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BC nixes tower near school

Site near Operations and Maintenance building area still a possibility

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education made it clear with a vote on Wednesday, Oct. 21, that the district will not seek to build a cell

tower near an elementary school but that a site near the Operations and Maintenance building is still a possibility.

The board voted unanimously to limit the scope of the investigation. A proposal by Independent Towers LLC had named land near Hamagrael and Clarksville elementary schools as possible locations, sparking a controversy and inciting a number of community members to speak out in protest.

The concerns of residents who formed a loose-knit coalition against the proposal were three-fold: the possibility of health impacts, the effect on nearby home values and the general infringement of commercialization on district property.

District officials on Wednesday reiterated that it was never the position of the district that a tower should be sited near an elementary school, but that the possibility was raised in Inde-

pent's initial proposal.

"I was frankly surprised that the site at Hamagrael and the site at Clarksville were included in that opening RFP [request for proposal]," said Superintendent Michael Tebbano.

The district will continue to investigate placing a tower at the Operations and Maintenance building, which is some distance from the high school.

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Halloween head start

Ghosts and ghouls came out to trick-or-treat on Trick-or-Treat Street at Guilderland High School on Saturday, Oct. 24.

TOP: Jaden, 6, and Brady Sicotte, 4, came out as Jedi Knights
RIGHT: Angelo, 9, and Anthony Sbartello, 6, of Westmere, dressed up for the occasion.

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BC raises topic of more cuts

Paterson threatens mid-year reductions again

By CHARLES WIFF
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Talk about deja vu.

The Bethlehem Central School District is set to approach the possibility of making tiered reductions to the budget in light of Gov. David Paterson's recent warning that state aid to many

districts could be slashed mid-year ... again.

According to Paterson's proposal released earlier this month, BC would suffer a roughly \$1.6 million, or 7.9 percent, reduction in state aid.

"In the course of the last year, we have been seeing a repeat of events that happened when the recession started to hit us last year," said Superintendent Michael Tebbano, at a Wednesday, Oct. 21, Board of Education meeting.

Tebano said he thinks that the mid-year

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Company official:

Sphere won't endorse anyone

Developer, candidates and advocacy group sound off

By DAN SABBATINO
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Representatives from Sphere Development LLC, a company that once had a contract to purchase land from the owners of the Bender Melon Farm in New Scotland, issued a statement Tuesday, Oct. 20, that the company will not endorse any candidate in the New Scotland town elections.

Sphere said last week that it is in contract negotiations with another parcel owner in the same market, but would not confirm if it was in New Scotland.

In the Oct. 20 statement, the company clarified its stance on who it would like to see in office after the election. Previous comments indicated Sphere preferred candidates who did not favor a retail size cap on buildings in the commercial zone.

"Sphere Development has become very concerned with the manner in which it was portrayed to support certain candidates in the upcoming Town of New Scotland Town Board election by a local media organization. This portrayal is further being manufactured into fact by local New Scotland organizations that endorse particular candidates in the upcoming Town Board elections," the state-

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Tax base key to Cunningham

• **Name:** John H. (Jack) Cunningham
 • **Age:** 52
 • **Occupation:** Bethlehem town supervisor



Jack Cunningham

• **Political affiliation:** Democrat
 • **Work experience:** I have 32 years of banking experience including commercial lending officer, municipal accounts officer, cash management officer, bank operations manager and information technology manager.

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• **Political experience:** Town supervisor, 2007 to present; Albany County Legislator 2004-2007; and town board candidate 2001.
 • **Areas of community involvement (outside of official town duties):** Bethlehem Grange, Elsmere Volunteer Fire Company (social member), Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Sons of the American Legion.
 • **Platform:** We will continue working to manage our town budget and encourage clean commercial development to help underwrite our tax base. In addition, we are working

to reverse the impact that deferred maintenance has had on our aging infrastructure. We continue to pursue opportunities to share services and consolidate operations in order to reduce the cost of government to property taxpayers. We have succeeded in reducing costs, by consolidating operations, reducing staffing levels, restructuring our health plan, and leveraging technology to eliminate inefficiencies and streamline operations. We will continue working to ensure that Bethlehem remains a preferred community in which to live.

• **Why do you want to be supervisor?** I have enjoyed the

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Messina vows to keep town government open

• **Name:** Sam Messina
 • **Age:** 66
 • **Occupation:** Bethlehem town board member



Sam Messina

studies at the John F. Kennedy Center at Harvard. My professional leadership

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in government, business and nonprofits is extensive. Retired from state government as director of administration and management and fiscal director of 1,000-person Department of State. Served in the Division of the Budget and the Department of Environmental Conservation. Assistant to the publisher at the New York Daily News and held management positions in other business and not-for-profit

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Golden wants to revise assessment process

• **Name:** Peter Golden
 • **Age:** 56
 • **Occupation:** Business owner and author

• **Political affiliation:** I am an Independent running on the Republican line.

• **Work experience:** Award-winning journalist and author of six books; designer and product manager of multi-million-dollar entertainment software packages; advertising and marketing executive; and managing editor of a capital region magazine.



Peter Golden

• **Political experience:** Former member of the Guilderland Board of Education

• **Areas of community involvement:** vice-president, Bentwood Homeowner's Association; co-founder and publisher of Farnsworth Middle School literary magazine; volunteer tutor for reading and writing.

• **Platform:** After 10 years of high taxes and broken promises, I hope to create a more liveable and affordable community in Guilderland. My plan would expand the tax base by filling empty commercial space on Western Avenue, cut unnecessary spending, and revise an unfair

GUILDERLAND SUPERVISOR RACE

assessment process. I'd invest in our community by restoring critical public safety cuts, build promised sidewalks and bike paths, and address the traffic congestion problem. I'd also reform government by creating a more welcoming atmosphere in the supervisor's office and end the secrecy involving the budget process.

• **Why do you want to be supervisor?** To offer solutions to ongoing problems that remain unresolved after our current supervisor's 10 years in office — high local taxes, an unfair assessment process, the failure to address Western Avenue traffic, and the lack of sidewalks and bike paths that would create a more livable community.

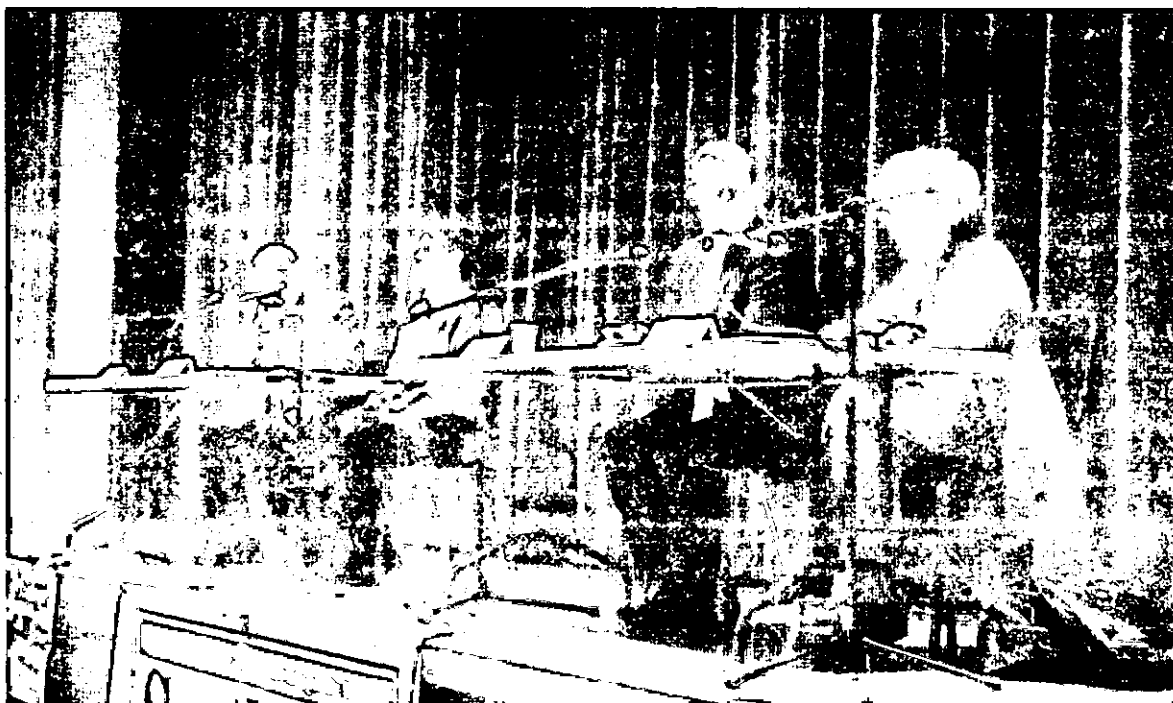
• **How would you approach the difficult financial straits ahead?** Tighten our belts by cutting unnecessary spending, streamline government and expand the commercial tax base.

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** The bloated number of political employees. I would also conduct an outside audit, which has not been done in seven years, to identify other areas of savings.

• **How have you/would you promote transparency in town government?** Unlike the current supervisor, I'd follow the law regarding the budget process, encourage public participation and broadcast budget hearings on TV; as well as put all financial information, an easily understandable budget, and unedited board meetings on the town Web site. Also, unlike the current supervisor, I wouldn't refuse to debate an opponent.

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New Scotland candidates debate



New Scotland Town Board candidates, from right, Roz Robinson, Daniel Mackay, Tim Stanton and Doug LaGrange debate Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville. The event was sponsored by *The Spotlight* and the League of Women Voters. Read coverage of the debate on Page 12. The New Scotland Voters Guide is on Pages 13 and 14. For more debate photos, go to www.spottlightnews.com.
 John A. McIntyre Jr./Spotlight

Runion aims to strike a balance

• **Name:** Kenneth D. Runion, Jr.
 • **Age:** 56
 • **Occupation:** Guilderland town supervisor, attorney
 • **Political affiliation:** Democrat



Kenneth Runion

from 1992-1997, town attorney from 1984-1991, and member of the Guilderland Industrial Development Agency in 1983.

• **Political experience:** Same

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as above.

• **Areas of community involvement (outside of official town duties):** Member of Albany Pine Bush Commission, member of Elks Guilderland Lodge No. 2480, past member of board of directors of Altamont Community Caregivers, and Past Cub Scout Pack Leader in Altamont.

• **Platform:** Due to a poor economy, we need to carefully monitor the town budget and continue to deliver quality services, without increasing town taxes. In addition, we need to address storm water issues that affect several areas of town, including the hamlet of McKownville and the Curry Road neighborhood. During the next term, we will review and update the town's zoning law.

• **Why do you want to be supervisor?** I have been the

Town Supervisor for the past 10 years. I enjoy the job and desire to continue serving the residents of the Town.

• **How would you approach the difficult financial straits ahead?** During the past year, I have continually monitored all expenses and revenues to reduce costs. We have re-negotiated union contracts to reduce over-time. By doing so, the 2010 budget will have no town tax rate increase.

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** It is always possible to consider further reductions, however, we must be careful to maintain quality services. The current proposed budget contains no town tax rate increase and maintains the current level of service. Guilderland continues to have the lowest town tax rate in Albany County.

• **How have you/would you promote transparency in town government?** Through televised

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Dad hits boiling point when temperature drops

By WILLIAM R. DEVOE
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If there has ever been any doubt in your mind as to whether or not the DeVoe family is paying to heat the outside, let me clear it up for you: No. No, we are not.

One of my earliest memories is of my older brother, Dan, throwing a football to me in the backyard of the home we grew up in. The football was a real leather one from the '60s, brown laces and absolutely no foam or — God forbid — an aerodynamically engineered tail fin that you see on a lot of those mega-mart balls.

We have a picture in one of my family albums of that day. In it I'm about 3 years old, standing in the middle of our backyard, dressed in about 40 layers of clothing to protect me from the autumn chill, my arms outstretched waiting to catch the football that Dan was throwing to me.

The picture also shows the football laying on the ground behind me. Dan had thrown it moments before the picture was taken. I was — and some say still am — a little slow on the uptake.

In any case, when we were done playing catch and were heading inside for the evening, my brother, then about 9 years

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old, if I remember correctly, imparted to me this wisdom: "When you go inside, don't leave the door open too long. Dad will have a cow."

I responded with a word I had learned just that day: "Football."

We went inside. My brother shed his coat and hat quick as lightning and sped off into our room. He left me to close the door — an obvious set-up — and, naturally, I didn't do it quickly enough for my father's liking.

Fathers have an internal thermostat that is more finely tuned than anything Honeywell or White Rodgers could ever hope to manufacture. They are accurate to within a millionth of a degree — precise enough to know when a mosquito has a fever.

I believe that their extra-temperature-sensory perception is linked somewhat to their ability to know when their money is being wasted — no matter if it's being wasted in their presence or not.

When I was around 11 years old, my parents and I were doing what we usually did on Friday nights: watching an episode of "Murder, She Wrote." (I was as cool then as I am now.) My brother had taken the family car out on a date and would be home at some unreasonable time later.

While Angela Lansbury and Mr. Cunningham from "Happy Days" were fighting crime in Cabot Cove, my father sat bolt upright and choked out the words, "Son of a gun."

My mother and I thought he was having a heart attack and swarmed toward him. He waved us away, but it was only after my mother got him a glass of water that he could speak.

"It's Dan," he choked out. He stared through us. "He's wasting our money, I can feel it."

Sure enough, after about 10 minutes of geriatric mystery solving entertainment, the phone rang. It was my brother. The car had broken down somehow while he was driving five miles under the speed limit and obeying every traffic law ever written.

But back to the door:

There I was, just 3 years old, standing in front of an open door that was letting the entire season of autumn into

my father's kitchen. While precious heating dollars were escaping behind me, piles of red, orange and yellow leaves were gathering by our telephone and toaster oven. A pumpkin inexplicably rolled inside and under our kitchen table.

"Close that door!" yelled my father. "Whaddayathink we're trying to do here? Heat the outside?"

I wasn't sure. My brother had warned me about the door, but he hadn't mentioned there'd be a riddle, to boot. I had enough wits about me to know I was being asked a serious question, but not enough to answer it correctly. Instead of closing the door, I took a moment to think about it.

Frost started to form on the coat rack that was mounted by the door. My father's breath, heaving as he waited for me to do something, came out in solid white billows.

I knew I had to answer quickly, but I still didn't know which way to go. I took a stab:

"Yes?"

I swear, my father's forehead split down the middle. "What?!"

He started to twitch but was able to reach behind me and slam the door shut. Halves of words I'm now sure don't exist started coming from his mouth in starts and stops. "Jeef," "Worf," Flarn."

And then, "Get to your room

and stay there until I come and get you."

On my way to my room, I saw my two dogs, Brownie and Shep, frozen in the long hallway that led to my and my brother's room. My father was later able to thaw them and nurse them back to health with the aid of what I believe was a cartoon St. Bernard.

When I crossed the entrance to our living room, I saw my mother standing over a 55-gallon barrel in which she had begun burning some newspapers. She looked up from warming her hands to shake her head in disappointment.

When I opened the bedroom door, my brother was in his boxer shorts, laying above the sheets of his bed, reading a Batman comic. If there were sand on the floor, he could have been in St. Tropez.

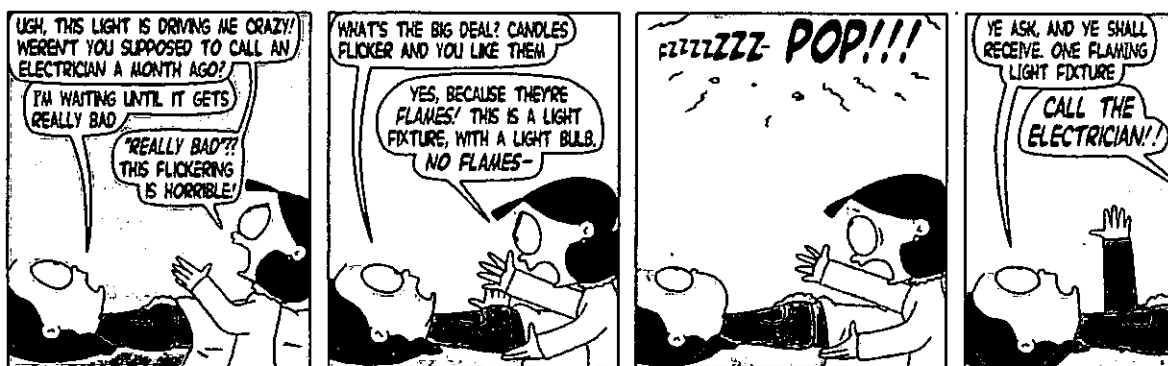
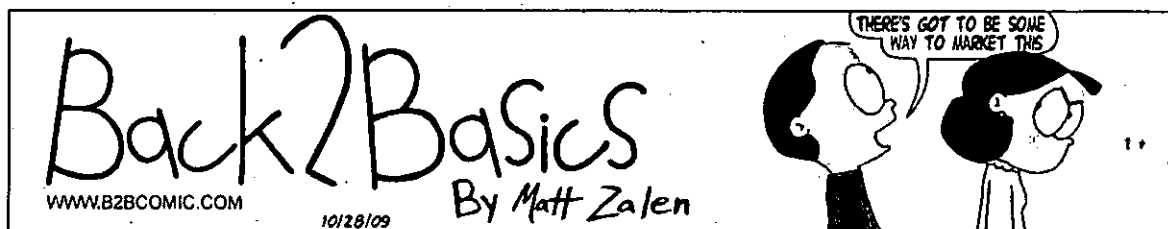
He started laughing. "The old man get you? I told you to shut the door quick."

He made room for me on his bed and moved the comic so I could see too.

"He'll get over it," he said. "But you shouldn't ever tell him we're heating the outside. He hates that."

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As it is the week of Halloween, I'd like to wish all of our readers a fun and safe holiday. Check your candy, travel in packs, don't wear plaid and all of that jazz.



Got news?

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

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G'land/Beth police searching for robbery suspects

Possible link, officials say

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Guiderland Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Bank of America, located at 1971 Western Ave.

The robbery occurred close to 9:55 p.m., police said in a written statement.

The suspect is described as "African American male, dressed in black shoes, black pants, and a black 'gator' style hat/mask," the report states.

The statement indicates the victim was approached by the suspect and demanded the night deposit bag while displaying a handgun. He fled the scene on foot, according to police.

"There are no injuries reported and the suspect stole an undetermined amount of money," according to Guiderland Police.

The investigation is ongoing, and the New York State Police K-9 Unit, New York State Aviation Unit and Guiderland Police Department K-9 Unit contributed to the search.

Police Captain Curtis Cox said police are looking at surveillance tape to try to better identify the perpetrator.

Cox said earlier this year there was another robbery at this bank's night deposit box, but said there is no discernible pattern.

"It's hit or miss," he said.

He said it's important that retail stores educate their employees

about best practices for making night deposits, although in this instance the area was well lit.

"This person just snuck up," Cox said.

Cox said Guiderland police are comparing notes with the Bethlehem Police Department which is investigating a similar robbery from the night before.

"We're looking to see if there's a relationship," Cox said. "We're moving forward and talking to other agencies."

Bethlehem Police are investigating an armed robbery at the Trustco Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., in Delmar, that occurred the day before, at close to 9:20 p.m.

According to police, a call was received at approximately 9:20 p.m. on Oct. 19 reporting the robbery. Two males dressed in dark clothing wearing hoodies and armed with handguns reportedly demanded a deposit bag from a victim, who complied. The suspects fled eastbound on foot toward Normanskill Boulevard, according to police.

An Albany Police Department K-9 Unit assisted in tracking the suspects, but they were not located. The amount of money stolen is unknown at this time. An investigation is continuing.

The Bethlehem Police Department is asking anyone who might have information on the robbery to contact police at 439-9973. Bethlehem Police Lt. Tom Heffernan said Bethlehem Police are still working on several leads, but no arrests have been made.

Woman allegedly stole from G'mont church

Bethlehem Police arrested a woman who allegedly stole collections from Glenmont Community Church on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Police were contacted Sunday and, through their investigation, later arrested Consuelo T. Leonard, of 32 Fox Hill Road, Wallkill, and charged her with grand larceny, a felony.

Police said that shortly after Leonard had approached church members looking for financial assistance, one member noticed that \$1,936 collected during an earlier service was missing. According to arrest reports, Leonard initially said that she had seen two young boys come into the church, go to where the money was located and then run out toward the street. Police asked her for a written deposition and when they advised her she could be arrested for making a false statement, she allegedly admitted to taking the money and putting it into her pants.

Leonard was taken into custody without incident and the money was recovered, according to police.

Leonard was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$7,500 cash bail. She is scheduled to reappear in court on Nov. 17.

Anyone with similar incidents or information is asked to contact the Bethlehem Police Department at 439-9973.

Other arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Timothy

J. Fitzgerald, 35, of 2924 Rt. 385, Coxsack, and charged him with aggravated DWI on Friday, Oct. 16, after a motor vehicle accident.

Police responded to a report of an accident near 311 State Route 9W in Glenmont, where they allegedly found Fitzgerald's vehicle with front end damage parked in the southbound lane. Two other damaged vehicles were observed off the roadway, police said.

A witness said that Fitzgerald's vehicle did not stop and struck a vehicle from behind, which in turn struck another vehicle that was stopped waiting for the light to turn green, according to police. Police said that Fitzgerald was observed slumped in the driver's seat of his car and exhibited slurred speech, glassy eyes and had an odor of alcohol on his breath when interviewed.

According to police, Fitzgerald stated he had several beers at Dukes and was heading home, and also stated, "he messed up and he was sorry."

Fitzgerald, who was also charged with following too closely, allegedly failed all field sobriety tests administered, and at the police station a breath test showed his BAC to be .23 percent.

A taxi was called to transport Fitzgerald home.

• Guiderland Police arrested Laura B. Olson, 26, of 461 Route 146 on charges of DWI and assault with intent to cause physical injury to an officer, a felony, on Saturday, Oct. 17, according to police reports.

Olsen was given several field

sobriety tests, and then asked to make a phone call, the report states. She was then told she was under arrest, and allegedly struggled with the officer while he attempted to cuff her. The report states she allegedly kicked him in the shin, causing "abrasion, pain and swelling."

She was arrested at the corner of Johnston Road and Western Avenue, and was arraigned later that day.

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You owe it to yourself to vote

Marie Ruoff Byrum and Thomas Mundy Peterson want you to vote.

So do we at *The Spotlight*, but we'll get to that in a moment.

On March 31, 1870, Thomas Mundy Peterson of Perth Amboy, N.J., cast his first ever vote in an election. You could say that the 46-year-old school custodian got a late start in his voting career, but he was politically active most of his life. He wanted to vote, but couldn't. You see, Peterson, whose middle name is taken from the Mundy family — the family who owned his parents as slaves — was the first African-American to vote in an election under the just-enacted provisions of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution.

Marie Ruoff Byrum, has a similar story. The daughter-in-law of Missouri Democratic Committeeman Lacy Byrum, she was politically active, much like Mr. Peterson.

In August, 1920, Hannibal, Mo., held a special election to fill the seat of an alderman who had resigned. Five days earlier, the 19th, or Suffrage, Amendment to the Constitution was passed. The morning of the special election, Mrs. Byrum braved a downpour to be the first person to cast a ballot when the polls opened at 7 a.m. She became the first woman to vote in the state of Missouri and the first woman to vote in the United States under Suffrage.

We at *The Spotlight* remind you of these historic figures because voter turnout in local elections has been on the decline for some time and is worse in non-national, or off-election, years.

In this week's *Spotlight* newspapers, you'll see rather extensive voters guides for the town supervisor and town board races in the municipalities we cover. The guides are supplemental to our ongoing local political coverage, and are designed to present our candidates' views and platforms in as clear and concise a way as politics lends itself to.

To this end, we've tried to do our jobs as journalists as diligently as possible by providing our readers with the information they need to make informed decisions.

The rest is up to you.

We at *The Spotlight* encourage you to vote. Cast a vote for what you believe in. Cast a vote to make your voice heard. Cast a vote if only to earn your right to complain about the people that will so greatly influence your lives in the upcoming years.

For whatever the reason — Vote.

Editorial

'Buy local' more than a bumper sticker

By GERARD HAVASY

Gerard Havasy is Glenmont resident and retired engineer from the General Electric Company. He has been involved in building power plants world wide. He is a 1965 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. He is married, has four grown children and eight grandchildren.

A handy quote that communities like to banter about is "buy local." It sounds good, supports the local economy, and helps us feel like we are helping our fellow man in our own communities. I subscribe to this and promote it far and wide. If I'm near empty on a tank of gas, I try to get back to my town because I know that a percentage of the tax money will go back to my community. I buy my pool supplies, groceries, and farmers' market produce locally, and patronize restaurants in the area. I buy my cars locally, as well, knowing that I have a short drive to the dealer for service and also knowing that my dealer is good to the community.

However, I believe America started to get selective about buying locally in the '50s with the beginning of the purchasing of foreign-made cars. The Volkswagen "Beetle" started selling like hot cakes and then gradually came Toyota and Honda and soon others. At first, this was a cheap way to get a new car. There were many World War II veterans that said "no" to supporting countries they had just finished fighting a war against. So, they kept buying locally, which meant, among other things, buying American-made cars. They wouldn't think of buying anything made in Japan nor Germany.

During the '60s and '70s most specifications for power plant equipment contained an "American made only" clause. During the '90s there were many of these same

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specifications that required "no China content".

Now there is no question that some of our American-made products did not live up to their billing, and soon the Asians were teaching our automobile companies what was meant by quality. It wasn't long before the Big Three ceded the small car market to the Asians who could make a profit on them and who used the entry level car to establish a long-term customer. Pretty soon there were "local" dealers for foreign cars helping people feel comfortable with buying their foreign-made car locally.

The next step came when the Big Three started assembling some of their models across the border. The Big Three even imported certain models from their "foreign" competitors and put their own labels on them, which were the small, economical line of cars and trucks.

Tax legislation forced the foreign manufacturers to start assembling cars in America, and presto, the buyers said, "Hey, my car is made in America, so I can forget that buying local stuff. I am buying local!" This rationalization works. Having been a visitor to some of our southern cities with new foreign car manufacturing facilities, there is a certain loyalty being developed to support their "local" factory. Ask Hyundai, BMW, and Mercedes and they will report that people feel proud of buying a foreign car manufactured in their state — another step in lost loyalty to the Big Three and from the buy local thought process, it starts to fit.

Because Americans have not supported our local American-made industries, hundreds of thousands of American jobs have been lost. You can pick any product, whether clothing, appliances, tools, lawn equipment, most small appliances and electric and electronic gadgets and very few are still American made. A few short years ago, America was the hub of manufacturing for the world. Most of the higher paid middle class worked in these factories. Ask anyone about a good job in this area and GE comes to mind. Now, GE, along with the state and the Air National Guard are three of the region's biggest employers, and of good paying jobs. When I started working at GE in 1969, there were 26,000 other GE workers. Now there are a nominal 5,000.

Some estimates have been

suggested that for every one job lost with the Big Three, that up to ten jobs have been lost in the allied industries. The same is true of all the supporting industries to any manufacturer as the manufacturer tries to keep focused on its core business.

More importantly, millions of dollars in tax revenue have been lost to all levels of our government, not just from the industries themselves, but from all the tax-paying wage earners from the major and subsidiary industries.

A look at the local area with the proposed chip manufacturing plant and the proposed battery-making facility one can start to realize what these kinds of jobs can mean to the local and state economy. The state is throwing a billion dollars of our tax money at the new company to build here and the battery maker negotiated 'give backs' from its unions to help it be competitive and keep jobs in the local area.

The elimination of three car dealerships in the Scotia, Glenville and Burnt Hills 10-mile section of Route 50 has meant 100-plus jobs lost in sales, technicians, and business — all good, solid jobs. This should give residents pause to think about supporting local buying for some of the big-ticket items purchased and where we purchase them. Our actions make a difference on who may stay employed and what countries the profits stay in.

With the current downturn in the economy, and fewer jobs available, more families are staying put. Family, friends, churches, and the familiar surroundings of our towns should drive us to look for ways to enhance and support all of our businesses and local activities from parades, to special activity days, to cultural events. Add to this the trend with the boomerang generation of young people still living at home; we have ample reasons to enrich our communities to cover a wider appetite of interests.

The purpose of this piece is not to exonerate the Big Three or to denigrate unions or those who choose not to support locally made products. The Big Three managed their businesses poorly and are getting some of their just desserts, however, we who try to support our local entities should remember that we have some responsibilities in this "buy local" area ourselves. It's not just big business and unions that are the cause of the demise of great industries. When we drive up to our local farmers market in our foreign-made car, we should remember a quote from Walt Kelly of Charlie Brown fame. "We have met the enemy and he is us!"

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G'land takes action on salvage yard

Owner to have outline, update at Nov. 5 meeting

By DAN SABBATINO
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A Guilderland property owner who has been given a number of citations was mandated by the town board begin to clean his property pronto, else he will see a big rise in his tax bill.

Robert Ciembroniewicz, a Rotterdam resident and salvage yard owner in Guilderland, appeared before the Guilderland Town Board on Tuesday, Oct. 20, to discuss action on his property, which the town has deemed an environmental hazard to area bodies of water. The problem has been going on for years, according to officials.

Roger Stone, the town's storm water and zoning officer, has found the property to be in non-compliance with town regulation, he said, and numerous warnings, citations and other sanctions had no effect.

The salvage yard is located at the edge of town, near Schenectady County, at 3600 Western Ave.

Until this point, Ciembroniewicz had not been before the board to discuss the matter, which town board members determined to be urgent. He was given five business days to begin a rigorous plan to begin removing rubber tires from his yard, which the state Department of Environmental Conservation has also mandated him to do, and to ensure that petroleum based liquids do not runoff his property.

Stephen Rockmacher, who is representing the landowner, said he took issue with a number of the stipulations of the preceding, although a deal was worked out by the end of the meeting. He said at the time he arrived at town hall, there had not been "an adjudication that says he [Ciembroniewicz] had polluted the property."

He also said that at one time there were more than 100,000 tires on his property, and now there are only 8,000, as they have been removed due to a mandate from DEC. He said the DEC requires that 4,000 tires each week be removed, and that the Town Board should give at least what DEC is asking.

There was also a 60-day storm water prevention plan in place, he said, and the cite would be cleaned by Feb. 1, 2010.

"What Mr. Stone is asking to be done is being done. Maybe not under his guidance, but under state guidance," Rockmacher said.

The Town Board, though, said as the state has passed down storm water regulation to the municipalities, it would create a schedule that the board members could agree would keep the drinking water in the town clean.

"What are you going to do to get that stuff off the property and how long is it going to take?"

Guilderland Town Supervisor Ken Runion

Rockmacher said the runoff issues cited by DEC have been resolved.

"What they say goes, at least as far as Mr. Ciembroniewicz is concerned. I don't know how many masters we can serve," Rockmacher said.

Town Supervisor Ken Runion said he is unhappy with the possibility that the town water is at risk. The Watervliet Reservoir services Guilderland residents, and officials are concerned the runoff is contaminating the water.

Rockmacher reiterated that the DEC has no additional citations or complaints for pollutant runoff, but Runion said testimony from neighbors at the meeting, and evidence from Roger Stone was enough to determine that Ciembroniewicz must continue to clean his property.

"My phones were hot with complaints about the runoff," Stone said.

As for the oil and antifreeze, the board demanded answers.

"What are you going to do to get that stuff off the property and how long is it going to take?" Runion asked.

Rockmacher and Ciembroniewicz left the room for a few minutes to discuss the matter, and came back to address the board.

They asked for ten days from the Oct. 20 meeting to have all the petroleum products cleaned up.

Ciembroniewicz said his business is moving away from metal products to cut down on

contaminants, and said the metal business for the last 14 months has been difficult. He said the economy is tough, and with his three young children, he is asked the board not take any action yet, as he said he has a near \$200,000 investment in the property.

He said if necessary, he could have crew working on site in four days if he pays them some extra money, removing any contaminants from the salvage yard.

Ultimately, Ciembroniewicz was given five business days from Oct. 20, meaning Tuesday, Oct. 27 is the last day to have work begin on the property, and an outside engineer, along with Stone will monitor his progress.

By Wednesday, Nov. 4, a complete outline for all work to be done on the yard must be submitted. If he fails to clean the property, or submit the outline, the town will hire a crew to clear the property, and the amount will be added to the tax bill.

Contractors from the municipality tend to be 30 to 50 percent higher than ones hired by the land owner, Runion said.

"We'll spend our last dollar to take care of it," Ciembroniewicz said. "We care about the environment. We'll see at the next meeting how much we care about the environment."

Crossgates, toy giant unite for holidays

Toys R Us Express now in G'land mall

By DAN SABBATINO
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Toys R Us has opened a Holiday Express store in Crossgates Mall, according to the retail stores officials.

"This store is part of a larger company initiative to open more than 80 Toys R Us Holiday Express pop-up

stores and approximately 260 Toys R Us Holiday Express shops within our Babies R Us stores nationwide," according to a statement for Toys R Us Representatives. "This represents both a significant expansion in the company's toy selling footprint and an added shopping convenience for parents. It also means nearly one million additional square feet of toy-selling space for the company."

Terri Walsh, general manager of Crossgates Mall, said the store is located in the Macy's wing near the new Regal I-Max theatre in the K-B Toys former location. It has been open for business since the beginning of October, and will be there at least through the holiday season.

"We're thrilled to have them," she said. "They're such a quality store."

She said customers have given the move a thumbs-up and hopes that the high quality stores the mall has continues to attract shoppers as the holidays approach.

"It's really nice that Crossgates continues to attract high quality rentals even through what's going on in the economy."

Crossgates recently unveiled a two level Dicks Sporting Goods store with more space and merchandise.

"We're aggressively expanding our toy-selling footprint to make Toys R Us more accessible than ever for busy shoppers this holiday season," said Jerry Storch, Chairman and CEO, Toys R Us, Inc. in a written statement. "At the same time, the foot traffic in these popular shopping destinations provides a considerable opportunity to assert our toy authority position, increase our brand penetration and drive incremental sales during this important time of year."

All express stores will offer specialty services, the same as their counterparts, with "toy-trained associates" to assist customers. The locations will also have the ability to register for rewards and the customer loyalty program, and gift cards and buyer protection plans will be available as well.

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Delmar seniors take to the streets for a cause



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Roughly 50 residents, family members and staff of the Good Samaritan Adult Home and Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar took to their feet, walkers and wheelchairs in an effort to raise money for the fight against Alzheimer's on Wednesday, Oct. 21. About \$1,314 came in as of the most recent count.

This is the first time the facility has held such an event, said Director of Marketing and Admissions Jennifer Travis, but in light of the event's success it won't be the last.

"It's going to become an annual event," she said.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, roughly half of nursing home residents suffer from Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and that pretty much

holds true at Good Samaritan, said Travis.

"We felt that we have a lot of reasons to walk," she said.

Money was raised through donation and the sale of Alzheimer's awareness items like Tibetan peace flags and bracelets. The money is being donated to the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York.

"A non profit raising money for other non profits, I think that says something about what our mission is here," said Travis.

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BC rolls out text message notification system

Officials of the Bethlehem Central School District will have a new weapon in their arsenal this winter in the fight to keep parents and students informed and safe: text messaging.

The district is adding the option of receiving text messages informing of school delays and closures to its School News Notifier system that sends email alerts to subscribers.

Existing SNN users can update their profile with a cell number. Users still have the option to just receive e-mails. The system was first implemented in the 2006-07 school year.

The notifier system is offered through Capital Region BOCES, and was recently upgraded to include text messages when the district upgraded its Web site at a one-time cost of \$500. Subscribing to use of the service and technical support costs the district \$1,000 annually.

District officials said they would continue to work with the media, parents and community groups to get the word out on any event affecting the school day.

—Charles Wiff

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Students, staff and parents gather for an annual tradition at Farnsworth Middle School on Tuesday, Oct. 20, for the 40th Road Runner race. The event featured six categories for students, divided by gender and grade.

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Race celebrates 40 years of tradition

FMS students and staff participate in Road Runner event

By DAN SABBATINO
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The culmination of months of physical education was on display as hundreds of Farnsworth Middle School students made their way around school grounds last week.

There were 520 students and 20 staff members who participated in the 40th annual Road Runner race at Farnsworth Middle School, a tradition with lots of history according to many.

The race was held on Tuesday, Oct. 20, and students and staff said the race represents both a great tradition and sense of school pride and an opportunity to practice good health and fitness practices.

The students were split into six categories, boys and girls for sixth through eighth grade.

Joe Torre, a physical education teacher who founded the road runner race in 1970 said his primary motivation was health and fitness and to rally students and staff around school spirit.

"It became a big hit," Torre said.

Torre, who has been retired

for a number of years, taught for 33 years, 31 at Farnsworth Middle School.

"It brings back lots of memories," he said.

Dan DePersis another former physical education teacher, and Torre helped set up for the 40th anniversary event that took place on out in front of the school.

Mary Summermatter, principal at FMS, said the event is great for promoting community among staff, students and parents.

The 0.6 mile run is the culmination of the students physical education program, and is something that everyone looks forward too.

"It promotes the health and wellness of the building," she said.

The students are broker. up by house, and get to compete as well, adding some incentive as well.

"Seneca [House] is going to win, at least for the seventh grade," one student said to his two friends as they strolled along the roped off track.

All other after school activities are cancelled for the Road Runner race, that has "become part of who we are," Summermatter said. "They take it pretty seriously."

Karen LaFreniere, who's two daughters in high school, Renee

and Nicole, have participated in the race three times each, and her daughter Nadine, in eight grade, who completed in her third race on Tuesday, has seen her share of school spirit come from the Road Runner event.

"It's great for the kids," she said. "It encourages physical activity."

Nadine finished in ninth place for the eight grade girls category and said "It was really fun."

The winners were; Andrew Platek, for sixth grade boys and Rachel Cardiff for sixth grade girls. Drew Burns took home the prize for seventh grade boys and Emily Burns for seventh grade girls. The eight grade boys winner was Knute Armstrong and girls winner was Jenna Robinscn.

Pine Bush sues Albany, DEC

Advocates against the latest expansion of the Albany landfill filed suit Monday, Oct 19, although construction will continue for now.

Lynne Jackson, an advocate with Save the Pine Bush said although the groups attempts at an injunction were unsuccessful, the City of Albany as agreed "not to go into any undisturbed Pine Bush until oral arguments are heard on Dec. 11."

Ruth Leistensnider, an attorney with Peabody Nixon, serving as independent council in the matter, said the city was able to show the land being worked on now had been previously been disturbed, preventing action for now from the New York State Supreme Court, where the case is being heard.

The Department of Environmental Conservation, represented by the New York State Attorney General's Office was also present for the meeting between the principals on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The DEC is also under suit from Save the Pine Bush.

Leistensnider said that if an injunction had been granted, a

work stoppage of three months would have jeopardized the construction and risked it not being finished before space at the landfill ran out.

"There would have been a gap in capacity," she said.

Jackson said she is hopeful the lawsuit will prevent the already approved

expansion from happening, as it risks threatening an important environmental habitat. She also contends the expense of the landfill will be more than its profitability.

This is the fourth expansion of the landfill.

Jackson said the expansion is illegal because it is on top of an existing principal aquifer, and that the city has no long term plan.

"They need to look at alternatives," she said.

Leistensnider said many issues raised by Save the Pine Bush came up already in public comment periods and have been addressed, and are "without merit."

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Di Maggio says smart growth is key



Fred J.
Di Maggio

• **Name:** Fernando (Fred) J. Di Maggio
• **Age:** 64
• **Political affiliation:** Republican and Conservative Parties

• **Occupation:** Homeland security business consulting practice

• **Work experience:** Small business owner; CEO of cable television and soft drink industries statewide trade associations; Director of the state's major job creation/retention economic growth program.

• **Political experience:** First-time candidate

• **Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties):**

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Kotary proud of proven leadership



Kyle Kotary

• **Name:** Kyle Kotary

• **Age:** 40

• **Political affiliation:** Democrat and Independence Party

• **Occupation:** Government and communications consultant.

• **Work experience:** Small business owner. State Comptroller's Office, state Senate and Assembly, U.S. Senate, Health and Human Services Department, and U.S. House of Representatives.

• **Political experience:** Bethlehem Town Board 2006 to present

• **Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties):**

• Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce - Member

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Platform: Four years ago, I ran for Bethlehem Town Board on a promise to implement the town's first comprehensive plan, preserve more open space, build more sidewalks, support more town planning, make town government

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Flanagan touts fiscal prudence



John Flanagan

• **Name:** John Flanagan

• **Age:** 40

• **Political affiliation:** Republican

• **Occupation:** Teacher

• **Work experience:** Elementary Teacher, Green Meadow Elementary - 13 years; Pyrotechnician/Shop Manager, Alonzo Fireworks - 22 years

• **Political experience:** Past, Mechanicville Republican Chairman; Presently Bethlehem Republican Committeeman

• **Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties):** Softball Coach and Coordinator for K-8, Academy of Holy Names; Soccer Coach Bethlehem Soccer Club; Fifth Grade Catechist

Platform: I believe that we need

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to look at government as managers. A manager must understand what services must be provided, the quality of the services, and balance that with the cost and value. Bringing such an efficient and effective government and giving residents more information about issues that are important to them such as where their tax dollars are being spent is the focus of my campaign. I take this responsibility seriously and will not forget that every dollar spent is a dollar out of our residents' pockets.

• **Why do you want to sit on the Town Board?** As we experience changes in the economy, I believe we need to pay better attention to what our town government is doing with our money. As a town board member, I believe there are ways to provide the same level of service

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Jordan wants clean energy, low taxes



Mark Jordan

• **Name:** Mark S. Jordan

• **Age:** 47

• **Political affiliation:** Member of the Independence Party; nominated candidate of the Democratic, Independence, Conservative and

Working Families parties.

• **Occupation:** Attorney; Chief-of-Staff to Assemblyman Tim Gordon

• **Work experience:** I have been a member of the New York State Bar for over 16 years, in both the public and private sectors, and I have been a public servant for over 14 years, as a court officer, court clerk, court attorney, and for the past almost 3 years as Chief-of-Staff to our Assemblyman Tim Gordon. I have also served as a Hearing Officer for the County of Westchester, presiding over disciplinary hearings under the Civil

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Service Law. I am admitted to the New York State Bar and several federal courts, including the United State Supreme Court

• **Political experience:** This is my first run for public office, although I have been elected to party positions in the Independence Party for several years, and I am currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Albany County Committee of the Independence Party, and am the Bethlehem Town Chair of the Independence Party.

• **Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties):** Member of the PATHS 4 Bethlehem Committee; Member, Executive Committee of the Albany County Independence Party; Town Chair, Bethlehem Independence Party.

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Ballots still contested in Bethlehem supervisor primary

General election ballot cannot be finalized while court case is in appeal

By CHARLES WIFF
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The continuing saga of the Working Families Party line in the Bethlehem Supervisor race took new turns in the past week, and will likely be decided by the time *The Spotlight* reaches newsstands.

A decision handed down Wednesday, Oct. 21, by an appellate court reversed a previous ruling that had kept 11 absentee ballots cast in the primary election sealed. Since then, Town Board member and supervisor candidate Sam Messina has made filings to bring the case to the state Court of Appeals.

If that court hears the case, it will have to render a decision quickly as the Nov. 3 general election approaches. If it declines to hear the appeal, the ruling will stand and the votes will be counted.

A state Supreme Court judge had ordered the ballots be opened and counted on the merit the absentee ballot applications violated election law because the voters were not registered when they signed them. However, the appellate court noted that this argument was introduced minutes before court proceedings began for Messina's original argument,

which was that that the identities of the voters were not properly verified.

"It necessarily follows that an argument that is advanced for the first time during a hearing should not be considered, as it is manifestly unfair to suddenly confront a party and deprive it of its full statutory opportunity to meet the proof of its opponent," the decision reads.

Without counting the absentee ballots in question, Messina has 11 votes and incumbent Jack Cunningham, who staged a write-in campaign for the line, has five. There are 28 voters in Bethlehem registered with the WFP, including the voters whose ballots remain sealed.

Messina will appear on the Republican and Conservative lines, and Cunningham will appear on the Democrat and Independent lines.

Messina said the timeliness of his petition should not impact its veracity, and that he feels his victory was dismissed on a technicality.

"We think the merits of the case legally put us in a strong position," he said.

Republicans have maintained that these votes were the result of a targeted effort by Democrats to control the Bethlehem WFP by registering young, first-time voters in the party. Democrats have said their voter registration

efforts are not grounds to bar valid voters from casting their ballots.

"There was never any issue raised by anybody regarding the legitimacy of these ballots," said Albany County Democratic Election Commissioner Matthew Clyne, one party towards whom Messina's original lawsuit was directed.

"To see a small party like this one controlled and taken over by a larger party I just think is sad," said Messina. "It's bad politics, because it doesn't respect the rights of the people in that party."

Democrats, on news of Messina's plan to appeal, said that bad politics lies in any move that could delay the issuance of general election absentee ballots further.

"Messina's third lawsuit to prevent primaries or keep votes from being counted is holding up the primary election outcome, preventing general election absentee ballots from being distributed, and unnecessarily costing thousands of dollars," read a statement issued by the Bethlehem Democratic Campaign Committee.

"I'm anxious to get the votes counted," said Cunningham. "We need to make sure that everybody gets to cast their ballot."

There is no set date that boards of elections must send out absentee ballots or program voting machines, but absentee

ballots must be postmarked by midnight on Nov. 2 to be valid. The Albany County BOE has drawn up two versions of the ballot for either eventuality.

"Litigation is always problematic to the boards of elections because of the very short timeframe," Clyne said. "It's definitely a problem."

Republican Elections Commissioner John Graziano agreed that timing has become

an issue, but said the appeal is still a proper move.

"This is in the interest of doing the right thing, which is exactly what this lawsuit was about," he said. "They appealed from a decision they didn't like."

For the outcome of the appeal and final result of the Sept. 15 primary, check www.spotlightnews.com.

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Debate covers development, taxes, ethics

New Scotland Town Board and supervisor hopefuls went point for point about the town's most contentious issues, including retail development, ethics and taxes, at a debate on Thursday, Oct. 22.

The debate was sponsored by the League of Women Voters and *The Spotlight* and was held at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin, a Democrat running for his second term in office, squared off against challenger Mike Fields, a Republican who comes from a background of management and public safety.

Incumbent Town Board member Doug LaGrange, running on the Republican, Democrat, Independent and Conservative lines, answered questions along with three other candidates: Roz Robinson, Tim Stanton and Daniel Mackay. Mackay, a Democrat, is running with LaGrange and Dolin on a non-partisan slate. Robinson, with the Republican and Conservative lines, and Stanton, with the New Scotland First Party line, are also running as a team. There are two seats open.

LaGrange's opening statement focused on his eight years as a town representative, four on the planning board and four on the town board, and Mackay's statement focused on his background in planning, development and preservation.

Stanton spoke about the importance of choice and debate in town, and his pro-business stance. Robinson too spoke about the importance of giving voters a choice, and took time to note that she has never received money from Sphere Development, which recently broke a contract with the owners of the Bender Melon Farm.

A size cap on retail buildings and shopping centers in the commercial zone was at the heart of the debate, as the candidates offered arguments for why there should, or should not be, a 50,000-square-foot size cap.

"The 50,000-square-foot number has become a sacred number," Robinson said. "Good planning is more than just a size cap."

She and Stanton indicated they would support a larger cap, possibly 85,000 square feet for commercial buildings, as a compromise.

LaGrange, Dolin and Mackay, all indicated they favored a 50,000-square-foot size cap. Dolin noted that the law should include a "grandfather clause" to exclude existing businesses in town, and it should be careful not to hurt existing local businesses, such as Long Lumber.

LaGrange said the numbers are not arbitrary but backed by studies and committees. He said a lot of hard work went into coming up with the 50,000-square-foot number.

"The law we started with was not a perfect law," LaGrange said.

LaGrange also indicated that the planning board is limited by a size cap, but the Town Board could still grant a developer exceptions for larger projects under the town's Planned Unit Development law.

"It's not a hard and fast cap on development," he said.

Even with a Planned Unit Development law, Stanton said 50,000 is too small.

"It's far too restrictive," he said. "A PUD is more red tape and more hoops you have to jump through."

Fields said he does not support big-box development, but a 50,000-square-foot size cap is equivalent to "crucifying our own businesses."

Mackay warned of the back-end costs of making development too big, such as increased police calls and traffic. He also criticized the notion of a compromise of 85,000 square feet, since 50,000 square feet is already up from the 30,000 square feet previously discussed, and a far cry from those who want to preserve the land as open space.

Later in the evening, the candidates were prompted to discuss the role that the planning board should have in projects. The candidates agreed that the scope of the planning board is limited and the Town Board can "ultimately kill any project," but Dolin proposed decreasing the size and limiting the number of years one can sit as chair in order to increase diversity among townspeople.

LaGrange, a planning board member for four years, said it has more influence than some might perceive.

"The planning board tends to have a lot of their own ability to make unilateral decisions," but he said it is a "tremendous resource."

Stanton touted the good work of the planning board when the Clarksville Stewart's was being planned, as developers said it was the most difficult out of the 285 shops to ever get past a board.

Mackay said the planning board

process should be more open, and said there has not been an open selection since 2005. Mackay offered his resume for the board in December but was not offered a position.

The candidates were also asked to discuss how development can bring in a greater tax base and how property rights must be balanced by proper planning.

Fields pushed for something to happen in the commercial district to alleviate possible increases in school taxes.

Dolin said the school tax is so overwhelmingly more than the town tax, it is hard for the town to mitigate raises in school taxes. He said he cut \$140,000 in spending from this year's proposed budget and does not imagine being able to do much more.

Mackay said preventing the commercial zone from shrinking and having partial residential rezones are an important part of growing the tax base and can alleviate the burden.

With the threat of taxes looming, and financial constraints always an issue, the candidates were asked to discuss how important it is to balance property rights with zoning regulations.

"This country was built on property rights," Stanton said. He did call for some regulation, but said it is pivotal to not penalize people who have been "good stewards," and kept New Scotland looking rural. Robinson took a similar stance, stating property rights precede even the zoning code. She said the commercial district is only 2 percent of the town, and needs to be taken advantage of.

Mackay agreed that the town "owes debt" to those who have preserved the character of New Scotland and agreed the commercial zone is the proper place for building a tax base. He said rewriting the zoning does not necessarily mean property right will be infringed upon.

LaGrange said rezoning does not have to be unfair. He called on old history lessons, noting

that land is not the only property one has, and other property, like cars, are frequently regulated by things like the speed limit all the time.

"In fact, in most places, it's 50, a good number," he quipped.

Since the Town Board is considering a new ethics law, candidates were asked about how the town could better handle matters of conflict of interest.

"It's more of a shame we have to have an ethics committee," Stanton said.

Mackay said the "big-box issue is a distraction, and sometimes people get tangled between the service, business and property issues in town, and a good law needs to be in place to address it."

Robinson said the best combatant is transparency.

"Disclosure is of the utmost importance," she said.

Dolin said a law is likely to be put in place by the end of the year, noting that the biggest problem with the law was that the committee was comprised of the Town Board, all of whom are elected officials. He supports a law with only a few elected officials, as per the general municipal code.

Fields' biggest problem, he said, was that Town Attorney Mike Mackey is the Democratic Committee chairman.

"Unfortunately, our town has that," he said. "A lot of towns don't allow that."

The members were also asked to discuss any contact they had with the owners of the Bender Melon Farm or Sphere. Stanton and Mackay said they had never spoken with any representatives. Robinson said she has participated in closings with Maura Mottolose, a lawyer representing Bender, and hasn't talked with Sphere representatives since the spring. She also spoke to them when they apologized for any confusion that arose from an article that appeared in the *Altamont Enterprise* that indicated Sphere was endorsing Robinson.

LaGrange said he had contact with Sphere in the last six months and had casual conversation with the company when it first began discussing developing property in New Scotland. He also had contact with the Bender owners more than three years ago.

"I have no idea what these people look like," Fields said. He said conversations Dolin had with Sphere prompted "panic" in the town.

Dolin countered that is "unfair and untrue," and said the meeting was facilitated with other town representatives and it was to hear what Sphere was considering.

"And you're right, I did panic" after the meeting, Dolin said.

They had discussed a development 10 times the size of Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland, he said.

The candidates also discussed water and sewer, its relationship with neighboring municipalities and local business.

Fields pushed for honesty and openness with Bethlehem and Guilderland. Dolin noted several discussions about water and sewer, municipal law, and trash hauling he has had with other supervisors.

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Fields wants to return government to residents

Name: Michael Fields
Age: 71
Occupation: Retired assistant manager of plant operation and construction project manager
Political affiliation: Republican

Work experience: Most recently, I was the assistant manager of plant operations at Albany Medical Center for 25 years. I supervised more than 120 employees and oversaw the daily plant operations of a multi-location campus that served approximately 6,000 employees and patients. I have been trained and certified in fire safety and hazardous waste, lead and asbestos removal. In 1986 I was bestowed the honor of Employee of the Year.

Political experience: As the Republican, Conservative and Independent Parties' nominee, I served on the New Scotland Town Board from 1996 to 2000. I also served the village of Voorheesville as Building Inspector and as a member of the fact finding committee for the Voorheesville Central School District.

Areas of community involvement (outside of official town duties): I am 10-year veteran and past president of the Voorheesville Fire Department. I am parishioner of St. Matthew's Church. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus, The New Scotland Kiwanis and the Colonie Elks Club. In the past I volunteered with Habitat for Humanity projects in the city of Albany.

Platform: My goal is to return the town government to our residents by providing strong leadership that listens and serves. I want to restore common-sense in dealing with civic issues and ensure open communication that gives every opinion the right to be heard at town meetings. I will aggressively seek tax-lowering opportunities. I will find a compromise that expands the tax base, but prevents big-box merchants from damaging our landscape. I will protect the growth opportunity of merchants and farmers that have served our community for generations, and I will keep our town clean, safe and moving forward.

Why do you want to be supervisor?

I believe in our town. My family has believed in it for 100 years. It supported us and shaped our lives. As Supervisor I want to preserve, not devastate, that way of life. I want to foster, not limit, our growth. I want to build, not deplete our resources.

How would you approach the difficult financial straits ahead?

With cutbacks at federal, state and county levels, the Town of New Scotland will be standing alone for financial help. There will be a drastic drop in sales tax revenue. We need to increase our tax base

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now, to ease the rising tax burden on our residents.

What qualifies you to lead in New Scotland?

My 40-year career gave me a toolbox of skills for managing people, facilities and projects. I have extensive experience planning, budgeting, and managing utilities. As a councilman, I built a reputation for communication and compromise. I have a solid understanding of our history and the right perspective about our future.

In what ways will you promote responsible growth and development in town?

Our town is blessed with a pool of talented people. We must start gaining input from residents and enlisting their skills on planning committees. We need to work together, prioritize our zoning needs and find a workable commercial zone solution that grows our tax base, but preserves our character.

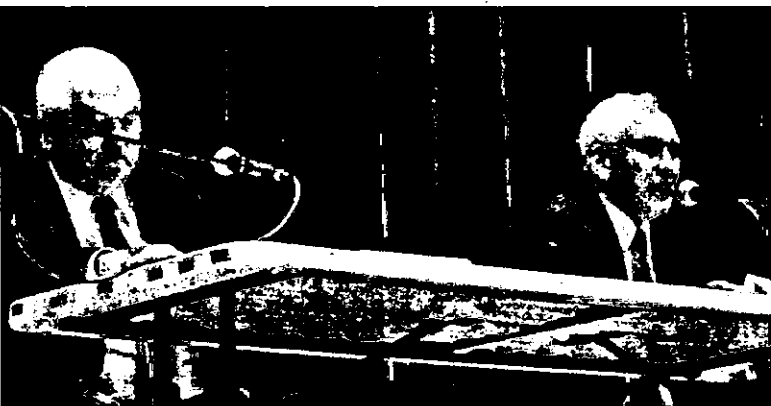
How have you/would you promote transparency in town government?

I will return civility to town meetings. I will give straightforward answers to residents' questions. Town Hall will have an open door policy. I will be accessible

to townspeople and hold regular "office hours" around the community. Residents can join me for coffee to chat about their concerns.

What are the three most important issues facing New Scotland going forward?

We must get back on track and work together to strengthen our commercial district, broaden our tax base and ease tax-payer burden. We must solve the town's water issues because our future depends on it. We must preserve our character and make this town an even better place to live.



Having their say

New Scotland supervisor candidates Mike Fields, left, and Tom Dolin debate Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville. The event was sponsored by *The Spotlight* and the League of Women Voters.

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Dolin aims to keep taxes in check

Name: Thomas E. Dolin
Age: 70
Occupation: Town Supervisor, Town of New Scotland.

Political affiliation: Democrat

Work experience: Two years as Town Supervisor, 14 years as Town Justice, 35 years attorney in private practice 16 years as Democratic Chairman of the New Scotland Democratic Committee

Areas of community involvement: Volunteer in annual Town Volunteer's Day

Platform: I want to continue to pursue policies that reduce our residents' tax burdens. While almost every other neighboring community is raising taxes, I was able to propose a 5% tax cut this year without touching our reserves, which are very healthy. I am also very opposed to large scale "big box" development. This kind of development has been proven to significantly increase tax rates. I support a size cap to prevent this from happening. Without a size cap, then big box development will remain a "permitted use" and the Town will have no lawful means of stopping it.

I am seeking re-election as Supervisor so that I can: 1) keep our taxes low, 2) prevent a big box development, and 3) allow our residents to openly participate in Town government, rather than "putting them in their place" or "gaveling them down," as my opponent advocates.

Luckily, our financial situation is extraordinarily good so I do not anticipate difficult financial straits for New Scotland. As long as we do not undertake the burdens of a large retail development, I do

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not see this changing.

My record as Supervisor for the past year and ten months and my previous ten years experience as manager of a similarly sized private enterprise demonstrate my ability to perform the duties of the office.

The most thing we can do is pass a size cap, which will protect our existing local businesses and prevent the type of out of control sprawl that has increased the

tax burden on so many of our neighbors.

I would continue my policy of allowing open public participation at meetings. I think people have a right to address their elected officials and I will oppose all attempts to silence the public.

I think promoting responsible growth by enacting zoning that conforms to our Comprehensive plan, continuing to reduce taxes, and continuing to expand such services as public water and sewer are the three most important thing we can work on.

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Robinson tries to be 'voice of reason'

• **Name:** Roz Robinson

• **Age:** 52

• **Political affiliation:** Republican - endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and New Scotland FIRST

• **Occupation:** attorney - small practice from my home

• **Work experience:** private law practice for over 20 years specializing in residential real estate transactions

• **Political experience:** this is my first run for office

• **Community involvement:** past co-president of the Voorheesville PTA, co-chair of donated materials for the Voorheesville community playground, original member of the VCS site based committee, Dollars for Scholars member, VCHS football booster club past president, former New Scotland Kiwanis soccer commissioner, VCHS drama club parent auxiliary, and a founding member of the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation

• **Platform:** I look to be a voice of reason in what has become a more and more dysfunctional town government. I understand

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the concerns of residents in town in regard to the zoning debate, which is why I do not support a big-box anymore than the next candidate. With intelligent zoning and impact studies, we will protect the town from inappropriate development without shutting the door to potentially good things. I also understand the need for affordable housing in town, especially for our seniors. As a town government, we should be looking for ways to lessen the burden on taxpayers by increasing our tax base and being fiscally prudent with our spending. Respectful discussion, sound judgment and common sense have been missing in town hall, which is why it would be a mistake to reelect the incumbents.

• **Why do you want to sit on the Town Board?** I feel all town residents need a voice. My family has been involved in town government and ran the local grocery store (Ricci's Market) for decades. Consequently, I

have a broad base of familiarity with the geographic town as well as many of its residents - particularly our senior citizens.

• **How do you see the role of a board member?** A board member should make an effort to reach out to all town residents to determine their needs and to ensure required services are provided to our citizens with the least possible tax burden.

• **How can the town board best address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level?** The board should do whatever it can to broaden our tax base in the commercial and industrial districts while keeping in mind the rural character of our town. As state and federal taxes continue to grow we must stop the rise at the local level.

• **How should the town approach zoning issues in New Scotland, particularly related to a retail size cap in the commercial zone?** Architectural standards, traffic, safety and environmental impact studies (paid for by developers) must be incorporated into project review procedures. Small business must be encouraged and not overregulated. Size caps can be considered if they do not stop future retail necessities such as an average size grocery store.

• **What issues in town besides zoning would you like to address as a Town Board member?** The expansion of existing water districts, expanding senior citizen outreach, broadening our tax base to hold the line on increasing taxes (particularly school taxes) and promoting small business growth are a few of the issues I would like to address as a board member.

Mackay wants to see an open government

• **Name:** Daniel Mackay

• **Age:** 45

• **Political affiliation:** Life-long registered Democrat, running on Democrat and Independence lines.

• **Occupation:** Director of Public Policy, Preservation League of NYS.

• **Work experience:** Deep background in economic development, environmental, and planning policy and issues, as well as with state government, based on work with the Preservation League, NY League of Conservation Voters and the Albany County Land Conservancy (now Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy).

• **Political experience:** I have not run for office before.

• **Areas of community involvement:** Committee Member, Residents Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC); Coach & Asst. Coach, New Scotland Soccer Club; Coach & Asst. Coach, New Scotland Kiwanis soccer and t-ball Leagues; Judge, Odyssey of the Mind academic program, Capital Region BOCES

• **Platform:** Low taxes, commercial development to expand our tax base, and sewer and water infrastructure needs are priority issues. Our town cannot address these issues without first ending the threat of big-box development. That type of development would negatively impact existing local businesses and result in increased taxes throughout town. A size cap is the only way to prevent these consequences. With a cap in place, our community can move forward

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to attract the types of development that would increase our tax base, support existing and new local business opportunities, provide better jobs and enhance what we value about our community.

• **Why do you want to sit on the Town Board?** I want to serve to promote open and responsive local government and assure that board actions are based on sound research and good public process. I would serve as the board's critically-needed third vote to implement an effective size cap and prevent unwanted big box development in our community.

• **How do you see the role of a board member?** Responsive leadership that will involve the public in local government. I will be honest, clear and responsive to all residents of New Scotland. Residents will know where I start with an issue, and I will welcome public input and community expertise that will further inform that position.

• **How can the town board best address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level?** The town must maintain healthy reserve fund balances to cover likely future declines in state and federal funding. To assure this, we must seek out development that is positive for our tax base, and not allow big-box development that will require tax increases to cover public safety and other needs.

• **How should the town approach zoning issues in New Scotland, particularly related to a retail size cap in the commercial zone?** An effective retail size cap will attract development that serves the needs and tax base of our community and conforms to our Comprehensive Plan. Big-box development will increase taxes, traffic and crime - a size cap is the only way to prevent these negative impacts of building too big.

• **What issues in town besides zoning would you like to address as a Town Board member?** Water and sewer needs are high priorities for both commercial and residential landowners in town. Older residents want affordable, well-designed housing and services that will allow them to live their full lives here. Attracting new farming and agricultural opportunities will improve our tax base and retain our rural landscape.

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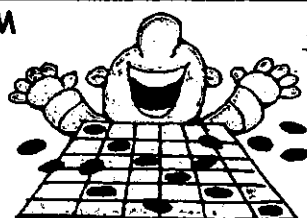
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LaGrange eager to tackle challenges town will face

•Name: Doug LaGrange
•Age: 50
•Political affiliation: Republican
•Occupation: Dairy farmer
•Work experience: Lifelong
•Political experience: If this means working in government, I spent four years on the New Scotland Planning Board and the past four years as am Councilman for New Scotland.
•Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties): Elder and life long member of Unionville Reformed Church. Elder delegate to the Albany Reformed Church Classis, Albany County Farm Service Agency committee (elected) Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County (Board President, Ag. committee Chairman), Residents Planning and Advisory Committee (R.P.A.C.) for Town of New Scotland, SUNY Cobleskill College Fiscal review committee, SUNY Cobleskill College Ag. program committee, NYS Environmental Quality Incentive Program Committee

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•Platform: My platform continues to be the same as in every election I have been a part of: To uphold the laws and visions of the Town. To bring our Zoning Code into compliance with our Comprehensive Plan, as required by law. To be responsive to our residents and finally, to continue to evaluate all issues that come before me with an educated, factually based and open minded process, void of emotionally charged, ideological or self serving biases.
•Why do you want to sit on the Town Board? I would like to continue my capacity on the Town Board because of the challenges that lie ahead for our community and the experience and resolve I have to address them.
•How do you see the role of a board member? Please see above answer about platform.

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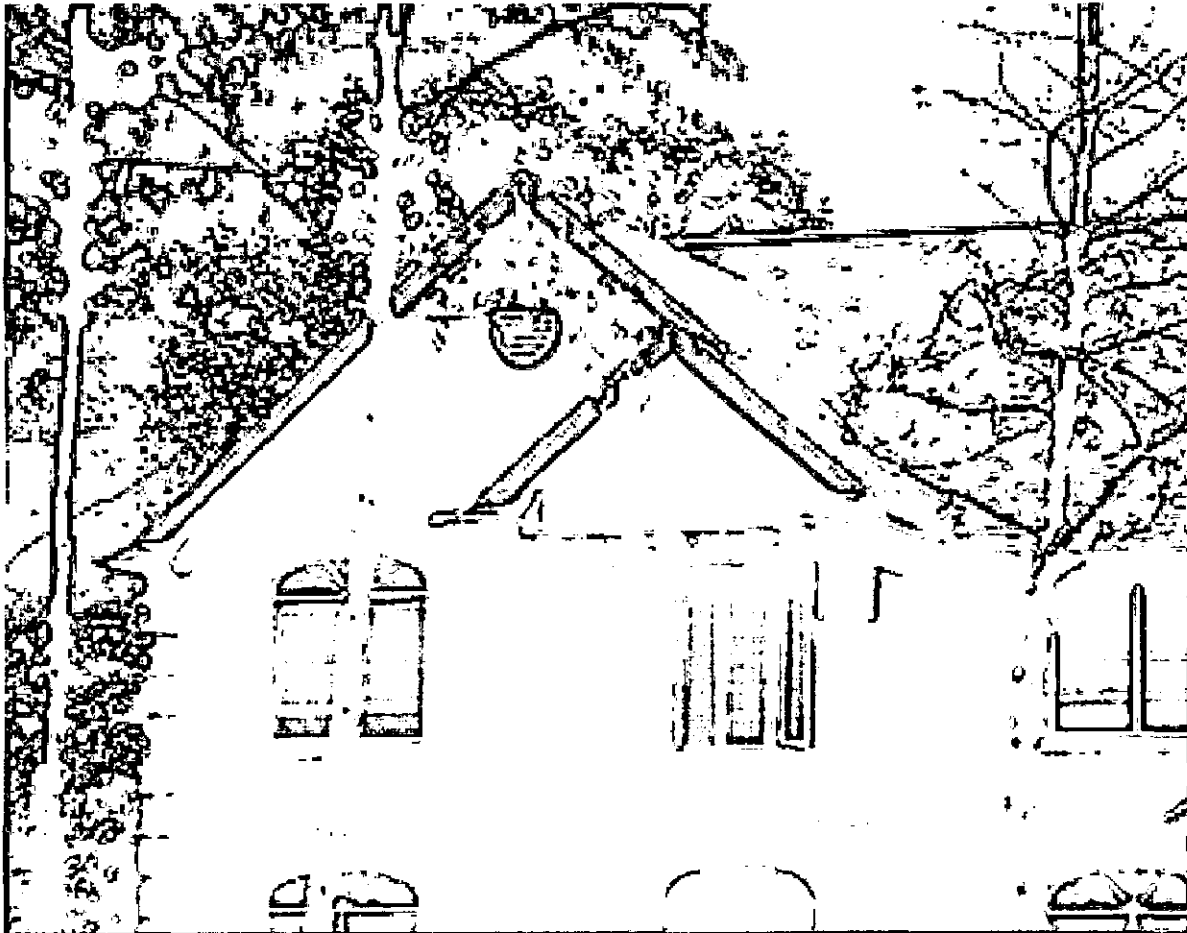
Stanton hoping to bring 'common sense' approach

•Name: Tim Stanton
•Age: 46
•Political affiliation: New Scotland First Party
•Occupation: Farmer
•Work experience: Self employed family run small business, Stanton's Feura Farm, for the last 24 years. Co-owner and operator of Stanton's Feura Farm, Stanton Brother's Hay and Our Family's Harvest Farm Market in Slingerlands and Stanton's Old Homestead Farm and Market in Westerlo.
•Political experience: None
•Why do you want to sit on the Town Board? To give voters a choice, better town-wide representation and a common sense approach to town problems and planning.
•How do you see the role of a board member? A representative of the entire town not just the most influential or the most vocal groups.
•How can the town board best

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address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level? Easy, spend less money and try to expand the commercial tax base.
•How should the town approach zoning issues in New Scotland, particularly related to a retail size cap in the commercial zone? We have to make sure we don't scare potential commercial businesses away. I would like to see proposals first and work to make them something the town wants. I am open to a retail cap but 50,000 sf with all the restrictions attached excludes too many businesses the town could use.
•What issues in town besides zoning would you like to address as a Town Board member? Spending, water, better town-wide representation using more civility, compromise and common sense.

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Four vie for spot on Guilderland Town Board

Four candidates are vying for two seats on the Guilderland Town Board, with incumbent Democrats Paul Pastore and Patricia Slavick fighting to hold onto a three-to-two majority along with Supervisor Ken Runion. Matt Nelligan, embattled former school teacher, and David Fraterrigo, whose background is in real estate, are challenging the incumbents. Neither have held political office prior to this election.

The Spotlight submitted the same questionnaire to the four candidates. What follows are their responses:

Name: Paul C. Pastore

Age: 44

Political affiliation: Democrat, Independence and Conservative Parties

Occupation: Lawyer and current Town Board Member



Paul C. Pastore

Work experience: Partner at the law firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C. and practicing attorney for over 19 years.

Political experience: Guilderland Town Board Member, 2006-2009; Liaison to Police, Water and Wastewater Management, Animal Control, Federal Grants and Industrial

Development Agency Assistant Town Attorney, Counsel to the Planning Board, 2000-2005

Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties): I have lived in Covington Woods since 1992; former resident of Weatherfield; I have been a resident of Guilderland for 20 years. Attend Christ the King Church

- Fundraising Committee - St. Margaret's Children's Hospital (a division of the Center for Disability Services), Honorary Supporter of Albany Medical Children's Hospital and Gilda's Club of the Capital Region, New York

- Past Board Member - Board of Widowed Persons Service (Division of the AARP)

- Past Member- The Capital Region Executives

- Member - Notre Dame Alumni Club of Northeastern New York; New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association

- Member - Pinehaven Country Club

As a Member of the Town Board, I will continue to:

- Listen and respond to the concerns of all Guilderland residents

- Resist tax increases

- Support a policy of fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget with an open review process

- Maintain and improve public safety

- Advance sound planning

and zoning principles

- Promote even greater recreational opportunities for our residents elsewhere and at the Town's Western Turnpike Golf Course, DiCaprio Park and Tawasentha Park

- Maintain and improve the highest level of municipal services

- Commit to responsible, balanced and well-planned growth as set forth in the Town's Comprehensive Plan

Why do you want to sit on the Town Board? My desire to remain a member of the Guilderland Town Board is rooted in my long-standing commitment to the concept of service to the community, and in my sense that I have the capacity, the dedication and the integrity needed and required to function effectively in this role.

How do you see the role of a board member? I see the role of a Town Board member as an elected official who listens to the concerns of the residents, receives input from the community and works together with the Town Supervisor and other Town Board members to transform ideas into the reality of an effective Town government operation.

How can the town board best address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level?

Board members must communicate often and articulately with officials at the federal and state levels about inequities involved with unfunded mandates, and should encourage residents to communicate the same sentiments to federal and state officials. As I have in the past, I will continue to work cooperatively with these officials.

How should the town approach increasing development in Guilderland? The Town should deal with future development proposals as it has

throughout this administration. We should evaluate each proposal on its individual merits and consider proposals that offer employment potential and tax base diversification without compromising the resident's quality of life or alter the Town as a residential community.

How can the town board members work toward bridging the gap between the two major parties? I have worked diligently to insure that the business of the Town is conducted with the highest level of rationality and civility. Our televised meetings reveal my commitment. I feel that if all members of the Town Board followed this approach, concerns about partisanship would be significantly reduced, even eliminated.

Name: David Fraterrigo

Age: 37

Political Affiliation: Conservative

Occupation: Medical and Property Management, Real Estate

Work Experience: 15 years

Political Experience: None

Platform: My family has long been involved in community service and I would like to



David Fraterrigo

continue that tradition by serving on the Town Board. I am a firm believer in responsible spending and lower taxes. In a time when sales tax revenues are predicted to decline dramatically we cannot expect town residents to bridge the gap through taxation. Our town must increase its tax base so that our seniors are not forced out of their homes.

Establishment of small businesses should be encouraged and facilitated. An annual audit of our town finances should

be undertaken and an honest re-evaluation of positions, departments and boards must be done. No-bid contracts should be eliminated. Our parks need to be preserved so that today's generations of families are able to experience the same benefits of healthy outdoor activity of past generations. In order to accomplish all of this we need to return a civil, respectful process to town government. If we come together as a community, Guilderland, as a community can accomplish each of these goals together.

How do you see the role of a board member? I believe a Town Board member should be a non-partisan voice for the people. As issues come before the Board, a member has a duty to listen, become informed and a duty to judge each issue on its merits.

How can the town board best address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level? The Town Board must seek ways to tighten our budget. Public safety for our citizens must be maintained. An honest re-evaluation of positions, departments and boards must be undertaken. In addition, I would advocate a reduction in the salaries of the Town Board members as well as committee members.

How should the town approach increasing development in Guilderland? High density development seems to be the direction that the town is taking now. While it may increase mortgage tax revenue it will also increase traffic. Plus, the demand for this type of housing is not high (see vacant townhomes on Carmen Road). We need to make sure we don't create an additional problem while trying to develop a solution.

How can the town board members work toward bridging the gap between the two major parties? I think more and more people are tired of the two party system. Many residents see their representatives fighting over control while ignoring the concerns of their community. I

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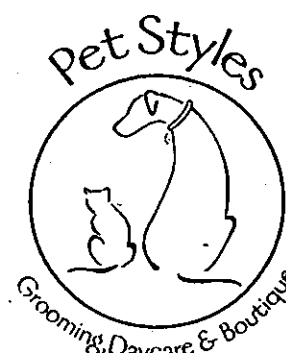
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Board

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belong to a small third party, one that lines up with my beliefs. I would certainly bring an independent look to the table and believe that a third party candidate is what is needed in this political climate.

Name: Matt Nelligan

Age: 36

Political affiliation: Republican

Occupation: Regional Coordinator, New York State Senate

Work experience: 13 Years as a Social Studies Teacher, focused on Government and Public Policy.

One Year in my current position.

Political experience: None

Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties): Past State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. President of Irish Music and Arts Festival Inc. and Chairman of the Irish 2000 Festival.

Former Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Irish-American Heritage Museum.

Proud Member of the Guilderland Knights of Columbus Council No. 3357 and Christ The King Church.

Platform: I'm running to make government accountable to average people. I support term limits, because I think that eight years is enough in order to make a difference in any elected office. Wherever possible I believe strongly that ballot referendums should be utilized in order to empower voters, and bring the common sense of the average

person into the political process. Our country is experiencing tough economic times, and Guilderland is no exception. I think it is important in this kind of environment that Town Government tightens its belt alongside residents, while taking advantage of every opportunity to save taxpayers money.

Why do you want to sit on the Town Board? To serve my community and its residents. I believe that my experience and knowledge of government gives me unique qualifications to serve in this capacity.

How do you see the role of a board member? To serve as an independent legislator, working with the board to develop and implement public policy. I plan on listening to resident's concerns and bringing new ideas to the table. Our role is not only to act on the Supervisor's ideas, but to be a co-equal branch of government.

How can the town board best address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level? We start by cutting town board pay by 30 percent and putting a moratorium on raises for all elected officials. Secondly, we should look for every possible way to streamline government without compromising vital services. We can't control State or Federal mandates, but we can and must control our own spending.

How should the town approach increasing development in Guilderland? Progressively, with an eye toward preserving the character of our town, while expanding the tax base. We need a full time economic development office to attract the right kind of businesses. We are in competition with surrounding communities, and right now we don't have a point person on this issue.

How can the town board members work toward bridging the gap between the two major parties? We need to work together for the good of residents and lay partisanship

aside. People are unhappy with the way the current board has behaved, because fighting has limited their effectiveness. Taxpayers expect us to cooperate for their benefit and when elected I plan to do exactly that.

Name: Patricia J. Slavick

Age: 57

Political affiliation: Democrat; endorsed by Conservative and Independence parties

Occupation: Business Analysis Supervisor, NYS Office of State Comptroller.

Work experience: Business Analysis Supervisor, NYS Office of State Comptroller; Associate Computer/Programmer Analyst, NYS Office of Mental Health; Fiscal Systems Auditor, NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance; Lead Tax Analyst and Senior Tax Systems Specialist, General Electric Company-Corporate Tax; Database Administrator, General Electric Company-Global Research Center

Political experience: Guilderland Town Board Member since July 2000

Areas of community involvement (outside of any official town duties): St. Madeleine Sophie member, volunteer and member of Finance Council; Volunteer for American Heart Association and American Cancer Society; Past Guilderland Study Circles Facilitator; Past Guilderland PTA and Pine Bush Little League volunteer; Past General Electric Company Elfun Society volunteer

Platform: Provide quality municipal services in a fiscally conservative manner; maintain a balanced budget and hold the

line on town taxes; and support inter-municipal agreements with other local governments to save taxpayer money.

-Implement initiatives to



Patricia J. Slavick

improve residents' quality of life: address storm water and flooding issues, seek funds for new sidewalks and enhance water and sewer infrastructure.

-Promote Planning and Controlled Growth: implement Neighborhood Master Plans for all Guilderland neighborhoods, review and revise the Town Zoning Law to conform to the Comprehensive Master Plan and Neighborhood Studies, and promote preservation of open space.

Why do you want to sit on the Town Board? My desire to be a Guilderland Town Board member is my way of giving back to the community I live in and have raised children in. I strongly believe in our community and am fully committed to give back to Guilderland to make it an even better place to live.

How do you see the role of a board member? The role of a Town Board member is that of an elected official who is regularly in communication with the residents, seeks their input and develops solutions for their concerns. A Town Board member works collaboratively with the Town Supervisor and other Town Board members to effectively

run Town operations.

How can the town board best address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level? The Town Board must be in communication with officials at the federal and state levels about unfunded mandates inequities, as these will cause additional tax burdens for our residents. The Town Board should also encourage residents to communicate the same concerns to federal and state officials.

How should the town approach increasing development in Guilderland? In evaluating business and development opportunities in Town, the recommendations and guidelines set forth in the Town's Comprehensive Plan should be followed. For every proposal, the increase in tax base should be weighed against the services which will be required and its effect on the quality of life of our residents.

How can the the town board members work toward bridging the gap between the two major parties? Our job as Town Board members is to effectively serve our residents. I have worked tirelessly to do my part to ensure that the business of the Town is conducted in a civil manner. Partisanship concerns would not be an issue if all Town Board members followed this approach.

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Tower

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Independent representative Daniel Schweigard said that the district could expect to immediately recognize \$20,000 to \$24,000 in revenues from a tower, which would increase if more carriers located at the tower. Once the tower is established and the carriers in place it will generate funds in the long term, he said.

"Once a carrier is on the facility they're basically committed for a period of about 25 years," said Schweigard.

The tower owner would also pay local and school taxes based on the assessed value of that property, he continued.

As for the potential health, visual and property value impacts, Schweigard said that Independent can commission a range of studies at the request of the district, the cost of which would be assumed by the company. He added that the FCC controls tower radiation levels.

"The FCC has established what the emissions from the fa-

cility are and established what the safe levels are," he said.

Other sources have a varying opinion of the effect signals from cell towers can have on health, and how close one must be to be affected.

The district has not signed a letter of intent with Independent, which would move the process forward.

A presentation by Independent and an opportunity for public comment will take place from 6:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18, prior to the scheduled Board of Education meeting at the Bethlehem Central High School Library Media Center.

Especially as upcoming fiscal difficulties come into focus, finding alternative revenue streams is a priority for the district in order to lessen the burden on taxpayers.

On that note, district officials said that there have been positive comments on the cell tower proposal, as well. Board President James Dering noted that while \$20,000 might not seem like a lot in an \$88 million budget, with budget constraints the district has been forced to ex-

amine smaller items like eliminating night football games at a \$10,000 to \$15,000 savings.

Board member Laura Biernman said that while commercialization of schools is a valid topic of concern, proposals should be examined on a case-by-case basis.

"I don't think we should come up with a blind policy that says no, we shouldn't do anything like that," she said.

Opponents of the plan said they were pleased at the school board's decision. It was not clear whether the No School Towers Coalition would continue to protest a tower at the Operations and Maintenance building; the group is largely comprised of residents living near Hamagrael.

"I'm relieved," said Marie Dropkin, who lives near Hamagrael and is a group member. She said the group was focused on the elementary school sites, but those members opposed to commercial development may continue their efforts.

"There may be other people in that neighborhood near the other site who don't know about this," she said.

Sphere

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ment reads. "This press release is being issued to correct this false portrayal. Sphere Development's official position is that it does not now nor has it ever endorsed any candidate in the upcoming New Scotland Town Board election. Sphere has not made and will not make any campaign contributions to any candidate for the New Scotland Town Board. Any statements or representations to the contrary are completely false."

The statement from Sphere was in response to an article printed in the *Altamont Enterprise* that reported Sphere was endorsing candidates Roz Robinson and Mike Fields.

A sign at the corner of Route 85 and 85A, that was placed there by the advocacy group New Scotland for Sound Economic Development, uses a headline from that article to indicate the pair were endorsed by Sphere.

Daniel Mackay, one of the founding members of NS4SED, said he questions Sphere's Oct. 20 statement.

"Sphere is welcome to say whatever they are saying," he said. "[But] their late-breaking effort to stuff words back in their mouth are too little to late."

He said if they did not mean to endorse anyone, they should not have had conversations about any candidates in the first place.

"I think Sphere has a clear preference," he said.

Sphere's Oct. 20 statement and earlier comments made to *The Spotlight* indicate the company is not supporting any specific candidates, but would prefer those who do not favor a size cap.

Robinson and Fields do not support a size cap and have said they are also against big-box development.

Greg Widrick, a managing partner with Sphere, said he did not understand Robinson and

"Sphere is welcome to say whatever they are saying. [But] their late-breaking effort to stuff words back in their mouth are too little to late."

Daniel Mackay
NS4SED founding member

Fields' position about opposition to a 50,000-square-foot size cap, and opposition to big-box as well.

"I think it muddies the water a bit," Mackay said of Sphere's apparent conflicting statements. He is standing by his group's sign.

"I trust the accuracy of the *Enterprise*," he said.

He said it is also important to keep an eye out for Sphere, since representatives have stated they are still interested in seeking other developments in the market.

Robinson said she has not received any money from Sphere and was "astonished" to hear of the alleged endorsement.

"I've had absolutely no contact with Sphere of any sort," Robinson said last week.

Since that interview, Robinson said Sphere's representatives contacted her to apologize for whatever confusion comments they made may have caused.

Fields said he has never met anyone from Sphere, and he found it hard to understand how the firm could endorse him.

"I don't know those people. I've never met or talked to any of those people. I think it's such a joke that my opposition put out signs. They're deceiving the public as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Tim Stanton, also running with Fields and Robinson, said if Sphere was going to make endorsements, it was "kind of odd" Sphere did not mention him.

"I think they were led into that by the *Altamont Enterprise*," he said.

Cuts

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Cuts are unlikely to go through, especially considering the disarray in the legislature, but the proposal is still "a harbinger" of what things will look like in the 2010-2011 school year, and the upcoming budgeting process for that year may very well include cuts again.

The district broke down budget cuts into three tiers last year and ultimately enacted two of the three. Tebbano said that in the coming weeks, the district will be evaluating the effectiveness of tier 1 and 2 cuts and whether a whole new set of tiers should be drafted or if the district should proceed immediately to tier 3 if a reduction is needed.

Depending on how the cuts

have fared, some elements of the first two tiers could even be brought back, he said.

The budgeting process for the upcoming year is set to begin soon. Tebbano said he wants to proceed with the possibility of a \$2.5 million cut in aid in mind, which could be made up by implementing the remaining tier three cuts. That would have a severe impact on services and involve layoffs, however.

If left to the taxpayers, offsetting \$2.5 million would represent a 5 percent increase in the tax levy.

Trimming out the more extreme elements of the tier three cuts could still bring the school district about \$1.5 million in savings, however.

Tebano said that while a spending freeze is not on the table yet, the district will be making an effort to curtail non-

essential spending. The district saved \$1.5 million through last year's spending freeze, which has helped shore up the fund balance.

"We're looking at whatever efficiencies we can sort of a freeze," Tebbano said. "We're looking for a number of different pots to stir."

He likened the process to squeezing a dry sponge; with so many efficiencies already implemented, it is likely that further cuts will have an impact on class size and elective programming.

Last year, Paterson's proposal to slash state school aid was largely offset by the arrival of federal stimulus money that will run out at the end of the school year. While some legislators are advocating for more assistance, Tebbano said that he feels it is most responsible for the district to plan for a worst-case scenario.

The school board will hear a presentation on the status of tier one and two cuts in November.

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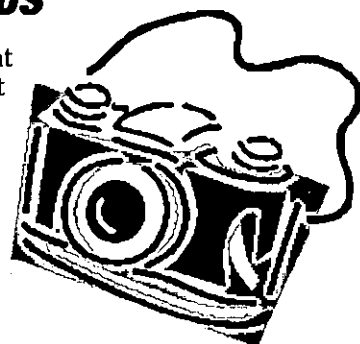
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Two BC grads to climb Kilimanjaro for obstetric fistula treatment

By CHARLES WIFF
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Two Bethlehem High School graduates are planning to stand on the highest point in Africa come January, and through their trip raise money to combat an overlooked but debilitating medical complication that affects millions of women in third world countries: obstetric fistulas.

Kevin Welch and Katie O'Leary will join others in an attempt to summit Mount Kilimanjaro, the fourth-tallest mountain on earth. Welch, who is a 2005 graduate of BC, has experience on long hikes in the Adirondacks, Europe and the Middle East. O'Leary, who graduated a year later, is an aspiring Adirondack "46-R."

The climb is being organized at Cornell University, where O'Leary is majoring in biological sciences with hopes of attending medical school in the future. While the journey piqued her interest, she said joining the Fistula Free Climb was a simple decision after learning about the affliction.

An obstetric fistula usually occurs during childbirth when modern medicine is not available. A tear between the vagina and rectum or bladder can develop, leading to infection and other complications. Perhaps the worst part is that the procedure to repair the fistula can cost as little as \$250, which for many women in third-world nations is a simply insurmountable sum.

"I was absolutely horrified," she said. "It's an easy and quick operation, but no one in Africa has \$250...it's a very little known condition."

The team is asking donors to try and match this amount in order to provide one potentially life-saving procedure. As a whole, the team's goal is \$100,000, which will go a long way in underdeveloped countries through the charity OperationOF.

The team, which now stands at about 10, will arrive in Moshi, Tanzania early to volunteer in a hospital. That service fits well with Welch's aspirations of going into international medicine and one day working for a group like the World Health Organization.

His travels to Israel and elsewhere motivated him to change his major from physics to human biology, which he studies at UAlbany.

"You kind of see places in this completely other region of the world, and it made us realize coming back we have so many resources here, so many abilities and capabilities, it's almost like we have a responsibility to help do something," he said. "It's almost not fair that some people have so much and some people have pretty much nothing."

Kilimanjaro takes most parties a week to ascend. Though it is not known as a technically challenging ascent, the heights present unique problems in the form of altitude sickness and shifting weather patterns—10 to 20 climbers and porters usually die on the slopes of the mountain every year.

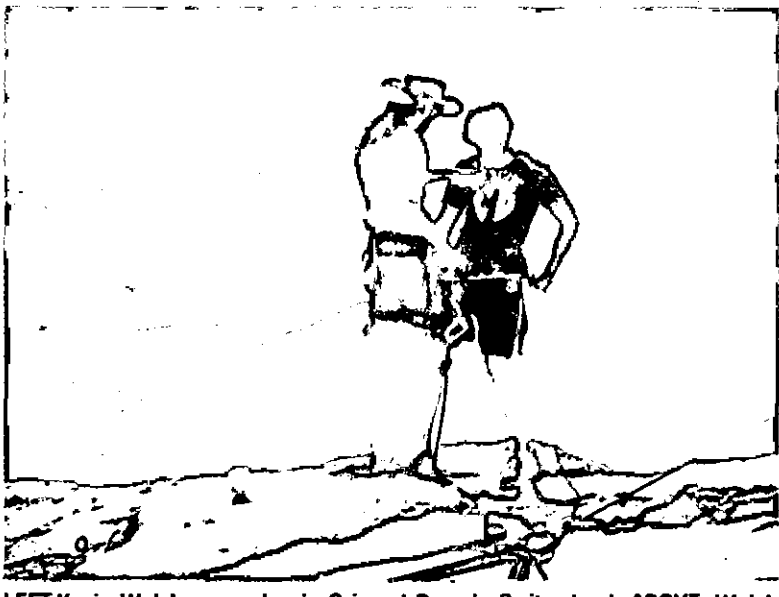
Even for reasonably

experienced, physically fit climbers like Welch and O'Leary, altitude sickness can present a formidable challenge. The body, if unaccustomed to living in an environment with decreased air pressure as is found above 10,000 feet, can react with symptoms from headaches and disorientation to swelling of the brain.

To combat this potentially fatal complication, climbers generally descend to camp at least 1,000 feet below their highest point of ascent for the day in order to give their bodies time to acclimate. Guides are also well versed in the symptoms of altitude sickness, and will bring climbers down at the first sign of trouble.

Then there are the problems associated with simply being in Africa, including the threat of malaria.

"I'm hoping that being in Moshi will help me adjust to the altitude, but I'm still worried," said O'Leary. "My dad was really hesitant to let me go on this trip...But he knows how much I want to do this and



LEFT: Kevin Welch canyoning in Grimsel Pass in Switzerland. ABOVE: Welch preparing to rappel into Makhtesh Ramon Crater in the Negev Desert, Israel.
Submitted photos

how strongly I feel about this so now he's supporting me."

Both BC grads are adhering to training regimens to prepare themselves physically and mentally for the strenuous journey.

"It's not a playground, it's pretty serious," said Welch. "There's not a lot of people that actually set out for it and make it there. You have to be determined, and you have to be training for it."

To learn more about the Fistula Free Climb, to donate or inquire about coming along on the trip, visit the group's Web site at www.fistulafree.org.

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It's a 'trashy' business

In an interesting take on recycling, stores focus on reusing old items for home decor

By DAN SABBATINO
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A person's definition of "garbage" is relative.

Local businesses, in an effort to keep with the "green initiative" by reusing old items — and maybe make some money, to boot — offer restored furniture and items built from materials others have thrown away.

Camille Gibeau, at her downtown Albany location, has a myriad of items literally grafted together from things that would

have been otherwise burned, thrown away or buried.

She describes her business, At The Warehouse, as architectural salvage.

The name of the game is architectural art. Washboards and cabinets, pieces of old churches, mirrors, doors, old clocks, parts of trains and more are put together to make new furniture, fit together to make pieces of unique art that serve practical functions.

"We also kind of follow the trends Gibeau," said. "It's all custom. There's nothing else like this. It comes from practicality and a desire to reuse material."

She said the old pieces are viewed as raw materials, and not as what they once were.

"It's sexy," Gibeau said. "You're not being dictated to."

Gibeau and her partner, Fred Shapiro, make purchases at estates sales, on craigslist or where ever people are getting rid of old furniture.

"It drives me crazy to see what people throw away at the dump," she said.

Martin Dodge works for Gibeau, and she said many of his ideas are inspired from time he spend in California. Sanford Mirling also works At The Warehouse, and is a sculptor and art teacher.

Her efforts are also being expanded toward working with municipalities and finding ways to get to residents at the time they register for dumpster permits to let them know there is an alternative to throwing their trash away.

Chancery Lane, a French Country style store in Delmar, is an antique shop that also employs some restorative tactics.


Rather than restoring the pieces to their precise original look, a pricey and time consuming experience, Ingrid Capron takes a different approach. Once an



Camille Gibeau sits in custom furniture at her architectural salvage warehouse in Albany. Her business, At The Warehouse, focuses on reusing old furniture and remaking into new pieces.

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Solar power may be the wave of the future

Solar power provides savings, but can be costly to install

By DAN SABBATINO
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For two years, Lisa Carlson lived at her Latham residence, adorned with solar paneling, and for two years, she has been thrilled at the results.

The previous owner of the house had built the panels, and Carlson said when she and her husband, Lance, were shopping around, it was not necessarily alternative energy

that they were looking for, but knew it could help save money.

"The primary energy is electric, and as you know, that costs a ton of money," she said.

Carlson said in the winter months, heating is split between a wood stove and recycled oil, leaving the electric off.

"We don't even have duct work," she said.

She said by using the stove, and the recycled oil that runs through a baseboard, there are a number of benefits other than saving money, like a

pleasant smell that comes from the lack of a furnace.

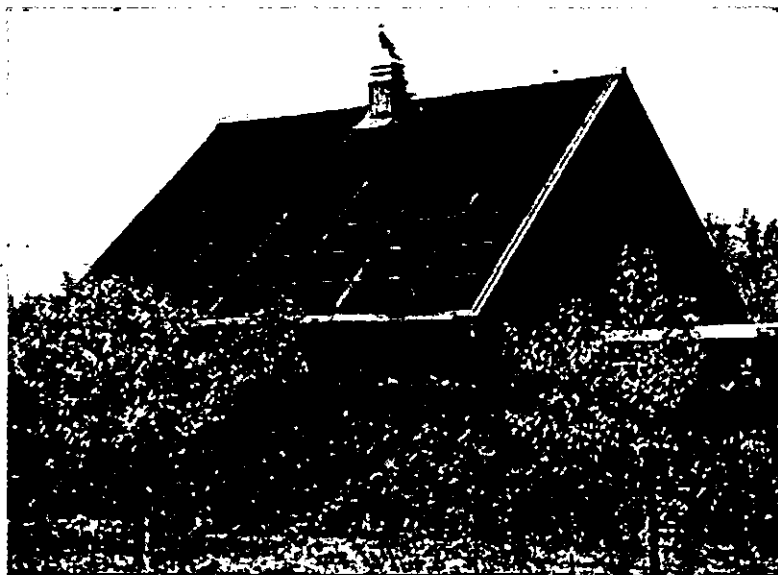
Financially, though, she said the savings have been tremendous. When friends of hers have reported spending upwards of \$200 each month on energy in the winter months, they are spending between \$50 and \$60 — and they also received a tax credit from the federal government for using clean energy.

"My father is an environmental engineer," she said. "He was just incredibly excited."

Carlson said others in her neighborhood also utilize solar energy, something that has become a trend in recent years. A house down the road from her, she said, has an entire side covered in solar paneling. Not just homes, but other institutions have also jumped on the trend. Bethlehem Middle School has been using solar energy for years, in small amounts, for practical, educational and symbolic purposes. Mark Warford, assistant principal for the school, said although it does not reap much energy from the panels now, it sets a good example for the students.

"It raises the discussion about where we get our energy from," he said.

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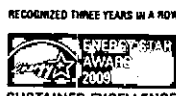
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All metal roofs are not created equal

Your asphalt shingle roof is getting near its end. Maybe it's not leaking, but those loose or missing shingles tell you all you need to know. It's only a matter of time. Roofs and automobile tires are a lot alike – just another year, just another thousand miles ... that is, until you have a blowout, then the next day you're at the tire store. Wait for a roof leak and it could be a lot more costly than a set of tires.

Conventional composite (asphalt) shingles used to last 25 years or more with little problems. That's not the case with the current products. Despite the trade's nomenclature and 30-, 40-, even 50-year rating claims, most all composite shingles, including those described as "architectural," are under warranty for only five years, the most expensive ten years. Then that old insidious proration period kicks in, during which not only are permits, labor, flashing, venting, tear-off and disposal not covered, but the replacement warranties on the shingles themselves are aggressively devalued.

The esteemed Bob Vila says it all: "Buyer beware." When it comes to shingles, the drawbacks center on service life. While asphalt shingles come with warranties from 20 to as long as 45 years, roofers and builders remain skeptical of those warranties. Since warranties are a marketing device, they are not a reliable predictor of life span. In the past decade, there have been many complaints of asphalt shingle failures long before warranties expired. Many homeowners

have been dissatisfied with warranty payouts that didn't cover the costs of repair or replacement."

That's why more and more people are turning to metal roofing for greater longevity and fewer problems. Most metal roofs will last 50 years or more. Some, however, will take a little help, others a whole lot of help, to get to that point. All metal roofs are not created equal. The differences in metal roofs are significant and, hence, factors in their ultimate cost.

Most all-metal roofs are made of steel and have a painted coating. You see them used on commercial buildings, storefronts, strip malls, and quite often in rural areas on barns and other outbuildings. They're referred to as "standing seam," are easily recognizable by their long vertical ridges, and are becoming more acceptable for use as residential roofing in some rural areas. Over the past few years a few companies have started manufacturing metal shingles made from steel, some painted while others are painted and then coated with a granular film to resemble the finish of asphalt shingles.

There are few companies that manufacture roofs utilizing aluminum, and only a couple that make an aluminum shingle product. The leader, by far, in this area, with over 35 years of manufacturing expertise, is Interlock Roofing, Ltd. Its regional Web site for New York is www.NewYorksBestRoof.com. Not only is its aluminum core impervious to rust or corrosion, but unlike other

metal roofs that are painted (most utilizing a paint, Kynar 500, developed 40 years ago), the Interlock roof is coated with a proprietary product, Alunar, which is applied at high temperature and partially imbedded into the surface. This process, though more costly, improves the coating's adhesion to the base metal and thus its longevity. This coating is also imbedded with ceramic particles which significantly contribute to reflection of the sun's rays yielding the product's EnergyStar rating and its qualification for the 2009 \$1,500 Federal Energy Tax Credit.

So, if you're about to replace your roof, ask yourself these questions. Are we going to stay here for another ten years or more? Do we see the sense of installing a permanent roof to increase our home's value for future resale or family inheritance? Do we want to avoid the future cost of another roof replacement in as little as 13 to 15 years? Are energy savings, conservation and the ecological benefits of owning a 'green' roof important to us? Are we willing to pay considerably more for a quality metal roof to achieve these outcomes?

If you've answered 'YES' to one or more of these questions, just remember, not all metal roofs are created equal. Do your homework.

Act now to prevent costly ice damage later

Ice dams may not be something the average homeowner has ever heard of, but they occur all too frequently during the winter months, resulting in costly damage. Left unaddressed, water seepage from ice dams can ruin ceilings, walls, attics and roofing.

Ice dams usually form when heat from inside a home causes snow on the roof to melt and trickle to the roof's edge, where it refreezes on cold eaves, blocking gutters and drains. Since water cannot flow over the built-up ice, it backs up behind the ice, creating pools, and seeps into the home under the shingles.

"A typical U.S. winter will generate more than \$500 million in property damage from ice dams," says Mike Convery, chief claim officer for MetLife Auto & Home. "By taking a few proactive measures in the fall, homeowners can often prevent ice dams and save themselves a lot of time, money and frustration."

Steps to take in the fall:

- Keep all gutters and downspouts clear. Make certain that leaves, sticks and debris are removed completely from your home's gutters and downspouts.
- Keep your attic chilly. The most effective way to eliminate ice dams is to stop snowmelt by making the roof colder. This can be achieved by insulating the floor of the attic and under the roof, and by blocking all crevices (known as bypasses) where warm air from the interior can rise into the attic.
- Identify water entry points within the home. You may wish

to contact a contractor to locate these entry points and take the appropriate actions to create a waterproof barrier.

- Protect your roof with some extra help. If you're still getting ice dams after insulating and ventilating, consider installing extra protection along your eaves. An ice belt, a solid, metal flashing, allows snow to easily slide off it while providing a barrier for melted snow. Electrical heat tracing can help if an ice dam starts forming, melting it away with one flip of a switch.

Steps to take in the winter:

- Keep a lookout for giant icicles. One of the first warning signs of possible ice dams – and definitely poor insulation and ventilation – are giant icicles hanging from the eaves.
- If possible, keep snow off the roof with a roof rake. Use a roof rake or push broom to reduce the amount of snow that could melt. Do not climb on the roof to clear the snow as serious injury may result. Also, be cautious of electrical wires.
- To melt the ice, bring new life to an old set of legs. Placing old nylon stockings filled with ice melt – containing magnesium chloride, potassium chloride, and/or calcium chloride – on an ice dam is an effective way to melt the dam and create a channel for the water to run off. Be certain to lay the stockings perpendicular to the gutter near the edge of the roof.

In an emergency situation, where water is seeping into the house, the best advice is to notify a professional contractor.

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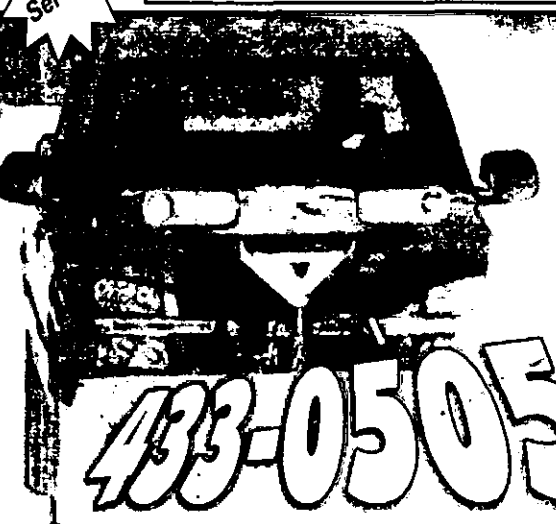
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antique is altered, it is technically devalued anyway, she said. By painting it, and making giving it an older appearance she gives it a personal touch, and an appeal that many people enjoy.

Further, it keeps the items out of the trash, and into peoples homes.

"I take a piece of furniture that would have gone into a landfill and make it look beautiful," she said.

"I take a piece that has been marred in some way," she said. "They're beautiful things that don't have to cost too much money," she said. She puts an undercoat on it first, usually with a lighter color and then "antiques" it by giving it an old fashioned look.

"People like that shabby, chic look," she said.

Her mother owned a store for 15 years, giving her the inspiration to do the green styled restoration. She was also active with the historical preservation, she said.

"You can't mess it up. Its a work of art," she said.

At times, the furniture will need bodywork, she said, and Capron will make

repairs on the piece before letting it get thrown in the trash.

"It's better than putting it in a landfill," she said.

Refurbishing items, reusing them and recycle them are important, she said.

Capron said this sort of refinishing has become more popular as the economy has become tighter. Buying new furniture is expensive, she said.

On a broader level, state agencies are working toward building residences cleaner, according to the Dormitory Authority of State of New York. Jodi Smits Anderson, a representative of DASNY, said all of its work is toward Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver ratings. The organization is responsible for overseeing the building of many state university dorms, hospital rooms and other



A corner cabinet from the late 1800s was salvaged by Chancery Lane in Delmar, which sells restored furniture. The piece had coffee stains on it that were painted over and made to look antiquated.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

public buildings.

Gov. David Paterson signed executive order 24 in tow months ago, Smits Anderson said, and it mandates state agencies must cut green house gases, by 80 percent by 2050. Smits Anderson, along with others at DASNY are on the forefront of bringing the state agencies into compliance with this task, but said right now it is unclear how it will undertake the effort.

She said this will likely mean cutting out fossil fuels from the state's diet. Smits Anderson is also working toward helping Habitat Restore, related to Habitat for Humanity, and other businesses.

Add life to your winter landscape:

Attract wild birds to your backyard

Feeding wild birds is an easy way to add a splash of color and song to your outdoor living space this winter, plus help the birds thrive through the toughest season for them. Attracting birds to your backyard is as easy as setting out bird feeders filled with quality food.

In fact, winter is a perfect time to feed wild birds, as a variety of species, including dark-eyed juncos and native sparrows, migrate south. Other species such as cardinals, woodpeckers and goldfinches will stay around through the winter and will be eager to frequent feeders where they find a ready, steady supply of food. Feeding wild birds not only brings a little life to your backyard during the cooler months, but also helps the birds thrive through the winter, so they – like you – will be ready to enjoy spring when it arrives.

Getting started is simple:

* Offer a feeding station that consists of a birdfeeder filled with a quality seed mix. Choose a blend that is specially formulated to attract a variety of birds. Ingredients should include bird favorites like black oil sunflower, thistle and peanuts, which are attractive to a wide range of birds including cardinals, chickadees, finches, native sparrows and more. Feeding a premium wild bird food like Scotts Songbird Selections ensures birds will get adequate energy and nutrition to help weather the winter. Visit

www.scottswildbirdfood.com to learn more about feeding wild birds.

* Choose a feeder appropriate for the type of seed blend you are feeding. Common types include covered or open platforms for any size seed blend, cylinders or tubes for small seeds, and a hopper or "house" style to hold larger seeds like sunflower. You can easily make your own bird feeder, or purchase one of the many types available in home improvement, hardware and other mass retail stores.

To attract even more birds:

* Offer more than one feeder with different foods to give birds with varying feeding preferences options and ensure you attract a variety of species.

* In addition to a variety of quality seed blends, consider offering suet as well. Birds use a lot of energy, especially in the winter, and suet is the high-energy snack that can help keep them going through the tough times. Rich in calories because it's primarily made of fat, suet attracts woodpeckers, chickadees and many other species. Some suet, like Scotts Songbird Selections Multi-Bird Suet with Fruit and Nuts, is embedded with other treats birds love, such as seeds, nuts or dried fruit. Present the suet in a wire cage. The birds will cling to the cage and peck at the suet through the gaps.

Other tips for winter feeding:

* If you live in a region that receives significant snow accumulation, make sure feeders are raised high enough off the ground to escape the snow buildup. Place feeders close to the house in locations with a good view from a favorite window. If possible, keep feeders a short bird's flight from the cover of protective trees, to help birds feel more secure when feeding.

* Wild birds have a particularly hard time finding fresh water in the winter. Consider adding a few heated birdbaths to your backyard landscape. Heated baths, many with thermostatic controls, are available in most home improvement, hardware and bird specialty stores.

* If you're worried about squirrels raiding and damaging your feeder, consider feeding them too. Offer something the squirrels will find even more enticing than bird food – like corn – and they'll be less inclined to visit your birdfeeder.

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2010 Budget	NO tax increase!!!	2% tax increase
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Government Openness	Town Board meeting around town, web casting meetings expanded agenda	NO support/NO action NO support/NO action NO support/NO action
Capital Plan	Proposed actions to complete in 2008	No Plan = higher taxpayer costs and a negative State audit
Climate Smart Community	Voted no - rushed resolution was weak and incomplete	Voted yes - For a good photo op with the DEC commissioner!
Debate	Ready and willing to debate for weeks!!	Only available 10/29 - (too late for the public to read about it...)
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Luba Kushnir said she and fellow Ukrainians have a little extra pride when it comes to taking part in events like the Festival of Nations.

When the Ukraine was under Communist rule, Kushnir said, its citizens sacrificed their culture. They were forced to speak Russian and denied religious and other basic freedoms.

Kushnir's own parents experienced the oppression of Communism before immigrating to the United States. It was here, thousands of miles from their homeland, that they dedicated themselves to making sure their heritage lived on. Kushnir proudly reports that her nieces, who are 13 and 16, are both fluent in Ukrainian.

Kushnir is part of the Ukrainian National Women's League, which will sponsor the Ukrainian booth at this year's Festival of Nations, set for Sunday, Nov. 1, at Empire State Plaza.

"We need to promote our culture here in the U.S.," Kushnir said.

That could be the slogan for the festival, which will feature 26 countries this year. Festival chairman Manoj Amera said there are two new countries: Bangladesh and Russia, which actually returns after being absent for a few years.

"You can have a glimpse of the world in such a short time at such a small cost," Amera said.

That glimpse of the world will include native dances, music, ethnic foods, crafts and entertainment. There's

Festival of Nations Chairman Manoj Amera, center in the back row, stands with the 2009 Miss Festival of Nations contestants.



World view

Festival of Nations provides a glimpse of cultures across the globe

also a Miss Festival of Nations competition.

Amy Borowiec, a 16-year-old junior at Niskayuna High

School, is one of the contestants in the pageant and stressed that it's not a typical beauty pageant. She had to write a biographical essay and go through an interview with a panel of judges who asked her, for example, about the intricate costume she wears while dancing.

Borowiec should know plenty about the costume; she has been a Polish dancer since she was a kid, performing the past four years with St. Adalbert's Polkabration Dancers.

"Every year, someone from our group is picked to be in the pageant," she said, explaining that this year turned out to be her year.

In addition to dancing and being in the pageant, Borowiec will likely be selling Polish food with her parents. Amera said the food is consistently one of

the festival's big draws. He encourages people to bring take-out containers since there's no way they can sample all of the offerings.

The Ukrainian booth will be selling stuffed cabbage and potzto dumplings, Kushnir said.

Beyond food, it will spotlight pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter eggs. There will be kits available for people to make pysanky at home, and ceramics and books will also be sold.

Kushnir said the Ukrainian National Women's League is a humanitarian group, and the Festival of Nations serves as a great fundraiser. There are branches of the league across the country, and they correspond with regions of the Ukraine. This year, the league is focusing on projects that will benefit senior citizens in the Ukraine, with an emphasis on raising funds for substandard nursing homes. Kushnir said her sister recently returned from a trip to the Ukraine to inspect nursing homes, and while some were "so clean you could eat off the floor," some fell short of the most basic sanitary guidelines.

"It was horrible," Kushnir said.

In the past, the group sent money to aid victims of Chernobyl, a cause that the league was dedicated to for probably 10 years. Kushnir said General Electric was generous enough to donate an MRI to the league, which was very helpful in treating some of the cancers that resulted from Chernobyl, but it was very expensive to ship the MRI overseas.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to make some money," she said of the Festival of Nations. "Last year, [Amera] just handed out a \$600 check to all the countries." That was above and beyond whatever profit the countries made from selling their own items.

For Amera, who got involved with the festival as a dancer for India when it started 38 years ago, the best part is the spirit of cooperation that prevails among the countries.

"I get big satisfaction from working together with people from different backgrounds," Amera said, noting that while there are sometimes disagreements, compromises are always reached. He said he doesn't have veto power — nor does he want it.

The 38th annual Festival of Nations is Sunday, Nov. 1, at Empire State Plaza from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 3 to 12. Parking is available in the Empire State Plaza garage for \$5 and requires a photo identification.

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Regional premier of irreverent murder mystery musical, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, through Nov. 1, 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$24-\$27. Information, 587-4427.

A LÉGENDE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Play about what might have inspired Washington Irving to write his famous book, presented by New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Oct. 30, adults \$20, students/seniors \$16, children 12 and under \$10. Information, 274-3256.

THE SEAFARER

Black comedy about five old friends playing an all-night game of poker with very high stakes, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Nov. 1, \$15-\$44. Information, 445-7469.

Music

MARK DAVENPORT

Acoustic guitarist, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ED SALVO

Music of 1960s to today, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland. Information, 250-4196.

MODERN MAN

Three veteran singer-songwriters performing songs that are a cross between Crosby, Stills & Nash and the Marx Brothers, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$16 advance tickets, \$18 at door. Information, 583-0022.

PATRICK BALL

Celtic harpist and storyteller, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$20. Information, 765-2815.

RICHARD JULIAN

Acclaimed singer-songwriter, with opening act We are Jeneric, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$17. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

CAVANAUGH & CAVANAUGH

Performing two shows — one for kids, and one for adults, Oct. 31, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

2 LATE

Acoustic folk duo, Oct. 31, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland. Information, 250-4196.

DRY BONES BAND

Performing Halloween show with special guest Frank Orsini, Oct. 31, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$14 advance tickets, \$16 at door. Information, 583-0022.

Comedy

THEATRESPORTS

A judged improvisational comedy competition, presented by Mop and Bucket Company, Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Upstairs at Proctors, 440 State St., Schenectady, \$15. Information, 346-6204.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Through the Eyes of Others: African Americans and Identity in American Art," through Jan. 6; "This Great Nation will Endure," a collection of photographs from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 14; "1609," through March 10; 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

"Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art and Culture," through Jan. 3, 2010; 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

"Out of this World: Transcending the Terrestrial in Contemporary Art," through Nov. 29; "Repetitive Nature," in Concourse A gallery; "Air Craft," photos by Jeffrey Milstein; plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, as well as installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"About Light: Photographs by Bill DeLaney and William Jaeger," through Nov. 28, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

Ballet Russes exhibit, "On Broadway," chronicling the progression of dance on Broadway, and ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Lives of the Hudson," through March 14, 2010; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Steps Off The Beaten Path: 19th Century Photographs of Rome and its Environs," through Jan. 3; Crow and Raven: Baskin, Hughes, Manet, Poe," through Jan. 10; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Moving Frontiers: Early Transportation in the Mohawk Valley," through Nov. 4; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

CIRCLE THEATRE PLAYERS

Holding auditions for its January production of "The Nerd," a Larry Shue comedy, looking for four men in their 30s and 40s, one pre-teen male and two women age 30-40, Nov. 9 and 10, 7 p.m., Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 Route 43, Averill Park. Information, 674-2007.

CLASSIC THEATER GUILD

Holding auditions for its February production of Craig Lucas' play "Reckless," Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Cafe, 299 Hamilton St., Albany, and Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Proctors Arcade, 440 State St., Schenectady. Information, 441-7863.

SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

Holding auditions for its winter production of "Beau Jest," looking for four men to play people age 25-30, 30-35 and 55-65, and two women to play people age 25-30 and 55-65, Nov. 10 and 12, 7:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Information, 859-7657.

IMPROVISATIONAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

Teaching all aspects of improv comedy, Wednesday evenings, through Nov. 11, Zu Zu's Wonderful Life, 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany. Information, Gary Arzberger 466-4586 or garzberger@nycap.rr.com.

ETUDE CLUB

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Non-audition choral group is seeking singers in all voice parts for its December concert, "A Cool Yule with CCV," rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 370-5434.

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.

SARATOGA SPRINGS HOLIDAY SHOWCASE OF ART

Seeking fine arts and crafts vendors for second annual show at the Art Center Theatre, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs on Saturday, Nov. 21, booth cost \$50. Information, Frenchy Loeb 461-4893.

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Holding auditions for a substitute accompanist to provide music for its improvised comedy shows. Information, contact Michael Burns at michaelburns@mopco.org or Kat Koppett at katkoppett@mopco.org.

CAPITLAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Oranoso 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, art-

ist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

A CAPPELLA

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

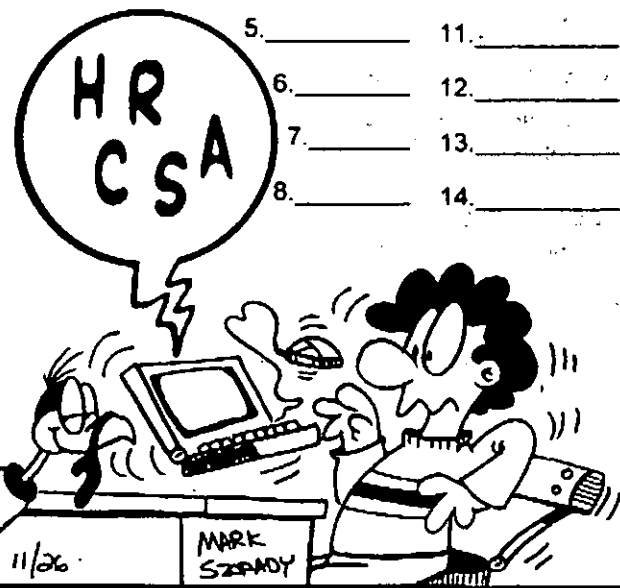
THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

WORD PILE By Mark Szorady

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Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

- On ____: endless
- Scheme
- Humorist Irvin S.
- Author of "The Cloister and the Hearth"
- Standard of judgment
- Geometric shape
- Thieves' milieu
- Sacred Hindu book
- Fortune-teller's tool
- Goddess of agriculture
- "Time" founder
- Occupant
- Hawaiian victorfish
- Carol
- Scottish seaport
- Musteline
- Australia
- Persian of yore
- ____ to you!
- Large book
- Runs into the ground
- Drainage pit
- Some deer
- ____ Long Way to

Tipperary

- Strike lightly
- Prepared
- Custom
- Howled
- South African policy, formerly
- Exemplar of neatness
- Beyond the quota
- Without: L.
- Greenness: obs.
- Muse with a lyre
- Of Chang's twin
- Unchanged
- Rocky hills

DOWN

- Career path?
- Hawaiian goose
- Baby word
- Children's author Scott
- Father of the water nymphs
- Fodder
- Attract
- "____ Well That Ends Well"
- Little Edward
- Legal agreements

11 CBer's sign-off

- German spa locale
- Kind of furnace
- Site of Baylor U.
- Philippine island
- Heaps
- Military need, - shortly
- City on the Dnieper
- Fundamental
- Russian author
- Lamp oils
- 49ers' headings
- Flaubert heroine
- Ribbed fabric
- Entertainer
- Gardener's woe
- Kind
- "The Star-Spangled Banner," for example
- Degrade
- Rabbit
- Thither
- Class of vertebrates
- Persian elf
- Greek letters
- Very small amount
- Distributing post offices: abbr.
- Eggs

Jordan

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Platform: On the Town Board, my voice will be the voice of fiscal integrity, holding the line on taxes while maintaining town services. I will advocate for managed growth by using smart growth principles and community based planning, and I will support clean energy by making sure that the town uses all available tools and technologies to reduce town energy use and expenditures.

• **Why do you want to sit on the Town Board?** I love Bethlehem, and I think I can make a contribution to its future. My goal in running for Town Board is to serve Bethlehem to the best of my abilities, and to contribute to its future.

• **How do you see the role of a board member?** Board members should be the people's voice in town government. To do that, a board member must be out in the community listening to people and expressing what he or she hears to the rest of the board and to other town employees.

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** Many. From fleet costs to energy costs to future infrastructure costs. We

must address infrastructure maintenance needs early on so we do not have a larger cost in future years. Geo-thermal, wind and solar technologies should be utilized for heating, cooling and powering our municipal buildings.

• **How would you have you encouraged transparency in town government?** By continuing to have public budget hearings, and continuing to have a participatory town government through citizen advisory committees that include members of all political parties.

• **How should the town approach increasing development in Bethlehem?** By continuing to implement our Comprehensive Plan and by utilizing managed growth, that will both maintain our existing infrastructure and allow new development, but on a limited scale. Bethlehem needs to expand our commercial tax base, but not with big-box stores.

Additional comments: Bethlehem is a premier community and I will do my part to help maintain our quality of life. I will bring to the Town Board my experience of 16-plus years as an attorney and 14-plus years as a public servant, and I look forward to serving the people of Bethlehem.

Kotary

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more efficient, and create more opportunities for community dialogue and participation. Four year later, we've accomplished all of that and a whole lot more. I will keep fighting to save our tax dollars, preserve our quality of life, upgrade our infrastructure, protect our environment, and improve our local government operations.

• **Why do you want to sit on the Town Board?** I'm running for re-election to continue the numerous efforts underway, created under the leadership of Jack Cunningham and Terri Egan, in community planning, open government, fiscal responsibility and program management.

• **How do you see the role of a board member?** A town board

member is part of a leadership team entrusted by the residents with the responsibility to manage the town's services, programs, and facilities to the best of their ability.

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** Over the past four years, we have managed our town's exceptional services with fiscal responsibility. We just cut \$1 million from the budget after numerous meetings and difficult decisions and without layoffs and drastic measures, which will reduce services. I will continue to find ways to reduce costs wherever possible.

• **How would you have you encouraged transparency in town government?** I'm proud to say we have more citizens committees, have held more public meetings on more issues, and utilize more communications

tools and more technology-based information-sharing than at any point in our town's long history.

• **How should the town approach increasing development in Bethlehem?** Exactly as we have by slowing down growth, implementing our comprehensive plan, managing our zoning and expanding our planning efforts. Bethlehem had unchecked growth before our team – under Terri Egan and Jack Cunningham – passed and implemented these reforms.

• **Additional comments:** We also saved Colonial Acres Golf Course from development and added hundreds of acres of open space in several locations around town. We expanded the Henry Hudson Park and recently added a new preserve along the Hudson River. We built several new sidewalks – with more to come.

Flanagan

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and yet control and contain our spending.

• **How do you see the role of a board member?** I look at my role as a board member as a watchdog for the community. We set policy that should reflect what our residents want and need. We are the voice of the residents when making decisions for future growth and attracting businesses to help ease the tax burden.

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** We need to scrutinize the "wants" of departments and

make sure only the needs are funded. We need to tighten our belts with the number of political favors through committees, reduce the monies they receive, and need to evaluate the number of consultants that are hired.

• **How would you have you encouraged transparency in town government?** I would give residents more information about agenda items, unlike the one line statements given currently. I would move board meetings around town to encourage residents to attend and ask questions. I would hold monthly meetings in neighborhoods to answer questions about agenda items prior to voting on the items.

• **How should the**

town approach increasing development in Bethlehem? We need to grow, to help ease the tax burden, but need to practice good land management. Working with neighbors in each area will help us to develop clear plans for growth while looking at the future of the town and preserving the sense of community that binds us together.

Additional comments: Representing all residents of the community is the responsibility of the board. I will examine each issue and reach out to neighbors before I make decisions that will affect them and their families. I will not spend one dime of your taxes unless cost, value, and affordability are in sync.

Di Maggio

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tax base to keep property taxes down.

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• **Why do you want to sit on the Town Board?** Bring new leadership that recognizes and acts on problems rather than ignoring them. The board needs to find solutions to spending to exceed revenues within 4 years. (20/20 report); attracting new businesses to

grow the tax base to keep property taxes down; replace old municipal infrastructure.

• **How do you see the role of a board member?** To assess the immediate and long-term needs of our town by engaging the public. Develop a strategic plan, reviewed periodically, then carry it out. Show leadership on our citizens' key issue – ever increasing property tax and fee hikes. Let's not hide behind "It's really the school district's fault."

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** There must be a "zero growth" budget in 2010. Achieved by an across the board review of all town programs. Small programs will be directed to find 2 to 3 percent in savings, larger programs, 3 to 5 percent in savings. A capital plan is needed to identify future problems and needs.

• **How would you have you encouraged transparency in town government?**

The public is likely to become more involved if town meetings are held in various areas of town; meeting are simulcast live on the public access channel (Ch. 18); the town Web site gives a broader description of agenda topics; and meetings are publicized in the weekly newspapers.

• **How should the town approach increasing development in Bethlehem?**

The board, with state and local economic development agencies, can identify development opportunities, consistent with the master plan, and use state incentives to attract businesses. The Vista Park sits empty, there are seven "shovel ready" sites on which to build, for which the town has failed to attract business.



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Wednesday, Oct. 28

BINGO

American Legion Blanchard Post No. 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Food available.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org. Second and fourth Wednesday during the school year. www.mops.org

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, first and third Wednesdays 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

PRAYER MEETING

Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3393.

PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 to 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.

Thursday, Oct. 29

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Town Hall Auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave. Activities include cards, games, bingo and conversation. A bi-monthly newsletter is available in the senior services office. Information, 439-4573.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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Friday, Oct. 30

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First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

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Friday services, discussion and Kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

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Saturday, Oct. 31

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DELMAR SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET

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AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, call 439-4328.

GLENMONT

Story Hour at Tea and Tattered Pages Used Books, 329 Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 447-9910.

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Sunday, Nov. 1

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135. Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328. Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929. Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 435-9953. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512. First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243. First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976. Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710. Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132. King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955. KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792. Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766. Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314. South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953. St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265; St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951. Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Gunderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m. Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916. Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021. Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548. Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390. Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133. New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454. St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805. Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001. United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410. DAY --

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PLANNING BOARD

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Wednesday, Nov. 4

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., Information, 767-2015

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American Legion Blanchard Post No. 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Food available.

PLAYGROUP MEETING

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BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-9628. First Wednesday of each month.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

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Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857. First and third Wednesday of each month.

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4955. First and third Wednesdays of each month.

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Tuesday, Nov. 3

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Milestones *in the* Spotlight



Andrea and Michael Carpenter

Sweet, Carpenter exchange vows

Andrea Noelle Sweet and Michael John Carpenter were married on September 13, 2009. The wedding took place at River Stone Manor in Scotia, NY. Norm Dobbs officiated. A reception

followed at River Stone Manor.

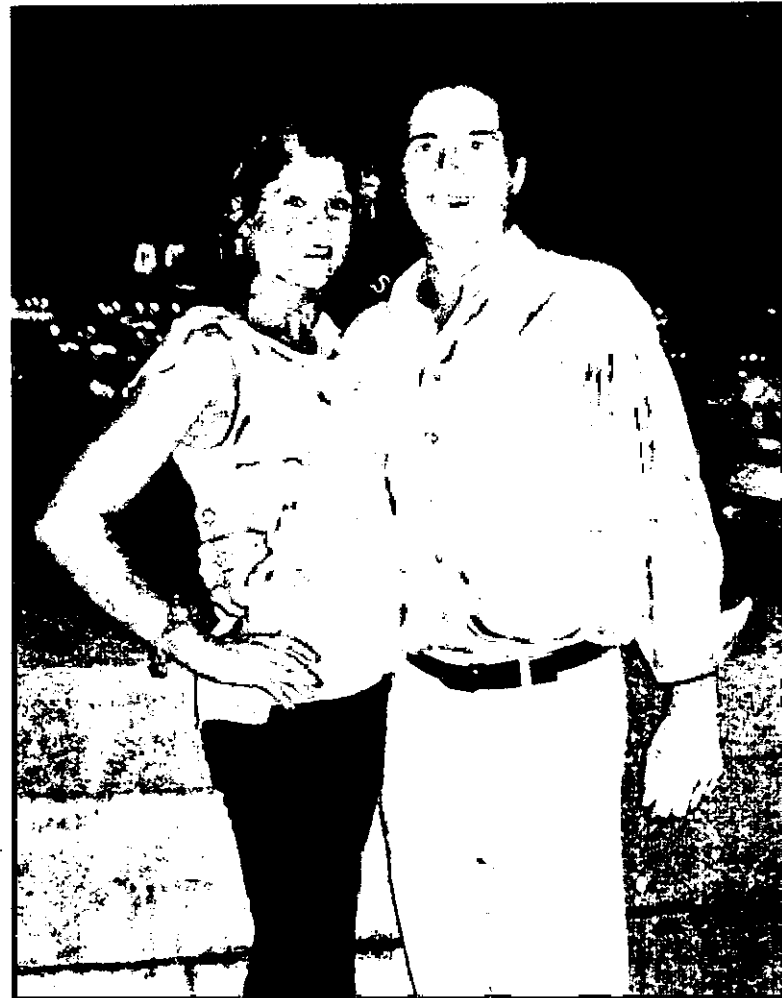
The bride is the daughter of Ron and Beth Sweet of Scotia, NY. The groom is the son of John and Carol Carpenter of Scotia, NY.

The Matron of Honor was Melissa Lindsay. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Ray, Jill Rockefeller and Cheryl Wyman. The Flower Girl was Abigail Carpenter. The Best Man was Jeff Francisco. Groomsmen were Andy Boniewski, Dave Gapczynski and Joe Lindsay.

Andrea graduated from Scotia-Glenville High School in 2000. She is a Commercial Claims Manager at Marshall + Sterling Insurance in Glenville, NY.

Michael graduated from Scotia-Glenville High School in 1996. He received an Associates Degree from Hudson Valley Community College. He is an Automotive Technician at Mohawk Auto Center in Schenectady, NY.

The couple have two children, Abigail and Michael, ages 4 and 3.



Courtney Clemente and Matthew Gugino

Clemente, Gugino to wed

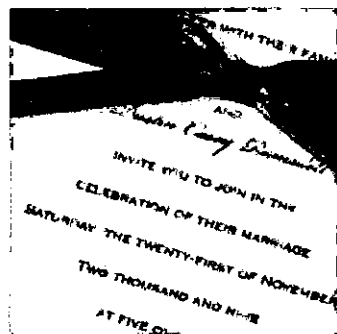
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sal Clemente of Loudonville, NY, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney, to Matthew Edward Gugino, son of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Gugino Jr. of LeRoy, NY.

The future bride is a graduate of Shaker High School. She went on to Villanova University, where she earned a B.A. in Communications. She is an Educator Supervisor at Estee

Lauder, Bumble and Bumble in New York City.

The future groom graduated from LeRoy Jr./Sr. High School. He received a B.S. in Accounting and International Business from Villanova University. He went on to earn an M.A. in Accounting and Professional Consultancy (C.P.A., C.F.A.) from Villanova. He is an Equity Research Associate at Morgan Stanley in New York City.

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Survivors include a son, Albert J. Schutz of Delmar; stepdaughter, Nancy Evans of Stillwater; stepson, David A. Rihm of Manchester, VT; and five grandchildren.

Services were held from the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205.

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honor of serving as Bethlehem town supervisor for the past two years. I hope to be elected to a second full term so that we can continue our work to improve our community and deliver quality municipal services to our residents while working to control costs.

• **How would you approach the difficult financial straits ahead?** During our current economic downturn, we have succeeded in continuing our programs and services without placing an undue burden on the residential taxpayer, by reducing expenses and deferring purchases. As we benefit from the recovery, we will begin to address those deferred municipal needs to ensure the continuity of service.

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** Short-term measures have been applied. Our budget must deliver important core municipal services such as public safety, clean water, sanitary sewer, and safe roads in the most cost effective method possible. We continue to promote sustainable measures through automation, consolidation and shared services as methods to further reduce costs.

• **How have you/would you promote transparency in town government?** We have implemented various measures to encourage government participation. We have opened up the budget process, created

resident advisory groups, enhanced our Web site to improve government access, and enhanced communications while providing ongoing public dialog regarding important issues. We will continue to seize opportunities to provide residents with transparent government.

• **How would you work to develop the Vista Technology Park?** We have worked with the project developer to ensure that this development is ready for construction as the economy improves. We are now working with state officials to leverage anticipated spin-off from Global Foundries to the benefit of this development, while addressing deficiencies in municipal services that could hinder this project.

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— Jack Cunningham

• **How can the town best implement a capital improvements program?** We are currently developing a Capital Plan that will include all aspects of capital spending for the Town over the next 10 years. The plan is being developed in stages starting with facilities needs and will include all of our capital expenditures, including equipment, vehicles and computer hardware and software.

• **How should the town approach increasing development in Bethlehem?** The economy has brought development in Bethlehem to a screeching halt over the past 18 months. We are working with developers to design and approve projects that ensure community growth as envisioned by our comprehensive plan and provide for appropriate commercial and residential growth to help underwrite our tax base.

☐ Messina

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corporations. I am also a United States Army Vietnam Veteran.

• **Political experience:** Bethlehem town board member, 2006 to the present.

• **Areas of community involvement (outside of official town duties):** Volunteer positions with Bethlehem Senior Driver; Albany Medical Center chaplain; organ donation speaker; DWI prevention panelist; Hospitality House Addiction Prevention. Currently on board of directors of Family and Children's Services of the Capital Region (Board chair); Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (vice chair); Bethlehem Senior Projects; Bethlehem Youth Court; Center for Donation and Transplant Advisory Board; Muscular and Tissue Family Advisory Board; Albany Medical Center Pastoral Care Advisory Committee; Slingerlands Methodist Church (trustee president); Community Planning Advocate (Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning (BCRP) and Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC).

• **Platform:** Independence and integrity: I will resist cronyism, party control and strong-arm tactics of non-elected party bosses. I will be open, independent and respectful. Zero tax increase in 2010 that won't impact services: Citizens are tightening their belts and so must government. Advance government excellence: I will re-ignite other important and languishing initiatives: the Capital Plan; Waterfront Plan; targeted economic development; hamlet planning; noise ordinance; 120 cost-effective ideas (developed under former Supervisor Terri Egan) and other programs currently adrift. Open, transparent, and responsive

"I am committed to Bethlehem's future and will lead Bethlehem by public service first. I can accomplish this because I have the courage to say no to political bosses."

— Sam Messina

government: I will return to the "Egan" balanced governance style. Public relations won't trump public service.

• **Why do you want to be supervisor?** I am committed to Bethlehem's future and will lead Bethlehem by public service first. I can accomplish this because I have the courage to say no to political bosses; I will set priorities that enhance our community; and I have the professional background to deliver.

• **How would you approach the difficult financial straits ahead?** I will seek cost reductions in town operating costs that do not impact services; discuss with BCSD, and other taxing jurisdictions, mutually beneficial shared service opportunities and economic development; and aggressively seek new revenue, such as grants to take advantage of stimulus and other funds and accelerate appropriate and beneficial development.

• **Are there any areas of the town budget that can be reduced?** I proposed a zero property tax increase for 2010 including modest expenditure reductions in major programs (4 percent) and smaller programs (2 percent); salary reductions from 5-10 percent for the supervisor and boards and; consolidation of the planning and zoning boards. My initiatives demonstrate

that government can ease the taxpayer's pain.

• **How have you/would you promote transparency in town government?** I have championed the idea of greater transparency and openness in our town government. I would hold some Town Board meetings in various areas of Town; expand agendas so they can be understood and Web cast meetings. I will place public information and public participation before public relations.

• **How would you work to develop the Vista Technology Park?** My approach is: Partner with developers to create a marketing plan for Vista Technology Park; address developer and lessee issues; demonstrate the town's strong support for tax-saving development, and encourage installation of infrastructure so it is "shovel-ready, to provide an attraction and incentive for future Vista development.

• **How can the town best implement a capital improvements program?** The capital plan, languished for two years. It has been costly for taxpayers and embarrassing to have the NYS Comptroller criticize Bethlehem's lack of a plan. A professional plan is essential. We must prioritize our infrastructure needs and give the taxpayer's a clear picture of those priorities and costs.

• **How should the town approach increasing development in Bethlehem?** Bethlehem's Comprehensive Plan is our guide and I encourage creative planning approaches. I would reach out earlier to facilitate meetings between residents and developers to share concerns. Non-residential development is a key to improving our tax base. I would partner with industries, BIDA and non-residential property owners to develop beneficial plans.

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County Legislature passes resolution in favor of nursing home

Two legislators vote against, say finances and quality of care would suffer

By ARIANA COHN
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County Executive Mike Breslin maintains the county cannot afford to operate and maintain the county nursing home that Albany County legislators are proposing through the amendment to his plan for long-term care.

"We must move forward to expand home and community based services to give people more choices in long-term care," Breslin said in a statement Wednesday, Oct. 14. "If the county continues to operate a nursing home, deeper cuts in these, and other county services and significant property tax increases would be needed."

The amendment, including plans for a skilled-nursing facility was passed at a meeting of the county Legislature on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

During Breslin's 2010 budget announcement on Thursday, Oct. 8, the county executive proposed laying off 74 nursing home employees as part of the plan to ultimately phase out the county nursing home and, instead, bring more in-home care programs to the county as part of a long-term care plan he introduced last month.

But at the county Legislature's meeting on Tuesday, legislators showed their support of a new nursing facility when they approved an amendment, 36 to 2, that asks for a new nursing facility to be part of the county executive's long-term care plan, and a comprehensive study looking into the size at which a new nursing home should be built, including number of beds.

Several people who spoke in favor of a new nursing home referred to a three-legged stool, calling assisted living care, home-based care and a skilled nursing facility the three pillars that are needed for a true comprehensive long-term care

plan. But the two legislators who voted against the amendment, Charles Dawson, D-Glenmont, and Dr. Patrick Timmins, D-Latham, said that a strengthened home-based care can provide those pillars without needing a costly new facility.

"The major problem is that the building of a county nursing home will take away from the money that we need for community based resources," said Timmins. From a medical standpoint, Timmins said that the difference between institutionalized care and home-based care is the one-on-one care.

"What happens is that at home, you get individualized care," he said. "Patients do better when you adapt the care to their circumstances."

Dawson said the reason he did not support the amendment was because he does not think the county will be able to handle the fiscal responsibility without assistance from the state or federal government, and because he does not think the county has been managing the nursing home fiscally well.

"I don't think we've done a very good job of running a nursing home. Fiscally, we've been hemorrhaging for years and it's not just a question of our management," he said.

Dawson said he thinks the county's money would be better spent on strengthening home-based care and programs for the caregivers that administer that care. He also said he could

not approve a new nursing home not knowing where the money to fund the facility would be coming from.

"I didn't get up and speak because I respect where [my colleagues] are coming from. I've been thinking about this for a very long time," he said. "My colleagues have very big hearts, I just hope that they have very big wallets to go with them."

The legislators who introduced the amendment are not certain how much money would be needed for the new nursing facility, and, according to Majority Leader Frank Comisso, D-Albany, that amount could be unknown until the county executive meets with experts to discuss plans and designs, as well as the costs of running such a facility.

"Until we get the professionals — which is the next step, the expertise — and until we get the design of what we're going to build precisely, we can't put a price on it," he said.

Comisso said he assumed the money could come out of the county's \$68 million capital projects fund, but Mary Duryea, spokeswoman for the county executive, said funding the operation of the nursing home would not be able to be paid from that fund.

"In terms of the actual construction of the nursing home, the construction we would get state reimbursement for," she said. "The actual cost is the operation of the facility year to year and that money wouldn't

be able to come out of the capital fund."

The county did, at one point, have two operating nursing facilities at one time, but as per the Berger Commission's recommendations, the Ann Lee Home was forced to close.

Comisso said it would be nearly impossible to renovate the Ann Lee Home, which still stands but is not being used as a nursing facility, into a new nursing facility without spending more money than to build new.

"That building is very old. It's got walls that are probably 20 inches thick before you go through them with jackhammers," he said. "It's much cleaner to build new and secondly, it would not meet what we had discussed for the past several months."

One of the features the Ann Lee Home would not include that has been part of the discussion is private bathrooms for each of the rooms.

Duryea said the amendment would most likely reach the county executive's desk sometime this week. She also said he does have the power to veto the resolution, and that the county executive has not yet made a decision on the resolution but would be looking it over very carefully.

If the county executive does decide to go forward with plans for a new facility, Comisso said the project would not begin construction until a year from now at the earliest.

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I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).

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Tackle

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• How can the town board best address potential financial hardships passed on from the state and federal level? By continuing our frugal approach to the budget process and exploring the grant opportunities that may offset these unfunded mandates passed down to us.

Golden

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• Partisanship has been an issue raised by residents in recent years. How could you, as supervisor, work toward bridging the gap between the two major parties? Since I am an independent my election will go a long way to solving this problem. I believe that we are neighbors, bound together by the

Runion

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town board, planning board and zoning board meetings live on cable television with video re-play. We have an interactive website and publish and mail a quarterly newsletter to our residents.

• Partisanship has been an issue raised by residents in

• How should the town approach zoning issues in New Scotland, particularly related to a retail size cap in the commercial zone? Pass a modest cap law (50,000/100,000) which will solely be on what our Planning Board can handle unilaterally. Applications above that would be made to the Town Board allowing greater latitude in reviewing and negotiating with developers, and allowing development of any size that

hopes we nurture for ourselves and our families, and it is in this neighborly, bipartisan spirit that I will govern.

• What qualifies you to lead Guilderland? I am a private sector entrepreneur, not a career politician, and my background — which I've highlighted above — uniquely qualifies me for meeting our current challenges. My career demonstrates that I'm well-prepared to lead our community toward the change that's needed.

recent years. How can you, as supervisor, work toward bridging the gap between the two major parties? I have made every effort to avoid partisan conflict during my entire career. I have, and will continue to work with all board members.

• What qualifies you to lead Guilderland? I have been the town supervisor for the past 10 years and possess the experience and dedication to lead

could help our tax base.

What issues in town beside zoning would you like to address as a town board member? The cap law will help address many other issues we face. Relationships with neighboring communities which open avenues to address water and sewer needs. Rural character preservation without overburdens to property rights. Low taxes through proper planning of commercial base.

• In what ways will you promote development in town? Bring tech-based businesses to the abandoned buildings and empty offices in our commercial corridors. Contact the hundreds of colleges and universities just hours away to speak with graduating students hoping to start businesses. Venture capitalists and local investors can also participate. Simplify antiquated zoning practices that have discouraged business growth.

Guilderland into the future.

• In what ways will you promote development in town? We must continue to follow the Comprehensive Master Plan and the various Neighborhood Plans previously adopted by the Town Board. We must continue to insure controlled growth and development. We will be updating and reviewing the zoning law to insure compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Bethlehem, NY local history

sources at Bethlehem Public Library

- [families of Bethlehem index](#)
- [local history files index](#)
- [obituary index](#) for the Delmar Spotlight
- [cemetery records index](#)
- [library history](#)
- [digital collection](#)
- [historic buildings](#)

other sources

- [Bethlehem Historical Association](#)
Route 144 at Clapper Road
Selkirk, NY 12158
(518) 767-9432
- [Town of Bethlehem historian](#)
- [New Scotland Historical Association](#)
P.O. Box 541
Voorheesville, NY 12186
(518) 438-5721
- [Albany County Records](#)

A comprehensive window on Bethlehem's history is available on the Bethlehem Public Library Web site.

Library link rich in history

A comprehensive window on Bethlehem's history is now available on the Bethlehem Public Library Web site. Historic photographs and ephemera, indexes of Bethlehem family names and a list of the library's local history files, a directory of area cemeteries, and links to other relevant sites can be found from a link on our homepage at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

One of the most engaging features on the site is a collection of Allison Bennett's photographs of historic Bethlehem houses, each one linked to a Google map giving location and historic details. Ms. Bennett is a former Bethlehem town historian.

The "Index of Bethlehem Families" dates from 1647 and contains 155 names. Family histories compiled and submitted by family members are located in the library's local history reading room.

The "Index of Local History Files" delineates a wealth of materials about historic boundaries and buildings, churches and hamlets, maps (some quite old) and transportation, Hudson River whaling and ice harvests, the Clarksville caves, local Native American and African American history, and much more. You can find these materials in our local history reading room.

The "Directory of Bethlehem Cemeteries" contains the names, locations, and contact information for eleven historic burial grounds, all of which are active and open to the public. This directory is



also available in hard copy at the library's information desk.

Visitors to the site will also find a link to the Capital District Library Council's historical records digitization project, a history of our library, photos of Delmar's former library buildings, and the library's obituary index for the Delmar Spotlight.

This project was months in the making by our librarians, UAlbany library school interns, our IT staff, and the Capital District Library Council, along with the invaluable contributions of The Bethlehem Historical Association and Allison Bennett. Take a look!

Dinosaur fun

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.

Learn about your favorite dinos and do some dino-mite crafts. Pre-K; call 439-9314 to sign up.

Book buddies

Monday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Read Andrew Clements' *Frindle* along with a friend or adult family member. Then come and talk about it with other readers. Grade 3-5, friends and family.

Pajama-rama

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed friend for bedtime stories, songs and dancing. Age 3-6 with adult.

Teen time

Friday, Nov. 13, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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

Blood drive

Saturday, Nov. 14, 10am-3 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

Time out for tales

Saturday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m.

Saturday storytime featuring dinosaurs. Age 6 and under with family.

Teen movie

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.

Viewers' choice. Grade 6 and up.

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.

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
www.guilpl.org

Cartoon editor coming to library

If you're a fan of *The New Yorker* magazine's cartoons, then you should reserve Friday night, Dec. 4, for an exciting event: Bob Mankoff, cartoon editor of *The New Yorker*, will speak at the Guilderland Public Library as part of the Carol J. Hamblin Notable Author Speakers Series.

Mankoff will discuss the art of New Yorker cartooning, reveal interesting tidbits about the delightfully popular weekly Cartoon Caption Contest, and provide insight into the creation of his recently edited work, "The New Yorker Cartoon Caption Contest Book."

Mankoff's Author Talk will start at 7:30 p.m.; this event is free, but you must obtain tickets from the library. There will be an Author's Reception/Book Signing at 6:45 p.m.; tickets for this fund-raising reception are \$25 per person, or \$40 per couple. Reception attendees get up-front seating for the Author Talk. For information, or to reserve your tickets, please visit the library, call 456-2400, ext. 12, or e-mail pio@guilpl.org. Funds raised at this event sustain many special events at the library that are not supported by taxpayer dollars. This event is sponsored by the Guilderland Library Foundation.

It's the 'Antiques Roadshow' of books

If you have some musty old books around your home and you believe they're valuable, this is your chance to find out. Jim Presgraves, a book appraiser with 40 years' experience, will be giving a short lecture and then

appraising books — you must pre-register for the appraisal portion of the program — at the Guilderland Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The 7 p.m. lecture is free, and the appraisals will begin about 7:30 p.m.; Jim will appraise books for a fee of \$5. This is a fundraising event sponsored by the Guilderland Library Foundation. To register for the appraisals, call 456-2400 x 7.

Jim's customers include most state libraries and esteemed national collections such as the Smithsonian Institution and the Winterthur Museum. He has been an elected member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America since 1978.

Market! topic of final Small Business Session at GPL

On Saturday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m., Kate Baker of SUNY Small Business Development Center will explain the need-to-know mechanics of market research, how to get customers (and keep them), the necessity of marketing plans and other marketing-related topics.

Liz Calandrino of Peachtree Communications will then discuss Internet marketing and reaching out to prospective customers via interactive Web 2.0 techniques. Roger Lipera, owner, Lipera Web Design, will talk about the necessity of a webpage and SEO. The session wraps up with an overview of services provided by community chambers by Kathy Burbank, GCC director.

Registration is required; call

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Enjoy an early Halloween party

Teens and tweens are invited to celebrate Halloween early at the Library with the Time 4 Teens group. The supervised costume party is this Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The party will include spooky games, face painting and special art projects and, of course, snacks. Grab your costume and a friend and join the Time 4 Teens crew at the library.

Reading for River Rats tickets

Stop by the library to pick up your "Minutes for Tickets" reading log and earn free tickets to a River Rats game! The team is promoting the Reading With Rowdy program along with the RCS Community Library. Kids who track 1,000 minutes of reading time (just a half hour a day, kids!) between now and Dec. 15 will earn tickets to a River Rats game.

You've got to have friends

Do you love your library? The library is forming a friends group to support the library and its activities. We are currently looking for volunteers for the

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Friends Steering Committee. If you would be interested in helping to form a group to make your library an even better place to be, call the library at 756-2053.

What's new

- Adult fiction
 - "Pilgrims, A Wobegon Romance" by Garrison Keillor
 - "Pursuit of Honor" by Vince Flynn
 - "There Goes the Bride" by M.C. Beaton
- Videos
 - "The Backyardigans" Robot Repairman
 - "Slapshot 3" the Junior League
 - "The Land of the Lost"
 - "The Proposal"

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

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the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce at 456-6611 or visit www.guilderlandchamber.com.

'The Wind in Sleepy Hollow'

The Disney Friday Night Movie for Oct. 30 is actually a double feature: in one movie it relates "the adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad." In the first half of the movie, this animated feature concisely tells the story of The Wind in the Willows, the

misadventures of Mr. Toad and how Mole, Rat, and Badger try to keep him out of trouble. The second part is perfect for the night before Halloween as it gives a delightful animated rendition of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: Ichabod Crane travels down a country lane and is confronted with The Headless Horseman, the ghost of a Revolutionary War soldier who lost his head in a fight, and who wants nothing more than Ichabod's head for himself! Quite a delightful movie, actually. Wonderful animation. This movie starts at 7 p.m. and will be held in the nice, warm and not-so-scary Helderberg Room.

Did you win the scarecrow contest?

When you get up on Halloween morning, check out the Scarecrow Contest page (www.guilpl.org/scarecrow) to see if you've won! Thanks to everyone who entered!

Mark Curiale

Note: All library events are open to the public and free unless otherwise noted. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Call 456-2400 x 12 for more information, or visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org.



These are a couple of the entries in the Guilderland Public Library's scarecrow contest. The winners will be posted on the library's Web site on Halloween morning.

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Capital District Parent Pages

The Resource for Parents

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Seniors invited to enjoy Election Day outing

Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3, is now only days away, as is a special Election Day outing for seniors. Why not be among the town's senior residents who will cast their very important vote in the 2009 local election for supervisor and other town candidates after enjoying a mid-afternoon lunch/supper at Pegasus, a restaurant in Cocksackie, at 2 p.m.?

Bethlehem senior transportation will leave Town Hall at noon with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation is \$5. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Even if you are unable to participate in this social activity, please be sure to vote on Nov. 3 at the appropriate polling location for your election district. If you are a senior and need a ride to the polls, be certain to call the Bethlehem Senior Services office

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

which will provide transportation in the morning only. Reservations can be made by calling 439-5770. Why not do that today to make certain you have a ride?

Program highlights Saturday, Oct. 31

• Delmar Farmers, Market, Bethlehem Middle School, 322 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interesting variety of vendors.

Monday, Nov. 2

• Seniors age 62+ can play at

Colonial Acres Golf Course for \$11 (greens fee for nine or 18 holes). Special senior rates on Mondays only. This is the last scheduled day of golf for the season. For information, call 439-2089.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Election Day
• Bethlehem Town Hall closed
• Be sure to vote.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

• Senior Discussion Group, led by Jane Sanders, LMSW, targets current news events, human interest items and reminiscences about life. Meet at Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 107, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to arrange for transportation if needed.

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

Thursday, Nov. 5

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games and entertainment, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11:30 a.m. All seniors welcome. For information, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.
• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Friday, Nov. 6

• Lunch at the Windowbox Café, Slingerlands, 1 p.m., with cost on your own, followed by "Let's Tour the Bethlehem

Public Library," 451 Delaware ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. This program, which is sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and the Bethlehem Public Library, is free but donations are accepted. Senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 10:30 with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation \$3.

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

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

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

Doris Davis,

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.
board member

Got news or views?

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, faxed to 439-0609, or mailed to Spotlight, P.O. Box 100, Delmar 12054.

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

The Spotlight Newspapers also welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, style and length and should be contained to 500 words or less.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number. Spotlight Newspapers reserves the right to limit the number of letters published from a single author.

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The deadline for all letters is noon Friday prior to publication.

Spotlight Newspapers also welcomes longer opinion pieces for the Point of View section.

For information on submitting a Point of View, e-mail news@spotlightnews.com or call 439-4949.

Presentation aims to help caregivers in community

A one-hour presentation will be held at the Town Hall on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 a.m. The purpose is to help our community caregivers, their family members, and friends, navigate through their questions and concerns and to provide them with a broad spectrum of information.

Representatives from Avila Retirement Community; Burke and Casserly, P.C.; Home Instead Senior Care; Kingsway Community; and St. Peter's Lifeline will provide caregivers with access to the layers of care, information and assistance available to them in the community.

Included will be information on emergency contact services, senior services, home care services, companionship, legal issues and questions, independent and assisted living. No registration is necessary.

Medicare health insurance plans

A representative from HIICAP Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program will be at Town Hall on Nov. 23, to individually review Medicare Health Insurance plans. Trouble paying for premiums or uncovered medications?

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Confused about your benefits? Need to choose a plan? Please call MaryAnn at 356-1980, ext. 1095, to schedule an appointment. Open enrollment dates are Nov. 15, through Dec. 31.

Monday, Nov. 2

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

Tuesday, Nov. 3

No Town Hall Programs

Wednesday, Nov. 4

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

Thursday, Nov. 5

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
1 p.m. Pinochle/Games

Friday, Nov. 6

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

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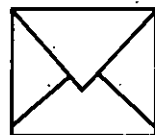
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Notice of Qualification of QualityTech, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/09. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/5/09. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LP: c/o CSI, 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Name/ address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21694 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of QualityTech GP, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/5/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: c/o CSI, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21695 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of ANDRICK MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/25/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 4833 Front St., Unit B, Ste. 243, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Cover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21707 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of ZULINAKA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/28/09. 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:

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all lawful activities. LD-21697 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication MILES REAL ESTATE HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/24/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21699 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Belvedere of Albany LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/11/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC org. in DE 5/3/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 3 East Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. DE office addr.: Incorporating Services, 3500 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21700 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1520 48 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 06/19/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 1 Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21701 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

INSPIRED HEALTH COACHING LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 9/22/2009. LLC office is in Albany County, NY: SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of process served to Inspired Health Coaching LLC, 6254 Johnston Road, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose is any lawful act or activity. LD-21706 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of United Debt Holding LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/14/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/23/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 4833 Front St., Unit B, Ste. 243, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Cover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21707 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Veruca Salt of New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o David J. Kuker, 111 E. Wayne St., Ste. 800, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Purpose: any lawful

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activities. LD-21708 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Publication SPECKLED LIZARD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/30/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21711 (October 28, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CYPRIANA CATERING & EVENTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 1, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1975 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. LD-21717 (October 28, 2009)

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NOTICE
1. The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is Jeffrey Ryan Family Medicine, PLLC.
2. The Articles of Organization were filed April 23, 2008.
3. The office of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agency of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The purpose of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which a Professional Service Limited Liability Company may be formed.
LD-21721 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of IT OF NYC, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 8/24/09 Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 2692 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-21722 (October 28, 2009)

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ANNUAL MEETING, BETHLEHEM CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC. 7 P.M. MON. NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, LOCATED AT 386 DELAWARE AVE., DELMAR. THOSE WISHING TO VOTE MUST CONTACT 439-2394 FOR VERIFICATION OF RIGHTS BY 11/5/09. LD-21723 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RONIA AMIRA SKIN CARE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/31/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21724 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of AA CAPITAL SERVICES LLC.

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Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21725 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KOB WORLDWIDE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21726 (October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Labouriau, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/1/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21727 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication PINDER AND VINDER, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/7/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21730 (October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a New York Professional Service Limited Liability Company The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is NATALIE LOPASIC, M.D., PLLC (the "Company"). The Company was formed, and the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State, on October 2, 2009. The Company's principal office is located in Albany County. The registered agent for the Company, upon whom process against the Company may be served, is 711 Troy-Schenectady Road, Suite 109, Latham, New York 12110. The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Professional Limited Liability Company Law. Respectfully submitted, JAMES F. SEELEY, ESQ. October 7, 2009. LD-21731 (October 28, 2009)

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Articles of Organization of GR Initiatives, LLC. Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law: The name of the limited liability company is GR Initiatives, LLC. The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 14 Bridge Place, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Filed by Mark Yavornitzki- 125

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State St. 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
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(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of DNA 2050 Outlet, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 09/28/09. LLC Formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/23/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. DE address of LLC: 32 W. Loockerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE. Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21744
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication PYNKC LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/13/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LD-21743
(October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of 301W57-22C, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 03/06/09. LLC Formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/03/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. DE address of LLC: 341 Raven Circle, Wyoming, DE 19934. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE. Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21745
(October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of 30W61-30E, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 09/25/09. LLC Formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be

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served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. DE address of LLC: 32 W. Loockerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE. Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21746
(October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Kiddie Krawlers, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/19/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21747
(October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of It's All About Me Now, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/20/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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(October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of 45 Dune Road LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/22/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21749
(October 28, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC). Name: ROBERT P. VIGNALI, DDS, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Secretary of State September 2, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for service of process against PLLC and shall mail

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copy to 790 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208.
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(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name: Trudeau Architects, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY on 9/30/09. Off. Loc.: Albany City. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 219 Forts Ferry Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: practice the profession of architecture.
LD-21754
(October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Birdbrain Films LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/14/09. 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, c/o Crossroads Films, 136 West 21st St., 5th Fl., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-21764
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ZAAS GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/14/09. 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.
LD-21767
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DA AUDIO, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/13/09. 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.
LD-21768
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Desert Network LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 22, 2009. County in which office is located: Albany. Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 2008 New Scotland Rd, Slinger-

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lands NY 12159, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LD-21769
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication B L D REALTY, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/28/09 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 4 Anderson Drive, Albany, NY 12205-1401. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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(October 28, 2009)

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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS This Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR SALE Bids will be received until 2 PM on November 17, 2009 at Bethlehem Central School District, Operations and Maintenance, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Details of items to be sold on an "as is" basis are available at the same office or by calling 439-2123. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.
Board of Education
JUDITH KEYHOE
District Clerk
Date: 10/20/09
(October 20, 2009)
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(October 28, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of KS 55 Realty, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21775
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Absinthe, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/31/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99

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Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Empirason Strategies LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Holly Star LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/8/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/30/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Anil R. Kamat, CPA, RBSP LLP, 5 West 37th St., 9th Fl., NY, NY 10018. Address to be maintained in DE: 32 W. Loockerman St., #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.
LD-21779
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Spy Kids 4 SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 375 Greenwich St., NY, NY 10013, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Celligen Therapeutics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/13/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

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Bob Suva, BlackPoint Group, 100 Fore St., Portland, ME 01401, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-21781
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: EBULLIENT PICTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/08/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC c/o Ann Marie F. Lizzi, 64 Manning Blvd., Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
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(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Quality Technology Services Holding, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/19/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
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Notice of Qualification of Quality Technology Services, N.J. II, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/18/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
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NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) 1245 KINGS ROAD REALTY LLC, a NY limited liability

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company converted from 1245 KINGS ROAD REALTY CO., a NY partnership. Certificate of Conversion filed with NYS Secretary of State October 20, 2009. Purpose of LLC - to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC to be managed by one or more members. Office of LLC: in Albany County. Secretary of State shall mail copy of process against LLC to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203.
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(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) 1204 KINGS ROAD HOLDING LLC, a NY partnership. Certificate of Conversion filed with NYS Secretary of State October 20, 2009. Purpose of LLC - to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC to be managed by one or more members. Office of LLC: in Albany County. Secretary of State shall mail copy of process against LLC to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203.
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(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

INIGO VENTURES LLC was filed with the SSNY on 10/20/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LD-21789
(October 28, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of Bethlehem Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2009, have been examined by an Independent Public Accountant, and that the report of examination has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of Bethlehem Central School District may prepare a written response to the report of external audit and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than January 30, 2010.

Dated: October 28, 2009
Judith E. Kehoe, Clerk
Bethlehem Central School District

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Bethlehem splits point with Guilderland to lock up division

By ROB JONAS
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Bethlehem and Guilderland entered last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division boys soccer game separated by one-half of a point for first place.

When they emerged from 100 minutes of soccer, Bethlehem remained a half-point ahead of Guilderland.

Bethlehem goaltender Dan Maddock stopped all four shots on goal he faced in a 0-0 tie with

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Guilderland's Caleb Ciaschetti battles Bethlehem's Chris Wilsey for control of the ball during last Thursday's Suburban Council game in Delmar.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Dutch ditch Cadets

Lavelle's extra point propels Guilderland into semifinals

By ROB JONAS
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Nobody gave the Guilderland football team a chance to beat two-time defending Section II, Class AA champion LaSalle in last Friday's first round of the playoffs.

Nobody, that is, except Guilderland's players and the coaches.

And when Michael Lavelle nailed an extra point in overtime, the Dutchmen (4-4) scored the biggest upset of the weekend – a 34-33 victory over LaSalle.

"For us to pull off the upset that we did, the kids had to buy into the idea that they could pull it off," said Guilderland coach Dan Penna.

The Dutchmen came back from one-touchdown deficits three times in the fourth quarter and overtime to get the win. They also had to try the winning extra point four times due to various penalties against both sides, the last of which pushed Lavelle back five yards before he made his kick.

"We certainly made it tough for ourselves," said Penna. "But with each repetition in the overtime period, [Lavelle] kept his focus, and he drilled it."

The game started as a defensive showdown on a rainy night in Troy. Guilderland struck first when Peter Quinn hauled in a first-quarter touchdown pass from Ryan Smith. LaSalle (7-1) tied the game in the second quarter on Mike Murray's touchdown pass to Nick Edgington before the Dutchmen regained the lead on a scoring strike from Smith to Anthony Stanish. Lavelle added the extra point to give Guilderland a 13-6 halftime lead.

"The first half, we played one of our best defensive games of the season," said Penna. "We were gang tackling, and we were following the ball well."

LaSalle tied the game again in the third quarter when Tyler Washington capped a Cadets drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. The Cadets then took their first lead on Vinny Planz's 70-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

At that moment, Guilderland could have caved in. But the Dutchmen fought back with a big play of their own – a touchdown pass from Smith to Matthew Ward – to get within a point of LaSalle. Guilderland misfired on a two-point conversion, though, leaving LaSalle with a 20-19 lead.

It got worse for the Dutchmen when Cory Rifenberick scored

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Eagles show who's boss

Three straight goals propel BC in season finale

By ROB JONAS
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The Bethlehem girls soccer team wrapped up another undefeated run through the Suburban Council South Division, but not before receiving a strong challenge from Guilderland.

Kristie Link scored twice in the first 14 minutes of the second half to help the Lady Eagles (15-1) pull away for a 5-1 victory over the Lady Dutch (8-5-3) in last Thursday's regular season finale in Guilderland.

The win gave Bethlehem the overall Suburban Council title and the No. 1 seed entering

this week's Section II, Class AA playoffs.

"That was one of our goals – to clinch the No. 1 seed," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan. "Now, we move on to the next goal."

Bethlehem and Guilderland were tied at halftime before Link got the Lady Eagles offense going. The junior midfielder lofted two long-range shots past Guilderland goaltender Marissa Page to break the game open. Kelly Van Deusen knocked in a rebound off a missed Bethlehem shot a short time later to put the Lady Eagles ahead 4-1.

"You can't let a team like Bethlehem get ahead of you like that," said Guilderland coach Barb Newton. "But I have to credit our

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Guilderland's Michaela Maybee, left, kicks the ball past Bethlehem's Kelly Van Deusen during last Thursday's game.

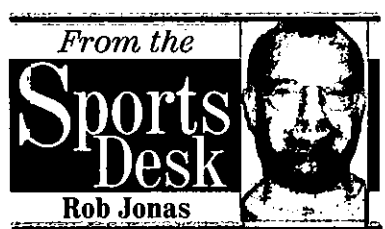
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Some New Orleans Saint-like quick hits

First of all, a big thank you to all the people who came out to the two Emack and Bolio's locations Saturday for "Ice Cream that Rocks." Between the two stores, we raised close to our goal of \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society, if not exceeded that total. We couldn't have done it without your generous donations, folks.

Now on to this week's column, which is full of quick hits – kind of like the New Orleans Saints offense.

• You can always count on an upset or two in the Section II football playoffs, but I don't think anyone counted on Guilderland



beating LaSalle 34-33 in the Class AA quarterfinals last Friday. The combination of rainy weather and LaSalle's defense should have doused the Dutchmen's passing attack, but quarterback Ryan Smith threw four touchdown passes to get Guilderland into the semifinals. More on that in my semifinal previews.

• The other quarterfinal upset came from Saratoga Central Catholic, which edged Lake George 17-14 in the Class D quarterfinals.

This one is a little easier to explain than Guilderland's win over LaSalle. Lake George lost its top running back, Caleb Meroski, to an injury early in the first quarter, and Saratoga Catholic's defense was able to contain the rest of the Warriors.

• Speaking of upsets, I am upset over the lack of people at Saturday's Albany River Rats-Adirondack Phantoms game at the Times Union Center. Only

4,300 folks came out to watch the Northway rivals face off. Come on, people! This is promising to be one of the best Rats teams we've had in years and a great rivalry in the making. If you don't start going to games (right now, Albany ranks 25th out of 29 AHL teams in average attendance), we may not have any pro hockey games in Albany to go to in the future.

• The way the flu is spreading in this region, I fear one of two things will happen – there won't be any high school sporting events to cover because schools

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Dutch

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on a 30-yard run and Delory Garrett added the extra point to put LaSalle ahead 27-19. Smith, though, had a big play left in his arm – a long touchdown pass to Stanish with 13.3 seconds left. Smith then found Ward in the end zone for the game-tying two-point conversion.

"We made our share of mistakes," said Penna. "We had three interceptions, we had two huge missed plays on defense and we had some miscues on special teams."

Planz opened the overtime period for LaSalle with a 20-yard touchdown run, but Delory missed the extra point. That gave Guilderland the opening it needed. Smith found Quinn in the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown pass, and Lavelle added the extra point to send the Dutchmen into the semifinals.

"All that matters is that we believed that we could do it because it takes a lot of mental fortitude to do something like [beat LaSalle]," said Penna.

Guilderland faces another challenge in Friday's Sectional semifinal, as it travels to Ballston Spa to take on the once-defeated Scotties: The Dutchmen were in the Saratoga County town two weeks ago for an Empire Division game, and though they wound up losing to Ballston Spa 39-0, Penna saw some positives in that contest.

"We were inside their 15-yard line four times and didn't score," said Penna. "You have to credit Ballston Spa somewhat in that they made the plays they needed to, but our goal is to get the ball

into the end zone this time."

Ballston Spa (7-1) is coming off a hard-fought 21-14 quarterfinal victory over Bethlehem last Friday.

The Eagles (3-5) tied the game at 14 in the third quarter on Cody Nolan's 15-yard touchdown pass to Trey Silver, but the Scotties marched down the field and took the lead in the fourth quarter on Nick Tubolino's 15-yard scoring run.

Tubolino scored all three of Ballston Spa's touchdowns, and quarterback Mark Seager rushed for 140 yards. Tailback Devin Stampely led Bethlehem with 110 rushing yards and a second-quarter touchdown.

Bethlehem concludes its season Thursday with a crossover game at Shaker. The Eagles defeated the Blue Bison 21-13 in Week 5 of the regular season.

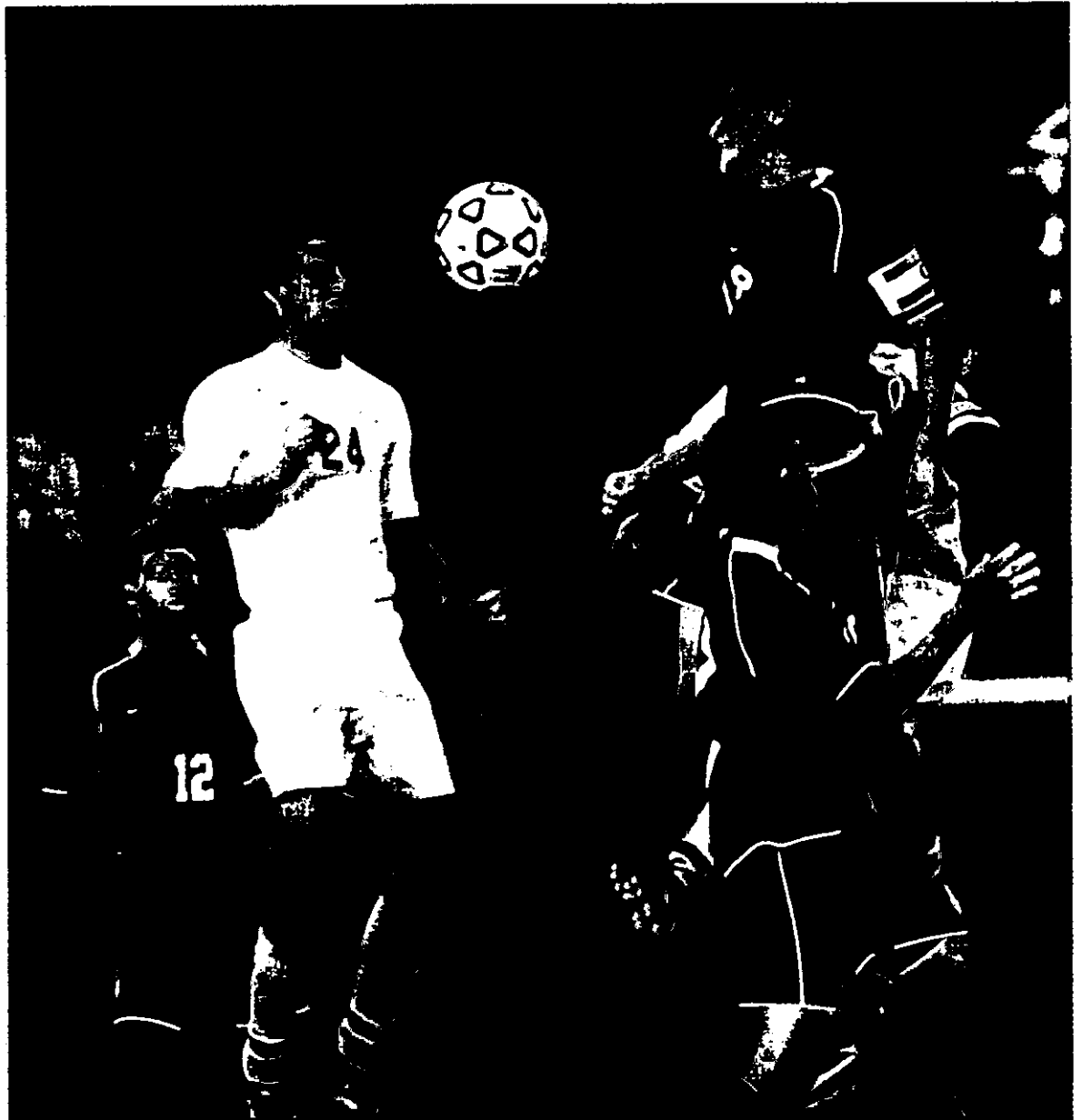
In other Sectional football action last weekend, Voorheesville couldn't get its offense going against Cambridge in a 41-0 loss Saturday.

The Indians (7-1) scored two touchdowns in the first quarter to take control, and their defense did the rest in handing the Blackbirds (6-2) their first loss since the opening week of the regular season.

Voorheesville travels to Corinth Friday for a Class C crossover game.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (1-7) earned its first win of the season last Friday with a 40-7 victory over Johnstown in a Class B crossover game. Tailback Mike Garza led the Indians with 194 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

R-C-S hosts Broadalbin-Perth Thursday in a Class B crossover contest.



Guilderland's Jordan Weeden (18) heads the ball forward during last Thursday's Suburban Council game at Bethlehem. The game ended in a scoreless tie, which gave the Eagles the South Division title.

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Tie

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Guilderland that clinched the South Division title for the Eagles (12-3-1).

"I'm very satisfied," said Bethlehem coach Phil Ridgway. "With all the injuries and the flu-like symptoms we've had recently, I'm very happy with where we are."

Neither team had many quality scoring chances on a cold day in Delmar. Bethlehem had several opportunities in the first half that were stopped by Guilderland goaltender Devin Bailey, while Maddock made the necessary saves at the other end.

"We played well, and we

made some opportunities," said Ridgway. "We hit the post on one shot and missed an open shot in the first half, but overall we played well."

"I thought we played one of our best games of the season against Bethlehem," said Guilderland coach Mike Kinnally. "Their goaltender played a great game."

The half-point each team earned for the tie gave Bethlehem 15.5 standings points, which tied the Eagles with Saratoga Springs for the second-highest point total in the Suburban Council behind overall champion Shenendehowa (14-1-1, 19.5 points). Guilderland (10-3-3) finished with 15 points, which tied the Dutchmen with Ballston Spa for the third-best point total.

"It stings a little because it makes you look back at the mistakes we made earlier in the season and magnifies them," said Kinnally. "All in all, we're pleased with how the season has turned out so far."

Bethlehem and Guilderland received their seedings for the Section II, Class AA playoffs Tuesday. Both teams were hoping for a top four seed, with Bethlehem staring at the prospect of having the No. 2 seed.

"We've got to see what Big 10 teams will be up there, but it would be nice to have the No. 2 seed," said Ridgway.

Eagles sweep Lady Dutch

The Bethlehem girls volleyball team wrapped up its Suburban Council season last Thursday with a three-game sweep of Guilderland.

Kat Rice had 10 kills and three service aces to lead the Lady Eagles (15-1) to a 25-21, 25-15, 25-11 victory over the Lady Dutch (1-15). Nicole Howland contributed 22 assists for Bethlehem.

The Lady Eagles began the final week of the regular season with a 26-24, 25-19, 25-11 victory over Columbia last Tuesday. Howland had 18 assists, and Jill Venezia chipped in three kills and two blocks for the Lady Eagles.

Senior basketball leagues seek players

The Albany/Troy, Schenectady and Capital District senior basketball leagues are looking for players for the 2009-10 season.

The leagues are open to boys and girls in grades nine through 12 who are not playing for their high school teams.

The senior basketball leagues began in 2004 when the Albany/Troy 9-10 and the Schenectady 9-10 leagues started. The Capital District 11-12 league started in 2006 with six teams and had 10 teams last season.

Games are held at gyms throughout the Capital District including Shenendehowa High School, Columbia High School, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Middle School, Saratoga Central Catholic, Colonie Recreation Center, the Troy Boys Club, Mont Pleasant Middle School, St. Gabriel's of Rotterdam and Immaculate Conception of Glenville.

Players and coaches can get information about the leagues at www.leaguelineup.com/albtroy, www.leaguelineup.com/cap and www.leaguelineup.com/schenectady.

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Quick

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will start shutting down, or so many people will get sick that there won't be anyone around to watch the games. Either way, it's a mess.

• The University at Albany football team has won 18 consecutive Northeast Conference games. If the streak goes any longer, the Northeast Conference may decide to trade UAlbany to the Big East for Syracuse. By the way Orange fans, what happened with the Greg Paulus experiment? Is he still the team's starting quarterback?

• I was unaware that college hockey season had begun until I started seeing Union and RPI scores on TV. I've been too busy

tracking where the national publications are ranking the Siena men's basketball team in their preseason polls. So far, the general consensus is that the Saints are going to be really, really good.

• The Capital District may have an Olympian in Vancouver. Ballston Spa speedskater Travis Marsicano qualified for the United States World Cup team in the 1,000- and 1,500-meter events, which puts him in prime position to also qualify for the U.S. Olympic squad. Of course, if Marsicano makes the Olympic team, I'm going to want credentials for the Vancouver Games. Hey boss, can I? No? Darn.

• My requisite World Series thought: as a Mets fan, I don't want the Yankees to win, but I don't want the Phillies to win. So, I

guess I'm screwed. Yanks in six.

• If you want to know why I think the New Orleans Saints are going to the Super Bowl, check out Sunday's game against Miami where they rallied from a 24-3 deficit to win 46-34. Not many teams can pull off a comeback like that.

• On the other side of the football spectrum, I think if the United Football League decides to expand next year, it should take the Oakland Raiders, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Cleveland Browns, the St. Louis Rams, the Detroit Lions, the Washington Redskins, the Tennessee Titans and the Buffalo Bills. After all, aren't they UFL teams masquerading as NFL teams?

• Finally, Manny Acta gets fired as manager of the Washington Nationals and gets hired as the

Cleveland Indians skipper in less than one year. I think that's what's known as a lateral move.

Now, a look at this week's Sectional football semifinal matchups involving our area's teams:

Class AA

Guilderland at Ballston Spa - The Dutchmen moved the ball well between the 20-yard lines against the Scotties two weeks ago, but they couldn't score. I say Guilderland will find the end zone, but Mark Seager and Ballston Spa will find the end zone more often. Edge: Ballston Spa

Schenectady at Saratoga Springs - The Blue Streaks' first-unit defense hasn't given up more than two touchdowns in a game since an opening week 21-16 loss to LaSalle. They'll have their hands full with a speedy, athletic Schenectady squad, but I like their chances. Edge: Saratoga

Class A

Niskayuna at Burnt Hills-

Ballston Lake - The first time these two teams met, the Spartans pulled away in the second half to beat the Silver Warriors 46-7. I think the rematch will be a little closer, but the same team will come out on top. Edge: BH-BL

Class B

Cohoes at Schalmont - The Sabres cleared a huge hurdle by beating Albany Academy 32-12 in the quarterfinals. Cohoes will fight Schalmont all the way in the semifinals, but as long as quarterback Vincent Gallo keeps that offense going strong, I see a Super Bowl in the Sabres' immediate future. Edge: Schalmont

Class D

Saratoga Catholic at Greenwich - The Saints have done well to reach this point of the season. Unfortunately, I don't see them being able to pull off two consecutive upsets. Edge: Greenwich



Guilderland's Michaela Maybee (4) keeps Bethlehem's Abby Scro away from the ball during last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division game.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Eagles

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kids. They never gave up."

Anna Gray added two goals - one in each half - for Bethlehem, which has only lost one Suburban Council game in the last three years.

"They're absolutely ready [for Sectionals]," said Rogan. "This team has always looked at Sectionals as the most important part of the season."

Guilderland had a shot at a high seed for Sectionals when the Class AA playoff field was announced Tuesday after finishing second to Bethlehem in the South Division and fifth overall in the Suburban Council.

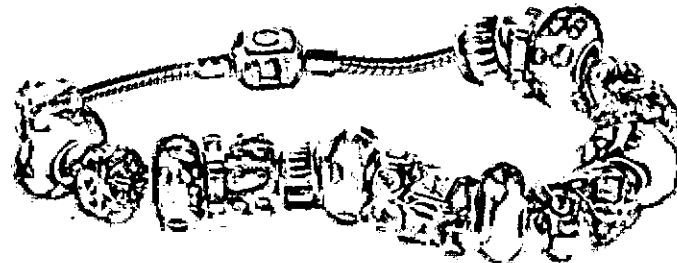
"I'm very happy with our record," said Newton. "We didn't have a dominant offensive player this year, but we had a lot of kids contributing."

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