and that politics is not the primary consideration in the

decision-making process. Delmar has always been a special place to live, and I would hate to see politics tarnish its image and grind town business to a halt.

Together we can make Bethlehem an even better place to live. Let's rally around Mr. Messina, help him move his agenda forward, and get away from "politics as usual." Let's work together to make Bethlehem even better, and to keep it the friendly, welcoming and special place it's always been.

Finally, I urge all of you to get involved and do your part for this wonderful town by attending a Town Board meeting. The attendance at the Feb. 10 meeting was pitiful and speaks volumes about the average citizen's level of involvement in town government.

This town belongs to all of us. Please get involved.

Sandra P. Sorell
Delmar

Politicking wastes money on assessment issue

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

We missed an opportunity to save taxpayer money at the Guilderland Town Board meeting last week. The issue: What should the town pay for an appraisal fee for the Metro Diner? The diner is challenging its assessment.

My appraisal fee quote was less than the \$5,000 fee the town assessor had proposed. My quote included a guarantee the appraisal would be done by March 1, the court deadline for the appraisal. My proposal was shared with the town assessor

and every board member prior to the meeting.

Board Democrats refused to vote last week on the proposal. That leaves the town without its own appraisal for pending litigation. Even though they claim no appraisal could jeopardize the case and cost taxpayers money, they failed to act last week, both on my proposal and on their own.

The claim there was some interference with the "bidding process" is pure politics. The town assessor admitted he only got two quotes.

He never conducted a formal bidding process for the appraisal. If he had conducted one, with a public solicitation and mandatory deadlines for quotes, we could have unanimously approved the best option and this unfortunate circumstance would have been avoided.

In the future, we should all work together to save taxpayers money and ensure our town business is conducted in the most open way possible.

Mark Grimm
Guilderland Town Board member

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Town sees no takers for volunteer insurance

Officials will continue to support incentive in Bethlehem

By CHARLES WIFF
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A law aimed at making volunteer firefighter or EMS service more attractive has been passed in the state Senate, but officials in the Town of Bethlehem said while the law's incentives are already in place in town, there are few takers.

Senate Bill S5111 would allow municipalities to extend health care insurance, including the New York State Health Insurance Program offered by many municipalities, including Bethlehem, to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

A Senate Insurance Committee spokesperson said the legislation is intended to clear up ambiguities in an already existing law to make it clear municipalities can extend NYSHIP to volunteers, and that it is not mandatory. Volunteers wishing to sign up for the

"Our numbers could use a boost. Every local department could use a boost in membership."

Selkirk Fire Chief William Borger

municipality's insurance assume all costs.

Bethlehem Emergency Management Officer Director John Brennan said the town began extending the option as soon as it became available, about two years ago.

"The unfortunate thing is that we have not had any takers," he said. "It's a double edged sword. The benefits that the employees of the Town of Bethlehem have are very good, and consequently that package when opened up to the volunteers is very expensive."

Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, was a sponsor of the legislation, and said it would not only help firefighters already serving obtain adequate insurance coverage, but could help attract new volunteers in a time when many departments are facing thinning ranks.

"Some fire departments and districts are facing recruitment shortages, this law would assist in recruiting men and women who wish to serve their communities, and help keep health care affordable," Breslin said in a statement.

Recruitment is one aspect of why the town began offering the option to volunteers in the first place, said Supervisor Sam Messina. He indicated the new legislation wouldn't change the town's position.

"We're in good shape, and this doesn't break any new ground for us," he said.

Selkirk Fire Chief William Borger said the town should avail itself of every incentive to attract volunteers.

"Our numbers could use a boost. Every local

department could use a boost in membership," he said.

Slingerlands Fire Chief Craig Sleurs said that while he appreciates the option, none of his volunteers have a need for it.

"None of my members have gone forth and applied for it, because they basically have their own insurance through their own employers anyways," he said. "It's great that the town offers that, especially for people who don't have good insurance, they could go through the town if they wanted to."

Brennan speculated that volunteers who own their own business or would otherwise have to obtain insurance privately could find buying the town's health insurance attractive.

Bethlehem is served by five fire departments and two ambulance districts, all volunteer, plus county paramedic and EMS services.

There are about 500 volunteers throughout the town, said Brennan.

Hennessey appointed to IDA

By CHARLES WIFF
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In a relatively brief meeting Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Bethlehem Town Board voted 4-0 to appoint Councilman Mark Hennessey to the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency.

He will take the place of Supervisor Sam Messina, who said he's decided to resign his seat but will remain on as a nonvoting member.

Hennessey abstained from the vote.

The Bethlehem IDA is aimed at attracting business to the Bethlehem area through financial assistance and other incentives.

Hennessey worked for two years in the state Assembly Local Governments Committee, which oversees such IDAs statewide. He said he plans to bring that experience to the table in Bethlehem to hopefully expand the town's commercial business tax base by providing "some good, clean economic development to the town."

He said the IDA should look to small, local startup business in addition to considering larger, national companies for placement in town.

Hennessey works in the Medicaid Inspector General's Office.

The next IDA meeting is Monday, March 22, at 8 a.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

In other business:

Former Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Michael Hodom was recognized for his 20 years on the ZBA, including 16 as its chairman. Supervisor Sam Messina presented him with a formal resolution.

"You have done a great job and been a credit to our community," Messina said.

Hodom received a standing ovation from the audience.

The Town Board voted 4-0 to authorize the supervisor to sign an Administrative Services Contract between the town and IDA for the year 2010.

Hennessey abstained, citing his position on the IDA.

The contract stipulates the IDA reimburse the town for what services it uses while conducting business at Town Hall, where the entity is headquartered and meets. The projected payment for 2010 is \$50,000, according to Town Comptroller Suzanne Traylor.

The board voted 4-1 to renew the agreement with the City of Albany to set the 2010 tipping fee for use of the Rapp Road landfill.

Councilman Hennessey dissented, and later said he did so because he has reservations about the proposed expansion of the landfill.

Old Songs to host Penzance singer/guitarist

Old Songs will present singer, songwriter and guitarist Sarah McQuaid in concert on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m.

The concert will be held at 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling Old Songs at 765-2815 or online at www.oldsongs.org.

Madrid-born Sarah McQuaid was raised in Chicago, studied philosophy in Strasbourg and spent many years in Ireland before setting up camp in Penzance, Cornwall, in 2007. Drawing on the traditions of Ireland, America

and the UK, her music is sublime and compelling, and is characterized by warm, velvety vocals and a distinctive acoustic guitar style.

Sarah's third solo album, provisionally titled "The Plum Tree And The Rose," focuses both on early music (including Elizabethan material as well as songs in Old French, Old Occitan, Italian, Middle High German and Latin) and on originals inspired by such topics as Bess of Hardwick and the garden created at Kenilworth by Robert Dudley for Elizabeth I. Its release is expected in late 2010 or early 2011.

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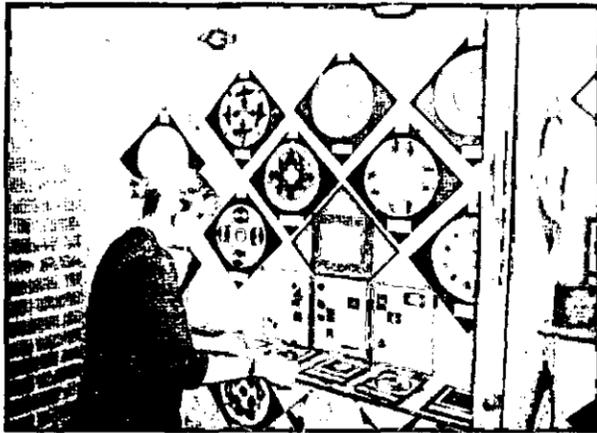
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Altamont Elementary art teacher Trisha Zigrosser finishes up her work on the mandala display in the library. Her students came up with the idea to create mandalas for the Haiti relief effort after she told them of her own efforts to raise money by selling artwork

Ryan Munks/Spotlight



Students making circles to round up relief funds

Altamont art classes make mandalas to raise money for Haiti

By RYAN MUNKS
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An Altamont Elementary School art teacher and her students are undertaking a project that uses their artistic abilities to help raise money for relief efforts in Haiti.

Trisha Zigrosser, and her third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students created "mandalas" that will be sold in a silent auction at Guilderland Public Library during the month of February. The money raised from the sale will go directly to Convoy of Hope, a relief organization working with the Haitians following the devastating earthquake that struck in January.

According to Zigrosser, mandalas are circular images that capture the eye using symmetrical patterns and contrasting colors. Her fourth-grade students used construction paper to create their patterns, while the fifth-grade students used gel pens.

"They're made in a lot of different cultures. I told them about Tibetan monks who make Mandalas out of colored sand," said Zigrosser.

She told her students a story about a group of refugee Tibetan monks who visited Kansas City, Mo., a few years ago and spent days meticulously placing each grain of sand to create a mandala in the city's Union Station, only to have a wandering 2-year-old walk all over the design, forcing them to start over. To teach her students a lesson in patience, she asked them what they would do if they were in the monks' situation.

The idea of auctioning off the mandalas came from Zigrosser's own efforts to use art to raise money for the relief effort.

"I do a lot of my own mandalas, and I told them I was doing them to raise money for Haiti," she said.

The students then approached her with the idea to join her in her effort to auction mandalas to benefit Haiti.

She said all the students

who created mandalas were given the option to keep their artwork or donate it to the relief effort. Approximately three-quarters of the students chose to donate their artwork.

The proceeds from the auction will go directly to the relief organization Convoy of Hope.

According to Convoy of Hope, it is a "nonprofit organization [that] feeds the hungry and provides pure drinking water to people in need across the United States and around the world. To date, the organization has provided real help to 28 million people in 112 countries and 45 states."

"It's an organization that's in Haiti now. They are bringing in food, water and other things to help out," said Zigrosser. "The good thing is they were stationed in Port-au-Prince already [before the earthquake], providing assistance to the Haitians."

Mark Curiale, public information officer at the library, said the mandalas also serve to brighten up the library.

"They're beautiful. They bring a little bit of color in a long gray winter," said Curiale.

The Guilderland Public

Library generally does not host fundraisers; however, according to Curiale, an exception was made due to the dire situation in Haiti.

"We generally have a policy against fundraising, but since this is going toward Haiti, I made an exception," said Curiale.

He said the library has a close partnership with the school district, and each spring hosts a display of artwork from across the district.

This year the work of the elementary school students will be on display from Thursday, April 1, to Tuesday, April 20, and the high school students' work will be displayed from Wednesday, April 28, to Thursday, May 20.

"The high school talent really blows you away," said Curiale, adding that the younger students also show a great degree of technique and creativity.

The fundraiser will remain on display until Sunday, Feb. 28. Library patrons can bid on the artwork by writing down their bid and contact information in the blue book that is located on the table next to the display. In the beginning of March, winners will be contacted by Zigrosser.

Town under fire for rehire

Employees petition N.S. board about salary schedules, longevity pay

By RYAN MUNKS
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The New Scotland Town Board has faced its share of flak in recent years, but the barrage of criticism members heard at the Wednesday, Feb. 10, meeting had nothing to do with the size cap.

A number of town employees were on hand to petition the board for a long-sought pay raise and raise their opposition to the re-hiring of a bookkeeper who left the town for a higher-paying job, only to return after being offered a \$2.77 per hour raise.

A letter to the Town Board, read by Patty Guertze, and signed by seven other town employees, said, "There have been countless discussions regarding salaries and each year discussions become more contentious and drawn out. The possibility of salary schedules are often discussed during each workshop but never acted upon."

A similar letter signed by 14 employees was also presented to the board. In total, 22 of the 38 employees who work for the town's various departments petitioned the

board about the adoption of salary schedules and increasing longevity pay.

The issue that prompted the discussion was the rehiring of Lisa Boehlke, a bookkeeper for Supervisor Thomas Dolin who left her \$18.73 position in January to work for the Town of Coeymans for around \$27 an hour. According to Dolin, Boehlke agreed to return if the Town Board raised her salary to \$21.50.

After considerable discussion and debate, the Town Board eventually approved the appointment in a 3-2 vote, with Councilman Rich Reilly and Councilwoman Deborah Baron casting the dissenting votes.

"The vacant position was not posted or advertised to the public. Last week we were told that the original bookkeeper was coming back at a significantly higher hourly rate," said the petitioners in their letter. "If an employee resigns and returns, please explain why they should be rewarded with a 15 percent hourly increase."

Dolin said that the bookkeeper is a crucial job that helps to manage the four to six million dollars the town spends each year. He said the current bookkeeper, Melanie Ernst, could not maintain the 35-hour week she is working and the need to replace her is immediate.

"I just on a whim called up Lisa Boehlke ... I talked salary with her and she said she would come back for \$21.50 an hour," said Dolin. "It's my personal appointment; I didn't see any point in advertising it."

The concerns raised by the town workers at the meeting were that an employee left the town, and a short time later was able to return at a higher rate than when she had left, whereas workers who remain in the town's service had not received a raise.

The issue brings light to a greater issue affecting the town's workforce: the lack of salary schedules and the lack of a raise in longevity pay. Unlike larger municipalities, the Town of New Scotland does not have a salary schedule tied to each position. Raises in the town are done on a case-by-case basis.

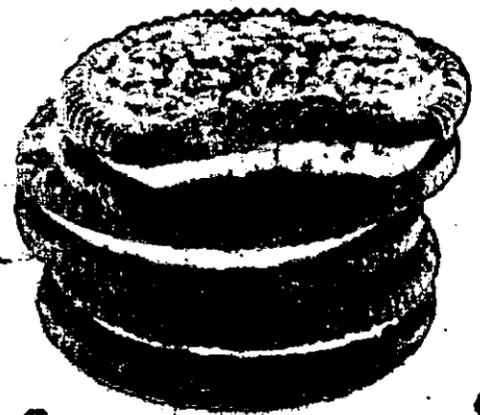
Dolin said that a problem setting a salary schedule is the town does not have specifically defined jobs. "We don't have a person that does typing all day. They do many jobs," said Dolin.

According to Geurtze, she works for the Highway Department, Water & Sewer Department, Parks Department, and Animal Control.

Councilman Doug LaGrange and Baron will

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Pine Bush receives gold rating for going green

Discovery Center recognized as one of area's most environmentally friendly buildings

By RYAN MUNKS
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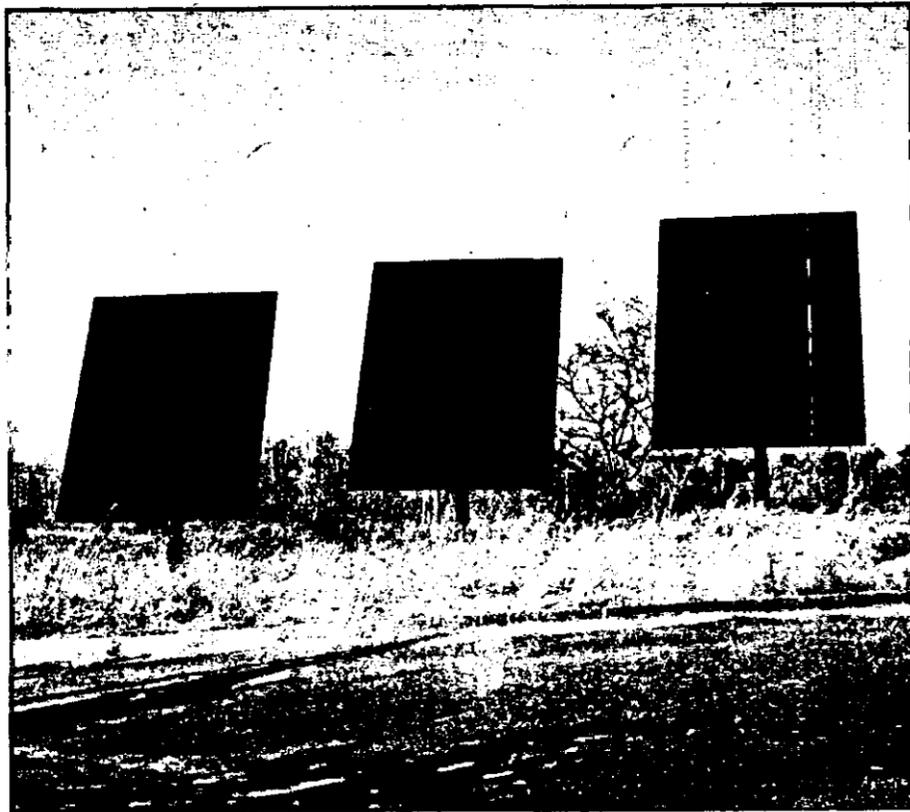
It's been a good two weeks for the Pine Bush Preserve Commission.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Town of Guelderland dedicated 191 acres of town land to the commission, and a week later the Pine Bush Preserve's Discovery Center was recognized as one of the most environmentally friendly buildings in the Capital District.

On Tuesday Feb. 9, the Department of Environmental Conservation announced the Discovery Center received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating, awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The building, located on New Karner Road, was once a bank; however, in 2004 the Pine Bush Preserve Commission began the process of converting the building into an environmentally friendly learning center.

"What initially began as an effort to achieve a Basic LEED level rating, soon, with an energetic design team, turned to a goal of Silver and ended in Gold," said Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission Executive Director Christopher



ABOVE: The solar panels at the Pine Bush Discovery Center provide power to the building, and any additional energy that is needed is bought from a wind farm.
RIGHT: The center's new bathroom facilities use only one third of a cup of water per flush. The toilets operate using mostly gravity to send the waste into a tank beneath the surface of the ground. Once there, the waste is separated into liquids and solids, and the solid waste is left to decompose over the course of five years.

Ryan Murks/Spotlight



Hawver, in a release.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) provided \$103,000 to help the center achieve its gold rating. "The work to attain LEED certification demonstrates the Pine Bush Commission's commitment to protecting not just the ecology of the Pine Bush Preserve, but the environment as a whole," said Francis J. Murray, president and CEO of NYSERDA, in a

release.

Director of the Discovery Center, Mike Venuti, said the efforts achieve the certification began with the deconstruction of the old bank.

"We were actually able to recycle 97 percent of the materials discarded from the building," said Venuti. Some of the material recycled was wood, metal, wall supports, and 700 tons of asphalt, which was eventually replaced with

native landscaping. This included pitch pines, oak trees, and the addition of the Discovery Trail through the habitat.

"We were also able to take advantage of ebay, and sell stuff left over from the bank," he said. The center sold the teller stations, windows, and even the vacuum system that was used in the drive through.

After the environmentally frugal deconstruction of the bank, the center continued its go-green approach in building the new facility.

"It took something as large and significant as solar panels, and something as small as a parking space, or bicycle

racks," said Venuti.

The solar panels located outside the building provide power to the building, and any additional energy that is needed is bought from a wind farm. In an effort to encourage environmentally friendly transportation, the parking lot outside the building has the closest spaces reserved for car poolers, and people driving low emission vehicles.

The center also installed a new air conditioning system, called a multistack system, that saves energy by only using as many of its four motors that are needed at a given time.

"The old system was all or nothing...this system will give you increments of 25 percent," said Venuti. To date, the system has logged 54 hours of all four motors operating, while it logged 3043 hours of only one motor operating.

Among the most interesting environmentally friendly additions to the facility are the bathroom facilities that, according to Venuti, used only one third of a cup of water per flush.

The toilets operate using mostly gravity to send the waste into a tank beneath the surface of the ground. Once there, the waste is separated into liquids and solids, and the solid waste is left to decompose over the course of five years.

Venuti said the compost can be used for horticulture, and landscaping, but not for food crops. He also said where you live depends on whether the compost can be used or not, and New York State regulations would not allow the utilization of the compost.

While not usable, he said the composting of waste, and the many other additions to the facility are to demonstrate what is possible. He said, "The Discovery Center provides options for people to think about, to look at and see what is achievable."

He also said from here on the goal of the center will be to maintain its go-green environment. "Once you get gold level of LEED certification you have to maintain it, that would be the minimum," he said.

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G'land teachers tout collaborative method

Board hears how practice is improving instruction in the classroom

By RYAN MUNKS
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Administrators and teachers gathered at the Tuesday, Feb. 9, meeting of the Guilderland Central School District Board of Education to discuss collaborative instructional practices used in the district.

According to Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Damien Singleton, collaborative instructional practices is a program geared toward primarily special needs students, but it benefits all students.

"We had a very difficult time pulling this one together, quite honestly, not because of a lack of best practices, but because we have far too many," said Singleton.

Bonnie Bailey, the district's administrator for special programs at the elementary level, described the practice of pairing up a general education teacher with a special education teacher to more efficiently deliver services to students.

"It's really considered best practices for students, with and without disabilities," said Bailey.

She said in the past two years, the district has moved toward clustering students by needs, rather than having special needs students evenly distributed among different classes.

"Our journey that we are embarking on is to get

to co-teaching. We don't feel that we are there yet; it's a process," said Bailey. "Two people are better than one is the bottom line, and all students benefit."

After the administrators were finished describing the program, the teachers weighed in on the effects that collaborative teaching has had on them and their students.

Joanne Gabriele, a first-grade teacher at Lynnwood Elementary School, described her collaborative efforts with reading teacher Heather Kennedy.

She said the partnership has helped gear the children's minds towards learning.

"What's really valuable is that our kids are hearing the same language. ... We're spending less time with transitions and rounding them up, and more time with curriculum, fun, down time, read alouds ..."

She also said that having another teacher working with her is helpful because Kennedy has a greater level of understanding of what challenges she is facing in the classroom. In previous years, she would seek support from other teachers; however, with collaborative teaching the support has become more valuable.

"The difference is now I am working with someone who sees what I see," said Gabriele.

Kelly Tynan, a special education teacher at Altamont Elementary School, described how collaborative teaching

has transformed her role as a special education teacher.

"The most powerful shift for me was being seen as another teacher, as an equal part in the relationship," said Tynan.

Elizabeth Whiteman, a fifth-grade teacher at Pine Bush Elementary School, said that working with learning workshop teacher Sandra Worona has helped her more effectively meet the needs of her students.

"What's great is that when Sandy is in the room, it essentially reduces our student-to-teacher ratio so we have more time for one-on-one conferences with the students," she said.

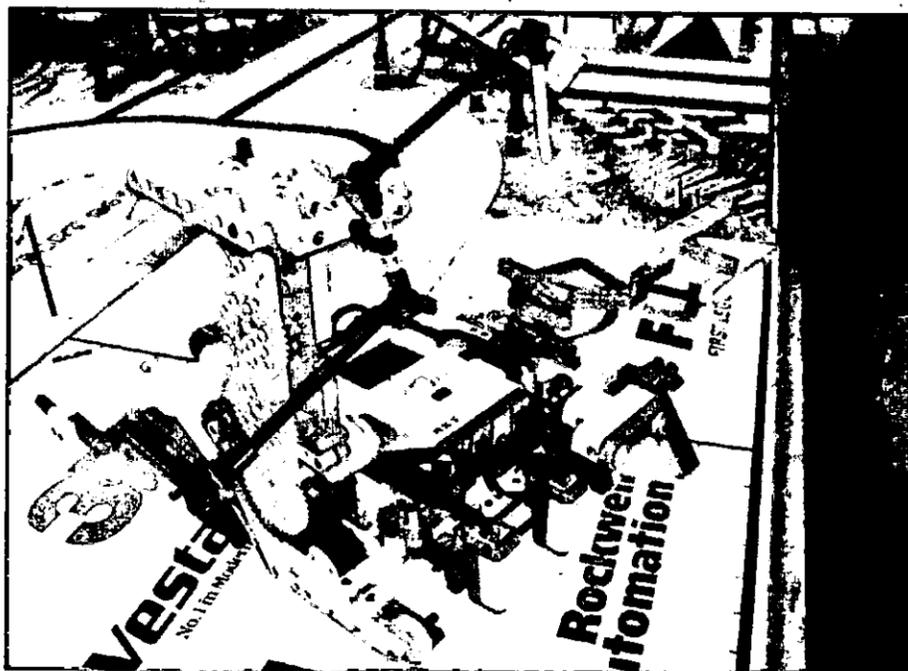
Collaborative teaching is also recognized as a best practice at the high school level.

"Collaboration at the high school level is a key component to modern high school reform," said Guilderland High School Principal Brain McCann. "It serves as a dynamic means of breaking through the limitations of the departmentalized modern American high school."

At the end of the presentation, School Board President Richard Weisz said the report was a welcome change of pace at the meeting.

"It's always great to see how enthusiastic our staff is in teaching, and it's always great to have a board meeting where we are actually talking about teaching practices, as opposed to some of the other things we have to

Team 12-Force triumphs



Eight Bethlehem boys recently made a robot, above, as part of the Science Project Competition held by the First Lego League. The Lego League is an international organization that encourages young people to explore and aspire in technology and science. Team 12-Force, as the local boys call themselves, took first place. Top row, from left, are Matt Hooper, Ian Myers, Maxim Couillard and Corbin Balzan. Bottom row are Christian DeFranco, Ben Spence, Ben Rippel and Seth Shoenblum. Their coach is Steve DeFranco.

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IN BRIEF

Photojournalist to talk on trip

Photojournalist Connie Frisbee Houde will talk about her recent trip to Afghanistan on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany on Washington Avenue.

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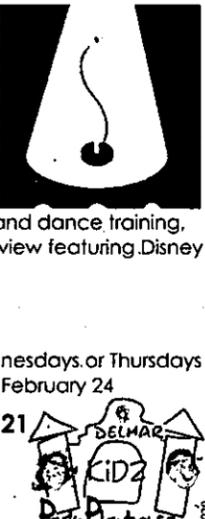
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Motel owner wants refund Amanda's Law aims to eliminate 'silent killer'

Colonie motel owner says housing registered sex offenders is not profitable

By DAN SABBATINO
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Housing registered sex offenders is not profitable, at least according to one of the town's two motel owners with a license to do so.

Town attorney Mike Magguilli said the Sycamore is licensed to house sex offenders through October 2010, but its owner, Sam Patel, is asking for a refund.

"The law is written right now for no refunds," Magguilli said.

At the town's Thursday, Feb. 11, meeting the board will vote on a provision to give Patel a prorated refund for the remaining eight months on his license. Patel paid \$1,500

to keep nine points worth of sex offenders, each level of offense equaling one point.

The law requires hotels that house sex offenders to prominently display a notice that they do.

"The intent of the law was just that," Magguilli said.

An Albany County law that restricted where sex offenders could live was repealed in July, he said, but a possible appeal to keep it in place is still possible. The town has no plans to change their law, which places a point value on the number of registered sex offenders each motel can house.

"The Albany County Law was overturned by a lower court," Magguilli said. "I don't know what effect that has on Colonie."

Other places could still send registered sex offenders to Colonie because it's easy,

Magguilli said. He said the law restricting the number of sex offenders in each hotel has been a success.

He said the state, the Division of Parole, Schoharie County and Rensselaer County are just a number of other places who regularly bottlenecked registered sex offenders to Colonie.

"It was just easy for all those places to send them here," Magguilli said.

The Skylane Motel is the town's other facility licensed to house sex offenders.

At one time the town had as many as 148 registered sex offenders living in the hotel, but now that number is closer to 30, Magguilli said.

"We're watching this very closely and we're enforcing it very closely," Magguilli said. "It is working."

Carbon monoxide detectors will be mandatory in most homes Feb. 22

By CHARLES WIFF
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Amanda Hansen would probably still be alive today if it wasn't for a faulty boiler.

The 16-year-old Western New Yorker succumbed last summer to carbon monoxide poisoning while sleeping over at a friend's house. Less than a year later, "Amanda's Law" is requiring New York property owners to install CO detectors in an effort to prevent what is known as "the silent killer" from claiming other victims.

The law applies to any residence with fuel-serviced appliances and goes into effect Feb. 22. A detector must be installed on the lowest floor with a bedroom, or in apartment units. Homes built after Jan. 1, 2008, must have hard-wired detectors, not battery powered ones. Violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$100.

Additionally, the law compels contractors replacing an appliance emitting CO, such as a gas hot water heater or furnace, to install a detector if one is not present in the home. Only homes served entirely by electrical

appliances and without an attached garage will be exempt.

Carbon monoxide gets its spooky moniker because the gas is odorless, tasteless and invisible. Those exposed to it may experience dizziness, headaches and nausea and, if exposure of large enough levels continues, eventual loss of consciousness and death.

The fact that carbon monoxide is difficult to detect and its symptoms are often accompanied by disorientation makes it particularly dangerous, said Selkirk Fire Department Chief William Borger.

"You can't tell when your appliances are malfunctioning, and [a detector] does help," he said. "This law is a good thing and it's going to end up saving lives."

The availability of cheaper detectors means that most landlords should be able to meet the requirement, said Bob McCrae of the Capital District Association of Rental Property Owners.

"The public likes to think that we don't like to spend any money, and it's true that bottom lines are getting really tight, but the cost of a CO detector right now ... how could you not do it?" he said. "I think overall we support it. We realize it's going to save lives."

McCrae added that many of the association's

members own properties in the City of Albany, where a detector law has been in place since the mid-90s. Similarly, New York City instituted its own law in 2004.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased at most home improvement stores and run from less than \$20 to more than \$100. There are a variety of models of battery and AC powered detectors with wide ranges of features; some targeted at the very young or old even have speech functions. Others will provide a digital readout of the CO level at all times.

Lowe's at the Northway Mall in Colonie will be holding a safety seminar on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local emergency representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

"We're trying to get local politicians, fire service and code enforcement guys here to discuss the dangers of and the reasons why the law was incorporated," said Colonie Fire Company Chief Mike Powers.

He said the Colonie Fire Company deals with CO situations often, especially during the 2008 ice storm, when people fashioned "creative" solutions to heat their homes.

"It's something we deal with on something we deal with, most of the time there's no illness involved," he said. "Probably 75 percent of the time, it's a malfunctioning CO detector."

If a carbon monoxide detector goes off or you suspect you are suffering from CO exposure, it is important to leave the house and get to fresh air immediately, and then dial 911.

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work together to speak will town employees in an attempt to gauge each town employee's responsibilities in the effort to more clearly define their position.

"This is a can of worms we're opening up," said LaGrange. "Some people will see they're overpaid...some

will find out they are underpaid."

In the end of the meeting, the town voted in favor of rehiring of Lisa Boehlke in a 3-2 split decision.

Dolin, LaGrange and Councilman Daniel Mackay voted in favor of hiring Boehlke at the \$21.50 hourly rate. Mackay said "it sends a signal that we need to address the pay scale issue."

Reilly and Baron voted

against the measure. Baron said, "I prefer we hire her back at the rate she left at."

Reilly said, "Until we can take a look at this at a global level, I am not comfortable giving her a higher rate."

After the vote, Mackay called on the board to expediently address the salary issues in the town.

"We have to address this," she said. "It's been five years ... this board has to address this."

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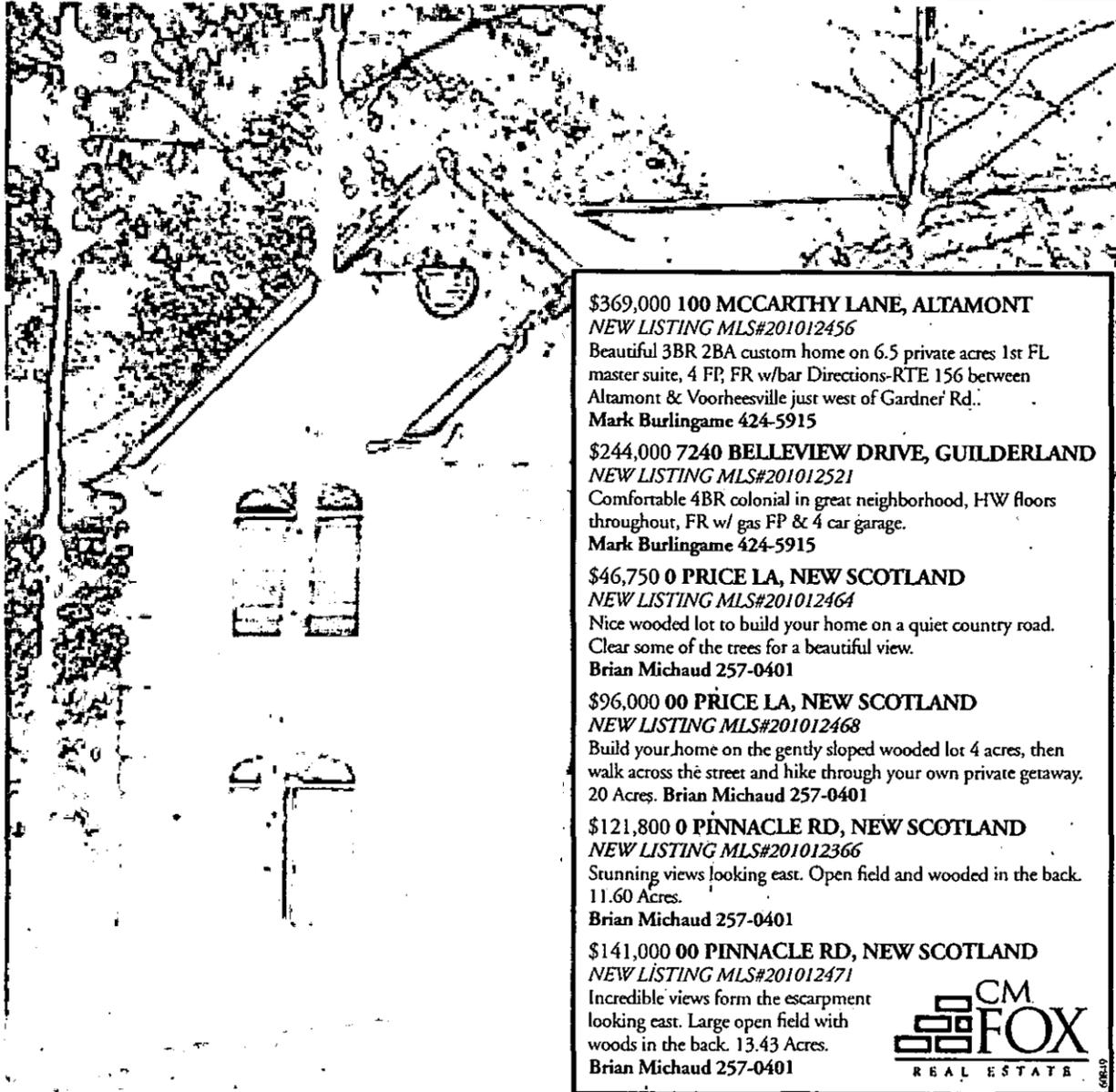
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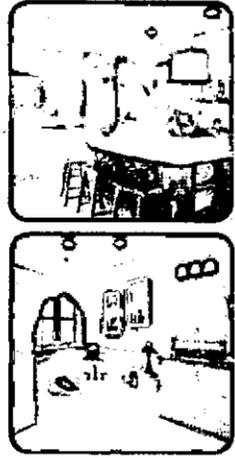
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There's still time to participate in the Senior Services' Health and Wellness program. On Feb. 26, from 1 to 2 p.m., Sandra Varno of the Cornell Cooperative Extension will present a free program on "Whole Grain Goodness." It will be a hands-on class including food preparing, tasting and recipes to incorporate whole grain into your meals. It will be at the Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Ave. Delmar. A "Lunch Out" option at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, with cost on your own, will be available.

To make reservations for lunch and/or if you require transportation, call Senior Services at 439-4955, ext. 1176.



Did you make a New Year's resolution to add more exercise into your schedule? The Town of Bethlehem has senior classes starting in March including "A Matter of Balance" on Tuesday mornings starting March 23, "Lifetime Fitness" on Tuesday or Thursday evenings starting March 23 or March 25, and "Yoga-50+" on Tuesday afternoons starting March 16. Registration is through the Parks and Recreation Office, 261

Elm Ave., or by calling 439-4955, option 3.

Saturday, Feb. 20
• Breakfast at the Wolf Road Diner in Colonié. Cost on your own. Bethlehem Senior Transportation will leave Town Hall at 9 a.m. Home pick up is available on a pre-arranged basis. (Suggested van donation: \$3)

Tuesday, Feb. 23
• Seniors in Motion – a low level aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

• A.A.R.P. Income Tax Assistance Program, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445

Delaware Ave. Delmar, 9 am – 3pm. Appointments and various documents are needed. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Wednesday, Feb. 24
• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Alzheimer's Disease Support Group, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Caregivers of a spouse or loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are welcome to share concerns, successes, difficulties, and experiences with others in similar situations. Sharing your thoughts

in a safe and supportive environment can be helpful. For information, call Jane Sanders, LMSW, 439-4955, ext. 1174. For transportation, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Thursday, Feb. 25
• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games, entertainment, and dessert at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, at noon. All seniors are welcome. For specifics, call 439-4955 #1176.

Friday, Feb. 26
• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Seniors in Motion (see Tuesday's activities for details.)

• Health & Wellness Series continues: "Whole Grain Goodness". See details above

For information on the above or a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, #1176

Wilma DeLucco
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Seniors invited to enjoy a concert and luncheon

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parmesan.

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Transportation service is available upon request.

Tickets are on sale Feb. 2 to March 2.

GHS musical news

The Guilderland Players' next musical will be "Anything Goes."

Senior Citizens' Night is Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m., and tickets will be available in the Senior Office in January. Limited transportation service still available. Ticket cost is \$3.

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 22
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones

Tuesday, Feb. 23
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Beef Tips or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Feb. 24
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Bridge
11:45 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones

Thursday, Feb. 25
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones
10:30 a.m. Movie: "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"
(Call ahead to sign-up)
1 p.m. Pinochle/Mahjonnig

Friday, Feb. 26
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
1 p.m. Quilting

IN BRIEF

Library to hold pre-Purim fair

The Bethlehem Public Library will hold a children's pre-Purim fair on Feb. 21 from 2 to 3 p.m.

There will be Hamentashn baking, noise makers, mishloach manos baskets, charity boxes, refreshments and a raffle. Children who come in costume will receive a prize.

The fair is sponsored by the Chabad House of Delmar. For information, call Clara Simon at 439-8280 or e-mail Del18Clara@yahoo.com.

Preschool to hold open house

The Creative Play Preschool at the Bethlehem First Reformed Church will hold an open house on March 2 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The event will allow parents to learn about the cooperative preschool for children 3 to 4 years old and meet the preschool's teachers. Registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year will be available.

The Creative Play Preschool at the Bethlehem First Reformed Church is located at 38 Church Road in Selkirk. For information, call 767-2243.

Chamber to hold mixer at bank

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold a Chamber mixer on Feb. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The mixer will be at Capital Bank in Slingerlands. The event is an opportunity for businesses to connect with potential customers.

To make a reservation, call the Chamber office at 439-0512 or email info@bethlehemchamber.com.

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Blue

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was started mainly to honor the anniversary of the death of two Capital District police officers, and has since grown to encompass both fallen members of law enforcement and those who continue to serve.

The event generally raises \$12,000 to \$17,000, said Capital Region COPS President Pat Fox.

"The money that's raised is donated to the Capital Region Concerns of Police Survivors, which helps to support and fund the families of law enforcement officers that are killed in the line of duty," Fox said.

A tally of Friday's donations was not available as of press time.

COPS volunteers sold unique Blue Friday apparel as well as 2,000 blue-dyed carnations donated by Frank Gallo & Son Florist and WGNA was on hand to broadcast the Sean and Richie Show live during the event, two partnerships that have extended since the first Blue Friday in 2005.

Officers went to three event locations Friday, with the main event running from Denoyer Chevrolet on Wolf Road.



Bethlehem Police cars are parked as officers take part in the annual Concerns of Police Survivors Blue Friday fundraiser.

Officers were also at Pizzeria Uno off Northway Exit 15 and at the parking lot of the Regency Hotel on Route 9W, where members of the Bethlehem Police Department were stationed.

The 9W location is a new spot for Blue Friday, said CR-COPS Secretary and Bethlehem PD Sgt. Robert Markel.

"We figured if we did three locations we might get a little more business," he said.

Partway through the brutally cold morning, Markel said turnout had been good.

Blue Friday is held the second Friday of every February, and was officially recognized by the state legislature in 2005. The Capital Region chapter was formed the year before, when two local officers lost their lives in the line of duty.

Blue Friday is a way to remember those officers, along with the 140 to 160 officers nationwide who are killed in the line of duty each year.

"The reason we do Blue Friday in February

is because that's when [Albany Police Officer] John [Finn] passed away," said Markel.

But since its inception, the day has evolved into a recognition of all officers.

"We decided this was the way we wanted to honor them," said Fox. "Now, we are also honoring those who continue to work and serve."

The learn more about local COPS efforts and to donate, visit www.crcops.com.

An upcoming fundraiser at TGI Fridays restaurants in Albany, Clifton Park and Saratoga Springs will see \$5 donated to CR-COPS for every \$20 spent on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Wednesday, Feb. 17.

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Few

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handle large class sizes.

"It would be fantastic if they had any experience sitting in lecture halls and taking notes," he said.

Several BC teachers in the audience said lecture hall classes would not be appropriate for most students at the high school or middle school level, at least not before senior year.

"As freshmen, they come in and they already don't know how to study," said high school teacher Kim Wise.

Tebbano also opened the floor to opinions about how to utilize the district's six elementary schools. There has been much discussion about how to even out class sizes and deal with teacher reductions, with options including closing a school, redistricting, multiage classrooms or using floating district lines.

Several residents said floating district lines or policies that would shuffle kids from school to school would be unfair to both parents and students.

Tebbano said he wished to dispel rumors that the district is in negotiations to sell Clarksville Elementary to the Voorheesville Central School District.

"I don't ever remember mentioning in the last few meetings or at any meetings that we're going to sell Clarksville to Voorheesville," he said. "The Voorheesville schools and I have not been talking."

He added such a sale would require a district wide vote.

The issue of transportation costs was also raised, but many questioned what kind of savings could be squeezed out of this part of the budget. One often-mentioned option would be to increase the walking distance from schools. There is no walking distance for elementary schools and a half-mile walking distance for the middle and high schools.

"The buses are still going to have to drive the same distance. How many gallons of gas are we really going to save?" countered resident Colleen Cook.

Others said the district should be looking to save every dollar possible.

Some wondered if more radical options could be pursued, such as letting high school students who have their own cars opt out of bus transportation.

Transportation Supervisor Al Karam explained many of the transportation services the district provides are mandated by state law.

"The state law says you cannot give up that which you have the right to," he said. "We have to provide transportation."

Any change to the walking distances would have to be approved by

voter referendum.

Tebbano asked the audience whether sports teams that have community group equivalents should be eliminated for a cost savings. This idea also garnered a mixed reaction, with some saying students who live outside the Town of Bethlehem borders might not have such opportunities.

Other audience members said the district should focus on retaining intramurals sports because they offer an opportunity for participation for more students than varsity teams, while others pointed out that varsity sports open the door to college for some students.

The budget administrators will be presenting to the Board of Education later this month will include the controversial "Tier 3" reductions discussed during last year's budget process in order to realize about \$2.4 million in savings, which would cover the cuts Gov. David Paterson's executive budget proposes.

The reductions include many of the painful cuts the district was able to avoid last year, however, including staffing reductions. Eleven to 14 teachers would be laid off under the plan, as well as six aides, one administrator, a tech aide and a clerical position at the district offices. Monday and Friday late buses would stop running, some athletics teams would be eliminated and the middle school pool would probably be closed.

"The problem is, what are we going to do next year when we're done with Tier 3," Tebbano said.

The public will vote May 18 on a budget the Board of Education will adopt in March. If that budget is voted down, the district can either present another budget for approval or move directly to a contingency budget, which is subjected to state formulas to generally allow for inflation while keeping spending in line with the previous year.

Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe explained that because of declining debt service and other unusual factors, the contingency budget would likely drop to about \$86.8 million from this year's \$88 million budget.

"A contingency budget is not a pretty picture," Tebbano said. "If the budget goes down, it will be a much more serious impact."

The Board of Education will meet every Wednesday through the month of March to discuss different areas of the budget. The meetings will be open to the public. The board is scheduled to adopt a budget on March 24 or 31. Details of the budget workshops can be found on the district's Web site, www.bcsd.k12.ny.us.

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Investigators are awaiting the result of lab tests to identify the chemicals, Heffernan said.

Keenan Sanchez was pulled from the Adams Place house by emergency workers and transported to the Westchester Medical Center burn unit. The community rallied around the Sanchez family in the wake of the incident, raising thousands in donations in a matter of days.



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Finance *in the* Spotlight

How to manage credit in today's economic landscape

By ANTHONY LANZILLO
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Obtaining credit in a tough economy

There are many outcomes of today's suffering economy. Here are two:

banks have changed; it's a tough time to be a consumer.

The truth of the matter is, banks are changing for the better. While most have always acted as trusted advisors to their clients, today's banks

are going to even greater lengths to improve communications and promote financial literacy and a return to the basics of money management—earn, save and invest. In fact, the down economy has aided these efforts. For the first time in more than a decade, the average rate of savings for Americans is increasing, and studies indicate people are being less frivolous with their spending.

So why, then, is credit so difficult to obtain?

Generally speaking, obtaining credit is no more difficult than it has ever

been. If a consumer takes their time and does their homework, they will find that banks are willing to lend them money. More important, banks want to lend them money...they are expected to lend them money.

Here are four things every consumer should know prior to applying for a loan or line of credit:

1. What their credit history is. Con-

sumers should obtain a copy of their credit report and check it for accuracy. AnnualCreditReport.com is the official site established by the major credit reporting agencies to help consumers obtain a free credit report once a year. Correcting credit report mistakes can have a big impact on credit score.

2. What documentation is required. Be prepared to document two years of income by having copies of W-2s, pay stubs and tax returns.

3. What the money is needed for and why.

4. What is reasonable. Sometimes, borrowers need to accept harsh realities. For example, home values have declined over the last two years. As a result, the amount of money available as a loan or line of credit against the equity in many homes has diminished.

At the end of the day, consumers need to have a history of making timely payments; demonstrate the ability to repay and not have too much of their income being applied to debt, also known as debt-to-income ratio.

Repairing your credit after difficult times

The challenge of our current economic landscape is that so many people are struggling. Unemployment is high, energy costs are rising, property taxes are increasing, etc. As a result, people who have been able to maintain a strong credit rating throughout their lives are now straining to keep up. Many are even falling behind.

Without question, going through a difficult financial period can hurt your ability to secure credit. However, people need to know that even with

a troubled history they can still get a loan, and it doesn't take ten years. It takes a commitment to:

- Make restitution to debt holders.
- Demonstrate the ability to repay.
- Improve debt-to-income ratio.

Again, the ability to secure a loan or line of credit comes down to understanding your financial situation and being realistic with your expectations. As the saying goes, just because you can make a payment on something doesn't mean you can afford it.

Using credit to build and protect wealth

Despite the growing popularity of wealth management programs and personalities who advocate that credit is evil, credit can be a powerful tool to build and protect wealth. For example, credit can help you stay liquid. That is, credit can prevent you from tying too much money up into one item, which will provide you with more access to cash.

Also, sometimes borrowing is the cheaper option. For example, if your company

offers a 401(k) with matching contributions, to not fund your account in order to make payment on an item is to lose the added value of the match. So don't simply discount borrowing, nor should you automatically liquidate a CD or get out of an investment for cash. If you do your homework, plan and calculate that the total interest you will pay by borrowing is less than the rate of return on your investment, then borrow. It is a decision that will help you build and protect your wealth.

The truth is, the fundamentals of banking have not changed. Banking is not about caveat emptor—buyer beware—and betraying the trust of clients. For most banks, it has always been about the opposite—buyer aware—and helping clients achieve their goals. The new regulations help reinforce this value, and this is good for everyone, from bankers to borrowers.

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In debt? Don't be afraid to ask for help

Falling behind on your bills can be overwhelming and demoralizing. Credit counseling services can help you realize that you have options for managing your debt. They can even help you develop a plan to reduce your debt and renegotiate terms with your creditors.

Here are some things to know about working with a credit counseling service.

- You should never pay a fee for credit counseling. Many organizations provide free services, and resources in your community, such as churches, banks and community development groups offer programs or can provide you with a list of professionally trained and certified counselors who can help you.
- A credit counselor will assess your financial situation and provide you with a number of options based upon your goals, income and expenses.
- Credit counseling agencies do not loan money. They work with creditors to establish an affordable path to restitution so you can pay off your debt.
- Many credit-counseling services offer a fee-based debt management program. If you enter a debt management program you will send a monthly payment to the service, which in turn disburses your payment to creditors.
- Credit counseling is not a detriment to your credit score. However, it can be reported to the credit bureaus by creditors, and it does not prevent delinquent accounts from being reported upon.
- Credit counseling does not restore bad credit.

You should consider the help of a credit counselor if you are unable to pay the minimum balance on your credit cards, consistently make late payments or are regularly contacted by your creditors or even a collection agency. The key is to not ignore your problems. If you slip too far into debt, credit counseling may not be able to help.

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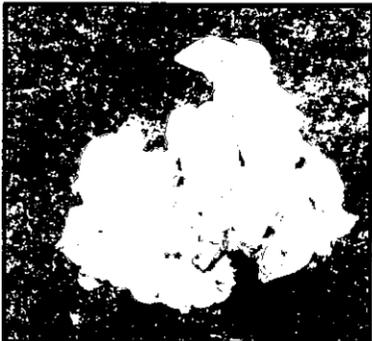
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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Floral exhibits such as this one are paired with museum displays during the New York in Bloom floral show.



Vendors sell jewelry, minerals, fossils and more at the James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale.

Museum's garden of treasure

Annual New York in Bloom and gem show will keep cabin fever at bay

Joanne Guilmette calls the weekend's slate of activities at the state museum "a great escape from cabin fever."

As is tradition, from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 19 to 21, the museum will charge admission for the only time all year. But paying at the door entitles you to a lot more than the museum's regular displays. On Friday, for \$5, visitors can check out the New York in Bloom floral show. On Saturday and Sunday, admission is \$6, which includes the floral

show as well as the 17th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale.

The festivities are part of the museum's annual fundraising weekend. Proceeds will fund new acquisitions for the museum's gem and mineral collections as well as the museum's after-school programs.

New York in Bloom will offer "an early peek at spring," according to Guilmette.

"The museum is

transformed by more than 110 floral displays, each designed to interpret a museum exhibit," she explained.

In the museum lobby window space, eight arrangements will form an octagon, while inside Birl Hall, there will be 10 table displays created by KatsEye Interior Design, Henry F. Clas Florist, Designs by Douglas, Renaissance Floral Design, W&P Enterprises, Experience and Creative Design, Stickley Audi & Co., In Bloom, Object

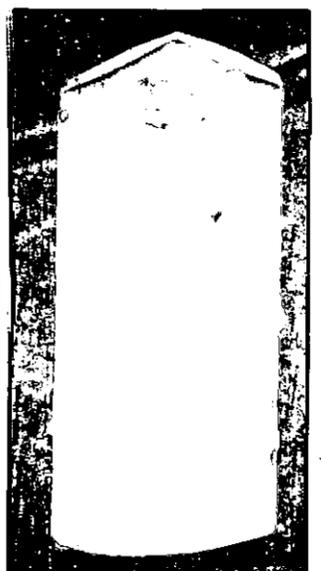
Obscura and The Floral Garden.

There also will be children's activities, including face painting, on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. On Friday, children can make duct tape and dried flower sachets.

Adults, meanwhile, can take advantage of a number of demonstrations. Saturday's schedule includes "Homestyle Floral Arrangements," 10 to 11 a.m.; "How to Structure Larger Arrangements," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; "Butterfly Garden Basics," noon to 1 p.m.; "Hand-tied Bouquets for All Occasions," 1 to 2 p.m.; "Gardening in the 21st Century," 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; "Designs for the Home," 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; "263,000 Bulbs," 3 to 4 p.m. and "Cooking and Crafting with Fresh Flowers," 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday demonstrations are "Thinking Outside the Vase," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; "Floral Arranging for a Wedding," noon to 1 p.m.; "Inside Out," 1 to 2 p.m.; and Michele's Flower Hour," 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.



Gems of all colors and shapes will be on display at the gem, mineral and fossil show.



New this year is a display of rare books dating from 1802 to 1921 and a video created by the museum's after-school program. Students in the program wrote their own scripts and conducted interviews for the film.

Guilmette said the gem show offers something for the whole family.

"Children can dig for minerals while parents shop for their own treasures," she said. "Visitors can also bring in minerals to have identified and go on guided tours of the museum's mineral gallery. It's a great, inexpensive way to spend the weekend."

The Capital District Mineral Club will host the mineral digs for children, and (on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.) Michael Hawkins, the museum's mineralogy collections manager, will give guided tours of the Minerals of New York gallery, highlighting recent acquisitions.

Vendors will sell a host of items related to gems and minerals: jewelry, fossils, books, silver and goldsmithing tools and more.

The state museum is on Madison Avenue in Albany.

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Musical about a teen-age boy moving to the country, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Feb. 21, \$12-\$30. Information, 346-6204.

DEATHTRAP

Broadway's longest-running comedy thriller comes to Saratoga Springs, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, through Feb. 28, 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$21-\$24. Information, 587-4427.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

Shakespeare comedy, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, through Feb. 28, \$15. Information, 462-1297.

THE MIKADO

Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, through Feb. 28, \$35. Information, 237-5858.

RECKLESS

Craig Lucas play, presented by Classic Theater Guild, 440 Upstairs at Proctors, 440 State St., Schenectady, through Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, adults \$16.50, students/seniors \$13.50. Information, 3467-6204.

Music

TERN ROUNDERS

Roots rock band, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

TWO DOGS BARKING

Rock duo, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

THE THREE RIX

Rik Palieri, Rick Nestler and Ricki Bala team up for songs old and new, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

DAVEY BLISTER

With Mike Grosshandler (the Velmas) and Gus (Blackcat-Elly), Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

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Acoustic folk duo, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Pairing of a traditional Irish storyteller and a Celtic musician, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., Ndkinna Educaiton Center, 23 Middle Grove Road, Greenfield Center, adults \$12, students/seniors \$10, part of the "Down to Earth Concert Series." Information, 583-1440.

JIM GAUDET AND THE RAILROAD BOYS

Capital District-based Americana/bluegrass quartet, Feb. 20, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

SKIP PARSONS' SWING THING

Swing jazz quintet, Feb. 20, Saratoga Savoy, Saratoga Springs City Hall, corner of Lake Avenue and Broadway, Saratoga Springs, call for time and ticket prices. Information, 859-2885.

"THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED"

A tribute to 1950s rock and roll pioneers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper featuring Johnny Rabb, John and Graham Tichy, Jim Haggerty and Pete Vumbaco, Feb. 20, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

Veteran singer-songwriter, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, door price \$24. Information, 583-0022.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Birds of New York and the Paintings of Louis Agassiz," through Sept. 6; "Stoneware of New York," through summer 2010; "This Great Nation will Endure," through March 14; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"The Eternal Light of Egypt," through June 13, plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Repetitive Nature," in Concourse A gallery; "Air Craft," photos by Jeffrey Milstein; plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, as well as installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Kalz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"Then & Now," through Feb. 27, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"Where Are You, Galway, N.Y.?", through April 30, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Here and Now," new paintings of Washington County by Harry Orlyk, through Feb. 25, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Tropical," a collection of works by Colonie Art League members, through Feb. 28, 1138 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"On Broadway: The Evolution of Dance on the Broadway Stage," plus "Kenn Duncan," "Ballet Russes Centennial Exhibit" and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars, plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"All Aboard! The Power of Locomotives," through April 11, Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Lives of the Hudson," through April 25; "Fred Tomaselli," through June 6; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Material Witnesses: Photographs of Things," through April 11; "Giovanni Boldini in Impressionist Paris," through April 25; "Constable and After: Sir Edwin Manton and the British Landscape," through June 23; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"An Enduring Legacy: American Impressionist Landscape Paintings from the Thomas Clark Collection," through March 28; "Divided by a Common Language? British and American Works from the Murray Collection," through Feb. 28; 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

ARKELL MUSEUM

Canajoharie School District Student Exhibition, through March 28; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

HILLTOWN PLAYERS

Holding auditions for its spring dinner theater comedy production of "Spirit" Feb. 22 and 23, Berne Reformed Church, Route 443, Berne, casting for five women and three men. Information, 872-9455.

HOME MADE THEATER

Holding auditions for its April production of Michael Frayn's farce, "Noises Off," Feb. 21 and 22, 7 p.m., Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, looking for skilled comedic actors who can do British accents. Information, 587-4427.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

Calling for entries for the "2010 Artists of the Mohawk Juried Exhibition," which runs from Oct. 1 through Dec. 12, artists must live within a 100-mile radius of Glens Falls and the Capital District, deadline for entries is March 26. Information, 792-1761, ext. 35.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Seeking singers in all voice parts for its May concert, "Love Songs of Yesteryear," rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 370-5434.

ETUDE CLUB

Looking for women interested in vocal and instrumental performance, meetings held the first Thursday of every month. Information, 374-5536.

SARATOGA ARTS

Seeking local artists and fine crafters to display their works at its downtown gallery shop. Information, Adrianna Flax 584-4132 or aflax@saratoga-arts.org.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ongoing rehearsals for its winter concert, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center,

Clifton Common, Clifton Park, no auditions required to join. Information, 371-6681.

CAPITALAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Orleans and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Seeking new artists that work in pastels, meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Dave Francis Gallery, the Shirt Factory, Glens Falls. Programs, artist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

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Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

- Injures
- ___ up to: amount to
- Land surrounded by water
- Take ___; borrow money
- In ___ of
- Person everyone blames
- Fire from a job
- Boesky or Lendl
- Gamble badly
- Cash substitute at stores
- Letter after wye
- Word before Glory or Testament
- J. Edgar Hoover's crew
- ___ a living: made money
- Upcoming graduates: abbr.
- Mortgage
- "___ Na Na"
- Citrus fruits
- Extra cost for buying on time
- Cowboy's rope
- Snake-shaped fish
- Sajak and Summerall
- Sylvester Stallone's nickname
- Kind of hound

- Erie, Lehigh Valley, etc.
- Baseball great Mel
- Had dinner
- Old-time jail for deadbeats
- Piece of window glass
- "Three Blind ___"
- I feel ___ as a snake!
- Thanks ___!
- Minor argument
- Dodger shortstop in Hall of Fame
- More or ___: approximately
- City thoroughfares: abbr.
- Donkeys

DOWN

- Prince or Holbrook
- Actor Guinness
- Lillian, Philip, or David Lee
- People, Time, and Money
- Sleeper's sound
- "I cannot tell ___"
- Female opera singer
- Church official
- Eskimo's home: var.
- Before long
- Worst place in a race

- Summer, in Paris
- ___ Sam
- Web-footed honkers
- In a strange way
- After everything else
- American flag-maker
- Ross
- Sounds of satisfaction
- Fixed prices
- Stain or smudge
- Leases
- Supersonic planes
- Diamond and Abner
- Has a great effect on
- Mechanical man
- Letter between oh and cue
- Marriage-vows location
- Tiny particles
- Undresses
- Princess's crown
- Roy Rogers and ___ Evans
- Baseball great Slaughter
- Wagers
- Beat it!
- Dogs, cats, etc.
- Bullfight shouts
- Win by a ___
- Buddy
- Unsettled, of basketball fame

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Your Community in The Spotlight

Housing group to hold class

The Albany County Rural Housing Alliance will hold a class to educate first-time home buyers on February 20. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will take place at the Cohoes Senior Center located at 10 Cayuga Plaza in Cohoes. The cost is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee, and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For information or a reservation, call Susan at 765-2425.

YMCAs offering award

The Guilderland and Bethlehem YMCAs are currently accepting applications for the 13th Annual Outstanding Student and Educator award.

Students in 10th and 11th grade who reside in or attend school in Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Bethlehem, Guilderland, Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk, or Voorheesville Schools are invited to apply for this award. The award will be given to students who exhibit leadership, service to their community, and positive decision making. Applications must be submitted to the Guilderland or Bethlehem YMCA by March 19. To obtain an application, inquire with the school's guidance department or the YMCA, or call Kyle Anderson at 456-3634.

Safety and Health Council announces class schedule

The Safety and Health Council, a chapter of the National Safety Council has announced its schedule of Defensive Driving courses. A one-day course will be held Saturday, February 27 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The two-part course will be held on February 18 and 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$40. To register, call 438-2365 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Crossgates Mall announces new manager

Crossgates Mall announced the

appointment of Joe Castaldo as General Manager of Crossgates after 9 1/2 years as General Manager of the Poughkeepsie Galleria. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and N.Y. Air National Guard, and a graduate of the State University at Albany.

Italian American Center to host dinner

On Saturday, February 27, the Italian American Community Center on Washington Avenue in Albany will host "An Evening With the Rat Pack," a night of dancing, music and dinner from 7-11 p.m. The cost will be \$30 for members and \$33 for non-members. Call 456-0292, ext. 17 to make reservations no later than Monday, February 22.

Church to host photographer

Award-winning outdoor writer and photographer will present "Rites of Autumn" on April 9 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located at 85 Elm Avenue in Delmar. At 5 p.m. Alshemer will speak about his research on the lunar effects on the whitetail deer, and the religious influences on his life. Following the presentation, there will be a book signing and homemade lasagna dinner at 6 p.m. Admission is \$12 per person. Reservations should be made by March 15 by sending a \$12 check with your name and telephone number to the church. For information, call the church Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. at 439-4328.

Save the Pine Bush to sponsor dinner

On February 24, at 6 p.m. Save the Pine Bush will host a vegetarian and vegan lasagna dinner at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street in Albany. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$2 for children. For reservations, call Rezsina Adams at 462-0891 or Lynne Jackson at 434-1954. There will be a program following at 7 p.m. about the New York State solid waste

Local pastor honored



The Rev. Robert Zittel, left, pastor of the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands was presented with the Joyce Steinkraus Giles Award given by the Capital Area Council of Churches. Presenting the award is The Rev. Jeffrey Matthews. Rev. Zittel received the award on February 1, for his service in the urban ministry and ecumenical ministries of the capital district.

Submitted photo

management plan, led by Executive Director of Citizens' Environment Coalition Barbara Warren. The program following the dinner is free of charge.

St. James Church to hold Irish fest

Saint James Church on Delaware Avenue in Albany will host its 6th Irish Fest on Sunday, February 28 at the Albany Preparatory Charter School from 2 to 5 p.m. Festivities include music by the band Comhaltis, Irish dancers, raffles and food. For information, call 434-4028.

Delmar Senior Center to host safety program

The Beverwyck, an

affiliate of Northeast Health, will host "Smart Seniors" an informational program to help seniors learn how to protect themselves against fraudulent activities that target them on Tuesday, February 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. at 40 Autumn Drive in Slingerlands. The seminar will be led by Maurine Padula of the New York State Attorney General's Office, who will address identity theft and common scams. For information, contact Sue Lauver at 451-2134.

CDTC welcomes comments

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is seeking public comments on its Draft Planning Work Program (UPWP) which is available for review online at

www.cdcmpo.org/upwp10-12/upwp.pdf. Hardcopies are available by contacting CDTC or visiting any major library in the Capital District. Comments should be mailed to CDTC, One Park Place, Albany, NY 12205, faxed to 459-2155 or e-mailed to UPWP10-12@cdcmpo.org no later than March 3. For information, contact CDTC at 458-2161.

Robotics teams to compete

Local FIRST robotics teams will compete at the Tech Valley Third Annual Robotics Exhibition on February 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Teams of high school students from Shenendehowa, Colonie, Albany, Hudson, Rutland, Shaker, and Ballston Spa will compete. In lieu of an admission fee, attendees

are invited to bring one can of food that will be donated to local food pantries.

The exhibition will be at 405 Jordan Road in Troy in the Rensselaer Technology Park. For more information, email Rose Barra at barrrose@shenet.org.

Guilderland church to host seminar

On Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ the King in Guilderland, Father Steven Moore will present an event entitled "Spirituality for the Long Haul." Call Maureen McAuliffe at 869-0454 with questions.

Great Upstate Boat Show scheduled

On March 26-28, the Great Upstate Boat Show will assemble more than 200 new and pre-owned boats at the Adirondack Sports Complex in Queensbury, New York. 25 major boat dealers will be displaying their new models. For information, call 791-0070.

Art Exhibit at Albany Church

The First Congregational Church on Quail Street in Albany will present an exhibit of a handwritten bible entitled "The Serenity of Knowing" by Scriber Phillip Patterson and Photographer Laura Glazer. The exhibit will take place on Sunday February 28 immediately after the 10:30 worship service. For information, call 482-4580.

Senior Idol to hold auditions

Seniors Services of Albany will hold auditions for their 5th Annual Senior Idol Variety Show on March 16, 17, and 18 at the Louise Corning Center at 25 Delaware Avenue in Albany. Auditions should be no longer than four minutes, and are open to all adults 60 years and older. The Senior Idol Variety Show will take place in June at Myers Middle School in Albany. To sign up for an audition, call 463-4381 or email triley@seniorservicesofalbany.com.

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Milestones

Brunez, Martinez exchange vows

Laura Brunez and Nicolaz Martinez were married on July 31, 2009. The Ceremony and Reception were at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, NY. Reverend Neal Relyea officiated.

The Bride is the daughter of Leon and Peggy Brunez of Washington Avenue in Scotia, New York. The Groom is the son of Joe and Christina Martinez of Lubbock, Texas.

Erin Garis and Colleen Meisenholder, cousins of bride, were the Matrons of Honor. Danielle Johnson, Stacey Shields, and Heather Falace were the Bridesmaids. Molly Garis, cousin of bride, was the Junior Bridesmaid. Katie Meisenholder, cousin of bride, was the Flower Girl.

Nicholas Brunez, brother of bride, was the Best Man. The Groomsmen were Alan Meisenholder, Brian Garis, Daniel Harrigan (cousins of bride), and Steven Lont. Matthew Meisenholder, cousin of the bride, was the Junior Groomsman. Samuel Garis (cousin of bride) and Ayden Vandenberg (Godson of bride) were the ring bearers.

The Bride graduated from Scotia-Glenville High School, and SUNY Cortland, where she received bachelors in early childhood education, and childhood education. She earned a Masters in Literacy from The College of Saint Rose. Laura's Employer is The Learning Garden in Yorktown Heights, NY where she is a teacher.

The Groom graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock, TX. He spent 9 Years in the US Navy. He graduated with a bachelors in Human Resource Management from The New School.

Nicolaz is Senior React Operator at Entergy Nuclear Power at Indian Point.

The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and Disney World. They reside in Yorktown Heights, NY.



Laura and Nicolaz Martinez



Matthew Mazzariello and Jennifer Fingar

Fingar, Mazzariello engaged to marry

Paul and Patricia Fingar of Clifton Park are very pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Matthew Mazzariello, son of John and Kathleen Mazzariello of Watervliet.

The Wedding will take place on New Years Eve, December 31, 2010. The couple will marry at The Desmond Hotel in Albany. A reception will follow at The Desmond Hotel.

The Maid of Honor will be Kristin Szemansco. Bridesmaids will be Katie Kilgallon (sister of groom) and Kelli Mazzariello (sister-in-law of groom). The Best Man will be John Mazzariello, brother of groom. Groomsmen will be Kevin Kilgallon (brother-in-law of groom) and Michael Fingar (brother of bride).

The bride-to-be is a

graduate of Shenendehowa High School. She earned a Degree in Marketing from Adirondack Community College. Jennifer is Office Administrator at EXEControl Global Solutions in Clifton Park.

The future groom, graduated from Catholic Central High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Siena College. Matthew is Director of Development at EXEControl Global Solutions in Clifton Park.

Jennifer and Matthew will take a honeymoon trip to the Caribbean Islands. They will reside in Latham.

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Milestones

Delmar residents named to dean's list

Delmar residents Kevin P. Burriesci, Kirstie Troup Caesar, and Paul W. Viglucci have been named to the Dean's List at Binghamton University for the fall 2009 semester.

All three students attend the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering at the University.

Albany residents named to dean's list

Albany residents Dana Gallacchi and Kelsey Oberkoetter were named to the Northeastern University Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. Gallacchi is a Biochemistry major, and Oberkoetter is an Environmental Science major.

Wolinsky named to dean's list

Nina A. Wolinsky, of Delmar was named to the Dean's List at Bates College for the Fall 2009 semester.

A 2008 graduate of Bethlehem High School, Wolinsky majors in History and is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David G. Wolinsky of Delmar.

Hughes named to dean's list

Karen Hughes of Delmar has been named to the Dean's List at Elmira College for the Fall 2009 semester.

Karen majors in Sociology and Anthropology and Childhood Education. She is the daughter of Richard and Mary Jane Hughes.

Varcasia named to dean's list

Nicholas P. Varcasia,

a sophomore at Siena College in Loudonville, has been named to the Deans' List for the Fall 2009 semester. He majors in Accounting. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Varcasia, Jr., of Delmar.

Sipzner promoted to sr. associate

Barton & Loguidice, P.C., has promoted Robert J. Sipzner, P.E., to Senior Associate. A resident of Guilderland, Sipzner oversees, develops, and manages the firm's Albany and Ellenville office transportation projects. As a shareholder in the firm, Mr. Sipzner brings more than 28 years of experience with the evaluation, inspection, design and construction for bridges, highways, recreational trails, and canal related infrastructure. He has worked on projects throughout New York and neighboring states, focusing in the Capital

Region and the upper and lower Hudson Valley.

A graduate of Polytechnic Institute of New York University, Sipzner is active in the community and outreach programs for youths seeking careers in engineering and design fields.

Mr. Sipzner is a member of the Association of Bridge Construction & Design (ABCD), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), New York State Association of Transportation Engineers (NYSATE), the Practicing Institute of Engineering (PIE), and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

Elliott graduates basic training

Army Pfc. Mark A. Elliott has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

He is the son of Harry Elliott of Sandy Cove Avenue, Sarasota, Fla., and Mary Elliott of N. Loudon Lane, Loudonville.

The private is a 1999 graduate of Shaker High School, Latham.

Hunter, Whitley to marry



Brian Edward Whitley and Michele Lee Hunter

Kevin and Catherine Hunter of Loudonville proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lee Hunter, to Brian Edward Whitley, son of Robert and Janet Whitley of Canton, Massachusetts.

The bride-to-be holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY Oswego, a Master's Degree in Literacy from The College of St. Rose, and a Master's in Educational Administration from SUNY Albany. Michele is an Elementary Principal in the Mohonasen Central School District.

Her fiancé, a graduate from Lyndon State College holds a bachelor's degree in Meteorology. Brian is a Senior Meteorologist at Weather Routing Inc. in Glens Falls.

The couple is planning a wedding for October 9, 2010 in Saratoga Springs.

Ruth C. Trobridge

STILLWATER, PA. - Ruth C. Trobridge, 92, a fifty-year resident of Delmar, died on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at the Bonham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Stillwater, PA.

Mrs. Trobridge was born in Yonkers, NY, the daughter of the late Charles William and Clara Amelia (Kohler) Chidgey. Prior to her retirement, Ruth had worked for 18 years as the secretary to the

principal at the Bethlehem Central High School and had previously worked for Travelers Insurance and Rose and Kiernan Insurance companies. She was predeceased by her husband, Reginald J. Trobridge, on September 19, 1984.

Ruth volunteered at Childs Hospital in Albany for nearly 25 years, at one time serving on the hospital's Board of Governors. For many years, Ruth enjoyed regular bridge games with a close circle of friends.

Ruth is survived by a son, Rex C. (Kathleen) Trobridge of Glenmont, NY; a daughter, Judith (Lee) Steigerwald of

Shickshinny Lake, PA.

She is also survived by grandchildren Bruce (Elizabeth) Trobridge; Cherie Steigerwald (Tim) Fuller; Lance (Tammy) Trobridge; David (Lori) Steigerwald; great-grandsons Scott and Andrew Trobridge, and Jesse Fuller, and a great-granddaughter to be born in March to Lance and Tammy; niece, Sandra Chidgey Johnson, and nephews Robert and James Focht, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services were held from the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar and at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Bonham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 477 Bonnieville Road, Stillwater, PA, 17878.

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Unfortunately, the governor's 2010-11 state budget proposal contains a \$2.4 million reduction in state aid to libraries. This will be the fifth cut in less than two years and will

bring state aid for libraries down from \$102 million in 2007 to \$84.5 million in 2010 — an 18 percent reduction. No other state funded program serves so many (over 75 percent of New York households) with so little (less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the state budget).

Snapshot NY is a New York Library Association initiative to present a day in the life of libraries across the state through photos, videos and patron comments. Input will be shared with elected representatives at Lobby Day on March 2.

Yesterday was Snapshot Day at Bethlehem Public Library. You can still participate; stop by and let us know why you think your library is essential. Comment cards are available at the service desks until Feb. 24. Or you can register your



support online at www.protectnylibraries.org.

Spring storytimes
Bethlehem Central School District residents may sign up for Bethlehem Public Library's Spring storytimes on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22 and 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 439-9314, ext. 3021. Signup is for any level, and by phone only; no voice mail, e-mail or walk-in registrations will be accepted.

Open registration will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 24, and thereafter. At that time, anyone may sign up for any level by phone or in person, during library hours; call 439-9314, ext. 4.

We're offering two sign-up storytime levels this spring: "Wee Read" for children 35 months old and younger with a parent or caregiver, and "Threes, Fours and More" for children ages 3 to 6. In addition, we offer several walk-in programs: Family Playtime, Family

Storytime, Time Out for Tales, and Pajama-Rama.

Information about days and times for all our storytimes is available in the library, online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org, and in the January/February edition of the library newsletter.

Family playtime
Wednesdays, March 3 to 31, 10 a.m.

Meet other parents and caregivers while your young children play with toys, puzzles, balls and board books.

Family storytime
Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., March 3 to April 1

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 6 with family and friends.

After dinner books
Wednesday, March 3, 7 p.m.

"The Bird Artist"

by Howard Norman. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

Teen Time
Friday, March 5, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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A little Sunday music: Bien Baez
Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.

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Daybooks
Monday, March 8, 1:30 p.m.

"My Father's Paradise" by Ariel Sabar. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

Board meeting
Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

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Teen movie
Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.

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Louise Grieco
• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

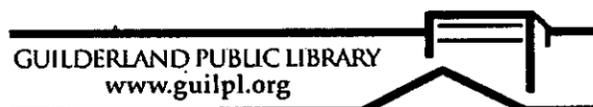
Library looking for literacy volunteers

Reading is one of life's great joys, but there are so many people right in our area who are denied this denied this pleasure because they lack basic English-language skills. If you're looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity that can truly change someone's life for the better, becoming a Literacy Volunteer is your chance!

The Guilderland Public Library, in partnership with Literacy New York: Greater Capital Region, is looking to recruit and train volunteers to become tutors in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) or BL (Basic Literacy, primarily reading and writing). We provide the training to help you work effectively with adult students who want to improve their English. The library is also adding literacy materials to its growing collection, all of which you can check out with your library card.

Participants who complete the training will be matched with one student or will work with another tutor to lead small-group instruction sessions, depending on your interest. Your commitment to our "team" is just a few hours a week — but the results can last a lifetime! You'd be giving the gift of literacy — to someone who so desperately wants it.

Come to a free orientation session at the library on March 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Additional



sessions will also take place here during these hours, on various dates in March and April, depending on which tutoring track you choose. There is a \$35 materials fee for the full training. To register, call Literacy New York Greater Capital Region at 452-3382.

Mark Curiale
The Guilderland

Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. For more information on this program, or any matter pertaining to the Library, contact the Library's Public Information Office at 456-2400 extension 12, or email pio@guilpl.org. To get information on other programs and services at the Library, visit www.guilpl.org, become a fan of the Library on Facebook, and follow the Library on twitter: @GuilderlandLib.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BRANDING CENTRIC, LLC.

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Notice of Publication GPP REAL ESTATE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/30/2009

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CHERY ARMS SD LLC.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 667 MAD 20 LLC.

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Notice of Formation of LEONELLO BORGHI DE SIGNS, LLC.

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Notice of Formation of PA-PER MOON MOVES, LLC.

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Notice of Formation of RICK LADD, LLC.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WILLIAM LANE ASSOCIATES, LLC.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

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Notice of Qualification of OLM Advisers, LLC.

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210.

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MTL DEVELOPMENT LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/31/09.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MUSICSOFARTS LLC.

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Notice of Qualification of ALEXET CAPITAL PARTNERS LP.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: HG3 LLC

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were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 5, 2010.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Greatness, LLC.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

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Notice of Formation of ELOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL LLC.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 701 New Scotland Avenue LLC.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 244 South Allen Street LLC.

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Notice of Formation of Leila Mae LLC.

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upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260.

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Notice of Formation of Decastro LLC.

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Notice of Formation of 4909, LLC.

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Notice of Formation of M & M Furniture Gallery LLC.

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Notice of Formation of 303 East 51st Street Investors L.P.

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Notice of Formation of Hinds Brokerage LLC.

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211.

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Notice of Formation of Crescent Moon Games LLC.

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Notice of Formation of Over-night City LLC.

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Notice of Formation of Love Is In The Hair LLC.

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 Notice of Formation of Hudson Capital Fund LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22119 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Kothari Law Group PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Profession of Law. LD-22120 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Cutting Edge Petct & Imaging PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, PO Box 370670, Bklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Profession of Medicine. LD-22121 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of EMPIRE REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/14/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22125 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of DINELA, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/6/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22126 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of IERA ODOS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22127 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MAZLIAH 999 LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose:

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any lawful purpose. LD-22128 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CHRYSANTHEMUM PRODUCTIONS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22129 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WEBDIRECT CMS, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10-29-09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC c/o 2123 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22131 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Harwich Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/19/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal Sr., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22132 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Validus Consulting Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/26/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal Sr., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22133 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is PRO PLAYER PROMOTIONS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 25, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. The Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2 Kling Terrace, Voorheesville, NY 12186. LD-22135 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SPA HOTEL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, De-

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ember 23, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. LD-22136 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Kastos Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/13/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Efstathios Giannoutsos, 21-61 46th St., Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22140 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Maggard Information Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/5/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 275 1/2 Lark St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22141 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of formation of R.F. Peck HVAC Service, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/19/2010. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 22 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to provide services to repair and maintain HVAC equipment. LD-22150 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of BROOK PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22151 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of JEROME CLARK LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22152 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: William Joseph Enterprises LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 28, 2010. Office location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's office has not yet been determined, County of Albany, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Anthony V. Cardona, Jr., Esq., 16 Sage Estate, #208, Menands, New York 12204. For any lawful purpose. LD-22159 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of INWOOD BRONX LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22163 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 17753 PARKING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22164 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 164283 PARKING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/27/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22165 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of BRIAN ORTER LIGHTING DESIGN LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22166 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of FEAL INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22167 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of BSC THEATER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22168 (February 17, 2010)

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 Notice of Formation of BUDGET PLUMBING & HEATING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22169 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of JEROME GERARD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22170 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of 18 Joelson Court LLC (the LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/28/10. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location is: 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: the LLC, c/o R. L. Michela, 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful business. LD-22171 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Xenios USA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 99 Washington Ave. #805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful activity. LD-22173 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of PromiseCare Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/22/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 605 Bakertown Rd., Antioch, TN 37013, the address of the principal office, and the address to be maintained in TN. Arts of Org. filed with TN Secy. Of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Snodgrass Tower, 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22175 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of PromiseCare Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/22/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 605 Bakertown Rd., Antioch, TN 37013, the address of the principal office, and the address to be maintained in TN. Arts of Org. filed with TN Secy. Of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Snodgrass Tower, 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22175 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Prendo Forensics, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 15, 2010. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC: P.O. Box 93, Guilderland, New York 12084-0093. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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LD-22176 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES IMAGING SERVICES, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 6, 2010.
THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 279 Broadway Albany, New York 12204
FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. LD-22181 (February 17, 2010)

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Publication Notice of Conversion of Focused Technologies
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES IMAGING SERVICES, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 6, 2010.
THIRD: The Partnership was, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law, duly converted to a Limited Liability Company.
FOURTH: The name of the Partnership is: FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES.
FIFTH: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is located is ALBANY.
SIXTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 279 Broadway Albany, New York 12204
SEVENTH: The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. LD-22182 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FFP-IV, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 25, 2010.
THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 111 State Street Albany, New York 12207
FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. LD-22183 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of LOVE & WAR ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22185 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of SPENCER & MYRTLE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22186 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Ritter Insurance Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/10. Fictitious name in NY State: Ritter Insurance Services/Marketing, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 12/11/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. PA address of LLC: 4800 Linglestown Road, Ste. 300, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22187 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Cayman Islands (CI) on 11/12/08. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Principal office of LP: 601 Jefferson, Ste. 3600, Houston, TX 77002. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with M&C Corporate Services Ltd., PO Box 309GT, Uglund House, South Church St., George Town, Grand Cayman, CI. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22188 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II - TE, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Cayman Islands (CI) on 10/24/08. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Principal office of LP: 601 Jefferson, Ste. 3600, Houston, TX 77002. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with M&C Corporate Services Ltd., PO Box 309GT, Uglund House, South Church St., George Town, Grand Cayman, CI. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22191 (February 17, 2010)

V'ville library invites girls to pajama party

It's not too late to sign up for the Girls' Night Out Pajama Party this Friday, Feb. 19.

Girls in grades six-plus are invited from 6:30 to 10 p.m. to enjoy music, movies, manicures, gossip and food. Wear your pajamas, bring a pillow or blanket to lounge on the floor, and we will spread out and have fun!

Zoo animal stories

What will we see at the zoo today? Lions and monkeys, elephants and zebras! Hear stories about your favorite zoo animals at Family Evening Storytime with Miss Amy on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Family Storytimes are for preschoolers through grade two and registration is requested.

Workshop series

Signups are now being taken for the



District on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. Register by calling 765-2791.

Watch the Olympics

Remember that the big screen TV is on for the finals of the Olympic figure skating competitions on Feb. 18, 22, 25 and 27, and is available for viewing other events when the room is free.

Book discussion

Grades 4 and 5 are reading "Gossamer" by Lois Lowry for book discussion on Friday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. You will receive a copy at signup.

Barbara Vink

All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Parent/Child Workshop series, which runs on Wednesdays from Feb. 24 through March 24 from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. The workshops are for children up to 3 years old with a parent or caregiver. We request that you attend three of the five sessions.

The Art of Photography

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. for The Art of Photography: Composing the Perfect Picture with Kathy Montgomery. No registration is required.

Real Life 101

Real Life 101 advises homebuyers on the process from pre-approval to closing with local agent Jill Jackson of Keller Williams Capital

Students' art on display

RCS students' art work is on display at the RCS Community Library and in the hallway gallery outside the Library Annex. The show will be up through vacation week and until March 5.

The exhibit is open during library hours from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays.

Construction Zone

Get your construction hats on; the Construction Zone will be in full gear during February School Vacation. LEGOS, Tinker Toys and Duplos will be our construction materials, your imagination will be the blueprint!

School-age kids will occupy our Construction Zone on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. On Friday, Feb. 19, preschoolers will be in the Zone with Duplos and other building toys. That activity will run from 10:30 to noon.

Time 4 Teens

Music will be at the heart of T4T February activities. For vacation

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

week teens can enjoy Guitar Hero and some of their own Wii games, because Upper Hudson Library System has lent us a Wii console. The program is late afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail notifications

The library is collecting e-mail addresses to begin e-mailing the community our events and programming

notices. Fill out one of the e-mail notification forms and be one of the first to know when the library schedules a concert or plans school vacation activities for the kids.

Sign up for e-mail notification for your library account at the same time.

All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit www.uhls.org/RCSCL/.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Energex Worldwide Trading, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/29/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Services Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22196 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

PONDERA MANAGEMENT LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/24/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22197 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

WGT - WORLD GLOBAL TRADING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 01/20/10. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/

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o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22198 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Serby Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/04/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22205 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Julie World Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22206 (February 17, 2010)

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tered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22207 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Lavanderia Express VIII, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22208 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Launch Collective Partners LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/20/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22209 (February 17, 2010)

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upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Profession of Dietetics-Nutrition. LD-22210 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Jacqueline S. Castro, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/06/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 295 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, NY, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22211 (February 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARM PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/5/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22212 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of SAFE & VAULT TECHNOLOGY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CPD REALTY PARTNERS, LLC On January 29, 2010, CPD Realty Partners, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is Albany County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC, is 48 Howard Street, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of owning and managing real estate and all other purposes permitted by law.

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JREFLECTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/08/09. Office in Albany County. Registered Agent: N/A. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to 75 Edgecomb Street, Albany NY 12209. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22217 (February 17, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Genesis Networks Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/5/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 5/21/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 600 N. Loop, 1604 E., San Antonio, TX 78232. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22218 (February 17, 2010)

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ANTLIA INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 10/23/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22221 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

LEGAL NOTICE

COMPANY (LLC) Name: Breathing Room, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 12/16/09. The principal office of the LLC is in ALBANY County. Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall be served. Secretary of State of New York shall be mailed a copy of any process against the LLC to 339 Kenwood Avenue Delmar NY 12054. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22222 (February 17, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: The Fresh Perspective, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 12/16/09. The principal office of the LLC is in ALBANY County. Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall be served. Secretary of State of New York shall be mailed a copy of any process against the LLC to 51 Gardner Terrace Delmar NY 12054. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22223 (February 17, 2010)

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Lednev

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while Bethlehem's Zachary Kundel finished third with a time of 21.85 seconds. Guilderville's Jonathan Wheeler (fourth place, 22.21 seconds) and Resila (fifth, 22.49 seconds) swam qualifying times for the state meet.

Johnson had less trouble winning the 100-yard freestyle. After an early challenge by Ballston Spa's Michael Barno, Johnson pulled away in the final 25 yards to take the title with a time of 46.52 seconds. Barno was second with a time of 47.22 seconds, and Wheeler finished third with a time of 49.29 seconds.

While Johnson's individual efforts were impressive, it was Shaker's Frankie Dyer who stole the show. The Notre Dame-bound senior earned the most outstanding swimmer award for the second consecutive year after posting All-American times in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles.

Dyer fended off a strong challenge from Shen's Troy Nichols to win the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:39.38. Nichols took second place with an All-American consideration time of 1:42.40, and Barno placed third with a time of 1:45.11.

There were no challengers for Dyer in the 500-yard freestyle, as he cruised to the title with a time of 4:32.75. Nichols was second to Dyer again, this time with a time of 4:44.11, and Buckley finished third with a time of 4:50.51.

Dugan joined Dyer on the list of swimmers with All-American times at Sectionals. Dugan cut through the Shen pool in a time of 49.63 seconds to win the 100-yard

butterfly. Bethlehem's Taylor Van Cott was second with a time of 52.45 seconds, and Niskayuna's Mike Henze was third with a time of 52.73 seconds.

Dugan also swam the anchor leg of Mohonasen/Schalmont's 200-yard freestyle relay. Dugan, Resila, Reiss and Dylan Woythal took first place with a time of 1:28.71, while Ballston Spa's team of Barno, Brandon Keating, Dave Gardiner and Chris Heckman finished second with a time of 1:29.46.

Buckley had his shining moment in the 200-yard individual medley. The Shen senior won with a time of 1:56.55, less than one second ahead of Bethlehem's Alex Lednev. Henze placed third with a time of 1:59.82.

Lednev gave the Bethlehem fans something to cheer about by winning the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:00.49. Resila was second with a time of 1:00.96, and Ballston Spa's Philip Piombino took third place with a time of 1:01.87. Goodcoff qualified for states with his fourth-place time of 1:02.48.

Taylor Nichols won the 100-yard backstroke for Shen with a time of 55.22 seconds. Van Cott placed second with a time of 55.64 seconds.

Shen capped its day by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with an All-American consideration time of 3:13.75. Ballston Spa was second with a time of 3:20.45, and Bethlehem placed third with a time of 3:20.83.

Several area divers qualified for the state meet last Thursday at Ballston Spa High School. Shaker's Josh Koppel won the large school title with a score of 452.15 points, while Albany Academy's Manny Pollard - a Delmar resident - earned the small school championship with a score of 451.60 points. Guilderville's Sean Molloy (418.85) and Shen's Adam Bonk (407.70) rounded out the top three in the large school division.

Rats

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Best-case scenario: the Rangers move the Hartford Wolfpack (which they own) to Albany, give them the River Rats name and logo and watch the Rangers fans flock to the Times Union Center. I'll settle for the Sabres, if they can extricate themselves from their 5-year affiliation agreement with Portland without creating too many hard feelings in Maine. As for the Islanders, let them stay in Bridgeport.

Another area team is moving, and this one won't likely be replaced. The Saratoga Phillies are taking off for Oneonta to play at legendary Damaschke Field, thus ending their six-year New York Collegiate Baseball League run at East Side Recreation Field.

Honestly, I can't blame the Phillies for moving. For all the upgrades made to East Side Rec, it's not

a professional-grade minor league ballpark like Damaschke Field.

But what does worry me is that if more NYCBL teams start opting to play at minor league ballparks instead of community ballparks (Amsterdam's Shuttleworth Park and Albany's Bleecker Stadium, for example), then we could lose the league's charm. After all, the purpose of the NYCBL is to give college ballplayers a summer home where they can play literally in a community's backyard. If more teams opt to play in pro-grade stadiums, it will feel less like a community game and more like the New York-Penn League, except that the players don't get paid.

Every time the Winter Olympics start up, I can't help but think of the 1980 Games in Lake Placid and how cool it would be to have another Olympics in New York. Then, I realize that can't happen without help from a larger region that's only a couple of hours south of Lake Placid.

Yes, I'm referring to us. The Capital District/Tech Valley/Tri-Cities/SmAlbany.

It's not impossible to think we could pull off a successful bid. There's still some space to build a new arena, a long-track speed skating oval, a curling rink, a temporary stadium for the opening and closing ceremonies and a huge broadcasting center down here. The Lake Placid venues (specifically Mt. Van Hoevenberg) would only need some sprucing up. There's a decent infrastructure to get people between here and Lake Placid (and it could get better with upgraded rail lines). Add in two athlete villages that could be re-used for housing (Albany) or as a resort (Lake Placid), and we'd be there.

Can you tell I've put some thought into this?

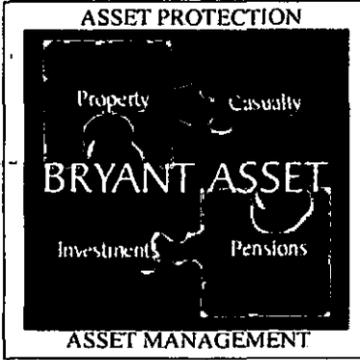
I'll use this part of my column to admit I was wrong about Averill Park girls' basketball and Siena College men's basketball. Neither will go undefeated in their respective leagues. At least Averill Park came really close before Colonie pulled out that 63-62 victory last Thursday (a great win by the Garnet Raiders, by the way). Siena, though, laid an egg at Niagara. Oh well, these things happen.

Finally, with pitchers and catchers reporting to Spring Training, I feel it's my duty to remind all New York Mets fans that the New York Jets will be reporting to training camp in five months. Coming from a fellow Mets fan, you can pretty much guess how I feel about their chances in the National League East.

Well, that's it for another week. Remember, I want feedback from you, so e-mail me at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

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Fighting for two points



Bethlehem's Julie Landrigan (34) shoots with Guilderland's Melissa Winne guarding her closely during last Thursday's game. The Lady Eagles won 56-38. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Wrestlers qualify for states

Some familiar faces and some new faces will be representing Section II at next weekend's New York State High School Wrestling Championships in Albany.

The familiar faces include Shenendehowa's John Belanger, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Zeal McGrew and Schalmont's Vince Gallo - all of whom won their weight classes at last Saturday's Section II Championships in Glens Falls.

Belanger defeated LaSalle's Jon Clemente 4-1 in the Division I (large school) 135-pound weight class final to punch his ticket to the Times Union Center. He'll be joined by Shen teammates Nick Kelley (119 pounds) and Seth Hazelton (140), who won their weight classes.

McGrew had little trouble in his title bout, handling Averill Park's Alex Boudreau 14-5 to win the 285-pound weight class. Another BH-BL heavyweight, John Acors, earned a spot on the Section II team by beating Shen's Mike Almaviva 3-1 for the 215-pound title.

Gallo - who reached the state finals last year - earned his first Division II (small school) championship by defeating Mechanicville's

Tim Fensterer 9-3 in the 189-pound title bout. Gallo received an at-large bid to last year's state tournament.

Among the first-time state tournament participants is Shaker's Blake Retell. The lightweight edged Averill Park's Cody Moseley 6-4 in the Division I 103-pound finals to become the first Blue Bison in this century to qualify for states.

Colonie's Zach Zovistoski is also heading to the state tournament for the first time. Zovistoski shut out Ballston Spa's Steve Paniccia 5-0 to claim the Division I 160-pound title.

Zovistoski will be joined by Colonie teammate Jason Chudzinski, who pulled out a 13-9 victory over Shen's Max Miller in the Division I 130-pound title bout.

Niskayuna's Alex Espina

had the most impressive championship-round performance. Espina pinned Mohonasen's Anthony Paturso in 25 seconds to win the Division I 145-pound title.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Andy Lyman qualified for the Division II tournament by beating Duaneburg's Gus Clark 7-2 in the 130-pound finals.

Several more area wrestlers are holding out hope for at-large berths to the state tournament after placing second at Sectionals. The list includes Guilderland's Kevin Bates (119 pounds), Colonie's Steve Anson (125) and Joe Shell (171), Ballston Spa's Chris Ohnsman (189), R-C-S's Freddy Pechette (103) and Loudonville Christian School's Brian Walsh (140). Those wrestlers will learn their fate Wednesday when the state tournament brackets are announced.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Lednev leads BC

Sophomore wins 100 breaststroke at Sectionals

The Bethlehem boys swim team put up a good fight at last weekend's Section II Championships at Shenendehowa, but the host school was too strong for the Eagles.

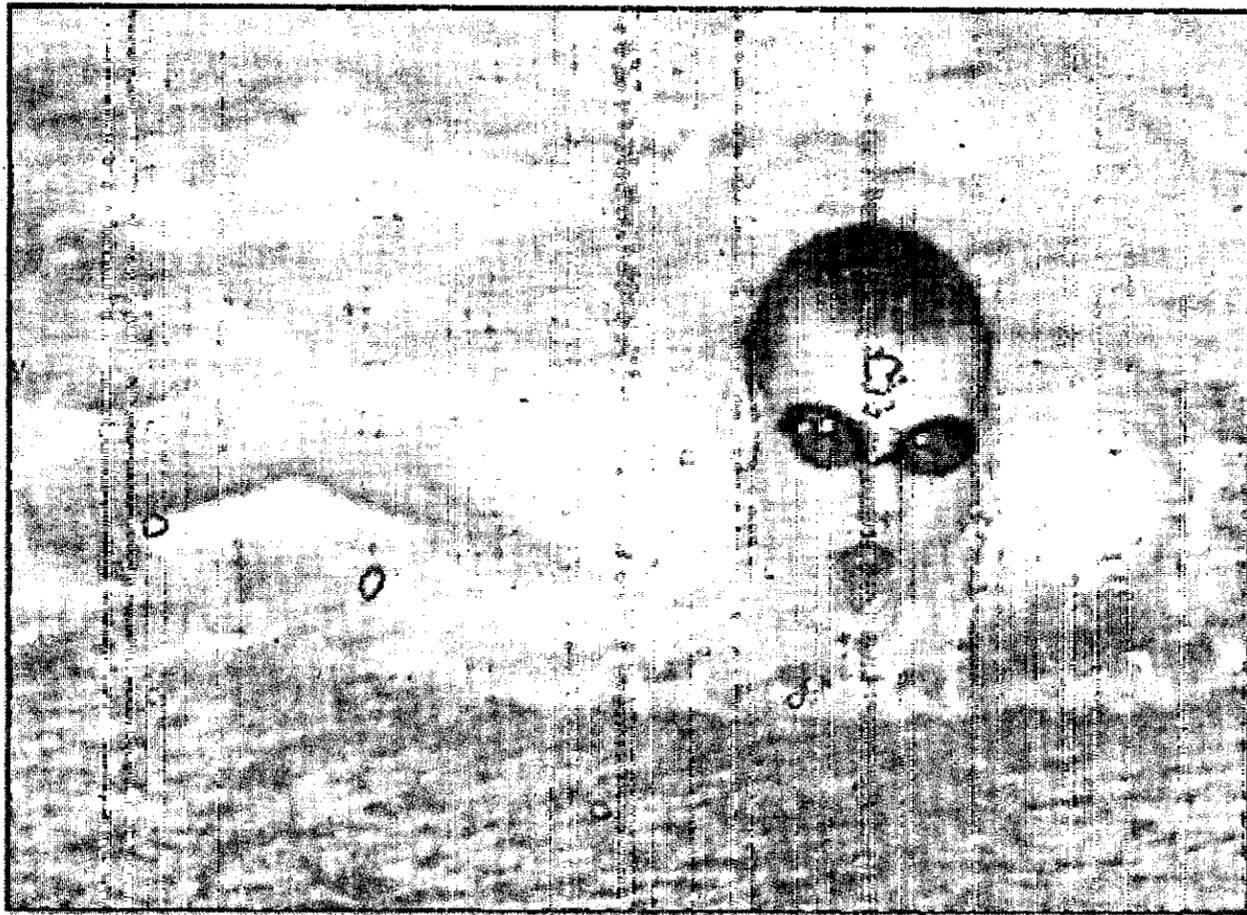
Shen used its depth of talent to ease to the large school division title for the seventh time in the last eight years. The Plainsmen finished with 536 points, well ahead of second-place Bethlehem (279 points) and third-place Mohonasen/Schalmont (237 points).

Saturday's finals didn't start the way Shen

intended it to. Mohonasen/Schalmont's 200-yard medley relay team of Jae Segatto, Nate Resila, Michael Dugan and Matthew Reiss edged the Plainsmen by .17 seconds to claim the title with an All-American consideration time of 1:38.19. Shen's team of Taylor Nichols, Adam Goodcoff, Shayne Buckley and Jake Johnson swam an All-American consideration time of 1:38.36.

Johnson came back strong after the relay loss. The Georgia Tech-bound senior out-touched Dugan at the finish line to win the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.31 seconds. Dugan placed second with a time of 21.33 seconds.

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Bethlehem's Alex Lednev comes up for air during the 200-yard individual medley at the Section II Swimming and Diving Championships last Saturday at Shenendehowa High School. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*

'Vliet shuts down 'Birds

The Voorheesville boys basketball team fell one game short of earning a share of the Colonial Council title.

Watervliet (12-2 league, 15-3 overall) outscored the Blackbirds 20-13 in the fourth quarter to pull away for a 66-59 victory in last Friday's regular season finale.

The Blackbirds (11-3, 14-4) had a strong defensive performance in the first quarter as they took a 12-9 lead on their hosts. However, the Cannoneers regrouped and averaged 19 points per quarter over the last three periods to earn the win and a share of the league title with Lansingburgh.

Nick Durcher scored 23 points, and Devonta Gleason added 14 points for Watervliet. Ethan Mackey led Voorheesville with 22 points, while Nicholas Crawford contributed 18 points.

In another Colonial Council game last Friday, Schalmont jumped out to a 22-15 lead in the first quarter on its way to a 69-58 victory over Raveria-Coeymans-Selkirk.

Anthony Metzold netted 21 points, while Brendar Munafa and Nick Reali each added 17 points for the Sabres (6-8, 7-11), who won four of their last six games.

Jordan Skipper had 18 points, and Antony Monescalchi chipped in 14 points for the Indians (1-13, 1-17).

In the Suburban Council, Bethlehem ended its regular season on a high note by beating Guilderland 66-57 last Thursday in Delmar.

The Eagles (6-13, 6-12) saw an early 13-9 lead slip away when the Dutchmen (7-9, 8-10) put together a 21-point second quarter to grab a 30-25 halftime advantage.

Bethlehem regained the momentum in the third quarter, as it cutscored Guilderland 21-6 to gain a 46-36 lead. The Dutchmen attempted to get back in the game in the fourth quarter, but the Eagles held on for the nine-point victory.

Scott Clas and Ryan Stempsey each scored 20 points, and John Morrill added 12 points for Bethlehem, which swept its two-game season series with Guilderland.

Ryan Ochs' 16 points paced the Dutchmen, who had won five of their previous six games leading to last Thursday's game. Anthony Gallo contributed 14 points.



Voorheesville's John Alawi shoots over a Watervliet defender during last Friday's Colonial Council game. *Robert Goo/Spotlight*

Who will come in to save the Rats?

Did you know that an American-owned boat won the America's Cup race in the Mediterranean Sea? Do you even care? I don't. OK, moving on...

From the **Sports Desk**

 Rob Jonas

• So, the Albany River Rats are moving to Charlotte next season. Well, at least the franchise is. We get to keep the name and the logo. Whew.

Of course, it does the region no good to keep the name and the logo if there isn't a team playing at the Times Union Center. To wit, the good folks down there are in serious negotiations with at least one other AHL franchise, and there are reportedly two more teams thinking about moving to Albany.

Now nobody's divulging any names officially, but it does seem like the two affiliates I talked about being the most logical choices (the New York Rangers and the Buffalo Sabres) are the ones who are interested. A third reported option is the New York Islanders, whose affiliate is in Bridgeport, Conn.

Of those three options, the one that still makes the most sense to me is the Rangers. If there is one NHL team Albany hockey fans follow the most, it's the "Broadway Blues." Put the Rangers' minor leaguers into this town, and it may not take a lot of marketing to get the people through the turnstiles at the Times Union Center (though it couldn't hurt to offer a load of promotions just in case).

Having Buffalo's prospects in Albany would be a pretty good Plan B. There's a significant amount of transplanted Buffalonians around these parts, and Sabres games are broadcast to our region quite a bit. Plus, it would be a financial boon for the Sabres, since they would no longer have to ship their minor leaguers to the remote AHL outpost of Portland, Maine. Just plop them on the New York State Thruway or a commuter plane.

Then, there's the wildcard that is the Islanders. Reportedly, Billy Fuccillo wants to buy the Bridgeport Sound Tigers and move them here. While I'm all for Fuccillo's involvement (mainly because he's very good with "huuuuuugggge" marketing slogans), I wouldn't want an AHL team plucked from another city where there's at least decent fan support (4,000 per game) moving here. Plus, didn't we have the Islanders' AHL affiliate years ago and draw diddlyquat?

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