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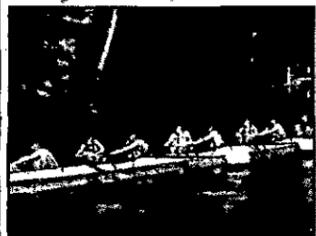
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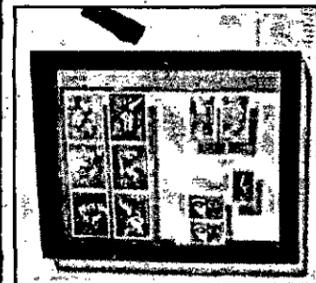
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### Row with it

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### A taste of Italy

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### Filling gaps

In the face of tight budgets, the Bethlehem Central School District has found some creative ways to fund its athletic programs.

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The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education on Wednesday, March 16, tentatively decided not to cut funds from the athletics or extracurricular programs in next year's budget.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

## Athletics won't see cuts

BC administrators cite value of program vs. amount of savings

By CHARLES WIFF  
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The Bethlehem Central School District will be keeping its athletics budget flat in the coming year.

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The school board at a Wednesday, March 16, budget workshop tentatively approved keeping athletics at about \$507,000 in the 2011-12 budget, though some members said that could be revisited should the

district fall short of closing a \$4 million budget gap.

Another \$120,000 would be scheduled for athletics transportation. Co-curricular activities (clubs, theater groups, etc.) would also not have their funding cut.

Cuts to these programs were controversial in last year's budget process, when a proposal to cut the indoor track program and several clubs brought a steady stream of protestors to board meetings.

Administrators said the value of sports and clubs outweigh the costs associated with eliminating them, especially given that these programs as a whole constitute just under 1 percent of the total

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## Speak softly and carry a camera

Altamont writer releases second book on the natural world

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Bill Danielson is a lucky man. His favorite place for his favorite hobby is just steps away: his own backyard. There at his Altamont home, and at places all over the Capital District and beyond, he spends his free time out of doors, observing and photographing the tiniest insects to the biggest moose.

That hobby has also brought Danielson 13 years of success writing a "Speaking of Nature," a column for The Recorder of Greenfield Massachusetts that was also picked up a few years ago by the Times Union. Now, he's releasing his second book, "Still Speaking of Nature: Further Explorations in the Natural World," through SUNY Press, a decade after his first, self-published book.

Like his first book, readers will find a selection of Danielson's most popular columns, mixed in with his own favorites. They're sectioned off by season, so the reader starts in the spring and ends in the winter, and are accompanied by many of his own pictures.

"This is almost a carbon copy of the format of the first

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## New flags fly at bank



A new set of flags is flying at TD Bank on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, replacing the ripped American and tattered New York state flags that were previously hung. The switch was made shortly after The Spotlight spoke to a TD representative about the state of the flags, but members of the community said they'd been complaining for weeks.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

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**IN BRIEF**

**Slingerlands fifth-graders to perform**

The Slingerlands Elementary School fifth grade choir will present "The 1890 Music Hall Revue" by Ruth Roberts and Bill Katz, at 7:30 p.m. on April 7 and 8, in the Slingerlands Elementary Auditorium, 25 Union Ave. "This production has everything," said Director Sarah Platek, "from barbershop harmonies, New Orleans jazz and Ragtime. It's a musical trip through the good old days of the last decade of the 1800s."

In its 41st year, the musical is a longstanding tradition at Slingerlands that caps off the fifth grade year.

Limited tickets will be available for sale at the door for \$3 the evening of the performance. Show proceeds will support fifth grade programs. Doors open at 7p.m.

**Pruyn House, Art League to hold show**

The Colonie Art League and the Friends of Pruy House are co-sponsoring an art exhibit at Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, from April 8 to May 3, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a juried show featuring forty selected paintings by members of the Colonie Art League. Many paintings are for sale. Admission is free.

The Colonie Art

League was founded in 1974 by a group of Capital District artists to foster the advancement of visual arts in the area. The league has a membership of over 200 artists working in a wide variety of two-dimensional media.

**Church to hold big breakfast**

The Men's Association at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville is sponsoring a big breakfast Sunday, March 27, from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the social hall.

Menu items include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Take-outs are also available. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

**SSA pairs with local eateries**

March is National Meals On Wheels month and Senior Services of Albany has partnered with local restaurants to raise funds for this nutrition program. Central Steak, Grappa '72 or Phoenicians will donate a portion of sales to Senior Services of Albany on Wednesday, March 23.

For information, visit seniorservicesofalbany.com or call 465-3322.

**AARP to meet at library**

Colonie AARP Chapter 2873 will meet on Monday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at William K. Sanford Town Library, Colonie. Janelle Lane from Albany Ear, Nose, Throat & Allergy Services will speak. Call 459-3400 for info.

**Blue Friday**



Detective Robert Markel of the Bethlehem Police Department hands out a blue carnation to a supporter at DeNooyer Chevrolet on Friday, March 11, as part of the Capital District's 7th annual Blue Friday. Country radio station 107.7 WGNA FM holds the event to honor the officers killed in the line of duty and those still serving. They raised more than \$9,000 this year. This year, Blue Friday was dedicated to, and all benefits of the day went to, the family of John Falcone of the Poughkeepsie Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty. Falcone was posthumously promoted to detective by the Poughkeepsie chief of police.

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# A little bit of April foolishness past

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Most of the trouble I get into as a parent, I think, has to do with the fact that I am a bigger kid than my 3 or 8-year-old.

This is no more apparent than on April Fool's Day, which is a pretty big deal in my house in the sense that I think it's a big deal and my family has to put up with me.

I'm not much of a prankster, per se, but I do have to admit that I enjoy a holiday (?) built around fooling other people. I think it goes back to when I was in grade school and started reading comic books.

Just as wonderful as the mutants, superheroes and monsters that populated the front pages of a comic were the spy glasses, garlic gum and sneezing powder that were on sale in the back. This was the Black Market of the elementary school set, the seedy underbelly of every Fantastic Four and Justice League book I managed to get my hands on.

There was one problem: I couldn't afford any of it, not even the lowly plastic ice cubes with fake flies inside them.

So, I did what any other third or fourth grader did: I went to my dad. Not only did he work long hours so I could



spend his money, but he had an intricate knowledge of, and a weird obsession with, the mail. He knew when — to the day — to expect every bill that had to be paid in the house, and God forbid it didn't come when he thought it would. I once saw him spend two hours grilling a guy from Ford Motor Credit over the phone, just because the car payment stub came a day early.

He knew the postal system inside and out, which would work in my favor because if you wanted anything out of the back of a comic book in those days, you had to send away for it and then patiently wait six-to-eight weeks for delivery.

In order to beat the rush, I hit him up around January.

"Dad, can I send away for some garlic gum?"

"Why the hell would you want gum that tastes like garlic? Your breath smells as it is. Here, have some Big Red."

(An aside: There was only one type of chewing gum allowed in my house when I was growing

up — Big Red. That stuff was, and still is, strong enough to kill the smell of a thousand onion sandwiches with just one bite. To my juvenile taste buds, the cinnamon flavor was so caustic, I swore you could weld with it. But that was all my dad would carry, a 60-pack of foil-wrapped sticks in the back pocket of his work jeans, and if you didn't like it you had to wait until you were old enough to get a job and buy your own Doublemint.)

"It's not for me. You give it to people on April Fool's Day."

"You'll poison somebody. I'm pretty sure I read somewhere that too much garlic makes you blind."

A joy buzzer?

"Aren't those things illegal? What do you want to end up in county?"

Fish-scented soap?

"I'm trying get rid of the strays that your mother keeps feeding," he said.

"We have cats?" I asked.

"I was talking about you and your brother."

I saw I wasn't getting anywhere with him, so I figured I'd shoot for the moon and asked him for fake poo.

He put his hands on my shoulders and squared me up to him.

"Billy," he said sincerely, "you never pay for something you can make yourself."

Finally, he told me to do what he always told me to do when he was sick of me pestering him.

"Go talk to your mother, maybe she can help you."

So my mother would make my April Fool's Day gear. It was something that, in retrospect, I think she took great pleasure in, even if her pranks were just a bit ... off.

She cut out a square of white naugahyde (in abundance in my household in the early '80s) and put it between two slices of bread.

"See if you can get one of your

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friends to eat this," she told me. "I'm not trying to kill anyone," I said.

She rubbed charcoal around the eyepieces of a pair of binoculars and told me to get my friends to look through them. Why the heck would I have binoculars at school to begin with? And where did she get the binoculars?

"I ordered them from the back of your comic book," she said.

She finally thought of a joke that was actually reasonable to pull off and wouldn't make anyone choke on a piece of fake leather. She poured flour on a scrap of dry washcloth and then fashioned some thin strap so it could be concealed in the palm of my hand.

"Then, when you come up to one of your friends," she said with an evil grin, "you give them a nice, friendly pat on the back and they have a white spot on them all day!"

I did that one April and no one spoke to me for the rest of the year, not even the teacher, who's back I could not reach and managed to get talcum powder on her backside. At first she just thought I was a fledgling pervert and admonished me as such, but then she turned around to write something on the board and one of the other students called her "sugar butt" and before I could tell him that no, it was actually flour, I was in the principal's office wondering if it were my mother that was

playing the April Fool's joke on me.

These days, no doubt because of my mother's influence on them, my children are so ridiculously absurd that I'm not sure any April Fool's prank would even faze them.

Last week, my 3-year-old, Nathan, was looking for a snack.

"Can I have a chocolate pudding?" he asks.

"Sorry, Nafe. No chocolate. You're going to have take a vanilla."

"I can't eat vanilla," he says. "It makes my brain cry and my heart explode."

"OK, slow down. Just to recapitulate here," I say. "If you eat vanilla pudding, your brain will shed actual tears inside of your skull and then your heart will blow up ... Is there anything else I should know about your dietary requirements?"

"Bacon makes me dance."

How are you going to play an April Fool's joke on that kid? If I put a whoopee cushion on his seat he'd probably think it was the best thing ever.

But there's hope. The other day, Kevin, my 8-year-old, was asking what sort of pranks he could pull on his classmates. His ideas ranged from unleashing feral cats on his bus, to filling his classroom with goat cheese.

I advised him to start small.

"You get some flour, you see, and pour it onto a cloth..."

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Day	High/Year	Low/Year	
Wednesday, March 23	80°/1938	-4°/1875	
Thursday, March 24	69°/1976	0°/1875	
Friday, March 25	74°/1910	0°/1875	
Saturday, March 26	74°/1986	2°/1960	
Sunday, March 27	78°/1998	11°/1975	
Monday, March 28	85°/1945	3°/1923	
Tuesday, March 29	85°/1946	0°/1923	

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE  
84.1 inches as of Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
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**This week in weather**  
March 27-29, 1984 A strong low pressure system that generated hot winds and a March U.S. record high of 108° in Texas moved to the Carolinas, producing violent tornadoes with 57 fatalities on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The next day heavy sleet and snow hit NY State with 6" in Albany.

### Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:54am	7:11pm
Thursday	6:52am	7:12pm
Friday	6:50am	7:13pm
Saturday	6:48am	7:14pm
Sunday	6:47am	7:15pm
Monday	6:45am	7:15pm
Tuesday	6:43am	7:17pm

Moon Phases  
March 26th Last April 3rd New

Planets	When	Where
Saturn	Late Eve	ESE/SE
Venus	Dawn	Low SE
Jupiter	Dusk	V Low W
Mercury	Dusk	V Low W

### Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	30" - 56"	11	78
Whiteface	26" - 36"	9	79
Bromley	18" - 36"	5	42
Mt. Snow	18" - 50"	12	75
Okemo	26" - 40"	14	115
Belleayre	45" - 80"	6	45
Stowe	36" - 56"	11	106
Killington	32" - 40"	16	120

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Stratton Mt.	36" - 48"	8	82
Sugarbush	24" - 48"	10	105
Hunter Mtn.	32" - 70"	6	45
Jay Peak	44" - 53"	8	74
Jiminy Peak	15" - 36"	5	40
Windham	26" - 62"	6	42
Smugglers'	24" - 60"	6	68
Catamount	18" - 42"	4	28

**Factoid**  
Until 1751, March 25<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the calendar year in England and the Colonies. In 1752, they adopted the New Style or Gregorian calendar and the year began on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	8:33am, 8:52pm	2:42am, 3:19pm
Thursday	9:25am, 9:46pm	3:33am, 4:14pm
Friday	10:20am, 10:44pm	4:27am, 5:09pm
Saturday	11:17am, 11:45pm	5:24am, 6:06pm
Sunday	-----, 12:17pm	6:22am, 7:02pm
Monday	12:47am, 1:16pm	7:20am, 7:58pm
Tuesday	1:47am, 2:13pm	8:17am, 8:50pm

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Police blotter

Man charged with swiping purse **Guilderland fire**

The Bethlehem Police Department on Saturday, March 12, arrested Jose Ramon Baez Jr., 29, of 39 Sloan St., Albany, and charged him with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony.

Police received a call from a woman who reported she had left her purse in a shopping cart at Wal-Mart in Glenmont after loading her groceries into her car. She put the cart in a return rack and left, realizing she had left her purse upon returning home, according to police reports.

Police reviewed security tape footage from the store and allegedly saw Baez load items into his car, take his cart to the return rack and then grab the purse. Police rewound the tape to discover Baez had payed with a WIC check, and that database revealed his address, according to arrest reports.

The Albany Police Department was contacted and arrived to find Baez unloading his car with the purse in the front passenger seat, police said. He allegedly admitted to taking the purse. A court date was set for April 5.

Other arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Friday, March 11, arrested Jeffrey Richard LaFountain, 18, of Corinth, and charged him with strangulation in the second degree, a felony.

Police received a call reporting an unconscious person at Job Corps, at 822 River Road, Glenmont, and arrived to find a victim who had allegedly been "choked out" by LaFountain. The victim was treated by Albany County Paramedics and Bethlehem EMS, and was transported to Albany Medical Center for treatment. Several witnesses said LaFountain had choked the victim and upon regaining consciousness the victim wanted to press charges, according to arrest reports.

LaFountain was arraigned and given a bail of \$5,000, with a preliminary hearing scheduled for March 14.

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Saturday, March 12, arrested Kristina Marie Krawchuk, 40, of 56 Silver Creek Road, Selkirk, and charged her with DWI. Police said at about 3

a.m. a call was received from the Coeymans Police Department to be on the lookout for a gray Nissan with front end damage on Route 9W. Shortly thereafter, a patrol on 9W was flagged down by a person who reported seeing a Nissan Versa driving on three wheels and an exposed rim in the area of Wemple Road. Police found tire gouges in the road there, and followed them to Silver Creek Road and Krawchuk's residence, where she was standing in the driveway surveying the damage to her car, according to police.

Krawchuk had the odor of alcohol on her breath and displayed other signs of intoxication, police said. She allegedly told police she had been at the Leukemia Lymphoma Kick Off in Albany and had not been drinking. She allegedly told police she had been lost in the hours since the event ended.

Krawchuk allegedly failed sobriety tests and was placed in custody. A breath test at the police station allegedly revealed her BAC to be 0.17 percent. She was processed and released.



On Wednesday, March 16, at 7:15 a.m., the Westmere Fire Department responded to a suspected electrical fire at 9 York Road in Guilderland. Fire fighters were able to get the blaze under control within 20 minutes after the arrival of the first units. The fire was primarily contained to a first-floor bedroom with associated smoke, water and related damage to other areas of the home. One fire fighter was transported to an area hospital for unspecified injuries. The cause and origin of the fire is currently under investigation. Fire fighters from Guilderland, McKownville, North Bethlehem and Fort Hunter fire departments assisted.

Sean Maguire/Guilderland PIO

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**Why is my dog scooting on the ground?**

Many dogs will scoot their bottoms on the ground due to irritation of the anal sac gland. These glands are located inside the anus at the 4 and 8 o'clock positions and contain a brown liquid with a musty odor. This odor helps dogs identify other dogs. People do not have these glands. The glands are expressed during normal defecation and in response to stress. Healthy, bulky fecal material helps the glands express normally. Sometimes something as simple as a bout of loose stool can lead to anal sac gland irritation.

Signs of gland irritation include scooting, licking, and difficulty sitting. Problems with the glands range from mild irritation to impaction and infection. In the worst cases, infection and impaction can cause the gland to abscess, leading to an open wound around the anus. Most dogs will express these glands routinely and do not need veterinary or groomer intervention. Glandular odor by itself is not a cause for concern unless accompanied by other signs of irritation. It is recommended that the glands be left alone unless there is a problem such as scooting, licking or irritation noted. Intervention with an otherwise healthy gland can inhibit normal gland expression performed by the body. In some cases, diet changes or supplements can help the gland function better.

Always check with your veterinarian if your dog is scooting on the ground, licking at their back end or having discomfort when sitting. Although these symptoms are most likely due to anal sac gland irritation, is it prudent to make sure nothing else is afflicting your pet.

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## Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

## After school specials

We at *The Spotlight* have to commend the Bethlehem School District for keeping the budget for its extracurricular activities untouched (for the time being, at least).

Charles Wiff reports that the district will keep its athletics budget flat at around \$507,000 in the 2011-12 budget. Other extracurricular activities, like student senate, club activities and theater programs, will also have their budgets maintained.

The knee-jerk reaction to this news, especially in the face of a \$430,000 reduction in special education spending, is that it places athletics above academics. That would be a shortsighted view.

First off, longtime readers of *The Spotlight* will recall how, in previous budgets, athletics has already taken some lumps. There have been cuts to coaching stipends, equipment funds and transportation budgets with — for a large part — booster clubs taking up the slack.

There is also a pretty basic cost/benefit analysis to do here: The 2011-12 budget, as it stands now, shows that athletics, related transportation, co-curricular activities, including music and theater, and student clubs cost about \$790,000, or 0.87 percent of the district's general fund budget.

The programs covered by that 0.87 percent are enjoyed by the majority of the 5,100 students enrolled in the district. Furthermore, the programs are enjoyed by the community at large, who will show up at the tentatively reinstated night games and come in droves for the district's many well-produced plays and musicals.

But really, academics is at the heart of keeping these programs intact. Like or not, there are probably very few teenagers (read: none) that are waking up and thinking, "Oh wow, I can't wait to get to biology class today!"

No, for most it's the promise of an extracurricular activity that motivates them to do well in class.

There has to be some incentive. Something other than a sound education — some kids aren't mature enough to realize how valuable that is — that gets the kids through the door and through the day. For some, it's athletics, for others, it's arts programs or chess club or student government.

And at less than 1 percent of the budget, the Bethlehem School District is making a wise investment in keeping extracurricular programs intact and the students engaged.

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The next budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 30, in the Middle School auditorium, at 7 p.m. Topics include the K-12 instructional program and a decision on the possible closure of an elementary school in the district.

Check [www.spotlightnews.com](http://www.spotlightnews.com) for the latest school budget news.

### Editorial

## An open letter to parents of disabled children...

by KIMBERLY TAYLOR

*The author is a Selkirk resident and a parent of a special needs child.*

Reading a previous article about autism made me think about my son — who has Down syndrome and autism as well. His name is Nicholas. Nicholas is 9 years old and non-verbal. We are very lucky that he attends Wildwood School. The staff who work there are very patient and special people who put forth a great effort to help our disabled children.

While most people would probably categorize Nicholas as "low-functioning," I prefer to avoid such labels. For such labeling can result in a child being a self-fulfilling prophecy. Low expectations yield ... well, low expectations. As a parent of a special needs child, I feel it is important to remind other parents and caregivers of children with similar challenges that it is important to have a "little engine that could" attitude in regards to disabled children. If you think your child will never do something, he or she most certainly will never accomplish that task. If you think your child "may" do something, at least the door is open and your child has a chance. Remember, the "little engine that could" repeatedly said "I think I can." That positive attitude is key, for hope springs eternal. I may be an optimist, but as far as my son goes I would certainly rather look at the glass of life being half full rather than half empty.

My son is not potty trained yet, but I am working on it. If I don't give my son opportunities to succeed, he won't. I know it is frustrating when having a disabled child as it may seem that failures abound, and success can seem elusive. But

**Having a disabled child, it is possible to feel sorry for yourself from time to time with thoughts of "what might have been." When this happens, give yourself 30 seconds, and get over it — you have a beautiful child to raise.**

### Point of View

for those of us with disabled children, we have to slow the pace and take little steps.

Those little steps can actually be a gift and allow us to appreciate life in a way many others cannot. For example, having a disabled child, I greatly value the health and successes of my other son, who is not disabled, in a way many others may just take for granted.

Thanks to the staff at Wildwood School, Nicholas has been exposed to recreational activities, such as swimming, tricycle riding, roller skating, and bowling. While he requires a great deal of assistance to attempt such tasks, I am grateful that he is given the opportunity to try different things. Thank goodness the people at Wildwood School have the "I think I can attitude."

While I haven't yet enrolled Nicholas in one of the local programs offered by S.T.R.I.D.E or the Town of Bethlehem's SAFE (Sports Are For Everyone) program, I applaud these programs for providing our disabled

children with opportunities to participate — for just trying and participating can be a success for a disabled child.

Having a disabled child, it is possible to feel sorry for yourself from time to time with thoughts of "what might have been." When this happens, give yourself 30 seconds, and get over it — you have a beautiful child to raise. When a break is needed — take advantage of respite — which hopefully won't be further cut by the state.

When Nicholas was younger, we unsuccessfully tried a stint in the public school system. That was just not meant to be. While I may be an optimist, I am a realist as well. In my son's case it has proved that he is better able to accomplish goals in a private specialized school setting. When my sons were born, I had but one wish, for my child to reach their "maximum potential" as a person. While Nicholas' potential may be limited, compared to that of a non-disabled child, this mother's wish still holds true ... for my cup is half full.

And while Nicholas' little engine may lag dramatically behind others, to me it doesn't matter because as many say life is a journey — not a race.

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### Weekly poll

The Bethlehem Central School District has chosen to maintain the funding for its extra curricular activities, claiming that, at less than 1 percent of the budget and with a majority of students participating, it's money well spent (A position we happen to agree with, see left). So our question is:

**Do you think extra curricular activities are worth the investment by the district?**

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#### Last week's poll results:

Question: "Is your government transparent?"

• Crystal clear. The public knows about everything they do.: 17%

• Not so much. They could stand to be a little more forthcoming.: 31%

• Black as pitch. There is so much that goes on behind closed doors, I'm surprised they even meet in public.: 51%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Kudos to Bethlehem board for instituting smoke-free parks Close Clarksville for the sake of its students

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Bethlehem Town Board is to be commended for acting to protect its residents from the dangers of secondhand tobacco smoke by making town parks smokefree.

This new policy will not only protect park patrons from secondhand smoke but send a clear message to our youth that smoking is an unhealthy habit of which they should steer clear.

Secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance; it's deadly. The state Department of Health estimates that 2,500 New Yorkers die each year from secondhand smoke. What's more, the U.S. Surgeon General has warned that there is no safe level of exposure.

With recent reports showing that the smoking rate among upstate New York youth has stopped falling, it's more important

than ever to enact strong policies that denormalize smoking and set a positive example for the next generation.

Creating more smokefree public spaces, as the Town of Bethlehem has done, will help drive the behavior change that will save lives.

*Irwin Berlin, MD*  
Board Chair  
American Lung Association in New York, Albany

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am a Clarksville Elementary parent who is very saddened that our current budget crisis perhaps means closing our school.

My family has had the pleasure of working with the most amazing teachers and support staff at Clarksville. I would, however, like the Board of Education and community to be aware of special situations at Clarksville which must be considered and rectified if the school is to remain open.

We currently have 11 classes at Clarksville. Next year we will have nine. A year from September we will have eight. Each year we will be forced to say good-bye to teachers whom we love. This is heartbreaking for all involved.

One of my children is in a grade made up of only 24

students. They will remain together for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. There will be no opportunity to separate behavior problems.

There will be no opportunity to make new friends. Eventually, these 24 will move on to the large middle school knowing far fewer children than other Bethlehem 6th graders.

With only eight classes in a school, we will find it increasingly harder to adequately fundraise. An event such as an author's visit will be quite a challenge to fund. We will also have far fewer families to call on to organize special events at school such as the science fair or enrichment program.

Perhaps most unsettling is the fact that Clarksville students will be disproportionately placed in combination classes. While these types of classes may be found in all of our elementary schools, they will be present far more

frequently at Clarksville.

While our teachers can certainly rise to the occasion and address the added challenges faced with such a configuration - is it fair that we routinely ask them to do so? As a former elementary teacher, I can tell you preparing for state testing is challenging enough.

Now we will be asking our teachers to continually be responsible for two grades, two different sets of exams and prepare two different age groups for each.

If Clarksville is to remain open, the above concerns will not go away. When making your decision regarding Clarksville's future please consider addressing these pressing issues. It is not just enough to keep the school open. It must also remain viable.

*May Saubier*  
Clarksville

## Town now a healthier place

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Kudos to the Bethlehem town board for passing an ordinance creating tobacco free town parks and playgrounds.

Bethlehem is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. In addition to its sense of community, great schools and charm, it is now a healthier place for residents

to enjoy the outdoors. It is encouraging that our local government can have the foresight to protect the health and well being of its citizens.

Thank you for stepping up:

*Jeri Bosman*  
Delmar

## Thank you Bethlehem Highway Dept.

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This has been a long, hard winter here in the Town of Bethlehem.

I am reminded of one the reasons I choose to live here in the town—the Highway Department. The Town Highway Department workers have done a tremendous job plowing and clearing an incredible amount of snow. They work long hours, and should be commended for their dedication and commitment to excellence.

The contrast I see when I get to downtown Albany or up to Latham is quite clear from the depth of snow on the roads and sidewalks—in Bethlehem, we have an approach to snow plowing and removal that is unsurpassed.

To the Highway Department workers—thank you; your hard work is appreciated. Keep it up and get some rest—there is snow in the forecast.

*Keith Silliman*  
Glenmont

## Please learn from the police blotter

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Week after week I read with disgust and outrage about the many DWIs on the Police Blotter. Anyone even the least familiar with the news is aware of the dangers of drunk driving.

Who do these drivers think they are putting in peril all of our lives and those we love, not to mention their own lives and their families? It's maddening that they don't get themselves and their cars

under control.

The daughter of a dear friend, who was newly married and pregnant with the family's first grandchild, was killed by a drunk driver who had been throwing empty beer cans out the window for dozens of miles on the highway.

I've seen my friend suffer enormously for 30 years.

*Susan Morse*  
Delmar

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# Night games back on at BC

## Board reverses 2-year-old decision

Night games will once again be played next year in the Bethlehem Central School District, assuming a tentative decision by the Board of Education is upheld in the final budget.

The school board voted 6-1 on Wednesday, March 16, to reverse a controversial move made two years ago to suspend games under the lights.

On Wednesday, Superintendent Michael Tebbano said that decision was "a stupid mistake."

"I think cutting the night games does have a serious impact on the community," he said.

This past season, the football team's booster club raised the money to pay the extra costs of having the homecoming game played at night.

Moving the handful of football and other sports games played under the lights was intended to save about \$15,000. That money

accounts not only for the cost of running the lights, but of increased chaperone and police presence at the games. Having games in the daytime has contributed to a lower turnout and decreased ticket take, making the savings less significant.

**"I think cutting the night games does have a serious impact on the community."**

— Superintendent Michael Tebbano

Board member Laura Biernman, who cast the sole dissenting vote, said concerns over rowdy behavior at night events were a big part of the decision.

"When we decided not to do the night games it was not just a financial reason," she said.

Since then, the district has instituted a policy that requires students under grade nine to be accompanied by an adult when attending an athletic game.

The school board is expected to finalize all its budget decisions on April 6, the 2011-12 budget adoption date.

— Charles Wiff

# Land group reaches out to kids

## MHLC seeks to involve more youths through forest adoption program

As spring approaches, a local land conservation group is hoping a new program will connect kids with the outdoors in new ways.

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC) was recently awarded two grants totaling \$13,600 from the state Land Trust Alliance that will hopefully allow it to greater increase the public's use of its land holdings.

One grant will be used to create access and expand possible usage of the group's 287-acre Clarksville preserve at Wolf Hill. Right now, the public can't access the property, but with the grant money, MHLC

**"There's been an awful lot of publicity lately about how kids are not getting out into nature ... so we're trying to encourage more contact with nature."**

— Jill Knapp, MHLC executive director

Executive Director Jill Knapp hopes to have the area open for use by the end of the year.

A second grant will expand the use of already existing conservation areas. The conservancy hopes to create an Adopt a Forest Lot program, whereby youth groups can take "ownership" of a small section of a nature preserve and thereby enjoy the whole property, as well.

"There's been an awful lot of publicity lately about how kids are not getting

out into nature ... so we're trying to encourage more contact with nature," Knapp said.

The conservancy hopes to target the program toward groups in the City of Albany that may not have many opportunities for outdoor recreation. To that end, the effort will be focused on the MHLC's Normanskill preserve property and the new Schiffendecker preserve (located behind Wal-Mart in Glenmont) due to the proximity to the city.

Allowing groups to take

a 2- or 3-acre section of the preserves to maintain could help create a sense of ownership for the youths, Knapp said, and hopefully foster a respect for the importance of open space. The kids can also, of course, take advantage of all the uses the preserves already provide.

"A lot of it just might be fun, to be out there in the woods and hiking around," Knapp said.

The Schiffendecker preserve is not yet open to the public. At 39 acres, it holds a stream and interesting beaver activity, said Knapp, and the conservancy hopes to have it open by the end of April.

For more information of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, visit the website at <http://www.mohawkhudson.org>.

— Charles Wiff

# Bethlehem looks to update zoning code

The Town of Bethlehem is undergoing a process to update its zoning code.

The Town Board on March 9 forwarded a slew of changes to the Planning Board for review. It's normal for the code to be overhauled every few years, said Town Planner Jeffrey Lipnicky.

"I think the town really has approached this for

the last few years as a review every two year type thing," he said.

The last time the code was revisited was in October 2008.

There are dozens of changes proposed, among them: allowing temporary banners or signs, like grand opening signs, be displayed; expanding the zones where townhomes can be built; setting

standards for a pre-approval process review so developers can get Planning Board feedback before a formal submission; adding agritourism to the code as a permitted use; and adding language that would guide cell phone towers to municipally owned and other land types before residential.

"Most of the stuff here is just amendments to

the code that arise out of problems or issues that we have administering it over the last couple years," Lipnicky said.

The most significant change would be amendments to include elements of the Route 9W Corridor Study, which largely sets restrictions so as not to hamper future growth in that area.

— Charles Wiff

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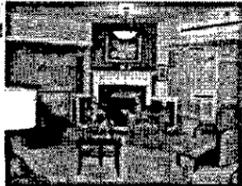
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# Bank plans to keep Shoe Depot building **IN BRIEF**

## Planning Board also mulls N. Bethlehem subdivision that would contain three housing types

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Developers looking to locate a Berkshire Bank branch at the site of the former Saratoga Shoe Depot on Delaware Avenue in Delmar have altered their plans to include preservation of the existing structure.

Columbia Development had approached the town last September with plans to level the building and build a new one containing a bank branch and two other small retail spaces.

Town planners at the time had concerns about traffic flow through the parking lot and the fact the proposed building would be set back from the street. The Delaware Avenue Corridor Study, which focuses on the importance of having buildings close to the road, without parking space between the business and Delaware, and builders in this area have been pressed to submit plans that conform to that vision.

The Shoe Depot building will still have to undergo renovations, including the addition of drive-through teller and ATM lanes on the eastern side of the building. The front facade of the building would mostly be retained, though.

"When we got over to the building, we discovered there was some pretty

interesting architectural features," said project architect Jim Coleman of BBL Construction when speaking of the brick arches.

The plan also eliminates an entrance from Delaware Avenue to the property. All traffic would enter the parking lot from Groesbeck Place.

Members of the Planning Board, when reviewing the application on Tuesday, March 15, were generally supportive of the change, mainly bringing up questions about landscaping along the sidewalk.

Chairman George Leveille said meeting the zoning requirements and corridor study goals is a difficult proposition.

"It seems to me we're creating a tradeoff between a lot of factors," he said. "It's a balancing act here, we understand that."

The application was tabled.

## Subdivision questioned

There was significant discussion at the March 15 meeting of the Bethlehem Planning Board about what form a proposed North Bethlehem subdivision should take.

Developer Fiske Construction wants to build a 39-unit subdivision off of Russell Road near the Indian Hills subdivision. Unlike that development, which consists of conventional four-bedroom home types, the new subdivision would have multiple housing types.

Proposed are nine

**"It gives us a little more opportunity to have a variety of housing stock and potential sales."**

— Francis Bossolini, of Ingalls and Associates

homes of around 2,500 square feet (like in Indian Hills), 20 "cottage" style homes (smaller, two-bedroom units that are also commonly called bungalows) and 10 townhomes.

Francis Bossolini, of Ingalls and Associates, said the market for larger homes has fallen off in recent years.

"It gives us a little more opportunity to have a variety of housing stock and potential sales," he said.

He estimated the likely price points for the three housing types would break down to \$350,000 for the full-size homes, the high-\$200,000 range for townhomes and around \$200,000 for the cottage homes.

At issue is whether the plans would qualify as a conservation subdivision. That section of the town code allows a developer to build a more densely populated patch of homes in exchange for keeping a certain amount of the rest of the property undeveloped.

Town planners, however, said there is some question as to whether some of the lots meet the town's size requirements. More detailed plans would

be needed, but Bossolini also said the developer would be willing to shed a few units if need be.

Leveille noted that many of the open space areas would have been undevelopable anyway since they contain steep slopes or wetlands.

"We want to make sure that the quality of the open space protection is evident," he said.

Bossolini also offered that the development could provide a good opportunity for residents in the Indian Hills area to access the town pocket park on the other side of Russell Road. He proposed a foot path that would follow a National Grid power line, which bisects the project area, and said this would really formalize a de facto route residents already use.

Town planners questioned whether the power company would grant an easement, though.

"I don't think NiMo would be particularly receptive to putting a hiking path along those power lines," said Town Planner Jeffrey Lipnicky.

The board also suggested that nearby residents also be included in the discussion. The application was tabled.

## Talk to examine NY's role in war

The Historical Society of the Town of Colonie will host Robert W. Arnold III's presentation, "Let Loose the Dogs of War: New York in the American Civil War" on Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. at the Town of Colonie Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville.

New York supplied more men, money and material in the Civil War than any other state North or South, but New Yorkers responded to the Civil War in diverse and often contradictory fashion. Concentrating on the home front, this presentation will examine a sample of those responses. It will look at the social costs of the war as they played out in the farms and cities of the Empire State, in families, workplaces and neighborhoods and the transition that went with it from an era of reform to the Gilded Age.

Arnold is a career public historian retired from the New York State Archives. He serves as a Commissioner of Historic Resources for the City of Albany and teaches history at both the College of Saint Rose and Excelsior College.

The event is free. For information contact Kevin Franklin, Town of Colonie

historian, at 782-2593 or franklink@colonie.org.

## Singer Gordon Bok to perform

Old Songs will present Maine folk singer Gordon Bok in concert on Friday, April 1 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling Old Songs at 765-2815 or online at www.oldsongs.org.

## Pine Bush walk and potluck

Join the Friends of the Pine Bush Community on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. for an outdoor walk to search for the American Woodcock, the aerial acrobat of the winged world. The free program is part of the Friends Annual Meeting that begins with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Albany. Reservations are required by March 31 for the program and the optional dinner. Call the Discovery Center at 456-0655. Bring binoculars, a dish to pass and a friend. A short annual business meeting will precede the program. For more information about the Pine Bush please visit www.albanypinebush.org.

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# Rec fields in the hands of the city, again

## Council votes to enter into 10-year agreement

By ALYSSA JUNG  
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Saratoga Springs will resume management and maintenance of the East and West Side Recreation Fields effective April 1 after the City Council voted for Mayor Scott Johnson to enter into a 10-year agreement with Saratoga Springs City School District at the Tuesday, March 15, meeting.

The agreement will also be voted on by the school board on March 22.

The proposed agreement, from April 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2020, states that the school district will pay the city annual fees for operations and capital improvements ranging from \$130,000 in the first year to \$150,000 in the final year, according to Johnson. That fee is an increase from the \$75,000 the school district paid under the previous agreement, a number Johnson said was well below what it actually cost the city to maintain the fields.

"The city [will resume] its maintenance responsibilities that have

been in place since at least 1978, but at a compensation level that we as a city felt was needed and more in line with what our costs actually are to provide this service," said Johnson.

The fields are owned by the school district, but were managed and maintained by the city from 1978 until January of this year, when the school district assumed the responsibility.

"Through our conversations with our own staff and with city officials, we concluded it is in the best interest of the community and the school district to enter into a long-term agreement with the city," said Janice White, superintendent of schools in a statement. "The city's leadership in recreation will continue and we are confident that the needs of the school district will be best served as a result of this agreement."

Through a detailed cost analysis, school district officials determined that the annual fees the district will pay the city are comparable to expenses for the district to provide the services. However, the city's decades of service in community sports and recreation, as well as the requests from local

sports organizations, were important factors in the agreement.

"We, along with city officials, are responding to the community, and agree that this agreement will best serve all users of the East and West Side fields," White said.

Mayor Scott Johnson, who together with Commissioner Skip Scirocco negotiated on behalf of the city, stressed this proposed agreement fully serves the needs of the community and is fiscally responsible for both sides.

"With a renewed commitment to collaborate and cooperate, this agreement better serves the taxpayers while also protecting and advancing the undeniable benefits of these fields to us all," said Johnson.

Johnson said he was pleased to have reached an agreement.

In other business: The Council discussed the court's dismissal of a second lawsuit filed by Saratoga Citizen against the city and Commissioner of Accounts John Franck involving the filing of a second set of petitions by the group.

"We did defend the

city in court and as of March 8, it was a decision rendered by the judge that dismissed their petition finding that the petitions were prematurely filed," said Johnson.

The Council also voted to perfect the standing appeal to Saratoga Citizen's original lawsuit with the city that the Council passed in February. Johnson brought to light a "significant" development that he felt buoyed the city's chances of winning the appeal.

"The New York Conference of Mayors, a state-wide organization of prestige, voted to join with us in the appeal and also argue in support of our position that the initial filing was deficient," said Johnson. "The city is not paying the conference anything in exchange for their joining the appeal."

Johnson reaffirmed his stance that not appealing would be doing a disservice to residents of Saratoga.

"If we do not appeal and let this decision stand as is, we put our city at risk by any future attempts of this or any group of not having a present and valid fiscal note or budget, should they see to later change our form of government,"

said Johnson. "It would unfairly expose our city to fiscal instability in the future."

The cost to perfect the appeal would be around \$7,500 to be capped at \$10,000 and that funding would come out of the city attorney legal budget lines. That number is down from the previous estimate of \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Commissioner of Public Works Anthony Scirocco announced that the department won a "project of the year" award in three categories from the American Public Works Association. The awards related to an environmental project that improved sewersanitation, emergency disaster and transportation.

"[The projects] will enhance the quality of life for citizens of the city for many years to come and it's good to see the efforts of DPW recognized by peers," said Scirocco.

Commissioner of Public Safety Richard Wirth made an announcement regarding Alexander Grant, the 19-year-old student who disappeared while visiting friends at Skidmore and was later found dead in Putnam Creek.

"I felt it appropriate to say a few words in

reference to this tragic incident," said Wirth, who went on to read a snippet from an email Grant's mother sent the department. "My thoughts and prayers go out to Alex's family and friends and I'd like to thank the police department, fire department and New York State Forest Rangers for all their efforts in this matter."

The Council also voted 4-1 for Johnson to sign a one-year PBA agreement related to officer training in the amount of \$10,000 effective sometime this month. Commissioner of Finance Ken Ivins was the dissenting vote and said he felt the number was too high.

"When I first entered office this agreement was for \$3,000 and went up citing cost of insurance. I don't believe the cost of insurance went up that much so I have continued to vote against it," said Ivins. "I think it's way too large an amount of money for what we're doing out there."

Wirth said going elsewhere for an agreement would result in a cost of almost double because of overtime that would be needed to give the necessary training.

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# Municipalities max out salt budgets

Supplies dwindle as winter takes its toll

ANDREW BEAM  
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It has been a tough winter for many, but local municipalities are hurting over the amount of salt that's been used to combat the tough conditions this treacherous weather can bring.

Areas such as Colonie, Glenville and Clifton Park have had to use a significant amount of salt on the roads to protect drivers from things such as ice and packed snow after a light shower. Coming out on top, though, Colonie Department of Public Works Commissioner Jack Cunningham said the town has used 13,000 tons of salt, which equates to 26 million pounds.

"This year, we increased the salt budget, which contains three components, primarily salt, then sand and liquid calcium," he said. "We use the salt to keep melting the ice between eight degrees Fahrenheit. It stops melting under that, which is where we use the liquid calcium."

The increase in the budget went from \$550,000 for the 2009-10 fiscal year to \$650,000 for the 2010-11 fiscal year. But on Monday, March 7, the town went over its budget by \$38,000. This comes after the snow plows have spread salt across town nearly 60



A bulldozer carries a winter mix used to fill pot holes in the town of Clifton Park from a barn where the town keeps what it has left of its salt inventory for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Photos by Andrew Beam/Spotlight

times, adding up to 43,000 miles of salt.

There is also some presalting done on some of the roads with not a lot of heavy traffic, which allows the town not to plow right away and clean up some of the snow more quickly.

"It helps us in our snow removal effort," he said.

Cunningham said Colonie has enough salt in its barn for only two similar events to the storm on March 7.

Up north in Clifton Park, Rich Kukuk, superintendent of highways, said last year up until January, the town had only used 2,000 tons of salt, less than half of the budget. This year has been a little bit different.

"This year we've gone through 4,600 tons," he said. "That's a 230 percent increase."

The department is still within its budget this year, Kukuk said, with \$300,000 for salt. But there is only 10 percent left until December since it has used \$270,000 worth of salt so far. If another big storm hits, he said the department will have to use some supplemental fund from other accounts in the Highway Department or from its surplus, and the board would have to pass a resolution on either of those.

Kukuk said he aims to use only 5,000 tons each year, but it is something that depends on the



weather since some storms may only require plowing. Salt is not the only thing the department spends money on. It also funds overtime and fuel, which Kukuk said he has used up and then some.

Budgeting \$80,000 for overtime, he said there has been \$90,000, without being done yet.

Tom Coppola, highway superintendent in Glenville, said that the department is at its max for the salt budget, but has some left in the shed to get through the year,

unless another big storm happens before November and December.

"I budgeted 151,000 and have used that much salt," he said. "We use approximately 200 tons for each storm. We're right about at 2,100 tons used so far."

He said this winter has not only taken its toll on the town's salt budget, but also has led to needed repairs for some of the plows. When the snow is heavy and wet, it causes plows to move slower on routes or sometimes causes a break

down. Most of this occurs during spring snowfalls he said.

With such a high usage of salt, Cunningham said that it has some impact on the roads, but has a bigger effect on the storm water run-off.

"If it melts or rains, it goes into the storm water system and works its way out into the drinking water system," he said. "The drinking water is treated to get stuff out, but people see impacts on the side of the road and areas not treated like the front lawn."

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You have an opportunity to serve your community and help shape the future of the Guilderland Public Library. Two seats on the library's governing Board of Trustees are up for election on Tuesday, May 17. Each seat is for a full, five-year term as a Library Trustee; it is the Board of Trustees that sets library policy and ensures that the Library is responsive to the public's needs.

Serving the community as a board member is an important job. As State Librarian Janet Welch wrote in her preface to the Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State, "A good public library benefits and serves the entire community. [Trustees] make policy and fiscal decisions crucial to the life and direction of the library. Their decisions impact the lives of people and the future of their community."

Serving on the board is greatly rewarding and sometimes challenging. If you are interested in running for one of these seats, please contact the Library Director, Barbara Nichols Randall, at 456-2400, ext. 13. Information packets and petitions for prospective trustees are available every March at the Library or the Guilderland School District Office.

### Add photos to your online genealogy

Next Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m., the Guilderland Public Library will host a demonstration of its new microfilm

scanner. This device can read negatives and slides in addition to microfilm reels. Scanned images can be saved to a disk or flash drive, or printed on our printer.

This scanner was purchased with newspaper images in mind. The scanner saves work in black-and-white only. But if you have older negatives to scan, bring them in and try it out. Also, the librarians will be on hand if you have questions about use of our genealogy databases. Bring your laptop or use one of our computers.

Call 456-2400, ext. 7, to register.

### Monsters LLC

Next Friday's Family Movie is something really different: It's about a corporation of monsters. The movie starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 25. In addition to all the seats for adults, there are always mats down front so younger moviegoers can spread out. Of course there will be free popcorn!

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, please call the Library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Visit the Library's website at www.guilpl.org. Become a Facebook Fan of the Library (Guilderland Library), follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib), and get music information and downloads on the Library's Freegal page. It all starts at guilpl.org.

## Nominating petition forms available

A reminder that nominating petition forms are available for one vacancy on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees. The seat is for a full term of five years. Petition forms and information packets may be obtained at the library information desk.

Petitions must contain at least 100 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar by 5pm on April 18.

Elections will be held on Tuesday May 17 from 7am-9pm at Bethlehem Central High School.

### Molasses Creek concert

Come listen to the music of Molasses Creek at the library Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m.

Molasses Creek features Gary Mitchell on guitar, Fiddler Dave



Tweedie, Lou Castro on dobro and bass, and Marcy Brenner and Gerald Hampton on mandolin and bass.

### Film Fest

Don't forget the 2011 Teen Film Fest Awards Ceremony this Saturday March 26 at 2:30pm. Contestants, families and friends can view this year's entries in three categories: action, comedy, documentary, and technical/experimental/animation.

### Preschool picnic

Friday, April 8, 11 a.m. Bring a lunch or snack and watch Pigeon movies on Pigeon's birthday. Preschoolers and families.

### Teen time

Friday, April 8, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Guitar Hero, DDR, Wii, and games for grade 6

and up.

### Special needs information fair

Saturday, April 9, 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn about available support networks for children with special needs and their families. Representatives of local special-needs organizations will be available to provide information to parents and caregivers.

### Read a book, write a letter

Monday to Friday, April 11 to 15, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

April is National Letter Writing Month. Got a burning question about a book? Write letters to your favorite authors. Grade K-5.

### Daybooks

Monday, April 11, 1:30 p.m.

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### Bethlehem Public Library board

Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

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### Pajama-rama

Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Stories, songs and dancing—wear your PJs! Children up to age 6 and families.

### Monday night at the movies

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

"Dinner for Schmucks" (2010, PG-13, 114 minutes)

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.

## Storytellers to share tales with adults

For nine years, many of the public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer counties have participated in the Riverway Storytelling Festival. The weeklong festival includes more than 20 events for children, teens and families.

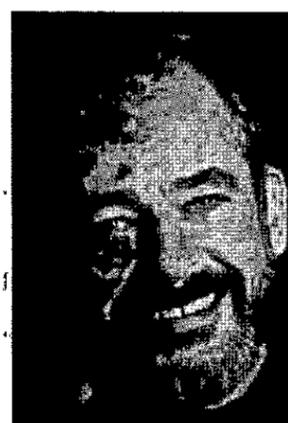
"A Spring Bouquet of Tales" is a special performance being held at Voorheesville Public Library on Wednesday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. Storytellers Frank-Lee Speaking and Jack Maguire will be telling tales to delight and entertain in a program geared for adults and seniors. Join with us to laugh together, share a poignant moment or two, and surely recognize



ourselves in the stories told by our masterful tellers. We look forward to welcoming you! The performance is free, no registration is required and light refreshments will be served. To see the whole event schedule, which includes "Ghost Story Night" at Guilderland and "Laughin' Night" at Sanford (Colonie) libraries, visit www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org.

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### Movie matinee

We have scheduled Sunday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m. for a second free showing of the popular film *The Social Network* (rated PG-13). If you missed it the first time, see it now!

### FOL meeting

The public is invited to the FOL Annual Meeting on Monday, March 28th at 7p.m.

### Trustee position vacancy

There are three upcoming vacancies on the Voorheesville Public Library Board of Trustees for the five year terms beginning July 1, 2011. Any person over the age of 18 who resides in the Voorheesville Central School District is eligible. Petitions may be picked up at the library at 51 School Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186, and returned with 25 signatures by 5 p.m. on April 18.

Barbara Vink

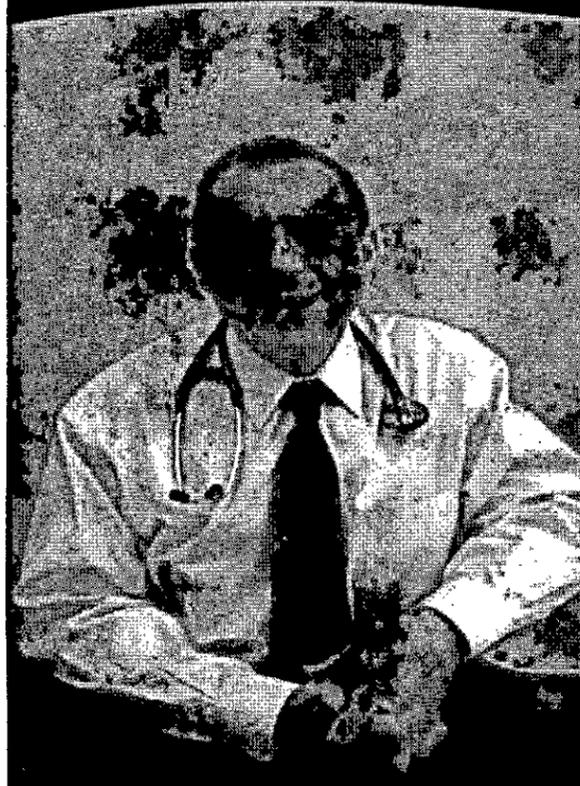
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# Seniors invited to Molasses Creek show at library

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Molasses Creek is a high energy acoustic group that features captivating stage presence, elegant harmonies, blazing instruments, and a quirky sense of humor. You can also enjoy dinner after the show at Applebee's in Glenmont, cost on your own. No reservation is needed for the free show. Call 439-4955, ext 1176 to make dinner reservations. Transportation will leave Town Hall at 12:30 p.m. Suggested van donation: \$3.

You will also want to enjoy dinner at the ever popular Culinary Arts Restaurant of Schenectady Community College on Tuesday, March 29, at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$23, check payable to Town of Bethlehem. The dinner will feature fresh spinach salad, and a choice



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of Salmon Wellington, wrapped in puff pastry and baked with spinach, shallots and purple rice; Loin of Pork, rubbed with Dijon mushroom and roasted with garlic, onions, carrots and Duchesse potatoes; or vegetarian pasta with roasted asparagus, chevre and lemon zest; each followed by Kentucky Derby Pie. Transportation will leave from Town Hall and home pick up is available on a prearranged basis. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to arrange transportation to either or both of the above programs. Home Pick up is available on a pre-arranged basis

Register on Friday, April 1, for the A.A.R.P. 55 Alive

Safe Driving Course to be held on Friday, April 15, 2011, from 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm. Completion of this course usually results in a reduction in car insurance premiums. Reservations are first come first served in person in the Bethlehem Senior Office at Town Hall starting at 9:00 am. If space permits, phone reservations will be taken on Monday, April 4, starting at 8:30 am at 439-4955, ext. 1176. The course fee is \$12 for A.A.R.P. members and \$14 for non-members.

Start your spring cleaning with a free "Shredding Event." Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. is co-sponsoring an opportunity to safely shred your outdated taxes, bank statements and other personal documents. 3N Document Destruction will be at the Elm Avenue Park on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Please consider a donation

for the Food Pantry at the same time. Paper towels, napkins, bath tissue and, of course, non perishable food items are always needed and will be collected at the park. If you are over 60 years of age, Bethlehem Senior Transportation may be able to help you with home pick up that day. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

A.A.R.P. tax counseling is available through April 12 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm by appointment at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext 1176, to make an appointment. Bring copies of your 2009 Federal and State returns, your 2010 W-2 and 1099 Forms and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and property/school taxes.

### Program highlights

Tuesday, March 29  
• 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.

### Wednesday, March 30

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

### Thursday, March 31

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

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30

am - 3:30 pm. We play bridge, mah jongg, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

### Friday, April 1

• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770, ext 1176.

• 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.

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



RCS Community Library's Acoustic Doorways concert series continues this Friday, March 25th at 7:30pm in the First Reformed Church of South Bethlehem with the Music Without Walls project.

## Storytimes to celebrate National Wildlife week

Have a roaring good time at the RCS Community Library story times during National Wildlife week. Throughout the week of March 21, they will be all about wildlife and our connection to it.

Friday, March 25, is a day off from school. A special story time will replace Library Babies and Romp & Read at 10:30 a.m. in the library annex. Kids will learn all about backyard nature and will track down a good book during a scavenger hunt.

### Music Without Walls concert

Celebrate the end of the week at the 3rd Acoustic Doorways concert. On Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, the Music Without Walls project will offer music "from the west of the Hudson to the west of the Jordan." Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens or children. Tickets may be purchased at the library or at the door the night of the concert.

• RCS Community

# 'Cold Mountain' screening set

The Guilderland seniors' movie of the month for May is "Cold Mountain."

It will be shown Thursday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Courtroom.

Starring Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, and Renee Zellweger, the movie is described in an Internet review as: "In the waning days of the American Civil War, a wounded soldier embarks on a perilous journey back home to Cold Mountain, North Carolina to reunite with his sweetheart."

Call ahead to register: 356-1980, ext. 1094.

Cost: Free. Enjoy free popcorn, too.

### Transportation service

The Town of Guilderland provides transportation service to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, and area

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shopping centers such as Wal-Mart. Bus service is also given to those who attend the Tuesday Luncheon Program, special events, and selected trips. To register, please make an appointment with the Senior Office.

### Monday, April 4

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Aerobics 10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters 10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

### Tuesday, April 5

9 a.m. OsteoBusters 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Vegetable

Lasagna or Cold Plate 12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games

### Wednesday, April 6

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Line Dancing 10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster 10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 1 p.m. Needlecraft 1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

### Thursday, April 7

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Osteobusters 9 a.m. Aerobics 10:15 a.m. Ten Broeck Mansion trip 1 p.m. Mahjongg 1:15 p.m. Pinochle

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# Former Shaker principal joins Board of Regents

**Dr. James O. Jackson has served as a friend and educator to many in the Colonie area**

ANDREW BEAM

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After over 40 years in education, former Shaker High School Principal Dr. James O. Jackson was elected to a three year term on the State Board of Regents representing the third Judicial District.

Jackson was nominated by Assemblyman Bob Reilly, D-Cohoes, Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany, and Senator Neil Breslin, D-Delmar and was elected on Monday, March 7.

He earned his master's degree in History and Political Science from the College of St. Rose, and his Ph.D. in American History, Administration, Curriculum and Supervision from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, according to a press release from Reilly. Jackson then moved on to begin teaching at Shaker High School and later a

department supervisor and finally a building principal.

During his tenure at North Colonie, he started a program of systemic advocacy for students with support from Integrated Regents Program, Career Inter Exploration Program, Personal Improvement Intervention Program and the Academic Intervention Services, according to the release. This helped the district bring regents diplomas up from 66 percent to 96.6 percent.

Working alongside Jackson, North Colonie Superintendent Joseph Corr recalled his days working as the newly elected regent's subordinate very fondly.

"Dr. Jackson was my boss when he was principal of Shaker High School, I worked under him as a teacher and I worked under him as a department supervisor," he said. "I can't think of a better person to come in and serve on the board of regents at a time when we're facing great

difficulties. Dr. Jackson is a veteran educator, he's loaded with common sense, he knows about teaching and learning, he really and truly is the right man at the right place and at the right time."

Another person who is very close to Jackson is Gloria Knorr, a resident of Colonie, who was overwhelmed with excitement when she had heard the news. She spoke very highly of his character as she had observed him when he was teaching biology while she was a student at Russel Sage College working towards her School Nurse Teacher's Certification.

"This man has everything," she said. "He's a good student, a great teacher and a great principal. He'll be a big influence on children."

Knorr said she and Jackson share the same here, Dr. Martin Luther King, and added that she feels he is continuing the work of King. She also remarked on his role of being a father of Christian Sterling Jackson MD, who is currently the Chief of



Former Shaker High School Principal Dr. James O. Jackson, center, stands with Assemblyman Bob Reilly, left, Senator Neil Breslin, his wife Dr. Rose Jackson and Assemblyman Jack McEneny on the floor of the New York State Assembly after being elected to the State Board of Regents on Monday, March 14.

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Gastroenterology at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, California.

Knorr even chose Jackson and his wife, Dr. Rose J. Jackson, a retired elementary principal in the North Colonie Central District and current interim director Library Media AV Services, as her firstborn's godparents in 1969, even though Jackson follows a different religion.

"I'm Catholic and he's Presbyterian," she said. "But it didn't matter whether he was Catholic, he's a human

being and he takes things seriously. Everything this man does, he does well. I knew that if anything happened to me or my husband, we knew he would definitely be involved in my son's life."

Even though Jackson will be in charge of covering seven counties in his new position, Knorr said she doesn't feel any child will be neglected.

"You feel the man generally care about you," she said. "If the politicians ever did anything right, this is it."

On a personal level, Corr

said Jackson has all the tools needed to support education for children in New York State.

"He's a man of great intellect and he's a man of great integrity," he said. "I think he will do extremely well as an advocate for education for the children of New York State."

As a Ford Foundation and Northwestern University Fellow and a William Randolph Hearst Scholar, Jackson deferred comment for this story until he actually does something.

## Del Gallo stands by pick for rec and senior programs post

**Resident calls for ethics board investigation of supervisor**

By JOHN PURCELL  
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Supervisor Frank Del Gallo is determined to make John DeGeorgio the head of Recreation and Senior Programs, but when the resolution failed to pass the Rotterdam

Town Board a second time, Del Gallo said, "Whatever way I've got to do it, I'm going to do it."

On Wednesday, March 9, for the second board meeting in a row, Del Gallo brought forward a resolution to appoint DeGeorgio, former head of the Recreation and Senior Programs, to the position previously occupied by Diane Marco, who was terminated at

**"Mr. DeGeorgio is qualified for this job and one way or another, he is going on that job."**

Supervisor Frank Del Gallo

the end of February amid public outcry and concern from board members.

Despite Councilwoman Nicola DiLeva's absence, the resolution failed to pass, with fellow board

members Matthew Martin and Wayne Calder voting against it and calling for the position to be advertised before any selection is made. The part-time position has a salary of \$15,000.

"Mr. DeGeorgio is qualified for this job, and one way or another, he is going on that job," said De Gallo. "Hopefully, they will vote him on it. If they don't, the senior center must run, and as the supervisor, I am going to put the most qualified guy in that job."

Del Gallo said he was going to check what the law says pertaining to appointments and "that's the way it is going to be done," but Martin and Calder said they are not keen on rushing the process.

"I thought it would be best to have an interview process, not to mention that I think the current head of the senior center was unfairly dismissed," said Martin.

Calder said that after the Monday, March 7, agenda meeting, he thought there was an agreement to accept

resumes from people and gather at least three applicants.

"When I left Monday night ... we were going to ask to have it tabled, but Mr. Del Gallo said, 'No sense, we might as well take it off the agenda then, and we'll leave it off for a week and post the job,'" said Calder before voting against the resolution. "We agreed that that was the right thing to do, and we thanked him, and it is back again."

Del Gallo said that wasn't the case and added that DeGeorgio is the first person on the preferred list anyway.

"There is nobody else ... that is on the preferred list, and he is there for two years, and it hasn't been two years, so that's the reason why it wasn't posted," said Del Gallo. "I did explain that to [Calder] and Mr. Martin."

After the motion failed to pass with a stalemate vote of 2-2, Del Gallo said, "I'll have to do what I'll have to do."

DeGeorgio earlier said he has a four-year degree in physical education and he scored in the top three on the civil service exam. While he has said he never asked to be selected for the position, he urged the board to find a replacement soon.

**Ethics Board summoned**

Resident Todd Koza, before the vote on DeGeorgio, requested the ethics board investigate independent decisions made by Del Gallo as the supervisor without direction from the Town Board. Koza said the supervisor has stepped over his legal boundaries in some recent actions.

"I have spoken with the New York State Department of State on this subject and was provided with a much simpler description of powers as not all of us are lawyers," said Koza. "One of the distinguishing features of town government organization is the lack of a strong executive branch. Virtually all of a town's discretionary authority rests with the Town Board."

According to New York State Town Law, the supervisor can bring removal charges against an appointed head or deputy head from any town department for a hearing and determination by the Town Board.

Marco previously said she asked for a hearing after she received the termination letter by mail, but she didn't have a hearing before her removal date. Also, board members have said they

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**Regal makes dean's list**

Ellen Regal of Delmar was named to the dean's list at Fairfield University for the fall 2010 semester. Regal is a senior studying in the School of Nursing.

To be selected for the dean's list, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5, of a possible 4.0.

**Hayes earns master's degree**

Laura Hayes of Delmar received a master of science in occupational therapy from Boston University in January.

Hayes was one of 1,550 students to receive academic

degrees.

**Church to hold big breakfast**

The Men's Association at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville is sponsoring a big breakfast Sunday, March 27, from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the social hall.

Menu items include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Take-outs are also available. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

**Talk to examine state's role in war**

The Historical Society of the Town of Colonie will host Robert W. Arnold III's presentation, "Let Loose the Dogs of War: New York in the American Civil War" on Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. at the Town

of Colonie Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville.

New York supplied more men, money and material in the Civil War than any other state North or South, but New Yorkers responded to the Civil War in diverse and often contradictory fashion. Concentrating on the home front, this presentation will examine a sample of those responses. It will look at the social costs of the war as they played out in the farms and cities of the Empire State, in families, workplaces and neighborhoods and the transition that went with it from an era of reform to the Gilded Age.

Arnold is a career public historian retired from the New York State Archives. He serves as a Commissioner of Historic Resources for the City of Albany.

The event is free. For more information contact Kevin Franklin, Town of Colonie historian, at 782-2593 or frankink@colonie.org.

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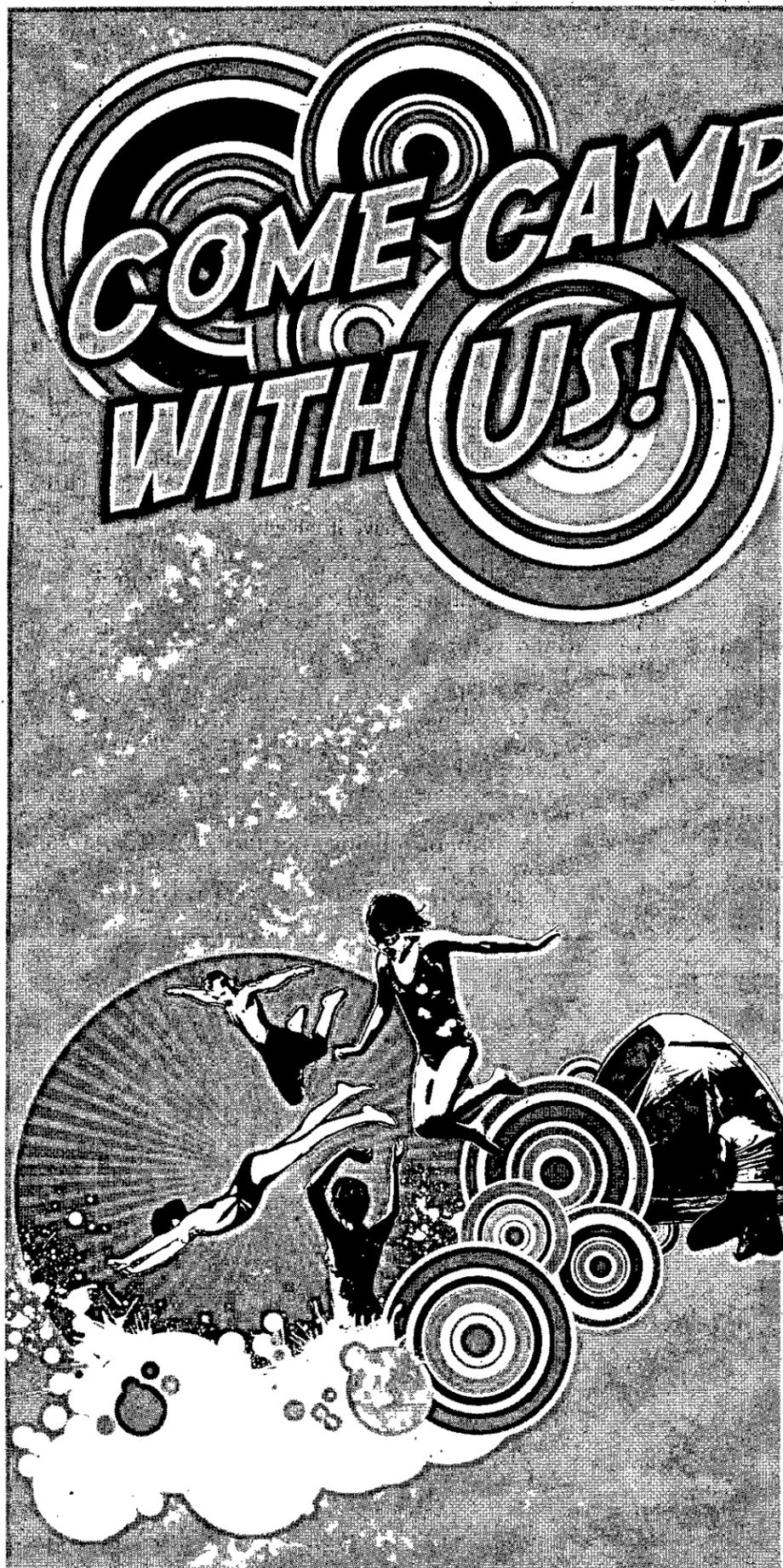
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didn't know Marco was going to be removed until after she received the letter and called board them.

Koza also read excerpts from the Department of State's Local Government Handbook, which is the sixth edition and dated 2009.

"The town law does not provide for a separate executive branch of town government," said Koza reading from the handbook. "Because the supervisor occupies the leader's position on the Town Board ... many people think the supervisor's position is the executive position of town government. But the supervisor is part of the legislative branch and acts as a member and presiding officer of the Town Board."

The handbook further states the supervisor's powers include acting as treasurer for the town, keeping an accurate account of finances, making reports when required, paying fixed salaries and other claims and when directed by the town board can lease, sell and convey town properties.



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# Fashion meets faith

**Conference teaches teens how to dress trendy and modestly**

By ALYSSA JUNG  
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Teen girls face more pressures today than ever before—to fit in, to dress stylishly, to express themselves through their clothes and actions. Pamela A. Stilling, director of events and administration at Abounding Grace Christian Church in Schenectady sees young girls struggle with those pressures every week and decided to do something about it.

“Fashion Meets Faith” is a two-day conference split into sessions titled “Modesty Rocks” and “Maximizing Beauty” on Friday, April 1, and Saturday,

April 2. Stylist, author and motivational speaker Shari Braendel hosts an event that teaches women and girls how to dress trendy and modestly.

“One of the things, especially for girls, is that we as Christians have assumed that our girls know what modest is, so what’s happened is we say ‘don’t do this, don’t do that’ and we’re teaching them what not to do,” said Braendel. “They’re getting advice from the world and learning how to dress from the world.”

What the world is teaching girls, said Stilling, is that the way they dress says more about who they are than what’s inside, something that often leads to self-esteem and self-image



Stylist, author and motivational speaker Shari Braendel will host the event Fashion Meets Faith on April 1 and 2 at Abounding Grace Christian Church in Schenectady. The two-day conference teaches teen girls and women how to dress stylishly while remaining modest.

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issues. That's a notion she wants the church's young congregation to get away from.

"It's so difficult to find things to wear that if you don't have a certain body type, you don't look good in it. Either it's very short or a lot of cleavage is showing and it's about body image," said Stillinger. "We want girls to understand they were created beautiful, God created them beautifully, and they need to see themselves that way."

Both Stillinger and Braendel said that the word "modesty" is sometimes thought to be synonymous with drab, un-trendy or boring. In reality, that's not so.

"The Bible talks about modesty and a big reason for that is because when a man is looking at a woman visually, especially boys in their teen years, they're not looking at a warm personality or how caring, giving and compassionate they are," said Stillinger. "We want girls to understand you can still be dressed fashionably and modestly and let your inner beauty do the work for you."

For Braendel, who spent more than 20 years

working in the fashion industry, spreading the message of conquering the modesty was her calling.

"It really happened when I was praying and I felt God saying I needed to take all the knowledge I have in the fashion industry and take that information to the women of the church," said Braendel. "I prayed about it for seven years ... God was lining up ahead of me because I did almost 50 events that first year."

"Fashion Meets Faith" inadvertently worked off the TLC television show, "What Not To Wear" which pitted two fashion stylists against an ordinary person with no fashion sense or style.

"The show had just come out and all of a

sudden the whole image industry was at the forefront because so many Christians were watching that TV show, it was an open door," said Braendel.

More than five years later, Braendel no longer has a consulting firm in Florida and instead lives in North Carolina, traveling around the country every weekend for speaking engagements and conferences.

"I typically do a teen event on night and a women's event the next day, which has more an emphasis on women helping teens to see themselves as beautiful and giving them confidence," said Braendel.

Attendees will learn how to dress for their

body type, makeup tips and undergo a color analysis to find the perfect colors for their skin tone (there are 36 individual colors that look good on six different skin tones). The teen event finishes with a fashion show by local girls to spotlight the styles they learned about.

Braendel also has a

book she'll have for sale called "Good Girls Don't Have to Dress Bad," a style guide with full color and non-airbrushed models.

"For women who don't have a clue, that would be the perfect place to start," said Braendel.

Braendel will be at Abounding Grace on Friday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

with an event for girls sixth grade and up. The Saturday, April 2, event is from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by March 20 and registration forms can be found online at [www.aboundinggrace.org](http://www.aboundinggrace.org) by clicking on the "What to Wear" link. For more information about Braendel, visit [www.fashionmeetsfaith.com](http://www.fashionmeetsfaith.com).



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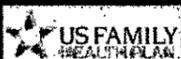


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# Breaking the ice

**Albany Rowing Center to hold 5K race by land and sea**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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For Capital District runners, the arrival of fair weather means racing season is officially on. But there is one upcoming 5K that's unlike any other on the schedule.

In an intriguing twist on the traditional 5K race, on Saturday, March 26, at the Albany Rowing Center's Ice Breaker Challenge runners will race against ARC rowers and boats from other groups making their way down the Hudson.

It's the first time the group has done the event, but if it's successful, they hope there will be many more to both signal the start of the rowing season and raise money for the program. The rowing center has about 50 junior rowers in its program from school districts all over the area that don't have rowing teams of their own.

"Albany Rowing

Center, it attracts Bethlehem, Voorheesville, Guilderland, there's a lot of kids from Columbia on the team," said Board of Directors President Kathy Johnston. "That's a nice thing because the students really get to know students from other districts."

There are also programs of varying levels for adult rowers.

Though participants pay for membership in the ARC, organizers also aim to raise money a few times a year, and they hope the Ice Breaker will be a boon for the club. Already, more than 150 runners have signed up, and registration will be available up to the day of the race.

Combining running with rowing is an element that sets the race apart from other races in the area.

"I'm a long-distance runner, I've run for 35 years, so I figured why not combine what I know, with what the kids know," Johnston said.

There had been some worry about whether the river would be ready for



The Albany Rowing Center is holding an "Ice Breaker" 5K challenge March 26. In a twist on the traditional race, water- and land-based competitors will be pitted against each other as runners take to bike paths in the Corning Preserve and boats take to the waters of the Hudson.

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boating by race day, but an abrupt break from winter weather means ARC rowers have already been on the water for more than a week now.

Victoria Morrell, whose daughter, Maggie, has been an avid rower since she was a middle schooler in Bethlehem Central, said her now-12th-grade

rower is looking forward to the Ice Breaker and will actually be participating — on land.

"She's excited," Morrell said. "She's been recruiting at the high school, trying to get many of the students involved to run in the club."

Maggie Morrell was one of eight rowers (six

of the BC students) who secured the state championship last year for girls eight-person rowing. They're hoping to repeat that success later this year.

The ARC also holds a regatta, the Head of the Hudson, in September. This year's event will be a special one, as it marks the

group's 25th year.

The Ice Breaker Challenge steps off at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 26, from the ARC Boathouse at the Hudson River Corning Preserve, and runners will follow the bike path through the preserve. For more information and to register, visit [www.albanyrowingcenter.org](http://www.albanyrowingcenter.org).

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## Students fare well at SkillsUSA competitions

A number of local high school students enrolled at the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School (Career & Tech) in Albany (Colonie) and Schoharie won events at the March 16 SkillsUSA Regional Competitions at Schenectady County Community College, bringing home eight 1st place trophies, eleven 2nds, seven 3rds, five 4ths, nine 5th place awards, and a SkillsUSA Statesmanship Award. Several students will go on to the New York State SkillsUSA competition April 13-15 in Syracuse.

Scoring first place in the region at the March

16 event were:

- Jacob Rarick, Welding and Metal Fabrication, Bethlehem

- Nolan Kehn, Diesel Medium/Heavy Duty Truck Repair, Guilderland

- Emily Pecora, Floral Design, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk

- Rebecca Shook, Employment Application Process Food Services, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk

Scoring second place in the region was:

- Nick Guastella, Welding and Metal Fabrication, Bethlehem

Scoring third place in

the region were:

- Hannah Rosen, Food and Beverage Service Culinary Arts Tech Prep, Guilderland

- Bridget Hotaling, Action Skills Food Services, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk

Scoring fourth place were:

- Cameron Becker, Crime Scene Investigation Team Criminal Justice, Guilderland

- Courtney Franklin, Crime Scene Investigation Team Criminal Justice, Guilderland

SkillsUSA is a national organization for career and technical students

that promotes technical and professional growth and personal development through leadership seminars and workshops, campus activities, community service, and competitions. Each Career & Technical School campus has a student-run SkillsUSA chapter.

More than 1,200 local high school and adult students are enrolled in 40 programs of study offered by the Capital Region Career & Technical School. The school is operated by the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and serves residents of Albany, Schoharie and southern Saratoga counties.

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# Entertainment in the Spotlight

A wall in the National Dance Museum and Hall of Fame is dedicated to Arthur Murray. The Arthur Murray Tarantella Dance Team will take part in Italy Day at the museum on Sunday, March 27.



The "Postage Paid: Dance Around the World" exhibit at the National Dance Museum and Hall of Fame includes 11 postage stamps from Italy. The museum will celebrate Italy Day on Sunday, March 27, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

A pile of luggage greets visitors to the "Postage Paid: Dance Around the World" exhibit.



The Alfred Z. Solomon Children's Wing will host several activities for kids during Italy Day festivities.



# Another side of Italy

## Dance museum's 'Postage Paid' exhibit spotlights vibrant country as a prelude to spring

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**A**shley Turney wants to share with people the Italy she knows and loves.

Turney, a Saratoga Springs native, lived and worked in Italy for about five years. She was enamored with the slow pace of life, with the way people would stretch their meals for four or five hours, soaking in the time with friends and family.

When Turney moved back to the States, she knew she still wanted Italy to be part of her life. So she launched a company that designs private itineraries and tours of Italy, and on Sunday, March 27, she'll be at the National Museum of Dance and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs for Italy Day.

The festival is the fourth in a series linked to the museum's exhibit, "Postage Paid: Dance Around the World." Sue Edwards, the museum's programming director, said she slated the Italy program for late March because the vibrant country seemed like a good transition to spring.

The "Postage Paid" exhibit, which has been up for about a year and will run through Thanksgiving, features postage stamps from around the world, along with clothing, flags and other slices of life from numerous countries. Although the stamps emphasize dance, the exhibit is much deeper than that, as are the festivals.

"This is a cultural family day," Edwards said.

The schedule includes:

- Speaker Giuseppe Faustini, who teaches Italian at Skidmore College.
- A cooking demonstration by Fabrizio Bazzani, executive chef at Chianti II Ristorante.
- The Arthur Murray Tarantella Dance Team.
- Children's activities, dance and art in the Alfred Z. Solomon Children's Wing.
- Speaker Father Neil Draves, a third-generation Saratogian. He will recount the region's Italian neighborhoods, businesses and restaurants.

"I've known him all my life," Edwards said. "His stories will be fabulous."

As for Turney, she's coming from her home in Connecticut to take part in the event.

Not long ago, she called Italy home, moving there after college to work. Turney had first visited as a freshman, and she experienced something of a culture shock in a country of millions where she knew no one.

"I had never even taken public transportation," she said with a laugh.

Turney's time in Italy was heavily influenced by two families in Florence with whom she lived. They didn't speak English, so she was able to immerse herself in the language.

That wasn't the only step she took to get a taste of Italy beyond the usual tourist stops. She mingled with the local people as much as she could, loving the leisurely tempo of everyday life.

"It was such a departure from the life I had known," she said. "They really emphasize the importance of slowing things down and spending time with friends and family."

Turney cherishes the time she spent in Italy, but she also missed friends and family back home, especially when a lot of her friends were getting married and marking other milestones and she was a continent away.

So, Turney eventually came back to the States. But the pull of Italy was still strong, resulting in the creation of her business, liveit-italy.com. She sometimes travels to Italy with her clients, and she sometimes sends them with another leader. A more recent option has Turney creating itineraries for travelers who go it alone.

A typical Turney tour might visit the central market in Florence, with plenty of time built in to browse and talk to the vendors. There will be a stop at a private villa for a cooking class, and meals at "more authentic restaurants."

"I try to slow things down so people can just sit and enjoy a glass of wine and watch the world go by," she said.

After all, those are some of her fondest memories. She's thrilled to share them not only through her business, but through events like Italy Day.

"I feel very strongly about showing people that side of Italy that I want them to see," she said.

The museum will host Italy Day from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for the public and free for museum members. For more information, visit [www.dancemuseum.org](http://www.dancemuseum.org).

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

Classic comedy, presented by Classic Theatre Guild, Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, March 25 and 26, call for showtimes and prices. Information, 346-6204.

### BILL W. AND DR. BOB

Regional premiere of play based on Alcoholics Anonymous' founders, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through March 26, shows Thursdays through Sundays, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

### CROWNS

Regina Taylor play about a young woman's return to the south and learning about her culture and history, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through April 3, shows Tuesdays through Sundays, \$28-\$53. Information, 445-7469.

### THE MUSICAL OF MUSICALS THE MUSICAL!

Witty satire of American musical theater,

presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, March 23-27, \$18. Information, 382-2081.

### WELCOME TO THE MOON AND OTHER PLAYS

John Patrick Shanley's series of short plays centering around love, presented by Third Premise Theater, Saratoga Arts Center, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 2 and 8 p.m., March 26 and April 2, adults \$15, seniors/students \$10. Information, (516) 640-9389.

## Music

### MIKE HARRISON

Playing your favorite oldies, March 24, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### DYLAN STORM

Carolina musician, with the Fusebox Poet and The Hunting Season, March 25, 2 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### MARK ZANE

Indie folk rock, March 25, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### AL DI MEOLA

Jazz guitar master leads the acoustic band World Sinfonia, March 25, 8 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$39.50. Information, 473-1845.

### BILL KIRCHEN AND TOO MUCH FUN

Founding member of Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen leads his own band, March 25, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

### GAELIC STORM

Celtic band, March 25, 8 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$25. Information, 473-1845.

### SCOTT AINSLIE & PAUL ASBELL

Vermont-based blues guitarists, March 25, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### SYBIL ALLYSON & ROOTS OF CHANGE

Folk/roots/Americana band, March 26, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### ELLIS PAUL

Boston folk singer, with opening act Chris Trapper, March 26, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$20, door price \$22. Information, 583-0022.

### "MOSTLY FRANK"

Jerry Gretzinger performs tribute to Frank Sinatra, presented by the Fort Salem Theater, March 26, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$23. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

### STATE OF MIND

Jazz/blues quartet, March 26, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### JAY UNGAR & MOLLY MASON

Americana duo, with special guest Peter Davis, March 27, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door price \$20. Information, 583-0022.

### PEPPINO D'AGOSTINO

Acclaimed acoustic guitarist, March 29, 7 p.m., The Woman's Club, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, information, 696-2680 or e-mail corliscarroll@yahoo.com.

### HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN

Western swing and hot jazz band, March 30, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, advance tickets \$17, door tickets \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, March 25, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Citizen Soldier," through March 31; "Farmers, Warriors, Builders: The Hidden Life of Ants," through April 10; "199 Capitol Fire," through June 18; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Curator's Choice: Recent Acquisitions," through June 5; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

Installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 242-2243.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"Mohawk Hudson Regional Invitational," through April 2, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

### BROADWAY ART CENTER

"Heart to Art," through April 8; "Steven Carberry Sculptures," through March 31; 488 Broadway, Albany. Information, 756-3649.

### CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER

"The Way of the Cross," a series of oil paintings by Patricia Trudeau, through April 30, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy. Information, 274-7793.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Postage Paid: Dance Around the World," through fall 2012; "In a Labyrinth: The Dance of Butoh," through March; "A Midsummer Night's Dream," through May; plus a Michael Jackson tribute, a "Dancing with the Stars" exhibit and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars;

plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

### RIVERFRONT STUDIOS

"Season Opener," featuring the Guild of Adirondack Artists in the West Gallery and a special selection of artists in the East Gallery, through April 29, 96 Broad St., Schuylerville. Information, 695-5354.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

"Our Favorite Things," through April 23; plus "FETCH! Lab" and "Fueling the Future," ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Paula Hayes: Understory," through April 1; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

### THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Objects of Wonder and Delight: Four Centuries of Still Life from the Norton Museum of Art," through April 21; 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Eye to Eye: European Portraits 1450-1850," through March 27; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

### MASS MOCA

"one floor up more highly," an installation by Katharina Grosse, through October; "Ruse," through Dec. 31; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

### ARKELL MUSEUM

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

## Call for Artists

### MALTA LEAGUE OF ARTS

Looking for accomplished artists who would like to display their paintings, sculptures, glass works and more June 18-20 at the Round Lake Auditorium, the theme is "Art & Jazz." Information, 899-8199.

### EARTH WEEK RECYCLED ART SHOW

Looking for artists to participate in April 15-17 show at Hudson Crossing Bi-County Educational Park in Schuylerville, entry forms and a jpg of artwork that consists of at least 50 percent recycled material must be submitted by March 31. Information, 859-1462 or 584-1254.

### THE CHORALERS

Musical group looking for singers of all

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

### ETUDE CLUB

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

### SARATOGA ARTS

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

### CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ongoing rehearsals for its winter concert, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park, no auditions required to join. Information, 371-6681.

### CAPITALAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of 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 Lynwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

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

# Weekly Crossword

## THINK INK

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- 17 Half masks
- 18 Cupidity
- 19 Fasten
- 20 Voting district
- 21 Cooked slowly
- 23 Conceptions
- 24 Panhelic
- 27 Panhandle
- 28 Fortitude
- 29 Bayonet
- 31 Termini
- 35 Marathoner Pippig
- 36 Gone forever
- 39 Hardwood
- 40 Choice list
- 42 Foreign, in combos
- 43 Suffix with pod
- 45 Goddess of night
- 47 Stretch out
- 49 Dr. Alzheimer

## DOWN

- 52 Large org. under Boutros-Ghali
- 53 Clear
- 55 Fills fowls
- 59 Gridiron pitchout
- 60 Unaligned
- 61 Unpublished works
- 62 Marked by thin lines
- 63 Proscribe
- 64 Arlo, to Woody
- 65 Charge
- 66 Evergreen

## ACROSS

- 16 Blackwood's game
- 20 Material
- 22 Trash
- 24 Reproductive cell
- 25 Evaluate
- 26 Attorney Dershowitz
- 27 SW news source
- 30 Chameleon
- 32 "\_\_\_ creature was stirring ..."
- 33 Fitted seam
- 34 Kind of terrier
- 37 Tic-tac-toe winner
- 38 Dye
- 41 As one
- 44 SA rodent
- 46 King in Egyptian mythology
- 48 Caucasus native, perhaps
- 49 Improvise
- 50 Tarzan's swing
- 51 East, to Erhard
- 52 Coll. Bruin
- 54 Defense acronym
- 56 Imbroglia
- 57 Karma
- 58 Murdered
- 60 Stamp on bad checks

# Car dealer blasts former Colonie official

**Car dealer questions former Planning Board Chair's relationship with applicants**

ANDREW BEAM  
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A Colonie car dealer is crying foul after hearing about the relationship between former Planning Board Chairman C.J. O'Rourke and a local developer.

Nathaniel Bette, son of Kevin Bette, president of First Columbia, hired O'Rourke for general contracting work on a home in Loudonville worth over \$1 million, raising Mark Nemith's suspicion, he said.

"I always felt there was a conflict of interest or something very much out of the realm of what would be proper because of the way certain things occurred," Nemith said. "It does answer, at least in my mind, an awful lot of questions about things that happen when you compare now and look at the timelines of both Mr. Bette's approvals and ours."

Nemith has a contractual agreement with Wal-Mart, allowing them to build a supercenter on lots 2, 4 and 6, where a former Nemith Volvo car dealership was located. The site plan for the proposal was submitted in 2007, followed by more than a year of traffic mitigation studies. In September, the planning board shot down the conceptual plan after O'Rourke raised concerns about some of the waivers requested by Wal-Mart, such as the positioning of the front of the building not facing the Northway, the utilization of the setback and the extended width of

the parking stalls.

A month later, First Columbia sought approval of its concept plan to build three new office buildings, totaling 335,000 square feet, on Plaza Drive. Only one board member, Mike Sullivan, was opposed to it. O'Rourke was absent from that meeting.

Nemith's attorney, Clemente Parente, said that after going to all of the planning board meetings and reading through the transcripts, the situation is "very hard to swallow."

At the First Columbia conceptual plan decision, Parente asked that that company be treated the same way as Wal-Mart was. Sullivan also asked that everyone be treated fairly, and noted his concerns regarding the size of the waiver for First Columbia to reduce its number of parking spaces, and what sort of precedent it was setting.

When O'Rourke initially became involved with the project in November 2010, he said he immediately went to Town Attorney Mike Magguilli to make sure it was ethical to be working on a project for Nathan Bette. Magguilli then referred him to the Town's Board of Ethics, where he was cleared.

"I'm about good governance and full transparency," he said. "Nobody told me to go to the ethics board."

In September of 2010, the Colonie Planning Board unanimously voted down the conceptual plan to build a Wal-Mart at the Route 9 corridor. O'Rourke, then serving as chair of the Planning Board, was very critical of the project based on the waivers requested by Wal-Mart. Also present at the meeting was Kevin Bette, who claimed that

Wal-Mart had gone back on agreements regarding the use of Auto Park Drive.

O'Rourke was brought on as a general contractor by Nathaniel Bette in November 2010 to build an addition to a home located at 10 Stafford Street, and after he completed that, he was asked to do renovations for the entire house.

Nemith said hiring contracts and putting together the Vanguard Show House project, located at 10 Stafford Road, takes month of preparation, and that O'Rourke was financially tied to the Bettés on this project before the Wal-Mart decision was made.

"They knew who the contractor was going to be months before," he said. "It's very suspect and very hard for me to believe."

O'Rourke said that the Bette project had not even come up during the Wal-Mart decision and that he didn't start work on the project until November when he was contacted by Nathaniel Bette.

"Nathaniel is not an officer of the town, and he doesn't hold any position at First Columbia," he said. "So there is no conflict of interest."

He continued to say that he found it strange he is being criticized for doing work in his hometown.

"I live in Loudonville and I do 70 percent of my business in Loudonville," he said. "I find it weird for somebody to think it's strange that I have a project in Loudonville."

Nathaniel Bette said the project was completely independent of his father, except for some advice given to him, as well as a loan to pay for the project.

The Vanguard Showhouse was purchased



The Vanguard Designer Show House, located at 10 Stafford Road, owned by Nathaniel Bette, is currently being renovated by O'Rourke Home Remodeling and Construction, owned by former Planning Board Chairman C.J. O'Rourke. Used Car Dealership Owner Mark Nemith claims there was a conflict of interest between O'Rourke and the Bette family.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

by Kevin Bette in 2009, and is next to the family's residence at 12 Stafford Street. On Oct. 20, the Town Building Department approved the addition to the house, according to the building permit.

Also in the permit, which was obtained by The Spotlight under the Freedom of Information Law, it states that the general contractor is First Columbia Construction. Nathaniel Bette said that the company acts as a project manager, and O'Rourke was the general contractor.

While O'Rourke said he was approached by Nathaniel Bette, the younger Bette said O'Rourke had come up to the house and gave him his card when asking if there was anything he could do on the house.

"He came over to the house during the week, gave me his card and asked if there was any work that

needed to be done because things had slowed down for him," Nathaniel said. "He had really good numbers and came in as the lowest bidder. So we brought him on to do stuff."

When later asked to clarify when he first made contact with Nathaniel Bette of the project, O'Rourke said he didn't know for sure.

"I'm not into semantics," he said.

Parente said that while there may have been a decision by the ethics board and that there was full disclosure to the town, he has issue that none of this was ever made public.

"I have difficulty with that when really the disclosure should have been to the public," he

said. "Not simply to an internal organization."

When asked if there was going to be any legal action taken by Nemith, Parente said the main goal is to have their project looked at objectively and fairly.

"Anything that we can do to move this process along, we will do, but that's as far as I'll say on that," he said. "We want our project to be reviewed in a fair and impartial matter. If we think it wasn't then, we're going to have to bring that up."

Parente also said it is up to Wal-Mart's attorneys on whether they would want to proceed with any legal action. One of Wal-Mart's attorneys, Bob Sweeney, has not returned phone calls made and the other, Victor Caponera, is currently out of the country.



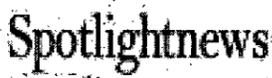
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## Milestones

### James C. Crabtree

James C. Crabtree, formerly of Delmar, passed away on February 19, 2011 at Sawtelle Family Hospice in Reading, MA, at the age of 90.

The son of Dr. E. Granville Crabtree and Edith Reese Crabtree, he grew up in Brookline, MA, and spent summers in Jaffrey, NH.

Jim graduated from Yale in 1942, and served with U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. He received a Master's in English Education in 1948 from Boston University, and pursued graduate studies in American Civilization, English, and Theater.

In 1950, he married Mary MacIver of Pittsfield, MA.

For fifteen years, he taught secondary school English, Social Studies, and Drama, first in New Hampshire and Vermont, then later in Syracuse, NY. There he led a program in play and TV production, in the early days of live television. Later he became a school principal, and in 1966, the family moved to Delmar, where he worked for the New York State Education Department in Albany.

Upon retirement in 1980, Jim returned to the Monadnock region, settling in Greenfield, NH, where he and Mary were active in church and community affairs.

From 1984 to 1994, Jim was education coordinator at the Peterborough, NH Historical Society, organizing programs for school and Elderhostel groups and developing several exhibits.

Moving to Bedford, NH in 2000, he volunteered at the Manchester Historical Association's Millyard Museum and later at Elliot Hospital.

Since 2006, Jim was a resident of Longwood Place of Reading, MA, appropriately housed in a former school building, where he enjoyed making new friends and pursuing his lifelong interest in gardening.

Jim was predeceased by his wife, Mary, and his brother Edward. He is survived by his sister Charlotte Eberhard of Phoenix, AZ, son Alan Crabtree of Delmar, NY, son John, daughter-in-law Catherine, and grandson William Crabtree, all of Lexington, MA, and granddaughter Rebecca Beltz of Arlington, MA.

A memorial service will be held April 16, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 21 Church Street, Winchester, MA.

Contributions in Jim's memory may be made to Caring Canines, Sue Wartman, Treasurer, 108 Greenwood Road, Andover, MA 01810 ([www.caringcanines.org](http://www.caringcanines.org)) or to the Peterborough Historical Society, P.O. Box 58, 19 Grove St, Peterborough, NH 03458 ([www.peterboroughhistory.org](http://www.peterboroughhistory.org)).



Richard and Sara Nestlen

## Quackenbush, Nestlen marry

Sara Lynn Quackenbush and Richard William Nestlen were married on August 29, 2010. Sarah Lynn is the daughter of Jesse Quackenbush of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Robin Sabad of Woodstock, Connecticut. Richard William is the son of Richard D. and Judith Nestlen of Feura Bush, N.Y.

The Wedding Ceremony took place at Letchworth State Park in Castile, N.Y. Mr. Corey Wilson officiated. A Reception followed at Letchworth Park.

The Matron of Honor was Gina Wilson. The Bridesmaids were Virginia Crandall, Sister of the Groom, Roberta DiLeo and Laura Ngo. The Flower Girl was Alisabeth Crandall.

The Best Man was Khanh Ngo. The Groomsmen

were Kyle Crandall, Ethan Willistein and Thomas Ferris. The Ring Bearers were Michael Crandall and David Crandall.

The Bride is a graduate of Woodstock Academy, Woodstock, Connecticut. She earned a B.S. in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from Rochester Institute of Technology. She is employed by Highland Hospital in Rochester, N.Y. as a Sonographer.

The Groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. He earned a B.S. in Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a Civil Engineer with Lecess Construction in Rochester.

The couple took a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico. They reside in Rochester, N.Y.

## IN BRIEF

### Five Rivers plans workshop

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a teacher workshop on the award-winning curriculum-enhancement program Project WILD on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Center staff will lead a participatory training in Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design), an initiative that integrates wildlife themes into the core reading, writing and arithmetic disciplines. Participants will receive a free Project WILD curriculum guide full of stimulating activities, correlated to the state learning standards, for students in grades K-12.

The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, April 13 to register for the workshop.

### Schools to mark Earth Week

The Guilderland Central School District will hold its first Earth Week celebration event April 4 to 9, with a Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle Extravaganza to be held in conjunction with the Class of 2011 Tag Sale on April 9.

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- VCRs/DVRs
- Auto parts
- DVD players
- Any recyclable paper

For more information on the Earth Week celebration or the Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle Extravaganza, please contact Renee Panetta, district recycling and conservation coordinator, at 861-5246; ext. 338, or via e-mail at [panettar@guilderlandschools.org](mailto:panettar@guilderlandschools.org).

### Church slates pork dinner

Trinity United Methodist Church, Route 143, Coeymans Hollow, will hold a pork dinner Saturday, March 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Take-outs are available. For more information, call Ismay at 756-6551 or Marion 756-2629 or day of 756-2091.

### BHA to look at Civil War

For its annual summer display, the Bethlehem Historical Association will focus on the impact the Civil War had on the town.

Commencing June 19 and continuing throughout the summer, BHA will use personal vignettes and local anecdotes as the basis for its presentation of the effect of the war on the daily lives of residents in the Capitol Region and, in particular, the Town of Bethlehem.

The association seeks help from the community in gathering information, artifacts and ephemera. If you have any items and would be willing to share them, contact Bob Mulligan at 439 3802.

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# Town

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to the cells in the police department. Altogether, there was about \$850,000 worth of work before the board.

The meeting closely resembled one held last April when the board discussed but did not approve a package of Town Hall work that included all of the above, excluding the holding cell renovations.

"It's like Groundhog's Day in the movie," Councilman Kyle Kotary said at the special meeting. "We've had this conversation over and over again."

Recollection of last April's events is varied. Several Town Board members have said they explicitly instructed town staff to move forward on the parapet and roof repairs but wanted to hold off on the interior work. But no funding for any of those projects was approved until August 2010, when the board authorized design work for all the Town Hall renovations.

There was still no approval for construction in August. The cost estimate for the whole package of work was also much lower, at \$425,000. The design work is now wrapped up and the town should bid the authorized repair work shortly.

Like last year, Supervisor Sam Messina said the town should bond for the whole package of Town Hall work, including the office expansions.

"They would not, in any way, thwart the work going forward on the emergency repairs," he said.

But other members of the Town Board said they'd like to hold off on those other items until the next board meeting on March 23. Councilman Mark Hennessey said he'd only learned about the work in the police station the day before

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Councilman Kyle Kotary

the special meeting.

"The other Town Hall improvements ... I don't think that's something we absolutely have to do," he said. "Tonight's meeting was really about making the repairs to Town Hall that need to be made."

The board decided to borrow money for the repairs. The capital reserve for the general fund stands at \$570,000, some of which is earmarked for other projects.

The town has three other funds. There is a reserve of \$2 million in the water fund, but that money can't be tapped for projects under the general fund. There were also concerns that spending the reserves down too far could leave the town exposed in the event of other emergencies.

Plus, the borrowing environment is favorable at the moment, said Comptroller Suzanne Traylor.

"Interest rates continue to be incredibly low and in our favor in the short term," she said.

Since there is a delay between authorization and when the bonds are issued, the town could wrap the additional repairs in to this bond should they be approved on March 23. It's advantageous to bundle bonding items together because the town pays its bond counsel every time it borrows.

### Insurance claim issues persist

In a separate discussion, town leaders are still considering how to handle two insurance claims arising from the parapet wall collapse.

Two vehicle owners have accepted money or repair offers from the town's insurer, Trident

Argonaut Insurance, but two are still unhappy with the situation and say they will seek more compensation.

John Hotchin, whose 2004 Toyota Prius was written up as a total loss, said the \$11,750 offer from Trident won't cover a vehicle comparable to his low-mileage car, which also had a package of extra options.

He said the town's response thus far has been "cavalier," and if he doesn't receive \$15,500 from the town, Trident, or a combination thereof, he plans to pursue legal action against the town.

"I think the town is really responsible to make up the difference," he said.

Trident has offered to repair Anna Colonna Carroll's Toyota Matrix. Carroll — who was in her car when the parapet fell on it — has said that's not an acceptable resolution and wants a new vehicle.

The opinion of Town Attorney James Potter remains unchanged, however. He had advised the Town Board that making a payment of any kind to the vehicle owners would violate the state constitution as a prohibited gift by a municipality.

The town has put in an inquiry to the state comptroller.

There have been conversations among the Town Board on how to handle the situation. Hennessey restated his support for an additional compensation for the vehicle owners.

"I remain committed to the idea that the people who were impacted by the parapet get a fair deal," he said. "We are exploring ever possible option ... there's a need for review and creativity."

# Speak

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book," the author said. The key difference is that the photos are in black and white, which also allows more of them to be included.

"We're certainly very excited about it. We love to publish local authors, and Bill is certainly a well-known name," said Fran Keneston of SUNY Press. "He's a wonderful writer and his photographs are great."

After penning more than 530 columns, one would think Danielson would be running out of subjects to write about. The vast subject of nature and his own changing understanding of that world keeps things varied though, he said, as does the task of explaining it to both novices and experts alike.

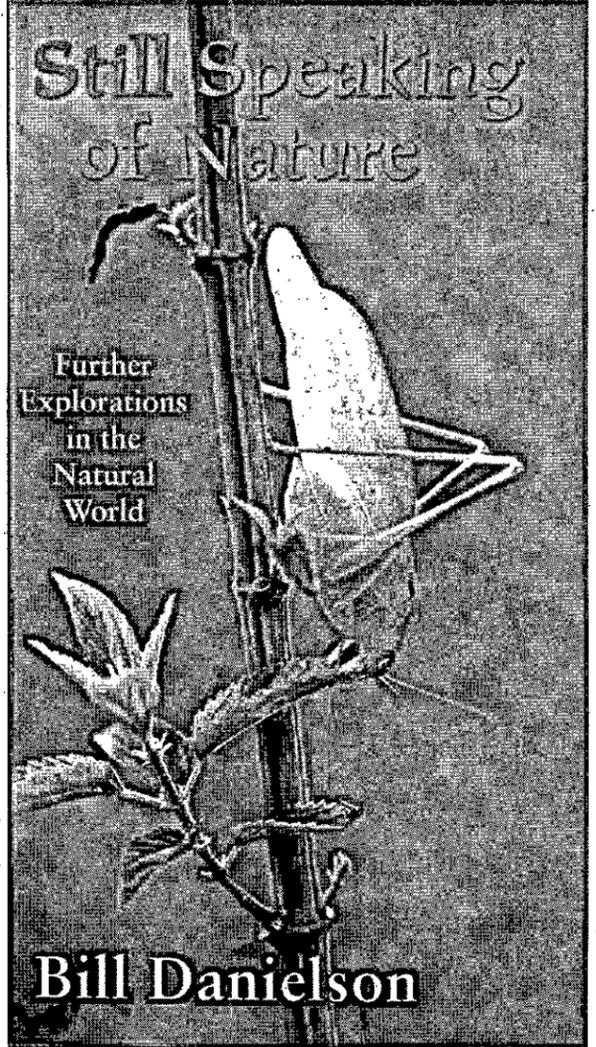
"What a lot of my readers like takes the ordinary and shines a light on it, and then it becomes sort of interesting," he said.

That's partly why, in addition to articles that focus on specific creatures (the black rat snake or the moose, for example), Danielson also writes about the experience of being in nature with pieces concerning spring rains or his trips to John Burroughs' cabin in the Catskills. Even in these, he still works in plenty of information so the reader always leaves enlightened.

It's the real-life spirit of the columns that keeps readers coming back for more, though. One of Danielson's most popular recent topics has been Lionel, a chickadee with a deformed beak that has been visiting his home feeder. Danielson keeps his readers updated on the bird's comings and goings through his website and column, often to his readers' rapt attention.

"You wouldn't believe the fan mail that guy got," he said.

Though he's always kept



**"Still Speaking of Nature: Further Explorations in the Natural World,"** by Altamont resident Bill Danielson, will be going on sale shortly in the Capital District. The collection of some of the longtime columnist's best work is a follow up to his 2001 book, "Speaking of Nature." He'll be signing books at The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza on Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m.

journals, Danielson did not start off as a writer. After graduating from college, he went to work with the National Park Service as a law enforcement ranger stationed in Sandy Hook, N.J. Though this was not the most picturesque posting, it did provide him with his first set of photography equipment after a camera bag washed up on shore after a hurricane.

In a way, writing about nature is an extension of the protection duties he had as a forest ranger, Danielson said.

"If they know more about something, then they'll care about it and want to preserve it," he said.

He hopes to further that mission in his day job as a teacher of biology and

physics at Pittsfield High School in Vermont.

Danielson will be at The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza on Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m., to celebrate the official New York release of his book and to sign copies. He'll also be at the Guilderland Library's "Discover the Great Outdoors" program providing a slideshow and book signing Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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# Cuts

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district budget.

Booster clubs and parents already take a great deal of the cost burden off the district, said Superintendent Michael Tebbano at the budget meeting.

"It became quite apparent to me there's an awful lot of fundraising that goes on in all these groups," he said. "I would just as soon we look at other things."

School board President James Dering said after cuts in previous years to coaching stipends, equipment funds and transportation budgets, the only thing left to do is to cut actual teams. For the money that's saved, he said, it's not a good tradeoff to the school experience.

"If you're going to cut a team there's really minimal costs...so with athletics it's a question of whether you have a team or you don't have a team," he said.

The school board on Wednesday also reviewed the budget for special education, and tentatively approved \$430,000 in budget reductions. (One position would be expanded at a cost of \$40,000, effectively making the department's cut \$390,000).

The cuts are mainly in staffing. Three special education teaching positions, two speech therapist jobs, one social worker and a partial

psychologist position would all see the ax.

The district's Pupil Personnel Services Department Director, Rita Levay, said a great deal of the challenges facing the special education program involve 240 state mandates. She said she has little hope this burden will be reduced by a state mandate relief panel.

"Those are the things that cost us money," she said. "Every one of those regulations cost us money."

The school board also tentatively authorized upping the maximum school bus ride time from 45 to 60 minutes. District officials said the change would not affect most students and would save about \$60,000 by allowing several bus routes to be consolidated.

Administrators said the average student ride time now is 34 minutes and for the vast majority of students it would not change. Only a handful would approach the hour limit, they said.

The next budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 30, in the Middle School auditorium, at 7 p.m. That evening will cover the K-12 instructional program, and a decision on the possible closure of an elementary school is also scheduled to be made.

Any budget decisions the school board's made are tentative until the board adopts a budget, which is scheduled for April 6.

# CP skate park lowers rates

**Parks director says pricing puts facility in line with other town amenities**

By ALYSSA JUNG  
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The Clifton Park Action Park is a skater's haven. Starting April 1, skaters — of both boards and blades — will flock to the skate park after school or on a sunny weekend morning to compare and trade moves. And with reduced membership rates this year, there may be more youths than ever hitting the park.

"We have a lot of kids who come in on our day pass who live outside of Clifton Park but within the Shenendehowa School District and over the past three years, we've heard from a lot of Halfmoon residents basically requesting the Clifton Park rate," said Myla Kramer, director of the office of parks, recreation and community affairs for the town.

Previously, Shen School District residents (non-Clifton Park) paid \$180 for a season pass. This year, that price has been lowered to \$60, the same rate that Clifton Park residents pay. Members who aren't part of the Shenendehowa School District used to pay \$180 too, but that rate has been lowered to \$120 for the 2011 season.

"What we realized is that most of our programs are open to families in the Shen School District so these are the kids who might be going to our half day camps or families who might belong to our town pool and we felt we wanted to carry over that same pricing to our skate park," said Kramer.

A reduced prices seems to indicate the town would collect a lower revenue for the season,

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— Myla Kramer,  
director of the office of parks,  
recreation and community affairs

but Kramer said she's actually anticipating the opposite.

"We're hoping that our revenue will increase because we're hoping to bring in members who weren't able to afford a membership before, who now would be able to," said Kramer.

Membership numbers fluctuate from year to year, but Kramer said it usually sits somewhere between 120 and 220 kids and she cited weather as a big factor in that.

"Skating or rollerblading at the Clifton Park Action Park is a great way for kids and adults to stay active and healthy," said Councilman Tom Paolucci. "I encourage residents to enjoy this popular recreation facility and spread the word about our new low rates."

Since opening in 2006, Kramer said the Action Park has become a successful hit among town youngsters and has also gained notice beyond Clifton Park boundaries.

"There have been a couple conferences where we've been asked to speak about how we designed and operate it, so it's successful," said Kramer.

Membership rates cover basic maintenance and operating costs

and Kramer said aside from office and first aid supplies, staffing the park accounts for the largest chunk of expenses.

"To operate it, generally the biggest cost is just staff to be there all the time. We hire five staff and may hire one or two more people. They supervise, make sure skaters are following the rules, make sure people sign in, have new skaters fill out a waiver and just handle general supervision," said Kramer.

Staff members may be called on to help with keeping the park clean and enforcing rules regarding language, behavior and safety.

"We want it to be a safe environment for all the kids to skate. Every year we do have a couple minor injuries but there hasn't been any major incidents [like fights] or accidents," said Kramer.

No concrete plans have been nailed down yet, but Kramer said the recreation department is planning several special events at the skate park throughout the season.

"It's something I'll be meeting with our staff about. We hope it will be exciting for the kids. We're thinking of having some potential competitions and looking to bring in a few things," said Kramer.

During the school year, the Action Park is open Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to dusk and weekends from 11 a.m. to dusk. During the summer, it's open everyday from 11 a.m. to dusk. It's open to anyone ages seven and up and children ages 7 to 10 must have an adult present at all times. All participants also sign a park rules and waiver before getting in on the action.

For more information about the skate park or to find out how to register for membership, visit [www.cliftonpark.org](http://www.cliftonpark.org).

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Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,550 students in January 2011. Among the graduates was Laura Hayes, who received a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (Two Year Program). Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges. The university offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

## Germain earns degree from Binghamton

Cody B. Germain, of Glenmont, has earned a master's degree in Accounting from Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Binghamton University is one of the four university centers of the State University of New York. Known for the excellence of its students, faculty, staff and programs, Binghamton enrolls close to 15,000 students in programs leading to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Its curriculum, founded in the liberal arts, has expanded to include selected professional and graduate programs.

## Students named to Binghamton Dean's List

Samantha P. Shrager, of Slingerlands, and Emma Elizabeth Traylor, of Glenmont, are on the Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement for the Fall 2010 semester from the College of Community and Public Affairs at Binghamton University, State

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## Capital Swing Dance at Albany Elks Lodge

There will be an April Capital Swing Dance on Friday, April 1, 8:30-11:30 p.m., at the Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St. Music by the Saints of Swing. Admission, including 7:30 beginner lesson: \$15; DFO members \$12; seniors and students \$10.

Further information at [www.danceflurry.org/swing](http://www.danceflurry.org/swing).

## St. Ann's/St. John's hold college prep

St. Ann's / St. John's Center in Albany announced that its College Prep program will be hosting representatives from area and other colleges at its center on Monday, March 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., to meet with prospective students. The event is open to the public and those interested in enrolling in a college are urged to attend. The center is located on 88 Fourth Street in Albany's South End. Among the colleges represented will be Schenectady Community College, Hudson

Valley Community College and Mildred Elly.

For more information, contact Sylvia Jimison at 518-374-3081 / [jimisondr@aol.com](mailto:jimisondr@aol.com), or the St. John's / St. Ann's Center at 518-472-9091 / Ext. 14.

## Bartkowiak to be honored

Stephanie L. Bartkowiak of Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte, CPAs, P.C (TBC) has been named to the *Business Review's* 40 Under Forty Class of 2011.

The award honors forty Capital Region professionals under 40 years of age for their business accomplishments and community contributions. Bartkowiak is TBC's first employee to receive this accolade since the award program's inception 11 years ago.

This year's class of 40 Under Forty honorees was selected from more than 300 nominations. As one of the 40 honorees selected by an advisory committee of business leaders, she will be honored at a luncheon on May 12 at the Crowne Plaza Albany Hotel.

## Alessi named to Dean's List

Laura C. Alessi, a resident of Slingerlands, has recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester. Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges.

The university offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

## VCSF sponsors spring gala

The Voorheesville Community and School Foundation (VCSF) will sponsor its 8th Annual Spring Gala Saturday, April 9, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Albany Country Club to help raise funds for cultural and educational projects throughout New Scotland. Program activities will include dinner, plus hors d'oeuvres, dessert and an open bar, as well as dancing to the music of the Karen Lawrence Band.

Gifts from business sponsors are sought for both live and silent auctions. Business sponsors interested in offering gifts to be auctioned, or anyone in the community who wants to make a donation or seek more information, should contact Patricia Conway, gala chairperson, at [gala@vcsfoundation.com](mailto:gala@vcsfoundation.com). Gala admission is \$100 per person.

Checks should be made payable to Voorheesville Community and School Foundation. Supporters are encouraged to respond by March 30 either via postal mail at: P.O. Box 523, Voorheesville, NY 12186 or on-line at: [www.vcsfoundation.com](http://www.vcsfoundation.com).

## Empire State Book Festival and Gala scheduled

The Second Annual Empire State Book Festival and Gala is scheduled for April 1-2 in Albany.

The two-day event kicks off on Friday, April 1 at 6 p.m. with the Empire State Book Festival Gala at the State Room in downtown Albany that features the NYS Writers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Author Paula Fox, winner of the Newbery Medal and Hans Christian Andersen Medal and Pulitzer-Prize winning poet John

Ashbery will be inducted into the Hall of Fame along with past literary luminaries including Willa Cather, Julia DeBurgos, Ralph Ellison, Lorraine Hansberry, Madeleine L'Engle, Dorothy Parker and Herman Melville.

Members of the Melville and L'Engle families have confirmed attendance with Cather and Parker families pending. The evening will also include the presentation of the Empire State Book Award to Seymour Lachman and Robert Polner, author of *The Man Who Saved New York* and recognition of the 12 students who are finalist in the Letters About Literature contest.

The Book Festival begins on Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. in Meeting Rooms 1-7 in the Empire State Plaza with keynote speaker Ann Martin, author of the popular series *The Baby-Sitters Club*.

The opening address is followed by 30 workshops and panel discussions, with topics such as book collecting, pets, romance, how to get published, and graphic novels. Children can come and meet Library Mouse, Miss Spider and Art Dog and their favorite authors in the Read Aloud Room. Authors will be autographing throughout the day.

The Festival closes with author and singer Rosanne Cash speaking at 3:45 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$60 and invitations can be downloaded from the event page on the Empire State Book Festival website, <http://www.empirestatebookfestival.org>.

## Auxiliary hosts annual 'spoon dinner'

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will be having their annual "Spoon Dinner" on Saturday, April 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Clarksville Firehouse, 2178 Tarrytown Road, Clarksville.

The dinner will include Sausage & Peppers, Meatballs in Sauce, Baked Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salads, Desserts and much more.

For more information call 768-2320 or 768-2004.

## Dropkin named to Dean's List

Benjamin Dropkin, of Delmar, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the Fall 2010 semester. To make the Dean's List at Hamilton students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

Dropkin is a member of the class of 2011.

## Got news?

Spotlight Newspapers welcomes announcements of programs or events occurring in our coverage area.

All events must be open to the public and announcements should contain the date, time, location and cost (if any) of the event, along with contact information. Announcements are published space and time permitting.

Submissions can be e-mailed to [news@spotlightnews.com](mailto:news@spotlightnews.com), faxed to 439-0609, or mailed to Spotlight, P.O. Box 100, Delmar 12054.

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Notice of Qualification of Elderlife Financial Lending, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/11. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/22/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71272 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of MODEL REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/16/11. 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. 71275 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of RCB CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/18/11. 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. 71276 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

119-40 METRO AVE. LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/15/2011. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 119-40 Metropolitan Ave., Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 71278 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of New Scotland Physical Therapy, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/16/11. 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, 394 Quail St., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Physical Therapy and any lawful activities. 71281 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law  
a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Rare DVD Geeks, LLC.  
b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 9, 2011.  
c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.  
d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is:  
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c/o Alessio F. Depoli - 61 Briar Avenue Albany, New York 12203 e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 71285 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ROBIN SINGH REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/31/08. 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. 71287 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of GAMER HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/22/11. 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. 71288 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71358 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of SK Gold Assets LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/19/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71359 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The Articles of Organization of Fusco & Carey, PLLC ("F&C PLLC") was filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 19, 2011. Office location: 90 State St., Suite 700, Albany, NY 12207. F&C PLLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: The practice of law and all other legal purposes. 71546 (D) (March 23, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of A. SENGUL JEWELRY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of THE LITTLE GLOBAL VILLAGE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/3/11. 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. 71548 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 355 Graham Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/11. 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 InCorp Services, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71549 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of BILLEX INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/2/11. 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. 71550 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Sue Prezotti Consulting Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/3/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 71551 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Global Stone, Marble & Granite LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/3/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 71552 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Trinity 95 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/3/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 71773 (D) (March 23, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of FFC Real Estate LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/3/09. 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, 10 Forts Ferry Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71777 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Energy, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State 12/17/10. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11 Furman Place, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful act. 71778 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Bazar's Autobody, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/11. 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, 160 Vilet Blvd., Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71779 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Leaf Capital Funding, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Avenue, Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office address: 110 S. Poplar St., Ste. 101, Wilmington, DE 19801. Address to be maintained in DE: 32W. Lookerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71780 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation SD Global Partners LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/8/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 71782 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of BHARATH CAMPBELL INDUSTRIES, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/11. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/25/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE

**LEGAL NOTICE**

19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71784 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SUMMIT HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/28/11. 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, 46 Grounds Place, Albany, NY 12205-2960. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 71789 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Empire Public Affairs, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 1/6/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 677 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71790 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Northern Drive JMK, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/26/11. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o TRG Property Management, LLC, One Park Place, Suite 204, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 71791 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of VOLT INTERNATIONAL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/23/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1567 West 4th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 71794 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 100 Market Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/11. Office location: Schenectady Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 353 Mohawk Ave., Scotia, NY 12302. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71795 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of CB EMPIRE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/10/11. 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. 71796 (D) (March 23, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of OZARK LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/9/11. 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. 71798 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of SS88 DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/9/11. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 112 Christopher Lane, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: all lawful activities. 71799 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: SCH PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 01/06/2011 Office location: County of Albany. Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: PO Box 187 Slingerlands, NY 12159 71800 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Dittmas Park Holdings LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/8/10. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71910 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 608 DeGraw Realty LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/11. 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. 71911 (D) (March 23, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of 600 DeGraw Realty LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/11. Office location:

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of DBR New York LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/11/11. 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. 71913 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Knight Bedbug Protection, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/13/11. 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. 71914 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Blessed Homes LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 71915 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Kandice Pelletier LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 71916 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Eleven Audio Design LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 71917 (D) (March 23, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of International Tours and Events, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY)



LEGAL NOTICE

the formation of the above-named limited liability company for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Limited Liability Law Section 206(a)(8)(b), your attention is directed to the following facts:

- 1. The name of the limited liability company is Precision Fitness 374 Broadway, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on February 3, 2011.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of the LLC shall be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to the following post office address: Precision Fitness 374 Broadway, LLC, c/o Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia Street, Albany, New York 12210.
5. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution.
6. The character of the business of the LLC is as follows: To engage in any business permitted under the laws of the State of New York.
71998 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

CJM FAMILY ENTERPRISE, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 1/28/11. Office location: 1801 9th Ave., 2nd Floor, Watervliet, NY 12189. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 1801 9th Ave., 2nd Floor, Watervliet, NY 12189. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. 71999 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
MNM Holding Company, LLC
Dated: February 3, 2011
Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited liability company for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Limited Liability Law Section 206(a)(8)(b), your attention is directed to the following facts:
1. The name of the limited liability company is MNM Holding Company, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on February 3, 2011.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of the LLC shall be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to the following post office address: MNM Holding Company, LLC, c/o Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia Street, Albany, New York 12210.
5. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution.
6. The character of the business of the LLC is as follows: To engage in any business permitted under the laws of the State of New York.
72003 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CRISTOPH SEA GROUP

LEGAL NOTICE

LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/24/11. 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. 72004 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ICE-TEK OF NY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/23/11. 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. 72005 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OCLUS INITIATIVES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/23/11. 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. 72006 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of L & L ORTHOTICS, LLC. Authority, filed with Sec. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/18/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 11/15/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. NJ address of LLC: c/o The LLC, 45 E. Harwood Terrace Unit A, Palisades Park, NJ 07650. Arts. of Org. filed with the NJ Sec. of State, 33 W. State St, Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 72007 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Insite Towers, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/18/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/19/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 301 N. Fairfax St., #101, Alexandria, VA 22314. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72008 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: Apple Acre Contracting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on 2/18/11. N.Y. 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 Apple Acre Contracting LLC, 12 Upper Font Grove Rd. Slingerlands, NY 12159, c/o Scott S.

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Jones. Name/address of each member available from SSNY. Purpose: Interior, exterior and landscaping improvements/design. 72009 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT SCHEENECTADY COUNTY AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC, SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Plaintiffs,
Index No. 2009-2324 VS.
MELANIE KRAVETZ; GARY TOMLINSON; ELITE RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.; NORTH STAR CAPITAL ACQUISITION LLC AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Schenectady County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: January 23, 2011 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Barry D. Kramer, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated February 9, 2011, and filed with supporting papers in the Schenectady County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 544 Schenectady Street, City of Schenectady, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Tax Account No.: 49:30-1-23. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$10,163.29, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property. Richard M. Beers, Jr. Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585) 238-2000 72010 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CERAMIC ARTE DERUTA, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/22/11. 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. 72013 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MIKE MAC MUSIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/11. 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

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Notice of Qualification of Data Connection, LLC. Fictitious name: Realestate.com. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/24/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/23/06. SSNY design-

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State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72020 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Western Pacific Oils East, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/24/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/15/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33 Wood Avenue South, Ste. 600, Iselin, NJ 08830. 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. 72021 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Guaranteed Auto Credit Sales and Service, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 10, 2011. 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: 559-562 Broadway, Menands, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose 72022 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Lands of Arthur Herendeen, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 17, 2011. 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: 431 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, New York 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose 72023 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Swiftcreek, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/09/2011. 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 National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DC: 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015. Arts of Org. filed with Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, PO Box 92300, Washington, DC 20090. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72028 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Team Dolce, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, P.O. Box 28, Locust Valley, NY 11650. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 72237 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Data Connection, LLC. Fictitious name: Realestate.com. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/24/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/23/06. SSNY design-

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nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Address to be maintained in TN: 2070 Silver City Rd., Russellville, TN 37860, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with TN Secy. Of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243-1102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72238 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is SOUNDLIGHTMIND PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 28, 2011. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a commercial real estate company, and also to engage 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 11 Peel Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. 72239 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP
Certificate of Registration of The Neurology Group, LLP ("LLP") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 10, 2011, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLP at: 400 Patroon Creek Boulevard, Suite 210, Albany, New York 12206, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLP is formed is to engage in the practice of medicine. 72240 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of edCount, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/1/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in District of Columbia (DC) on 5/25/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DC: 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015. Arts of Org. filed with Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, PO Box 92300, Washington, DC 20090. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72241 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

MENTAL EDGE PERFORMANCE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/1/2011. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 17 Middlesex Dr., Slingerlands, NY 12159, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 72242 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Matinecock Partners, LLC. Ar-

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Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/02/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 222 Birch Hill Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 72244 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Public Equity Lat Am Fund IV, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 90 State St. #700, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 72245 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF The Dominion Fund, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 90 State St. #700, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 72246 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC), Name: ThinkFusion Technologis LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/09/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 77 Westview Rd. Voorheesville, New York 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 72247 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: In Step Physical Therapy, PLLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 21, 2010. County of office location: Albany County. Street address of the principal business location of the LLC: 216 Springhurst Drive, East Greenbush, New York 12061. The 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: In Step Physical Therapy, PLLC, address 216 Springhurst Drive, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: to engage in any lawful business of every kind and character for which PLLCs may be organized under the New York LLC Law, or any successor statute. 72248 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Karen L Wong LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/24/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72321 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Greek Goddess LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/22/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany

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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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72322 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Saas Real Estate LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/25/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 28 Oak Tree Lane, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72323 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Mick Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/23/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72324 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Aarco Environmental, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72325 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CREPAS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/4/11. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72326 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 47 Ivy Street, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/03/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 17 Dickerson Avenue, Bayville, NY 11709. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 72327 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Jay's Vision, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/28/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 09/09/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the Randall Law Firm, 1777 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. FL addr. of LLC: 1330 Shoreline Drive, Palm City, FL 34990. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32390. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 72328 (D) (March 23, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 823 EASTERN AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed

# Ravena youths are CYO Champions

On March 11, The Ravena Youth Basketball Program's 6th Grade Boys Team became the programs first CYO Champion in it's 4-year history.

They won The Boys class "B" CYO Championship by defeating Quartersburg 55-18 in the Quarter-Finals, then defeating Menands 40-37 in the Semi-Finals, and Then Defeating Troy 35-26 in the Final. The victory over Troy avenged 2 early regular season losses, and crowned Ravena CYO Champions.

The team completed the season year going 10-2 in league play against teams such as CBA, Troy, Clifton Park and Watervliet. The team was 21-6 overall, paying all levels of competition, such as Ballston Spa, St Matt's and Rotterdam. In the process, the team won championships in the St Thomas Tournament, with victories over The Hebrew Academy and St Gregory's. They won the Ravena February Frenzy Tournament defeating Bethlehem and "A" level East Greenbush from the CDYBL in the final.

"The team came together and worked hard all year" said Head Coach Chuck Zeoli. "They were taught sound basketball fundamentals



The 2011 Ravena Youth Basketball Program's 6th Grade Boys Team recently became the program's first CYO Champion. Front row: Austin Filkins, Chad Zeoli, Jack Kerrigan, Matt Ferriero. Middle row: Liam Mooney, Scott Trobridge, Reggie Porterfield, Sky Rebeor, Malachi Bowen, Frank Forte. Back row: Assistant Coach Conner Zeoli, Head Coach Chuck Zeoli, and Assistant Coach Kyle LaWare.

Submitted photo

and the art of team work and unselfishness and some valuable life lessons to. Family was preached over and over. Every player brought something good to the team and made us a family. Everyone improved in rebounding, defense, dribbling, teamwork and all facets of the game. They won and became

better because of one another."

Zeoli went on to thank Basketball Programs Board and Board Director Bob Jones and the players parents for their support and for giving our players an opportunity for a fun and rewarding season and a for a great basketball experience.

"Congratulations, Ravena Indians. We are proud of you," he said.

# Albany Rugby Club announces schedule

The Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Club has announced its Spring 2011 Season Schedule.

The club was established in 1973 and in 2000, the Knicks began fielding a Women's team. We have been one of the most successful clubs in the Northeast, winning numerous league and tournament championships. We currently play in the NERFU Men's Divisions I and III and Women's Division II. Now the club competes with two Men's Club sides, a Women's Side and an Old Boys' (35 and over) side.

The schedules are as follows:

### Women's Spring 2011 Schedule:

- April 2 @ Village Lions (Away)
- April 9 @ Monmouth (Away)
- April 16 vs. Beantown B (Home)
- April 23 Vs. NY Developmental (Home)
- April 30 @ Boston (Away)
- May 8 Vs. NRU U23s (Home)
- May 14-15 @ NERFU (Away)

### Men's Spring 2011 Schedule:

- April 2 @ Long Island (Away)
- April 9 @ Monmouth (Away)
- April 16 vs. Suffolk Bull Moose (Home)
- April 23 vs. Rochester Colonials (Home)
- April 30 @ Burlington (Away)
- May 7 vs. Morris (Home)
- May 14-15 @ NERFU Newport, RI (Away)
- May 21 vs. Springfield (Family Day Home)

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with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/07/11. Office location: Schenectady 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, 810 Karenwald Lane, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 72329 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MANABA DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/8/11. 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. 72335 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of USA FOREX HOLDING LIMITED LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/3/11. 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. 72336 (D) (March 23, 2011)

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LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/11. 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. 72339 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation J M S 55; LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/7/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 3040 Rt. 22 W. Suite 110, Somerville, NJ 08876. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72341 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Deza Enterprise LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/7/2011. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72342 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Complete Network Support, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of

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LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 6656, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72343 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of UTLS Title Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/5/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/12/2010. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. 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. 72344 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BENTLEY VILLAGE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 4, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Schenectady County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 92 River Road, Summit, NJ 07901. 72345 (S) (March 23, 2011)

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Premium Denim, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 10/19/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Walt Lacher, 10119 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232. Principal office address: 121 Gray Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93101, also the address to be maintained in CA. Arts of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th At., 3rd Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72349 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of DJK Group LLC. Article of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State Of New York (SSNY) on 9 February 2011. 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 , 82 Marlboro Rd Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose is any lawful purpose. 72350 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Registration of Tabak & Kiosse, LLP, a registered limited liability partnership (RLLP). Cert. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/26/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of RLLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to principal business location: The RLLP, 100 Great Oaks

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Bldv., Ste. 122, Albany, NY 12203. Attn: Margaret C. Tabak, Esq. Purpose: to practice the profession of law. 72351 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BGI Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/11. 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, 950 New Loudon Road, Ste. 280, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity. 72352 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: IMSOR LLC (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Dept. of State of NY on 3/11/11. Jurisdiction and date of organization: DE, 6/23/08. Office location: Albany County. Secretary of State of NY (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Capital Region Neurosurgery, PLLC, 1220 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159. Address of office required to be maintained in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. A copy of the Certificate of Formation of the LLC may be obtained from DE Secretary of State, Div. of Corporations, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 72492 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of Rume Acquisition Company, LLC. Fictitious name: BSI New York, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/4/11. 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 DE: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 32 W. Lockerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72494 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WILLIE B. PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 012/16/10. 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, WILLIE B. PRODUCTIONS, LLC 106 W. 144TH ST. APT 3E MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, 10030. 72495 (D) (March 23, 2011)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT VILLAGE VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/14/11. Office

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# Brothers

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defense for keeping them in the game and forcing overtime.

CBA unraveled once it was in the extra period, though. Jamestown took a quick four-point lead and made its foul shots in the final minute to pull out the five-point victory. The Red Raiders also limited the Brothers to one field goal – a three-pointer by Krong that got CBA within three points with less than 20 seconds left.

So in the end, the Brothers were a very good team that got to the state semifinals for the second year in a row. That is an accomplishment to be proud of, even if they couldn't repeat as state champions.

But with Cancer and Weaver graduating this spring, one has to wonder if CBA will get that far next year. If you go by tradition (CBA has been to four state tournaments in the last eight years), then the answer is yes. However in basketball, you never know what will happen when you lose key players to graduation.

As expected, the Union hockey team is in the NCAA Tournament as a No. 2 seed. The Dutchmen could have been No. 1 had they won the ECAC Tournament, but Colgate changed that plan after knocking Union out in the quarterfinal round.

The thing I don't like about Union's placement in the NCAA Tournament is being in the same bracket as ECAC rival Yale, which earned the No. 1 seed in the Bridgeport regional. That means if Union knocks off Minnesota-Duluth in Thursday's opening round, it could meet Yale in the regional final – guaranteeing that only one of the ECAC's top two teams will reach the "Frozen Four" in St. Paul, Minn. If Union was in another regional, I think the odds would be 50-50 that the Dutchmen and Yale could get through their brackets, which would only enhance the ECAC's image as a re-emerging power conference in Division I.

Meanwhile, RPI got the NCAA's version of NASCAR's "Lucky Dog" pass, as the Engineers received the No. 4 seed in the Green Bay regional over third-place

Dartmouth and Cornell and Princeton, who tied them for fourth place. RPI can thank its 9-3-3 non-conference record and the computer system the NCAA Tournament uses to determine its 16-team field for that.

How far will RPI go? Well, I'd love to say that the Engineers will beat North Dakota in the opening round and make a run to the "Frozen Four," but two things are working against them on that front – they're traveling to Wisconsin to face North Dakota, which is the No. 1-ranked team in the country, and they have won only three of their last 10 games. RPI did get two weeks off thanks to its opening-round loss to Colgate, but that might not have been enough time to work out all the problems they had over the final month of the season.

Hopefully, one of our local hockey teams will find its way to the "Frozen Four" this year. After all, bids don't come down the pike like this every year (RPI's last bid was 1995, and Union has never qualified at the Division I level before this season).

If all else fails this weekend, maybe Jimmer Fredette can save us from total sports boredom by leading BYU into the Final Four.

The Cougars could very well make it to Houston, but they have to get past a red-hot Florida team in the Southeast Regional semifinal Thursday. Jimmer hung 37 points on Florida in last year's opening-round victory over the Gators, and he is capable of doing that again. And it's likely that he will need to do that if BYU wants to pull out that win.

Should the Cougars get past Florida, their path to the Final Four looks very good in the regional final now that top-seed Pittsburgh lost to Butler (remember them?) in the Round of 32 Saturday. A regional final match-up with either Butler or Wisconsin seems more winnable for BYU than a match-up with Pitt.

No matter what, having Jimmer in the NCAA Tournament makes it more interesting for people in this region to watch.

Finally, I don't believe in the power of the "super moon." It did nothing to end the nuclear reactor problems in Japan or the unrest in the Middle East. It looked nice, though.

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without funding from the school district. The hockey booster club has raised the money the team has needed for ice time at the Bethlehem Area YMCA and other assorted costs.

Asking all of Bethlehem's booster clubs to foot part of the bill in the future is something DeMeo won't do, though.

"It's usually up to each booster to decide if they want to pitch in, but you're asking for a lot of time and effort to hold fundraisers," said DeMeo.

Instead, DeMeo said he will do his best to address the needs of all of his interscholastic sports programs.

"I understand the difficulty, and we're trying to trim costs in the least impactful way for our student-athletes and still maintain their safety," said DeMeo.

With the budget remaining the same as last year, DeMeo won't have to cut any programs, though that is something he may have to address if more cuts have to be made.

"Obviously, we'd have to see what the rest of the league [the Suburban Council] is doing because we wouldn't want to cut a modified program if everyone else in the league is cutting a freshman

program. That's if we actually have to do it," said DeMeo.

One thing that will help Bethlehem trim costs is the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's extension of its scheduling limitations that it imposed on all leagues two years ago. The limitations eliminated two to four regular season games in most team sports.

"That's helped us a little bit because we had to trim some of our non-league games," said DeMeo.

Another thing that has helped the district in recent years is the Suburban Council's decision to go to a geographical alignment for its two divisions, as opposed to its previous three-division alignment based on school size. The geographical alignment cuts the number of long road trips in half per team.

Even with those cost-saving measures in place, DeMeo said it will still be tough for him to come up with an interscholastic sports budget that will meet his teams' needs.

"The projection is that [the economic struggles are] going to continue for the next few years," said DeMeo. "I'd like to see [a turnaround] so we could give the kids the same opportunities that their older brothers and sisters had."

# Birds

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a relentless 1-2-2 press, the Panthers finished the opening quarter on a 22-4 run. Gananda breezed to a 37-17-halftime lead, while Voorheesville turned the ball over 17 times.

Senior Shannon McGinniss, celebrating her 18th birthday, led the Panthers to the lead at the intermission, with 22 of her game-high 33 points and 11 of her team-high 18 rebounds.

"We let them (Granada) get some easy baskets," Madden said. "We had a

lot of turnovers and gave them quality shots every possession. We just weren't playing our game."

Responding to Baron's request, the Blackbirds fought tenaciously the final two periods.

A field-goal and four free-throws by Anna Feller trimmed Gananda's lead 51-33 with 13.7 left in the third quarter.

"I was definitely looking to pick the team up," Feller said. "At that point every shot and every free-throw counted, but we couldn't keep up the pace and catch them."

While Voorheesville got the lead down to nine points in the fourth

quarter, Gananda shut the door on any possibility of a Blackbirds' comeback.

"We were just trying to force it [the ball] a bit too much in the second half," McGinniss said. "We were turning the ball over and letting them score. We needed to stop fighting amongst ourselves and settle down and play the game the way we usually do."

Melissa Reeves chipped in with 19 points and 13 rebounds for Gananda.

Madden finished with 17 points and Feller 11. Brittanie Denman, one of only two seniors for Voorheesville, scored 14 points.

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# McCullough earns SUNYAC honor

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Alex McCullough was named a third-team All-SUNYAC women's basketball player for the 2010-11 season.

McCullough, a sophomore at SUNY-New Paltz, was one of the top defenders in the league this season. She was second among all SUNYAC players in blocked shots with a 1.93 average. She redirected 52 shots this season, which raised her career total to 77.

McCullough also averaged 9.9 points per game and reached double digits in scoring 12 times. Her high point was a 23-point effort against Oneonta Jan. 21.

In addition to her athletic achievement, McCullough was named to the New Paltz Dean's List for the fall semester.

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## Sports in the Spotlight

### SPECIAL REPORT: FINANCING SPORTS IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

# BC: 'No more notches left'

## Funding plateaus after years of cuts

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This is the first in a series of stories about what area athletic directors are dealing with as they formulate their budget proposals to their school boards this spring.

It got to the point where Bethlehem athletic director John DeMeo didn't know how much more he can trim off of his interscholastic sports budget proposal.

"We've been tightening our belts the last few years, and I don't know if our belts have any more notches left," said DeMeo.

DeMeo won't have to worry about making any cuts this year. Last week, the school board approved a plan to keep the athletic budget at the same rate as last year.

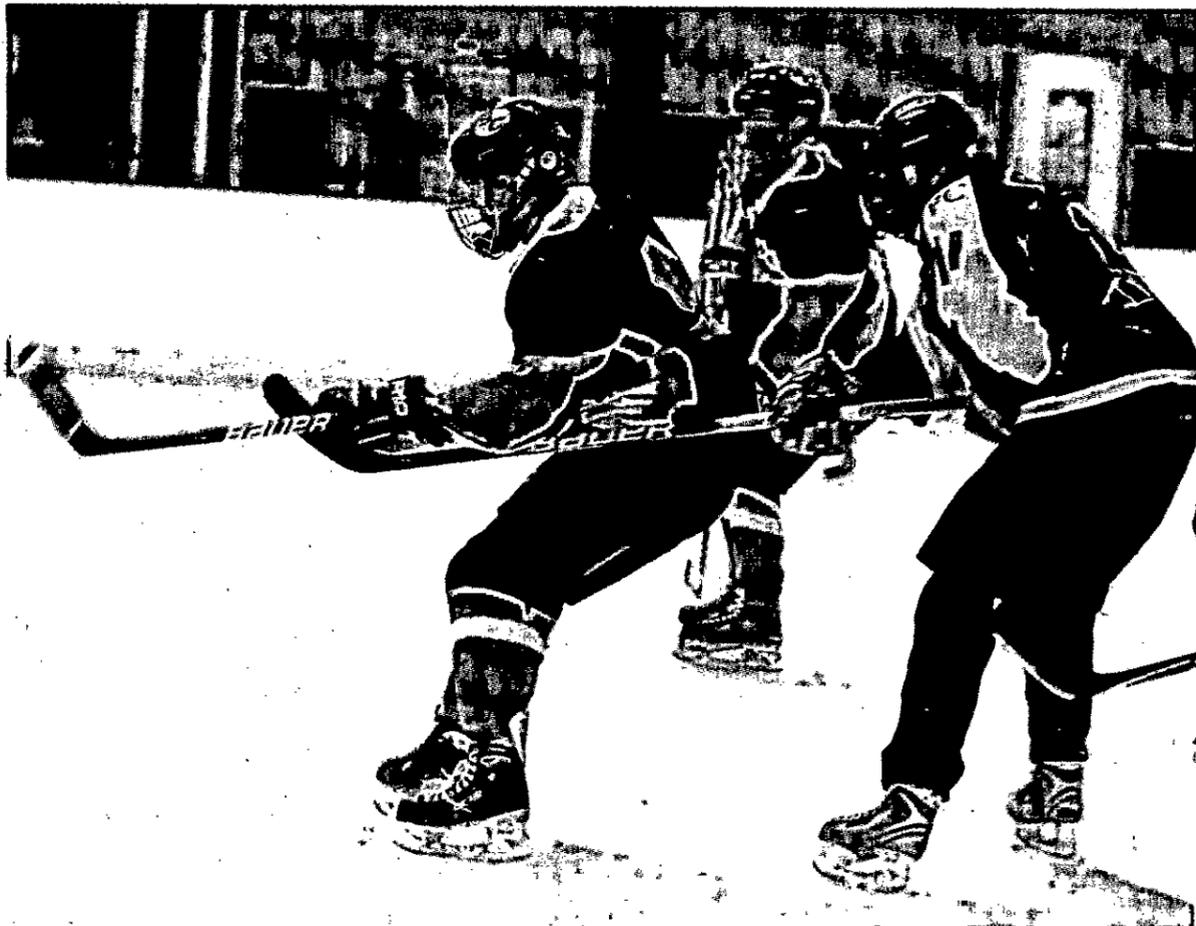
Budget cuts had been a part of DeMeo's life

the last four years. Over that time period, the district cut funding to its hockey, gymnastics and cheerleading programs and ended its practice of holding night home games for its football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse teams. Funding was restored for gymnastics and cheerleading, but cheerleading became a club instead of a sport this school year.

"To save cheerleading, we moved it to a different department to save money [in the sports budget]," said DeMeo.

Night games returned last October when the football and soccer booster clubs raised the money to hold Senior Night games. Bethlehem Pop Warner also helped by using its connections with National Grid to fix the lights at the football field. Night games will be included in the 2011-12 sports schedule.

Meanwhile, the hockey team has soldiered on



Bethlehem's hockey program has been funded by fund-raising efforts from its booster club for the past two years after the school district cut funding for it in 2009. Robert Goo/Spotlight

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## 'Birds fight to the end'

### Gananda builds big lead to beat Voorheesville

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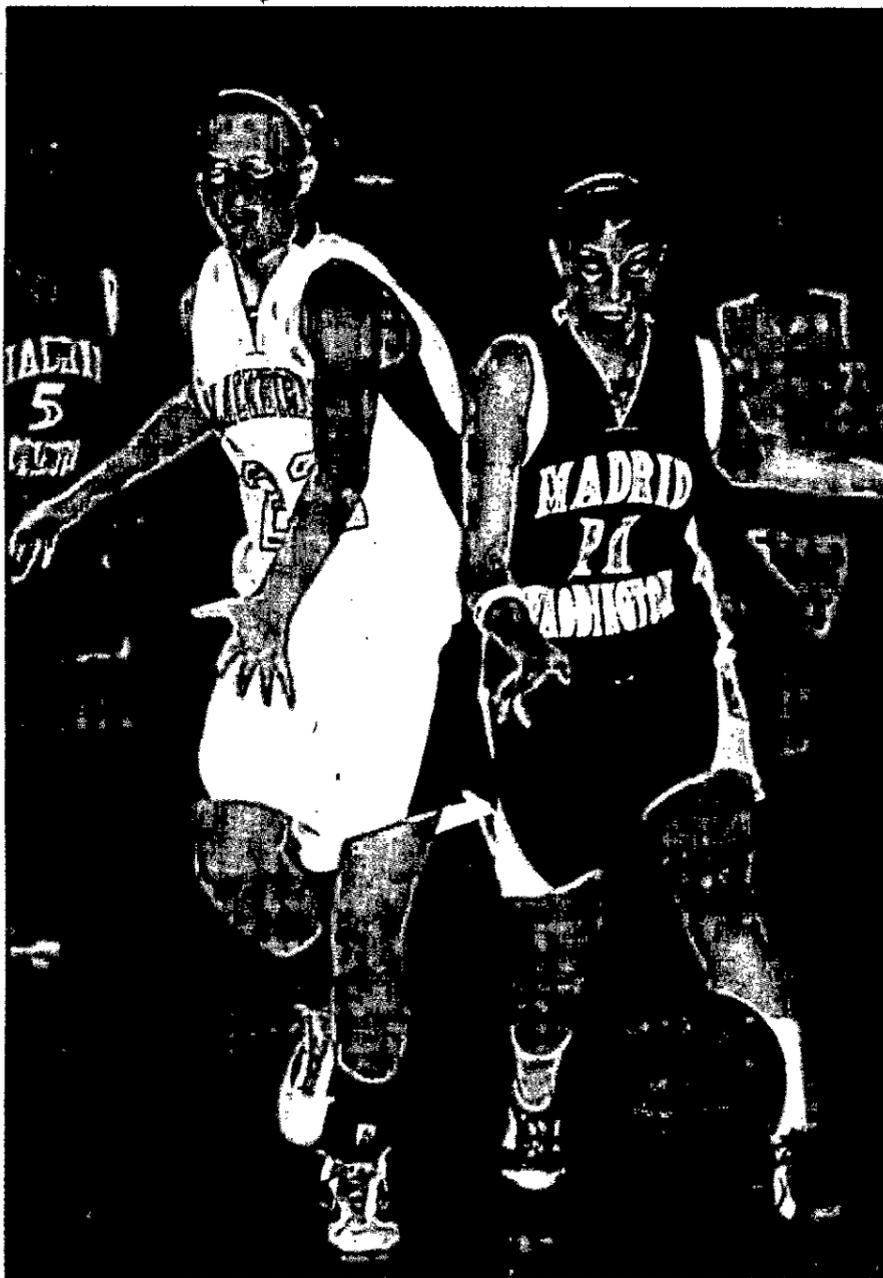
The Voorheesville girls' basketball team fell behind quickly, but never gave up in dropping a 66-52 decision to Gananda (Section II) of Franklin Academy in the state Class C semifinal game at Hudson Valley Community College Saturday.

The Blackbirds (16-8), with just two seniors, had little to hang their heads over after giving an all-out effort in attempts to make a comeback to the top-seeded undefeated Panthers, who started four seniors.

"They (Gananda) came out firing and we were in deep trouble from the beginning," Voorheesville coach Bob Baron said. "To get in that big of a hole and try to come back was too much. The only thing I asked the girls to do at halftime was to continue to compete. It would have been easy for them to run and hide, but they didn't. They didn't quit and I was very proud of them."

Sarah Madden made Voorheesville's first basket of the game to tie the score at two. That would be the last tie of the game. Utilizing

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Sarah Madden, left, and the Voorheesville girls basketball team lost to Section V champion Gananda 66-52 in last Saturday's state Class C semifinal game at Hudson Valley Community College. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## Brothers can't recapture magic

New York Mets fans are hoping the team doesn't stop shedding dead weight after releasing Luis Castillo and Oliver Perez. There are a couple of Wilpons that should also be sent packing. OK, moving on...

From the  
**Sports Desk**  
Rob Jonas



• It's hard not to be disappointed by Christian Brothers Academy's 61-55 state semifinal loss to Jamestown last Saturday - especially after the Brothers won the Class AA title last year.

But let's put some perspective on the result.

First of all, it's very difficult to repeat as state champions in any sport - let alone basketball, where typically a team graduates at least two starters every year and sometimes more. And in a sport where you can only play five people at a time and carry between nine and 15 players on a roster in any season, losing two or more starters can be difficult to overcome. In CBA's case, it graduated two starters from last year, including state tournament MVP Kameron Ritter.

Fortunately for the Brothers, they are always ready with replacements. CBA's bench depth was especially helpful through the playoff run, as there was rarely a dropoff in performance when the substitutes were in. Players such as Chaz Lott, Nate Robinson and Brendan Dufort have been regular contributors this season.

The trouble for CBA against Jamestown was twofold: it was missing starting center Christian Signor, who was sick, and its guards had a difficult time making shots. Signor would have added length and perhaps a stronger offensive presence near the basket, which could have overcome a poor shooting day by CBA's normally reliable guards (Galal Cancer, Max Weaver and Joe Krong shot 11-for-36 from the field).

The amazing part was that CBA had the lead until the fourth quarter, when Jamestown finally pulled in front on Jaysean Paige's three-point play with 5:54 left. Despite shooting less than 30 percent from the field in the second half, CBA stayed with Jamestown and tied the game at 48 on Cancer's two free throws with less than one minute left in regulation. Credit the Brothers'

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