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Concert to benefit Interfaith Partnership

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A McFlurry of activity

Dozens of McDonalds around the Capital District participated in the third annual McTeacher Night event in which a portion of the proceeds from food sales is donated to local parent-teacher organizations.

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Kids' cuisine

"Some recipes are thumbs up, some are thumbs down, but you never know until you try" is the rule of thumb in Jodi Fitz's kitchen, and she applies it to every breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack dish she tries.

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Defense carries Eagles

The loss of one of its top players may have slowed down the Bethlehem boys lacrosse team, but it hasn't prevented the Eagles from starting the season strong.

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# Spotlight

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Bob Shoemaker of Wildlife Alive in Clarksville shows Clarksville Elementary students one of his rehabilitated birds during the school's Earth Day Fair on Friday, April 16. The school's students filed through the gymnasium throughout the day to see demonstrations from area environmental groups.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

## Area gears up for Earth Day

**Events around area and schools on tap for 40th anniversary**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Whether it's the spring weather or an invigorated spirit of preservation, young and old alike have been spending the past week gearing up for the annual observance of Earth Day.

April 22 will mark the 40th celebration of Earth Day, which is now observed across much of the world. While those across the Town of Bethlehem and Capital District will be recognizing the day in many ways, Earth Week, running from April 16 until Earth Day, is nearly over.

The week of activities was kicked off at Clarksville Elementary with an Earth Day Fair. This was the second year the school has invited area groups into the gymnasium to set up activities, games and learning stations for the school's more than 200 students, said parent and PTA member Amy Price.

"It's about education and fun," she said.

"They're learning how to be creative and conservation."

Hannaford Supermarkets was present to hand out reusable shopping bags, and various arms of the Department of Environmental Conservation were teaching kids about the state's varied natural resources. A Cornell Cooperative Extension representative had set up a bicycle that could power a bank of light bulbs.

Local operation Wildlife Alive brought to the fair a number of owls and other rehabilitated birds. Michele Segerberg and Bob Shoemaker run the operation out of Clarksville, where they nurse injured birds back to health. Those who can't be reintroduced back into the wild are often used for educational purposes.

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County and the Northeastern Cave Conservancy were also at the fair.

**Earth Day activities:**

- Deputy Supervisor John Smolinsky will host a ceremony on the lawn of Bethlehem Town Hall (indoors in event of rain) on Earth Day at 10 a.m. He'll speak on the subject of

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## GCSD adopts budget

**Board briefly debates returning to half-day kindergarten**

By RYAN MUNKS  
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The Guiderland Board of Education adopted an \$87,447,715 budget for the 2010-11 school year, on Tuesday, April 13.

The budget comes in \$68,000 under the superintendent's budget and includes the restoration of a number of programs and positions that were eliminated in the original proposal. Those restorations were made possible by each teacher giving up a day's pay for a total of \$220,000, the elimination of freshman sports for a savings of \$73,000 and delaying the repayment of a bond that will temporarily save the district \$1.15 million.

Some of the additions to the budget that were not included in the proposed budget were full restoration of clubs and after-school activities at the middle school and high school, at a cost

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## Details emerge in dispatcher arrest

**BPD arrest report contains numerous redactions**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Details are emerging surrounding the arrest of a Bethlehem police dispatcher earlier this month.

An arrest report obtained by way of the Freedom of Information Law reveals a redacted police narrative of the events of April 2, when dispatcher Eric Kerr was arrested on three misdemeanor charges after allegedly pointing a handgun at his ex-girlfriend.

The recovered report says Kerr pursued the victim around town before she contacted

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# Police Blotter

## Coeymans supervisor arrested, charged with arson

The Coeymans Police Department Wednesday, April 14, arrested Coeymans Town Supervisor Henry Traver and charged him with arson in the third degree, a felony.

Police say Traver intentionally set fire to his own residence at 68 Jarvis Road South on April 20 of 2008. He was not supervisor at the time of

the alleged incident.

The two-year investigation was conducted with the assistance of the Albany County District Attorney's office.

Traver was arraigned in Town of Coeymans Court and was remanded to Albany County jail without bail.

### Other arrests

The Bethlehem Police Department on Tuesday, April 13, arrested Amy L. Krzykowski, 27, of 18E Oakbrook Manor, Ravena, and charged her with DWAI-Drugs and traffic violations following a traffic stop in Selkirk.

Police received a call advising of an erratic vehicle traveling southbound on State Route 9W in the area of Corning Hill Road, according to arrest reports. Police located the vehicle and observed it traveling into the northbound lane and failing to dim its high beams, police said.

Krzykowski exhibited bloodshot eyes, impaired motor functions and slurred speech when speaking to police, and dropped several items while attempting to produce her driver's license, according to police. She said she had taken

prescribed medication at her house earlier and was driving to Urgent Care in Delmar because she was not feeling good, police said. When asked what type of medication she was taking, she said Xanax, Serouquel and Trezodone, according to police.

Krzykowski was taken into custody after performing sobriety tests, and agreed to have a blood sample drawn at Albany Medical Center for analysis by the state police crime lab, police said. Her mother was contacted to pick her up from the police station and she was issued tickets to appear in Town of Bethlehem Court on Tuesday, May 4.

Amanda S. Defaria, 20, of 5 Cimino Lane was arrested by Guilderland police on Tuesday, April 13 and charged with Burglary in the third degree, a felony, criminal mischief with intent to damage property and petit larceny, both

misdeemeanors. Police said Defaria entered a residence on James Lane through a window by the back deck. Upon entering, Defaria allegedly was involved in a altercation with a resident of the property and stole his keys from his car upon exiting the property. Defaria agreed to turn herself into police later that day. According to police, Defaria provided a statement and turned the keys over to police at that time. She was arraigned at Guilderland Town Court later that day.

Jeffrey Charles Heald, 48, of 5 Sumpter Avenue, Albany, was arrested by Guilderland police on Tuesday, April 13, and charged with criminal possession of marijuana in the third degree, a felony. According to police, Heald was stopped for a cell phone violation while driving in the area of Schoolhouse Road and Hilton. Police said that

Heald was found to be in possession of 14.5 ounces of marijuana. Heald was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, April 15.

Guilderland police arrested a homeless man, Edward M. Lawrence, 43, of Albany, on Wednesday, April 7, on active warrants for grand larceny in the third degree and possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, both felonies. Lawrence was arraigned later that day in Guilderland Town Court and lodged in Albany County jail.

### IN BRIEF

#### Recycling day scheduled

The Town of Bethlehem will sponsor a household waste collection and computer recycling day on Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. - to 1 p.m. at the Highway Garage, located at 74 Elm Avenue East in Selkirk. Bethlehem residents can drop off old paint, thinners and solvents, unused pesticides and lawn chemicals, cleaning products, used fluorescent tubes, automotive fluids and batteries and properly bagged asbestos, as well as old computers and computer parts. Participants are asked to bring a valid New York State Driver's License or a recent town tax bill to be used as proof of residency. For information, call 439-4955 ext. 1510.

#### Adoptable pets now online

Bethlehem Animal Control is now posting photographs of found or abandoned local animals that are available for adoption on the Town of Bethlehem website; www.townofbethlehem.org. For information, call Bethlehem Animal Control at 439-9973.

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# Highway workers take complaints to the town

**New Scotland officials hear concerns about working conditions and salaries**

By RYAN MUNKS  
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The New Scotland Town Board held a special meeting the morning of Wednesday, April 14, at the town's Highway Department to discuss with employees issues regarding pay raises and the condition of the town garage.

"I think the board is convinced we have to fix this facility or build a new one," said Town Supervisor Tom Dolin. The facility at 2869 New Scotland Road, which is more than 40 years old, is suffering from infrastructure, air quality and space issues, according to staff of the Highway Department.

"In the wintertime you recirculate the same air; it gets pretty nasty," said Kevin Mabie, of the Highway Department.

Chris Zautner, another worker in the department, said that fumes from the building's furnace make eating lunch in the break room almost unbearable.

"It's disgusting. You wouldn't want to be up here," he said.

Zautner also said that after starting the trucks up at the garage in the morning, it's difficult to breathe inside the facility.

Another concern voiced by workers dealt with the building's water and drainage systems.

"We are washing salt off the trucks with salt water," said John Hensel, of the Water and Sewer Department. He also said runoff from the facility flows down New Scotland Road.

Dolin admitted that the facility needs to be replaced.

"I think this facility has seen its day," he said.

According to Dolin, the issue is convincing the taxpayers to approve of what he estimates to be a \$5 million to \$7 million project.

He said the town knew since a study was done in 2001 that there were issues with the building.

"In the past, it fell off the table because numbers are so mind boggling," said Dolin.

One of the ideas proposed by Dolin was to construct the new facility by using a modular design, gradually phasing out of the old facility over time, also spreading the cost out.

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Among the concerns of the employee's that work out of the garage is the infrastructure of the building. Pictured above is a hole in one of the support beams of the garage.



The Town Board held a special meeting at the Highway Department's garage to address concerns of the department's employees. Dolin admitted at the meeting that the town's tax rate has been artificially low because the town was skimping on the department's employees.

Photos by Ryan Munks/Spotlight

**"I think this facility has seen its day."**

— Town Supervisor Tom Dolin

Duncan also said that working from two separate facilities could hinder the operations of the department, something that is currently becoming an issue with the department's two secretaries, Pat Geurtze and Teresa Campana moving to Town Hall.

"We are working down here with our two secretaries down there [Town Hall]. Sometimes they are disconnected," he said.

Although building a new facility for the Highway Department would increase the tax burden on the town, Dolin said residents have enjoyed a low tax levy for years.

"It's almost artificially low compared to other towns," he said. "The reason is we are kind of skimping on you guys."

Dolin said he did not know the exact number by which the town's tax levy would increase, but he said that spread among the people of the town the

cost would be low.

"I think its going to be modest. People are going to be shocked at how little it costs," he said. "It's funny, you talk \$13 million for the school system, and no one gets excited. ... People have been very sympathetic to the school system; I hope they will be equally sympathetic to this project."

In addition to the issues facing the department's garage, workers also discussed the issue of pay raises.

Kevin Schenmeyer, of the highway department, took the lead in airing grievances regarding the lack of pay raises in the

department.

Schenmeyer said there were two sets of standards in regards to how workers in the garage are treated and how workers at Town Hall are treated. He said that employees of the Highway Department are the only employees in the town that have to clock in, and that raises seem to be handed out more frequently in Town Hall.

"I really don't feel they [Highway Department] get paid, sometimes, the salaries they deserve," Schenmeyer said.

Dolin agreed that the Highway Department staff has in the past been underrepresented in the

town's budget and that the town was at fault for the discrepancy.

"If there are any bad guys, it's us," he said.

Dolin recommended that the Highway Department designate employees to represent the rank and file of the department in this year's budget process. Councilman Daniel Mackay said that the concerns of the department have been heard, and that this year's budget process will reflect those concerns.

"We are drafting a budget that is much more informed on salary issues," he said.

# Bethlehem man appointed to Greenway Council

**Ted Putney to represent Albany County on Hudson River entity**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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A longtime Bethlehem resident will be representing Albany County on the Hudson

River Valley Greenway Communities Council.

County Executive Michael Breslin recently appointed Freeman (Ted) Putney to fill a vacancy on the council. A longtime Bethlehem resident, Putney said he was honored to have been selected, and that he would aim to secure the county's fair share of Greenway grant funding.

"I hope just to simply make other members of the council aware of the position of Albany County, and the importance of the river to Albany County," he said. "The river itself is important to the ports, both in Albany, Coeymans and Bethlehem."

The Bethlehem Town Board passed a resolution recommending Putney for

**"Getting people to stay close to home and enjoy the Hudson River Valley is important."**

— Ted Putney

the position on March 25.

"Ted is an excellent appointment to the council because of his years of experience with a broad range of environmental organizations and his lifelong commitment to conservation," Supervisor Sam Messina said.

The next quarterly meeting of the council is scheduled for June 9. The council is a 28-member entity—including a representative from each of the 10 counties lining the Hudson River—that meets in locations around

the valley.

The Greenway Council and Conservancy are aimed at promoting trails along the river, encouraging sustainable planning and protecting and promoting the valley's status as a National Heritage Area, said Executive Director Mark Castiglione.

"We do that by helping communities work together, to do regional planning and to advance regional goals in their local initiatives," he said. "We're thrilled to have Mr. Putney come on board to the

Greenway and helping us to advance our mission."

The Greenway Conservancy, a public benefit organization, also secures many grants for various uses along the valley.

Putney has a history of involvement in town government, including serving on the Town Board from 1994 through 1997, serving on the town Industrial Development Agency and taking part in the 20/20 advisory committee. He's also a trustee of the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy advisory committee.

Now retired, Putney lives near the town's Henry Hudson Park, where erosion of the Hudson's bank is threatening town land. This is a problem that is repeated along the river,

said Putney, and needs to be addressed.

The entire eastern border of the Town of Bethlehem consists of the Hudson, making it an underutilized resource, said Putney.

"We have a rather extensive waterfront, some of which could be developed to a greater extent than it has been," he said.

He also said a greater effort should be made to publicize the value of the river to those near and far.

"Tourism is always a thing that needs to be promoted, because there are a lot of good tourist destinations around, and getting people to stay close to home and enjoy the Hudson River Valley is important," Putney said.

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# Lions and rabbits and book reports, oh my!

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We spontaneously break into British accents fairly often in our home. I think it became a particularly prevalent occurrence for my daughter after the Harry Potter movies came on the scene, but it certainly started long before then for me. It may even be genetic. When I described this "hobby" at a family gathering, I learned that one of my nieces also enjoys speaking "British" and soon a small group of us were conversing in this manner. Unusual, perhaps, but it sure paid off for my child when it came time to audition for the role of a British dormouse. That's right, I said British dormouse.

The middle school musical had just finished its run. Rachel had a part in the ensemble, which included singing, a bit of dancing, and a single line. "I play an adult," she would say when people would ask about her role. And I'd jump in and add, "She's one of the adult townspeople in the ensemble," feeling that her explanation was too nebulous. "She's got a husband and a child, too." She'd roll her eyes.

Being in the musical boosted her interest in theater and so she attended an informational meeting for the school's next production, a comedy that intertwines characters from the "The Wizard of Oz" and "Alice in Wonderland."

In the weeks that followed she experienced a series of phases.



The phases included: I THINK I'm going to audition. I AM going to audition. I DON'T think I'm going to audition. SHOULD I audition?

"This again?" I thought. I gave her the same advice I did when she was contemplating auditioning for the musical: You won't get a part if you don't audition. Just try; you've got nothing to lose.

Two years ago, Rachel was involved in both the musical and a play. She painted sets, arranged scenery, operated the curtain and ran spotlights.

"One day she's going to be in the show," my father told me. I said, "I don't think so, dad. She likes being on the technical crew. Not everyone wants to be on the stage." He said, "Mark my words."

Well, it's true. Father knows best. When Rachel told me she was going to audition for the musical, I said, "I can't believe it. Grandpa was right!"

As timing would have it, Grandpa left for Florida four days before opening night, although he did come to one of the rehearsals. "You are missing your granddaughter's play," I told my 80-year-old father. He said, "I'll catch the next one."

As luck would have it, along came auditions for "Dorothy Meets Alice," a comedy/adventure by Joseph a comedy/adventure by Joseph a comedy/adventure by Joseph a musical by Robinette and Karl Juman.

More than 90 kids auditioned for a play that had about 11 roles. To include more students, the director, math teacher Diane Henderson-Suker, added a set of opening vignettes and ended up with a cast of 36. Another 28 students are part of the technical crews, assisted by reading lab teacher, Aosta Edelman and technology teacher, Steve Costopoulos.

Henderson-Suker was quick to point out that although she, Edelman and Costopoulos are providing guidance, the students are doing all the work. Students are constructing set pieces that include a giant TV set, a giant book, forest scenery, and, um, a guillotine. The students are distributing posters, operating the lights and sound equipment and controlling the curtains.

The main characters include a girl from Kansas, a girl from London and a girl from some far off place called Delmar, New York. There are also several animals, a witch, a queen, and, of course, a Mad Hatter.

The director told me she is encouraging each character to shine. She said she explained to the students that it doesn't matter whether a character has one line or 100 lines, each role is important.



Bethlehem Middle Schoolers will perform "Dorothy Meets Alice" (aka "The Wizard of Wonderland") on April 29, 30 and May 1 at 7 pm. Cast members include: In back: Laura Hooper, Hailey Bulman, and Emily Risch; In front: Emily Murphy and Luke Marcelle. Tickets are \$5 adult, \$4 students/seniors. For more information e-mail: henddms@bcbsd.neric.org.

After running through a set of scenes, she pushes the students to assess their own on-stage skills, asking each one to answer the questions: "How did you improve on your performance from the last rehearsal?" and "What can you do to improve even more?"

Parents were asked to chaperone backstage and to help out with the concession stand at intermission on show nights, but there are no parent committees. I didn't realize this at first, and grew concerned when weeks went by without a notice requesting parent volunteers.

"Do you need to get your own costume?" I asked my daughter.

"I don't know," she said.

"How can you not know? Didn't anyone mention costumes?"

"Oh, at one rehearsal they asked our sizes," she said.

"Is somebody making costumes?" I asked.

"I don't know."

"Well, find out, because if I need to find you a costume I don't want to wait until the last minute."

"Yeah, OK."

Being a part of the school's theatrical production builds teamwork and self-esteem, requires practice and commitment, and makes mothers run around yelling.

"You have to manage your time better."

In "Dorothy Meets Alice" (also subtitled: "A Wizard in Wonderland"), the character from New York exclaims, "Oh no, I forgot to do my book report."

My daughter finds this corny (my word, not hers), because "a kid in middle school wouldn't talk like that." I pointed out that 1) there is nothing in the script that prescribes the age of the kid, and 2) SOME people would actually panic if they suddenly remember an assignment due the next day. (Of course in our house, it's the mom panicking when the teenager leaves homework to the last minute.)

I encouraged my daughter to have fun with the play.

"It's a COMEDY! It's OK to exaggerate. Get out of your head," I told her.

"What?? How would I get out of my own head?"

Ah, I have such a literal child.

"What I mean is that you should focus on BEING the character and not worry about what you might look or sound like."

I explained that she needs to feel uninhibited, like a little kid growing-up mum ... or like the silly playground mum walking around the kitchen talking like Eliza Doolittle.

**Back 2 Basics**  
By Matt Zalen  
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Panel 1: "WHOA, ARE YOU OKAY?" "NO, I HAD A REALLY BAD CONVERSATION WITH SOME GUY AT WORK TODAY"

Panel 2: "WHY IS IT THAT EVERY TIME A PERSON SAYS SOMETHING AWKWARD OR DEPRESSING TO ME, I AUTOMATICALLY FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO SYMPATHIZE WITH THEM?"

Panel 3: "BEING SYMPATHETIC IS A GOOD THING, YOU KNOW" "NOT IN THIS CASE IT WASN'T"

Panel 4: "EARLIER..." "MY FATHER JUST DIED" "YEAH, THAT HAPPENS TO ME A LOT"



## WEEKLY WEATHER



Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

### Albany Almanac

#### Record high/low/year

AVERAGE HIGH 61° AVERAGE LOW 39°

| Day                 | High/Year | Low/Year |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Wednesday, April 21 | 89°/1923  | 20°/1875 |
| Thursday, April 22  | 86°/1985  | 20°/1947 |
| Friday, April 23    | 87°/2007  | 26°/1975 |
| Saturday, April 24  | 81°/2001  | 25°/1965 |
| Sunday, April 25    | 89°/2009  | 23°/1965 |
| Monday, April 26    | 90°/1990  | 24°/1972 |
| Tuesday, April 27   | 91°/1962  | 26°/1963 |

#### ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

9.08 inches as of Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
.67 inches below average

#### This week in weather

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1899 - Two women and one son lived to tell the story of being picked up by a tornado and carried more than a quarter of a mile, flying far above church steeples, before being gently set down again.

#### Sun & Moon

| Day       | Sunrise | Sunset |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| Wednesday | 6:04am  | 7:44pm |
| Thursday  | 6:03am  | 7:45pm |
| Friday    | 6:01am  | 7:46pm |
| Saturday  | 6:00am  | 7:47pm |
| Sunday    | 5:58am  | 7:50pm |
| Tuesday   | 5:55am  | 7:51pm |

#### Moon Phases

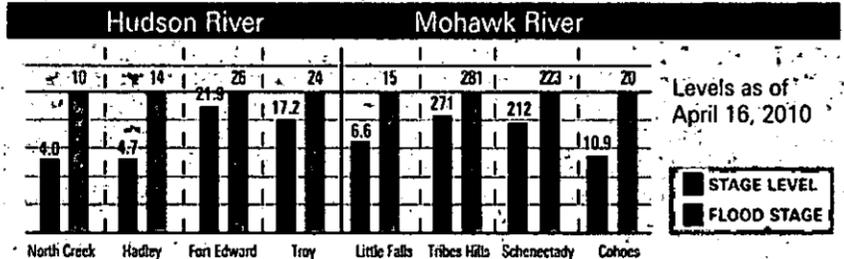
| Month | Phase | Date     |
|-------|-------|----------|
| April | First | April 21 |
| April | Full  | April 28 |

#### Planets

| Planet  | When    | Where     |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| Saturn  | Evening | High SE   |
| Mars    | Evening | V High SW |
| Venus   | Dusk    | Low WNW   |
| Jupiter | Dawn    | V Low E   |

### Rivers & Recreation

#### River Levels



#### Factoid

The growing season for Albany typically begins in late April or early May. However, due to unseasonably warm temperatures early this month, the growing season this year began in early April.

#### Tides at Albany

| Day       | High             | Low              |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Wednesday | 11:04am, 11:43pm | 5:26am, 6:15pm   |
| Thursday  | 12:07pm          | 6:28am, 7:11pm   |
| Friday    | 12:49am, 1:12pm  | 7:29am, 8:06pm   |
| Saturday  | 1:52am, 2:14pm   | 8:30am, 9:00pm   |
| Sunday    | 2:52am, 3:13pm   | 9:28am, 9:52pm   |
| Monday    | 3:48am, 4:09pm   | 10:23am, 10:43pm |
| Tuesday   | 4:40am, 5:01pm   | 11:16am, 11:31pm |

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# Dating outside the box

## Delmar man's singles service promises to do it differently

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Match.com, eHarmony, plentyoffish... The Web is flush with sites that promise to pair you with your soul mate. So how does Larry Wilson plan to make his a success?

By going directly against what other cyberdating services are doing, and towards a simple concept that is almost universally agreed upon: opposites attract.

"Our culture is based on opposites," said Wilson, who got into the Internet dating scene after his divorce.

Popular sites paired the Delmar resident with

beautiful, intelligent women he had a lot in common with, and who he accompanied on flat, uninteresting dates.

"They try to set you up with your perfect, harmonious match, a mirror image," he said of such matchmakers. "You think you know everything there is to know about this person, so you end up not asking deep, penetrating questions."

Oppositesconnect.com aims to do... well, just the opposite. Through a personality test and other features, the site will suggest matches with locals who don't share your interests.

Not only will that lead to new and interesting experiences, but foster more interesting discussion, said Wilson.

"You're likely to

"We thought that it was a great idea and something that hasn't been tried before," she said, and a great idea for her clients with relationship difficulty.

"They'd been dating the same type of person over and over again and having the same poor outcome," she continued.

"We do have a lot of

oppositesconnect.com just yet—Wilson hopes to have the site up and running in about a month. If you join the site's Facebook page as a fan now, though, you'll be afforded a free lifetime membership.

Wilson's goal is to have the site become a pay service like many other sites on the Web.

In addition to a database of personal ads, the site will offer a Rivals Room, where users can create groups about their favorite things that can be matched up with opposing groups (Yankees and Red Sox fan groups, for example). The groups can interact, and the site will update you on members of rivaling rooms in your area.

Similarly, a weekly poll on hot button issues will show you local opposites.

Oppositesconnect will be a nationwide service, though Wilson plans to base any physical gatherings and dating events here in the Capital District. He says keeping membership open is a good thing, staying away from the micro-niche dating sites that focus on different religious or social groupings.

"We'd like to think we're combining the best elements of all of that," Wilson said.

## Most Capital District communities close to 2000 rates

By CHARLES WIFF  
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About a month ago, Americans were inundated with pleas from the federal government to give up a few moments of their time to fill out and mail in a 2010 census form.

The reasons for participating were varied: patriotic duty, statistical thoroughness and value to the taxpayer being among the top ones. With the deadline to postmark your mail return passed, how has the Capital District done?

Probably as well or better than in the last census, when all is said and done. Mail-in participation rates will continue to be updated as returns come back, but as of press time, with the national rate at 69 percent, Schenectady, Saratoga and Albany counties are all doing better than the rest of the country with returns of 73, 78 and 73 percent, respectively.

Saratoga County has passed the rate set by the last census, with many communities soaring above 2000's performance. In the Town of Malta, an 80 percent participation rate is 3 points above the last time out.

"It's heartening to hear that we're being so successful," Supervisor Paul Sausville said. "I think that the people of Malta really care about their community, they're

involved and I think it's part of our culture to participate in government."

Others are still working towards former numbers, as in the Town of Niskayuna, 5 points short of meeting an impressive 87 percent showing in 2000.

"That's a very good participation rate," said Supervisor Tom Landry. "We have a community that responds, and we're very pleased that we're very near where we want to be."

Landry attributed the town's numbers to the residents, but added the town has been in contact with the Census Bureau to provide up-to-date address information and maps of new developments in town.

A strong mail-in participation rate is good for taxpayers, said Census Bureau spokeswoman Alexandra Barker, because the bureau must send workers to physically follow up with addresses that don't return their form by mail.

"The mail back operation is the most efficient operation for the Census Bureau," she said. "In order to save money, it's important for people to mail in their forms."

It costs the bureau an average of \$57 per household to secure information through followup visits, versus what is essentially the cost of a stamp for the mail in return. The information gathered is the same.

□ Census Page 7



Delmar resident Larry Wilson hopes singles who've become tired of traditional online dating will try his site, Oppositesconnect.com, where users will be matched with singles who have different interests. Wilson hopes to have the site launch in about a month.

Submitted photo

respect each other for your differences of opinion, and the dig down deeper for the things you do agree on," he said.

Diane Lykes, a licensed therapist with Synergy Counseling Associates in Albany, said she agreed with Wilson when he brought the idea to her. Her practice deals in couples and individual relationship counseling.

clients who come in who are on multiple sites and are very disappointed with the dates," said Patricia DeVost, who also works at Synergy as a therapist. "In my own relationship, I think me and my partner, my husband, are exact opposites... So on a personal level I could see how beneficial it would be."

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# Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

## Delaying the inevitable

Last year, it took three separate votes for the Guilderland Board of Education to establish full-day kindergarten. The argument against it was that it would be too much of a financial burden after the stimulus money ran out.

Last week, the board was faced with that reality but chose to keep the full-day K program and delay paying off \$1.15 million in debt next year.

From Ryan Munks' story on page 1:

"I think the federal government is going to have to do something for us next year," said board member Gloria Towle-Hilt.

Board member Emilio Genzano said, "I'm willing to take the chance and risk on transferring debt service to next year." Genzano also said that the decision to delay the bond and keep full-day kindergarten was not a decision the board could make on a financial basis. He said "[the district] can't put a dollar amount on children."

Unfortunately for Mr. Genzano, that is exactly what a board of education is supposed to do. It puts a dollar amount on every aspect of a child's education, from what they eat to what brand of pencil they write with, and it entrusts and ensures that the school district will manage those dollars effectively and responsibly.

Does that mean the district should choose debt service over full-day K? At this point, it doesn't matter because they haven't. But, for the sake of the taxpayers, the district and the board members need to stop making financial decisions with their hearts.

Last year, one of the arguments for full-day K was that if the district didn't offer it, potential homebuyers would thumb their nose at Guilderland: High taxes and fiscal irresponsibility will also have that effect.

Are the benefits of full-day K worth the financial burden? The studies would lead you to believe it is, but then there are caveats. Some research shows the benefits in literacy and math skills all but disappear after the fourth grade, other research shows the only real benefits are realized by impoverished, urban children.

But let's say full-day K does all it should and more for our children. Should we, like in the case of Guilderland schools, support that program financially only so we can take away athletics and extracurricular activities when those students enter high school?

We all want the best education for our children, but if the only way you can provide that is to keep delaying bond payments in the hopes that the federal government will bail you out, it's likely the full-day kindergarten students of today will be the same people paying off the district's debt service tomorrow.

## Editorial

## Repairing winter's damage through careful pruning

By CHUCK SCHMITT

*The author is a community educator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Albany County.*

Spring 2010, like many others in the past, is an opportunity to evaluate the damage left behind as winter subsides. If you recall recent history, winter has not been kind to the Capital District. We have seen some permanent changes to our landscapes due to winter's heavy hand.

The winter of 2008-09 provided an ice storm in December causing a lot of damage and power outages across the region. This past winter brought a heavy wet snow in March dumping up to 5 feet in some areas causing trees and shrubs to break and some barn roofs to collapse.

Survival of the fittest? I would think so. I have had many calls recently about how to deal with this year's damage. I would start by saying that each case has to be evaluated on an individual basis, but some constants still remain true.

The basic tenets of proper pruning need to be employed to repair damaged plant material. If a twig or small branch is broken, then a clean cut should be made to remove it. Target the cut so that a new leader can take over for the broken branch, essentially you are heading back the branch in the process.

If a larger branch (something more than 3 inches) needs to be removed, target this cut by locating the branch bark ridge and branch collar and cut just outside the collar area.

You will also need to employ the three-point cut to safely remove these larger branches. The first cut is under the branch several inches outside of the branch collar region to sever the bark to prevent it from tearing down the trunk as the branch is removed. This cut only need to be deep enough to break the bark. This second cut will be to drop the weight of the branch, again targeted beyond the branch collar. The third and final cut will be targeted at the proper position, at the branch collar. This is the ideal position to allow proper timely healing for the wound.

The difficult decisions come into play when the damage goes beyond a branch and involves the main trunk. Often when the main trunk of the tree or shrub is split, removal is the only option. However, keep in mind that as new



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growth begins again in the spring healing also begins. If you are able to bring closure to this split/gap it has the potential to heal back together, much like a grafting wound would.

This should only be considered when it is safe to promote this healing and not setting up a hazardous situation. You may want to consult a local arborist.

These pruning cuts will produce wounds on the plant material. Current research suggest that we not try to cover them with any type of "healing" compound but rather let nature take its course in healing. Keep the plants free of as much environmental stress as possible to encourage the healing to progress at the greatest speed possible. If you have particular questions about your plants, don't hesitate to contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office.

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## Weekly poll

### Last week's poll results:

Question: "How late will the state budget be?"

• Next week. Bet on it. No please, actually bet on it, we'll tax the winnings.: 7%

• Sometime in the next month. Lawmakers don't want to work over summer break.: 26%

• Fourth of July. Expect the press conference to be held in the heart of the Plaza fireworks display.: 23%

• The state economy will devolve into one of bartering and beaver pelts before we have a balanced budget.: 42%

### This week's question:

"Is full-day kindergarten worth the expense to taxpayers?"

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Selkirk apartment proposal needs clarification

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm writing in regards to your April 15 article "Selkirk apartments pitched to planners" by Charles Wiff. I am one of the concerned residents the article alludes to. In fact, I am the one who obtained the petition mentioned in the article. I feel that the article that was printed, since only Mr. Hershberg was interviewed, does not fully reflect the situation that exists or why in fact it's at issue at all. So in an effort to accurately represent both sides of the spectrum I felt the need to speak on behalf of those surrounding neighbors the article touches on.

First, it should be noted that the Town Planning Board tabled the proposal because the proposal Hershberg submitted on behalf of Gordon Residential was not complete. Second, while Gordon and Hershberg thinks it's a good use of the land, the Dowerskill community disagrees. We believe that the town needs to find an appropriate balance between diversity and over-development. Our Dowerskill community has already experienced significant growth and we believe the addition of an apartment complex of this size and nature is over-development of the area.

More importantly, we have concerns and questions regarding the effects an apartment complex, in this location and of this design, would have on the traffic patterns at the 9W and Hague intersection. The traffic study mentioned at the meeting was one conducted privately by Hershberg and we do not have confidence in its accuracy, nor do we have the details of exactly where or when it was conducted. We are also concerned about water drainage and run-off, sewer plans, private roadways, and the impact on emergency services.

Though Hershberg cited statistics from an unknown source to back up their belief that apartments would create less of an impact to the school system than single-family homes, the statistics did not come from the RCS school district. I know, because I tried to obtain statistics from them and they do not keep that information. Therefore, I have to wonder where

they came from and are they relevant to a community of this size and location.

It should be noted, that bordering the land in question is a cemetery from the 1800s. While the plans for the apartment complex do not build directly on the cemetery, they do go right up to it's known borders. I feel the town, county, or state needs to consider declaring the cemetery a historical site and protect it against development. If nothing else, anything built there should be a set distance away and should be respectful to those who are buried there and those who want to visit them.

There's a lot more to designing and building on this area of the land than Hershberg, or this article, alluded to. While there is a small group of us who will be meeting privately with Hershberg, per their request, it does not replace the need or desire for a public hearing.

A public hearing has been formally requested, by myself and other parties, to allow for the rest of the members of the Dowerskill community to have a chance to have their say. More importantly, a public hearing requires a certain degree of advance notice and advertising that will guarantee the best

chance for all interested parties to be able to participate.

While the town law technically does not require a public hearing, as your article pointed out, it is not an unusual nor unreasonable request.

The Planning Board did seem to feel that an environmental impact study, which our petition called for, was not appropriate for this project. We're hoping as the process continues they will reconsider this as there are significant wetlands on and surrounding the property in question, thus there will be an environmental impact.

Further, the area is currently forest area and though admittedly unlikely, one never knows what special creatures might reside there. Too often in the world today we just take down and destroy green areas, forests, and open spaces without a second thought. Part of the neighbors' goals is to ensure that the Town takes this into consideration and we have confidence that they will hear our concerns and do so.

Kim Vining  
Selkirk

## Census

(From Page 5)

For each one percent of Americans who return their mail-in form nationally, the bureau saves \$85 million, said Barker.

Census workers will begin going door-to-door on May 1. The bureau will hire an army of workers—some 700,000—to conduct the follow-ups.

In the Town of Bethlehem, where Supervisor Sam Messina has been vocal about the need to bolster response, the participation rate was just 10 points short of 2000's strong showing of 83 percent.

"The goal I had, and I don't know if we're going to achieve it yet, was to surpass where we were in 2000," Messina said. "We've done what we've needed to, working with the media, getting the word out at town board meetings... We certainly weren't passive, we did what we needed to."

Despite having participation rates in many areas that far outpace the national average, New York state remains below the nation rate with a 64 percent mail-in participation rate.

It's arguable the densely populated New York City area is holding the entire state's rate down. The Big Apple has a 56 percent rate, just one point shy of its performance last census.

It can be more difficult to collect information in cities simply because there are so many more addresses and people to deal with, said Barker. Alternatively, in remote areas workers will sometimes drop off a form in-person at the start of the

census process.

"Urban areas are very challenging," Barker said. "We're looking at the rates and can see areas that we need to be working on."

Similarly, the City of Albany has the worst rate in the county at 63 percent.

Across New York, 2000 census participation rates of 90 percent and better were logged, but mostly in rural areas. The strongest performing states are Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

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# Warren Redlich courts Tea Party voters

### G'land gubernatorial candidate takes his message on the road

By RYAN MUNKS  
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Guilderland Town Board member and gubernatorial candidate Warren Redlich spoke at Tea Party events across the state last week. Throughout the course of his speaking tour, his message has remained consistent: He called on New York state to "stop wasting money."

The Tea Party events, which took place in Buffalo, Rochester and Albany, have become a yearly thing that coincides with the April 15 deadline for people to file their tax returns.

Redlich, who is running on the Libertarian Party line, gave his first speech in Buffalo on Monday, April 12. At just under two minutes, he focused on the issue of capping pay for state employees. During the speech, he criticized the state for the salary it pays the head of the New York Public Library,

who according to Redlich, makes \$689,000. He said that there are more than 90,000 state employees that make over \$100,000. As part of his campaign platform, he is advocating to cap state employees' salaries at \$100,000 and their retirements at \$75,000.

"There's an answer," he said. "We can cap the pay of the bureaucrats. It will save \$2 billion statewide."

He continued his speaking tour at the Rochester Tea Party event, which took place on Thursday, April 15.

He expanded his criticism of state employee pay, attempting to refute the belief that high salaries are needed to retain good employees. He used sarcasm to assail the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a public authority he said has 54 people making more than \$200,000 per year.

"Now they must get good people, right?" he asked. "That's why they are losing half a billion dollars a year."



Warren Redlich speaks to a voter at a Tea Party rally at the Empire State Plaza Saturday, April 17.

Submitted photo

Mike Deming, Monroe County's Campaign for Liberty coordinator, and the master of ceremonies for the Rochester event, said that Redlich fit right in with Tea Party members at the event.

"His message certainly resonated with the crowd," said Deming.

Deming said the intent of the Tea Party gathering, which attracted anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 spectators, was to focus primarily on the economic issues facing New York state. He said the Tea Party movement is gaining more appeal this year than

it had in previous years.

"They seem much more informed this year," he said.

Redlich's final appearance at a Tea Party event was at the Saturday, April 17, gathering outside the Empire State Plaza in Albany. For the third time in the week, Redlich continued his campaign to cap the pay of state employees.

"Instead of laying off teachers, instead of closing our parks, instead of taxing our soda, we can do something different," he said. "If we cap their pay at \$100,000 a year, just on



**"There's an answer. We can cap the pay of the bureaucrats. It will save \$2 billion statewide."**

- Warren Redlich

pay alone, that will save us two billion in the first year," he said.

Eric Sundwall, the campaign manager for Warren Redlich for Governor, said speaking at the Tea Party events has given Redlich an opportunity to address like-minded voters. "We are out there, and we are working pretty hard for their support," he said. "You have to respect the fact that there is no actual Tea Party."

Sundwall said that the Tea Party, unlike the Democratic or Republican parties, is not an organized political organization with a staff and a bank account.

"No one can claim the mantle of the Tea Party," he said.

Sundwall said that in addition to Redlich, Republican candidates Carl Paladino, Rick Lazio,

and Steve Levy have all courted supporters of the Tea Party. According to information from his campaign, Paladino has gone as far to say he will circulate a petition to create a Tea Party line on the ballot if he does not get the Conservative Party endorsement.

"Warren has as much claim [as the Tea Party candidate] as any of those three candidates," said Sundwall.

Sundwall said that next challenge for Redlich's campaign will be getting the Libertarian Party nomination at its convention at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Albany on Saturday, April 24.

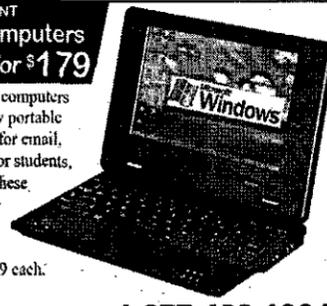
"We expect to get the nomination," said Sundwall, who is also a former chairman of New York State's Libertarian Party.

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# Raising their voices for the homeless

**Concert to benefit Interfaith Partnership with diverse afternoon of music**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Organizers are hoping that a yearly event to benefit a local homeless charity will be the biggest yet.

Voices of Hope has been an annual event for 16 years, and been hosted at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar for the past five. Turnout has been between 150 and 200 persons in years past, but the venue has space for 400, said aid First United's Nan Rabinow.

"We're really hoping to fill our house this year," Rabinow said. "We've really pushed ourselves to get the word out this year quite aggressively."

Performances will be by the Capital District Youth Chorale, the University at Albany Chamber Signers, Mezzo-Soprano Soloist Kara Cornell and pianists from the Music Studio of Albany.

All told, the program promises to be over an hour of stirring and diverse music, said FUMC Music Director Joe Farrell.

"This year's a little bit different because it's bringing in musical groups and performers who are instrumentalists, as well as

*"This year's a little bit different because it's bringing in musical groups and performers who are instrumentalists, as well as guest choral groups."*

— FUMC Music Director Joe Farrell

guest choral groups," he said. "We've reached out to the larger community a little bit by inviting the Capital District Youth Chorale."

The Youth Chorale, under the direction of Diane Warner, is a 110-member group that will perform five separate numbers. This will also be the first year a collegiate group has performed in the concert.

The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist will close the program.

The partnership with First United has been beneficial to Interfaith, said Director of Development Bonnie St. Onge.

"Interfaith is fortunate to be partners with the First United Methodist Church in Delmar," she said. "So many different churches do so many different things, and this is really a unique one. They coordinate this whole effort, they reach out on behalf of us."

While the church does fundraising for groups across the area and world,

Interfaith is a group members are happy to spend their time and effort supporting because of the good work it does in the community, said Rabinow.

"At our church, one of our biggest components in mission and outreach... Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless has always been one of the organizations we sponsor," she said. "It's just one of the organizations that really needs our mission here."

Interfaith provides a number of services to Albany's homeless population, including emergency and transitional housing. The organization is looking to expand its affordable housing offerings and will soon be starting a summer youth program in the Sheridan Hollow area, where children are provided activities and free lunch.

The summer program served 1,600 lunches during last year's 10-week program, double what was needed in 2008, and St. Onge said it's

expected participation will only increase due to more need.

"A lot of people are just one emergency away from losing their home or losing the resources they do have," she said. "We end up being a safety blanket."

The Voices of Hope concert will be held Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 448 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. There is no charge to attend, but donations to benefit the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless will be collected.

A reception with refreshments will be held for audience members and performers following the concert.

# Teachers, restaurant help family in need

**Community rallies behind Delmar man paralyzed during a rugby match**

By DAN SABBATINO  
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Doing what you love sometimes comes with a risk.

Lisa DeStaso-Jones said her husband suffered a severe spinal cord injury likely to leave him paralyzed from the neck down while pursuing his passion — rugby.

Mike Jones, known by those close to him as "Jonesy," was playing rugby in Fort Lauderdale,

Fla., when he injured himself in February. The damage to his vertebrae has left him unable to walk, or move anything below his neck, but she said with the proper therapy, she is hopeful he may regain some motor functions.

"We want the most modern and helpful equipment for Mike," she said.

Lisa DeStaso Jones said she is estimating a \$3 million expense over his lifetime. He is 44 years old, and the family has a nearly 2-year-old girl, Liliana.

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# Bethlehem to upgrade its sewers

The Town of Bethlehem is officially embarking on a project to reroute and upgrade sewer service in the northwestern part of town.

The Town Board on Wednesday, April 14, passed 4-0 resolutions to launch into the project, which would redirect sewer service in North Bethlehem and Slingerlands away from the Delaware Pump Station further east towards the town center via force main.

This change is needed to allow for development in this part of town, including the buildout of the Vista Technology Park and related projects.

"That pump station is more or less at capacity under high flow conditions," said Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Erik Deyoe. "We need to do something different in order to provide capacity within that sewer system."

The sewer would be redirected along Cherry Avenue and Kenwood Avenue to Borthwood Avenue, where it would travel through the Verstandig condominium project. The route was chosen in part to replace the most aged sewer pipes, said Deyoe.

A \$3 million member item grant from Assemblyman Tim Gordon, I-Bethlehem, will provide for the majority of the project's cost, though there will be some cost assumed by the town. Assuming all goes well, the redirection upgrade could be complete in 18 months to two years.

- Charles Wiff

# New Scotland mulls Planning Board size, term limits

## Town to revisit issue at upcoming meeting

By RYAN MUNKS  
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The New Scotland Town Board discussed a number of local laws at its Tuesday, April 13, meeting, but member could not come to a consensus on the size of the Planning Board and term lengths.

The board then discussed Local Law D, which deals with a code of conduct for Planning Board members.

When Councilman Douglas LaGrange introduced the law, he mentioned how long it had been in the works.

"We've discussed this for close to a year now," he said.

The draft of the law mandates that term limits be set at three terms of four years each, with a two-year hiatus required after a member's third

term before he or she can return. Current law sets the terms at seven years, with no term limit.

LaGrange had originally proposed five-year terms for board members, with a maximum of two terms, after which a member would need to take a three year hiatus before being eligible to return to the board.

Supervisor Tom Dolin also suggested trimming the board from seven members to five.

That proposal drew criticism from Councilman Rich Reilly, who said he would prefer a seven-member board with two seven-year terms.

Dolin argued that having a seven-member town board would be out of line with the Town Board.

"Why don't we have a seven member Town Board?" said Dolin. "I

**"You can't just go to five [members]; you have to transition."**

- Town Attorney Michael Mackey

don't think you need seven people to take in the diverse neighborhoods [of New Scotland]."

Reilly said limiting the Planning Board to five members would take away the Town Board's ability to appoint a new member to the Planning Board for another two years.

"From an institutional perspective, I don't think that makes sense," said Reilly.

Town Attorney Michael Mackey said the law needs to address a number of issues that haven't yet been considered before moving forward.

"There is some language I would need to add," he said. "You can't just go to five [members]; you have to transition."

Mackey also said the

law does not address what would happen if a Planning Board member leaves the board before the remainder of his or her term. He said that the Town Board will have to decide whether they want to appoint a member for a full term, or for the completion of the former member's term.

Dolin recommended that LaGrange revise the law and resubmit an updated version of the law to be considered at the Wednesday, April 28, meeting of the Town Board.

## More news from the Town Board

• Dolin tabled the first law that was up for

discussion, Local Law C, which would put in place new regulations for home businesses.

• The board set a public hearing for Local Law F of 2010, a law increasing the property tax exemption for Cold War veterans. The law mandates that 15 percent of the real property value of the residence of Cold War veterans will be exempt from the town's share of the property tax. The law also states that the amount exempted cannot be greater than \$36,000. The public hearing was set for the Wednesday, May 12, meeting of the Town Board.

• The Town Board authorized Dolin to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Capital District Transportation Committee to conduct a study for the Hamlet of New Scotland Master Plan. Dolin said the \$50,000 study will be funded with \$12,500 from the town and \$37,500 from the committee.

## Family

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Lisa DeStaso Jones, a fourth grade teacher at Saddlewood elementary for 18 years, said the teachers association, along with Carrabba's Italian Grill, are sponsoring a fundraiser at the Village of Colonie Cook Park Pavilion to help offset some of those costs. The event will be Saturday, May 15, from 2 to 6 p.m.

One expense the family faces is making their Delmar home, a 1920's style bungalow, handicap accessible.

Lisa said Realtors have

offered to help sell the house for free, but it has been difficult finding somewhere to live that is within their budget, and close to the community.

She said she is considering hiring an architect to design a ramp, but the family will need variance's from the Town of Bethlehem in order to make the project happen. She has only begun the process of going through the Zoning Board of Appeals, she said.

"The neighbor's have been very agreeable," she said.

Mike, a New York State Thruway employee is now unable to work.

The Cook Park fundraiser, in addition to a golf outing, sponsored by the Capital Hill Golf Club, will help, Lisa said.

The May 17 golf outing is already sold out.

Lisa DeStaso Jones said she has been out of work, using days off she accrued, and does not know when she will be back in the classroom.

"I miss going to work everyday," she said. "My district has been amazing. They're being so supportive." Donna Killiany, a member of the teacher's association, and a third grade teacher, helped organize the fundraiser.

"People are willing to help," she said. "We are willing to support her in any way we could."

Those who want to attend the fundraiser can

pay \$25 for adults and \$15 for children to the Michael Jones, Supplemental Need Trust by May 7.

"We do have leeway for walk-ins," Killiany said.

## Got news?

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# World-class storytellers spin tales VPL goes bananas for MANGO

Bethlehem Public Library will host "Stories Alive!" the finale of the Riverway Storytelling Festival on Sunday April 25 at 2pm. This family event caps a week-long celebration of the art of tale-spinning hosted by several venues in Albany and Rensselaer counties. World-class storytellers Charlotte Blake Alston, Willy Clafin, Donald Davis and Liz Weir will share tales from the rich oral traditions of Africa, America and Ireland.



This is the eighth year of the Festival, and the fifth year that Bethlehem Public Library has hosted the final event.

### Meet the storytellers

Charlotte Blake Alston breathes life into traditional and contemporary stories from the African and African-American oral and cultural traditions. Her solo performances are often enhanced with traditional African instruments. She brings her stories and songs to performing arts venues throughout the United States and Canada, as well as local and national radio and television. Alston has been a featured artist on the Carnegie Hall Family Concert Series, the National Storytelling Festival, and the National Festival of Black Storytelling.

Willy Clafin has collected a wealth of stories and ballads, travelling the U.S. with his puppet sidekick Maynard Moose as a performer and master teacher. Clafin has been a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival, the International Storytelling Festival in Ireland, and regional festivals across the U.S. He is collaborating with his son Brian on a soon-to-be-released recording of ballads. Donald Davis tells tales learned from a family of traditional storytellers who have lived on the same Western North Carolina land since 1781. Davis grew up hearing fairy tales, scary mountain lore, ancient Welsh and Scottish folktales, and true-to-life stories of his own neighbors and kin. He has been a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival, the Smithsonian, the World's Fair, and festivals and concerts worldwide. He was active in peace work through storytelling on both sides of the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Liz Weir is a professional storyteller from Northern Ireland, promoting the art for which the Irish are world-famous. Formerly children's librarian for the city of Belfast,

she now travels the world telling stories, organizing workshops and appearing at major international festivals. Weir has hosted "The Gift of the Gab," a storytelling series for BBC Radio Ulster.

This free program is made possible by a generous contribution from Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. The Riverway Storytelling Festival is a project of the Upper Hudson Library System. For more information go to [www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org](http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org).

### Family storytime

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### Daybooks

Monday May 10 \* 1:30pm \* Bethlehem Public Library. View from Castle Rock by Alice Munro. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

### Board meeting

Monday May 10 \* 6pm \* Library budget review; open to the public.

Louise Grieco

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### Book discussion

The adult fiction discussion meets on April 28 at 7 p.m. for an evening of book talks. Prepare a short presentation of your favorite book to share or just come to listen.

The non-fiction group meets on May 10 to discuss "Waking Giant" by David S. Reynolds.



### Books reflect Hilltowns' life

"Life at the Lake: Warner's Lake" was published in 2004 by the Warner's Lake Improvement Association. The book, designed by the president Willard Osterhout, is full of photos of people, locations and ephemera about the lake and the area. The book generated so much interest that people started sending Osterhout their own photos and stories. He collected it into three more volumes called Life Along the Way, The Journey Continues, and The Final Journey.

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### Help wanted

The library is looking for a part-time adult page to work in the mornings. Duties include helping to set up and take down for programs, delivering posters (must have car), searching for and shelving books. If interested, please fill out an application available at the circulation desk or call Julie Stump at 765-2791 as soon as possible.

Barbara Vink

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tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children. Come in to the Library or call to reserve tickets at 765-2053. They also will be sold at the door.

The final concert this year will be the Latin Jazz Quartet, featuring Dave Gleason and friends from Senemaya. It's on Friday, May 14th at the Congregational Christian Church in Ravena.

We thank our local business sponsors,

especially the National Bank of Coxsackie, State Telephone Company, and The Bank of Greene County, as well as the Art Grant program funded by The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York Council on the Arts.

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# Gumbo

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Registration is required. Please call the library (756-2053) to reserve your spot.

## Tell me about it, Volume one

The transcript of local history conversations recorded during the

summer of 2008 is ready to read. Represented in Volume One are Nils and Dorothea Backlund; John Bailey, Dick Brooks, Edna Falkner-Kniffen, Audrey Gombel-Griffen, Norma June, Dave Ross, Claudette Taylor, Bob Whitbeck, and Carolyn Wright.

Jack Bailey recounts the development of the Ravena Hose Company. Edna Kniffen recalls her career as the first female mail carrier in New York State. Read also about local World War II air surveillance and about recreation and work during the mid twentieth century. Two copies will circulate and one will remain in our local history reference collection.

# GPL presents a sunny way to celebrate Earth Day

On April 22, Earth Day 2010, the Guilderland Public Library invites one and all to celebrate Earth Day in a sunny way. By attending the official unveiling of its new array of solar panels at a special occasion at 2 pm in the Community Literary Garden.

Officials from NYSERDA, the state agency that granted funding for the panels and installation, as well as the Town of Guilderland, Guilderland Board of Education, Library leaders, and members of the State Legislature are being invited to attend. Also attending will be several home-school students and their parents, as well as members of the Segretto family.

The Segrettos are special guests at this event because of their interest in solar power. On the very day this past January when installation of the Library's solar panels began, a staff member noticed a boy and his mother hard at work in the Main Reading Room of the Library building a scale model of a solar-powered house. Young Mr. Segretto's eyes went wide with wonder when told actual solar panels were being installed on the roof. His mother, Karen, pointed out that the scale-model panels worked, too.

In test runs this spring, the Library's solar array has generated as much as 20,000 watts per hour (20 kW h); the Library

administration and Board are so pleased with the results that they are placing a monitor in the Library lobby so patrons can see just how much power is being developed. This display will be unveiled at the Earth Day celebration. People interested in finding out right now the amount of kW h being produced can go to the Library's website at [www.guilpl.org](http://www.guilpl.org), and click on the "Celebrate Earth Day" marquee to get a real-time reading.

## Shredding Day Saturday, April 24

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—Mark Curiale

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# Bethlehem Seniors to see invisible rabbit

Spend a delightful Sunday with us on April 25th at the Curtain Call Theatre's production of "Harvey", the magical story of Elwood P. Davis and his six-foot invisible rabbit named Harvey. The show starts at 3 p.m. and the cost is \$20.

Transportation will leave Town Hall at 1:30 pm. Home pick up is available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for reservations.



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

### Thursday, April 29

• 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 and fun 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.

### Friday, April 30

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

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

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

## Program Highlights

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### Wednesday, April 28

• Alzheimer's Disease Support Group for those caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with dementia. Join us to share successes, concerns, frustrations with others who will understand. Jane Sanders, LMSW, facilitates the discussion. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955.

## IN BRIEF

### Reformed Church to host tag sale

On Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Delmar Reformed Church, located at 386 Delaware Ave in Delmar will host a tag sale and bake sale, with proceeds benefitting the Bethlehem Business Women Association Scholarship Fund.

Center in Delmar will host a talk by the Five Rivers Director and President of the Audubon Society of the Capital Region, Craig Thompson.

Thompson will speak about Five Rivers' 75-year history with bird conservation, and the innovative techniques that the Center has developed over the years.

Admission is free and the program is open to the public.

For information, call Ann B'Rells at 355-5615.

### Town Pool accepting credit cards

The Bethlehem Town Pool is now accepting Mastercard, Visa and Discover for daily visits, pay-as-you-go, and guest fees.

Additionally, 2009 members can renew their pool pass by mail by completing the renewal form available in the brochure or on the website. Mail-in renewals must include payment for renewing season passes.

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### Five Rivers to talk bird conservation

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### 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 26

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 27

9 a.m. Strong Bones

## Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Luncheon: Swedish Meatballs or Cold Plate  
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

### Wednesday, April 28

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 29

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Strong Bones 10:30 a.m. 10:30

Movie: "Changeling" (call ahead to sign-up) 1 p.m. Pinochle/Mahjongg

### Friday, April 30

Scheduled Shopping 10 a.m. Painting 1 p.m. Quilting



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# Delmar Place names new executive appointments

## Cummings named executive director

Nancy A. Cummings was recently named Executive Director of Delmar Place, an assisted-living residence located in Delmar.

Cummings will oversee day-to-day operations and care direction for the residents of the community. She is a graduate of SUNY Albany and the Sage Graduate School. Prior to joining Delmar Place, she served as the Director of Education and Outreach Services at The Eddy Alzheimer's Services and as Director of Alzheimer's Services Line for Northeast Health. Ms. Cummings' career also included the role of Vice President and Executive Director of the Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center and Hawthorne Ridge.

Cummings was the recipient of the 2002 Professional of the Year from the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. She has also has professionally spoken extensively nationwide



Nancy A. Cummings

on Alzheimer's and dementia issues and elder care topics. Cummings resides in Clifton Park.

In addition to Cummings, Delmar Place has announced several appointments to its executive staff.

Kristin Vivian has been named Director of Community Outreach. Ms. Vivian's duties will include; collaborating with and presenting Delmar Place to community partners, planning and executing sales and marketing plans and integrating new residents to the community.



From left: Ronald Gatus, Community Outreach Specialist; Kristin Vivian, Director of Community Outreach; and Kim Thomas, Care Management Director.

Vivian is a graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelor's in Business Management and Marketing. She had previously served as the Director of Activities at Delmar-Place. Prior to joining Delmar Place, she was a product manager for Cusinart Corporation. Vivian resides in Guilderland.

Ronald Gatus of Averill Park, was named to the position of Community Outreach Specialist. He will work to market Delmar Place to referring agencies, hospitals and related stakeholders. In addition, he will present community to new residents and their families.

Gatus possesses an extensive career in health care. He was program director for Consumer Directed Choices, Director of Medicaid Sales, WellCare Health Insurance, General Manger, Apria Healthcare and Patient Center Director, Associated Healthcare Systems. Mr. Gatus



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also holds numerous health certificates and is a licensed critical care EMT, advanced EMT and a flight approved EMT.

Kim Thomas has been appointed Care Management Director. She brings over 18 years of long-term care experience to Delmar Place. Her responsibilities will include working with residents and their families on care plans and services.

Previously, she held similar positions at Kingsway Community, Kingsway Arms and St. Mary's Woodland Village. Thomas holds an Associate's degree in Human Services from Hudson Valley Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from SUNY Albany. Thomas resides in Rotterdam.

Delmar Place is an assisted-living residence nestled in the village of Delmar. The 94-apartment community provides residents with care, support, respect and dignity.

# Bethlehem police warn of scam

From April through July, residents who have not completed the sanctioned U.S. Census will receive a short visit at their home from a verified census taker.

Identity criminals are taking advantage of the census law, and posing as census takers in order to obtain sensitive information.

To distinguish a real census taker from an identity thief posing as one, residents should be aware that a U.S. Census worker will have identification and a confidentiality notice.

A U.S. Census worker will never ask for a Social Security number or financial information, they will not ask for money, or claim that a resident owes money, they will not harass or intimidate a resident, and they will never contact a resident by email.

If there is any suspicion of identity theft or scam, call the Bethlehem Police Department at 439-9973.

## Got sports news?

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# Benefit scheduled



A benefit is being held for a West Albany firefighter who has been diagnosed with a Grade 4 brain tumor. Dan Buchan of Colonie must temporarily move to Boston to receive six weeks of Proton Radiation Treatment. Buchan's fellow firefighters will host a benefit at Chipshots Sports Bar & Restaurant at the Colonie Town Golf Course, 418 Consual Road, Colonie, on Saturday, April 24, from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$15 and there will be music and comedied entertainment by Greg Aidala. Donations can also be made to Trustco Bank, c/o The Daniel Buchan Fund, 34 Wolf Road, Albany, NY.

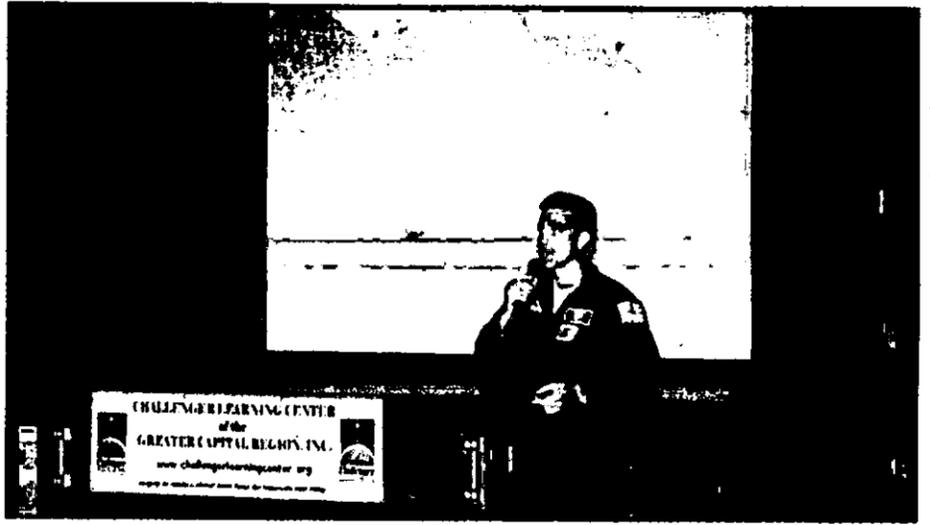
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# Spa City spaceman touches down

Chris Cassidy, an astronaut who flew on the July 2009 space shuttle mission with a flag from Saratoga Springs High School, visited the school Tuesday, April 13, to talk about his life with NASA, the future role of space exploration and to answer questions.

He also visited the Maple Avenue Middle School and Caroline Street Elementary School. The American flag from the high school traveled millions of miles aboard the space shuttle Endeavour and was unveiled during a special ceremony in January, and is now on display near the school's lobby.

High school science teacher and advisor to the school's NASA club, Charles Kuenzel, organized Cassidy's visit because he thinks space and astronauts are



Chris Cassidy, an astronaut and former Navy SEAL spoke about his time on the space shuttle Endeavor. He flew with a flag from Saratoga Spings High School, and is shown here speaking to students on Tuesday, April 13.

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valuable to education. "I feel that astronauts serve as great role models for young people," Kuenzel said in a statement. "They represent the dedication and hard work needed to excel in life and

everything great about America." Before joining NASA in 2004, Cassidy spent 10 years as an award-winning member of the U.S. Navy SEALs and was involved in multiple

sea, air and land missions in Afghanistan, the Mediterranean and the United States. He is the recipient of two Bronze Stars, NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal, and other honors.

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Fees for programs are \$2 per person, \$5 per family, and free of charge for children under 5 years old.

**Albany JCC hosts lecture**

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center announces the

first program in the 2010 Jules and Paula Stein Live & Learn Lecture- Meal Series, to be held in the Albany JCC auditorium, 340 Whitehall Road on Thursday, May 6, at 11 a.m.

Judith Leventhal will present "Small Miracles of the Holocaust: Extraordinary Coincidences of Faith,

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Leventhal will share true inspirational Holocaust and post-Holocaust stories from the more than 50 collected in her book, which highlight chance occurrences and uplifting twists of fate, including family reunions, love stories, survival tales and heroic acts.

A book sale and signing is included in the program. Akosher lunch follows the lecture. For information, call 438-6651 x112.

**Group to host Earth Day event**

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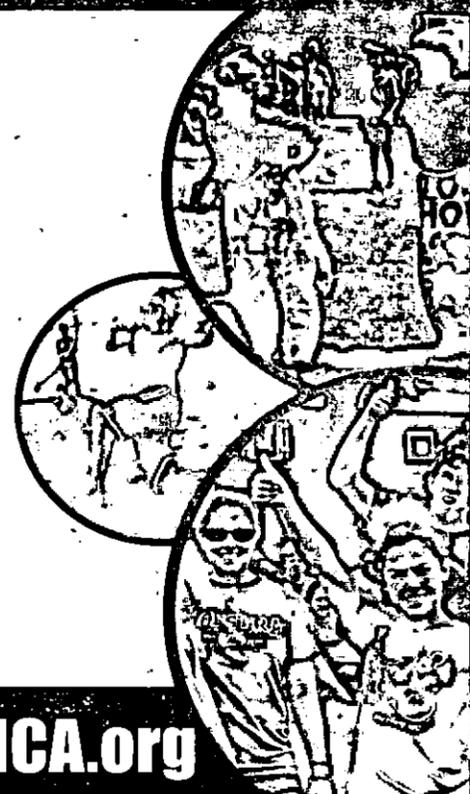
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# Finance in the Spotlight

## The Five Biggest Financial Mistakes Consumers Make

By Anthony Lanzillo  
Senior Vice President  
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At some point in life, usually at a young age, we come to understand one of life's fundamental truths: you don't get something for nothing. Of course, when we come to this realization we are naïve enough to think that \$1 will cover just about anything—from a trip to the movie theater to a shiny red sports car.

With age, or adolescence, comes wisdom. We realize a dollar only goes so far, that its powers are limited by our actions and relationships with others (whether we're willing to work, the extent to which our parents support us and how much we save) and that even if we do everything right, we can't always get what we want.

However, many of us forget these lessons as we venture into adulthood. We get swept away by the power of credit. For once, we really can get what we want—even if we can't afford it—and it feels good. The consequence, of course, is debt, not to mention the risk of developing a potentially hazardous relationship with money that can follow you for the rest of your life. That's why it's important to rethink your relationship with money. You don't want today's actions to cost you your financial future, and by avoiding the following five mistakes you will help ensure that they don't.

### Mistake 1: Not saving for retirement

The average American spends 20 years in retirement, and many people are living 30 years or more after they retire. You need to start saving now. And if you are saving, don't borrow against it. Borrowing against retirement can actually postpone it for 5 to 10 years. You can get a loan for a house, car or continuing education but you can't get a loan for retirement.

The secret to saving a large amount of money is to start small, start early and stay consistent. You want to leverage the principal of compounding interest, which means

that the interest you earn on your money will earn money and accumulate faster than if you wait and invest large amounts. In addition, if the company you work for has a 401(K), use it, especially if they match your contribution.



Anthony Lanzillo

### Mistake 2: Not paying off credit card debt

Ideally, you should only carry one primary credit card. If you travel frequently a second card might make sense for travel emergencies.

Always use your primary card for your purchases and pay it off in full every month.

More important, don't live off of your credit cards by making only minimum payments. You end up owing a lot more money in the long run than if you were to pay off your balance in full. If you don't have the cash in your account, you shouldn't be putting that purchase on your credit card. Just because you can afford the payment does not mean you can afford the purchase.

Also, be careful when it comes to credit card offers. Many credit cards offer a lower initial rate that increases in a specified amount of time. Read your terms and statements carefully to avoid unexpected costs.

### Mistake 3: Not establishing a budget

Track every dollar you spend for one month. Write down all purchases, bill pays, donations, etc.—even the \$1.49 pack of gum.

Take your record of spending and create a budget with this information. Make sure to include savings as part of your budget. As you and the economy do better, stick to your initial budget and put the extra money into savings or retirement.

### Mistake 4: Not monitoring account balances and transactions regularly

By monitoring your account balances regularly, you can keep track of your family budget, transactions and account balances. Knowing this information will allow you to avoid any unnecessary fees, such as overdraft. It will also ensure that unauthorized purchases get detected and addressed.

Today, most banks offer numerous ways to check your account information and balances. For example, KeyBank clients can check balances online, in person at a branch, at an ATM, by calling a toll-free number and with mobile banking.

### Mistake 5: Not having a relationship with a banker

Your banker should be your ally, a partner in helping you achieve your financial goals. By establishing a relationship with a banker, you will have access to tools and resources that can help you develop and execute a plan, whether it is as simple as a household budget or saving for a major purchase, college or retirement.

There is a great line from *Sex and the City*. The main character, Carrie Bradshaw, says of managing finances: "I want my money right where I can see it... hanging

in my closet." For guys, the equivalent would be: "hanging in HD on the wall in my man cave with stereo surround sound." The good news is that if you avoid the above mistakes and develop a sound plan that

you execute with discipline and patience you can have the best of both—money to play with and money to live on.

About the author: Anthony Lanzillo is senior

vice president of KeyBank and heads the Capital Region's Retail Banking team. He can be reached at either 518-257-8598 or [anthony\\_lanzillo@keybank.com](mailto:anthony_lanzillo@keybank.com)

## Choose the bank that is right for you

There are lots of mistakes people make when it comes to managing their finances. Choosing the wrong bank does not have to be one of them, provided you consider these four things: customer service, accessibility, technology and products/services.

### 1. Customer Service.

A bank is only as good as its people. Visit with different banks and ask open-ended questions, such as, "What can your bank do to meet my financial needs?" A professional banker will be able to give you an

overview of the bank's products and services in a language you can understand and will also be able to offer recommendations based on your particular financial situation.

### 2. Accessibility.

Today's consumers are busier and more mobile than ever. Most banks provide ATM networks, online banking, branches and customer service phone lines to customers. Consider your personal needs. Do you travel a lot—larger banks may provide larger networks of ATMs and branches.

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The deadline for all announcements is noon Thursday prior to publication.



Nicholas and Gary McPherson stand next to their newly placed geocache at the corner of Swaggartown and Van Buren Road in Glenville on Friday, April 9. The coordinates of the cache and other information is uploaded to websites for others to seek out.

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**A passion for cachin'**

**Glenville boy and his father create geocache with an autism theme**

By SEAN AHERN  
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Between two small trees on a swath of land off Swaggartown and Van Buren roads in Glenville, Nicholas McPherson, 8, hid an old army ammo box filled with trinkets, hoping to promote autism awareness through geocaching.

Geocaching is a hobby that combines the use of a handheld

GPS device, the Internet and outdoor activities such as hiking and orienteering. Participants create and post online the coordinates for stashes of trinkets hidden across the globe to be found by fellow enthusiasts. When a geocache is found, participants are encouraged to take a trinket and leave something new in its place.

For Nicholas, who has been diagnosed with Asperger syndrome, geocaching is a passion that is fueled by his interest in computers and

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# Passion

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mapping.  
"Daddy told me about it, and I got really interested in it," he said recently.

His mother, Sheila, said her son has a keen sense of direction and is able to find hidden caches during day hikes and family trips, and geocaching helps him focus his interests into one activity.

"It's good because it keeps him interested and breaks the trip up," she said. "This ties it all together; geocaching lets him do a little of everything."

Working with his father, Gary, Nicholas created a geocache with an autism theme in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. The cache includes puzzles, small toys, bubbles and a notepad for visitors to log their findings. A small geocoin, shaped in the form of the Autism Awareness Ribbon, with interlocking puzzle pieces, is also included in the cache and is considered a "trackable," or an item that can be moved from cache to cache across the country. When the

geocoin is taken from the box, the serial number on the back of the coin can be entered into an online database to map its location throughout the country. While some trackables do not have a final destination, other are given "missions" by the original creators to end up in specific spots in the world.

The McPhersons said they would like to see the autism geocoin travel cross country, with a final destination of Hawaii. With a puzzle piece painted on the front of the ammo box and a small message in the front page of the log book, the McPhersons explain the meaning of the puzzle pieces in the cache and the autism-related geocoin.

"Many say the puzzle piece symbolizes a single trait of autism. All of the puzzle pieces are different, and the resulting picture is different for each person," said the message in the notebook.

"We just decided to make this during Autism Awareness Month," said Gary McPherson. "I think this might be one of the first [geocaches] in the country based on autism."

Nicholas' mother said



Nicholas McPherson, an 8-year-old who is diagnosed with Asperger syndrome, created with his father, Gary, a geocache with an Autism theme in celebration of Autism Awareness Month.

Submitted photo

children with autism are a puzzle on themselves, and that each child diagnosed is different.

"If you know one child with autism, you know one child with autism because they may have similar traits, but the way they express those traits are totally different," she said.

After the cache is hidden among light debris, Gary McPherson sets his handheld GPS to record the coordinates of the geocache, with the box located at North

42 degrees 52.300 feet and West 73 degrees 56.840 feet.

McPherson said he hopes to complete 30 different geocaches over the summer, and of the many caches he has done since becoming interested in the hobby three years ago was one at the Christman nature sanctuary near a waterfall on the Bozenkill Creek.

For more information about geocaching and about Nicholas' cache, visit Geocaching.com.

# Bar Association hosts advocacy competition

High school seniors from Connecticut, New York and Vermont are invited to submit an essay for the National Bar Association's 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition. In no more than 2000 words, students should address the following question: If Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were alive today, would he advise President Barack Obama to support or oppose equality for gay men and women as it relates to legalizing same-sex marriage?

Students must submit their essays to NBAREgion2@yahoo.com by Saturday, May 1, 2010. Winners of the regional competitions will receive \$1000 to cover the costs of books for college and a three-day, two-night trip to New Orleans for the national competition. Airfare and hotel costs will be covered for the student and an adult chaperone. National competition winners will receive more than \$5,000 in scholarships. All national prizes are one-time scholarships.

Sponsored by the National Bar Association and supported by the

National Bar Institute, the competition is an annual advocacy program designed to motivate students of color to excel in education. The contest encourages high school seniors to express their views on a pre-selected topic, and judges the students on their ability to communicate orally and in writing.

To be eligible, students must have applied to a college or university for the 2010 - 2011 school year. The winners of the regional competitions will advance to the national competition to be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 in New Orleans.

### Important Dates

- May 1: Deadline for submission of all essays to NBAREgion2@yahoo.com
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JoAnne Fitzgerald (second from left), a teaching assistant at Guilderland Elementary School, and the school's nurse Mary Zwagerman (right) tend to customers as part of a fundraising effort.

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# A McFlurry of activity

## McTeacher Night raises money for G'land Elementary

By RYAN MUNKS  
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Dozens of McDonalds around the Capital District participated in the third annual McTeacher Night event in which a portion of the proceeds from food sales is donated to local parent-teacher organizations.

The McTeacher night at the Guilderland restaurant on Western Avenue hosted students, teachers and parents Thursday, April 15, to benefit the PTA at Guilderland Elementary School.

The school's PTA will get a portion of 20 percent of the revenues from all items sold between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the 48 participating restaurants.

"M&M or Oreo?" said Guilderland Elementary School Principal Allan Lockwood to children lined up for their one chance a year to have their principal serve them a McFlurry. This year is the second he has operated the machine as part of the fundraiser. Lockwood said making McFlurrys is a job he has become an expert at.

"I was trained up last year

when we did McTeacher night," said Lockwood. "McDonald's was trying to recruit me back, but I have a day job."

Jennifer Oertel, the secretary of the school's PTA, said the money raised at the event will help fund

get particularly excited about seeing their teachers outside of school.

Doug Arnott, owner of the Western Avenue McDonalds, said the event was a way for the restaurant to show its support to the community.

**"The community supports our business, and we want to support the community."**

Doug Arnott, owner of the Western Avenue McDonalds

various student programs.

"[The PTA] provides activities for kids both inside and outside of the school," she said.

She specifically mentioned author visits, book fairs and events like the Friday, March 12, performance of the Lake George Opera at the school.

"A lot of those programs are pretty costly," she said.

Dawn Nagel, a kindergarten teacher at the school, was one of the many teachers on hand selling desserts to patrons. She said the event is something the students and teachers of the school look forward to every year.

"We came last year, and we had a blast," she said.

Nagel said the children

"The community supports our business, and we want to support the community," he said.

Arnott hosted a similar fundraiser in December that raised more than \$700 for the Rodinos, a local family facing numerous health issue.

Arnott said this year's event was particularly important because of the tough financial situation schools are facing.

"It's an easy way to come in for two and a half hours and collect some funds," he said.

According to Arnott, each year, McTeacher Night increases in popularity. He said that 48 McDonalds from the area participated in the event this year, up from 36 last year.

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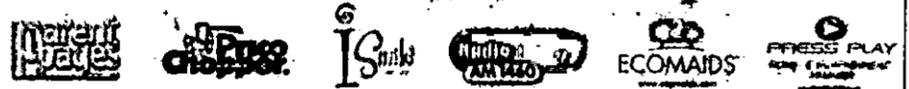


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# Entertainment in the Spotlight

By ALYSSA JUNG  
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There's a motto in the Fitz household in Burnt Hills and it has to do with one thing that's come to define and shape the family — cooking. "Some recipes are thumbs up, some are thumbs down, but you never know until you try" is the rule of thumb in Jodi Fitz's kitchen, and she applies it to every breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack dish she tries.

"I got that motto because it encourages kids to try more. My kids and their friends are constantly in my kitchen so they would automatically give me thumbs up or down on recipes," said Fitz, who also writes the cooking column for *Capital District Parent Pages*.

That motto was the inspiration behind her new cookbook, "Thumbs Up to Kids Cooking," a compilation of Fitz-tested and kid-approved quick recipes, sprinkled with "did you know?" facts and black and white cartoons for kids to color. The cookbook is due out in May.

"This particular cookbook is meant to be about fun cooking. There are a lot of benefits to cooking with kids. Obviously they're learning a life skill, but in today's busy lifestyle it's an opportunity to steal a few moments and have connecting time," said Fitz, who has three kids age 7, 12 and 17.

Fitz said spending time in the kitchen became a way of life for the family and preserved a certain connectivity, especially as her two oldest sons got older and were drawn to sports. Her kitchen is notorious for experimentation, said Fitz, and sometimes that overflowed beyond the house.

"I would always laugh because when my boys were younger and had babysitters, I'd never quite know how I'd find the kitchen because they'd always experiment," said Fitz. "My oldest son babysat for a short time and the mother would laugh too because they'd makes concoctions in the kitchen, she loved it. I've certainly given them a little license to play in the kitchen, and I think it's a great thing, on most days."

One of her kids' favorite creations that's included in the cookbook is called a "fruit topped muffin." Fitz makes a spread out of cream cheese and vanilla yogurt, puts it on a whole wheat English muffin and finishes it



## Thumbs Up to Kids Cooking

Bonding over kitchen moments is the inspiration behind new cookbook

with either apples or strawberries. Smoothies are also a popular treat and easy to make fun, she said.

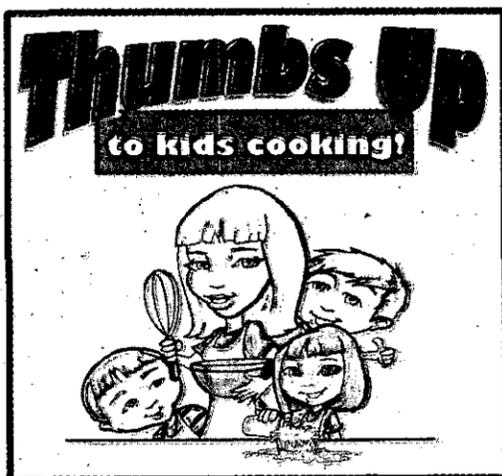
"I pick up fun, cheap gadgets. I used to buy Zoo Pal plastic knives and let my youngest cut up fruit. At every age there's something they can do to help or entertain," said Fitz.

Fitz takes expanding kids' palettes a step further with her participation in Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club, a free resource for families that comes with a monthly newsletter, three recipes to try at home, video clips of Fitz cooking with

randomly chosen Kids Club kids and announcements of when she's out demonstrating. Visit [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com) and search under "program signups" to find it. Some of her recipes are also posted online at [www.cdparentpages.com](http://www.cdparentpages.com) under the "Let's Cook" heading in "columns."

Fitz may seem like supermom and master chef wrapped into one, but she said that's not the case.

"I always say I'm not the best cook and I'm not a chef, but I am a mom who thinks the kitchen is a great place to be with your family."



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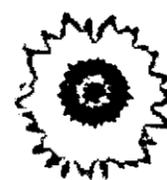


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## Music

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Monthly music showcase featuring rock duo Sirsy, April 22, 7 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, free. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

### MIKE HARRISON

Singer-songwriter, April 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bollo's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### ROB JONAS BAND

Americana quartet, April 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bollo's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

### DAN HICKS & HIS HOT LICKS

Eclectic musician that blends elements of swing, jazz, folk and country music; blues artist John Hammond opens, April 23, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$28. Information, 473-1845.

### ERIC TAYLOR

Texas singer-songwriter, April 23, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phlla St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door tickets \$20. Information, 583-0022.

### ALAN GOLDBERG

Acoustic guitarist and singer, April 24, 7 p.m., Emack and Bollo's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### THE JAZZ CONNECTION

Local trio, April 24, 7 p.m., Emack and Bollo's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

### JEREMY DENK

Versatile classical pianist performing works by J.S. Bach and Charles Ives, April 24, 8 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, adults \$20, area students \$8. Information, 388-6080.

### CATIE CURTIS

Humorous singer-songwriter, with opening act Elana Arian, April 24, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phlla St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$24, door tickets \$26. Information, 583-0022.

### SWEETBACK SISTERS

Young bluegrass band, April 25, 7 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phlla St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$14, door tickets \$16. Information, 583-0022.

## Comedy

### MARGA GOMEZ

Performing her one-woman show, "Long Island Iced Latina," April 24, 8 p.m., Davis Auditorium, Palamontain Hall, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, \$15. Tickets, www.brownpaperickets.com/everit/102371.

## Dance

### ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET

Making its Albany debut with a program that includes Twyla Tharp's "Sue's Leg," April 24, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, adults \$24, seniors \$20, children \$12. Information, 473-1845.

## Poetry

### GEORGE DREW AND ALLEN HOEY

Performing dramatic monologues and narrative poetry that explore the human condition, April 24, 2 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phlla St., Saratoga Springs, \$10. Information, 583-0022.

## 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 Lefgh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 242-2243.

### 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 788-8262.

### 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.

### 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

"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 Oraniso 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.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

### ARTISTS WANTED

Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

# SUDOKU

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### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Weekly Crossword

### CLUES ACROSS

- One of the Spice Girls
- Restaurant
- About velum
- A fencing sword
- Direction (Scottish)
- Dravidian language spoken in SW India
- Army surgeon Walter
- Nanosecond (abbr.)
- True frog
- Ronald's charity
- Brood of pheasant
- Kiloliter
- Boat area
- Tenderness
- Digits
- Clear wrap
- Came together
- Come after the eighth
- Marsh elder
- Ethiopian lake
- Doctors' group
- English forest
- a.k.a. Jixi
- Wages
- Staggered
- A public promotion
- Become less warm

### CLUES DOWN

- Hair curling treatment
- Oil cartel
- Fertilized plant germ
- Pleasure seeker
- No. Am. country
- Church passage
- Cartoon Wilma's husband
- Engrave
- Extremely infectious
- Geological times
- Moon (French)
- 4th Caliph of Islam
- Radioactivity unit
- Ohio rock band (abbr.)
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Hieroglyphica," by John Dee

### CLUES ACROSS

- 6th smallest state
- Forays
- A rugged rock or cliff
- 1/100 of a kina
- Greek doorway posts
- Drink habitually
- Arabian Gulf
- Boat access platforms
- Hastened
- Burden
- Jung's male soul image
- Nephritic
- Rescues
- Algeria's gulf
- Electronic communication
- Taste is one
- Sedate
- West \_\_\_\_\_ Story
- Heckles
- Emaciated
- Disembarrasses
- Painted cheeks
- Goddess of the dawn
- Metal tip on a scabbard
- Acarine
- 6th Jewish month
- Performs in a play
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### IN BRIEF

#### Glenmont Homemakers to celebrate 65th anniversary

The Glenmont Homemakers are having a 65th anniversary celebration on Wednesday, May 19. The Glenmont Homemakers were originally started by 20 members on March 25, 1945 as a Home Bureau Unit.

Past and present members are welcome.

to participate in the anniversary celebration at the Glenmont Community Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont.

A family style meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost per person will be \$21. Because of limited seating capacity of the church, reservations are limited. For reservations, contact Alice Corbett at 139-5930 or 101 Beacon Road, Glenmont 12077.

All reservations must be paid for by May 5. Makes checks payable to

Alice Corbett.

All attending the celebration are requested to bring completed projects for display.

#### Spring water main flushing program

The Town of Bethlehem Water Department will conduct its spring water main flushing program this spring as a preventative maintenance program to maintain good quality water and to improve water flow.

The Department warns residents to run their water until it runs clear if they notice: changes in color, taste or odor, cloudiness or sand. The water flushes will take place April 5 - April 21 in Delmar and Elsmere and April 19 - April 30 in Glenmont and Selkirk. Water flushes in Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and the Town of New Scotland took place March 29 - April 7.

For information, call the Water Department at 439-4955.

### Arrest

(From Page 1)

Bethlehem Police Officer James Cross by text message, saying, "[Kerr's] only a little psycho no problem I was only home alone with a loaded gun pointed at me."

Cross, on duty at the time, alerted the shift supervisor, who in turn alerted Lt. Thomas Heffernan. Police then established contact with the victim via phone and advised her to come to the Bethlehem Police Station, according to the arrest report.

Police met her there and observed Kerr's white pickup truck entering and leaving the department parking lot, according to police. The victim allegedly was crying and didn't have any shoes on when police arrived to escort her into the station.

Police discovered Kerr was at his parent's house, and he apparently made a statement to police when they arrived, the majority of which was redacted from the report.

In fact, except for in

one officer's supplemental report that indicated Kerr had said he was emotional that night, every statement Kerr made to police was redacted from the arrest report.

In many instances, it appears as if Kerr threatened violence on himself or the victim if she attempted to call 911, such as in this portion of shift supervisor Sgt. Christopher Shunk's supplemental statement:

"[Redacted] stated Eric threatened to kill himself and kill [redacted] if she called 911. [Redacted] also stated Eric pointed a black handgun at her."

Bethlehem police Sgt. Robert Helligrass said the alleged behavior did not warrant additional charges against Kerr, in part because the victim was able to contact police.

"I don't know if we really got that there was any actual prevention [in contacting police]," he said. "We're not there. It's how the person feels, and if they actually are prohibited from calling the police."

Police seized Kerr's pistol permit and two handguns: a S/W Walter PPS and a Glock 23. As a dispatcher, Kerr was not issued a sidearm through the department. Kerr remains on paid suspension from the department.

Kerr was recognized for his role as an Albany County EMT in rescuing a Delmar teen from a December house fire. County Undersheriff Craig Apple said while Kerr has not been suspended from his position with the department, he will not be scheduled to work any hours.

"Our intention is to just remove him from the schedule until this is

sorted out," he said. "Once it gets sorted out, we'll take whatever action necessary at that point."

Kerr usually only works one or two days per month as an EMT. A misdemeanor conviction does not bar a person from serving as a county EMT but would be weighed in any decision regarding employment, Apple said.

The Spotlight sought police records and court documents regarding Kerr's arrest after police declined to discuss several details of the incident for an article that ran April 7, including information about the locations of the arrest and alleged domestic incident.

Records have revealed a number of these facts, but The Spotlight is not printing some information in order to avoid identifying the alleged victim in this case. The paper's policy is to not identify victims or alleged victims of domestic violence.

Many parts of the obtained arrest report were redacted, including the entirety of a supplemental report made by a Bethlehem police detective.

Helligrass said information was withheld to preserve evidence as the case moves toward court.

"While the cases are ongoing, there are evidentiary items in there that cannot be released," he said. "We have to be protective of our case."

FOIL requires copies of documents like arrest reports be produced upon request, but does allow records that would interfere with judicial proceedings to be withheld.

The recovered report is available on www.spotlightnews.com.

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# Your Community in The Spotlight

## Bethlehem to host bike expo

The Bike Expo event, sponsored by the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department and Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau, will be held on Saturday, May 8. The event will be held at Elm Avenue Park from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This event focuses on bike riding education, rules of the road and having fun. Activities include: bike registrations, inspections, a helmet fitting station, skills course, bike rodeo, used bike sales and a chance to win a brand new bike and other bike accessories.

There will also be a CDTA bus with bike rack to help demonstrate how to properly load your bike.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

## Friendship Singers to hold spring concert

The Friendship Singers will present their annual spring concert on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

This year the group's May concert will be a benefit for the Veggie Mobile, a program of the Capital District Community Gardens that transports fresh fruits and vegetables to inner city residents.

Admission to the concert is free, and contributions are voluntary. For information, email Ann Treadway at aot@nycap.rr.com.

## Miss New York to judge V'ville competition

Miss New York 2009, Alyse Zwick, will be in Voorheesville on Friday, April 30, as honored guest and judge at the High School's 2nd Annual Mr. Voorheesville Competition.

This year's theme is "Who will be our Knight in Shining Armor?" This fun and entertaining event begins at 7 p.m. in the High School Performing Arts Center.

It is sponsored by the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team and SADD.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door.

## Library to host Windows 7 seminar

The Bethlehem Library will host a

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce sponsored seminar presented by Gary Robbins of Solutions By Design on Thursday April 22 at 7:45 a.m.

Robbins will present productivity enhancements and improvements and will answer questions.

Participants will have a chance to win free Microsoft gifts. The event is open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5.

To RSVP, email liz@bethlehemchamber.com. For information, call the Chamber at 439-0512.

## Park Playhouse Kidz to perform Disney Cabaret

Park Playhouse Kidz, a division of Park Playhouse, will perform a Disney Cabaret on April 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church.

Performers ages 10-14 will sing and dance, and the proceeds will benefit the Gallon Jug Community School in Belize, a project started by the late Michael Casey and his wife Jill.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and younger. Tickets may be reserved by e-mailing delmardesignsquadd@gmail.com.

Cardinal McCloskey, Class of 1960 50th High School Reunion

Graduates of the Cardinal McCloskey class of 1960 are encourage to attend a three day re-union-weekend September 10-12.

For information, call Carole Bucci Egan or Jack Egan at 438-3626.

## Gifts of caring



Girl Scout Brownie Troop No. 1907 collected 20 boxes of Girl Scout cookies (gifts of caring) and donated them to the Ronald McDonald House. Pictured are Graycen Dubin, Abigail Ryan and Marina Cohen; missing are Rachel Lennon, Grace Elliott, Allison Lefebvre, and Bethany Solomon. The girls are students at Westmere Elementary. Submitted photo

## Vendors needed for church event

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, located on 38 Church Road in Selkirk will host a annual Spring Bazaar on May 22.

Whether the items are new or used, the Church is seeking vendors of all types to fill the spaces.

The cost for a 20 x 20 foot space is \$20. Space reservations are on a first come first served basis.

For information call Tina at 756-7758. For questions, contact Debbie Ennis at 475-0824.

## Antique Study Club to host discussion

Diane Lanciault will lead the Tri-Village Antique Study Club's discussion on silhouettes and cut paper portraits on April 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library's Community Room.

The discussion is free, the public is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

RSVP to Christine Levine at 518-429-8263 or to hugs2x2o@nycap.rr.com

## Bethlehem plans clean-up program

The Town of Bethlehem will continue the monthly clean-up program in which citizens help pick up trash along local roadways. Community Cleanup Days are scheduled on the third Saturday of each month between 9 a.m. and noon from April to October.

The Town will provide safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pick-up sticks. Please bring a bottle of water to drink and wear long sleeved shirts and long pants.

For more information, visit [www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/CleanupDays/cleanupdays.asp](http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/CleanupDays/cleanupdays.asp)

Got news? Call Spotlight at 439-4949.

## Twin Rivers Council Honoring Eagle Scouts

In recognition of the Boy Scouts of America's 100 Years of Scouting Celebration, Twin Rivers Council is honoring Eagle Scouts of all ages at a recognition dinner on June 25, 6 p.m., at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs. The dinner will recognize the efforts of Council student Eagles, as well as reconnect and engage adult Eagle Scouts who live in the Council's region. In addition, organizers of the event will be facilitating career mentoring opportunities for student Eagles with adult Eagles within the Council.

Retired Congressman Michael McNulty and businessman Jim Taylor, both Distinguished Eagles, will serve as honorary chairs of the event. Mike Fogel, Executive Board Member is chairing the event. The Eagle Recognition Dinner is one of several events planned this year by the Council to celebrate Boy Scout of America's 100 Years of Scouting. Other upcoming events include a rededication of Scouting's First Camp & Training Site on Silver Bay in Lake George on September 11th and a Centennial Camporee in October for all Scouts.

Ticket prices to the event are \$100 for adult Eagles, and \$10 for student Eagles. The adult Eagle price helps under write the cost for student Eagles. Proceeds from the event will support Scouting programs in Twin Rivers Council. Registration for the event is available at [www.twinriverscouncilbsa.org](http://www.twinriverscouncilbsa.org) or 869-6436 or 800-734-2721. Deadline for reservations is June 1. Eagle Scouts are also encouraged to go to the Twin Rivers Eagle Scouts page on Facebook to find out more information about the event and to connect with Eagles in the Council.

Twin Rivers Council serves over 10,000 youth and over 5,000 Adult Volunteer leaders of Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington Counties.

For more information, contact Steve Silverman at Twin Rivers Council, 352 Washington Ave. Ext. Albany 12205-5553 or call 869-6436, ext. 40.

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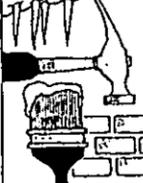
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# Milestones

## Welch, Muriel (Hall)

**SLINGERLANDS** - Muriel Hall Welch departed this life on April 16, 2010, after a brief stay at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital. Since her diagnosis, she has lived comfortably at home with the love, care and prayers of her family and friends. Muriel left as she lived...with grace, dignity and optimism.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Lewis; sons, John (Wendy) of Kary, Texas, Mark (Gail) of McLean, Va.; daughter, Kerin (Scott) Stagnitta of Delmar, N.Y.; granddaughters, Julie, Lena and Amy of Va.; and grandsons Dan and Rob of Delmar and Richard and Logan of Texas.

Born in Washington State to the late Robert and Clara Hall, Muriel grew up in a suburb of Tacoma. She graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in business and later completed a program in paralegal studies. After college, she worked in the offices of the United States Steel Corporation in Seattle, the Commodity Credit Corporation in Syracuse

and more recently at the Albany Savings Bank.

Married in 1957, Muriel and her family lived in Syracuse until 1969 and in the town of Bethlehem since. She has been an active leader and volunteer in a variety of community, educational and fraternal organizations. She was a past president of the Delmar Progress Club, the Kappa Delta Alumnae Association of the Capital District, the University Women's Association of UAlbany and the Albany Panhellenic Association.

She served as district director and member of the board of directors of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs. She has done volunteer service with the Albany International Center, the American Red Cross, the Bethlehem Central High School Guidance Office, the Vanguard of the Albany Symphony and the Empire State Theater Institute. She also chaired the Board of Election Inspectors of District 6 in Slingerlands.

Trained in music and dance since childhood, Muriel performed with several dance groups and bands in Tacoma

and in college. Later she choreographed and coached the casts of middle and high school musical shows at Bethlehem Central and at the Academy of the Holy Names. For many years, Muriel choreographed, sung and danced with the Friendship Singers, a well-known women's choral group.

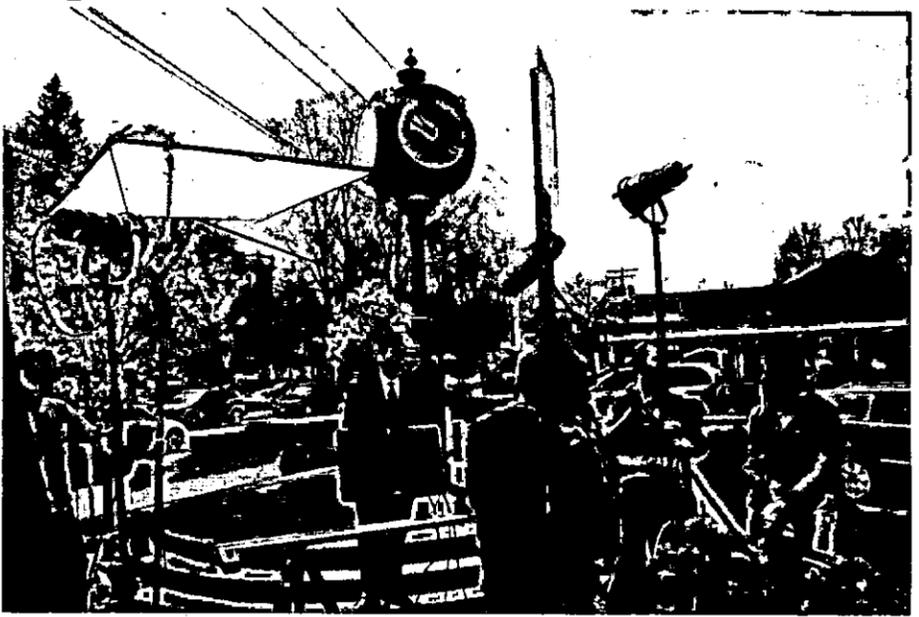
An avid sports fan, Muriel closely followed the fortunes of the Boston Red Sox, University of Washington football and Duke basketball. She loved to travel to Fla. for Red Sox spring training and to cruise in the Caribbean with her family and friends. She also managed weekly to play bridge and to meet for scriptural studies.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, April 21 at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, N.Y. Friends of the family called at Meyers Funeral Home on Tuesday. Interment, Bethlehem Cemetery.

Please see website, [www.meyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.meyersfuneralhome.com).

Meyers Funeral Home Ltd., 741 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 439-5560.

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## Bethlehem Justice Court awarded grant

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## Salon hosts ovarian cancer benefit

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## Milestones

### Valentino, Hauswirth exchange wedding vows



Jane Ashley Valentino and Brady John Hauswirth

Jane Ashley Valentino, daughter of Bill and Kay Valentino of Delmar, NY exchanged wedding vows in a September 19, 2009 ceremony at Alexander Valley Gardens in Sonoma, CA with Brady John Hauswirth, son of Jolene and Drew Lorimer of Santa Barbara, CA and John and Diane Hauswirth of Altoona, IA. The Rev. Jennifer Zogg, childhood friend of the bride, performed the ceremony. The reception followed in the gardens with dinner and dancing.

Capt. Matthew Valentino (USAF) of Hampton, NH, brother of the bride, was the man of honor. Bridesmaids were Bridget Milot Amicone of Saratoga Springs, NY, Christine Bent and Mia Sussman of Washington, DC, and Julie Litzenberger of Stanford, CA.

Nathan Cullen of San Francisco, CA, was the best man. Brooke Jones of Solvang, CA, sister of the groom, was groomsman and Steve Calderaro of

Alameda, CA, Carlos Tajon of Newbury Park, CA, and Guy Cadwell of San Diego, CA were groomsmen. Parker Jones, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

The bride graduated from The Albany Academy for Girls, Tufts University with a degree in electrical engineering, received a master's degree from the University of California Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy and is the manager of the Green-e Climate Program at the Center for Resource Solutions in San Francisco. The groom graduated from Shiloh High School in Atlanta, GA and then was in the Army within an Air Defense battalion. He graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in Business Economics and is a Senior Program Manager for Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, CA.

After a honeymoon in Thailand, the couple is living in their home in San Francisco, CA.

### Luck, Isele engaged



Jennifer M. Luck and Nicholas J. Isele

Ann Marie Luck of Delmar and Frederick and Colleen Luck of Selkirk are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer M. Luck, to Nicholas J. Isele, son of Dr. Frank W. and Rosemary Isele of Saratoga Springs.

The future bride, a graduate of Fairfield University, received

her Master's Degree in Education from The College of St. Rose and is an English teacher in the Queensbury School District.

Her fiancé, a graduate of SUNY Oneonta, is an Account Manager for Com Doc, Inc. in Latham.

The couple is planning a July 2010 wedding.

### Mitchell and Sanchez exchange wedding vows

Erin Scully Mitchell, daughter of John Terence and Mary Ann Mitchell of Delmar, NY married Herman Abraham Sanchez, son of Herman and Leanne Sanchez of La Verne, CA on November 14, 2009. Reverend Richard Vosko presided over the ceremony held at the Chapel of the

Holy Names Academy, Albany, NY. The Matron of Honor was Megan Mitchell, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Linda Mitchell, the bride's sister-in-law and friends of the bride Cristin Carly, Jennifer Peters, Katherine McGuire, Lisa Stevenson, Jane Taylor, and Stephanie

Woodward. Best men, friends of the groom, were Hernan Hidalgo and Renny Chavanikaminnil. Groomsmen included Brendan Mitchell, brother of the bride, Gregory Robinson, brother-in-law of the bride plus friends Kristopher Galletta, David Kressel, Matt Lieberman, Christopher Mitchell, Lorenz Nunéz, Daniel Ramirez, Benjamin Robins, and Kevin Scott. Ring bearers were Rowan Robinson, nephew of the bride and Harry Stevenson. Kate Stevenson was the flower girl. Harry and Kate are family friends of the bride. Julia Donnaruma, friend of the bride, was the vocal soloist. The reception was held at the Albany Country Club.

The bride graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, NY and earned a BA from Hamilton College

later receiving an MS in communications from Boston University. She has worked in the fields of human resources and recruiting. Currently, she is completing a master's degree at Northeastern University in School Counseling. The groom, a graduate of Bonita High School in La Verne, CA attended Harvard College where he earned a BA and then went on to receive an MBA at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. He is a principal at Trinity Partners, Waltham, MA, a pharmaceutical consulting firm.

The bride and groom reside in Boston, MA.



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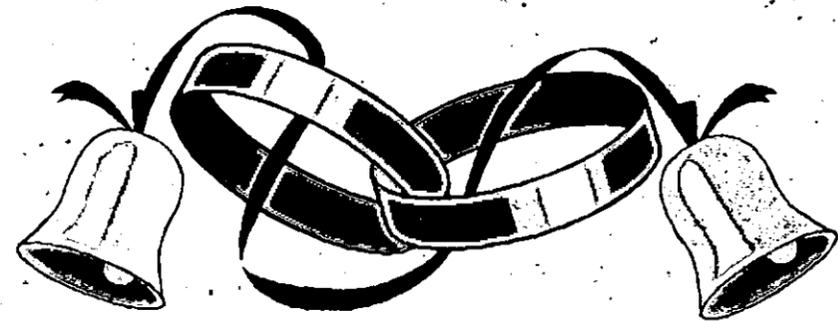
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 DATE OF FILING: 02/12/2010  
 OFFICE LOCATION: Albany County AGENT FOR SERVICE: Corrigan Family Properties, LLC 413 Wellington Road Delmar, New York 12054 PURPOSE: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which United Liability Companies may be organized under the New York LLC.  
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 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 3/1/10. 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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, Delmar, NY 12054  
 60448

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 (April 21, 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington

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 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Nstrand 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Nstrand 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of formation of MEGA VISION OPTOMETRY & OPHTHALMIC DISPENS-

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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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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. Lookerman 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of formation of MEGA VISION OPTOMETRY & OPHTHALMIC DISPENS-

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 ING 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 21, 2010)

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**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 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 21, 2010)

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**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Berlogrey 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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 60530  
 (April 21, 2010)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Tebano & 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 21, 2010)

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

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 60532  
 (April 21, 2010)

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**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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 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 21, 2010)

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**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 & Utrera, P.A., P.C. 1 Maiden Lane, NYC 10038 1 800 576-1100 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
 60535  
 (April 21, 2010)

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**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 21, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 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 21, 2010)

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**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 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

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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 21, 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 21, 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 21, 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 21, 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: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210. Registered agent: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001, also the registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60610 (April 21, 2010)

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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 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION 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, New York 12186 Dated: March 31, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE

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: 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 the petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Library Board must be filed with the Clerk of the Library Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Library Board, 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 21, 2010)

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 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 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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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 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Cap Com Group, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed Secy 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 21, 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 21, 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 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MGA-WALLSTREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/25/10. 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. 60691 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RSGD WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/29/10. 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. 60692 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAMARCA PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/29/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE

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. 60693 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Windor Management Group, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/26/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 3/8/1996. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 108, Albany, NY 12260. Address to be maintained in AZ: 8950 S 52nd St., Ste 309, Tempe, AZ 85254, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with AZ Secy. Of State, 1200 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62119 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WBE Flooring LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/23/10. 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., Suite 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62120 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Open Dealer Exchange, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/01/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/13/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 16901 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 615 South 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 activities. 62121 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mymy Productions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/1/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o AR7 Films, 285 West Broadway, Ste. 300, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62122 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication PLYNDIRIO LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/31/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 62125 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of A&S DAVIDOFF MGMT, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 03/25/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail

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copy of process to: The LLC, 8411 20th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 62126 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TRI-STATE INSURANCE BROKERAGE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/30/10. 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. 62127 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of ERSKINE EQUITY PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/31/10. 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. 62128 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of PIECES OF 8 PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/2/10. 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. 62129 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of IGNITION TRAINING LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/5/10. 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: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62130 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SASHA INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/30/10. 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. 62132 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of Foreign LLC: Fac Services, LLC. App for Authority filed NY Dept of State 3/9/2010. Jurisdiction and date of Org: TX 1/1/2010, NY Location: Albany, County. Sec of State of NY is designated as registered agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Sec of State shall mail a copy of any process to P.O. Box 1587, Cisco, TX, 76437. Principal

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bus. location: 16858 I-20, Cisco, TX 76437. Certificate of Formation on file at Texas SOS, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62143 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Broughton Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/9/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 935 New Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62147 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Alutiq-Mele, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/10. Office location: Schenectady County. LLC formed in Alaska (AK) on 8/1/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. AK address of LLC: 3909 Arctic Blvd., Ste. 400, Anchorage, AK 99503. Arts. of Org. filed with AK Secy. of State, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811. Purpose: government services. 62148 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of UB Katonah, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/1/10. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 62149 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of El Pinto Foods, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/12/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Mexico (NM) on 1/6/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NM address of LLC: 10500 4th St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114. Arts. of Org. filed with NM Secy. of State, 325 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM 87503. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 62150 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Warrington Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 3/26/10. 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 12 Old Myers Dr., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62152 (April 21, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) Name: Safari Health NP Family Health, PLLC. Purpose: to practice the profession of Nurse Practitioner in Family Health. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State New York (SSNY) on March 31, 2010. Office location: Albany

# Budget

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of \$156,660; the FLES program for grades 4 and 5, at a cost of \$67,000; five special education teachers, at a cost of \$335,000; and 12 teaching assistants, at a cost of \$297,600.

In total, the budget is a 2.49 percent increase from last year's budget, and would result in a 3.59 percent increase in the school tax on homeowners.

"Clearly the community and board has been listened to in concerns that were raised," said board member Denise Eisele.

The main discussion centered on whether to pay the \$1.15 million bond off, or sacrifice the district's full-day kindergarten program, reverting back to a half-day program.

Catherine Barber, vice-president of the board, began the discussion by saying she would like the district to pay the bond off and revert back to the half-day kindergarten.

"That's not money we just found, that's money we are putting off to next year," she said.

Barber said that along with the loss of stimulus funding, putting off the bond will have a tax impact of more than 5 percent for next year's budget.

"I don't see that as really realistic for next year," she said.

She also said adding full-day kindergarten to the curriculum in last year's

budget was a mistake.

"I didn't think we would afford it last year, and now I think we really can't afford it," said Barber.

She said that the research about the effectiveness of full-day kindergarten on the long term success of a student is inconsistent, and that the district should focus on the rest of the curriculum.

Board member Barbara Fraterrigo agreed with Barber about paying off the bond and reverting to the half-day program.

"We are robbing Peter to pay Paul. ... We are just asking for trouble," she said.

At the budget hearing on Wednesday, March 31, Fraterrigo said the students of the district were successful prior to the implementation of full-day kindergarten.

Board member Judy Slack was the final member to oppose the transfer of the debt service to next year. Slack, who did not vote for full-day kindergarten last year, said eliminating the program could make up for the additional cuts in the district.

The remainder of the board members supported extending the loan to next year.

"I think the federal government is going to have to do something for us next year," said board member Gloria Towle-Hilt.

Board member Emilio Genzano said, "I'm willing to take the chance and risk on transferring debt service to next year."

Genzano also said

the decision to delay the bond and keep full-day kindergarten was not a decision the board could make on a financial basis. He said "[the district] can't put a dollar amount on children."

Board member Colleen O'Connell said she was in favor keeping the program since the district has already made the investment.

"I think otherwise we would decimate the program this year," she said.

Board President Richard Weisz was the last member to weigh in on the bond vs. kindergarten issue.

"What's more important, sending money to the bond holder, or 360 kids to kindergarten?" he said.

Weisz said improving conditions in the stock market and the possibility of reduced costs for health care may put the district in a better position next year. He also said that next year could be a better year to raise taxes.

"In another year, raising taxes by 4.6 percent may not be such a bad idea," he said.

"The timing of the bonding is what I would call a calculated risk," said Superintendent John McGuire.

McGuire said rescheduling the payment allowed students greater access to programs and services in the current year, however, whether or not the benefits outweigh the risk for the following year will depend upon the

state of the economy, and levels of state and federal aid for school districts.

McGuire reiterated what he has said since the beginning of the budget season. He said that the budget is the best thinking on the part of the school board and district staff.

"I really don't think I could have asked for it to have gone any better," he said.

The school board will hold a public hearing on the adopted budget at its meeting on Tuesday, May 11, before the budget goes before voters a week

later on Tuesday, May 18. For information on the budget, including the Superintendent's proposed budget, and a complete list of changes made by the administration and the school board, visit the district's Web site at [guilderlandschools.org](http://guilderlandschools.org).

## Also in the budget

At the request of Eisele, the district included the addition of a part-time nursing position at the middle school at a cost of \$18,040.

Despite the urging of McGuire to cut the

position of a special education administrator at the middle school, the school board voted to retain the position. Towle-Hilt said the position was necessary to address the needs of students because middle school is the time when students begin to experiment in illicit activities. She instead advocated for the elimination of one of the school's three house principals. All three principals and the special education administrator were included in the budget.

# Earth

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renewing the area in front of Town Hall with plantings of sustainable species. A storm-damaged tree was recently removed from the area, and town officials feel it's time to spruce up the front lawn.

"This is kind of a renewal opportunity," said Supervisor Sam Messina. "My feeling is Bethlehem should be doing something for Earth Day ever year."

The Bethlehem Highway Department will be completing the work once garden planners have finalized a design.

Opportunities to improve the Town of Bethlehem will be provided all summer long through the town's Community Cleanup Days, the first of which took place Saturday, April 17, and will continue on

the third Saturday of every month through October.

Volunteers should report to the Bethlehem Town Hall parking lot at 9 a.m. to be issued supplies. Different parts of town will be targeted each Saturday until noon. In the event of rain, Cleanup Day will be cancelled.

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 24, at the Pine Bush Preserve. From 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers will perform a number of upkeep tasks all around the 3,100-acre preserve. Come with work clothes and drinking water.

Fifth-grade students at Hamagrael Elementary will be spending part of Thursday planting 30 seedlings that were obtained through the Department of Environmental Conservation.

At Clarksville Elementary, first-graders will be collecting empty

cans and bottles to recycle. Proceeds will be donated to the Onesquethaw Food Pantry.

Students from the Clarksville Elementary Green Club will be traveling to the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center April 30, Arbor Day, for a lesson on stream tables.

Students in Mrs. Dolen's 6th-grade science class will use Earth Day to calculate their ecological footprint with [www.ecofoot.org](http://www.ecofoot.org). Middle schoolers will also kick off a composting project during Earth Week.

John Abbuhl will lead a "Tour of the Magnolias" in the Pine Hollow Arboretum Saturday, April 24, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, at 1 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Reservations required. See [pinehollowarboretum.blogspot.com](http://pinehollowarboretum.blogspot.com) for more information.

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County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 48 McCormack Rd, Slingerlands NY. 12159. 62155 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IB BROADWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/25/2008. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 104 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Term: until 12/31/2099. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62156 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of All-Square Wealth Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/26/10. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. agt. of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 61 W Palisade Ave., Englewood, NJ 07631. Purpose: all lawful activities 62157 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 21 TREETZ PLACE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 62158 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Grand Avenue Holdings LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/10. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62159 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Community Kollie LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/20/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62160 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Good Reputation LLC. Arts Of

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of DeBrill Realty LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 08/17/09. LLC Formed in (DE) on 07/21/09. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. DE address of LLC: 32 Loockerman St., Ate. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62162 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LMN Funding LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BSES Realty LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/09. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62164 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Del Mar Re Services LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/10. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62165 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of NSD Consulting LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/10. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62166 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mobile Star LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/15/08. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62167 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Prestige Dental Management LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/18/10. 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. Registered Agent

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upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62168 (April 21, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Chamber Productions LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/5/10. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62169 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of C.B.K. Cookies & Cakes LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/5/10. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62170 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The King Collective LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State

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of NY (SSNY) on 03/19/10. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62171 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Aldus Group, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 245 Park Ave., 24th Fl, NY, NY 10167. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62172 (April 21, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CAPITAL REGION MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, April 15, 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 c/o Robert J. Koshgarian, Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C., 9 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205: 62175 (April 21, 2010)

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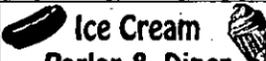
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# McCall selected to academic team

—Delmar native Kelly McCall was one of eight members of the Keene State (N.H.) field hockey team named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III Academic team last month.

The NFHCA Academic team recognizes student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher through the first semester of the

2009-10 school year.

In other Keene State news, Bethlehem Central High School graduate Ross Stanton has been chosen to play in the New England Intercollegiate Soccer League All-Star Game May 1 at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

Stanton was an All-Region and All-Little East defenseman for the Owls last season.

# Softball league holds second scrimmage

The Capital District Over 50 Softball League is holding its second open registration session and scrimmage at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Department of Corrections Field, 1134 New Scotland Road in Albany.

The league is intended for male and female softball players age 50 and older,

but people as young as 45 can join. League play is scheduled to start May 1 with a 16-game schedule.

Registration forms are available at the club's Web site, [www.over50softball.com](http://www.over50softball.com). For information, call Mike Connelly at 355-3745 or 391-9405, or e-mail [over50softball@verizon.net](mailto:over50softball@verizon.net).

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13-4 lead. The Dutchmen (2-2, 2-3) chipped away at the deficit with a three-run rally in the top of the sixth and tied the game with a six-run seventh inning before Matt Coleman launched a three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to give Saratoga the win.

Coleman also had a double as part of a three-hit day for the Blue Streaks. Nate Foster drove in three runs with three hits, and Kyle Willmott homered for Saratoga.

Guilderland's hitting star continued to be Matt Zanotta. The senior belted two home runs and a triple, and he drove in six runs. Zanotta's two blasts increased his league-leading total to seven home runs.

"He's just in a zone right now," said LaValley. "People are forgetting that he had five home runs in his first four games last year, so it's not like he hasn't done this before."

The loss to Saratoga was the second in a row for Guilderland following its 9-7 victory over Colonie April 8. The Dutchmen lost to Columbia 9-7 last Tuesday.

"It was a good win, but we can't hang our hats on that," LaValley said of the Colonie game. "We have to win some more games."

The Dutchmen returned to action Monday against Shaker. They face Shenendehowa Wednesday.

# Shen takes Lady Eagle title

Shenendehowa took first place in the large school team standings at Saturday's Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational at Bethlehem.

The Plainsmen edged Colonie 105.5-103 to take the team title. Shaker was third with 61 points, followed by Guilderland with 55 points and Bethlehem with 49 points. Academy of Holy Names cruised to the small school team title with 129 points.

The Shen trio of Daniká Simonson, Alex Burtnick and Lizzie Predmore swept the top three places in the 1,000-meter race. Simonson won with a time of 3:03.40, two-hundredths of a second ahead of Burtnick and four-hundredths of a second ahead of Predmore.

Nicole Irving (1,500) and Kathleen Klein (200 dash) also won individual titles for Shen, while the Plainsmen's distance medley relay team of Irving, Simonson, Sam Crisafulli and Cara Janeczko contributed a first-place finish.

Klarissa Ricks (100 dash, long jump), Laura Isabelle (600), Theresa Kennedy (high jump) and Kolbi Smith (shot put) had first-place performances for Holy Names. Kyle Plante (300 hurdles) and Emilia Sainato (100 hurdles) led Colonie with individual wins.

Bethlehem's top individual performer was freshman Vickey Buehler. The younger sister of track star Paul Buehler won the freshman/sophomore high jump and triple jump titles.

In boys track, Bethlehem placed second at Saturday's Albright Invitational at Albany Academy. The Eagles finished with 92.33 points, less than 16 points behind first-place Albany.

Paul Buehler was a big part of Bethlehem's success. He won the long jump with a distance of 20 feet, 7.25 inches, and he finished second in the triple jump with his winning distance of 46 feet, 4 inches.

Sam Rieder (400), Matt Crawford (800) and Yousef Zaid (1,600) all placed second for Bethlehem.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had an individual champion at the Albright Invitational. Robert

Boomhower took first place in the discus with a throw of 124 feet, 4 inches for the Indians, who finished eighth in the team standings with 31.33 points.

At the Niskayuna Warrior Classic Saturday, Voorheesville placed fifth in the girls team standings with 44 points and finished sixth in the boys team standings with 28 points.

Colin Kelly led Voorheesville's boys team with a victory in the high jump. The junior cleared the bar at 5 feet, 11 inches to finish first.

Voorheesville's 3,200-meter relay team of Taylor Treadgold, Rolly Lloyd, Dylan Parry and Conor Cashin placed second with a time of 8:35.4, and Dan Semanek took second place in the boys pole vault by clearing 10 feet, 6 inches.

Eryn Ryan was the lone Blackbird to take an individual title in the girls division. The sophomore won the pole vault by clearing the bar at 8 feet.

# Albany

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Brown knows that he'll likely only have one year to turn things around at UAlbany. Otherwise, his next stop may be coaching a smaller NCAA Division I program or becoming an assistant coach somewhere else.

• While the beauty of the International Basketball League is being able to play 15 out of their 20 games at home, the ugly side of the IBL for the Albany Legends is that they have to wait two weeks between games. They don't play again until they host Tacoma April 30 — an eternity in professional sports circles, especially when the team is brand new.

If you're going to attract attention and keep it in this market, you have to play on a regular basis. You can't play three times in four days and then take two weeks off. It just won't keep your name in the papers or on TV.

• I haven't mentioned the Albany River Rats because I don't want to jinx them. As of Monday, they were one win away from their first playoff series victory since 1998. If I jump the gun now and start talking about their upcoming second-round series with Hershey, they'll probably lose their next four games to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and then I'll look like an idiot. (Wait, I just mentioned them. Drat. The jinx is on.)

• Colorado's Ubaldo Jimenez pitches a no-hitter Saturday, and it gets pushed aside for the New York Mets' 20-inning marathon with St. Louis. Frankly, I'm more impressed with Jimenez's performance than the Mets surviving 18 scoreless innings and a blown save by Francisco Rodriguez to beat the Cardinals 2-1. And I'm not just saying that because Jimenez is on my fantasy baseball team (though that adds a certain cool factor to it for me).

• Finally, I'd like to encourage the St. Louis Rams to draft Ndamukong Suh with the first pick in the NFL Draft. Not because I think that will turn the Rams' fortunes around, but because I want to hear NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell say "Ndamukong Suh" before turning back to the Stanley Cup playoffs.

That's it for this week, folks. Remember to send me your comments through the good ol' e-mail at [jonasr@spotlightnews.com](mailto:jonasr@spotlightnews.com).

## GYSA announces spring sign-ups

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

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Bethlehem's Stephen Russo tracks down a loose ball during last Wednesday's Suburban Council South Division game against Colonie. Russo is second on the team in goals scored with six. *Robert Goo/Spotlight*

## Eagles

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stronger."

Other players have stepped up in Johnson's absence. Senior attacker Eric Halek scored 12 of his team-high 16 goals since Johnson's injury, and senior midfielder Stephen Russo has chipped in with six goals over that-time span. Senior attacker Mike Rondinaro has picked up the slack on assists with a team-high nine helpers, including four assists in last Wednesday's victory over Colonie.

Still, Bethlehem wouldn't be where it is without its defense. The Eagles have allowed only 16 goals in four games, thanks in large part to goaltender Theo Ferguson (.64 save percentage) and a defensive unit that has allowed an average of 12.25 shots on goal per game.

"We've played four good games," said Rounds. "The 8-6 [loss] to CBA, I take responsibility for that. We didn't change our approach when Pat [Johnson] went down. But to take that step back and lose by only two goals shows that we can battle through it."

Bethlehem will need to continue battling through Johnson's absence as it enters the heart of its Suburban Council schedule. After facing Saratoga Springs Tuesday, the Eagles visit defending league champion Niskayuna Thursday. Then following Saturday's home

game against Burns Hills-Ballston Lake, they play Guilderland April 30 and Shaker May 3.

Rounds said facing Niskayuna will be a challenge, but one that his team welcomes.

"A lot of teams go in dreading playing them, but I've found that our kids step up and give them a game," said Rounds.

### Dutch need overtime to beat Streaks

The Guilderland boys lacrosse team survived its toughest Suburban Council test to date by edging Saratoga Springs 6-5 in overtime last Friday.

Paul Jones scored in the extra period to help the Dutchmen (4-0, 4-1) remain perfect in league play.

Guilderland built a 4-1 lead in the second quarter before Saratoga (1-2, 2-2) started chipping away. The Blue Streaks tied the game in the fourth quarter on Cody Nizolek's third goal of the game before Jones won it for Guilderland.

Eugene Sellie tallied twice and added an assist for the Dutchmen, who were coming off an impressive 15-0 victory over Columbia last Wednesday. Jones, Bryan Dyer and Patrick Wood all contributed a goal and an assist.

Guilderland returned to action Tuesday when it hosted Shaker in a Suburban Council South Division game. The Dutchmen face Shenendehowa Thursday and Horace Greeley High School Saturday.

## One

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the toughest as they took on two former national master's singles champions - Sonny Schaefer of New York City and Joe Lenhardt of San Diego. Cavooris and Spencer won the first game 21-13, but Schaefer and Lenhardt took the second game 21-19 to force a tiebreaker. Cavooris and Spencer found the energy to defeat Schaefer and Lenhardt 11-5 in the tiebreaker.

Once they got past Schaefer and Lenhardt, Cavooris and Spencer had a clear road to the national title. They defeated Arnold Rinker (Miami) and Ted Bergstrom (St. Paul) 21-

9, 21-18 to complete the round-robin tournament with a 2-0 record.

It was the first time Cavooris and Spencer played as a doubles team at the national tournament.

"When George and I both turned 80, we said let's give it a shot," said Spencer. "It was kind of nice [to win the title]."

"It's a game we love," said Cavooris. "We play regularly down at the Colonie Court Club."

Both players discovered handball when they were young men.

"I didn't even know about the sport until I was 25," said Spencer, who's been playing since 1956. "I started playing when I was 26, and I haven't stopped since."

Cavooris said he picked up the sport in 1960 when he was living near New York City and liked the challenge of mastering it.

"You have to play with your hands [instead of a racket]," said Cavooris. "And you know how most people are right-handed? Well, you have to use both hands in handball. That's

what makes it a difficult sport to learn."

Though their bodies aren't as spry or as easily able to shrug off pain as they once were, Cavooris and Spencer still play handball regularly at Colonie Court Club.

"Usually, we have pains in our knees; our elbows and our shoulders because of the sport," said Cavooris. "But it keeps your heart healthy and keeps you moving."

"I notice that after I play for three hours and come home, I don't nap for 15 minutes anymore - I nap for two hours," said Spencer. "Once I get up, though, I have plenty of energy."

Repeating as national champions might be difficult for Cavooris and Spencer. With next year's tournament being in Texas, Cavooris said he won't make the trip, and Spencer said he has to wait and see how many teams will be competing in the 80+ age division.

"I would say yes, but only if there are three teams," said Spencer. "If there's

not three teams, then I'd have to play against 75-year-olds, and I don't want to do that."

If they don't get the chance to defend their national title, Cavooris and Spencer said they're fine with the one they've got.

"We enjoyed it very much. It's a big honor," said Cavooris.

## Szelests qualify for Jr. Olympics

Glenmont residents Niko and Stephanie Szelest qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics in tae kwon do.

Niko (11) and Stephanie (9) placed at February's AAU regional qualifier in Troy to earn berths to the national tournament July 28 through Aug. 2 in Norfolk, Va. Niko took first place in sparring and forms in his age division, while Stephanie placed second in forms.

It will be the first trip to the Junior Olympics for Niko and Stephanie. Niko has been training for six years and will be promoted to black belt later this year, while Stephanie has been training for five years.

The Szelests train at Columbia Tae Kwon Do in East Greenbush. They previously trained at Phil Sung in Albany.

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## Sports in the Spotlight



Bethlehem's Griffin Blanchard shoots between two Colonie defenders during last Wednesday's Suburban Council South Division game in Colonie. *Robert Goo/Spotlight*

## Defense carries Eagles

### Bethlehem's offense regains its footing after losing Johnson

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The loss of one of its top players may have slowed down the Bethlehem boys lacrosse team, but it hasn't prevented the Eagles from starting the season strong.

Bethlehem (2-0 league, 3-1 overall) won three of its first four games including a 6-5 victory over Suburban Council South Division

rival Colonie last Wednesday.

"We set a goal at the beginning of the year not to give up more than eight goals in a game, and so far ... we've done it," said Bethlehem coach Dave Rounds.

The Eagles have had to be strong defense after senior midfielder Pat Johnson injured his knee in the second game of the season, an 8-6 loss to Christian Brothers Academy. Johnson was one of Bethlehem's primary offensive weapons, providing both goals and assists.

"We lost Pat Johnson, and that took some time to adjust to," said

Rounds. "But we seem to have found our footing again."

The way Rounds helped Bethlehem regain its footing was by moving senior attacker Andy Conroy to Johnson's central midfield position. Rounds has also increased Conroy's playing time by keeping Conroy on the field when the second offensive line comes in.

"With Pat, we had a much more balanced pair of lines," said Rounds. "When he went down, we had one line that was strong and one that was weaker. By moving Andy to first and second lines, he's made both lines

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## One for the ages

### Colonie Court Club duo wins national title

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Al Spencer and George Cavooris have played handball for more than half a century.

But last month, the Capital District duo won their first national championship.

Spencer and Cavooris defeated players from New York City, Miami, St. Paul and San Diego to claim the 80+ men's doubles title at the United States

Handball Association's Masters Championships in Allentown, Pa.

"I've played against some good competition before, but we've never won anything of this magnitude before," said Cavooris, a retired New York City fireman living in Clifton Park.

"George has been through very few national championships, but I've been to quite a few over the last 18 years," said Spencer, who lives in Albany. "I've won the consolation three times as a singles player."

Cavooris and Spencer's first match proved to be

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## Help wanted on mound

### Dutch seek better support from pitchers

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The Guilderland baseball team can bash the ball with any team in the Suburban Council.

The problem that the Dutchmen must solve is preventing other teams from bashing the ball.

A prime example against Sara-

toga Springs. Guilderland had 12 hits — one quarter of which were extra-base hits — but gave up 15 hits in a 16-13 loss.

"We need somebody to step up in our pitching staff," said Guilderland coach Doug LaValley. "Chris Gareau has had two good starts for us [both wins]. We just need someone else to step up."

The Blue Streaks (3-1 league, 4-2 overall) scored eight runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a

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## Albany football team needs stability to improve

I think the NFL made a brilliant move by deciding to start its draft on a Thursday night. I mean, what else is a sports fan going to watch on a Thursday night — other than baseball, basketball or hockey? OK, moving on...

• If I were the parent of an Albany High School football player, I'd consider sending my kid to another school if for no other reason than just to have him play for a program that has some sense of stability.

The football program has been unstable for several years now, primarily because the school can't hold on to a varsity coach. The last three years alone have seen Joe Burke, Brian Spicer and Pete Porcelli guide the Falcons to a combined record of 2-25 as each of them brought their own coaching style to the program. That does not make for a stable situation.

Now, Albany is bringing in a new coach once again — one who will, presumably, change things once again. The problem is that change takes time to implement. If the new coach scraps everything that his predecessor did and introduces



Rob Jonas

new offensive and defensive schemes, it's going to take at least a full season for him to get the players comfortable with them.

I realize that Albany's administrators didn't intend there to be a revolving door attached to its varsity football coaching position. I'm sure with each coach the school has selected, the administrators believed that person was going to stick around. But now, they have to convince the players and their parents that the new person will be there for more than one season. And I don't think it's unreasonable for the players and their parents to be skeptical, given what's happened.

Personally, I don't think it's the right environment for a young player. A varsity football head coach isn't just in charge of the whole program. His offensive and defensive schemes have to be introduced at the modified level and reinforced at the freshman and junior varsity levels in order for the players to have a chance to be successful in those systems. If the varsity coach keeps changing, chances

are minimal that the players will reach their full potential.

Honestly, I'd like to see Albany turn things around on the football field. I just don't think that it's going to happen anytime soon, no matter who they put in charge of next year's varsity team. And if I had a son either playing on or moving up to the varsity team, I'd be concerned that he would be at a competitive disadvantage because of all the changes that have happened over the last three years. I'm not talking about wins or losses — I'm just talking about being able to compete with an opponent for four quarters. If the Falcons finish 0-9 again but gave every team a true battle, I would be OK with that. But to be 0-9 and be blown out of nearly every game isn't fun for the athletes or their parents.

For the Albany players' sake, I hope the school finds someone it can hold on to for more than a year this time.

• Speaking of coaching changes in Albany, the city's largest university might be in the market for a new men's basketball coach soon. University at Albany coach Will Brown is a finalist for the vacant Dartmouth job.

Personally, I don't blame Brown for trying to get out of UAlbany while he has the chance to do so on his own terms.

I'm sure he sees the writing on the wall following the Great Danes' 7-25 finish this past season. Another season like that at UAlbany, and Brown would be searching for a new job.

Dartmouth isn't a great place to land, though. The Big Green have been in the doldrums for several years, and they're not the Ivy League destination school for top-notch basketball prospects that places like Penn, Harvard and Cornell are. If anything, Dartmouth is looking at a slow rise back to respectability.

At least, Brown has the chance to turn things around quickly at UAlbany. He started a bunch of younger players this past season — partly because of injuries to the upperclassmen, and partly because they played better than some of the upperclassmen. If they can develop their skills and learn to win close games, the Great Danes can shoot up the America East standings.

That's only an if, though, and Brown knows it. That's why he interviewed at Dartmouth now — while the value of guiding UAlbany to NCAA Tournament appearances in 2006 and 2007 is still strong, despite all the losing seasons he's accumulated over the last nine years.

If he doesn't get the Dartmouth job, □ **Albany Page 34**