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Meet our new blogger

Rachele Genhofer of Guilderland, the *Spotlight's* newest blogger and a self-proclaimed "attention hog" said she is looking for fodder for her blog, "Now What?" and will use the big-city setting of New York for inspiration.

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Siena, Spotlight partner for poll

Research group to gauge feelings about cell tower locations in Bethlehem, service in general

By CHARLES WIFF
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The *Spotlight* will be working with the Siena Research Institute in conducting a poll on the construction of cell towers in Delmar.

The survey and its public presentation will be funded by Independent Towers Holdings LLC, but *The Spotlight* and SRI will handle

the drafting of questions. SRI is an independent arm of Siena College that is well known for its research on business, political and social issues.

During the month of June, Siena pollers will contact a representative sampling of voters to assess their attitudes toward two proposed locations for a cell tower in western Delmar, as well as tower construction and the level of cell service in general. The result of the poll will be available exclusively in *The Spotlight* and on spotlightnews.com.

"What we try to do is in an objective, unbiased manner, present the issue to a representative sample of voters," said Donald Levy, director of the Siena Research Institute. "It's almost like a mock election."

Levy and representatives from Independent and *The Spotlight* will appear at a public presentation near the end of June to discuss the survey.

"We're excited at opportunity to be involved with this Siena poll," said *Spotlight* Managing Editor Bill DeVoe. "We understand this makes us a player in a story we've been covering, but we felt the benefit to our readers and the people of Bethlehem as a whole

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Dutch treat

The Albany Dutchmen kick off their second season on Friday, June 4, and organizers promise lots of affordable family fun.

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Another year, another title

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team beat Shaker 18-10 in last Wednesday's Section II Class A final at the University at Albany to claim won their fourth straight Sectional title.

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Team walk



Students work to move beams as a team at Survivor Day at Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem on Friday, May 28. Fifth-graders from the six elementary schools in the Bethlehem School District competed in games and activities while getting to know one another before moving on to middle school next year. More pictures, page 16.

Sean Ahearn/Spotlight

Garden Club readies for tour

As spring prepares its goodbye and melts into summer, it leaves behind in the Capital District a bounty of botanical beauty newly opened and enjoying the sun.

And for those who want to see all the local area has to offer, the Bethlehem Garden Club's annual Garden Tour is the way to do it.

Six local gardens will be open to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9. The deadline

to secure advance tickets has passed, but they can be purchased the day of for \$15 in the parking lots of the Price Choppers in Slingerlands and Glenmont.

This will be the tour's 14th year running, said Garden Tour chairwoman Marcy Corneil, and the club strives to put forward a cross section of the town's gardens.

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Board rescinds Webcast contract

Supervisor and board discuss at length internal communications

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Town Board has effectively overridden Supervisor Sam Messina's decision to begin Webcasts of board meetings, objecting to its cost and procedure.

The board voted 4-1 in a Wednesday, May 26, meeting, to rescind the contract Messina had signed to purchase equipment and training that would have wired Town Hall's meeting room for Internet broadcast and archiving. Messina dissented, maintaining he was authorized to sign the contract without first bringing it before the board.

Board members, however, railed against the matter as an example of a breakdown in communication at Town Hall.

"The tyranny of one is democracy for none," Councilman Mark Hennessey said.

Messina, however, said he felt as if the Town Board was stonewalling

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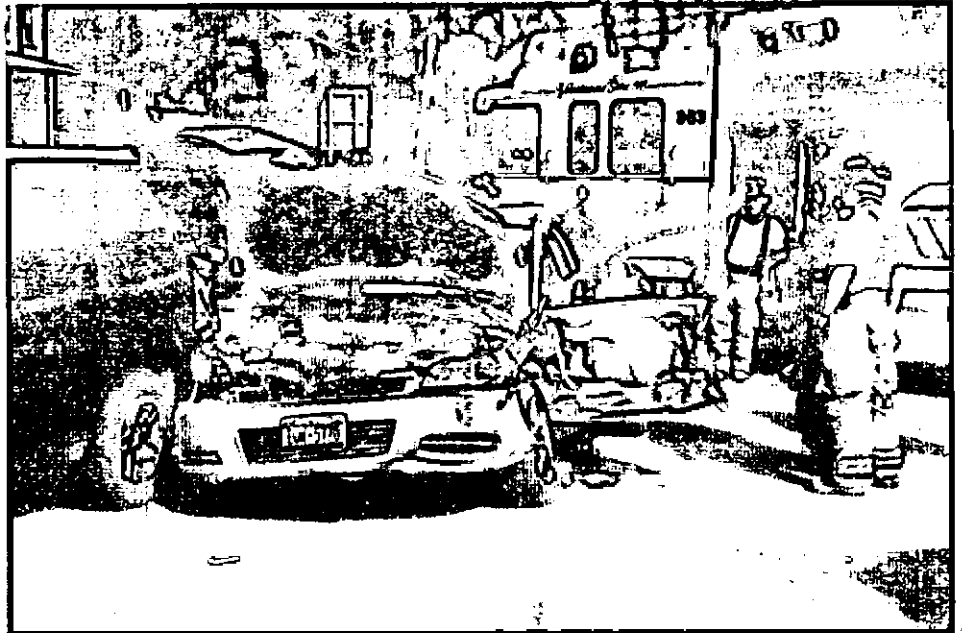
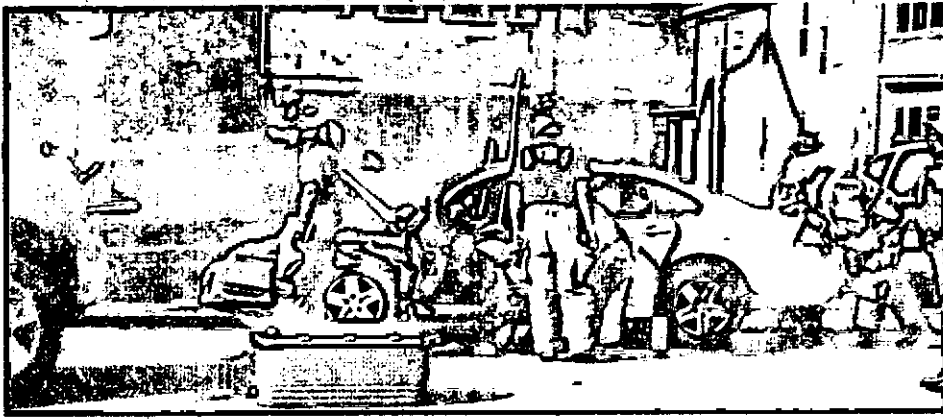
"I had the money in my budget. I had the authority to do this."

Supervisor Sam Messina



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Three-car crash snarls Western Ave. rush hour traffic



This three-car crash occurred Wednesday, May 26, on Western Avenue at Arcadia Avenue in McKownville. A silver sedan pulled out of Arcadia Avenue and was struck by a red pickup traveling on Western. The sedan was then pushed into a black SUV, trapping the operator of the sedan. Guilderland police and state police were on the scene, and Western Avenue was closed for about 45 minutes, snarling rush hour traffic.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

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Police Blotter

Police make DWI arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Sunday, May 23, arrested Brian J. Fryer, 32, of 14 Equinox Court 2B, Delmar, and charged

him with DWI and traffic violations.

Police stopped Fryer for making an improper left turn and failing to keep right in the area of Equinox Court in the Deer Run Apartment Complex in Delmar, according to police. Fryer allegedly had alcohol on his breath and bloodshot eyes, and admitted to consuming a couple of beers.

Fryer was placed under arrest after performing field sobriety tests, and a chemical breath test at the station showed his BAC to be .09 percent, police said. He was issued tickets returnable to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, June 15, and transported to his residence by police.

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Sunday, May 23, arrested Taryn Lee Rose

Whittaker, 24, of 101 Cherry Avenue Apt. 31, Delmar, and charged her with DWI, speeding and other traffic violations.

Police stopped Whittaker just after 3 a.m. on Delaware Avenue in Delmar for speeding and having inadequate headlights, according to police. She allegedly had alcohol on her breath and stated she had had one drink. Her passenger, although not spoken to, appeared intoxicated, according to police.

Whittaker was given field sobriety tests and arrested. A chemical breath test at the station showed her BAC to be .13 percent, police said. She was issued tickets returnable to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, June 15, and transported along with her passenger to her residence.

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**Friday, June 4th @ 7:00pm
Albany Dutchmen vs. Cooperstown Hawkeyes**

OPENING DAY THE BOYS ARE BACK AT BLEECKER.

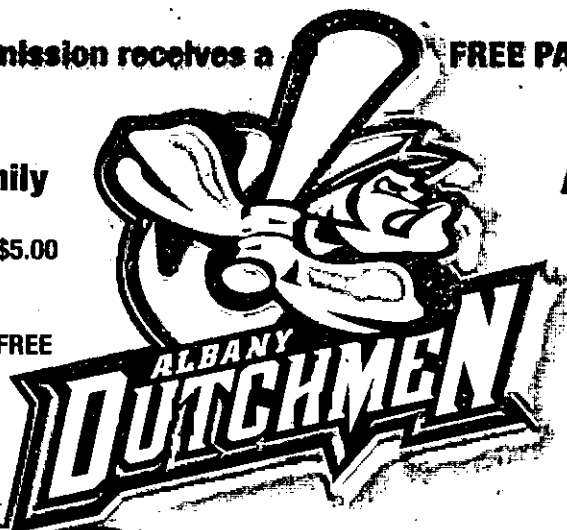
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Selkirk community forum draws a crowd

Town officials call informal meeting a success

By CHARLES WIFF
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Selkirk residents turned out the night of Monday, May 24, for the first of what is promised to be a series of informal community meetings around the Town of Bethlehem, and had a chance to ask questions of town officials.

Of the 30 or so residents in the audience, many were concerned about the building of sidewalks in the hamlet—or rather the lack thereof. Many said sidewalks are a priority in Selkirk due to the high volume of commercial traffic from the area's industrial base, which makes walking or biking the hamlet a dangerous affair.

Supervisor Sam Messina said absent grant funding, which is difficult to come by, there is little money for sidewalk projects.

"I think we're dealing with an economic environment where with so many cutbacks, worthwhile things like this just aren't getting funded," he said. "It really just gets to be a money issue right now."

Cottage Lane resident Cindy Radliff, who has long been petitioning the town for a cost-effective way to extend sewer service to her area, also spoke at the meeting.

"I've been trying for 32 years to get sewer on my home on Cottage Lane," she said. "I look at Feura Bush and they got sidewalks. ... It seems like this little area here gets nothing."

Radliff and her neighbors were told in a meeting last year the cost of extending sewer to the neighborhood would run in the millions and have to be assumed by the homeowners.

But residents weren't the only ones doing the talking Monday. Representatives from several town departments made presentations on what's happening at Town Hall and in Selkirk specifically.

Sgt. Robert Hellgrass of the Bethlehem Police Department advised residents of the www.citizenobserver.com Web site, which the department uses to send out electronic alerts, and the newly launched Offender Watch program, a new sex offender tracking Web site. Both are accessible through the town's Web site.

William Vail told attendees about the programs offered by the town's Senior Services Department, and members of the town's Planning Department offered updates on some of the initiatives under way in the area.

These include the massive Wemple Corners project, which is in the planning stages and has not been formally submitted to the town, and an apartment development at the corner of Hague Boulevard and Route 9W that is before the Planning Board.

Assistant Engineer Terry Ritz outlined the big picture plans for the area, which include populating the Selkirk Road Industrial District. While the town is also



Selkirk residents gathered Monday, May 24, at Selkirk Fire House No. 1 for the first of what is promised to be many informal community forums.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

"People really appreciate it when you get out to their neighborhood."

— Supervisor Sam Messina

focused on the Vista Technology Park for high tech, office and commercial use, Selkirk remains the town's hub for industrial use, he said.

"We want to make that a desirable location for the next industrial wave through Bethlehem," Ritz said of the district.

Expanding the area's industrial use means creating better access to I-87, he continued. The Clapper Road/Thruway Interchange Concept Plan—or the Selkirk Bypass project—has identified several ways to do this, all of which are expensive. Funding promised to the project would only cover a third of the least costly

option, if it can be obtained at all.

"Somewhere in the state there's \$7 million in a safe deposit box. We don't know where it is or who has the key," Ritz said.

He jokingly produced a glass jar labeled "Selkirk Bypass Fund" containing a handful of coins.

Messina said he was pleased with the meeting and that it was a proof of concept for holding the informal sessions.

"People really appreciate it when you get out to their neighborhood and give them some information they haven't heard," he said.

The next step will be trying to transfer the

meeting into reality, he continued, especially on items like sidewalks.

"There's support for these concepts, so let us see what we can do to dust it off and get it moving," he said.

Town Board members Kyle Kotary, Mark Hennessey and Joann Dawson were also in attendance.

Hennessey said the meeting opened up a good dialogue with residents who might not have reached out to the town otherwise and may not regularly view Town Board meetings.

"I thought it was very illuminating," he said. "I was really surprised at some of the priorities that people identified."

Messina said the town plans to continue the meetings on a quarterly schedule. The next one would be in North Bethlehem.

Arboretum brings art out into the open

Pine Hollow hosts plein air event

Plein air, French for "open air," has become synonymous with creating art in the outdoors. While the practice was popular in the 1800s, it's experiencing a revival, and in Slingerlands, the Pine Hollow Arboretum hopes to make it a local event.

On two Saturdays, June 5 and 12, artists will be invited to the arboretum in order to draw inspiration from their surroundings and create art. There is a \$5 registration fee per artist, and they'll be largely free to return to the arboretum when they need to for their work.

The results will go on display during a reception event Sunday, July 18, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

Such events take the sometimes solitary act of creating art and socialize it, with many different artists drawing inspiration from the same source.

"It's not unique to us, it's being practiced all over the world," said Kay Abbuhl, a member of the arboretum's board of directors. "It's a mix of art and getting together."

About a dozen artists have signed up so far, she said. There will be no restrictions on medium for artists.

"As far as I'm concerned, there are no rules about what you can submit," Abbuhl said. "Mostly, it is about people experiencing the property.... If something comes out of the experience that helps us promote and maintain the property, then that's OK too."

The Pine Hollow Arboretum is located in Slingerlands off of Maple Avenue. It's open Saturday and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April through October. For more information, visit pinehollowarboretum.blogspot.com.

Call to register as an artist for the plein air event at 439-6472 or 439-7132. The July reception at 16 Maple Ave. will be free and open to the public. There, works will be judged via public participation, with cash awards donated by the Bethlehem Garden Club awarded to the top three artists.

— Charles Wiff

Bethlehem Police Department honors its own

Several officers earn awards for outstanding work

Members of the Bethlehem Police Department and their families gathered in the town court Monday, May 24, for the department's annual awards ceremony honoring outstanding performance by

department personnel in the past year.

Police Chief Louis Corsi passed out a number of citations, including:

- The Gallantry Award – D/Sgt. Robert Markel, TSI Jeff Vunck, Officer Tim Travis and Officer James Cross.

These officers responded to an armed robbery at the Marshalls store in Glenmont where the suspect displayed a weapon.

- The Chief's Achievement Award – Sgt. Brian Hughes.

While on patrol, Hughes initiated a traffic stop that resulted in two search warrants being executed that resulted in the

recovery of 65 counterfeit credit cards, over \$10,000 in high-end electronics and \$3,000 in American Express cards purchased with the counterfeit cards. This resulted in a joint investigation with the US Secret Service that closed over 15 open cases in New York and New Jersey.

- The Chief's Achievement Award – Sgt. Robert Hellgrass and Detective Michael Whiteley.

For their contributions to the community through their work with the Sex Offender Registry and Sex Offender Watch programs. The department was awarded for "Best Practices of Sex Offender Management" by the

New York State Chiefs of Police

- The Chief's Achievement Award – Officer George Travis and Officer Ken Beck.

For being chosen as 2009 Officer of the Year. These officers rescued two people from a burning home on Adams Street.

- The Department Drug Buster Award – Detective Adam Hornick.

A traffic stop made by Detective Hornick resulted in the discovery of 2,149 decks of heroin.

- The Department Life Saving Award – TSI Craig Sleurs.

For reviving the manager of a local business using an external defibrillator.

- The Department Life Saving Award – Officer George Travis and Officer Ken Beck, Dispatchers Powell, Tice and Gould.

For the response to an incident involving a structure fire with occupants inside the residence. Officers made entry into the house to rescue a 15-year-old male before the house was consumed.

- The Department Life Saving Award – Officer George Travis.

For the response to an attempted suicide. Travis was able to remove a man hanging from the rafters of his basement and provide CPR.

- The Department Life Saving Award – Officer James Cross and Officer Ryan VanAmburgh.

For response to an incident where a young man had attempted suicide by hanging himself from a tree. Officers were able to remove him from the tree, and he was then transported to the hospital for treatment.

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Did you hear what I just told you?

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Whatever.

Now there's a word that gets a rise out of parents. These days I hear it from my teenage daughter AND from my 80-year-old father. Dad picked it up from his grandchildren, now ranging in age from 13 to 23. He likes using the word and analyzing what it means.

Grandpa has always been partial toward and lenient with his grandchildren. He often sides with them and even enjoys it when they drive their parents — his own children — a bit crazy. I figure he sees it as payback for the backtalk he endured when we were young, but he says he's trying to demonstrate that the grandkids' behavior is no big deal and should be ignored.

"I let things bother me that weren't all that important," he explained one day. He said he wants to save his offspring from suffering the same level of unnecessary aggravation.

Whatever.

I mean, I appreciate what he's saying and all, but aren't teenagers and parents supposed to annoy each other to some extent? Isn't it nature's way of preparing family members for coping with the fact that children grow up, move out

Commentary:

From
Robin's Nest



of the house and become independent? Although clearly even grown children and their parents continue to annoy each other, whether they live together or apart.

But back to "whatever."

The word itself is fairly innocuous. It's the tone and attitude used by the speaker that affects those on the receiving end.

Recently dad said, "I was debating with your brother about what the word means, so I asked the young waiter in the restaurant where we were having dinner." He reported that the waiter said "whatever" is used to say, "it's no big deal; either way is good."

Sure, pose an out-of-context question to a 20-something waiter in a restaurant and that settles it. Yeah, we're good with whatever the waiter says.

Actually, I agree with the waiter that in some instances "whatever" may be used to convey "I am fine with what you are saying." For example, if I said to my daughter "I'm trying

to decide whether to give you \$300 or buy you an iPod" she might reply, "Whatever," meaning, "Whatever is most convenient for you, mom." Or, if my daughter said to me, "Mom, I'm wondering if I should scrub the upstairs toilet first or the one downstairs." I might answer, "Whatever," meaning, "Whatever order is fine and don't forget the sinks." Pinch me if either of those conversations ever takes place.

Notice from the above examples, that using the word "whatever" in a friendly context requires additional words to clarify the meaning. "Whatever" used alone generally takes on the meaning of "You have put me on the defensive, and I can't be bothered to utter additional words."

Sure, "whatever" could mean "I am fine with what you are saying." But coming from one's children, it generally conveys negativity, ranging from "I don't care about what you are saying" to "I don't like what you are saying" to "I don't want to hear what you are saying" to "Bug off." ("Bug off" being a family-friendly translation.)

Dad's attitude is that by nagging one's child, you are inviting "whatever" as an answer. But I say that

sometimes "parenting" is synonymous with "nagging."

I say to my teenager, "If you went to bed earlier, it would be easier to get up in the morning when your alarms rings." She says, "Whatever."

I lament to my father that my daughter procrastinates and then has to stay up late finishing homework.

He says, "So what?"

I say, "So she doesn't get enough sleep and she has trouble getting up in the morning."

Again, he says, "So what?"

And I explain, "So her father and I are responsible for making sure she gets to school, and we are also busy getting ready for work."

And he replies (say it with me now): "So what?"

So, so, so, it's aggravating being sandwiched in between my child's "whatevers" and my father's "so whats." So there!

My father's "so what" attitude did not apply to my childhood. He did not tolerate any backtalk. He ruled strictly by the "because I said so" book and was not averse to raising his voice. He also had "the look" with which he silently conveyed the message "you have crossed the line and had better cease talking lest you spark an explosion."

I, on the other hand, figured out too late that "because I said

so" is an essential parenting tool. Instead, I spent Rachel's early years using mostly the "explaining why mommy and daddy have made this decision" method. And although I never mastered the ability to shoot smoldering lasers from my eyeballs, I am adept at yelling and screaming. And I can roll my eyes and mutter "whatever" with the best of them.

The act of exchanging "whatevers" is not exclusive to parents and children. Adults also reply "whatever" to one another out of frustration or apathy.

The husband says, "Do you want pizza or Chinese food?" The wife says, "Whatever."

The wife says, "Should we paint this room mulberry wine or periwinkle?" The husband says, "Whatever."

Even an innocent "whatever" can cause hurt feelings.

My husband and I were sitting together watching my daughter play softball.

"I have to finish writing my column," I remarked.

He said, "What's it about?"

I said, "Whatever."

He sighed, "Fine, don't tell me."

"No, you don't understand. It's about the word 'whatever' and how using it upsets people."

"Oh," he said, but I bet he was thinking, "Whatever."



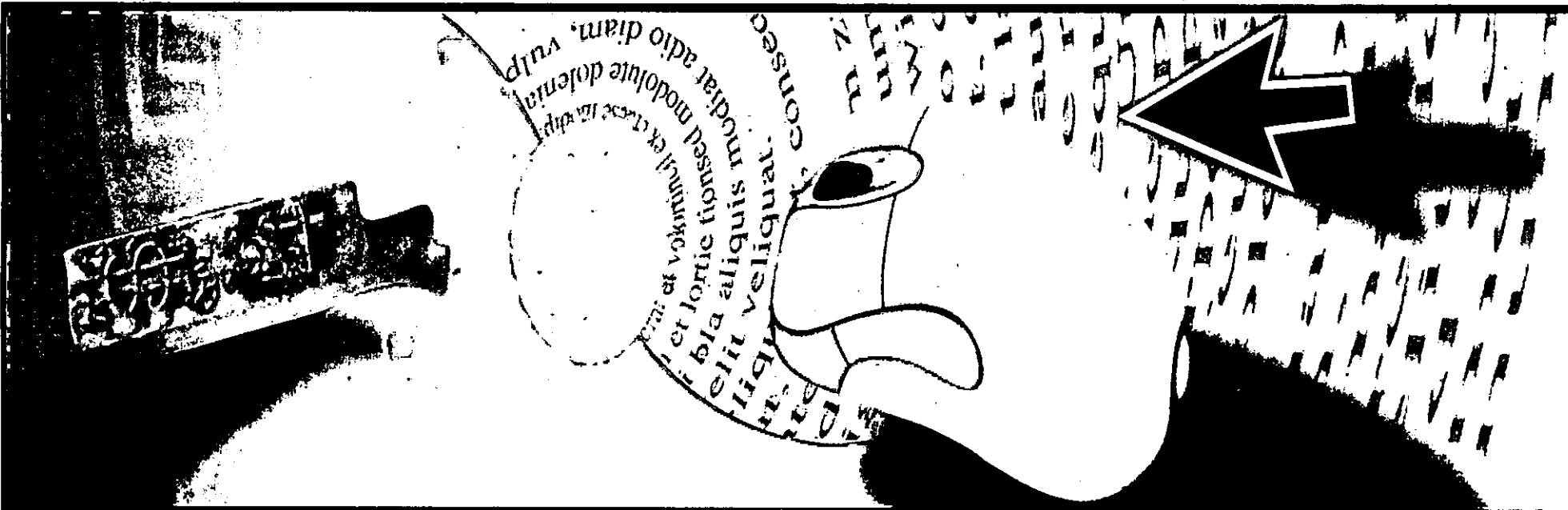
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Four Corners Luncheonette marks three decades

'Lunchapalooza' raises money for community organizations

BY MALLORY BULMAN
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Three decades of success for a local business is reason enough to celebrate, but when Four Corners Luncheonette owner Dave Heffley reached his restaurant's 30th anniversary this spring, he wanted to do something more. On Saturday May 22, Heffley hosted "Lunchapalooza," a celebration of the Luncheonette's anniversary that benefited several local organizations.

The event, featuring live music, festivities, and selections from the restaurant's menu, raised money for Grassroot Givers, Bethlehem Children's School, The Legal Project, Bethlehem Lab School and the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

"They do fantastic work, so we wanted to get their names out," said Heffley.

Albany County Executive Mike Breslin called the event "a wonderful day of celebration."

"This has been a great institution out here, with great people who are very friendly," Breslin said of the Luncheonette.

Employees from the eatery staffed a food table and ice cream cart all day, serving up the dishes that have made the Luncheonette a local favorite.

"We've been here 30 years, let's do something for the town to thank them," said Heffley, who grilled throughout the day such specialties as bison burgers and sweet potato fries.

Heffley was an original founder in 1995 of Bethlehem Children's School, one of the beneficiaries of the event and a small, independent school for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The school has a hands-on learning philosophy and a strong connection with the community.

"The event highlights the great people of our community," said Tracie Killar, a parent and Lunchapalooza volunteer.

Bethlehem Children's School, along with the



The Four Corners Luncheonette celebrated its 30th anniversary with a bash that raised money for local organizations.

other four organizations, will receive \$1,000 from the event.

"It was a great community event I loved that five organizations came together with a local restaurant and made it happen," said Roberta Sandler, executive director of Grassroot Givers, an organization that makes a connection between needs in the community and resources. Sandler, also a member of the planning board for the fundraiser, reported that the donation goals were met for each organization.

Bethlehem Lab School, a concentrated program within Bethlehem High School, was another beneficiary. Lab School students sponsored a silent auction and staffed an information table at the event, as well as sold tickets.

"Lab School gives so much to the community throughout the year with our community service requirements, so I think it's good that the community helps out," said Kate Henchy, a Lab School senior and a Lunchapalooza volunteer.

Area businesses including Emack and Bolio's, and the Delmar Marketplace donated items for the silent auction. Funds raised from Lunchapalooza will be allocated for the senior class's annual teacher gift, a donation that the students will present to their teachers, as well as the scholarship fund, a sum of money set aside to aid students in affording the several educational trips that the program partakes in throughout the year. "We really appreciate the community donating and chipping in," Henchy said.

Heffley praised the staff and customers of the

"It's like 'Cheers' except instead of knowing what everyone drinks, you know everyone and you know their lives."

— Dave Heffley, Four Corners Luncheonette owner

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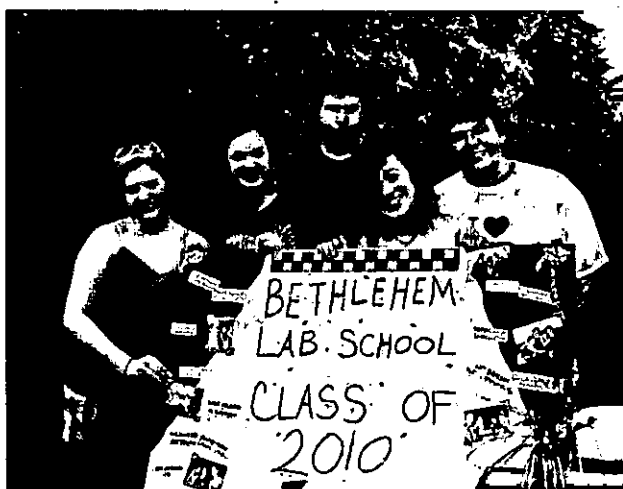
"It's like 'Cheers' except instead of knowing what everyone drinks, you know everyone and you know their lives," he said.

With a steady crowd in attendance throughout the day, the support from the community was evident. However, the featured organizations are not the only people benefiting from the Luncheonette's philanthropy. Heffley said at the end of the event, he put dinner certificates inside balloons and released them. The lucky people who find one will receive a free dinner for two.

"It was so much fun, we might just do it again," he said.



ABOVE: Kids chase balloons at the Saturday, May 22, Lunchapalooza event that featured live music and selections from the restaurant's menu.



LEFT: Students in the Bethlehem Lab School sponsored a silent auction at the event and staffed an information table.

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We break the Golden Rule

The Golden Rule in journalism is that you never become part of the story you're covering.

We're actively breaking that rule.

This month, *The Spotlight* will be working with the Siena Research Institute in conducting a poll on the construction of cell towers in Delmar. While the survey will be funded by Independent Towers Holdings LLC, which is trying to site a tower just outside the school district's Operations and Maintenance building off of Elm Avenue, *The Spotlight* and SRI will handle the drafting of questions, information gathering and compilation of data. SRI is an independent arm of Siena College that is well known for its research on business, political and social issues. Conducting polls for newspapers isn't anything new to SRI — they regularly work with New York's metropolitan daily newspapers on voting and public opinion polls — but this arrangement is a little different.

Think of the survey as a product. Independent Towers is buying it, SRI is making it and *The Spotlight* is ensuring that everyone's voice can be heard on it, not just the ones Independent or any other cell tower company wants to hear.

Independent Towers has bought the survey. What they have not bought is our integrity and the responsibility we have to our readers in Bethlehem and beyond to deliver the most accurate and fair local news coverage we can muster.

We've provided the Siena Research Institute with all of the information we could gather on the subject — old stories, notes, town and planning board minutes. In an odd role reversal, a member of the institute conducted a lengthy interview with *Spotlight* reporter Charles Wiff, who has written about the Independent tower process as well as the ESCO tower proposed off of Van Dyke Road on farmer Chuck Preska's land.

During the month of June, Siena pollsters will contact a sampling of voters to assess their attitudes toward two proposed locations for a cell tower in western Delmar, as well as tower construction and the level of cell service in general. The results will be available exclusively in *The Spotlight* and on spotlightnews.com.

Admittedly, Independent came to us to lend "credibility" to the survey. They understood that, regardless of the results, the survey could be seen as skewed if it were merely the product of a cell tower company with business before the town.

Detractors will say we're biased because we have something to gain in the matter. They're right on one account. We gain exclusivity of the findings, maybe some promotion, little else — and certainly not enough to risk our reputation or our readership.

Astute and longtime readers of *The Spotlight* will know this editorial page has been used both to dispel myths about cell towers, promote landowners' rights and defend the sympathies of a constituency when public support of a project is overwhelming or nonexistent. None of that will matter in regard to this survey. The results will be what the results will be and we will report them fully and openly.

To the extent of that openness, we offer this: Every cell tower story we've published concerning Bethlehem, and every editorial we've written concerning cell towers will be available on our "Spotlight's View" section of our Web site (<http://spotlightnews.com/blogs/editorial/>).

Editorial**Home, sweet (stressful, terrifying, expensive) home**

By DAN SABBATINO
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*The writer is a reporter for the
Colonie/Loudonville Spotlight.*

Closing on a house is like pitching the ninth inning of a close baseball game. It requires focus, adrenaline and ultimately involves a team of people to get the job done.

On my team was my fiancée, Alyssa, a lawyer, a broker, an accountant, my parents, family members, friends, coworkers and my cats (for emotional support). From what I was told, my closing was relatively easy, compared to the months it could take to hash out the legalities. So, in that respect I will try not to complain.

That's not to say it wasn't stressful, though.

What I loved about buying my house was the idea of ownership (duh). What I don't love is the overwhelming responsibility that now rests on my shoulders.

If my furniture decides to come five hours early in the middle of deadline, forcing me to wait around while my bed is assembled when I should be making last-minute phone calls and checking details in my stories; I'm out of luck. And if it doesn't fit correctly in the room — it didn't, by the way — I still have to lie in the bed I have made, literally.

When a pipe breaks or a fuse blows, the only phone call that's going to help me is one that ends in me shelling out hard-earned dough. What a giant shift in responsibility and lifestyle.

In short, my fears both before the purchase, and now in the early stages of ownership, include money, responsibility, money, home repairs, mowing the lawn, watering, money and responsibility. And money and responsibility. I am sure home ownership will be worth it in the long run, considering the substantial effort that went into it, but the expectation of future success does little to ease the

Point of View

stress of double-digit bank account balances.

I think I knew this home thing would be a grind when my lawyer showed me how much money I bought my house for, and then showed me how much I would pay if I made every payment for 30 years.

"That can't be right," I said of the latter. "I only want the one house."

Blank stare.

"Never mind."

I am still excited, though, especially with my wedding right around the corner on July 17. I mean, a house and a wife all in three months. What else can I ask for? (If only there were some other major step to take between now and the end of my life. I can't think of anything this monumental at all. Nope. Nothing as exciting, terrifying, expensive, requiring of time and attention, strained food or rubber toys to chew on. Nope, nothing comes to mind at all.)

As a first-time homebuyer, some unforeseen obstacles arose as I lumbered through the process. The first, and probably most important obstacle, was I had no idea what I was doing. Now, some might read this and argue no first-time homebuyer knows what they are doing, and subsequently must learn as they go. Well, that may be true. But, that knowledge hardly made it any easier, and, quite frankly, I doubt anyone could know less than I do about home care. There are pipes, wires and knobs in my basement that might as well be used in astro-aeronautics because I simply don't know what they do.

But, while the buying and subsequent moving in to my new house comes with its difficulties, it also comes with its blessings.

I have to give credit where it is due. My moving day involved an army of friends with an array of areas of expertise who really helped get the ball rolling.

I had an engineer finding beams for me to hang mirrors and the painting his significant other created special for my new house; a team of the most practical women I know sorting kitchenware and spices and appropriately finding shelf space for it; and burley dudes hauling couches over their heads like they belonged on ESPN's "Strongest Man" competition. And did I mention the trailer and SUV my friends let me borrow?

I thank them all. If buying a house did anything, it gave me a chance to see how great the people in my life are.

Another benefit of home ownership is the way it forces me to be responsible. I guess it will be good for me to be mindful of my new surroundings and pay attention to when I should turn off lights when I'm not in the room, take shorter showers and actually clean my sink more than once every full moon. I think I'm taking a risk, but it's going to make me a better person and further my journey into adulthood, even if it raises my blood pressure a few ticks.

Anyway, I'm glad to be making big steps now. I have always wanted to skip over adolescence, high school and even a job and go straight to my retirement days in a rocking chair watching sitcom reruns alongside a cup of my teeth. People sometimes admonish me for wanting to grow up, but is that so wrong? We are supposed to take ownership not just of houses but our paths in life, and you just can't do that as effectively from a school bus. With responsibility comes freedom to make choices, take the initiative and do some good.

Wish me luck, and feel free to send over a box of screws or garbage bags.

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This week's question is:

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Last week's poll results:

Question: "Is the process of good government as important as the results?"

• Definitely. A shady process doesn't serve the people no matter the result.: 57%

• No. People deserve good governance by any means necessary.: 19%

• Regardless of the process I rarely see any results.: 23%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Where's the fiscal restraint in Bethlehem?

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I was disappointed but not surprised to learn that Bethlehem Town Supervisor Messina has unilaterally decided to spend thousands of taxpayer dollars to broadcast Town Board meetings over the Internet. During my entire term in office, only one of our 33,000 residents contacted me to indicate that he believed there was a need to broadcast Town Board meetings over the internet; that person was former town councilman and current Supervisor Sam Messina.

The initial cost for this project is, at a minimum, \$12,000 and the ongoing cost to taxpayers is at least \$410.00 per month. For this, residents are provided with absolutely no additional access to their government beyond that which we currently enjoy. In a

town where the farthest distant from Town Hall is less than 10 miles, the belief that residents need additional means to view Town Board meetings live, short of attending a meeting in person, is preposterous.

All of our Town Board meetings are documented and minutes posted on the town's website for easy access to residents. In addition, the Public Access Channel broadcasts Town Board meetings on Channel 18 three times per week. Elected officials are easily accessible to town residents and anyone can retrieve most any information they might need regarding our town government from the office of our Town Clerk, Nanci Moquin.

The assertion that live Internet broadcasting will somehow open access to our town government is

absurd. It does little to improve an already open and transparent process and provides no additional benefit to taxpayers. In fact, there has been no cost benefit analysis to demonstrate any benefit to residents or government that would justify this superfluous expense.

At a time when municipalities are tightening their belts in order to ensure that they can deliver essential services to their constituent, Supervisor Messina has made a unilateral decision to waste thousand of taxpayer dollars on nonessential technology purely for self promotion. Where is the fiscal restraint?

Jack Cunningham
former Bethlehem town supervisor and Delmar resident

Plant yourself at Garden Tour and sale

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Bethlehem Garden Tour will be on Wednesday, June 9, starting at 4 p.m., and the plant sale will begin at 3.

Last year was my first experience with the tour, always in previous years thinking of going when it was too late. I had no idea what to expect, but being one of the locations on the tour was a terrific experience!

People came in a steady stream over several hours. There

were many questions about plants and lots of positive comments. I was so happy to be involved and among enthusiastic gardeners.

The Garden Club chose an interesting variety of gardens for us to tour.

For anyone interested in gardening, or who is already well underway, the garden tour is a most worthwhile activity.

Wendy Lefkovich
Delmar

Albany County Family Court a disheartening experience

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Recently, I sat as an observer in Albany County Family Court.

It was a custody hearing which grew out of a domestic violence situation, where the Albany Police were called, the mother eventually legally left the area to escape the abuse, and is now currently involved in a custody case wherein the Albany Family Court judge has ordered the mother to bring her child periodically out of the country to be with his father - at her own expense - to foreign soil.

It reminds me of the recent custody case involving Brazil that captured news headlines

for so long.

I witnessed a fascinating display of prosecutorial fireworks. The attorney verbally flayed the mother, undercutting every defense, every action that she has taken to protect herself and her child, as selfish, conniving, purposeful, deceptive, showing no understanding about the dynamics of domestic violence as advocated by Judge Lippman himself. Any prosecutor would be proud of the opposing attorney's deftness at turning every exchange against the women! What I found odd about the exchange was that the attorney doing

this devastating cross examination was not a prosecutor at all or the father's attorney, but a Law Guardian! Someone charged by our society to protect the best interests of the child and to protect children from abusers.

If this is how they function, the program should be eliminated. John E. Carter, Jr., director of the Law Guardian program for the Appellate Division's Third Judicial Department in Albany should investigate.

It is shameful that this happens and it is not what taxpayers expect from such a program.

Ed Guider
Ballston Lake

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This performance includes members of last year's acclaimed production with stage direction by Sandra Boynton. Score reconstruction is by Brett L. Wery.

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WHERE: Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Thank you to the school that made this success story possible

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This is an open letter to my daughter and the school she attends.

It is not often, that we as parents get to pass along a good news story about how remarkable on of our children have become. I am very proud of all my children but last year, just when I thought I lost everything and I was going to throw in the towel. I prayed for change — change for me and change for her.

I just wanted to share this story with all of you guys to let you know, change can happen if you make it happen!

For the last four years, my daughter Catie has struggled with divorce, moving (a few times), going to a new schools every year and living with her real mom. It was an emotional roller coaster for all involved. The new friends turned into nightmares and she was going down the wrong road. Many of us thought she would be a drop out. She was not going to school and her grades we far (far) below average and she was doing a lot of bad activities.

This year, we decided to take a new path and make a commitment to trying harder. Making a plan and working the plan. I did some research and interviewed many schools in the Capital District area?and ask them to accept Catie. I found one who cared and they listen to what was really going on with this child. She is an exceptional child that needed some TLC.

I am proud to report with a lot of praying and a good school that cares about their kids she has put the past

behind her. This year she had a solo in the school play and without the schools encouragement this turn for the better would of never been possible. This is a school that cares about every child and I would recommend it to anyone who has a child and wants a GREAT education for their child.

Well, lets take another walk down memory lane. One year ago, Catie highest grade was a 50 with many in the 40's. With having a plan and working the plan..... Here are this quarters grades from the second marking quarter of this year: Social Studies: 83; Science: 91; Religion: 85; English 87; Literature: 90; Math 85; Spanish 85; Art A; Music A; Gym A; Technology A.

Well, the grades speak for themselves. I am so proud of Catie and thank God everyday for a second chance for this child. I just wanted to take a minute to share this with everyone to let you know to never give up on your child and to never stop praying. I am so proud of Catie. She is my last child and I hope she never gives up on herself again. She can do anything she puts her mind to.

Catie, all you need to do have a plan and work the plan! I love you and I am very proud of your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom

PS- The School that I owe my deepest thanks to is Christ the King School in Guilderland.

Kat McElroy
Guilderland

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Celebrate CPR Week, celebrate life saving

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

June 1 through 7 is CPR Week. There's no better time to learn CPR, or refresh your knowledge if it's been a while. If you think it's a skill you don't need, think about this: 80 percent of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur in private residential settings, and knowing CPR doubles or even triples the chances of survival. Wouldn't you want to save the life of a loved one if they suffered a cardiac arrest in front of you?

June is also a good month to learn how to use an AED, which has become very simple to do. Legislation has increased the number of AEDs in public places, and current technology has created AEDs that talk you through the defibrillation process.

The New York state Legislature currently has a bill before it to clarify the Good Samaritan law covers anyone who uses an AED. The American Heart Association supports this legislation, and I urge you to ask your legislator to pass this law — and increase the number of lives saved. And ask them to support legislation to provide for CPR training for high school students. There is little to no cost involved and CPR can be taught in as little as a half-hour. Surely, our schools can find 30 minutes in the school year to teach students this life-saving skill.

On Thursday, June 3, from 3 to 5 p.m., the American Heart Association will honor people alive because of CPR and AED use, and people who've saved lives with CPR or an AED. If this is you or someone you know, please have them contact the American Heart Association at 869-4049.

As a paramedic, I know firsthand the importance of knowing CPR. Please, use CPR Week to get trained. You can visit www.americanheart.org to find a class near you, or visit cprweek.org for information about this life-saving program. After you've been trained, go to cprweek.org and count your training — help us get to 1 million trained during this important week.

Bob Elling

Colonie paramedic

American Heart Association Capital Region Advisory Board member

Blotter

(From Page 2)

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Monday, May 24, arrested Brian R. Rowe, 43, of 9 Wellington Road, Delmar, and charged him with aggravated DWI

and traffic violations:

Police stopped Rowe's vehicle at about 12:21 a.m. after it allegedly crossed over the yellow line three times while traveling northbound on Elsmere Avenue. Rowe had the odor of alcohol on his breath, glassy eyes, impaired speech and impaired motor

coordination while attempting to get his license from his wallet, police said.

Rowe was given field sobriety tests and arrested. A chemical breath test at the station showed his BAC to be .22 percent, police said. He was released to his father.

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Different Drummer's Kitchen makes room to cook

New digs in Stuyvesant Plaza offers more classroom space

By RYAN MUNKS
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Different Drummer's Kitchen's new location in Stuyvesant Plaza boasts a larger retail space than its former location on the opposite side of the plaza, near Fuller Road; however, according to Michelle Bechard, a manager at the store, the main reason for the move was to accommodate a larger teaching kitchen.

"For a year and a half the cooking school was hugely successful," said Bechard. "Before, in our old space, we could only seat 15, now we can seat 30," she said. She also said that although the kitchen can seat 30 when the class is an observation type class, the room can only seat 15 in a hands-on class.

Bechard said that in an effort to be more in line with what the students may have in their own homes, the teaching kitchen does not contain the complex cooking gadgets a customer will see elsewhere in the

store.

"We want to make the kitchen workable from someone's home standpoint," she said.

Bechard said that 20 years ago she managed a teaching kitchen; however, recently an interest in learning more about cooking has spiked due to the Food Network.

"A lot more people are coming in a lot more knowledgeable and they want to learn more," she said.

Judy Roberts, a Slingerlands resident who attended the Thursday, May 20, lesson on grilling, said that it was her loves of cooking and of watching cooking shows on television that inspired her to attend the class.

"I watch the cooking channel all day long. ... I am a nurse, but if I had to choose a different career it would be as a chef," said Roberts.

Pam Rudge, of East Berne, said she attended the grilling class to prepare and get new ideas for the summer grilling season.

"I love to cook, I love to entertain, I love new ideas," she said.

Bechard said that Different Drummer's teaching school offers a number of different classes in addition to the seasonal grilling class.

"We always have a knife skills class, which is very popular," she said.

The school also offers classes on sushi and classes on French fare.

On May 20, Laura Passidomo, a culinary instructor for the Center for Disabilities Services in Albany, and former restaurant and bakery owner, was on hand to instruct students in the art of grilling. Passidomo was also a former executive chef for celebrity chef Ina Garten when Garten was filming her Food Network show "The Barefoot Contessa."

Bechard said that Passidomo is her go-to chef for the teaching kitchen. In addition to the grilling class, Passidomo also teaches the knife skills class, as well as classes in Italian springtime offerings, flavors of southeast Asia, a traditional Spanish supper, and the farmers market.

"She is so well versed in so many cuisines,"



said Bechard.

The teaching kitchen will also feature a number of area chefs throughout the course of the summer, including Jaime Ortiz, head chef at Angelo's 667 Prime in downtown Albany, who will be teaching a course on Monday, June 28, focusing on some of the dishes offered at his restaurant.

Bechard said that the store typically hosts two to three classes per week and range between \$55 and \$69 per class. For information about the cooking school check Different Drummer's Website at differentdrummerskitchen.com.



Laura Passidomo, a culinary instructor for the Center for Disabilities Services in Albany, and former restaurant and bakery owner, instructs students in the art of grilling at Different Drummer's Kitchen's new location in Stuyvesant Plaza. The business moved to the plaza to accommodate a larger teaching kitchen.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

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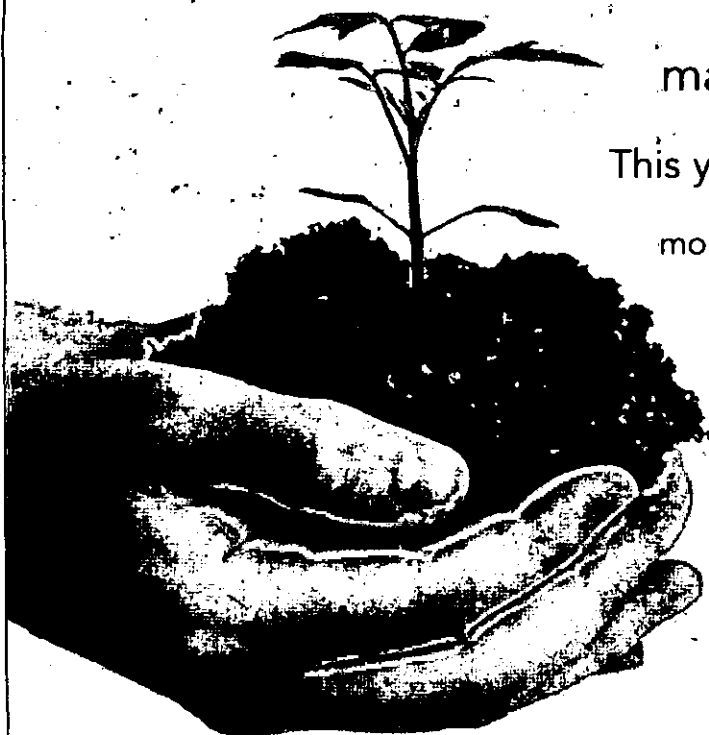
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You will learn to use the settings of the digital camera to ensure the best quality image file is captured. The terminology of the menus on typical cameras will be demystified.

Photographer Sally Delmerico returns to GPL for this one-hour demonstration program with a question-and-answer period following. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras with a charged battery. Registration required; call 456-2400, ext. 7.

GPL digital photography forum

Do you want to share your work with other digital photography enthusiasts? Would you be willing to help others learn more about getting the best results from their digital cameras? Do you have questions you'd like answered about using your camera or your laptop's

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photo editing software? On the third Thursday of every month, at 7 p.m., you can do just that as part of the Digital Photography Forum that's open to all.

This is an opportunity for participants to share their work, bring their questions, and help others learn to effectively use the features of all types of digital cameras. Bring your camera and work to share – on CD, flash drive, or on your laptop. Share techniques you have learned and pick up new ones. Convening the group will be Art Small, a retired hospital administrator who has used photography professionally and is an avid travel and nature photographer.

Supercalifragilistic...

We gave up on spelling the word, but you probably get the idea that the next Disney Family Friday movie – on June 11, at 7 p.m. – centers on the antics of a certain nanny named Mary Poppins. There is something for everyone in this wonderful feature, from kids' delight at all the things Mary pulls out of her magic bag of tricks to adults' enchantment with the "Step in Time" comedic dance. (We must confess,

this dance sequence is one of our all-time favorites.) Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7 p.m.. Popcorn? Of course. By the way, one of our Librarians won her third grade spelling bee by correctly spelling "supercalifragilistic-expialidocious."

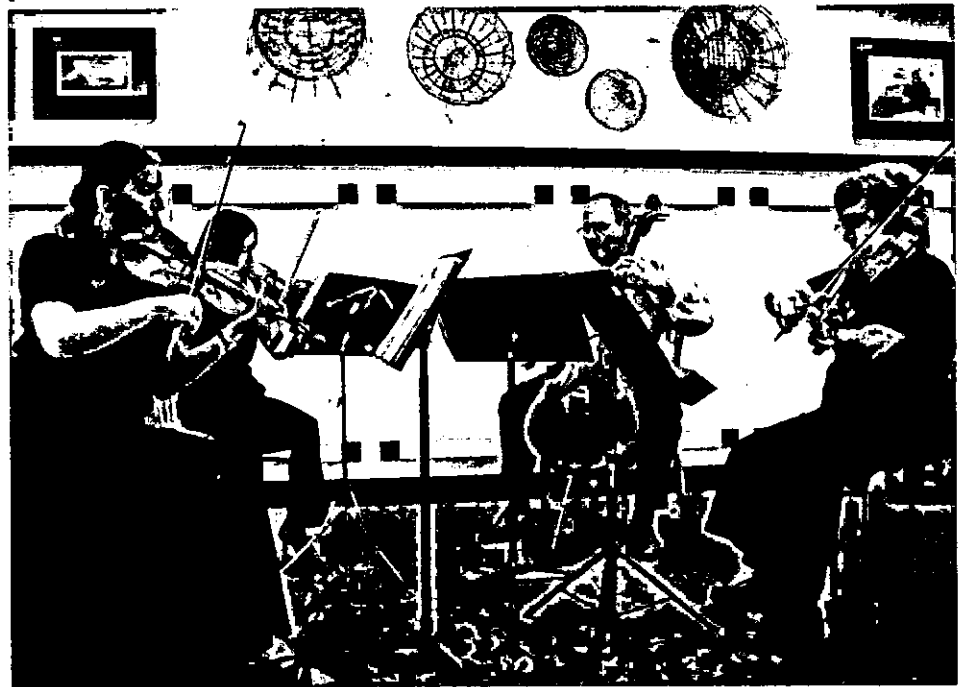
Hyde Park/CIA bus trip

Reservations for the Guilderland Public Library's Saturday, June 26, bus excursion to the Culinary Institute of America and a visit to FDR's old home at Hyde Park are due no later than Monday, June 7. Tickets are \$85 per person. Details and Reservation Forms are available at www.guilpl.org, or by calling the library at 456-2400 x 7.

Mark Curiale

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Orchestra visits Delmar Place



The Albany Symphony Orchestra visited Delmar Place on Sunday, May 16, as a part of its open house. TOP: Elizabeth Silver and Mitsuko Suzuki play violin while Benjamin Whittenburg plays cello and Susan St. Amour plays viola. ABOVE: ASO Maestro David Allan Miller poses with Delmar Place owner Henry Klersy and Brian Ritter, ASO executive director. LEFT: Silver and Suzuki.

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Conservancy group wants town to hit the trails

Hudson Mohawk Land Conservancy brings national event to Bethlehem

With the Memorial Day weekend come and gone, many of the Capital District's residents have had their first real taste of summer weather.

But this weekend comes as a reminder that you don't need to go far to enjoy the outdoors. Locals will have an opportunity to explore much of the town's natural resources on Bethlehem Trails Day, Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is organized by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. With five preserves locations across town, there will be an activity for every taste—see below for a listing.

"We are excited to sponsor this first Bethlehem Trails Day to correspond with National Trails Day," said Jill Knapp, executive director of MHL. "We have lots of fun activities planned at our five Bethlehem preserves, plus the Firefighters Memorial Park in Slingerlands. We hope families will come out and learn about the natural areas available in the Town of Bethlehem. It promises to be a wonderful day!"

Trails Day is a nationally recognized event and MHL volunteers have been working for weeks to prepare the areas for visitors. In addition to the educational programming planned at all of the sites, there will be guided tours scheduled. It's possible to hit all of them!

Some might be surprised to learn there's

such a variety of outdoor activity to be found within the town's borders.

"[The preserves] are best-kept secrets...they're beautiful areas and a lot of town people don't know about them," said Dan Lewis, a member of the MHL board. "We want to raise awareness that the preserves are figuratively and sometimes literally in people's backyards."

There's no charge to participate in Trails Day activities. Interim Healthcare, Java Jazz Cafe and Stewart's Shops are sponsors.

Volunteers will be at the opening of the Delmar Farmer's Market at Bethlehem Middle School Saturday morning, handing out maps of the preserves and directing attendees to the activities located at the different

preserves.

Sites and activities are as follows:

- Normans Kill East — History hike...10 a.m. guided hike
- Normans Kill West — Bugs, birds and blooms...11 a.m. guided hike
- Swift — Big bugs in the bog and Storms, streets and streams...noon guided hike
- Firefighters Memorial Park — Bikes, trains and family fun...12:45 p.m. rest and recovery stop
- Phillipin Kill — Predators and parasites...1:15 p.m. guided hike
- Schiffendecker — Blazing new trails...2 p.m. guided hike

For more information and directions to the sites, visit www.mohawkhudson.org.



Volunteers Bob Smith and Peggy Sherman lay a boardwalk at the Swift Preserve in preparation for Bethlehem Trails Day, Saturday, June 5. The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy will be hosting events at five preserves across town from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Colonie dinner chat focuses on famous dead

History buff discusses notable residents buried at Albany Rural Cemetery

By DAN SABBATINO
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Constitution lore and 400 years of history were served up at a recent Colonie Historical Association banquet.

The Historical Association of the Town of Colonie held its 39th annual banquet on Wednesday, May 19, at the Shaker Ridge Country Club in Loudonville, where Peter Hess, president of Albany Steel, immediate past president of the Albany Rural Cemetery and author, discussed excerpts

from "People of Albany," a two-volume series about historically relevant Albany residents.

Hess said Albany is the oldest "continuous" European settlement in the original 13 colonies, with Jamestown, which was settled before Albany, being abandoned in 1699.

Town Historian Kevin Franklin said Hess' book covers a 400-year span, starting with Henry Hudson's voyage to the Capital District. Both volumes deal with separate 200-year periods and discuss notable people buried in the Albany Rural Cemetery.

"The Albany Rural Cemetery has people going all the way back to

the 1600s," Hess said.

In his book, and also discussed at the banquet, are stories of the first settlers of Albany and their historical roles.

Some played major roles in the French & Indian War, the Revolutionary War and the establishment of the United States.

Hess said many important people are buried in the Albany Rural Cemetery, including members of the Van Rensselaer, Schuyler and Ten Broeck families.

Franklin said close to 1,000 Civil War soldiers are buried on the site as well.

Between 1841 and 1866, 18 church graveyards moved people to the rural cemetery right before the Civil War started.

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importance of the people buried in the Albany Rural Cemetery," Hess said.

Also buried in the cemetery is Robert Yates, a judge from Albany who penned anti-federalist paper number 84, an essay stating the Constitution should not be ratified without a Bill of Rights. Hess said the essay was the basis for what later became the U.S. Bill of Rights.

Another Albany judge and chancellor of the state of New York, John Lansing, mysteriously disappeared

on a rainy night at the City Hotel of New York and would have been buried in the cemetery if his body was recovered. Lansing's wife and daughter are buried in the Albany Rural Cemetery.

Hess began writing a newsletter about the cemetery, an interest that formed while working at Albany Steel, he said. History is his hobby, but the "steel service center" is his career. Albany Steel was founded in 1923 and Hess has been president since 1985. The cemetery is located next to the facility in Menands.

"The Albany Rural Cemetery has people going all the way back to the 1600s."

— Peter Hess,
past president of the Albany Rural Cemetery

Hess' records show, is the earliest born person buried at the cemetery, he said, and she was four years old when Hudson explored the area.

"It's unbelievable, the

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Town's hiring process comes under scrutiny

Comptroller: 2009 mid-year cuts limited impact of lessened revenues

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Town of Bethlehem's decision to make mid-year budget cuts in 2009, was well founded, according to Comptroller Suzanne Traylor, who on Wednesday, May 26, presented to the Town Board a preliminary financial report for the year.

A discussion about the role a hiring freeze played in town finances sparked a new debate about the town's existing policies, however.

The revenues situation for 2009 was about as bad as everyone expected, said Traylor. Sales tax receipts dropped about \$800,000 from collections made in 2008, to around \$9.3 million, which made a significant impact on the town's financial situation. Even receipts from the Parks and Recreation Department slumped due to a rainy summer.

Still, the losses incurred were less than expected, and while the general fund suffered a blow, the water and sewer funds actually ended the year with considerable surpluses.

Traylor attributed those gains to leaving vacancies open and the pursuit of other cost-saving measures.

Councilman Kyle Kotary said the figures portend a difficult budget process for the coming year, as there are few signs the economy is improving.

"I feel we're going to have to do the same thing this year," he said of the midyear budget reductions.

Councilman Mark Hennessey then wondered if the board should impose a hiring or spending freeze, as it did last year. Supervisor Sam Messina said he's already implemented a system though which department heads must justify filling vacancies via a form submitted to the supervisor.

"I think that's working. I think we have to do some hiring to be sensitive to the needs of our community," he said.

Board members said this was news to them.

"I've never seen one of these worksheets, and the first I'm hearing about this is tonight," Hennessey said. "That sounds like a policy decision, and it sounds like something that should be before the board."

Councilwoman Joann Dawson said she'd like more advance notice on any hiring that comes before the board.

"When a person is slated to begin work at 9 o'clock the next morning, we're in a tough position," she said. "Getting the request the evening before doesn't give us that chance to make an informed decision."

"For me, it's as much about the process as it is about the financial impact," said Kotary.

Messina maintained throughout the discussion that the supervisor has both the authority and responsibility to oversee the hiring process.

By the end of the discussion, it was clear the board was divided over how town hirings should be handled in the future — and if they should be made at all — but no motion or vote was made.

The board also discussed the timing of upcoming budget workshops, when the budget will be examined line by line. They usually get kicked off in August.

Traylor said it's too early in the year to get a good handle on revenues, but that rumors are circulating about increased sales tax receipts for the state and county.

Board members were guarded, though.

"I know we want to be optimistic ... however, the fact is our revenues are so dependent on sales taxes that are extremely uncertain at this point, at best," Dawson said. "We are greatly at risk when it comes to sales tax revenues."

Traylor said she'd return at the next board meeting with finalized figures for 2009 and first quarter 2010 figures once the town's auditor has completed its study.

Town OKs Phillipin Kill Manor rezone

Public hearing held on Blessing Corner condos

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Town Board on Wednesday, May 26, approved a planned development district rezone for the Phillipin Kill Manor project in Slingerlands, which clears the way for the developer to bring a site plan to the Planning Board.

The proposed development is a mix of townhomes, single-family homes and a few "estate" style mansions located off of Fisher Boulevard. The developer has promised to donate a 35-acre parcel of land along the Phillipin Kill to the Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center or other preservation group, and allow an easement from the road for public access to the land.

Councilman Mark Hennessey voted against the rezoning.

Councilman Kyle Kotary reiterated his support for the project due to its housing diversity.

"We really need to take a look at ... projects that quite frankly have not only a community benefit and a fiscal benefit, but also not a huge financial cost," he said.

The Planning Board will now take a more detailed look at the project during the subdivision approval process.

Blessing Corner public hearing held

A public hearing was held on a proposed planned development district rezoning to allow for a development of condominiums in North Bethlehem.

Known as Blessings Corner, the project would feature 52 condo units on Russell Road. The developer had originally proposed including a Stewart's gas station at the corner of Russell and Krumkill Road, but dropped it in favor of more housing after neighbors protested.

Wednesday's comments were briefer and less emotional than when the gas station was at issue, but several residents spoke for and against it.

Jim Martley, who lives near the site and has long been vocal, said he'd like more assurance commercial elements couldn't be added on later. The developer would have to go through a town review to amend the PDD zoning.

"Just the fact that it can be changed worries the hell out of me," Martley said. "I don't want to have to constantly be checking the Planning Board and Town Board agendas for the rest of my life."

The developer has argued condominiums generally draw relatively affluent, childless singles or couples and won't overburden the school district. The condos would largely be aimed at those making over \$100,000 per year.

Linda Jazinski said the project would offer some much needed housing choices for young professionals the town hopes to draw to the Vista Technology Park and other nearby locations.

"At 1,200 square feet per unit, I can't imagine you're going to get a lot of kids in there," she said. "People making over \$100,000 are going to want a house for their family."

Other residents worried about the atmosphere of the

community changing.

"They did buy it knowing it was zoned single family," said Joan Shack of Beverly Drive of the developer. "I feel it should stay zoned the way it is. ... It would change the very nature and tenor of [the community]"

The Town Board will revisit the rezoning at a later meeting.

Town mulls tennis court light fix

During the "new business" portion of the meeting, Supervisor Sam Messina brought up an issue with the lights at the tennis courts at the Elm Avenue Park. According to the Recreation Department, he said, the lights have been malfunctioning and it will take as much as \$13,000 to repair them.

Messina said 800 to 1,000 people use the courts in the evening.

"I can assure you, the supervisor is receiving calls as to why the lights aren't on," he said.

Messina asked for a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$13,000 and to bid for the repairs, but was not met with one. He then motioned himself, but did not get a second.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Mark Jordan said the cost for the repair was "ridiculous" and suggested a cheaper alternative be researched.

"If we should be looking to put solar lighting anywhere in town, it should be the tennis courts," he said.

Jordan later said the issue was brought to the board's attention earlier on Wednesday, and he and the other board members would like more time to look into a solar option.

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Italian village was a haven from the Holocaust

Author Elizabeth Bettina says research into a photograph eventually led to her writing 'It Happened in Italy'

By SEAN AHERN
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For Elizabeth Bettina, author of "It Happened in Italy," the realization that a concentration camp was located in her grandmother's hometown of Campagna, Italy, during World War II, started with a photograph.

"I was wondering what an Orthodox rabbi was doing on the steps of my grandmother's village," said Bettina. "I got curious; one thing led to another."

During the Women's Network of Congregation Agudat Achim's annual donor program on Sunday, May 23, Bettina spoke about her book and her own discovery of concentration camps in Italy during the second world war.

An Italian-American, Bettina often traveled to her grandmother's village of Campagna in the summer as a child. As a young adult, she had known a few people who had been saved in the village during the Holocaust, but not an overwhelming number. It was not until she was shown photos and documents during a visit as an adult that her own research into the camps and the protection of the Jewish people in Italy would begin.

Starting in 2004, Bettina researched and learned of the first-hand experiences of those who were in camps in Italy and how their experiences differed from those in other European countries during the Holocaust. Of the Jews that were living in Italy during WWII, 80 percent lived to see the end of the war. Bettina's research includes interviews with survivors of

the camps in Italy and those who helped protect them, including townsfolk, priests, bishops and nuns.

Unlike concentration camps in Germany, Poland and France, Bettina said the camps in Italy were not like the work and death camps of the rest of Europe, but were more like internment camps. During Italy's alliance with the other Axis powers, Italian Jews were allowed to stay in their homes while foreign Jews were brought to camps and lived without civil liberties. Unlike other camps on the rest of the continent, the residents were able to wear their own clothing, their children were educated in the village schools and parents had to check in with the police and make curfews.

"They were free internees. They could stay in the village, they had to check in with the police and make curfew," said Bettina.

When the Italian government signed a treaty with the Allies and left the Axis powers in 1943, Nazi Germany occupied the country and Jews who were found by German forces were deported. Local residents helped to take in the Jewish people living in Italy and hid them in caves in the countryside, in convents and at farms to keep them away from harm.

"They saw no reason to hurt you. If you didn't hurt them they had no reason to hurt you—that's what I've been told," said Bettina.

Since the publication of the book, those who helped or were helped in Italy during WWII have spoken to her about their own experiences in Italy. Through her Web



Elizabeth Bettina, author of "It Happened in Italy," talks about the work of Italians who protected Jews in Italy during World War II. Bettina presented her book, alongside photos from the period, at the Women's Network of Congregation Agudat Achim annual donor program on Sunday, May 23.

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"I was wondering what an Orthodox rabbi was doing on the steps of my grandmother's village. I got curious; one thing led to another."

— Elizabeth Bettina,
author of "It Happened in Italy"

site, elizabethbettina.com, and on her speaking engagements around the country, she has met others who were affected by the camps.

Bettina's talk at Agudat Achim was organized by Hillary Fink, the co-president of the Women's Network.

"We're so happy that

so many people from the outside community came out today," said Fink.

Bettina's book, which came out in hardcover in 2009, will be available in paperback in the fall of 2010. Bettina is also working on a documentary about her findings, which includes interviews from those who were in the camps in Italy.



This picture, presented to Bettina on a trip to her grandmother's hometown of Campagna, was the first photo that sparked her interest in finding out more about the Holocaust and the impact in Italy.

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Pet center plans bash to mark Huey's Sweet 16

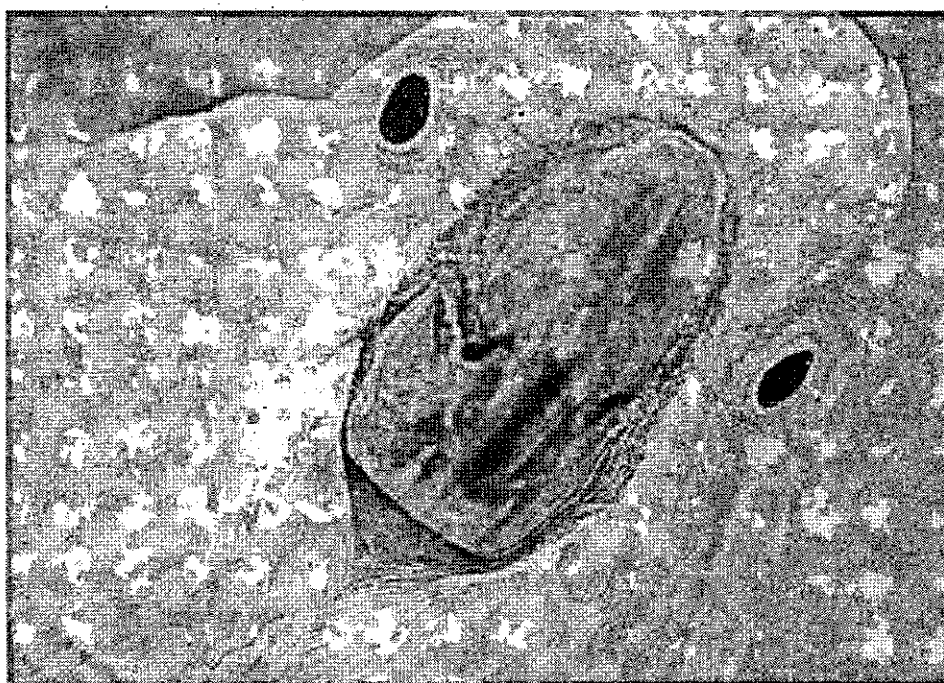
By ALYSSA JUNG
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Huey likes attention, and if you don't give it to him, he'll let you know he is not pleased. He likes to say "Hi, Huey," and if you turn around to walk away without answering, you'll get a scream in your ear.

Huey is an umbrella cockatoo who lives at Benson's Pet Center in Saratoga Springs and is getting ready to celebrate his birthday with a Sweet 16 bash on Saturday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We're trying to raise awareness of parrots in general, as far as how long they live, the care they need, appropriate housing," said Christine Giuliano, store manager.

Huey's birthday party will be at the pet center, with a bouncy bounce, hotdogs, a birdie bake sale and activities for kids. The proceeds will benefit the Caged Bird Club, which rescues and fosters abandoned or abused birds. A vet



Huey will celebrate his 16th birthday at Benson's Pet Center in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Submitted photo

specialist will also be on hand to answer questions about bird care and give out samples of healthy bird diets.

Huey was hand raised by the owners of Benson's Pet Center and is a species of bird that requires intensive one-on-one care. Giuliano said large parrots like Huey need lots of attention, and while they can live between 80 and 100 years, they

are essentially like 2-year-old toddlers their entire lives.

"A lot of parrots go to places where they're not treated well because people just want a bird that talks and don't realize how they need to be taken care of," said Giuliano. "They need hours of time a day devoted to training and lots of vet care, which a lot of people unfortunately don't do."

But even though parrots take a lot of work, they make wonderful pets for those who desire an interactive companion, said Giuliano. She has a blue macaw and yellow amazon at home that she said she couldn't live without.

"Parrots need very large cages and lot of playtime; they don't do well locked up. They need room to spread their wings. They

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Christine Giuliano, Benson's Pet Center manager

need to chew wood and lots of toys, which they crush with their beaks," said Giuliano. "They can solve puzzles, identify colors, answer questions, and most can learn to speak."

Giuliano said parrots can apply tons of pressure in their beaks and hers ate through walls and the door frame because that's what they do in their natural habitat.

Huey, she said, destroys his toys but also interacts with customers who have known him since he was a baby.

"He laughs, mimics people. He doesn't have as large a vocabulary as some other birds, but he whistles at people and recognizes customers," said Giuliano. "A lot

of people have been shopping here forever and come in during the week to bring him a snack."

Huey's personality is what makes him endearing, she said, and taking the good and bad habits is part of being a parrot owner.

"He makes a big mess because they throw their food. And they have a high metabolism so he poops a lot, but he's really cute, very lovable. He makes a lot of noise and is very spoiled, so he'll throw tantrums if he doesn't get his way," said Giuliano. "He's a spoiled little booger and definitely has that reputation."

Huey doesn't want birthday presents, said Giuliano. Instead, donations can be made to the local bird rescue. The birdie bake sale will have bird cookies guests can either purchase for him or feed their own birds. There will also be sales for bird-related items in the store.

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Blind golfer has a shot at national trophy

Michael Mercato puts all his senses to work when he hits the greens

By DAN SABBATINO
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Golfer Michael Mercato can't see the ball make it into the hole, but the sound of it rolling around in the cup lets him know he's made a successful shot.

Mercato, a Colonie resident and local convenience store owner, is one of the top blind golfers players in Capital District. He will compete in a national tournament next month.

"I hope I walk away with a trophy," he said, but added he needs a little luck and his "A" game to do so.

Originally from Plattsburgh, Mercato moved to the Capital District shortly after he lost his sight in 1967. He began his golf career in the mid-1970s, after he lost his sight at age 26, following a battle with glaucoma.

Now, he is a member of the U.S. Blind Golfers Association and the Capital District Blind Golfer's Association.

An avid sports fan, Mercato said he was reluctant to take the risk of trying a new sport, especially considering the challenge, but he decided he was going to play golf.

"It was a challenge," he said. "I had mixed feelings.

Before she died in 2004, his wife would keep score for him while he bowled, another sport he played after he lost his sight.

"I love all sports," he said.

Now, he practices almost every day, and is playing in the "Masters of blind golf," the Guiding Eyes for the Blind's Corcoran Cup on Sunday, June 13, in Mount Kisco.

He said a regimented practice routine helps him keep his swing fluid.

"Here's the thing: It's the swing," he said.

Mercato practices his swing enough to get into a rhythmic tempo and also trains his "muscle memory" on the mechanics of a swing.

"I start in February, and by the time I get out there, I got my swing," Mercato said.

He said although golf is primarily an individual sport, playing blind requires an element of teamwork. He and his coach, Bob Clingerman, have been working together for 10 years.

"In the heat of battle, it's the two of us," he said. "We're both trying."

Clingerman, who lives in the Village of Colonie, said he has developed a great relationship with Mercato due to their



Michael Mercato is going to participate in a national golf tournament next month. Mercato, of Colonie, took up golf after he lost his eyesight in 1967.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

similar personalities, and he said Mercato is a hard-working and enthusiastic golfer.

"It's been a pleasure working with him," he said.

"Sometimes," Clingerman said, "Mercato is so eager to play he wants to stay out on the course until it's dark out."

"He plays golf until I can't see the ball

Mercato line up the shot and read the greens.

Mercato steps into place after Clingerman shows him where to position himself, and then takes a cut at the ball.

On putts, Mercato said, Clingerman decides how the ball is going to break and then passes the information along.

Mercato, though, said all he needs to know is the distance, and he's going to make the shot.

"I'm waiting to listen for that gurgle when the ball hits the cup," he said.

Mercato said his game still has room for improvement.

"Like everyone else, I got to get over and fight my demons," said Mercato.

Mercato said sometimes he over thinks his game, and his swing suffers.

Clingerman said Mercato sometimes drives him nuts because he plays so well in practice but lets the

stress of tournament play get into his head.

"I get in my own way," Mercato admitted.

One time, Clingerman said, he and Mercato were coming home from a round, and Mercato was so frustrated he was asking about going to see a sports psychologist.

Despite Mercato's difficulties with the mental portion of the game, Clingerman said he still makes some great shots. He even outplays some golfers who have no visual disability, and they once played alongside foursome, when one of the players said, "You know that blind golfer's kicking my a--."

Mercato usually shoots in the low 50s in nine holes, but anticipates a score in the 40s will win the June tournament.

In 2008, Mercato and Clingerman won the McFarland Trophy, given to the golfer who best exceeds personal point target.

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LEFT: Reilly Pelow and Brian Wissing of Clarksville Elementary School sit with Shay Sanders of Glenmont Elementary School at Survivor Day.

FAR LEFT: Timothy Rickert of Glenmont Elementary kicks a soccer ball during a shootout at Survivor Day at Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem.

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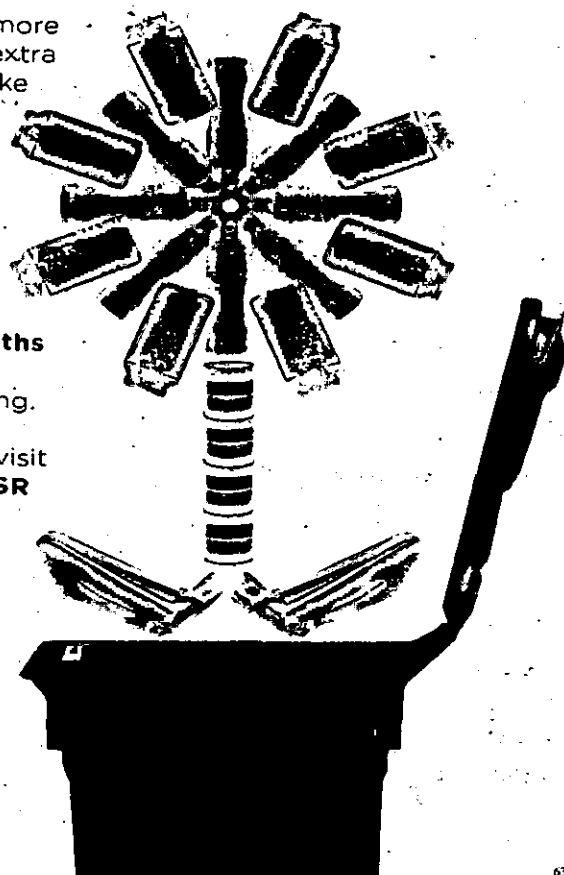
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NOW What?

Spotlight blogger Rachele Genhofer dishes on fashion and pop culture as she gets ready to take her life's next big step

By DAN SABBATINO
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Rachele Genhofer is going to take a life-sized bite out of the Big Apple this summer.

Genhofer, a Guilderland native and marketing management major who recently graduated from Siena College, said she has a plan to make herself famous. The Spotlight's newest blogger and a self-proclaimed "attention hog" said she is looking for fodder for her blog, "Now What?" and will use the big-city setting of New York to pull experiences from.

The 22-year-old began blogging in April, discussing topics ranging from fashion to cell phones to movies (she said check out "Sex and the City 2," it's less sad than the first), and said the experience has been therapeutic. She's going to need that kind of therapy because the prospect of living in New York City already has her frazzled.

"I'm really nervous," she said. "I've never moved away from home."

But, she said her lifestyle blog will certainly benefit from

the interesting characters she is likely to meet when she moves down there with her boyfriend in July.

Genhofer said she has always wanted to be famous, participating in everything from dance recitals to appearing in the Siena-produced television show "Man vs. Woman." She said her experience there and the skill set she has developed in her marketing education will help her create a personal brand. Ultimately, she wants to "make it big" in New York or even possibly head out West if she gains the clout.

She will first have to overcome some obstacles, she said, such as a limited understanding of the public transportation system and finding a job.

"I hate the bus," Genhofer said. "I [especially] hate the bus, now, when I'm stuck behind it."

She said she has an edge to make a name for herself, despite

her novice understanding of subways and transfer tickets, and she does not think she falls into the cliché of small-town-girl-goes-to-the-big-city.

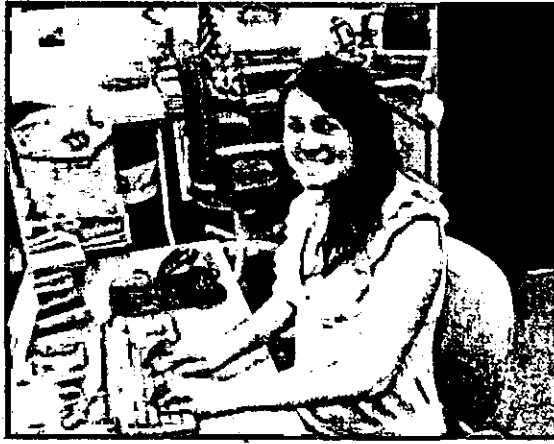
"I hate clichés," she said. "I think I have more of an advantage."

Her advantage, she said, is a strong education, plans to continue her education at Fordham where she can network, and a plan – something she said not everyone has.

"I want to be the good famous," Genhofer said. "Hopefully no scandalous pic[tur]e[s]."

Her "dream job" is to host an entertainment show, she said.

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Rachele Genhofer is moving to New York City this summer in the hopes of finding work, blog fodder and where the ACE trains go. Genhofer is The Spotlight's newest blogger and can be read at www.spotlightnews.com/blogs/rgenhofer.

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"I want my own show on E!" she said.

Her blog is another part of her plan. She said although she cannot pinpoint who her target audience is yet, writing about what influences her life is the most important thing to her.

"I think it's just entertaining people and making people laugh," she said of her blog. "I don't want to conform."

She said she tries to communicate with her readers by using prose appropriate for the blogosphere yet full of wit and humor.

"Effective communication

is crucial," she said. "I think good writing is one of the key fundamentals."

She said adaptive writing and knowing your audience is a key to success.

A number of local and national influences have helped her get to this stage in her life, she said.

Notably, comedian Chelsea Handler and local media personality Benita Zahn, an adjunct professor at Siena, gave her inspiration. She also pointed to Ken Williams and Guilderland's Mark Grimm, both professors she had and enjoyed interacting with.

"We're excited to have Rachele onboard as one of our bloggers," said Spotlight Publisher John McIntyre. "She brings a youthful, energetic voice to spotlightnews.com that I think speaks to our younger readers."

Genhofer grew up in Guilderland, and attended the Albany Academy for Girls, a school she said helped her gain confidence and character. She said people should not be fooled by the seemingly romantic isolation of an all-girls school, as she met her boyfriend across the street at the Albany Academy for Boys.

Read more about her journey at www.spotlightnews.com and see how she plans on answering, the most important question of her life, "Now What?"

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Dutchmen Promise All-American Fun

Collegiate baseball games a bargain for families

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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The way Paul Samulski sees it, if people are looking for something to do this summer, they can't go wrong with an Albany Dutchmen baseball game.

Samulski, the team's general manager, points to the passion of the Dutchmen's players, as well as the Dutchmen's array of entertainment options and their low admission prices (the priciest tickets are \$5).

"You've got nothing to do this evening?" Samulski said. "You drop \$10 and you're in. Our prices are very reasonable."

Now in their second season, the Dutchmen play their home games at Albany's Bleecker Stadium. Members of the New York Collegiate Baseball League, the Dutchmen feature college players who spend the summer with host families in the area. The team plays nearly every day in June and July, with the season kicking off at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 4, against the Cooperstown Hawkeyes.

Jason Brinkman, the Dutchmen's general manager, said opening night will be exciting, with a live radio broadcast, free admission for youth softball and baseball players, a visit from the Albany AquaDucks mascot and amphibious vehicle, and more.

"We're going to make that a huge event for us," Brinkman said.

The team hopes people will come out that first night and be eager to return for more.

Like Samulski, Brinkman said the Dutchmen have plenty to offer.

"Even if you don't like baseball, there's going to be something you can enjoy," Brinkman said, specifically mentioning the team's food and drink selections as well as giveaways that are planned throughout the summer.

"There's really a lot going on," he said. Brinkman knows a thing or two about trying to find entertainment options in the area, having grown up in the Capital District. A 2000 graduate of Guilderland High School, Brinkman studied sports management at the University at Michigan, which helped him land a job with the Dutchmen last year. Impressed with his work as



Catcher Jonathan Leroux plays for the Northeastern Huskies during the school year.

assistant general manager, the Dutchmen offered him the general manager post before this season started.

Brinkman hopes to use his new position to lure people to the ballpark for reasons both professional and personal.

"I do take kind of a personal pride in seeing a local team succeed," he said. "It does disappoint me when they fold."

While both he and Samulski said they strongly support other sports teams in the area, they're proud of the niche the Dutchmen fill, particularly the closeness the players enjoy with the community.

"They're so accessible," Samulski said. "There's no distance between them and the fans."

To that end, every weekend throughout the summer, and often on weeknights, Dutchmen players are out volunteering, whether they're conducting clinics with Little League teams or helping at charity events. Last year, the team held a special day at the stadium for Jacob Shell, a Burnt Hills boy battling cancer, and players passed around a hat to take up a collection for the Shell family — this despite being college students without paying jobs.

"That story shows that not only do we require them to [be involved], but they want to do it," Brinkman said.

As noble as last year's players may have been, they

struggled to win games, putting up an 11-29 record. Brinkman said the Dutchmen weren't brought to Albany until a month or two before the season, which put the team at a disadvantage when it came to recruiting and signing players.

"The product on the field wasn't as good as we had hoped," Brinkman said.

This year, in contrast, prospects were signed months in advance, and Samulski said the organization is eager to give some of the nation's top college players the chance to play in front of scouts and possibly achieve their dreams of being major leaguers.

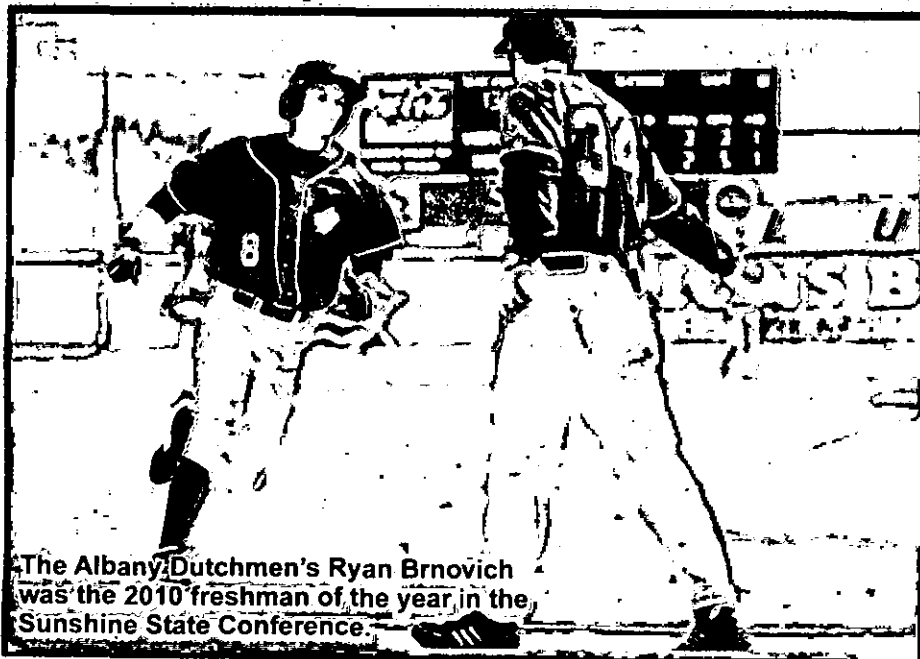
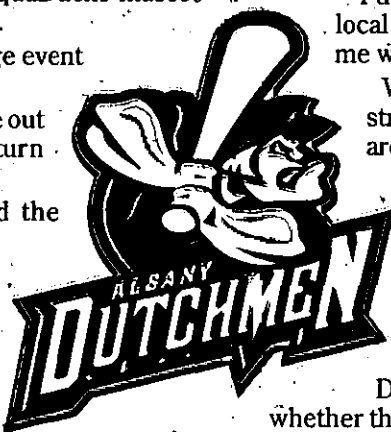
The roster is dotted with some familiar names, boasting players from Siena College, the University at Albany and St. Rose. Brinkman is also excited about the recent signing of Albany High graduate Mike Hughes, who plays at Coastal Carolina University.

"He's really kind of a bigger name in the area," Brinkman said.

"At the end of the day, there's really good baseball," Samulski said — not to mention live music, bounce houses and other attractions for kids, on-field contests between innings, expanded concessions and a stadium that's recently been upgraded.

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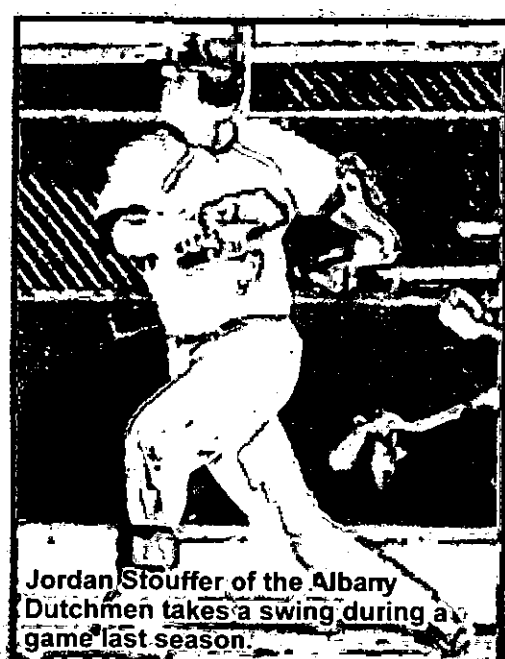
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"Constable and After: Sir Edwin Manton and the British Landscape," through June 23; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"Everything That Rises Must Converge," through February; plus "Material World: Sculpture to Environment," through Feb. 27; "Gravity is a Force to be Reckoned With," through Oct. 31; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"American Tonalism: Paintings of Poetry

and Soul," through June 6; also "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

LAST OF THE MOHICANS OUTDOOR DRAMA INC.

Seeking performers for outdoor theater adaptation of James Fenimore Cooper's classic story, auditions June 3; 7 p.m., Professor Java's Coffee Sanctuary, 217 Wolf Road, Colonie, rehearsals Monday-Thursday evenings beginning June 21, shows Aug. 2-10 in the courtyard of Fort William Henry, Lake George. Information, 257-6659.

SARATOGA SPRINGS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Holding auditions for the 2010-11 season, open to students from across the Capital District that are a NYSSMA level 5 or 6 (or comparable level). Information, ssyopres@aol.com or 573-1821.

THE CHORALIERS

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 Clare's 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 Orlando 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.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

SIENA COMMUNITY CHORALE

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

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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

Spotlight on poetry

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

Robin Opened Her Ears

by Charles Curry

Robin opened her ears a little wider for the pleasure of listening. Finches and larks crooned at one another over the intermittence of a squirrel's footsteps.

This place where she lived was full of shadows of voices, and at first they spoke in scrambling diction. When she couldn't pick words out of the jumble she went blithely back to her day's business, listening with the fraction of an ear.

Back at the mirror to brush her hair covered now by a Chinese kimono that drew taut across her abdomen, she thought once that her reflection winked at her. But then, the sunlight was dancing around her, full of tricks it could have played.

This month's poem is actually an excerpt from a piece of prose. I wanted to showcase this writer, Charles Curry, in a poetry column because his prose is so musical. I first heard him read at the Albany WordFest in April, and I thought that his prose was more poetic than many of the poems read that evening. The principles of poetry can be used to enhance prose, and this excerpt from a work in progress called *Shadow Selves* proves my point.

Charles Curry is a freelance writer living in Albany. He writes fiction and is currently looking for a publisher.

Weekly Crossword

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Romp and Read families invited to celebration

It's a party! The families of Romp & Read and Library Babies are invited to celebrate with Kathy Meyer on Thursday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Village of Ravena Court Room (enter on the right side of the building from the Library entrance). Mark your calendar and bring the family for stories, activities and refreshments!

Register for summer programs

School will be over before you know it, so now is the time to start thinking about summer activities. The Library offers a variety of programs. They begin the week of July 5 and will continue through Aug. 13. A few of our programs require registration, which begins

this week.

Library Babies and Romp & Read resume their regular schedules during the first week of July.

Positively Preschool moves to Thursdays at 11am during the summer.

Summer Reading Club: Families can register children as independent readers at the library and they can earn prizes for reading throughout the summer. The Library also brings the program to the Town recreation programs.

Young Writer's Workshop: Children ages 9 & up are guided through the process of writing, illustrating and binding their own original story. The group

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. Sign up for either Session 1, which runs from July 6 to 21, or Session 2, which runs from July 27 to Aug. 11. A Young Writers Reception will be on Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. Register at the library or by calling 756-2053.

Chess Club for Kids: Kids of all abilities are invited to join this multi-age group on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30pm.

Writing Exploration Workshop: High school and college age writers (or wannabes) are invited to experiment with language, form and voice

this summer. There will be a few meetings over the summer, planned according to participants' schedules. The group offers a fun, supportive environment to build insight, technique and confidence. Register by phone (756-2053) or by email (felstenj@uhls.lib.ny.us).

Wagging Tales: Canine volunteers are ready to read with children who need to strengthen their reading skills over the summer. Call the library to arrange a session.

The full schedule of summer library programs for youth can be found in the RCS Community Library Budget Newsletter mailed to residents in early May. Additional copies are available at the library.

Museum pass

Looking for something different to do this weekend? Take a short trip up to Albany and back in history at the same time! Historic Cherry Hill has donated a family pass to the library.

The pass can be checked out on an adult card for one week and entitles the bearer to free admission for four people. Take a behind the scenes Restoration Tour and/or an Architectural Hunt for families with children under 12.

The pass is available from now until December 22, 2010. To plan a trip to the museum, go to www.historiccherryhill.org for tour times or call 434-4791.

What's new

• Adult Fiction

"Blue-Eyed Devil" by Robert B. Parker

"State Fair" by Earlene Fowler

"Heart of the Matter" by Emily Giffin

"Dead in the Family" by Charlene Harris

• Movies on DVD

"Food, Inc."

"Leap Year"

"The Lovely Bones"

"Invictus"

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

Library to hold mini book sale

We have an embarrassment of riches here at the library. We have so many donations for the FOL Book Sale that we have run out of storage space, so we're having a mini-sale.

Until the end of June, you can find items to purchase on the large table behind the reference desk. Stock up and save on vacation reading materials – you'll find all kinds of fiction including mystery, thriller and romance paperbacks, kids' books and videos, priced to fit your pocketbook. Adult hardcovers and movies: \$1; adult paperbacks and kids' books: 50 cents each or three for \$1. The large annual FOL sale will happen on the weekend of the Small Town Festival on Sept. 11.

V'ville yearbooks

Appropriately for graduation month, we are displaying a collection of Voorheesville yearbooks in our showcase – some of them quite old and interesting. In the hall gallery, local painter Susie Flansburg has beautiful floral, land- and seascapes hanging. Sue has been



a Voorheesville resident since 1960. She is a student of Ruth Cawley and has been painting since 1976.

Upcoming events

Upcoming: Babygarden at 10:15 a.m. and Philosophers at 6:30 p.m. on June 3; Book discussion for grades 2 and 3 at 12:30 p.m. on June 4 and grades 4 and 5 on June 11 at 7 p.m.; Lifelines at 6:30 p.m. on June 7; Poets meet this month on June 10 and 24. Storytimes end on June 11 and will resume as part of the Summer Reading Program.

Summer hours

Remember that our summer hours are in effect. The library will be closed on Sundays through Labor Day weekend and open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Barbara Vink

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

League of Women Voters elects officers



The new officers of the League of Women Voters of Albany County are, from left, Peg Sawyer, treasurer, of Albany; Jan Messina, Action VP, of Delmar; Monica Sharp, membership chair, of Glenmont; Lois Griffin, administration VP, of Voorheesville; Mary Berry, president, of Delmar; and Marian Schwager, program VP, of Delmar. They were elected at the league's 90th anniversary dinner Tuesday, May 18.

Submitted photo

Library offers up musical treats

We've got a couple of special musical treats coming up this month.

On Friday, June 4, at 1 p.m., we welcome the Squeeze Play Accordion Band. Peggy Minore-Hart leads her group of accordions, guitars and percussion in rollicking renditions of polkas, tangos, waltzes and more – music from the Civil War to the '60s. You won't want to miss this high-spirited event.

Next Friday, June 11, at 1 p.m., The Bethlehem Senior Chorus gives a concert celebrating its fifth anniversary. Under the direction of Claudia Summers and numbering more than 65 members,



the group has earned a reputation for excellence and service, entertaining about 5,000 senior citizens in the Capital District since 2005.

The Squeeze Play concert this Friday will be held in the library's community room. Please note that the Bethlehem Senior Chorus will perform in the Town Hall. Both concerts are sponsored by the library and supported by the Albany County Department for Aging, the New York State Office for the Aging, and Bethlehem

Senior Projects, Inc.

More summer music

Every Wednesday in July at 7, rain or shine, our Evenings on the Green have delighted families for many years. The Lustre Kings, Three Quarter North, Cavanaugh & Kavanaugh, and Marty Wendell will regale you with rockabilly, bluegrass, original folk, and country music.

Children's circle playtime

Thursday, June 17, 6:15 and 7 p.m.

Interactive playtime for special-needs children; all welcome. Call 439-

9314 to sign up. Program supported by a grant from UHLS.

Summer reading signup

Monday, June 21, and thereafter

Sign up during library hours or online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Preschool to high school; call 439-9314 for details.

Louise Grieco

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

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Garden club tour, plant sale on tap in Bethlehem

Join us for the 14th Annual Bethlehem Garden Club Tour and Plant Sale on Wednesday, June 9. Come see local gardens, talk to gardeners about their experiences and make a stop at the plant sale at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The cost is \$15 and proceeds are used in public gardens around Delmar and for educational grants for local elementary schools. After the tour, join us for dinner, on your own, at Panera Bread in Glenmont. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at 2:30 p.m.

If gardening is not your cup of tea, join us for "Meals, Music and More", at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 38 Church Road in Selkirk on Wednesday, June 9, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The suggested meal contribution is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for those under age 60. Voluntary contributions for the music are welcome. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for reservations.

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

Call 439-4955, ext 1176, for transportation to the above programs. Suggested van donation: \$3.00. Home pick up is available on a pre-arranged basis.

Senior Idol

Fun awaits at the fifth Annual Senior Idol Variety Show on Wednesday, June 9, at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) at the Myers Middle School, 100 Ebel Court, in Albany.

Enjoy a musical night of song and dance as talented seniors take the stage! Your host for the evening will be Chris Martin, Moon Radio 1160 AM WABY. To purchase tickets, call 463-4381 or online at seniorservicesofalbany.com. Cost: \$10, adults, and \$5 children under 12. Senior Idol is presented by Senior Services of Albany

and sponsored by MVP Healthcare, Time Warner Cable, with support from Fidelis Health Care.

Chorus concert

Plan to come to the Bethlehem Town Hall on Friday, June 11, at 1 p.m. for the Bethlehem Senior Chorus fifth anniversary concert. Claudia Summers will conduct a 65-member chorus to celebrate the group's musical and social journey over the past 5 years.

Call 439-4955, ext 1176 for transportation to any or all of the above programs. Suggested van donation: \$3.00. Home pick up is available on a pre-arranged basis.

Program highlights

Monday, June 7

• Senior Transportation shopping trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall. Call 439-4955, ext 1176 for transportation. Home pick up is available

on a pre-arranged basis.

Tuesday, June 8

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

Wednesday, June 9

• Medicare Basics If you are turning 65 this year, you will want to come and learn about Medicare and Epic, New York State's Senior Prescription Drug Plan. Learn what Medicare covers, additional supplemental insurance and Medicare Part D. The program runs from 10:00 am and noon in Room 101 at the Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext 1176 to make a reservation.

• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor at Price

Chopper in Slingerlands. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Garden Club Tour and Plant sale See above for details.

• "Meals, Music, and More" at the First Reformed Church in Selkirk. See above for details.

• Senior Idol Show See above for details.

Thursday, June 10

• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem at Hannaford at Price Chopper in Glenmont. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Senior Legal Services Program This free program, available between 10:30 pm and noon, provides legal service for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 430-4955, ext 1176, for an appointment.

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable afternoon of

games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

Friday, June 11

• 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 at Price Chopper in Glenmont. 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, #1176

Wilma DeLucco,
Bethlehem Senior Projects,
Inc. Board Member

Town talk



U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand met with Bethlehem resident Howard Schaffer, town Democratic committeeman, who served as credentials official for the New York State Democratic Committee at the Rye Town Hilton during the New York State Nominating Convention May 25 to 27. Among the issues Schaffer discussed with Gillibrand were the town's planned development district and issues concerning land use.

Donald Pollard/Submitted photo

Seniors invited to a night of dining, dancing

Calling all singles, couples and groups of friends.

Plan to join us for an evening of dining and dancing on Friday, June 18, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Mallozzi's Clubhouse at Western Turnpike.

There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The menu includes a fruit cup, dinner rolls and choice of chicken breast with a vegetable stuffing covered in a supreme sauce; baked fresh haddock with a breadcrumb topping and butter sauce, or sliced sirloin of beef smothered in a mushroom gravy; potato; dessert and vegetable.

Music will be provided by The John Deane Duo.

The cost is \$25 per person, payable to Town of Gunderland.

Tickets are on sale until June 11.

Town of Gunderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Driver fitness center

The town has just initiated a Driver Fitness Center in the Town Hall. The goal is to empower and educate older adults with information, tools and resources to drive safer, longer, and help maintain their independence and self-sufficiency.

Call Cindy in the senior office for more information.

Movie of the month

The movie of the month is "The Secret Life of Bees" starring Dakota Fanning and Jennifer Hudson. It will be shown Thursday, June 24, at 10:30

a.m. in the Town Hall Courtroom.

Hollywood Video Guide had this to say about the PG-13 film, "During the 1960s Lily Owens lives on a peach farm with her abusive father, in South Carolina. Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver, for solace. Rosaleen and her spunky sisters teach Lily about the secret life of bees." Call ahead to register for this movie: 356-1980, ext. 1094.

Admission is free and includes free popcorn.

Monday, May 31

Town Hall Closed
Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Chicken Teriyaki or Cold Plate

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

Wednesday, June 2

Scheduled Shopping
No Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
No Bridge
No Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones

Thursday, June 3

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones
10:15 Men's Trip to Merli Manufacturing
1 p.m. Pinochle/
Mahjongg

Friday, June 4

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

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Poll

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was too great to let pass. I'm confident that our readers will understand that our involvement, in addition to the seasoned expertise of the people at the Siena Research Institute, will lend integrity to the survey." (See related editorial, page 6.)

At the moment, there are two applications for cell towers before the town that are relatively near one another. ESCO Towers has filed for a tower off of Van Dyke Road on farmer Chuck Preska's land, while Independent's tower would be sited just outside the BC Operations and Maintenance building off of Elm Avenue.

Both sites are within a mile of the high school.

ESCO has both AT&T and Verizon lined up to locate on a 120-foot tower. Independent has a letter of consent from the school district to pursue a 110-foot tower, and has Sprint/Nextel lined up.

ESCO is much further along in the approval process than Independent, which

reached an agreement with the district nearly two years after ESCO began its application. Both companies have applications before the town.

The approval process involves demonstrating a definite need for cell coverage in the area, as well as obtaining height variances for the tower. Demonstrating need involves expensive and lengthy studies.

The town has a policy of encouraging collocation for cellular service providers. In short, the policy states it's preferable to pool antennae together on one tall structure instead of building multiple towers. It also means if one of the towers secures town approval, the other will almost certainly be turned down.

Independent President John Stevens said funding a study makes sense to his company before it goes further into the process.

"It seems like a pretty elegant way to find what the answer is quickly," he said. "If the public comes out and says 'I do not want the school,' then I'll back

out."

A representative of ESCO Towers declined comment.

Stevens said he realizes that being the sole company bankrolling the poll could skew public opinion toward its result. He pointed out Independent will not be involved in drafting the questions, doing the survey or compiling the results, likening the process to a "firewall" between his company and the poll.

"I hope that message gets out. People are going to be suspect either way," he said.

There has been a good deal of public opposition to the idea of the school district siting a tower on its property. The Board of Education signed on with Independent in a 4-3 vote in November.

Stevens said those who are outspoken don't always reflect the will of the whole, however.

"I'm really curious what the public really thinks about it," continued. "If they don't want a tower any more in this area ever, then so be it."

Milestones

Hanzel, Viglucci wed

Sarah Hanzel, daughter of John and Noreen Hanzel of Rapid City, South Dakota and Richard Viglucci, son of Edward and Joann Viglucci of Delmar, New York were married on July 17, 2009 at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in Albany, New York.

Deacon Ed Solomon officiated over the ceremony. The bride wore a gown with seed pearl beaded lace over champagne satin with an empire waist and cap sleeves. She wore her great-grandmother's drop pearl necklace in 14K gold encircled with diamonds to accent her neckline and carried a bouquet of red roses and white miniature calla lilies with baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Madison Oslund of Rapid City, South Dakota, childhood friend of the bride. Tiffany Bell, bridesmaid, was the church musical soloist. Bridesmaids also included Kimberly Hayden and Lucy Duke, all friends of the bride from Rapid City, South Dakota.

Best man was Ryan Cioffi of Albany, New York, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Joseph Bergamini of Mt. Kisco, New York, Terrence Kirchgessner of Miami, Florida, both friends of the groom, and Gunner Hanzel of Rapid City, South Dakota, brother of the bride. Kevin and Keith Viglucci of Niskayuna, New York, cousins of the groom, were ushers.

Flower girls were



Sarah and Richard Viglucci

Lilly Andolina of Latham, cousin of the groom, and Savannah Hanzel of New Jersey, cousin of the bride.

A reception followed at Birch Hill's glass-enclosed Conservatory ballroom in Schodack, New York.

The bride is a graduate of Rapid City High School, in Rapid City, South Dakota. She received her bachelor's degree in Environmental Economics from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona in May of 2010.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, New York. He received his bachelor's degree

in clarinet performance from SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, New York. He earned his M.Mus. in clarinet performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and M.Mus. in instrumental conducting from Northern Arizona University. He is currently working as director of bands and guitar studies at Northern Preparatory Academy in Flagstaff, Arizona and performs with the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra.

Following a honeymoon in Cooperstown and a tour of the Amish Country in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the couple settled in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Tour

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"We try to get people in small ones, in between ones, personally done, professionally done, so we have a variety," she said.

The locations of the gardens are a closely held secret until the tour

opens. Ticketholders will receive a guidebook with addresses, directions and brief descriptions of the gardens on the tour. The tour will visit gardens in Slingerlands, Delmar and Glenmont this year.

And for those who want to do more than just look, the club's annual plant sale will also be taking

place Wednesday in the parking lot of the Delmar Presbyterian Church. The proceeds from the sale benefit the club's annual teacher grant for area schools and the tour sales go toward the various pocket gardens around town the club maintains.

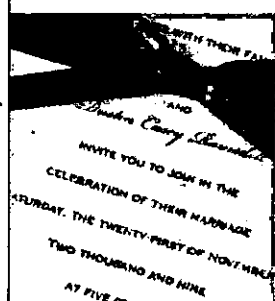
The tour goes on rain or shine, but turnout is definitely higher in nicer weather.

"On a sunny but not too hot day, we may get in the high 300s or close to 400," Corneil said.

New this year, those who go on the tour will receive a discount at several local restaurants with their ticket should they choose to eat out after a long afternoon of touring. Mercato's, Carappoli's, Hidden Cafe, Shalimar, the Four Corners Luncheonette, Mangia, 333 Cafe and Blue Spice will all be offering discounts.

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Laura and Adam Prior

Dowse, Prior exchange vows

Laura Dowse and Adam Prior were married on February 19, 2010. Laura is the daughter of George and Darlene Dowse of Delmar, N.Y. Adam is the son of Dan Prior of NYC and B.J. Prior of Chestertown, N.Y.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Cobleskill, where she earned an AAS in Equine Studies. Laura is the owner and operator of Doggie Style Mobil Pet Grooming.

The groom is a graduate

of Bethlehem Central High School. He attended SUNY Morrisville. Adam owns and operates Priority Property Maintenance + Trucking.

The wedding took place in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple resides in East Berne, N.Y.

Board

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him on many issues, including his requests to spend for Town Hall repairs and make repairs to the park's tennis court lights (see related story, Page 12).

"I feel every time I communicate with this board, what I communicate is picked apart," he said. "I've got to get a little cooperation to move this town forward."

Councilman Kyle Kotary — who raised the matter under the "new business" portion of the meeting — said his primary objection to the contract was spending money on a "luxury item" in uncertain economic times.

"Only a few nights ago we were down in Selkirk telling people we don't have

money for bridges, sidewalks, sewers and the like," he said, referencing a community forum held on Monday, May 24 (see related story, Page 3).

Messina said he authorized the expenditure of \$12,800 for equipment purchases and \$3,000 for training on Friday, May 21. The money would have come out of a line item in the supervisor's budget for "other contractual services."

Messina said the town would later enter into a \$410 per month contract with IQM2 of Ronkonkoma to provide software.

"I had the money in my budget, I had the authority to do this," he said.

Town Attorney James Potter said that, while the town code says the board must authorize contracts,

the board also delegates authority to enter into them in many situations for practicality's sake. If a Highway Department needed to purchase shovels, for example, the superintendent wouldn't have to come before the board to authorize the expenditure.

There is a schedule of purchasing practices, Potter continued, which details the limits of this policy.

Looking at policy, however, he was unable to say if the current situation would have been allowed or not.

"This written guideline is not crystal clear," Potter said.

This assumes the expense falls under the category of the line item, though. Several board members said the idea of Webcasting had come up in the budgeting process.

"The board had opined on

this situation. The board had removed it from the budget," Kotary said.

Messina said everyone liked the idea, but the cost being discussed at that time was much higher, around \$60,000 to \$80,000.

"It's clearly documented that [former supervisor Jack Cunningham] thought this was a good idea to have streaming video, just that the cost was too much," Messina said.

Hennessey suggested pulling the contract back and going into a competitive bidding process.

"I will be very happy to work with you on a project like this so we can put it out to competitive bid," Hennessey said.

Messina declined, at which time Councilman Mark Jordan presented a motion to rescind the contract.

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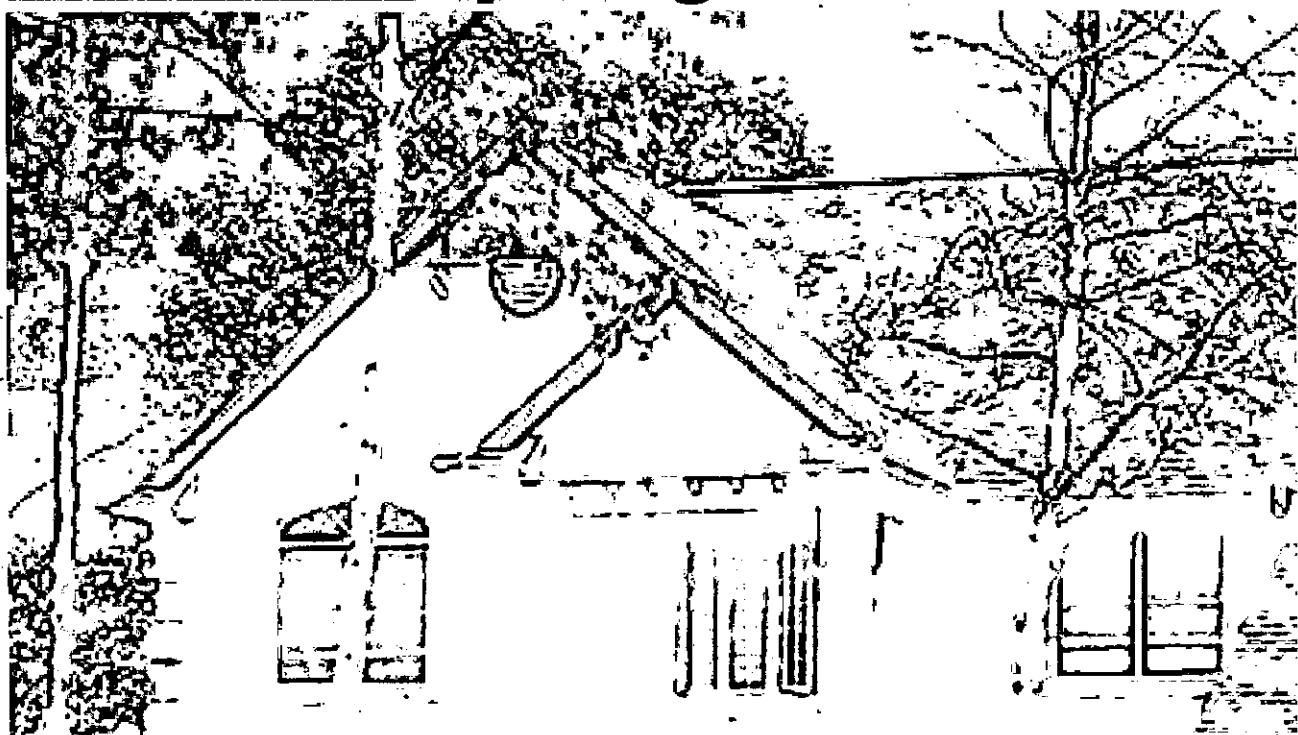
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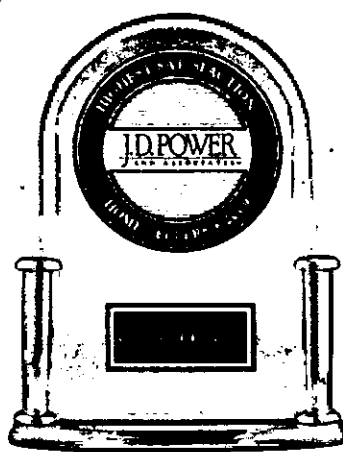
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Middle school to hold art auction

The Bethlehem Central Middle School will be holding its annual International Children's Art Auction on Friday, June 4, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

A preview with musical performance will be from 6:30 to 7, with the auction beginning promptly at 7 p.m. Art from local artists and children from numerous countries will be available for purchase.

There is a \$2 admission fee, which includes entrance to the auction and hors d'oeuvres.

The proceeds from this event will go to assist the local capital region charity groups Team Rafiki and the Giving Circle in their efforts to build an orphanage in Uganda and establish a sustainable breeding herd of livestock for the orphanage.

BHA to host clothing exhibit

The Bethlehem Historical Association will present "Vintage Clothing New to Us" from Sunday, June 13 through Sunday, September 26 on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m.

The exhibit will be held at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, 1003 River Road, in Selkirk. It will feature clothing and accessories from the 1860s through

1940s.

The event is free and open to the public.

On opening day, June 13, they will also be holding an opening reception and ice cream social from 1 to 4 p.m.

Honors at Nichols College

Delmar resident Kevin Pittz has been awarded Dean's High Honors at Nichols College.

BCHS Alum awarded prize

Jennifer Beth Sokoler was awarded the Pauline Berman Heller Prize from Columbia Law School for being the highest ranked graduating female law student from the class of 2010.

Pro Musica to hold Cabaret

Albany Pro Musica choral group will hold a Pops Night Cabaret on Saturday, June 12 at the Shaker Meeting House in Albany.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature show tunes and other popular music by composers including Rogers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Stephen Foster.

The choir will also perform folk, Shaker, and Americana music pieces.

The event will also

Taking out the trash



On Tuesday, May 11, RealtyUSA Delmar participated in the adopt-a-highway program, sprucing up Delaware Avenue from the Normanskill Bridge out to the high school. From top right: Sandy LaValle, Amy Gyory, Cathy Cooley, Janet Shaye, Joan Coffey, Ann Manning, Marge Kanuk, Margret Hazapis, Vicky Morrell, Renata Lewis, Joan Wennstrom, Cynthia Sobiecki, Bill Alston, Doris Reed, Marybeth Vatalaro and Charlie Brooks.

Submitted photo

include wine and food samples. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.albanypromusica.com or by calling 518-438-6548. Shaker Meeting House is located off Heritage Lane in Albany near the Albany International Airport.

Heart group to host party

The American Heart Association of the Capital Region is hosting a "birthday party" for

CPR on Thursday, June 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at their location at 440 New Karner Road in Albany. They will be celebrating 50 years of lives saved using CPR or AED's. They will also be honoring those that have saved lives using these devices.

To participate or get information, contact the American Heart Association at 869-4049.

Farmers market in Colonie

Ryan's Farmers Market will be sponsoring their 12th annual fishing contest on Sunday, June 6 at Six Mile Waterworks, 135 Fuller Road, Colonie from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The contest is for children 16 years old and under. Children must bring their own equipment and bait, and prizes will be awarded to the top five kids in different age groups.

For novice fisherman, there will be a clinic from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to teach children how to fish.

Gently used bicycles will be for sale, as well as hot dogs and beverages.

The event is free and proceeds from the sale of bikes and food go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast New York. Bike and

fishing equipment donations are also appreciated. To make a monetary donation, call Mike Ryan 459-5775.

Locals graduate from Skidmore

Local student Amanda King of Glenmont received a BS degree Cum Laude.

Local student, Eric Bosen of Albany received a BA degree.

Residents honored at HVCC

Delmar residents Randolph Bowers, Maria Cardenas-Grajales and Matthew Strachman, and Selkirk resident James Cary, all recent graduates of Hudson Valley Community College were honored for academic achievement.

Bowers received the Outstanding Construction Technology Award, given to the best graduating student in the Construction Technology program. Bowers also graduated with honors.

Cardenas-Grajales received one of four SUNY Chancellor's Wards for Student Excellence and the

President's Award, given to one graduating student. Cardenas-Grajales graduated with honors from the Criminal Justice program, and was named to the All New York State Academic Team, made up of New York state's top community college students.

Cary was honored for Excellence in Computing and Information Sciences, an award given to the best graduating student in the Computing and Information Science program. Cary also graduated with honors.

Strachman received the Excellence in History Award, awarded to an outstanding history student by faculty in the History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences department. Strachman also graduated with honors, and was a member of Phi Kappa Theta, an international honor academic honor society for students at two-year colleges.

Foundation to hold walk

The Scleroderma Foundation/Tri-State Chapter will hold its annual walk on Sunday, June 6 at Crossgates Mall in Albany.

The walk will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Food Court in Crossgates Mall, with registration at 6:30 p.m. Registration is \$15 prior to the event and \$20 on the day of.

Registrations can be completed prior to the event online at www.scleroderma.org/chapter/tristate.

Children under 18 are free. All participants will receive a t-shirt, and awards will be given to the individuals and teams who raise the most money.

The event will also feature food, raffles, an entertainment. For more information on the walk and on the Scleroderma Foundation, visit www.scleroderma.org/chapter/tristate or call (800) 867-0885.

Local graduates from New Paltz

Catherine Dwyer, of Delmar, received her graduate degree in Adolescent Education with a concentration on English.

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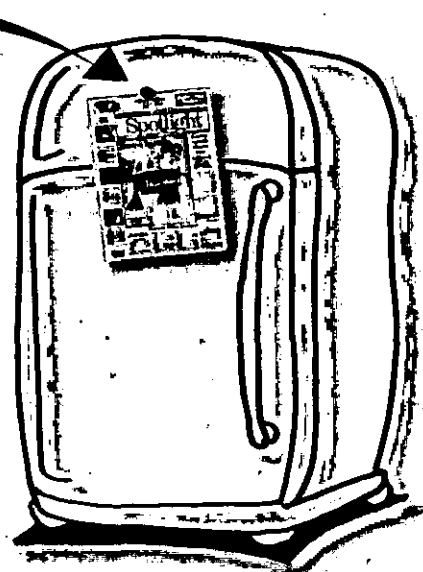
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K.B. EQUIPMENT REPAIR LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 03/16/2010. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to United States Corporations Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. 62145 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: CS & PS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 15, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o The LLC, 217 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 62178 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of AP Account Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/14/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 11/17/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in TX: 9311 San Pedro, Ste. 600, San Antonio, TX 78216, also the address of the principal office. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. Of State: PO Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. 3697. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62179 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Aerocell Wireless LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/10. 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. 62368 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SDB6 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Greenbriar Ln., Dix Hills, NY 11746. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62369 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Satsky & Geffer, 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: 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. 62370 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Maoz TS, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/30/09. 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. 62371 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Western Cline NY, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/23/09. 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. 62372 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of River View Village, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/09. 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. 62373 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Uncle Rico's Food & Drink LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/24/09. 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. 62374 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Tele-shuttle Tech2, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/09. 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. 62375 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Roth Partners, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/09. 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. 62376 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of CMS Management Solutions, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/04/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 62377 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Zhang & Zheng LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 62378 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Mountain Lion Entertainment LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/09. 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. 62379 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 64 Woodside LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/27/09. 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. 62380 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Azrael LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/28/09. LLC Formed in (DE) on 05/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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: 341 Raven Circle, Wyoming, DE 19934. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62381 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Fine Flowers By Kelly & Company, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 62382 (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is YOGA-DO, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 10, 2010. The purpose of the LLC is to offer Kripalu-Certified, yoga instruction and nutrition coaching, as well as engaging in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Thomas McCarroll, 55 Mansion Boulevard, Delmar, New York 12054 62391 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication EAYADAMA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/20/10 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 62394 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Publication AMALIA-MOLLY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/21/10 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 62395 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Genesis Networks Telecom Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/14/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/30/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 600 N Loop 1604 E. San Antonio, TX 78232. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 12887, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 62399 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Blue-water Apparel Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/28/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorporating Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62459 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROJECT BALANCE, LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of New York whose Articles of Organization were filed on April 29, 2010 with the

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New York Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to 99 Pine Street, Suite 207, Albany, New York 12207. New York Office Location: Albany County. Purpose: All lawful activities. 62469 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 32 DATE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62473 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DESIGN-UR DRESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/5/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62475 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation CHARLES DIMINO RACING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/7/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62476 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NORTH PEARL NEWS, LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of New York whose Articles of Organization were filed on May 3, 2010 with the New York Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to 59 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207. New York Office Location: Albany County. Purpose: All lawful activities. 62478 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Andrea Cassiolato LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/7/10. 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. 62479 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation DAN COLEN STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/10/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62480 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BETH SCHAEFFER LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/5/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62481 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SEE AGAIN PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/10/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62483 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Creative Credit Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/10/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 9/21/98. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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. Address of the principal office: 2991 Moon Lake Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323. Arts. of Org. filed with MI Dept. of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, Director of the Bureau of Commercial Services, Corporations Division, PO Box 30054, Lansing, Michigan, 48909. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62485 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

59 & 71 Grand Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on April 29, 2010. Off. Loc. Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 2525 Nostrand Ave., Apt 5G Bklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. 62486 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation SILVERWAY GLOBAL LLC. Arts: of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/13/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62640 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TWIN ISLANDS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62641 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DAN-NY SHEA MUSIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62642 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CONSOLE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62643 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of ACHOME GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62644 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
Name: EDGY ANGEL PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 14, 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 1 West Cobble Hill Road, Loudonville, NY 12211. 62646 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ELTIGRE PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/17/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62647 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation CANINO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62648 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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ENTON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62649 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of KANTE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62650 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Reliance Marcellus, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/11/10. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/30/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 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 act or activity. 62679 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of FOX STAR FILMS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1441 SW 87th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62681 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of FOX FUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1441 SW 87th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62682 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: YAN-KEE ENERGY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC 389 W Highland Drive Albany NY 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 62687 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Loanworks Servicing LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/17/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/31/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in DE: Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62688 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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ROSEDALE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/28/2002 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The reg. agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62689 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

CIGNA Insurance Agency, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 4-22-2010. Office: Albany County. CIGNA Insurance Agency, LLC whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Carol Gregor, Manager 900 Cottage Grove Road, W3DEV Bloomfield, CT 06002 Purpose: Sale of Life, Accident & Health Insurance as an Insurance Agency. 62690 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of The Spinney At Pond View, LLC (the ALLC@) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (AS-SSNY@) on April 15, 2005, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Edward R. Feinberg, Esq., One Juniper Drive, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is: (a) to buy, sell, deal in, lease, rent, develop and manage real estate, or any interest therein; and (b) to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with, or incidental to the foregoing for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. 62693 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY A Certificate of Conversion of Cobleskill Properties Associates (the "Partnership") was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ASSNY@) on June 29, 2007, effective upon the date of filing, to convert the Partnership to a limited liability company known as Cobleskill Properties Associates, LLC (the "LLC") pursuant to Section 1006 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"). Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Edward R. Feinberg, Esq., One Juniper Drive, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL. 62694 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SILVERWHARF ADVISORS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/18/10. 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

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registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62695 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PF WESTERN NY LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: PF Western NY Land Development, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on May 14, 2010.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Schenectady.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon it is: PF Western NY Land Development, LLC 1259 Gordon Road Schenectady, New York 12306
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: PF Western NY Land Development, LLC, 1259 Gordon Road, Schenectady, New York 12306.
6. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful purpose or purposes except to do in this state any business for which another statute specifically requires some other business entity or natural person to be formed or used. 62696 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PLANET FITNESS BUFFALO, LLC
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: PLANET FITNESS BUFFALO, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on May 14, 2010.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Schenectady.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon it is: Planet Fitness Buffalo, LLC 1259 Gordon Road Schenectady, New York 12306
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: Planet Fitness Buffalo, LLC, 1259 Gordon Road, Schenectady, New York 12306.
The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful purpose or purposes except to do in this state any business for which another statute specifically requires some other business entity or natural person to be formed or used. 62697 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of STOCKHOLM STREET REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/20/10. 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

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12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62702 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of SmartResort Co., LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/19/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Mississippi (MS) on 5/28/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorporating Services, Ltd., 3500 South DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Address of the principal office: 5540 Centerville Dr., Ste. 200, Raleigh, NC 27606. Arts of Org. filed with MS Secy. Of State, 700 North St., Jackson, MS 39205-0136. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62703 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Capitol Infrastructure, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/19/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in North Carolina (NC) on 7/21/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorporating Services, Ltd., 3500 South DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Address of the principal office: 111 Cornyng Rd., Ste. 250, Cary, NC 27518. Arts of Org. filed with NC Secy. Of State, 2 South Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2903. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62704 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of G-RAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/30/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3315 Nostrand Ave., Ste 3D, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 62706 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of UNIVERSAL CONCEPT PRODUCTIONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/21/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 357 5th Ave., Ste 1402-134, New York, NY 10016. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62707 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Pennyroyal Tea LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/20/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 623 Eagle Rock Ave. #333, West Orange, NJ 07052. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 62708 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Kiewit Construction Co. invites all SBE/DBE Firms who are certified as a Small Business or Federal Disadvantage Business Enterprise to submit proposals for the following project: AMTRAK: Fall Protection. Contract No: 1054

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Bid Date: June 9, 2010 Please contact: Eric Horn E-Mail: Eric.Horn@kiewit.com Kiewit Construction Co. 470 Chestnut Ridge Road Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677 Fax: (201) 571-2600 An Equal Opportunity Employer 62709 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, on the application of Hauerwas Subdivision, shown on map of "Hauerwas 2 Subdivision" Lands of Margaret L. Hauerwas, Serge Isabelle, Amelia Blanch & Bridget Marie Lenaghan, Town of Bethlehem, dated August 27, 2009, revised April 12, 2010; prepared by Paul E. Hite, LLS, 230 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Individuals with disabilities who are in need of an accommodation in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 439-4955, Ext. 1183. Advanced notice is requested. (June 9, 2010) 62710 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Garageman Lien Sale 6/18/10 at 9 AM at 1607 Route 9W Selkirk, 2003 Saturn 1G8AN12F63Z188272 Re: R Odonnell. 62713 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Broadstar, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/21/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 5/17/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorporating Services, Ltd., 3500 South DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Address of the principal office: 2500 Regency Pkwy, Cary, NC 27518. Arts of Org. filed with FL Secy. Of State, Clifton Building, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62715 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF TERRA GRAINS, LLC
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Terra Grains, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 27, 2010.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon it is: Terra Grains, LLC 331 Fuller Road Albany, NY 12203
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: Terra Grains, LLC, 331 Fuller Road, Albany, NY 12203.
6. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful purpose or purposes except to do in this state any business for which another

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statute specifically requires some other business entity or natural person to be formed or used. 62716 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NEMIL HOSPITALITY LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), filed with the Sec of State of NY on 4/19/10. NY Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to The LLC, 167 Notts Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12308. General Purposes. 62717 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation MAYBEN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62853 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Private Romeo, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/13/10. 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, 30 West 86th St. #7A, NY, NY 10024. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62854 (D) (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Brock Services, Ltd. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/2010. Fictitious name in NY State: BSL Brock Services, L.P. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 3/23/1995. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LP: 10343 Sam Houston Park Dr., Ste. 200, Houston, TX 77064. Name/ address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos St., Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 62941 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 162 INDIA STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 62942 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of ETUDE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/15/10. 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. 62943 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of KICKSHAW LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/15/10. 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. 62944 (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SMS PETRA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, April 19, 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 11 Walker Way, Albany, NY 12205. 62946 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Dentemax, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/23/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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. Address of the principal office: 25925 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 400, Southfield, MI 48033. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62947 (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for VAN ALLEN APARTMENTS, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 14, 2010. The office of the company is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at Lombardi, Walsh, Wakeman, Harrison, Amodeo & Davenport, P.C., III Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 62948 (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) NORSIA REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIP, a NY partnership was converted to NORSIA REAL ESTATE, LLC, a NY LLC, by filing Certificate of Conversion with NY Secretary of State on July 31, 2001. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC managed by one or more members. Office: in Albany County. SOS is agent for service of process and shall mail copy to c/o Albany Gastroenterology Consultants, P.C., 1375 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. 62949 (June 2, 2010)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF INFINIGY SURVEYING PLLC A Professional Limited Liability Company under the Limited Liability Company Law § 1203: (i) Name: Infinigy

A sweet and 'Rocky Road'

By ALYSSA JUNG
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When Rose Kent thinks of rocky road it's more than just a marshmallowy-nutty-chocolate ice cream treat – to her, it's a delicious metaphor.

"It's kind of this big mishmash blend of light and dark, a gooey, sticky mess, and mix it all together and something really good comes out of it," said Kent.

That something good was a smile, back in the days of the Depression when the flavor was first created. Today, the concoction represents life – that on any given day, good things happen and bad things happen, but there's always hope at the end of it. This is what Kent tried to convey in her second book, "Rocky Road," out June 8.

It's the story of 12-year-old Tess, who moves with her mentally challenged mother and deaf brother from Texas to Schenectady in the dead of winter to open an ice cream shop.

"It's about survival and doing whatever it takes to make it. Tess's favorite flavor is rocky road, but it also describes her life because mom struggles with mental health challenges that go untreated, financial troubles, homelessness; this is their last real shot at making it, using the last of their savings against the odds," said Kent.

Kent first knew she wanted to write Tess's story when she moved to Schenectady from Connecticut 10 years ago. A memorable first impression of the wintry region left its mark, and while she didn't start writing the book until nearly a decade later, that moment will always be vivid.

"It was February and I was at a gas station pumping gas; it was what I thought were blizzard conditions, although I learned later it was just normal wintertime. I was wondering what I was thinking, and I saw two kids looking out the window at me from another car, waving. It caught my eye because they were doing sign language with each other and it was so beautiful and fluid," said Kent. "The wheels started turning and I thought, what would happen if a family moved here, at this time, and how would it impact a deaf child in a single-parent family with problems."

Kent tends to write about what's important to her. While "Rocky Road" is in no way autobiographical, she said, it's woven around a topic she feels needs to be let out of the closet.

"It's really important that we talk about mental illness. One in four have some sort of mental illness, and yet so many go untreated because it's like the pink elephant in the room, fear and shame," said Kent. "That situation with kids would be really challenging, but at the same time

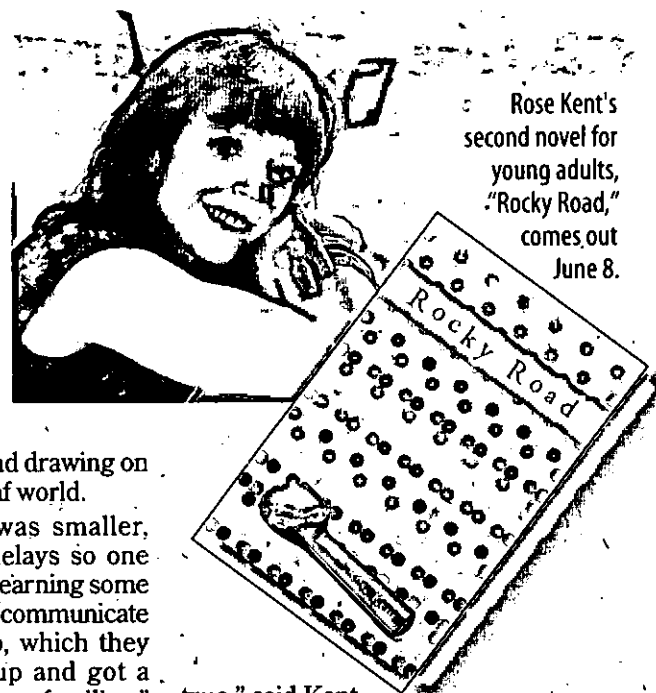
I didn't want to depict a situation without hope."

She didn't just write; she did hours of research to ensure she wrote as real as possible. That meant attending deaf playgroups to observe how the children interacted, talking to clinicians and people with mental health issues and drawing on her own brush with the deaf world.

"When my youngest was smaller, she had some language delays so one suggestion was to consider learning some sign language as nice way to communicate until the delays caught up, which they did. I started picking it up and got a whole appreciation for these families," said Kent.

Making difficult issues accessible and comfortable for her target audience, middle schoolers, is Kent's "thing." Her first book in 2007, "Kimchee and Calamari" tells the story of a Korean boy adopted into a very "wisecracking" Italian working class family and how he comes to terms with his identity. Two of Kent's children are adopted from Korea and the other two are multi-ethnic so that book loosely resonates in her life.

"They say there's a little bit of the writer in every character they create – the good, the bad and the ugly – and I think that's



Rose Kent's second novel for young adults, "Rocky Road," comes out June 8.

true," said Kent.

Her kids help her write real, she said, and she sometimes uses them as mini editors.

"I can always count on my son to tell me if he doesn't like a piece of dialogue. He'll be like, 'That's so goofy, Mom. Kids don't talk like that,'" said Kent.

Book signings start June 13 at the Open Door Book Store in Schenectady, which is mentioned in the book. Kent will be giving out rocky road samples at the signing. She said she loves getting feedback from readers and encourages kids to visit www.rosekent.com and share their favorite ice cream flavor.

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Surveying, PLLC; (ii) Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 2, 2010; (iii) Office location: Albany County; (iii-a) Address: 11 Herbert Drive, Latham, NY 12110; (iv) SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 11 Herbert Drive, Latham, NY 12110; (v) Registered Agent: none; (vi) Specific Date of Dissolution: None; (vii) Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Land Surveying. 62951 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). The name is Depcon, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York ("Secretary") on April 8, 2010. Office of the LLC: Albany County. The Secretary has been designated as agent for service of process upon the LLC. The Secretary shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 17 Luther Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. 62952 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of information of FJA PAINTING, LLC pursuant to NY Limited Liability Law 203, Art. Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/2010. office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: c/o the LLC, 167 Lenox Avenue, Albany NY 12208. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 62953 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF The Brady Group LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: The Brady Group LLC.

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SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany. THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Neal D Brady, 1 Ellsworth Place, Delmar, NY 12054-1408 USA 62955 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

SIMPLY SENSITIVE, LLC Notice of formation of SIMPLY SENSITIVE, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on March 30, 2010. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, at 3 Fairfield Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful purposes; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable. 62956 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF HORIZON SERVICE ORGANIZATION LLC 1. The name of the limited liability company is Horizon Service Organization LLC (the "LLC"). 2. The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State's Office on March 22, 2010. 3. The office of the LLC is to be located in the County of Albany State of New York at 1187 Troy Schenectady

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Road, Latham, New York 12110. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address in the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. 5. The duration of the LLC is perpetual. 6. The character and purpose of the business of the LLC shall be to undertake any lawful act or activity in which a limited liability company may engage under the laws of the State of New York; all subject to and in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. 62957 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PARAGON TITLE AGENCY LLC 1. The name of the limited liability company is Paragon Title Agency LLC (the "LLC"). 2. The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State's Office on March 25, 2010. 3. The office of the LLC is to be located in the County of Albany State of New York at 12 Cornell Road, Latham, New York 12110. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address in the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. 5. The duration of the LLC is perpetual. 6. The character and purpose of the business of the LLC shall be to undertake any lawful act or activity in which a limited liability company may engage under the laws of the State of New York; all subject to and in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. 62958 (June 2, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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(LLC). Name: CAPITAL CITY PRODUCE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, April 13, 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 381 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204. 62961 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Avant Healthcare Professionals, LLC. Fictitious name: Avant Healthcare Professionals Staffing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/22/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 7/2/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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. Address to be maintained in FL: c/o 1265 S. Semoran Blvd., Ste. 1221, Winter Park, FL 32792, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62963 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Ocean Diagnostic Monitoring, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/19/08. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62965 (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PATRIOT SERVICES SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des-

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ignated 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. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62966 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of PATHSTONE FAMILY OFFICE, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/3/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/14/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. DE address of LLC: 40 E. Division St., #1A, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62968 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Publication PAVEL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/28/10 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 62977 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of GCA Abstract LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/17/2009. 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 Suite 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 62978 (June 2, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of WINZER'S PLACE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/28/10. Office loca-

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on 4/27/10. 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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62980 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SAJOL REAL ESTATE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 40 Rector St., Ste. 1502, NY, NY 10006. Purpose: any lawful activity. 62981 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of INVISION INVENTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/28/10. 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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62983 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1345 EAST 2ND ST., LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/28/10. 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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62984 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 7225 72ND COURT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/28/10. Office loca-

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tion: 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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62985 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of INDIGO BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/26/10. 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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62987 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IMPACT PLUMBING & HEATING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/30/10. 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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 62988 (D) (June 2, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WOODY WOODS PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/31/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 228 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, New York 11216. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 62990 (D) (June 2, 2010)

Eagles, Dutchmen reach semifinals

Halek leads BC past a stubborn Colonie squad

Both Bethlehem and Guilderland avoided upsets in the Section II Class A boys lacrosse quarterfinals last Wednesday.

No. 3 Bethlehem scored three goals in the third quarter to pull away for a 7-3 victory over a stubborn Colonie team, while No. 4 Guilderland edged No. 5 Shaker 6-4.

Bethlehem (11-6) had a difficult time getting clean shots on Colonie goaltender Matt Hamilton in the first half, but that changed in the third quarter as the

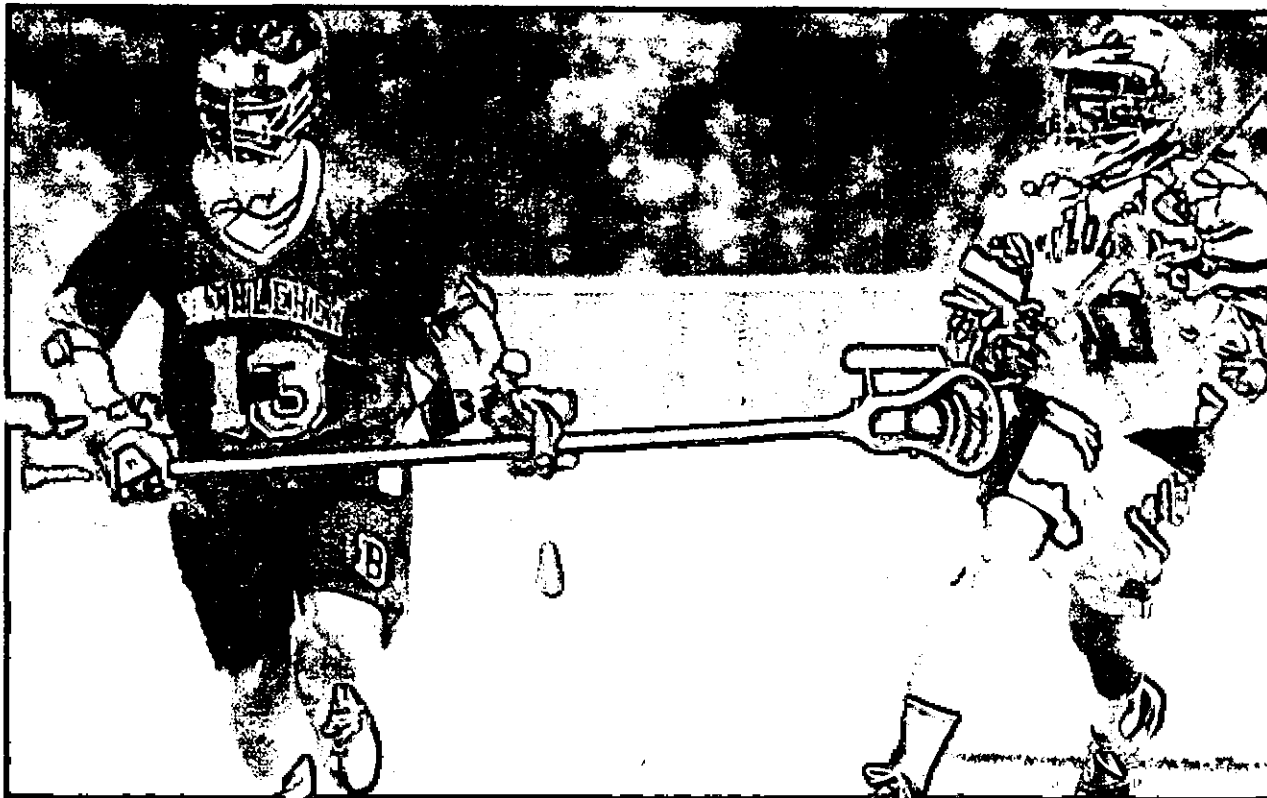
Eagles gave themselves some breathing room.

Eric Halek scored four goals, and Griffin Blanchard added a goal and two assists for the Eagles, who met No. 2 CBA in Saturday's Sectional semifinal round.

Guilderland (11-6) jumped out to a 5-2 halftime lead on Shaker before the Blue Bison (9-8) rallied in the second half.

Six players registered points for the Dutchmen, led by a one-goal, two-assist performance by Patrick Wood.

Guilderland visited top-seeded Shenendehowa in Saturday's other semifinal game.



Bethlehem defenseman Shane Kosakowski (13) is chased by a Colonie player as he carries the ball upfield during last Wednesday's Section II Class A quarterfinal game. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Cool

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was in boys lacrosse, where Guilderland edged Shaker 6-4 in last Wednesday's Class A quarterfinals. Guilderland beat Shaker 7-4 in the baseball Sectionals (thanks to Matt Zanotta's three-hit performance, including his 16th home run of the season), and Guilderland handled Shaker 18-10 in the Class A girls lacrosse finals.

On the other side of the coin, you could say it was a great week for Guilderland sports fans. A fourth-straight girls lacrosse Sectional title and playoff wins in two other sports is certainly something to hang your red hat on.

Several years ago when the Montreal Expos moved to Washington, the Montreal Canadiens adopted the Expos' beloved mascot, Youppi, to be their mascot.

A similar thing has happened here in Albany. Last week, the Tri-City ValleyCats adopted Rowdy the River Rat to be part of their collection of mascots (which is up to about 100, at last count). And just to make it official,

ValleyCat "head" mascot Southpaw signed adoption papers with the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society to bring the best hockey-playing rodent in the world to Joseph L. Bruno Stadium.

Naturally, I expect there to still be some tension between Southpaw and Rowdy. After all, there's this little unresolved issue of a cat living with a rat. Cats are supposed to chase, catch and kill rats - not adopt them. But I guess when the rat in question stands about 6 feet tall and has a hockey stick, it sort of evens the odds (remember, Southpaw has access to baseball bats).

Anyway, I'm just glad Rowdy has a new home. It's just going to be odd seeing him wearing a ValleyCat jersey and joining Southpaw, Pappy Paw, Uncle Sam and whatever other mascots the ValleyCats bring out every game in leading the cheers. But if Youppi can switch from wearing an Expos jersey to a Canadiens jersey, then the reverse can work, too.

By the way, if you want to see the mini-series detailing Rowdy's journey across the river to Troy, the ValleyCats have the

videos on their Web site, www.tvvalleycats.com.

Finally, a prediction for the Stanley Cup finals: TV ratings will be down because Sidney Crosby, Alex Ovechkin and the Detroit Red Wings aren't involved. Oh, and Chicago will beat Philadelphia in seven games. At least, the Blackhawks had better beat the Flyers. Otherwise I'm going to Manhattan, entering New York Rangers head coach John Tortorella's office and laying into him for failing to eliminate the Flyers on the final day of the regular season.

(Side note: I might also consider traveling to Boston and yelling at Claude Julien for the Bruins' playoff failure when they tied Philly 3-0 in their Eastern Conference semifinal series. They could have put a stop to this, too.)

That's it for this week, folks. Remember, comments are always welcome. Just send me an e-mail at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

Dutch

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"They've been to Sectional finals and regionals and states, and those are places we're trying to get to."

Devine notched the game's first goal less than two minutes into the first half, but Guilderland scored the next four goals to take a 4-1 lead. The impressive part was that four different players scored for the Lady Dutch and none of them were Mossop, who entered the game with a team-high 56 goals on the season.

Mossop would be heard from soon, though. Following a Lauren Smith goal that pulled Shaker within 4-2, Mossop took the ball behind Shaker's goal and passed it out front to Camardo, who fired it past Blue Bison netminder Victoria Bulson for a 5-2 lead. Mossop then scored one for herself to increase Guilderland's lead to four goals.

"I thought we were going to turn a corner at that point [when Smith

scored], but we had a little trouble handling the pressure [of playing in a final]," said McKee.

Goals by Kelsey Michele, Crupi, Kristen Cagino and Camardo in the final six minutes of the first half gave Guilderland a 10-3 halftime lead. The Lady Dutch's advantage grew to 10 goals twice early in the second half before Shaker put together a mild rally to close the gap to 15-9.

Devine played a big role in Shaker's rally. She

charged the net for one goal and spun through traffic for her next two tallies.

"Adrienne Devine ... if she's not the best player in our area, she's one of the two or three top players," said Chatnik.

Devine couldn't close the gap any further by herself, though, and Guilderland added some insurance goals down the stretch to seal the victory.

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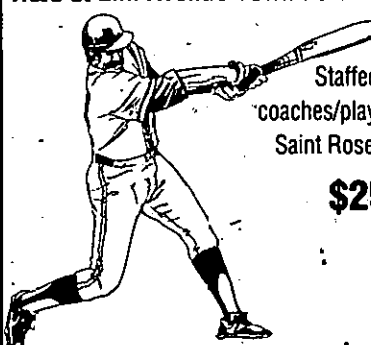
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Guilderland's Kelly Camardo, left, scores one of her four goals in last Wednesday's Section II Class A championship game against Shaker at the University at Albany. *Robert Goo/Spotlight*

Eagles soar into semis

Edwards pitches Bethlehem past Shaker

The Bethlehem softball team advanced to Tuesday's Section II Class AA semifinals by beating Shaker 5-1 in last Thursday's quarterfinal game at Colonie's Veeder Road Park.

Toni Edwards scattered five hits over seven innings and struck out 12 to lead the Lady Eagles (18-3) into a semifinal showdown with Suburban Council South Division rival Columbia,

which downed Queensbury 7-0 in another quarterfinal game.

Meghan Burns contributed a two-run single during a four-run Bethlehem rally in the bottom of the second inning. McKenzie Pezze added a pair of singles.

Shaker (10-7) scored a run in the top of the seventh inning to break up Edwards' shutout bid, but that was as close as the Blue Bison got.

In Class CC action last week, Chatham eliminated Voorheesville with a 15-0 quarterfinal victory.

Zanotta lifts Guilderland

First baseman clubs 16th HR in quarterfinal

After a pair of relatively quiet games to close the regular season, Matt Zanotta turned the power switch on again.

The senior first baseman went 3-for-3 at the plate including his 16th home run of the season to

lead the Guilderland baseball team past Shaker 7-4 in last Thursday's Section II Class AA quarterfinal game in Latham.

Vinny Tamburello added a home run and pitched a four-hitter for the Dutchmen (13-8), who advanced to Saturday's semifinal against LaSalle at Hudson Valley Community College. Results of Saturday's game can be seen at www.spotlightnews.com.

Four-peat for Lady Dutch

Balanced attack helps Guilderland beat Shaker

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Don't confuse inexperience with lack of talent.

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team graduated seven players who accounted for more than 300 career

goals following last year's run to the state finals, but the players who replaced them showed how capable they are of putting the ball in the net by beating Shaker 18-10 in last Wednesday's Section II Class A final at the University at Albany.

Sophomore Kelly Camardo scored four goals, while junior Erin Mossop and senior Jenna Crupi contributed hat tricks for the top-seeded Lady Dutch (18-1), who won their fourth straight Sectional title.

"Our team is balanced, and that's the trick," said Guilderland coach Gary Chatnik. "We have enough people scoring [goals], and that's what makes the difference."

Shaker junior Adrienne Devine tallied four times, but the Blue Bison (14-3) couldn't keep up with Guilderland's scoring pace.

"It makes a difference when you've been to places before," said Shaker coach Mary-Lynne McKee.

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Keeping cool is a (new) priority

If nothing else good happens for the New York Mets this season, Met fans will always have that week in late May when their team won five straight games against the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies. Then, they'll start wondering why couldn't that team keep playing like that the rest of the season. OK, moving on...

A new phrase has entered the lexicon of high school sports in New York — "heat delay."

Several events were delayed or postponed last Wednesday under the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's newly adopted heat index procedures. Under the regulation, a sporting event must be stopped when the RealFeel temperature (a.k.a. heat index) is above 96 degrees. If the RealFeel temperature is even above 80 degrees, it's recommended that frequent water breaks and monitoring athletes for heat illness takes place.

The stance that NYSPHSAA is taking is appropriate for the spring sports season. After all, many playoff games and championship tournaments take place in late May and early June when temperatures can creep into the 90s, as was the case last Wednesday. The organization is simply looking out the athletes, coaches and officials — though you could also make the case that it's looking out for the fans, who often have to sit in the brutal heat without any shade.

Still, the phrase "heat delay" sounds kind of funny. It's sort of like delaying a hockey game because the arena is too cold or delaying a swim meet because it's too humid in the pool. But when it comes to player safety, I'd rather endure a heat

delay than see a young athlete be carried off because of heat stroke. And if I can endure the heat delay in an air conditioned building or car, so much the better.

Shenendehowa baseball coach James Carrese said last week not to judge this year's team against the past decade's worth of Shen teams, which had lost in the opening round of the playoffs four times. Well, this year's Plainsmen lost to Saratoga Springs in last Thursday's quarterfinals, which brings the count to five first-game playoff exits in the last 11 years and two consecutive early departures.

I don't know what this says of Shen, which has been at or near the top of the Suburban Council standings for the better part of the last two decades. And as we all know, baseball can be a funny game, especially when you're talking about a one-game playoff system as opposed to a three-, five- or seven-game playoff series. But it's become clear that the Plainsmen are now snakebitten when it comes to winning their first-round playoff games. And until they find a way to get past their first-round opponent, that's something that will follow them around — fairly or unfairly.

Last week was rough all around for Shen and Shaker.

Not only did Shen's baseball team suffer a first-round exit, but so did Shen's softball team when the previously-undefeated Plainsmen lost to Colonie 3-1 in the Class-AA quarterfinals. Colonie pitcher Casey Rowland out-duelled Shen ace Danielle Amyot by tossing a three-hitter and striking out 11 to lead the Garnet Raiders, who entered the playoffs with an 11-8 record.

Meanwhile, Shaker sports fans are probably seeing red after Guilderland eliminated the Blue Bison in boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse and baseball in a 48-hour period last week. The closest game

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Bethlehem's Mike Burke (5) and Max Wagner (17) hold ice packs to the back of their necks during a water break in last Wednesday's Section II Class A quarterfinal game. The water break was part of a new NYSPHSAA regulation regarding playing in hot weather. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*