

Selkirk man arrested for aggravated DWI

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Nicholas S. Scaccia, 18, of 17 South Street, Selkirk, and charged him with aggravated DWI following a traffic stop Friday, March 26.

Police received a complaint of an erratic driver in the area of 9w and the city line. Police located the vehicle traveling on Kenwood Avenue and observed it traveling at a low rate of speed with the left directional signal on, according to arrest reports. The vehicle also crossed into the oncoming lane of traffic before a traffic stop was made, according to police.

Police observed the driver slumped in his seat, and Scaccia stated he was dropping his girlfriend off and said she was seated next to him while the car was in fact empty, according to police. He also stated he was coming home from a friend's house on Washington Avenue in the City of Albany and could not identify what road he was currently on, according to police.

Scaccia allegedly stated he had consumed 4 beers, but said he was fine. Police asked him to exit the vehicle for field sobriety tests, and he needed the

help of the car door when exiting and had difficulty standing, said police.

Scaccia failed sobriety tests, according to police.

A breath test administered at the station showed his BAC to be 0.21 percent, police said. Scaccia's mother responded to pick him up from the station.

Other arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Samuel G. Ford, 25, of 294 McCarty Avenue, Albany, and charged him with DWAI-Drugs and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, both misdemeanors, following a traffic stop on Friday, March 26.

An officer parked at Old Route 9w observing traffic for seatbelt compliance observed Ford driving without a seatbelt, and also saw his rear windows were tinted, according to arrest reports. A traffic stop was made in the parking lot of Cumberland Farms on Route 9w in Glenmont.

Ford could not produce a license or registration, just a work resume in his name, police said. A small plastic baggie containing marijuana was

observed alongside the driver's seat in Ford's car and, police smelled the odor of marijuana on Ford while interviewing him, according to arrest reports.

ADVM inquiry showed Ford's license to be suspended by both the Town of Colonie and City of Albany for failure to answer a summons, police said.

Ford was placed under arrest and transported to Albany Medical Center, where a blood test was drawn. He was also charged with traffic violations and criminal possession of marijuana, and arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court. Bail was set at \$5,000 cash or \$7,500 bond, and a return date was set for Tuesday, April 20.

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested two brothers on bench warrants and DWI charges following a traffic stop Saturday, March 27.

Police observed a passenger not wearing his seatbelt in a vehicle traveling on Delaware Avenue in Delmar and made a traffic stop in the parking lot of Phillips Hardware at 235 Delaware Avenue, according to

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Guilderland rollover results in DWI arrest

Joseph M. Prudhomme, 20, of 464 Arthur St., Schenectady, was arrested by Guilderland police on Sunday, March 28 and charged with DWI.

According to police, Prudhomme was involved in a roll over accident in the area of Schoolhouse Road and Western Ave. Police said a strong odor of alcohol was emanating from Prudhomme and that he tested positive for alcohol in a pre-screen test.

According to police, Prudhomme refused to take a chemical test.

Prudhomme was processed after being released from Albany Medical Center, and will be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, April 15.

Other arrests

• Ashley M. Noonan, 24, of 7034 Suzanne Lane, Schenectady, was arrested by Guilderland police on Sunday, March 28 and charged with DWI. According to police, Noonan was pulled over for failing to keep right on East Old State Road. Police said that Noonan had impaired motor coordination and that a strong odor of alcohol was emanating from her. According to police, Noonan admitted to having three glasses of wine prior to driving that night. Noonan was arrested for DWI, and

arraigned later that night.

• David Vasquez, 31, of 210 South Allen St., Apt. 3, Albany, was arrested by Guilderland police on Friday, March 26 and charged with DWI. Police said Vasquez was questioned after he was observed driving a vehicle with flat tires, a broken mirror, and damage to the front bumper. According to police, Vasquez said he fell asleep behind the wheel of the vehicle and hit a number of street signs on Western Ave. Police said Vasquez failed subsequent sobriety tests, and would test at 0.16 BAC. Vasquez will be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, April 8.

• Samuel J. Stubbs, 22, of 189 Liberty St., Newburg was arrested by Guilderland police on Saturday, March 27 and charged with DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, both misdemeanors. Police said Stubbs was pulled over while failing to keep right while traveling on Western Ave. According to police, there was a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Stubbs and Stubbs failed subsequent sobriety tests. Police said Stubbs would later test at 0.16 BAC. Stubbs will be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, April 8.

• Robert H. Bigley, 52, of 299 Jeanette Drive, Schenectady was arrested

by Guilderland police on Sunday, March 28 and charged with aggravated DWI and aggravated DWI 3rd offense, both felonies. According to police, Bigley was pulled over for driving through a stop sign while traveling west on East Old State Road. Police said a strong odor of alcohol was emanating from Bigley, and that Bigley would fail subsequent sobriety tests. A chemical test would reveal a BAC of 0.19, making it a felony, according to police. Bigley was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court and remanded to Albany County Jail on \$20,000 bail.

• Ronald L. Edwards, 16, of 1018 Switzkill Road, Berne, was arrested by Guilderland police on Sunday, March 28 and charged with criminal mischief in the 3rd degree. Edwards turned himself into police after police received a domestic dispute complaint alleging that Edwards repeatedly kicked in the front door of the victims home until it broke open. Edwards was arrested after a subsequent investigation and arraigned in Guilderland Town Court the next day.

• Angela Santiago, 63, of 175 North Allen St., Albany, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, March 25, and charged with burglary in the 3rd degree, a felony, possession of stolen property in the 5th degree and contempt of court, both misdemeanors. According to police, Santiago was seen running through the bus stop area and parking lot area of Crossgates mall, through the cemetery and into the parking lot of the restaurant Hana, where she was stopped. Police said Santiago admitted to coming from Crossgates mall and having stolen items from the Candy Express, The Gap, and H&M. A subsequent investigation revealed that a court order issued after her January 7 arrest in Crossgates mall mandated that Santiago was to stay away from Crossgates. Santiago was arraigned later that day in Guilderland Town Court.

• Philip M. Horowitz, 22, of 2 Spice Mill Road, Clifton Park, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, March 25, and charged with criminal possession of a control substance with intent to sell, a felony, criminal possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a hypodermic instrument,

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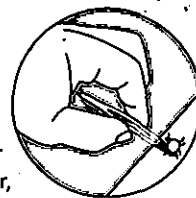
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Money talks

BC students to give Fed an earful in national event

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If you had an opportunity to tell the Federal Reserve how to fix the economy, what would you say?

That's the task taken up by a group of Bethlehem Central High Schoolers, who will soon be traveling to New York City as part of the nationwide Fed Challenge competition. The five-member group will give a 15-minute presentation to Fed representatives, who will critique their ideas and performance against other schools.

Participating in the Fed Challenge is something that's been kicked around for a few years now, said team advisor and economics teacher Jason Majewski, but it was just this year that a group of dedicated students emerged.

"They said it's a valuable experience, and it's worthwhile," said Majewski.

The Federal Reserve directs interest rates and other U.S. monetary policy. The thrust of the group's presentation is the Fed should stick to a

policy of expansionism by keeping interest rates low but be wary of potential impacts on inflation and the long-term health of the economy.

"There is a happy medium that needs to be reached, but at this point, we're in a situation where there is not growth," said Alyssa Smith, a participant from the high school. "In order to move forward, in the short term at least, people need to start circulating money through the system."

But the Fed needs to gain the trust of the American people and businesses by promoting sound financial practices once a recovery is fully underway, said fellow student Sam Stern.

"When we see the boom, we need to make sure we don't overheat the economy," he said.

Once the group has made its oral presentation, judges will grill them about points of their plan. It's a portion of the competition that can be difficult to prepare for given the nature of the financial world.

"Whatever happens this next week will impact the questions they ask," Majewski told the group in an after-school practice with other BC teachers.

The members of the



From left to right: David Rosen, Alyssa Smith, Sam Stern, Alex Iselin and Thomas Liebert, members of Bethlehem Central High School's Fed Challenge team, will be traveling to New York City to speak on the economy. Here, BC teachers give the students pointers on their presentation.

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"A lot of it was kind of a desire to pursue what was going on in the news."

— Thomas Liebert, BCBS student

team are approaching economics during one of the most tumultuous periods in recent memory, which spurred some to delve deeper into current events.

"A lot of it was kind of a desire to pursue what was going on in the news," said Thomas Liebert.

"It became something I really had to seek out for myself," Alex Iselin said.

Since the economics course curriculum

focuses heavily on microeconomics, the students had to leverage outside information to gain a full understanding of the forces at play.

"Taking only a micro course, that's compelled us to do a lot of outside research," said Smith.

"We had to work with each other," agreed David Rosen.

The team began putting the presentation together around the end of January,

meeting weekly at the high school with Majewski. The endeavor has not only expanded his students' economic thinking, but imparted public speaking practice that will come in handy later in life.

"One of the things we strive to accomplish in class is participation," Majewski said. "What job doesn't require you to stand up in front of a group of people and make your case?"

The students will be paying their own way to New York City for the competition.

Several members of the Fed Challenge team are also involved in the

school's Money Club, where participants take part in the Stock Market Game against other schools in the area. Club founder Stern and Iselin are running a portfolio this year that is leading the regional pack and performing a remarkable 21 percent above the S&P 500 index.

Stern was also recently won an Investwrite essay competition for his paper, exploring short-term versus long-term investment strategies.

Group members said they'd continue studying economics in college, even if they don't make it a major.

Group says stone dust pervasive near Lafarge

Plant officials say emissions well within state, federal regulations

By CHARLES WIFF
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A local DEC wildlife pathologist who in the past has targeted the mercury emissions of the Ravena Lafarge cement plant is now saying stone dust at the plant poses a threat to nearby residents and the environment.

Ward Stone, who is doing work in Ravena independent of the Department of Environmental Conservation, said he found high concentrations of calcium around the plant, indicative of stone dust given off during the transportation

and processing of the limestone rock used in the concrete-making process.

"In the early parts of the study I didn't pay much attention to the calcium," Stone said. "Then it dawned on me that a lot of it's being lost in dust."

While inhaling calcium can cause respiratory tract irritation or infection, said Stone, he's more concerned about other elements of the limestone also carried in the dust, including heavy metals like mercury.

Stone argued stone dust is blown around and falls off trucks during transport, and is getting into the surrounding community in greater levels than is generally thought, including into waterways and at the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School across the road from the plant.

"I don't want to start a big panic among the students and among the parents, but I can recommend to start doing some good housekeeping," to keep stone dust contained, Stone said.

John Reagan, Lafarge's

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— Ward Stone,

Independent researcher into Lafarge emissions

Ravena Plant Environmental Operations Manager, said he hasn't seen scientific data behind Stone's studies and noted the plant is monitored by the DEC and EPA.

"When the DEC monitored air quality at the RCS High School, consistently for 11 years their findings confirmed that the air in our community is safe," he said.

That study consists of data collected in the 1970s and '80s.

Stone announced his findings at the Ravena VFW Tuesday, March 30, at a meeting sponsored by the Community Advocates for Safe Emissions group, which has also been fundraising to support Stone's research. Stone estimated lab tests have run up to \$6,000 since

he started his studies last year.

Rick Georgeson of the DEC said air regulations require Lafarge to control dust in nine ways at the Ravena plant, including the use of electrostatic precipitators on kilns and covers for conveyor belts that carry materials about the plant. Trucks leaving the site are sprayed down with water, as are roadways.

Dust could also originate at the nearby Callanan Industries facility or the limestone quarry.

"There are permit conditions for all three of those facilities that are supposed to reduce the dust," Georgeson said. "We haven't had very many complaints at all, maybe two in the last couple of years, from residents."

Georgeson went on to say DEC staff would be able to microscopically determine the origin of dust in the event of complaints.

Stone said his observations show dust mitigation measures aren't adequate.

The Department of Health is in the midst of a public health assessment study for the area surrounding the Lafarge plant that will take into account data sources collected since the plant's opening in 1962.

In September, Stone said his studies of heavy metal levels in area wildlife revealed heightened levels of mercury in plants and animals. The DEC is drafting new mercury emission regulations that would cap emissions at the Ravena factory at 176 pounds per year.

"We're still in the process of that, and right now we're deciding whether to have a public hearing for that," Georgeson said. "There's no real hard and fast deadline for that."

The federal Environmental Protection Agency is also looking into imposing stricter regulations that would cap Lafarge's plant at 70 to 80 pounds per year, according to Reagan.

Reagan pointed to DEC data from an air quality monitoring station in Columbia County showing the airborne mercury levels

there to be below those found in Albany County, and both well below the federal air quality standard.

He also argued the mercury levels in Stone's studies are not any higher than those found in surface soils across the state, and said the DEC keeps track of Lafarge's emissions.

"They've assessed our plant and our plant is safe," Reagan said.

Lafarge is in the process of implementing a massive modernization project at the Ravena plant, and recently resubmitted an updated environmental impact statement to the DEC.

The modernization is expected cost hundreds of millions, reduce the plant's emissions and cut its fuel use by 50 percent. A 12 to 18-month construction process should employ 800 temporary workers, said Lafarge representatives, and the modernization is on track for a 2014 completion.

Reagan said Lafarge would hold public information sessions as the project moves forward, and has launched an informational Web site at www.lafargravenafacts.com, where all public documents related to the modernization are downloadable.

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Bumper cars, Skee-Ball and the worst time ever

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Nothing worked.

We were at one of those indoor playground places and just about half of the games and rides were out of commission. I, of course, did not know this before I shelled out \$35 for my sons to play there for two hours.

The place — for the sake of courtesy, let's call it Jumpers — was my wife's idea. Most of the things that involve spending money, the kids, or spending money on the kids are my wife's ideas. In fact, the kids themselves were my wife's idea, and I'm not sure I was consulted at all.

We were on Jumpers' Web site the night before. "See?" my wife, Jess says to me. "They have a roller coaster and bumper cars ... and air-hockey. You like air-hockey, don't you, honey?"

"How much?"

"With lunch and everything, it's probably around \$50."

"Fifty dollars?! I can build an air-hockey table for half that. I've got some plywood in the garage and we have your blow dryer ..."

"Bill." I know by her tone of voice that my wife is done trying to sell me on the idea and has graduated to telling me what we're going to do. "The kids need to get out of the house."

Commentary:

Pop Culture



Everything is indoors, so we won't have to worry about the weather."

We didn't have to worry about the weather anyway. The day we pulled up to the indoor playground/Goosebumps story it was around 72 and sunny — who wants to be out in that?

But inside we went, and at first glance everything was copacetic. The place was well lit and there were a few other kids running around. The receptionist greeted us with a smile and, after we handed over the \$35 admission, said, "You guys are going to have a great time today."

Indeed.

My kids — 7-year-old Kevin with 2-year-old Nathan in tow — made a beeline for rollercoaster. They were stopped short by a large metal gate and two orange construction cones.

Kevin reads the red and white sign: "Out of order," he says. "Does that mean we can't ride it?"

"I think so, Bubba. But I wonder what's wrong with it?"

My wife points to the tallest rise in the short track. "I think I know." Following her finger, I see there is a section of track missing at the apex of the hill. Directly underneath is some misshapen mass with a tarp thrown over it. "What do you think happened?"

"Godzilla," I say.

My kids' disappointment lasts only a second because Kevin sees the bumper cars in the opposite corner. There are only four cars and all of them are taken — two with actual people and two with orange construction cones in their seats. The operator sees my son and puts up her index finger, as to tell him to wait a minute. He walks over to one of the derelict bumper cars, takes the cone out of the seat and drags it to the middle of the floor.

"I think this one will work," he says.

Kevin starts climbing on the thing and my wife asks, "You think it'll work?"

"Well, yeah. It usually does."

"It's not going to explode or anything, is it?"

The man shakes his head. "Nope. It's all electrical."

"Oh, good. Wait, what does that mean?"

By then the man has flipped the foot switch to turn the cars on and is very uninterested in

what my wife is asking.

What happens next would have been comical were it not happening to my son. As soon as the man engaged the foot switch, Kevin began spinning in place — first very slowly, but then building up speed to the point I thought he was going to come shooting off the thing like *Go the Great*.

Meanwhile, the mother-and-son team that are on the other two cars get tired of bumping into each other and take advantage of the sitting — and spinning — duck before them.

They are relentless. They knock Kevin into the walls, bash him in and out of the corners. At one point they start bouncing him back and forth like they're playing tennis.

"Why? Why are you doing this?" I can hear him yelling, even over by the large, yet broken, air-hockey table.

After my wife threatens the operator with the type of physical violence that makes inmates squirm, he stops the ride. When Kevin climbs off, he looks like he's going to cry.

"That was horrible," he says to me. "I just kept on spinning, not going anywhere and getting knocked around by those bad people."

"Now you know what it feels like to have a job," I say.

After Kevin's head stops spinning, we join Jess and Nathan at the Skee-Ball machines. Nathan is hip-deep in prize tickets and I soon see why: In addition to playing her own machine, my wife is handing Nathan balls from the one beside it. Nathan then walks up the Skee-Ball ramp, ducks under the wire mesh and deposits the ball into the 10,000-

point basket. He nonchalantly walks back down and Jess hands him another ball.

It acts like these that make me fall in love with my wife all over again.

We play Skee-Ball for the remainder of our time there and wind up with about 1,000 tickets. Off to the prize booth, where the clerk is organizing a collection of rubber insects, plastic yo-yos, parachute men and balsa-wood airplanes.

She looks up to ask us what we'd like. Nathan picks some stickers and three candy necklaces, one of which goes directly into his mouth.

Kevin can't decide until he notices that on the top shelf there's a travel alarm clock for 400,000 tickets.

"I want it," he says.

"We don't have enough tickets," I say to him. And then to the clerk: "Have you ever had someone trade in 400,000 tickets for the alarm clock? Do you even have 400,000 tickets in this whole building?"

"Sir, I'm only part-time," she replies.

My son tugs at my arm. "I need that alarm clock," he says.

"Oh yeah? Do you? Did you sleep late at that sales conference in St. Louis? Did it cost you the big account?"

I lead him to the smaller containers under the glass. "Let's focus on the rubber spiders."

After Kevin is done, we walk past the front desk where I overhear the same receptionist telling another family "You guys are going to have a great time today."

I walk over to her.

"You are a filthy liar."

Back 2 Basics

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OH GOD, WHAT WAS THAT??

PST! AMOS, WAKE UP! I JUST HEARD A GHOST! NO YOU DIDNT YES I DID! IT'S IN THE BATHROOM!

IN THE BATHROOM?? COME ON, MATZAH, I'M GOING BACK TO SLEEP BUT I'M TELLING YOU THERE WAS A NOISE! LOOK, DO YOU WANT ME TO PROVE YOU'RE WRONG?? FINE!

YOU SEE?? SOMEBODY FLUSHED THE TOILET AND THAT'S WHAT MADE THE NOISE! NO GHOSTS!! HAPPY??

GOD, I HATE WHEN THEY WALK IN LIKE THAT!!!

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	AVERAGE HIGH 55°	AVERAGE LOW 34°
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, April 7	87°/1991	13°/1982
Thursday, April 8	88°/1929	19°/1982
Friday, April 9	77°/1991	16°/1977
Saturday, April 10	86°/1922	21°/1974
Sunday, April 11	82°/1945	20°/1874
Monday, April 12	84°/1977	13°/1874
Tuesday, April 13	87°/1977	19°/1874

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
8.43 inches as of Friday, April 2nd
.06 inches above average

This week in weather

April 11th 1987 - Ten days of flooding in the northeastern U.S. finally came to an end. Damage from flooding due to rain and snowmelt ran into the billions of dollars. The collapse of the New York State Thruway Bridge over Schoharie Creek claimed ten lives.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:27am	7:28pm
Thursday	6:26am	7:29pm
Friday	6:24am	7:30pm
Saturday	6:22am	7:31pm
Sunday	6:20am	7:33pm
Monday	6:19am	7:34pm
Tuesday	6:17am	7:35pm

Moon Phases
April 14 New
April 21 First

Planets	When	Where
Saturn	Dusk	Rising ESE
Mars	Evening	Vy High S
Venus	Dusk	Vy Low W
Mercury	Dusk	Vy Low W

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels

Hudson River				Mohawk River			
North Creek	Hadley	Fort Edward	Troy	Little Falls	Tribe Hills	Schenectady	Cohoes
5.9	8.2	23	19.8	8.8	271	215	14.8

Levels as of April 2, 2010

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Factoid

In April, we're used to enjoying more daylight in the early evening, since we've moved the clocks forward. In addition, we gain one hour and thirteen minutes of daylight in Albany during April.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	12:01am, 12:28pm	6:39am, 7:17pm
Thursday	12:59am, 1:24pm	7:34am, 8:09pm
Friday	1:55am, 2:18pm	8:29am, 8:59pm
Saturday	2:48am, 3:09pm	9:22am, 9:47pm
Sunday	3:38am, 3:57pm	10:12am, 10:33pm
Monday	4:23am, 4:41pm	11:01am, 11:17pm
Tuesday	5:05am, 5:23pm	11:47am, 11:58pm

Visitors should go before going to Thacher

State park closes its restrooms as it awaits word on possible budget cuts

By RYAN MUNKS
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Visitors to Thacher Park may want to take into account that bathroom facilities will not be available when planning a trip to the popular recreation spot.

On Thursday, April 1, Anni Murray, one of the organizers of the grassroots movement to keep the park open in the face of looming state cuts, said staffers at the park have locked the bathroom facilities, a move she called "nonsensical."

Murray said that no money would be saved from closing the facilities while the staff that is responsible for their maintenance is still getting paid.

"There is absolutely no reason for them to be preempting the budget decision. It's not like people are going to not go. They'll just use the park as a bathroom," she said.

Eileen Larrabee, director of communications for the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation, confirmed



People rallied earlier this year to save Thacher and other state parks.

that the bathroom facilities have been closed as a cost-saving measure in light of the budget crisis. She said the employees responsible for maintaining the restrooms are in the process of being assigned to other duties.

"Today we start a new fiscal year, and we

do not have funding to continue the operation of facilities the way we have been," said Larrabee. "State parks, like every other agency, is reducing operating costs."

She said in addition to closing the restrooms, a number of operations cuts will be made, including

grass mowing and the maintenance of trails and pavilions.

"It seems to me to be jumping the gun," said Assemblyman John McEneny D-Albany. He referred to the move as "heavy handed" and likened it to previous reports of parks canceling

camping reservations based on the governor's budget, as opposed to the enacted budget, which has yet to be voted on.

"It's really putting pressure on the local public, and the local taxpayer," said McEneny. "Canceling reservations in parks before they

have a budget, that's heavy handed. Closing bathrooms is heavy handed."

McEneny also noted that both the Senate and Assembly versions of the budget include full restorations of funding to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation.

Larrabee said that as of now, decisions are made based on the executive budget.

"We have no budget in place that keeps the park open," said Larrabee. "We understand people are going to be disappointed, but we have to accept the economic reality."

McEneny said he believes the decision to close the bathrooms did not come from the parks department, but from the governor.

"I don't blame it on parks [department]. I think this is coming from the governor. The old adage is, 'This is coming from the second floor.'"

McEneny said the governor is trying to exert pressure on the Legislature to make cuts or raise taxes. "I think this kind of pressure is counterproductive," he said.

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Home sweet business

The Guilderland Zoning Review Committee has proposed a law that would establish a multi-level permitting system for home-based businesses.

The law, which was discussed Wednesday, March 31, before being forwarded to the Town Board for approval would create a mixed-use designation that allows for flexibility with such developments and would permit residential and commercial uses in the same development. It also creates three levels of home occupation for businesses: permitted home occupation, in which a special use permit would not be required, and home occupation I and II, which would be permitted by special use permit.

The discussion at the meeting included an exchange in which Town Board member Warren Redlich essentially asked if a person would need a permit to sell something on eBay, and ZRC member Peter Barber asking him if he'd left his common sense at home.

First things first, if everyone could agree on a definition of common sense, let alone act accordingly, society wouldn't need laws. That being said, Barber and Redlich both bring up a salient point: The law must be clearly defined and enforceable without being overly stringent.

Barber brings up a great point about the law resolving a lot of "neighbor vs. neighbor" disputes, but he has to understand that the time will come when an irate resident uses the law to get back at an eBay-using neighbor he has a problem with. It happens with noise and trash ordinances, and there's no reason to think that it won't happen here. It may result in nothing more than an inconvenience for the alleged "offender," but the town's time and energy will have already been spent.

To that end, and to (what we think is) Redlich's point, the law must clearly define the three tiers of home occupation as well as defining the term "home occupation" itself.

Councilmember Mark Grimm brings up a point about having every established home business pay a fee for a new permit. The answer, we believe, is simple: Once you establish the lifespan of the permit, you exempt the fees for existing businesses for that period of time.

If a permit expires after say, two years, then you grandfather existing home businesses in for that period of time and have them "renew" two years from the inception date. In the meanwhile, the town collects permitting fees on any new home-based businesses. If this is a zoning problem that requires this much of the town's attention, it shouldn't have to worry about the unrealized revenue from the initial exemptions.

A public hearing on the law is to be scheduled for sometime in May. (The date was set at Tuesday night's meeting, after *The Spotlight* went to press. Visit www.spotlightnews.com or see next week's edition for the time and date.)

Editorial

Sidewalks make suburbia safe

By GERARD HAVASY

The author is a semi-retired engineer from the General Electric Company. He is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point and lives in Glenville.

Sidewalks and multi-use paths help towns become connected. Many people scoff at efforts to build sidewalks and paths because early efforts appear to be disjointed and take years to complete. I believe it takes visionaries and people willing to work hard at the planning, grant writing, and the completion of sidewalks and multi-use paths. It's my opinion that towns do not look like towns until they have some sidewalks connecting their various parts. A quick tour through some of our towns can open us up to new possibilities.

Clifton Park now has enough completed sidewalks and paths to show them on their town maps. When the new Route 146 was constructed, a sidewalk was built on one side of it, which is well used today.

Guilderland also has many areas that are connected. This was done a few hundred feet at a time over nearly 20 years.

The Village of Scotia is viewed by many as a great place to live, in part, because one can walk from the far end of town to Jumping Jacks along the river.

Glenville has long sought to build sidewalks in the town center area, but has made no progress. Even after getting a Wal-Mart and a Lowe's on Freemans Bridge Road, the town failed to get any sidewalks around them.

Burnt Hills built a sidewalk near Stevens school more than 50 years ago, but has done little since. Schoolchildren often walk between the middle school and high school, most of which is along a busy traffic area with few sidewalks. If the town fathers could build sidewalks in important areas more than 50 years ago, why can't we do the same today?

In driving through Glenmont recently, I felt as if I was near the town center when I saw sidewalks around its major shopping centers.

I passed through Lowville near Watertown and was impressed that the town extended its sidewalk from downtown more than a mile to the new Wal-Mart. Towns in the Snow Belt

There are so many advantages to having sidewalks – from walking and biking to emission reductions and safety – that suburban towns need to start thinking in this direction.

Point of View

clear their sidewalks a day or so after each snowstorm.

Schenectady is notorious for not clearing sidewalks, and the kids walk in the streets for most of the winter.

Some of the major cost in building sidewalks is in the preparation and provision of a base. Leveling valleys and hills can be worked together to provide fill for the low areas and enable sidewalks and paths to be completed near the same level as the adjacent Road. At estimates of \$50,000 to \$90,000 per mile for concrete sidewalks and less for asphalt, a 6-foot-wide sidewalk can be built. Asphalt multi-use paths are less expensive and can be upgraded in later years when required.

In these tough times, we can create some work for local contractors and keep the money in our towns. There are so many advantages to having sidewalks – from walking and biking to emission reductions and safety – that suburban towns need to start thinking in this direction. And of course with any discussion of sidewalks, one cannot overlook the question of clearing them in the winter. It needs to be done. I recently delivered census posters to more than 600 stores in the Capital District and was surprised to see so many store owners not clearing sidewalks properly when it directly affects the cleanliness in their own stores and, more importantly, the safety of its customers.

I have been pushing for sidewalks for more than 20 years and with little to show for it in my town. Safety suggests we start. Go get the grant money. Some towns need only a few hundred feet to make a difference so let's focus on how to interconnect neighborhoods with shopping, post offices and town centers.

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Weekly poll

Last week's poll results:

Question: "Would you support term limits for local officials?"

- No way. Let the good ones stay in until we vote them out.: 12%
- Absolutely. Fresh faces and new blood would deter a lot of corruption.: 74%
- I am an elected official and frankly I don't appreciate this question.: 12%

This week's question:

"How late will the state budget be?"

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Thank you for the beautiful music

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Thursday, March 18, at Bethlehem Central High School, music students from the elementary through the high school level performed at the District Band Festival.

The noted guest conductor and composer, Richard Saucedo, directed the students in original

compositions including the premiere of "Sky Dance", commissioned by the Bethlehem Central School District and the Bethlehem Music Association.

Along with our thanks to Mr. Saucedo for a job well done, we would like to thank our dedicated music faculty for their contribution to

this evening celebrating band music. And a special thanks also to our "good neighbors", Price Chopper in Slingerlands and Price Chopper in Glenmont for their contributions towards our festival reception.

Gina G. Luke
Bethlehem Music Association high school representative

Volunteers needed in New Scotland

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The first Saturday of May is coming soon and that means it's time to volunteer in New Scotland!

The annual Town Wide Volunteer Day will take place this coming Saturday, May, with two shifts this year, 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm, to accommodate different schedules. Morning volunteers are asked to come to town hall at 8:30am to be assigned to various tasks and enjoy a free breakfast. Morning and afternoon volunteers will also have the opportunity to enjoy a BBQ at the town hall

from 12-1pm.

The event is again being co-sponsored by the Town of New Scotland and the New Scotland Kiwanis Club. The day is meant to foster our community spirit by helping those in the town, especially seniors and persons with disabilities, with light chores, yard work, and other small projects. It truly is a wonderful "neighbors helping neighbors" event.

If you or someone you know could use the help of your neighbors this day, please contact Janna Shillinglaw at 369-0093 or email her at

NewScotlandVolunteer@live.com. Likewise, if you are volunteering that day, please pre-register your commitment.

Volunteers will also help our town's environment again this year by cleaning up portions of the Vly Creek. Many volunteers are need for this project so please consider joining our efforts. The event will take place rain or shine.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts and donations to make the annual event a successful one. We look forward to your participation.

Janna Shillinglaw
New Scotland Kiwanis

Take the road less politically traveled

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This letter is in response to The Spotlight's editorial of March 31, "If it meets, it's already political."

I do not have a vested interest in the Town of New Scotland other than being a neighbor and a strong proponent of good government wherever it is.

I find this editorial totally misses the mark with regard to the controversy on attempts to shorten the term limits for New Scotland's Planning Board members from 6 to 4 years. I believe that with all the nuances that need to

be taken into consideration in making wise judgments in oftentimes complicated projects that come before the Board, it takes a brand new board member perhaps a few years to learn the job really well. If we are talking about 4-year terms, that leaves him/her about two years to serve really well.

More importantly, a 6-year term runs through several town supervisor and town board member election cycles and would tend to insulate a planning board member from the temptation to make a pleasing decision when

re-appointment comes sooner rather than a better one when re-appointment comes later. That's why Supreme Court and other judges have such long terms, so they will, hopefully, put careful thought into decisions that will be good for the country without having to get into high political mode for re-election or re-appointment.

Yes, there is politics as far as the eye can see, but let's take the road that tends to minimize it.

Barbara Quint
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PTA says thanks to businesses

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Centenarian still going strong

Wesley Health Care center
helps resident ring in 107th
birthday

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Jennie Pattist has always loved the outdoors. She grew up on Brookhaven Golf Course in South Corinth, before it was the perfectly manicured par 18 it is today. When she married, her and her husband lived in a beautiful home in another part of Corinth, always tending flower gardens, a large vegetable garden and orchard, her grandson Patrick Barton said.

"What I remember most is that my grandmother and grandfather spent most of their time taking care of the house and gardens," Barton said.

Now, 107-year-old Pattist enjoys the outdoors from her seat in a wheelchair on the Wesley campus in Saratoga Springs, providing the weather is nice enough. While she may no longer lay claim to acres of farmland, one thing has remained constant over the years and that's the presence of her grandchildren. Barton said he visits Pattist at Wesley at least twice a week and was on hand with his brother to help her ring in her 107th year on Wednesday, March 24.

"It meant a lot to my brother and I to be able to be there with my grandmother to celebrate her birthday. She's a wonderful lady, always been very sweet," said Barton.

Wesley Health Care Center threw Pattist a birthday party with a cake, balloons, gifts and plenty of good company. Barton said the effort staff put in to making his grandmother's big day special was impressive, with staff,

aids and nurses cutting up a huge cake and pitching in to get her an oversized stuffed duck in her favorite color: yellow.

A busy celebration might seem like the last thing a centenarian like Pattist would want, but she's used to being around people because she grew up with nine siblings, Barton said.

"We've been having family reunions every year and at our 50th reunion, there were about 201 people. My grandmother can't go anymore, but I still do and there are a lot of us," said Barton.

Pattist married her husband, John, in 1923 and spent 67 years with him, cultivating the land and a family. She worked at a local shirt company to help put Barton's mother through college, but mostly played the role of loving mother and doting grandmother, he said. Her husband worked for the family dairy farm, Towers Dairy.

Barton said he's heard so many stories over the years that it's hard to pinpoint his favorite, though he said he'll always remember one that distinguishes clearly between then and now.

"She would always tell us about the first time she saw a car. There were very few cars when she grew up, but the mailman had one and she would often wait for him to come by to see it. He even took her for a ride in it," said Barton.

Another memory is of Sunday dinners and golden raisin cookies, which many have tried to recreate but never quite



Jennie Pattist celebrated her 107th birthday with the help of family, residents and staff at Wesley Health Care Center on Wednesday, March 24. She got her own cake, decorations and gifts.

Submitted photo

succeeded.

"We would go to their house or they would come down to ours in Saratoga just about every Sunday and we had the best dinners you could ever imagine; everything was always good," said Barton. "Gram was an awesome cook and loved to bake. She made the best golden raisin oatmeal cookies."

Sue Sicard has been working with Pattist as her social worker for about a year and a half, mostly helping with family communication and support.

"Her grandchildren are very attentive, so she's so fortunate in that way," said Sicard. "She's just a pleasant lady and such a nice, sweet person."

Pattist is the most senior resident at Wesley but a fellow resident earned the centenarian distinction on Friday, March 26, at the "Swing into Spring" dance when Dorothy Snyder celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends.

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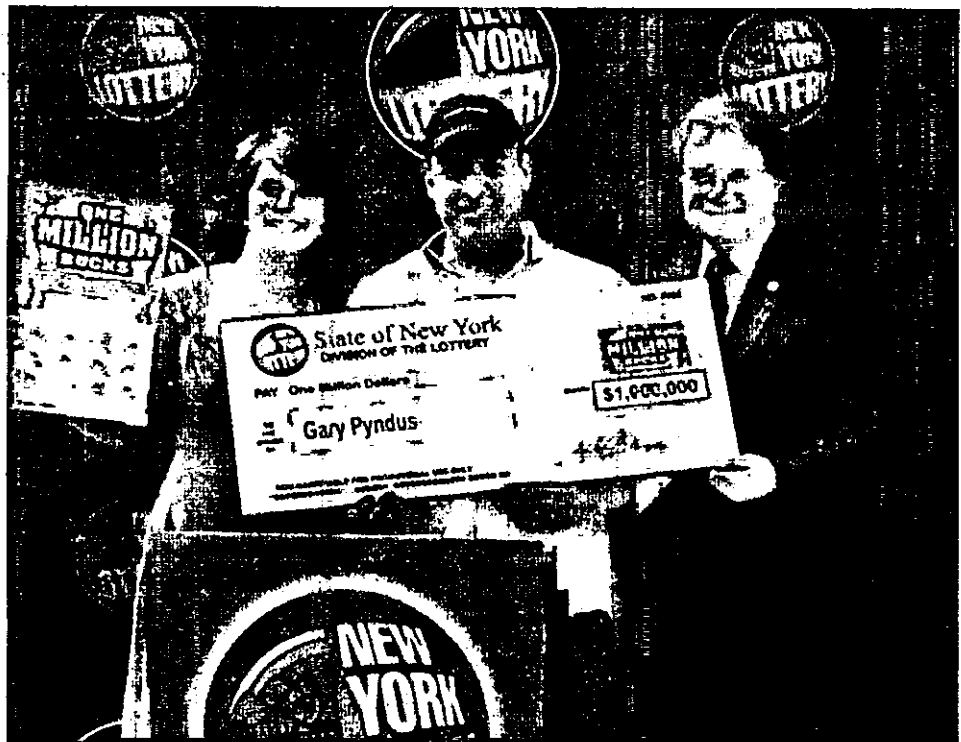
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Latham man hits \$1 M on scratchoff



From left to right: Lottery draw team member Gretchen Dizer, winner Gary Pyndus and Lottery Director Gordon Medenica at the Lottery's offices in Schenectady. Submitted photo

Ticket was purchased at Delaware Plaza Hannaford

For Gary Pyndus, helping out a friend in need was well rewarded.

Pyndus, a self-employed carpenter, is the first 2010 Albany County \$1 million winner in the New York Lottery, and he bought the lucky ticket while waiting for takeout to be prepared from a Delmar eatery to bring back to a friend just out of the hospital, according to Lotto officials.

The Latham resident purchased the \$1 million scratch off ticket at the Hannaford in Elsmere's Delaware Plaza by cashing

in other winning tickets. No stranger to scratch offs, he was still taken aback when his "One Million Bucks" ticket showed its prize.

"I saw the \$1,000,000 on there and I started shaking. I made it to my car somehow and just sat there, shaking. I signed the ticket in the car and then called my mom. I was still shaking when I got home," said Pyndus in a press release.

The "One Million Bucks" payout will be distributed in \$50,000 annual payments, less taxes, for 20 years. The annual net check will be \$35,015.

Rather than purchase

a new sports car with his winnings, as he had planned, Pyndus said he would buy a used car and pay down his debt.

Other than that, he's looking forward to taking his daughter to Disney World.

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Steamship society to hold meeting at Colonie library

The Hudson Valley Steamship Historical Society will hold a meeting on April 10 at the William K. Sanford Library in Colonie.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will feature a video program

presentation, "The Return of Steamboating on the Hudson," by Richard Anderson, president of the S.S. Columbia project. Refreshments will be provided.

The meeting is open to the public.

Area officials hail Fuller Road project

Groundbreaking begins work to improve roadway

By RYAN MUNKS
munksr@spotlightnews.com

County Executive Michael Breslin and Guilderland Supervisor Ken Runion joined other local officials at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Fuller Road Construction project on Thursday, April 1, at the corner of Executive Drive and Western Avenue.

Breslin said the \$13.5 million project "is a huge step forward for us, a huge step forward for the Town of Guilderland, and for residents and people who travel through here."

The goal of the pavement reconstruction project is to alleviate traffic and congestion that takes place on the stretch of Fuller Road that goes from Western Avenue to Central Avenue, and to make the road friendlier for pedestrians and bicyclists.

"Fuller Road sees a high level of traffic on a daily basis, particularly since the growth of the SUNY Albany NanoTech facility," said Breslin, in a statement. "The improvements will enhance Fuller Road to make it safer and more accessible for drivers, pedestrians and

"Finally we are here, and it's going to be quite an undertaking. It's going to be a much, much safer area."

Frank Commisso, D-Albany

bicyclists."

Frank Commisso, D-Albany, majority leader of the Albany County Legislature, said that the project has been years in the making, and will be especially beneficial for students at SUNY Albany.

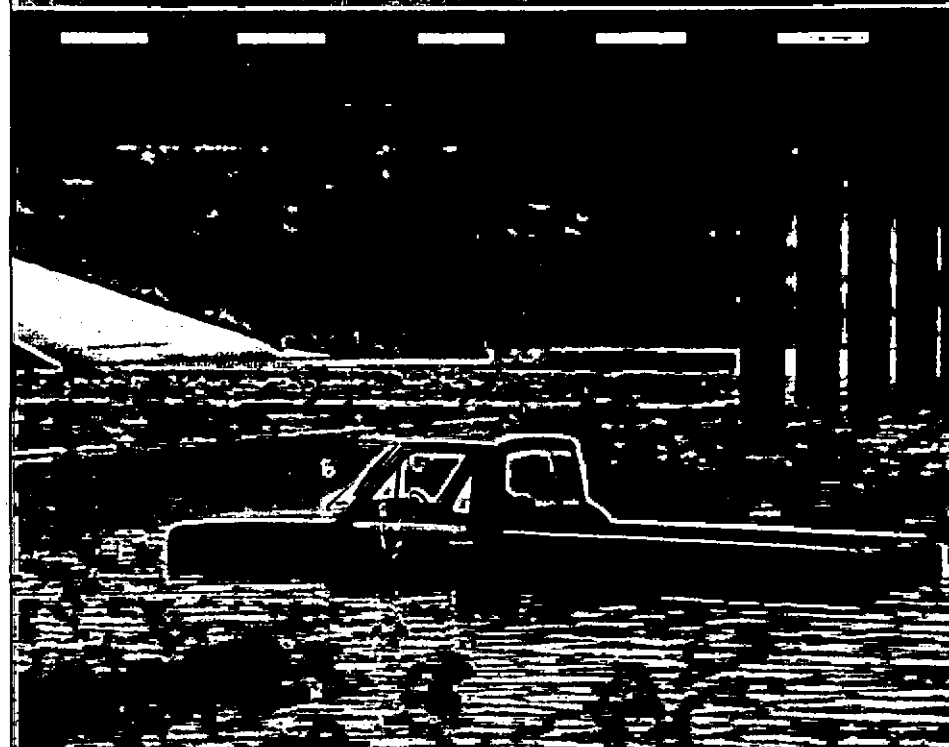
"Finally we are here, and it's going to be quite an undertaking," said Commisso. "It's going to be a much, much safer area."

Although the groundbreaking ceremony was on Thursday, April 1, the project actually began the week before and will be conducted in two phases over the course of two years, according to Breslin.

The phase that is under way is on the southern part of Fuller Road, from Western Avenue to Tricentennial Drive, and is scheduled to be

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Road

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completed in November. The second phase, between Interstate 90 and Central Avenue, is scheduled to begin in April 2011 and end that November.

"It's almost a mile on this side [Western Avenue to Tricentennial Drive], and almost a mile on the other side [I-90 to Central Avenue]," said Breslin.

While the complete cost of the project is being covered by the county, the Town of Guilderland decided to take advantage of the opportunity and replace a water line on the west side of the road.

The \$183,500 project was approved by the Town Board at its Tuesday, March 13, meeting. At the meeting, William West, superintendent of the town's Water and Wastewater Department said the current line, installed in 1948, is "very brittle" and in need of replacement.

"It's cheaper to have it as a betterment project under the county," said West, at the meeting.

According to information from Breslin's office, the Town of Guilderland is saving approximately \$60,000 on the replacement of the sewer line by rolling it into the county project, as opposed to having it done independently.

At the March 13 board meeting, West said that the town decided to replace the west side water line, as opposed to the east side line because the west side line is made out of cement, while the east side line is made out of cast iron.

"If the cast iron pipe were to break I wouldn't have to get into brand new road surface. It would be a mess, but I wouldn't have to get into brand new road surface," said West.

He said he doesn't believe the line is in danger of breaking in the near future.

"We've got some time on that," he said.

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Governor delays \$3.13M for GSCD

Gov. David A. Paterson announced on Tuesday, March 30, that he will be withholding \$2.1 billion in state aid from the state's school districts. The Guilderland Central School District's share of the withheld funding is \$3,134,122.04.

Superintendent John McGuire said that although significant, the delays will not result in any cuts in staff or programs.

"We will not have to go out and borrow," said McGuire. "We will maintain our programs as they currently exist."

According to information from the governor's office, Paterson justified the delays by saying "plummeting revenues and record deficits have once again forced me to take extraordinary cash-management actions in order to ensure the continued orderly operation of our government."

Paterson went on the say that while the payments were originally scheduled to be dispersed on Wednesday, March 31, they are not required by

law to be released until Tuesday, June 1.

This represents the second occasion in the state's fiscal year in which it needed to delay funds to remain solvent. The first occurred in December when Paterson announced a delay in \$750 million worth of payments to local governments and school districts.

At the time, Guilderland's share of the delayed funds was about \$1.08 million. The district participated in a lawsuit against the governor brought about by a coalition of education groups led by the New York State Union of Teachers; however, that lawsuit was eventually dropped when Paterson announced on Jan. 11 that the withheld funds would be released.

McGuire said that while no action has been taken as of yet by the coalition, he expects that it with gather once again to oppose the state aid delays.

For now, he said, "We'll have to weather the storm."

- Ryan Munks

Bethlehem secures NYSERDA grants

Recovery money to supply solar panels, energy consulting

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Town of Bethlehem is due to receive \$291,000 in grants from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for solar panel installation and the hiring of an energy management employee.

The grants are provided for under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and were awarded after a competitive process, said Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Erik Deyoe.

"The contact I talked to at NYSERDA said that statewide there were between 400 and 500 applications," for about \$24 million in grants, said Deyoe, who prepared the grant applications.

A \$112,000 grant will allow the town to install solar panels on the Elm Avenue Park administration building. The array is expected to offset energy use at that building by 70 percent, for an annual \$4,000 savings.

The town will assume 10 percent of the costs, or \$12,500.

"We figure it's a little over a 3-yr payback, which for these kinds of investments is a great deal," Deyoe said.

The remaining \$179,000 will be used to hire a new employee in the Engineering Department to focus on moving energy efficiency and climate impact initiatives forward. This position—which will be filled through an advertisement and interview process—will coordinate energy audits of the town's eight biggest energy-using facilities.

Having someone dedicated to examining the town's energy use will hopefully advance some of the goals the Engineering Department has been tackling piecemeal, said Deyoe.

"We really need someone to kind of focus on it," he said. "It's really an opportunity to jump start those programs a little more aggressively than we would in the past."

The grant is intended to pay for the position and related work for a one-year period.

The town also submitted an application for \$114,000 to make energy efficiency upgrades to Town Hall's heating system, the Elm Avenue Park warming hut and at the Highway garage. That application was not approved.

The fact the Bethlehem Town Board voted to take a Climate Smart Community Pledge last year weighted favorably in the grant application process, said Deyoe.

In related news, the Town of Bethlehem partook in Earth Hour Saturday, March 27, a global event where participating people and communities turned off the lights for one hour at 8:30 p.m. local time.

Bethlehem was one of eight cities and towns in the state to participate (lights needed for vital services like in the police department's dispatch room stayed on). Lights at the capitol, the Executive Mansion and in other state buildings were also switched off.

Councilman Kyle Kotary, who introduced the Earth Hour pledge, said it's a good addition to the array of environmentally conscious initiatives in town.

"These steps, along with several NYSEDA-sponsored energy savings initiatives, our outstanding town recycling program, our community clean up days and other green activities, are helping to establish Bethlehem as an environmental leader, an energy conservation leader and a green government leader in New York State," Kotary said in a statement.

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successful last year.

Hours are Friday, May 7 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The show and cafe will be part of Albany's First Friday Art Events. The Woman's Club will be one of the stops on the event trolley line. Saturday, May 8th, 11am to 5pm, show and cafe.

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RCS earns safety award

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District received the School Safety Excellence Award (platinum level) from the Utica National Insurance Group.

Utica National officials presented the award to RCS Superintendent Daniel Teplesky and Business Administrator Lyn Derway at its 30th annual school safety seminar, one of seven held in New York, on March 23 in Saratoga.

The award program rates school districts in 17 safety categories, including transportation, playground safety, indoor air quality, fire safety and more.

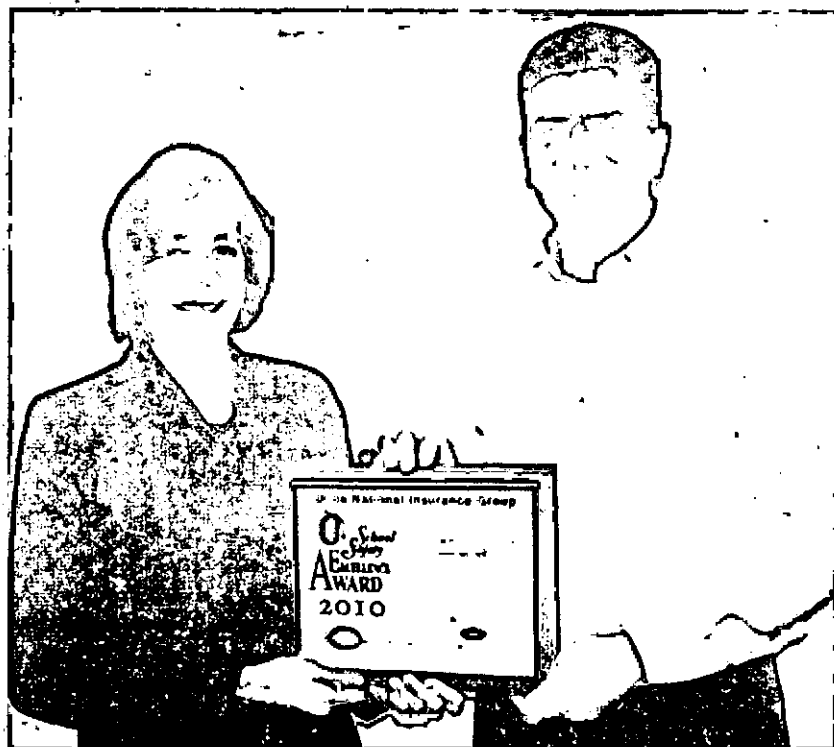
School districts must complete a lengthy application form and submit documentation

to describe how various safety issues are being addressed or would be addressed should an emergency arise.

"Safety and health concerns are a priority in our schools. Whether we are parents seeing our child off on the school bus, teachers charged with the responsibility of educating, or staff who maintain the facility, there is a common thread of attention to safety issues," said James Kristoff, program initiator and regional manager of Utica National's Risk Management Department. "It is with great pleasure that we recognize those schools that not only take safety to heart, but go above and beyond to provide a safe, healthy and focused culture for learning."

Although the district's safety policies and procedures are sound, Derwaysaid, the process has helped RCS officials identify areas needing improvement.

The district's Health and Safety Committee reviews the Utica National School Safety Excellence Award criteria and all components of the School Safety Plan on an annual basis, plans and initiates drills to test the effectiveness of various components of the School Safety Plan, reviews site, fire and visual inspection reports annually, provides educational programs for all staff and students on relevant school safety topics and practices, as needed, and reviews all transportation patterns on the school campuses.



Business Administrator Lyn Derway and RCS Superintendent Daniel Teplesky hold the School Safety Excellence Award.

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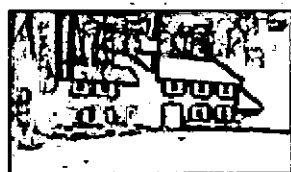
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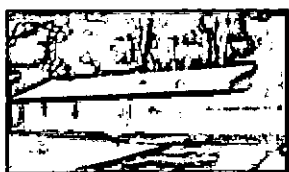
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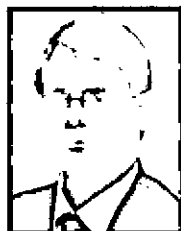


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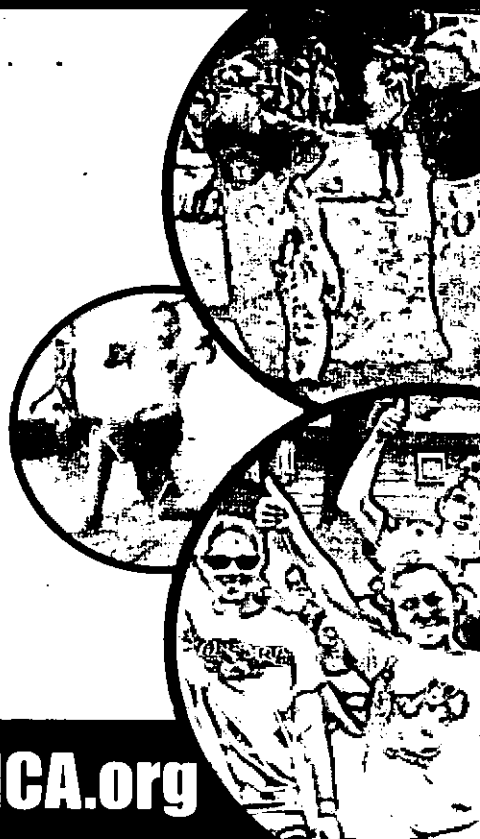


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Delmar Dash this weekend

Participants prepare for race's 22nd running

By CHARLES WIFF
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There's still one last opportunity to register for the 22nd running of the Delmar Dash, to be held on the morning of Sunday, April 11.

More than 500 runners have already signed up for the 5-mile race, said Race Director Marcia Adams, but by the time *The Spotlight* is on newsstands, online and mail registration will be closed. The last chance to register will be at an April 10 event at Fleet Feet, on Wolf Road in Albany, from 3 to 6 p.m., for \$20.

While day-of-race registration was available last year, the coordinators have nixed it to keep things more organized.

In the 2009 Dash, 625 runners were registered, 100 of whom registered the day of.

"It's just so tough on our timing team and just the scheme of the race," said Adams of day-of-race registration.

Many traditions will be maintained in 2010. Massages will still be available for the runners and, like last year, organizers will be collecting non-perishable food items the day of the race for donation to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. Donations may be made in the Middle School gym.

Awards will be given in five age categories, ranging from 14-and-under to 70-plus. Adams noted that younger runners have been increasing in numbers for the full-length Dash, but the older crowd is also well represented.

Joe Corrigan, 77, has

been running the Dash for a decade now, and as year-round runners, it's one he and his wife, Joan, look forward to.

"We've slowed down to the point we're sort of picking and choosing lately," he said. "We've met a lot of nice people with the race clubs and whatnot. ... It's a good way to meet different people and it's worked out good for us."

Corrigan didn't start running until he was 67 and said it's been a great way to stay healthy in both mind and body.

"We just want to get involved and have a good time and hopefully finish," he said.

Strides have been taken to keep the Dash a community event, said Adams, including bringing in local sponsorship and keeping the event feeling fun.



The Delmar Dash will be held on the morning of Sunday, April 11.

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"It's that comfortable race you go to," said Adams. "Yes, it's formal, but at the same time you don't feel it's a competition that's really tense."

Race coordinators have also had a good relationship with the Bethlehem Police Department and Highway Department, who will help keep the race route safe.

"I can not tell you how wonderful they are to work with," Adams said.

"They're so cooperative. They give us good ideas, they're there to help us every step of the way. ... It makes us just really want to keep the race there."

The Delmar Dash will step off Sunday, April 11, at 9 a.m. from the BC Middle School on Kenwood Avenue. Packet pickup will begin at 7:30.

Bryant Asset Protection of Delmar is sponsoring the Dash, and a separate

Kids' Race for those 12 and under will be sponsored by Road ID, Hannaford Supermarkets and Spotlight Newspapers.

Kids' races will be held for 1-mile, 1/2-mile and 1/4-mile distances. Registration will be held 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. the day of the race. The fee is \$4 per race.

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G'land Chamber talk deals with hiring foreign workers



Laurence Stevens, an immigration lawyer from Slingerlands, spoke to the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 2.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Immigration lawyer says employers should always verify documents

By RYAN MUNKS
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Laurence Stevens, an immigration lawyer from Slingerlands, told members of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce ways to avoid legal problems when hiring foreign workers. He said the key is to recognize the difference among citizens, immigrants and non-immigrants; be able to ensure a person has the correct documentation; and verify the validity of that documentation through an online system called E-verify.

"There are a lot of differences between immigrants, aliens and refugees," said Stevens.

During his talk Friday, April 2, Stevens said documentation is important.

"Something I learned in my first seven minutes in immigration law is you can't tell by looking," he said.

According to Stevens, a common misconception is that a visa is the card that allows a person to stay in the United States. He said a card called an I-94 card is what allows a person stay in the country as a non-immigrant. A visa merely allows travel between the two countries and also dictates what that person can do in the country.

He also commented on the lack of sophistication of the I-94 card.

"Your laundry tickets look more official than an I-94," he said.

A non-immigrant who enters the country with a visa and an I-94 card may or may not be eligible for employment, depending on the type of visa issued. According to Stevens, a visa sometimes may allow a person to work, but only at a specific job, at a specific location.

A person becomes an immigrant when they obtain a green card.

"Green cards are white. They haven't been green in 40 years," he said. "This is what makes you an immigrant."

He said a person becomes an illegal alien in two ways: staying in the country longer than documentation permits, or through what is called "entry without inspection," a common occurrence along the southwest border of the country.

"Legally, there is no such thing as an illegal immigrant — alien is the legally correct word," said Stevens.

Stevens said he once had a client who had 20 of his employees disappear, only to find out that they were arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE.

"Customers don't care that your workforce got arrested," he said.

According to Stevens,

such problems can be avoided by making sure workers have the correct documentation, which is required by law, and checking the validity of that documentation by using E-verify.

Although optional, he said E-verify protects businesses because employers who use the system when hiring workers are "presumed to have not knowingly hired an authorized alien" if such situation occurs. He said the system is 96 percent accurate in verifying a person's employment eligibility.

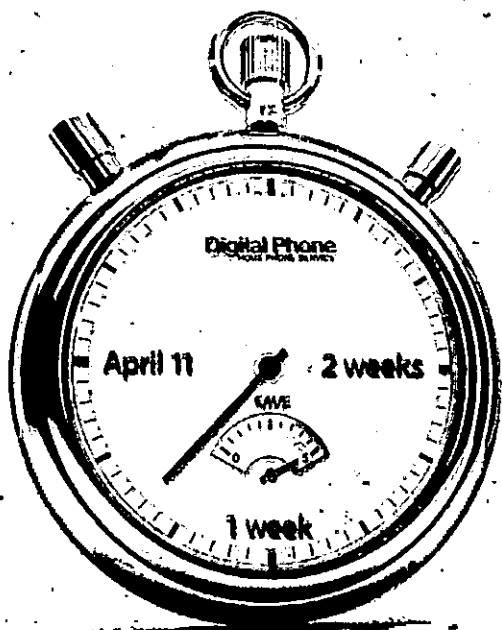
Lorraine Martin, the owner M3 General Construction Resources, a member of the chamber, attended the discussion to learn more about the documentation required to hire foreign workers.

"I have a construction company and would likely be hiring some immigrants as unskilled labor," said Martin. "I want to make sure they have the right documentation."

Stevens said that one of the events that inspired him to educate business owners about the legal requirements of hiring foreign workers was the 2006 raid by Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE agents at IFCO systems in the Northeast Industrial Park. Stevens would eventually represent the informant that ICE used to gather information about illegal aliens working at the company.

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IN BRIEF

Club to hold breakfast

The Onesquesthew Fish & Game Club, Inc. will host a Spring Breakfast on Sunday, April 18, at 2032 Tarrytown Road in Clarksville from 7 a.m. to noon.

The breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, sausage and sausage gravy. The cost is \$7 for the general public, and free for children under 5. For information, call Carol at 768-2320. Take-out breakfasts are available

by calling Carol at 366-0583. The proceeds will go towards sending a child to NYSDEC Summer Camp and to purchase educational equipment.

Canadian group to perform

Old Songs will present Quebec's premier traditional music ensemble Le Vent du Nord in concert on Saturday, April 10 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at 37 South Main St. in Voorheesville. Tickets are \$25 and may be reserved

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Church plans roast beef dinner

Clarksville Community Church will host a roast beef dinner on Saturday, April 17, at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

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Library displays elementary school art

Guilderland students' work will be exhibited until April 20

By RYAN MUNKS
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The Guilderland Central School District, in collaboration with the Guilderland Public Library, began its annual presentation of students' artwork in the display cases and Helderberg Room of the library.

"It's an amazing display, an explosion of color and creativity," said Mark Curiale, public information officer for the library.

The display was set up by the teachers and students from the district's five elementary schools on Wednesday, March 31. Library patrons can view the artwork in the display cases by the entrance to the library during the normal operating hours of the library. Artwork on display in the Helderberg Room of the library will be available for public viewing when there is not an event taking place inside the room.

The elementary school artwork will be on display until Saturday April 20. A week later, on April 28, artwork from the students at Guilderland High School will go on display at the library and remain there until May 19.

"It's just a bit of joy," said Curiale. "It's uplifting to see that creativity."

Curiale said it's a testament to the quality of the art teachers in the district when one sees the level of creativity that elementary school level students are able to exhibit.

Trisha Zigrosser, the art teacher in Altamont Elementary School, said the artwork on display reflects what the art teachers taught the students throughout the course of the year. "We tried to pack in as much as we can. It's



Students' artwork will be exhibited at the Guilderland Public Library through April 20.

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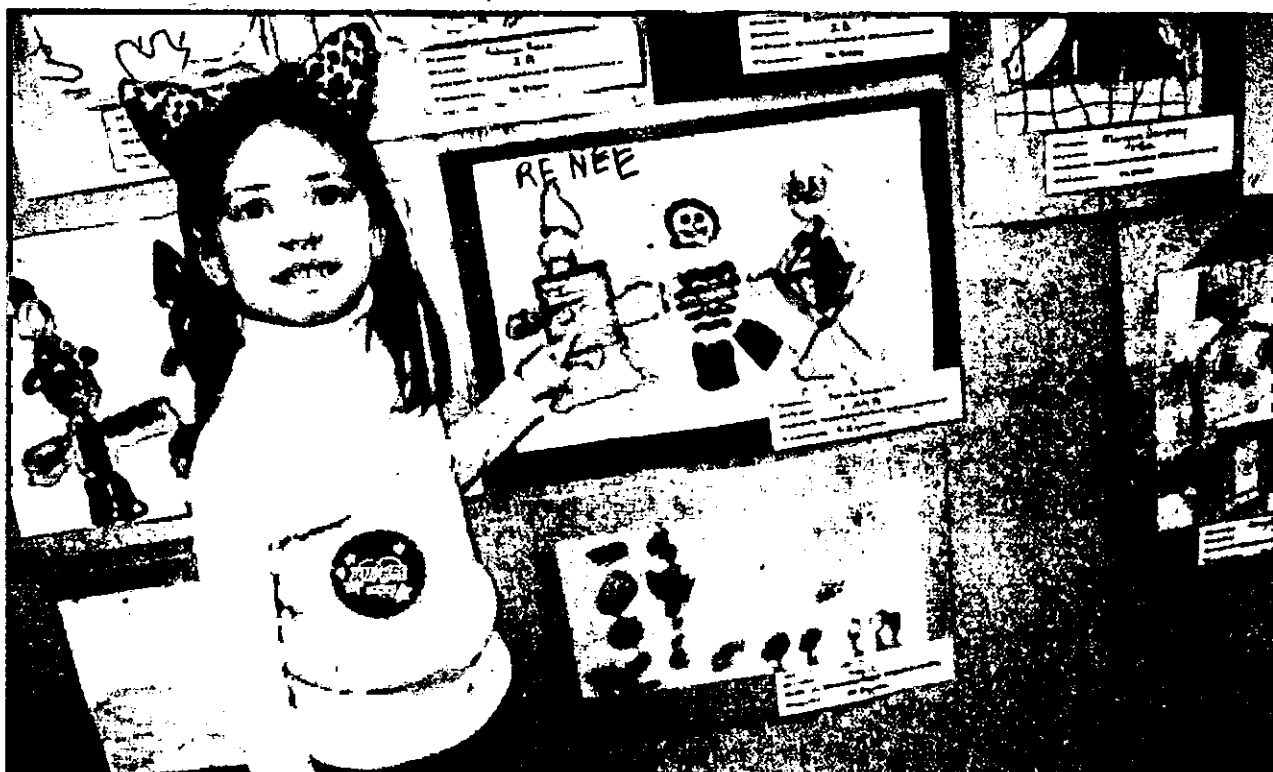
floor to ceiling," she said. "It's really tough trying to choose what to put in, but there is not enough room [for everything]."

Rea Schauer, the art teacher at Lynwood Elementary School, said, "We try to give room for students to express their own opinions and thoughts." She said the artwork reflects how the students see the world through their own unique visions.

While allowing students to express themselves, Schauer said through collaboration with other disciplines, art also allows students to gain a better understanding of history and other cultures.

Schauer said one of the goals of the art program is to teach students about the process of art, as opposed to just focusing on the end product. She said that students develop a sense of what goes into artwork, including research, planning and editing.

According to Curiale, seeing the artwork first hand is the only way to fully appreciate it. "The pictures do it two dimensional justice, but you've got to get in here and see it," he said.



Renee LaLonde points to a piece of her artwork that is being displayed at the Guilderland Public Library.

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By taking a seat, man ushers in a new era

Peter Tezbir, 93, has greeted St. Ambrose churchgoers for 64 years

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Every Sunday for the last 64 years has been a little different at St. Ambrose Church in Latham. No two sermons are exactly alike, familiar faces mix with new ones and people's Sunday best changes with the seasons and the decades.

But one thing has remained constant, and that's the presence of Peter Tezbir, greeting churchgoers with a pamphlet at the door or finding empty seats among the packed pews.

Less than a month shy of turning 93, Tezbir has been an usher all those years and performed his final duties as one on Easter Sunday, after which he stepped

down.

"The time was just right. I had to remember I'm going to be 93 and it takes a little time walking; I'm slower now," said Tezbir, who used to have a clothing store and truck route but now lives with his daughter and her family in Menands.

He didn't start out as a permanent usher but was asked to sub for another usher. It was just supposed to be a sporadic gig, helping out when needed, but it went on weekend after weekend.

"I subbed for this fellow — and this is no joke — for 50 years. Every time I came in, he said 'sub,' and finally, unfortunately, he died and they noticed I had done it for so long and said how about making me a regular usher," said Tezbir.

His duties were simple but helpful in pulling off a more orderly Mass. When the church was crowded



Peter Tezbir, seen here at the 9 a.m. Easter Mass, has been an usher at St. Ambrose Church in Latham for 64 years.

William R. DeVoe/Spotlight

and a group was searching for a spot to sit, he'd walk up and down the aisles until he found one, holding the spot as he waved them over. He said he's taken the collection and most recently handed out bulletins or schedules at the door.

John Estep, director of ushers, said Tezbir has been with the church longer than anyone and is a good leader and example to follow.

Over the years, Tezbir's slowed down a bit and the tasks he once performed so

effortlessly are done much quicker by the other ushers, which is why he said it's time for him to become part of the masses and be just another churchgoer.

"It was getting tiresome walking up and down the hall trying to find seats. People are in a hurry, and when you walk a little slower, they turn around and look for you and have already found a place themselves," said Tezbir. "When I pass out bulletins in the front hall, by the time I turn to pass them out, someone else has already done it. Now I'll still go, but to see the people I've met over the years."

Meeting people has been one of the best parts of the job, said Tezbir, and he's made a lot of friends he looks forward to seeing each week.

"Oh good gosh, I've met a lot of people. It's been very

interesting," said Tezbir. "There's always someone saying, 'Pete, come here, sit with us and talk to us,' and I have conversations that way. People always call me over and ask what I've been doing; they're interested to know about your life."

Estep said getting to know people has always been one of Tezbir's shining qualities in the 15 years he's known him and said it means a lot to St. Ambrose to have someone willing to serve for so long.

"He's a pretty sharp guy, had a very interesting life, is always a dapper dresser and enjoyed mixing it up verbally and talking with people," said Estep.

Tezbir said he'll always remember why ushering meant so much to him.

"You're helping people. If you can only help a person, just a little bit, it's a big way and they appreciate it," he said.

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Kerr

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everything has been done properly."

Kerr is also an EMT with Albany County Emergency Medical Services.

Albany County Undersheriff Craig Apple said the Town of

Bethlehem informed him of the incident late Friday night, but the department is waiting for copies of arrest reports before taking any action because Kerr's next scheduled shift isn't until April 22.

"There's no urgency to jump to a suspension or anything else," Apple said.

Apple also said it's not unusual for county EMTs

to work only a few shifts every month in addition to their full-time jobs.

Kerr was recognized by the Bethlehem Town Board in January for his role in rescuing a teenager from a Delmar house fire last December.

Misdemeanors are punishable with a maximum sentence of one year in county jail.

Blotter

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both misdemeanors. Police said Horowitz was attempting to inject himself with a hypodermic needle while parked in his car in the parking lot of Best Buy in Crossgates mall. According to police, Horowitz said that the needle contained heroin. Horowitz subsequently spit out a bag of heroin that he had in his mouth, said police. Police also said that Horowitz was in possession of a number of pills determined to be controlled substances. Horowitz was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court later that day.

Terrance Lubbi Edwards, 25, of Rochester, was arrested by Guiderland police on Saturday March 27. According to police, Edwards was stopped and found to have a suspended drivers license with '22 scoffs on 10 dates." Edwards was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court later that day.

Andrew R. Mixon, 21, of 439 Hudson Ave 2nd floor, Albany, was arrested by Guiderland police on Monday, March 26 on an outside warrant from the Town of Rotterdam dated Tuesday, March 2, for burglary in the

3rd degree. Mixon was subsequently turned over to Rotterdam police.

Kirsti R. Alden, 18, of 5 Brandell Road, Middle Grove, was arrested by Guiderland police on Thursday, March 18 and charged with DWI. According to police, Alden was pulled over for drifting to the left without indicating a lane change, and almost striking the rear of an Albany County Sheriff's vehicle. Police said that a strong odor of alcohol was emanating from Alden. Alden failed subsequent sobriety tests and a chemical test would reveal a BAC of 0.13, said police. Alden was arraigned at Guiderland Town Court on Thursday March 25.

Vanessa D. Vega, 37, of 361 West Highland Drive, Schenectady, was arrested by Guiderland police on Tuesday, March 23 and charged with DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, both misdemeanors, and a number of traffic infractions. According to police, Vega was pulled over after committing a number of traffic infractions in the area

of West Highland Drive and Western Ave. Police said that a strong odor of alcohol was emanating from Vega, and that an open container of Coors Light beer was visible on the floor of the vehicle. Vega refused chemical tests for alcohol, said police. Police also said Vega's license was indefinitely suspended after she failed to answer a summons out of the Town of Moreau in 2005. She was arraigned later that day at Guiderland Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail.

Antonia P. Martin, 60, of 102 Meadowbrook Drive, Slingerlands, was arrested by Guiderland police on Sunday, March 25 and charged with DWI. According to police, Martin was questioned after she rear-ended a vehicle in the intersection of Western Ave, and Schoolhouse Road. Police said a strong odor of alcohol was emanating Martin. Upon failing subsequent sobriety tests, Martin was arrested, said police. A chemical test would reveal a BAC of 0.08. Martin will be arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Thursday, April 8.

DWI

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arrest reports. The driver was identified as Tony B. Terrell, 43, of 22 Arcadia Avenue, Albany and his passenger—who police said was visibly intoxicated—was identified as Marvin Terrell.

A check showed Tony Terrell to have a bench warrant with City of Albany police for failure to pay fines for a DWI, and Marvin Terrell to have a bench warrant for failure to pay fines associated with a misdemeanor.

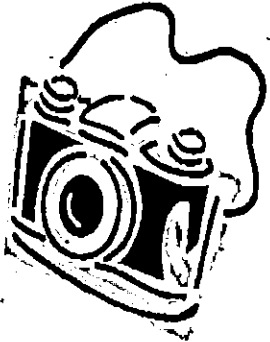
Police removed Tony Terrell from the vehicle and could smell alcohol on him, according to arrest reports. When interviewed, he admitted to drinking earlier and said he consumed a 6-pack

(this later changed to a 12-pack during field processing), police said. Field sobriety tests were administered and Tony Terrell was placed under arrest.

A vehicle inventory revealed two unopened cans of Bud Light Lime, which Marvin Terrell said his brother was attempting to hide when police pulled the vehicle over, according to police.

A breath test at the station showed Tony Terrell's BAC to be 0.12 percent. He was issued a ticket for the DWI to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, April 6 and Marvin Terrell was issued a ticket for no seatbelt-passenger, returnable to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, April 13.

Both were then transported to the Albany Police Department South Station.



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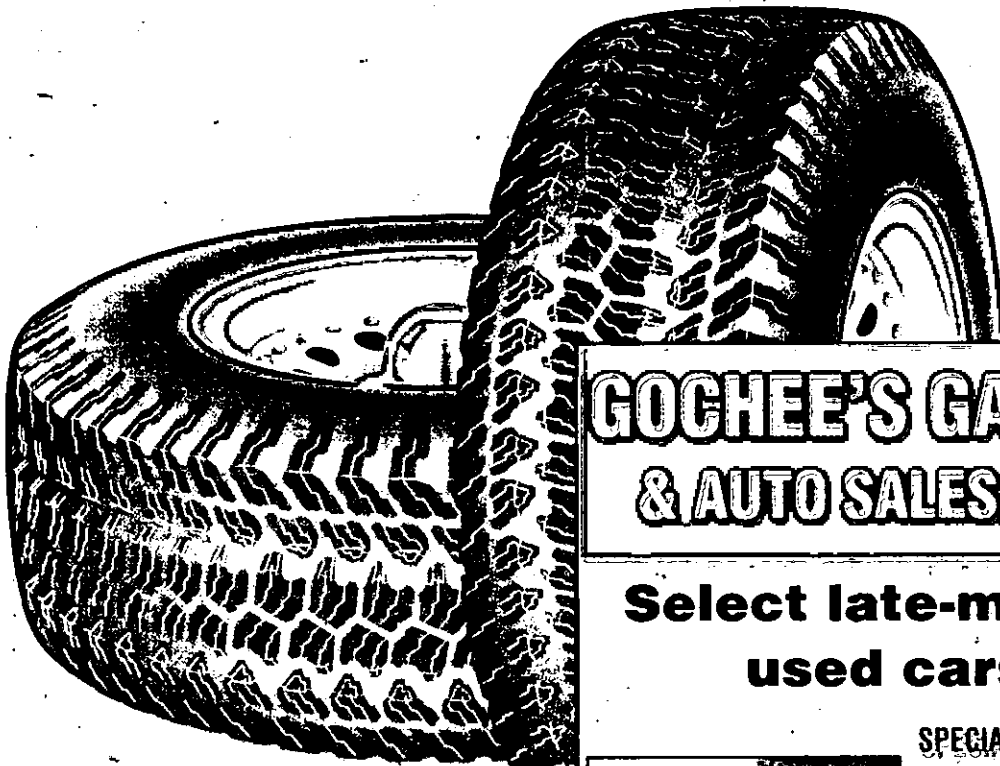
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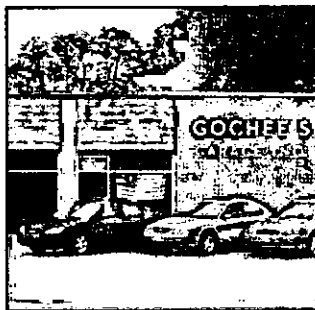
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Gregory Maguire to be keynote speaker at inaugural Empire State Book Festival

As a kid growing up in Albany, Gregory Maguire spent countless hours at the Pine Hills library. Without access to TV shows and movies (he said his parents were unusually strict for the '60s), he would get lost in the stacks at the library.

"It just seemed a treasure trove of adventure," Maguire said.

Maguire's early love of the written word translated into a career. He published his first book, the children's story "The Lightning Time," in 1978, and today, he is best known as the author of the "Wicked" series, which focuses on the Wicked Witch of the West from the "Wizard of Oz." The first book in the series has sold more than 1 million copies and been turned into a Tony-award winning Broadway musical.

Maguire will be the keynote speaker at the inaugural Empire State Book Festival, being held Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Empire State Plaza. The workshop will feature author talks, panel discussions, storytelling and writing workshops.

Maguire has plenty of praise for the festival, but noted he most likely wouldn't have signed on if it were being held in, say, Buffalo or Rochester.

"Albany is dear to me," he said. "The Albany library and schools gave me the skills and background to succeed as a writer. I love to be able to pay it back."

Festival organizers, meanwhile, hope the event will help point aspiring writers on that same path to success, as well as enable people of all ages to meet and greet some of their favorite authors.

"We're turning the base of the Egg into a literary salon," festival chairman Rocco Staino said.

The idea is to make the Empire State Plaza reminiscent of well-known book festivals in other parts of the country, such as "New York is Book Country" in New York City. Held annually on Fifth Avenue, that event inspired New York Library Association Executive Director Mike Borges to put together the Empire State Book Festival.

Borges said he lived in New York City in the late 1980s and always enjoyed "New York is Book Country," so he approached state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, about securing funding for a similar festival. Breslin

was enthusiastic and helped secure some money, Borges said, and sponsors pledged additional funds, which helped ensure there will be no admission fee.

"Most book festivals are free,"

Borges noted. He then added with a laugh, "We're always looking for donations."

While the festival itself is free, there is another component

to the weekend that carries a price tag. On Friday, April 9, the New York Library Association will induct the first members to the New York Writers Hall of Fame at the Crown Plaza in Albany. Tickets for the invitation-only gala are \$75.

Borges said there are all kinds of other halls of fame in this country, but this is the first writer's hall of fame.

"There's no way to recognize the contributions of some of our most famous authors from New York state," he said.

The 12 inductees are being recognized for their lasting contributions to literature. There are 10 late authors: James Baldwin, Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Caro, Frederick Douglass, Mary Gordon, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Issac B. Singer, Edith Wharton, E.B. White and Walt Whitman. The two living writers, Robert Caro and Mary Gordon, are scheduled to

attend the gala.

Staino said the committee that selected the inductees went through several rounds of blind, weighted voting.

"We discussed many, many authors," he said. "These were the people that came out on top."

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Gregory Maguire



Gregory Maguire, author of "Wicked," will be the keynote speaker at the inaugural Empire State Book Festival, being held Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Empire State Plaza.

Since the state has such a rich literary history, it was inevitable that some big names, such as James Fenimore Cooper and Washington Irving, didn't make the initial cut, Staino said. But they can certainly be inducted in future years.

Perhaps the hall of fame will even one day include Maguire, who admits to being "absolutely stunned" by the success of "Wicked."

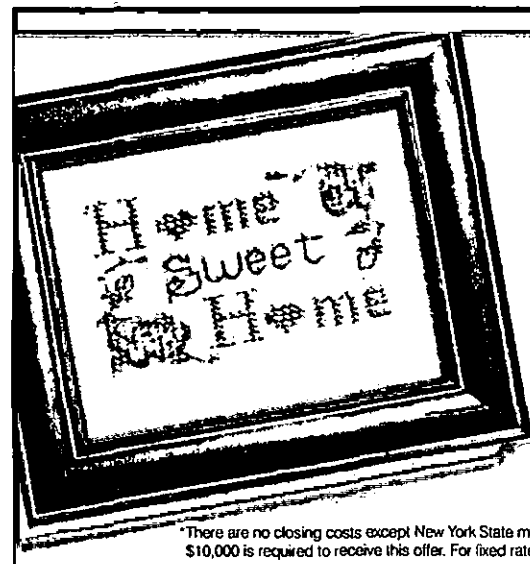
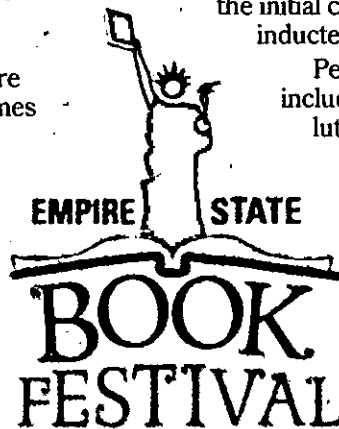
Just as the book hit it big, Maguire was immersing himself in parenthood, and he credits tasks like changing diapers and teaching his kids the alphabet with keeping him grounded.

"Young children train your mind away from personal success," he said. "I think that if that didn't happen, I would have become insufferably proud."

Today, Maguire's three children "are just grazing the teenage years,"

and he said it's even more important to spend time with them. As such, he travels less these days than he once did, spending most of his time at his home in Massachusetts. He's busy working on the fourth and final volume of "Wicked," tentatively called "Out of Oz."

Maguire will speak at 10 a.m. For information, visit www.empirestatebookfestival.org.



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Arts and Entertainment

Theater

ANCESTRAL VOICES

Staged reading of A.R. Gurney play, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, April 11, free. Information, 382-2081.

GYPSY

Famous Broadway musical, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, through April 18, performances Thursdays through Sundays, \$25-\$35. Information, 237-5858.

HARVEY

Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, April 9 through May 8, performances Thursdays through Sundays, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

OUTSIDE

Presented by Classic Theater Guild, First Unitarian Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, April 9-11, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, adults \$15, students/seniors \$12. Information, 424-6579.

Music

BRIAN MURPHY

Acoustic folk, April 9, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

STEVE SCARLATTA

Singer-songwriter, April 9, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

GBS BAND

An evening of music and dancing, April 9, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, Emerson Community Hall, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, adults \$15, children 10 and under \$8. Information, 463-7135.

BILL MORRISSEY AND CLIFF EBERHARDT

Two folk artists from the 1990s playing 50th Anniversary Decade Concert series, April 9, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$25. Information, 583-0022.

THREE QUARTER NORTH

Americana/bluegrass quartet, April 10, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

AS-IS ACOUSTIC DUO

Rock, reggae, blues and funk, April 10, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

TOM OBOMSAWIN AND JESSE BRUCHAC

Native American singer/multi-instrumentalist pairs up with traditional storyteller and flute player, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Ndkinna Education Center, 23 Middle Grove Road, Greenfield Center, adults \$12, seniors/children under 12 \$10. Information, 583-1440.

LE VENT DU NORD

Traditional music of Quebec, April 10, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$25. Information, 765-2815.

SKY BLUE BOYS

Vermont-based bluegrass duo, April 10, 8 p.m., Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 Route 43, Averill Park, \$16. Information, 674-2007.

TRAIN OF FOOLS

Featuring Kevin and Katie McKrell, Brian Mellick and Craig Thaler, April 10, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door tickets \$18. Information, 583-0022.

SKIP PARSONS' CLARINET MARMALADE QUARTET

Local jazz band, April 11, 2 p.m., Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 456-2400, ext. 12.

Comedy

WIT&WILL THEATRE

Presenting "The IRS Can Kiss My Asses," a show of improvised comedy, song, dance and poetry, April 10, 8 p.m., Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany, advance tickets adults \$10, students/seniors \$6; day of show adults \$12, students/seniors/military \$8. Information, 439-7698.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Birds of New York and the Paintings of Louis Agassiz," through Sept. 6; "Seeing Ourselves: Masterpieces of American Photography from George Eastman House Collection," through May 9; "Stoneware of New York," through summer 2010; 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; "Hudson River Panorama," through December; 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

"Material Witness," through June 20; plus installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 242-2243.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"The Thread that Binds: Jennifer Hunold & Sierra Furtwangler," through April 17, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

AFRICAN REFLECTIONS GALLERY

Grand opening featuring wild life photographs by artists from Tanzania and the Seychelles, 165 South Pearl St., second floor, Albany. Information, 339-7085 or 788-8282.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

Featuring works by Wendy Ide Williams and Sergio Sericolo, through April 28, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

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.

ARKELL MUSEUM

Works by Fred Breglia, Iris-M. Kirkwood and Scott Luscombe, through May 30; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

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.

THE CHORALERS

Musical group looking for singers of all abilities, performs concerts at Christmas and in the spring, pieces are familiar and fun to sing, no auditions are necessary, practices are 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Saint Clares' Chapel, McClellan Street, Schenectady.

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.

CAPITLAND 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 Orlanso 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.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2360.

A CAPPELLA

New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

SIENA COMMUNITY CHORALE

Rehearsals Mondays at 6 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 399-1846.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group based in Niskayuna is looking for women to join group. Information, 346-5349.

Spotlight on poetry

This month's column is sponsored by *The Spotlight Newspapers* and the Hudson Valley Writers Guild. For information, visit www.spotlightnews.com or www.hvwg.org.

No Show

by Mimi Moriarty

We settle on a picnic bench
wait for someone to unlock
the door
the flyer said refreshments
and poetry

but as my watch crosses
the hour
we decide to read our bits to
each other
above the noise of
motorcycles and child's
play

then resigned to the late
afternoon and a second-
hand day, we head north, the
motion of the car

rocks us like a grandmother
would

our ironclad resolve melts
like winter
a day bequeathed to winding
roads
a blue heron keeps apace

while we fling our poems
across the fields
embrace spring and
daffodils
lift from a mental shelf one
last poem

open the window and line by
line we leave it.

April is poetry month, and to celebrate poetry, as well as the first anniversary of this column, I offer this poem.

—Mimi Moriarty, Ed.

Weekly Crossword

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Take the bus to Boston

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, April 24. The bus will leave CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot next to Mercato's Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. and depart Boston promptly at 6:30 p.m. Quincy Market is the arrival and departure point in Boston.

Reservation forms can be found in the March/April edition of our newsletter, "Footnotes," and online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Reservation deadline is April 10. Your check is your reservation; there are no refunds unless your seat is sold. Send your check and completed reservation form to Friends Trip to Boston, c/o Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar NY 12054.

Cost is \$42 for Friends members and \$47 for nonmembers, and includes driver gratuity. For information, call Mary Kim Purcell at 478-7822.

The Friends are also sponsoring a bus trip to Glimmerglass this summer for a matinee performance of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro," you can get the details online and in the May/June issue of "Footnotes."

Be a Friend

The mission of our Library Friends is to increase community awareness of library services, offer cultural and educational programs to community residents, and assist the library with special projects. Their generosity has made



possible our museum pass program, the annual Riverway Storytelling Festival finale "Stories Alive" (don't miss it this month on April 25), and our popular winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music." They also underwrite our guest author program "Writers and Friends," which has sponsored such notables as Russell Banks, Jeffery Deaver, Donald Westlake, Steve Hamilton and Susan Cheever, among others. Their support of young people ranges from an annual scholarship for high school students in the Bethlehem Central School District to the 25th anniversary of the library's Teddy Bear Picnic.

Consider joining this worthy group. The Friends' annual appeal begins next month; watch for information online and in the library.

Online poetry contest

Help celebrate Earth Day's 40th anniversary. Enter our "Go Green" online poetry contest for kids in grade K-5. Click on the link at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Read the guidelines, then write and submit an original poem with a "green" theme. Poems are being accepted from now until April 22.

Winners will be announced at the library's Poetry Slam on Saturday May 1 at 2:30 p.m. Winning poems will be posted on our Web site.

Book buddies

Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Read Carl Hiaasen's "Flush" along with a friend or adult family member.

Then come and talk about it with other readers. Kids, friends and family.

Teen time

Friday, April 23, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

DDR, Guitar Hero, Wii, and games for grade 6 and up.

Time out for tales

Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m.

Stories, songs and dancing for kids ages 3 to 6 and families

Riverway Storytelling Festival finale

Sunday, April 25, 2 p.m.

Four world-class tale-spinners share traditional and contemporary stories from Africa, America and Ireland. Families. Made possible by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Pajama-rama

Monday, April 26, 7 p.m.

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal for bedtime stories, songs and dancing. Up to age 6 and families.

Louise Grieco

• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.



New elected officers of the Voorheesville Friends of the Library are, from left, President Michele Reilly, Treasurer Margery Zucker, Trustee liaison Rebecca Pahl, Hospitality Chair Darcy Morrison, Vice President Ashley Taheri, Fundraiser Betsy Bates, Membership Chair Laura Smith and Secretary Jennifer Hampston.

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Library looking for new Friends

Are you a Friend?

If not, now is a great time to join. Membership in the Library Friends is the most important way you can help us raise money to fund special programs and purchase supplies and equipment that are not in the library's budget.

If you are interested in helping us support and enhance our library's services, stop by the library to pick up a membership envelope or respond to the request you received in the mail recently. There is a vacancy in the office of volunteer coordinator, and a need for assistance with the 2nd Annual Small Town Friends Festival on Sept. 11. If you can help, contact Michele Reilly at 765-3411 or Barbara Vink at 765-2791.

Authors to speak

Art Willis and Marcia



Greenberg, co-authors of the book "Heart of the Matter: The Role of Attitude in Teaching," and Rachel Kramer Theodorou, author of "A Practical Guide to Attitude in Teaching," will be at the library on Monday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. to talk about the tools and techniques needed to transform students into passionate learners and compassionate citizens of the world.

Art show reception

Voorheesville artist Mark "Obeeduid" O'Brien will host a reception for his latest show at the library on Sunday April 11 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to stop by, meet the artist and enjoy his newest work. You will also see that the

hall gallery has received an attractive facelift.

Book clubs

Teen Book Club meets April 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the high school library to discuss "Beastly" by Alex Finn, a modern retelling of "Beauty and the Beast."

Grades four and five book discussion meets on Friday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m. to talk about "No Talking" by Andrew Clements. It is a half day at the elementary school. Children may bring their lunch. Copies of the book are still available at the reference desk.

Barbara Vink

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

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9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Westchester Drive North, Westchester Drive South to Winnie Road
9:20 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Winnie Road, Adams Place to Kenwood Avenue

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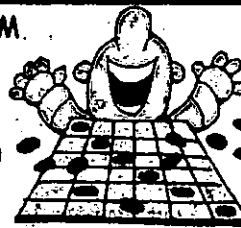
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RCS library offers vacation fun

School's out, so regularly scheduled programs take a break. Here is what we have planned at the Library for vacation week.

The School-Age Construction Zone for younger school kids will reopen on Thursday morning, April 8, from 10:30 to noon. Lego enthusiasts thoroughly enjoyed themselves over February break in "the Zone". If you missed it, this is your chance to join in the fun! This program is in the Library Annex.

For upper-elementary and middle school students, we'll hold a Drawing Extravaganza (that may involve some paint) on Wednesday afternoon, April 7, from 3 to 5. There will be rolls of wide paper and oversize sheets of graph paper for free drawing, dream house design, skatepark planning, and any other large thoughts looking for graphic expression.

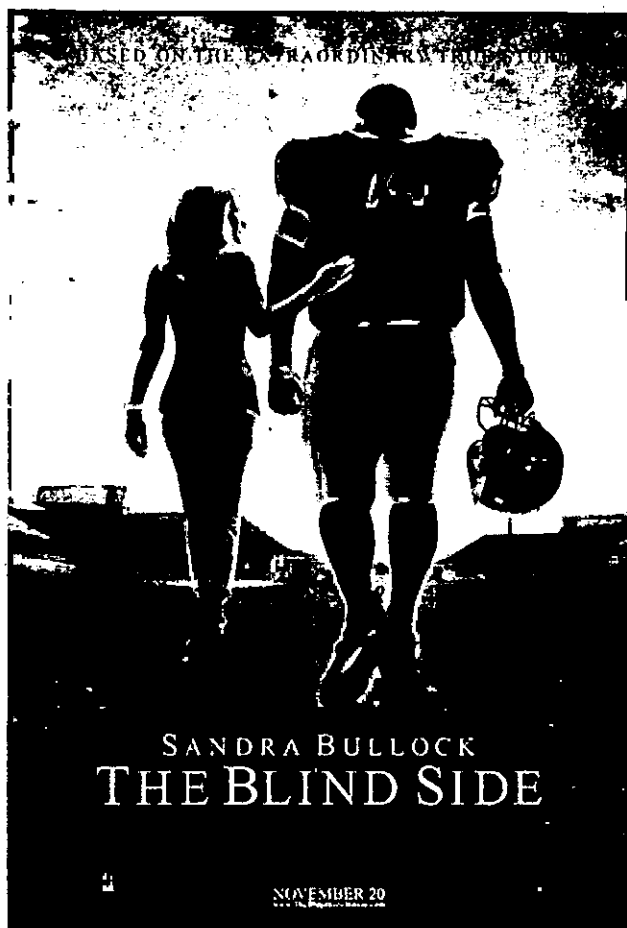
Linda Miller returns - at last! - for the first of two Poetry Workshops for older teens on Thursday, April 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. Linda is a poet herself, with public reading experience also. She is a wonderful guide if your young adult is a very private writer.

RSVPs always help us with our planning. Call 756-2053.

Manage your digital photos

Wouldn't it be great to finally get all of those photos organized? Our beginning computer classes continue on Monday, April 12, with instruction on how to organize and edit photographs.

Participants will learn to download, save and edit their digital photos.



"The Blind Side" is new on DVD at the RCS Public Library.

They will also create a short slide show of their favorite photographs. In addition, acquiring photos from the internet and inserting photos into Word documents will be explored. Bring your digital camera and its downloading cable!

Most new digital cameras easily record videos as well as photographs. Now you're wondering just what to do with all those wonderful snippets! On April 19th and 26th, class members will learn to import, download and save personal videos. Using Windows Movie Maker, participants will learn how to create their own short video, too. Participants should bring their own camera, if they own one.

All computer classes run from 10:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. on Mondays. Registration is required. Call the library at 756-2053.

Lafarge public health assessment

Members of the RCS community are invited to meet informally with NYS DOH staff at the RCS Library on April 14 (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm) or April 17 (10 am - noon) to discuss the LaFarge Public Health Assessment (PHA). Individuals are encouraged to stop by on either day anytime during the times noted if they would like to learn more about the PHA process, if they would like to learn how to participate in the PHA process, or if they have anything they would like to tell the NYS DOH about the PHA or about the cement plant.

Individuals will also be able to ask questions about NYS DOH plans to release a draft "Environmental and Health Data Summary for the Cement Plant in Ravena, NY" this spring for public comment and to provide NYS DOH with contact information if they would like to be informed when the report is released.

Reserve the latest books

The month of April is a big month for new books! We've ordered lots of new releases and hot new titles from lots of very popular authors - James Patterson, Jennifer Crusie, C.J. Box, Mary Higgins Clark and Debbie Macomber; just to name a few.

You won't find these books on our shelves until all requests system-wide have been filled. However, you can be one of the first to read these current bestsellers by simply adding your name to our request list. Fill out one of our Request Forms and we will put your name on the request list or take the form home and request them yourself.

What's new

- Movies on DVD
 - "The Blind Side"
 - "New Moon"
 - "Precious"
 - "Zombieland"
- Adult Fiction
 - "The Spellmans Strike Again" by Lisa Lutz
 - "Think Twice" by Lisa Scottoline
 - "Wedding Season" by Katie Fforde

- All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.

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www.guilpl.org

Library to host college workshop

Pierce Mahar of Education Funding Specialists, Inc., will present a college financial planning workshop at the Guilderland Public Library on Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 pm. Participants will learn strategies for helping their student apply to college, positioning finances to get merit aid, balancing the cost of education vs. the value of a degree earned, and minimizing out-of-pocket expenses. Please register for this program by calling 456-2400 x 7.

For information, contact Pierce Mahar at 452-8751 or www.tuitionrx.com.

Jazz concert at GPL Sunday, April 11

Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade Quartet will play a selection of jazz from New Orleans and Chicago at a free Second Sunday Concert on April 11 at 2 pm. The program will include music of Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Bix Beiderbecke and several other early jazz pioneers. The band is slated to feature Tim Coakley, drums; Rich Skrika, piano; Woody Strobeck, trombone; and Skip Parsons on clarinet and soprano saxophone.

The quartet consists of four members of Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, which is now celebrating 53 years of their musical service to the Northeast area. Skip's bands have been featured at many performing arts centers,

concert halls, jazz festivals, cruise lines, night clubs/restaurants and more.

Fishing poles are back!

You know it's really spring when the Guilderland Public Library again starts lending fishing poles through the Rod and Reel Lending Program sponsored by Helderberg Bass Masters. So stop by the Library and use your Guilderland Public Library Card to borrow a fishing rod and reel.

Other sponsors of this program are Bruce Shupp, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries, NYSDEC; Steve Gottschall, Sport Fishing Promotion Council; Johnson Rods and Reels; the Bethlehem Elks; and Citgo Petroleum.

There are about a dozen sets waiting to go out the door. Enjoy!

Mark Curiale

All library fishing poles - and programs - are free, unless otherwise noted. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. For more information on these programs, or any matter pertaining to the Library, contact the Library's Public Information Office at 456-2400 extension 12, or email pio@guilpl.org or <mailto:pio@guilpl.org>. To see all the programs that are coming up, visit www.guilpl.org or <http://www.guilpl.org/>. Become a fan of the Library on Facebook, and follow the Library on twitter: @GuilderlandLib.



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Prospective parents forum

The Adoptive Families of the Capital Region, Inc. is sponsoring a free program entitled, "A Discussion Group for Waiting and Prospective Parents." It will be held Monday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the McKownville United Methodist Church on Western Ave in Guilderland. For information, call 448-5295 or visit www.adoptivefamilies.homestead.com.

SAAJCC to hold lecture series

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center will hold the 4-part 2010 Jules and Paula Stein Live and Learn Lecture-Meal Series beginning on May 6. The lectures will be at 11 p.m. on May 6, June 3 and June 11, and at 5 p.m. on June 22. All lectures will be followed by a Kosher meal.

The May 6 lecture will feature author Judith Leventhal, who will present *Small Miracles of the Holocaust: Extraordinary Coincidences of Faith, Hope, and Survival*. The June 3 lecture will be by Jim Saret and Barbara Brandt-Saret, who will speak about Jewish Life in Germany: Past, Present, and Future. The June 17 lecture will feature Ron Issacs' presentation *Bubbe Meises: Jewish Myths, Jewish Realities*. The June 22 lecture by Rabbi Joshua Boettiger will be *Moonlight in Vermont: If Judaism is in the Woods, Does it Make a Sound?*

For more information about the lectures or to register, contact the senior adult office at the JCC at 438-6651 extension 112 or email Senior Adult Program Director Claire Sigal at ClaireS@sajcc.org. The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center is located at 340 Whitehall Road in Albany.

SUNY professor to lecture

The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL) will present a two-hour lecture by John Pipkin, Professor of Geography and Planning at UAlbany, entitled "Urban Anxieties in the City of the Dead: Albany Rural Cemetery." The presentation will take

place on April 12 at 10 a.m. in the Delmar Reformed Church, located at 386 Delaware Avenue. The lecture is free and open to the public. Call 368-7209 for information.

Q.U.I.L.T. to meet

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, April 9, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m. There is a \$5 visitor donation.

The meeting will feature a trunk show and lecture by Andi Perejda, entitled "Machine Quilting-Quilting Designs: Styles and Textures." For information, call 439-1194 or visit the website at www.quiltinc.org.

Lyme Disease forum scheduled

The Capital Region Chapter of the Empire State Lyme Disease Association is sponsoring an open forum discussion on Lyme Disease Saturday, April 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland.

Lyme Disease, rampant in our area of the state, is a highly complex disease that is often very difficult to diagnose and treat. Blood tests for Lyme often return "false negative" results, leading doctors and patients down long, expensive and incorrect diagnostic paths. Very few doctors in the country are considered "Lyme Literate," but New York is fortunate to have a number of outstanding experts in the field of Lyme Disease who are helping many upstate residents who are afflicted with Lyme.

If diagnosed and treated early, Lyme Disease can usually be cured. If left undiagnosed, or improperly or insufficiently treated, Lyme Disease can turn into a life-long debilitating affliction. Because there is much conflicting information and much misinformation surrounding Lyme Disease, the Empire State Lyme Disease Association urges everyone in the area to take it upon themselves to become familiar with the information about the disease, including prevention, symptoms, medical help available, and ongoing support structures.

Grand opening

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce welcomed Kevin Clancy (center) of Clancy Real Estate during the grand opening of his new office at 1977 Western Avenue on Monday, March 29.

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Online information can be found at www.empirestatelimediseasassociation.org.

The open forum will provide information on all these topics and address any other areas of concern to participants.

For more information contact bjmeslda@yahoo.com.

Y plans day of caring

The Bethlehem YMCA will hold a Volunteer Day of Caring Sunday, April 18 from noon to 3 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with outdoor projects such as cleaning, raking and planting. Bring your family and your garden gloves and tools.

All are welcome! Please register at the Y front desk. Rain date April 25th.

Maplewood Health Fair

The Maplewood Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the Town of Colonie Senior Resources Department will be hosting a Health Fair on Saturday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maplewood Firehouse, 61 Cohoes Road (Route 32) in Maplewood.

A number of health care providers will be offering screenings, demonstrations, hand-outs and participatory activities

including cholesterol, hearing, blood pressure assessment, massage therapy and acupuncture.

There is no charge for admission and all are welcome. This event is not just for seniors - it is for anyone who is ready to take responsibility for their own health.

For more information, contact Debra Heider at 459-5051 or Mary Beth McBain at 892-3740.

Guilderland to give away trees

The Town of Guilderland Parks and Recreation Department will be giving away free tree seedlings in honor of Arbor Day 2010.

Guilderland residents are invited to stop into the Parks and Recreation office on Friday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to pick up their Douglas Fir seedling. Seedlings will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Residents may also drop off a soil sample from their lawn or garden to have it tested by the Albany County Cooperative Extension for a fee of \$3 throughout the spring.

The office is located at 181 Route 146, across from Tawasentha Park. For more information, call 456-3150.

CDARPO to hold monthly meeting

The Capital District Association of Rental Property Owners, or CDARPO, will hold a meeting April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Latham. There will be speakers on topics of interest to landlords. The Ramada Inn is located at 946 New Loudon Road in Latham. For information, call 433-7377 or email cdarpo@yahoo.com.

Grad party needs volunteers

Parent volunteers are needed to do pre-event work for Graduation Celebration, one of the highlights of the Bethlehem Central High School graduation season for the past 20 years. The all-night, alcohol-free party following graduation will be held at the high school starting late on Friday, June 25 and running into the early morning hours.

Graduation Celebration is not a school-sponsored activity.

Parent volunteers are needed to do pre-event work on Graduation Celebration committees, such as Prizes, Games, Food and Decorations. In particular, parents of underclassmen are being sought to work on the night of the event, especially on the second shift. Shift times are 10:30 p.m. to

1:30 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Volunteers should contact Lisa Finkle at lafinkle@gmail.com.

Donation checks should be made payable to Bethlehem Senior Celebration, c/o Maureen McLeod, 354 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Contact Leslie Triner at lrtiner@gmail.com to donate a non-monetary prize.

Questions about Graduation Celebration can be sent to BCHSgradscelebrate@gmail.com.

Acoustic blues concert planned

Old Songs will present Scott Ainslie, master of acoustic blues guitar, in concert on Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m. 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.

Combining over thirty years of scholarship and forty playing guitar, Ainslie presents a beguiling mix of the African and American roots of the blues, in story and song.

Scott Ainslie's recordings include three roots-oriented acoustic blues projects, *Jealous of the Moon* (1995), *Terraplane* (1997), *You Better Lie Down* (2002), and a collection of Ainslie's non-blues original songs, *The Feral Crow* (2004), and his current *Thunder's Mouth* (2008).

Ainslie's new CD, *Thunder's Mouth*, is an original and moving extension of his work with African and African-American music. It is a powerful body of work that brings together diverse songs and influences from traditional acoustic blues and African-American songs, Ainslie's original songs, and African solo guitarists blending it into a harmonious whole.

Having come of age during the Civil Rights Era just outside of Washington, DC, Ainslie now makes his home in Brattleboro, Vermont. When he is not touring, he teaches locally and is actively involved with local arts groups and progressive politics.

This program is made possible, in part, by funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State agency.

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Seniors invited to dine at SCCC

Join us for dinner at the Schenectady Community College Culinary Arts Program at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13. The cost is \$25 and the theme is Tuscan, featuring individual antipastos, a choice of three Italian entrees and dessert. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation and to arrange transportation. Suggested van donation: \$5. Home pick-up can be arranged.

You should not miss "The Cowboy Revue with Delmar Desperados" presented by our own Will Vail and Ron Tweedie at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, April 16, at 1 p.m. The musical program is free and reservations are not needed. You can also join us for lunch before the show at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands. Reservations for lunch and transportation can be made by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176. We will leave town hall at approximately 11 a.m. Suggested van donation is \$3. Home pick-up is available.

Senior Services outreach workers Jane Sanders, William Vail and Alice Parker are social workers trained to work with older adults and their families regarding issues related to the aging process. They can help with the various programs and services available to you. They are available by phone, in the Senior office by appointment, or they can visit you in your home. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Senior Action



Town of Bethlehem

Program highlights

Monday, April 12

- Food stamp and medicaid assistance offered by the Albany County Department of Social Services and the Legal Aid Society from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment.

Tuesday, April 13

- Seniors in Motion: A low level fun 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 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are needed and you should bring various tax documents, including your 2008 return, your W-2 and 1099 forms, and receipts for contributions, medical bills, and property/school taxes. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

- Dinner out at the SCCC Culinary Arts Program. See above for details.

Wednesday, April 14

- Senior grocery shopping for

residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, April 15

- 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. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

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

- "The Cowboy Revue with the Delmar Desperados" at the Bethlehem Public Library. See above for details.

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

Meals on Wheels looking for drivers

Meals On Wheels needs substitute drivers.

If you are interested in volunteering once in a while for about an hour and half, this is an opportunity for you. Meals are delivered to Guilderland/Altamont residents weekdays. Call 356-1980, ext. 1048.

Mammography screening

A mobile mammography screening, co-sponsored by the Town of Guilderland and Bellevue Hospital, will take place on Thursday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Hall. Call Mary Ann at 356-1980, ext. 1095, to schedule an appointment.

Monday, April 12

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, April 13

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Veal Parmesan or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Raffle

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

12:30 p.m. Bingo/
Games/Billiards

Wednesday, April 14

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

Thursday, April 15

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Medicaid, Legal Help & Blood Pressure
10 a.m. Men's Trip to Schenectady Gazette
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Food Stamps
1 p.m. Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, April 16

Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
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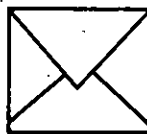
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Councilmen Mark Grimm and Warren Redlich, who felt the draft was overly restrictive.

Redlich asked whether the intent of the law is to require a person to obtain a permit to have a home office, or to buy and sell goods on eBay.

"Warren, did you leave your common sense at home?" asked Barber in response.

Grimm, who was unable to attend the meeting, sent a letter to the committee saying a permit should not be necessary for a minor home occupation.

"Your proposed change would require any home business to get a newly created 'Permitted Home Occupation Permit' from the town and pay a fee. In my view, this requirement is unnecessary," said Grimm, who operates Mark Grimm Communications out of his home.

Despite the concerns of Grimm and Redlich, the committee decided to forward the law to the Town Board, which will discuss it at the Tuesday, April 6.

Committee member Regina DuBois said the board has worked on the draft for three months, and

she felt no changes should be made that night.

"I think personally this is up to the Town Board now to act on," she said.

Supervisor Ken Runion said he is in favor of moving forward with the law without amendments.

"I think the committee has worked on it for months. Also, it's a bipartisan committee. I'm going to defer to their recommendation," he said.

Runion said he expects for a public hearing to be scheduled some time in May. He said he wants to give the residents of McKownville time to review the law due to the population density of the area and the effect home occupations can have on the community.

Other proposals

In addition to sending the mixed-use development and home occupation law to the Town Board, the committee discussed two other proposals.

One would regulate the use of outdoor wood furnaces. Zoning Enforcement Officer Rodger Stone said that there are currently six such furnaces in operation that the town knows about.

Ken Brownell, chairman of the committee, said

that although there are not many of the furnaces in operation, the town is "planning for the future, especially with the cost of heating."

The law requires a permit for the furnaces, with already existing ones grandfathered in, and sets requirements for operation and conditions for the revocation of the permit.

Stone said restricting the operation of the furnaces to Sept. 1 to May 31 "may be a little too restrictive."

Barber said that the Department of Environmental Conservation is considering regulating the furnaces, and a number of municipalities already have regulations in place. He said 35 municipalities have banned the furnaces, and 28 have regulated them in some way, with 20 putting time restrictions on their operation.

The furnace proposal was sent to the Town Board for review.

The second proposal dealt with regulating temporary storage and disposal structures. However, it was tabled by the committee after concerns were brought up about the law being too restrictive to commercial properties.



The Slingerlands Fire Department on New Scotland Road. The department is in the early stages of planning an expansion to the firehouse, which officials say is cramped. The structure was built in 1966 and expanded on in 2001.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

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Increasing membership means there isn't enough storage space for the department's gear, and it must be stored in the open. The department has approximately 45 active volunteer firefighters.

"We don't have a lot of room actually behind the apparatus or around the apparatus for personnel," Eck said. "It is very tight in the rear of the engines and the wall space."

That makes mounting the fire engines difficult when the department is responding to calls and limits what kind of training department members are able to do indoors. The latest vehicle the department purchased is so large it will only fit in

one of the existing bays, and the thinking is that more modern equipment will be increasing in size.

"There's no doubt that the apparatus doesn't get any smaller," Eck said.

A scope of feasibility report presented to the Board of Commissioners March 9 outlines an expansion with an equipment room, expanded vehicle bays, a day room for on-call EMTs and for training and male and female showers. A ventilation system would also be added to the vehicle bays; right now, there is no venting of diesel fumes when the department's vehicles are started up.

The preliminary cost estimate for the expansion as configured is about \$1.5 million. Along with equipment, the total cost

would be closer to \$1.8 million. Those are initial estimates, though, and the final plan might differ from what's being looked at now.

The department's building reserve fund contains about \$226,000, meaning the project would have to be bonded, subject to voter approval.

Voters in Guiderland's Westmere Fire District recently approved by a comfortable margin a resolution to bond \$5.27 million for a firehouse expansion. Officials there gave the size of the apparatus bays as a reason for proposing the expansion.

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OFFICE LOCATION: Albany County AGENT FOR SERVICE: Corrigan Family Properties, LLC 413 Wellington Road, Delmar, New York 12054 **PURPOSE:** To engage in any lawful act or activity for which Limited Liability Companies may be organized under the New York LLC. 60384 (April 7, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: ERRANDS-R-Us, LLC Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 2/10/10. 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, 470 Feura Bush Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 60385 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hampton Programming LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Harvard Business Services, Inc., 99 Washington Ave Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60433 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PGS of Connecticut, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 7/14/2008. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Suite 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the Registered Agent. Address to be maintained in CT: c/o Herbert F. Harrington, Jr., 21 Queens Grant Dr., Fairfield, CT, 06430. Arts of Org. filed with CT Secy. Of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60434 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Bullock Hospitality, LLC Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization (DOM LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 21, 2010. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: Bullock Hospitality, LLC, 145 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful act. 60437 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Bullock Boys, LLC Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization (DOM LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 3, 2010. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60443 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: Bullock Boys, LLC, 145 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful act. 60438 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Litigation Resolution Services, LLC Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization (DOM LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 21, 2009. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: Litigation Resolution Services, LLC, P.O. Box 13716, Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: Any lawful act. 60439 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CRANE & PARENTE, PLLC On March 11, 2010, Crane & Parente, PLLC (the "PLLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the PLLC is 48 Howard Street, Albany County, Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon it is 48 Howard Street, Albany, New York 12207. The PLLC is organized for the purpose of practicing law and any other lawful business. 60440 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Professional Limited Liability Co. Name: Dr. Lorelei's Healthy Beginnings - Breastfeeding Medicine, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/10. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of PLLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PLLC at PO Box #541 Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 60445 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Home Buyer Best Realty, LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24, 2010. By Amendment dated March 8, 2010, the name of the LLC was changed to Home Buyers Best Realty, LLC. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: c/o Young Sommer, LLC, 5 Palisades Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 60447 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Spinney Realty, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State on March 3, 2010. Purpose: any lawful activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1 Juniper Drive,

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Delmar, NY 12054 60448 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAFFEY-REAL ESTATE OF JACKSON HEIGHTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it 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. 60450 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Rehman Advisory LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60451 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Dancing Queen SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/2/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 375 Greenwich St., NY, NY 10013, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60452 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VM 52-06 Realty, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. 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. 60453 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VM 52-02 Realty, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. 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. 60454 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Law Office Of Stone & Associates, PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it

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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. 60455 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Fantastic Ginseng LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/04/10. 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. 60456 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nosttrand Building 1 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. 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. 60457 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nosttrand Building 2 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. 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. 60458 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Basil Constant LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/08/09. 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. 60459 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Blue - Seven Acquisitions, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/15/09. 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. 60460 (April 7, 2010)

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF BARRE STRENGTH, LLC
 On March 5, 2010, Barre Strength, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 48 Howard Street, 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 c/o Crane & Parente, 48 Howard Street, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of the operation of a barre workout facility and any other lawful business. 60512 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Brenford Environmental Systems, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/1/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 7/14/09. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. TX address of LP: 8411 Industrial Dr., Pearland, TX 77584, also the address of the principal office. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60514 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Autumn Post LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/8/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brandon Rosser, c/o 54 Thompson St., 4th Fl., NY, NY 10012, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 32 W. Lockerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60515 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA 16 NS II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 8, 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 12203. 60517 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LJCF HOLDINGS LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 03/08/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 36-36 33rd St, Ste 306, Long Island, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 60523 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of MEGA VISION OPTOMETRY & OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING PLLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/16/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 187 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 60525 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 32-12 MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it 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. 60526 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Clinical Technology Advisors, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 15019, Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 60527 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Belorgey LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/3/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 133 W. 71st St., #3A, NY, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60528 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mystic Visions With Foresight, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/25/10. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60530 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Tavano & Associates, PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 18 Cavalier Way, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Profession of Law. 60531 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Metro Code Architecture PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60604 (April 7, 2010)

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bany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Profession of Architecture. 60532 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Times Development Limited USA, LLC. Fictitious Name: MCS-Technology Solutions. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 03/09/10. LLC Formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 04/04/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. NJ address of LLC: 55 Carter Dr., Edison, NJ 08817. Arts. Of Org. filed with NJ Dept. Of Treasury, State Treasurer, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60533 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

KGP ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Org. filed N.Y. Sec. of State (SSNY) 17th day of February, 2010. Office in Albany Co. at 7015 Kevin Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. SSNY design. agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 7015 Kevin Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. Reg. agt. upon whom process may be served: Spiegel & Ultera, P.A., P.C. 1 Maiden Lane, NYC 10038 1 800 576-1100 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 60535 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LOUIS SWEET LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. State (SSNY) 3/4/10. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent off LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to POB 222, Westerlo, NY 12193. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: VanLeuvan Rd, Westerlo, NY 12193. 60537 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Why Not Horses LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/22/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: WNH LLC 26 Tanner Cr. Slingerlands, NY 12159. For any lawful purpose. 60603 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAS-SAIC HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it 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. 60604 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of YATES GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against

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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. 60605 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BURBANK GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. 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. 60606 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SAMSON VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. 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. 60607 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AYDIN MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/10. 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. 60608 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NEWGENT MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/10. 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. 60609 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LCG Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001, also the registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60610 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Professional Cost Control LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60611 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE**

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Voorheesville Middle School/Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2010-2011. AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for 4-year terms terminating June 30, 2014, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the terms of David M. Gibson and Kevin T. Kroencke.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 18, 2010, the following propositions will be submitted: PROPOSITION: PURCHASE OF BUSES: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$255,400, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Schoolhouses Hours
Voorheesville Elementary School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Clayton A. Bouton High School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District P.O. Box 498 Voorheesville, NY 12186 Dated: March 31, 2010 Dorothea Pfeleiderer Clerk 60625 (April 7, 2010)

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Dated: March 31, 2010

Dorothea Pfeleiderer

District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 2010-2011.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5-year term terminating June 30, 2015, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Rita Stein.

2. To vote on the annual Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BONNIE & CLYDE'S HAIR SALON, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on March 2, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 31 Bradhaven Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60637 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elite Home Construction, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 8627, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60681 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Cap Com Group, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/11/10. 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 18 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60682 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Integrated Lighting Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/16/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Maryland (MD) on 10/9/2008. 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 MD: 20 S. Charles St., Ste. 1200, Baltimore, MD 21201. Arts of Org. filed with MD Secy. Of State, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60684 (April 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of TADAS CAPITAL LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/16/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/20/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 60688 (April 7, 2010)

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Colonie cell tower debate rages on

Planning board member says structure falls outside neighborhood's historic aesthetic

By DAN SABBATINO
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One member of the planning board is citing the historic relevance of the hamlet of Loudonville as reason enough to prevent the construction of a proposed cell phone tower at a neighborhood church.

Loudonville Presbyterian Church pastor Elaine Woroby said the ongoing debate will have to wait until after Easter celebrations.

"We're really focusing on Holy Week this week," she said. "We're trying not to talk about the cell tower. We're going to talk about what our real purpose is."

Tom Nardacci, a member of the planning board, said the only reason this application is even in front the planning board at all is because

it was made prior to a change in code that would otherwise restrict private land from having the towers.

He said he has concerns with the application based on the historic characteristic of the neighborhood.

At a Jan. 12 meeting of the planning board, the item was tabled in order to allow more time to study the issue and a public process was promoted.

"I want to hear what the public has to say," Nardacci said.

He said when it comes time to vote, he will cast his against the cell tower proposal.

"It's a commercial structure that's out of character with the historic neighborhood," Nardacci said.

He said Route 9 from the edge of the city of Albany to Maxwell Road is in the historic overlay, and that type of project does not belong there.

"We have to be conscious of these

types of projects," he said. "There's a public sensitivity to it."

At the Thursday, March 25, Colonie Town Board meeting, several residents discussed the cell tower.

John Bacheller, a Latham Ridge Road resident, defended the Loudonville Presbyterian Church and said the cell tower technology is nothing new and emits a much lower signal than television and radio towers, which have been around for decades.

Elizabeth Chase, who attended with her daughter Isabella, touted the good work of the church, its missions and its programs and said the church only wants to help the community, not hurt it.

Colonie ethics committee chairman Robert Tengenier said the tower is not worth the income to the church and warned about the potential future health risks.

"It was a bad decision

then, and it's a bad decision now," he said of the tower passing through the initial stages to get to the planning board.

Amy Fox, a representative of School Areas Free of Emissions, said she was not satisfied with an informational forum sponsored by the church held the previous week.

"I think it was a total snow job," Fox said of the forum.

She said the church promoted it as an open public forum and "open exchange and discussion," but ultimately it was a "major disappointment."

She said Dr. David Carpenter, SUNY Albany's director of the Institute of Health and Environment and a critic of the tower, brings a qualified biomedical voice to the table and was not afforded a chance to speak. She said the panelists who did speak did not address the issue of long-term, low-level exposure, or are on Verizon's payroll.

"It was a one-way monologue," Fox said. "They did not focus on what this technology is. They did not focus on the



Elizabeth Chase, with her daughter Isabella, backed the Loudonville Presbyterian Church's cell tower proposal at the Thursday, March 25, Town Board meeting. She said the church strives to help, not hurt, the community.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

science we're talking about. The residents want a biomedical perspective."

She said studies conducted by the Federal Communication Commission take an engineering - not biomedical - approach.

Fox said knowledge of the effects of cell tower radiation is still in the "precautionary stage," and information is still being gathered about the effects. She said a cell

tower does not belong near a school if there is not adequate information to show that it is not harmful.

The American Cancer Society and the FCC state there is not enough evidence to support claims the towers will increase cancer rates, but those organizations acknowledge there is a limited amount of science on the topic.

Despite evidence presented during the forum that showed similar microwaves are not harmful and that cell phones themselves give off a much stronger signal at point-blank range, Fox said she was not convinced.

"It's not relevant," she said. "It's truly not relevant."

Parents and neighbors against the tower are exploring their options, she added.

"We're looking at any possibility within our legal rights, and we're looking into all of them," she said.

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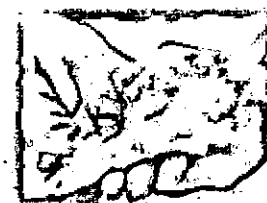
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Titles

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Dedrick. "That's what makes it fun."

Guilderland Dutchmen Coach: Doug LaValley

Key players: Zack Caplan (senior P), Mike Drislane (senior OF), Sean Geisel (senior 2B), Eddy Pierce (senior P), Jimmy Quinn (senior SS), Luke Stark (senior P/OF), Vinny Tamburello (junior P/OF), Jeremy Tobin (senior C), Matt Zanotta (senior 1B/C/OF).

Outlook: The Dutchmen are coming off a strong preseason that included a successful trip to a multi-team scrimmage in New Jersey at the end of March.

"I thought we did some good things down there," said LaValley. "We played pretty good defense, and we scored some runs."

Thanks

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the NCAA Tournament to create the 96-team field). What good is winning a regular season title if it doesn't guarantee you a trip to the NCAA Tournament?

Ultimately, I'm not bothered too much by the possibility of a 96-team NCAA Tournament field. All I ask is that a quality mid-major program still gets a fair shake and isn't dropped to a seed between 17 and 24 so that a mediocre team from the Big 10 can avoid playing in the first two rounds.

• The Major League Baseball season started Sunday with the Boston Red Sox beating the New York Yankees 9-7. My prediction is that the Yankees will win the last game of the season sometime in early November.

• Remember last week's column? The April Fool's Day item was the one about Plattsburgh State considering moving its hockey program up to the NCAA Division I level. Can't believe nobody guessed that one (or, for that matter, guessed anything).

I will tell you, the

GYSA announces spring sign-ups

The Guilderland Youth Soccer Association is taking registrations for its spring season until opening day April 25.

The club is open to children in Kindergarten through 12th grade, and no previous playing experience is necessary to join. Practices are held usually one day a week for approximately one hour, and games are played on Sundays at Dicaprio Fields on East Lydius Street.

For information or to register, visit the GYSA Web site at www.guilderlandsoccer.com or call Debbie Schenkel at 869-3186.

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Mohonasen Mighty Warriors Coach: Jim Huggins

Key players: Luke Flood (senior P), George Beaudoin (senior C), Joe Korszun (junior P), Ben Dalton (junior 1B), Josh Giordano (sophomore CF), Vinny Struffolino (sophomore 2B), Mike Lyons (sophomore P), Anthony DeNofio (sophomore 2B).

Outlook: There isn't a lot left over from last year's Sectional champion team, so Huggins will have to rely on a large group of juniors and sophomores, especially on the pitcher's mound.

"We have a lot more pitchers," said Huggins. "It's untested, so until you get against some competition, that's when you'll know what your staff is like."

North Division Ballston Spa Scotties Coach: Kevin Sheremeta

Key players: Brian Guilder (senior

are as follows:

North Division - Shenendehowa, Shaker, Saratoga and Niskayuna.

South Division - Colonie, Columbia and Guilderland.

Shen, Shaker and Saratoga all have several key players back, while Niskayuna should start reaping the benefits of a talented youth program in town. In the South Division, Colonie and Guilderland possess veteran squads with a lot of talent, while Columbia - the defending Section II Class AA champion - always seems to reload, rather than rebuild. Keep an eye on those Blue Devils, folks.

Well, that's it for this week. Remember, I do like hearing from my readers, so send me some comments at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

IF/P), Brendon Shannon (senior IF), Cooper McGowan (senior P).

Outlook: Year two of the Sheremeta era at Ballston Spa will feature a much younger roster than his first year. Twelve seniors graduated from last year's team.

"We'd just like to compete," said Sheremeta. "We have a young team, but it's a talented team and a hungry team."

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Spartans Coach: Paul DeLuca

Key players: Mike Fischer (senior C), Corey Parks (junior P), Keaton Flint (junior CF), Bret Dennis (junior SS), Justin Bariteau (senior P), Tom Seefeld (senior P), Devin Stark (junior P).

Outlook: The Spartans may be junior heavy (14 juniors on a 19-player roster), but they don't lack for varsity experience.

"I'm pretty optimistic," said DeLuca. "We have 10 returning players. We showed a lot of improvement last year, especially over the second half of the year, and I expect that to continue this year."

Niskayuna Silver Warriors Coach: John Furey

Key players: Nick Valletta (junior), Ethan Kelly (senior), Eric Auspurger (senior), Aaron Wyngowski (senior), Drew Steele (senior), Brandon LaMar (senior).

Outlook: With Valletta and Kelly being the primary returning offensive weapons, the Silver Warriors will need their younger players to step up right away.

"The rest of the team is young and relatively inexperienced; however, this is a strong baseball group," said Furey.

Saratoga Blue Streaks Coach: Dean Bailey

Key players: Matt Coleman (senior P/1B), Kyle Willmott (junior OF), Ford Plowman (senior P/2B), Joe Moore (senior P/OF), Luke Fauler (junior P/2B), Chris Davis (senior 3B), Ryan Vaughn (junior 3B), Alex Lushkevich (junior SS), Brandon Krawczuk (junior 1B), Zach Forbes (sophomore C).

Outlook: Bailey moves into the head coaching post after assisting Rich Lofink, who remains as an assistant coach.

"It's a good thing for me because it gives the program stability," said Bailey. "I'm also fortunate to have Ron Ravena back as my assistant coach."

Adding to the Blue Streaks' stability is the return of six players from last year's team, which reached the Section II Class AA semifinals.

"I think we're looking to build on those things this year and be successful again," said Bailey.

Shaker Blue Bison Coach: Pete Mravljia

Key players: Derek Gardella (senior DH), Mike Nowak (senior P), Jeff Hoffman (junior P), Bryan Egan (junior C).

Outlook: For the Blue Bison to supplant Shen atop the North Division standings, they will need Nowak and Hoffman to anchor the pitching staff.

"The biggest difference maker is to find that 1-2 punch - those top two pitchers who can win two out of three games every week for you," said Mravljia. "If you can find that, you're going to do well."

Shenendehowa Plainsmen Coach: James Carrese

Key players: Brandon Cogswell (junior SS/RHP), Andrew Kalish (senior 3B/RHP), Dan Lenney (senior 2B), David Wixted (senior 1B), Mike Williams (senior LF), Brandon Galluppi (senior C), Scott Buniak (senior CF).

Outlook: Carrese said he likes the make-up of his team. "This is the most cohesive group I've had in the last 10 years plus," he said. "These guys just love playing together."

The Plainsmen should put up some runs again with an offense led by Cogswell (.494 batting average, .595 BA with runners in scoring position, .592 on-base percentage).

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Sports in the Spotlight

Division titles are up for grabs

Bethlehem rebuilds; Guilderland reloads for 2010 Suburban season

By ROB JONAS
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This year's theme for the Suburban Council's 12 baseball teams is reloading.

Nearly every team has to replace multiple starters including defending Section II Class AA champion Columbia and Class A champion Mohonasen.

"We have some solid pitching depth ... and we've filled in quite well [with the position players]," said Columbia coach Chris Dedrick. "The kids are working really hard."

Dedrick and the other Suburban Council South Division coaches ceded that Colonie is the odds-on favorite to finish first, though Garnet Raiders' skipper Kevin Halburian isn't so certain.

"Columbia is always strong at the JV level, so they always replenish themselves well," said Halburian.

In the North Division, Shenendehowa is aiming for more than just another first-place finish. The Plainsmen are also hoping to break a 14-year Sectional title drought.

"I've got as good of an offense and a defense as I've ever had in the last 10 to 15 years," said Shen coach James Carrese. "The question is if I can get some pitchers who can throw to contact [opposing bats] and let our defense do the work."

Here is a closer look at the 2010 Suburban Council field.

South Division Averill Park Warriors Coach: Mike Conroy

Key players: Nick Cioffi (junior P/IF), Tyler Listing (junior P/IF), Andrew Fasoldt (junior IF), Josh Sprague (senior UT), Scott Sharpley (senior P/OF), Brian Handy (junior C/IF), Dylan Sprague (sophomore UT), Greg Hotaling (freshman P/UT)

Outlook: The Warriors have a good mix of veterans and young talent. The question is, can they play seven solid innings a game?

"If we play good, fundamental baseball, I'm not worried about who we play," said Conroy. "I think we can play with anybody. We have some pitchers who can throw strikes, and we have some speed [on the



Guilderland is one of the teams hoping to take the Suburban Council South Division title away from Columbia this season. Four of the Dutchmen's key players are, from left, Jimmy Quinn, Sean Geisel, Matt Zanotta and Luke Stark.

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basepaths]. If we can get on base and move the runners around, we'll score some runs."

Bethlehem Eagles Coach: Rob Helm

Key players: John Morrill (senior P), Mike Wollner (senior P), Matt Cahill (junior 3B/SS), Alex Bellizzi (sophomore P), Andrew Lennox (junior OF)

Outlook: Not much is left of the 18-8 Eagles squad that reached the Section II Class AA semifinals following the graduation of 12 seniors last year.

"I'll be teaching a lot," said Helm. "I have a freshman shortstop, two sophomore catchers and a sophomore pitcher."

Colonie Garnet Raiders Coach: Kevin Halburian

Key players: Mike Branche (senior), Mike Chieleweski (senior), Kenny Curcione (senior), Jaime June (junior), Chris Kalica (junior)

Outlook: Everybody's favorite to win the South

Division title is already off to a good start with non-league victories over Troy and Bishop Maginn.

"I think we have potential," said Haburian. "We have a number of returning players who are decent, and we have a good JV [junior varsity] group coming up. We should be in the thick of it."

Columbia Blue Devils Coach: Chris Dedrick

Key players: Matt Kasper (senior C), Christian Brown (junior SS), Nick Keefe (senior 2B/P), Shawn Gibson (junior OF), Stephen Proper (senior P), Matt Raymond (junior P)

Outlook: No one in the Suburban Council is going to feel sorry for the Blue Devils following the graduation of several seniors from last year's Class AA Sectional championship team.

"One thing I've learned while coaching at Columbia is that we've had the bull's eye for a long time," said

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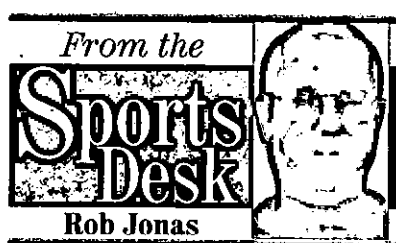
Thanks for everything you did, Walter Robb

I think the Philadelphia Eagles forgot they play in the same division as the Washington Redskins when they traded Donovan McNabb to D.C. Sunday. If they had remembered that

small fact, they probably would have traded Michael Vick to the Redskins. No? OK, moving on...

I think departing Albany River Rats owner Walter Robb deserves every accolade that can be heaped on him for trying to keep professional hockey alive in a region that cares more about major league teams than minor league teams.

Robb entered the realm of sports team ownership more than a decade ago as a very wealthy man from his days working for General Electric, and he leaves that realm less wealthy than he began. The Rats (and let's not forget the Albany Conquest/Firebirds arena football team) cost him hundreds of thousands of dollars every season, yet he fought on to keep them going.



Also, the Adirondack Red Wings departed Glens Falls, which left the Rats without that heated local rivalry that filled the seats at the Times Union Center.

At least Robb corrected one major problem when he signed an affiliation agreement with Carolina and Colorado four years ago. Though Colorado departed after the 2006-07 season, Carolina continued to supply Albany with enough talent to make the Rats competitive again. Heck, this year's Rat squad could be the best we've seen in these parts since Albany won the Calder Cup in 1995.

Unfortunately for Robb, signing with Carolina ultimately meant the end of the current Rats franchise. When the Hurricanes wanted to move their AHL affiliate closer to their home base in Raleigh, Robb had to sell the franchise to a Charlotte ownership group to complete the deal.

It's a simple business decision for Carolina, since having its minor league players in Charlotte means lower travel costs for transporting their prospects from Charlotte to Raleigh when they call them up. And if Charlotte sports fans take to the AHL like they did in supporting their ECHL franchise, the players will get to skate in front of some large crowds.

For Robb, though, it means that his goal of keeping professional sports alive in Albany will go unmet. He never could find any local investors to buy into the Rats or the Conquest/Firebirds, and now one franchise is heading to North Carolina while the other sits in mothballs.

You can't blame Robb for trying, though. All you can do is respect the man for dipping into his deep pockets time and again to keep pro sports alive in arguably one of the hardest minor league markets to succeed in.

I think Siena will miss a golden opportunity for creating stability with its men's basketball program if it doesn't promote assistant coach Mitch Buonaguro to succeed Fran McCaffery as the Saints' head coach.

Besides being Siena's primary recruiter for the last five years, Buonaguro has head coaching experience in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, having guided Fairfield from 1985 to 1991 — a stretch that included two NCAA Tournament appearances. And with assistant gigs at Villanova during the Rollie Massamino era (1977-85) and Texas A&M in the 1990s, Buonaguro knows what the big-time programs do to be successful.

Most importantly, though, Buonaguro knows these Siena players, and he knows what style of play will help them remain

successful. Somebody from outside the Siena program wouldn't necessarily maintain the Saints' up-tempo playing style which has led to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

I know Siena is tempted to go with someone who was a head coach this season, but I hope that it decides to promote from within and let Buonaguro keep the Saints on the path that McCaffery started them on five years ago.

Staying in the college basketball world, I know there's been a lot of people bemoaning the concept of a 96-team NCAA Tournament field. Admittedly, it will water down the quality of the tournament, especially if it means more mediocre teams from major leagues like the Big East, the ACC and the Pac 10 get in with at-large berths. And it will make it harder for a mid-major team like Butler to get to the national championship game if it has to go through two rounds just to reach the field of 64.

However, what will be good is if the NCAA decides to give automatic berths to regular season conference champions. Nothing stinks worse — especially for a mid-major program — than working your way to the top of the league during a grueling regular season, and then losing in the conference tournament and being relegated to a lesser tournament like the NIT (which will likely be folded into

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