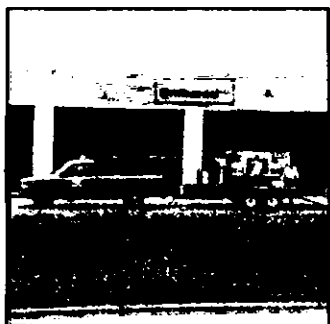


Celebrate the season in Altamont

House tour, holiday event planned for Dec. 5 and 6
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week's issueSlippery
situation

Water that has risen to the level of covering Route 9W recently caused a spate of accidents, and the state DOT is trying to mitigate the spilling of water.

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A light
celebration

"Celebrate Our Differences," the 13th Hannaford Capital Holiday Lights in Albany's Washington Park, features new themed areas like "Salute to Americans," "12 Days of Christmas," "Santa's Toyland," and "Celebrate Our Differences."

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Good defense,
little offense

Bethlehem used a two-three zone defense to stymie Albany's offense, but the Lady Eagles couldn't take advantage at the other end in last Friday's season-opening 28-25 loss to the Lady Falcons.

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Olivia Miranda, Laurel Jones, Annika Coutu and Isabella Tinsmon record a "how-to" video using a Flip camera in Jones's fourth-grade class. Each student is recording a video as part of a writing workshop activity, and they will be combined into one movie to be shown to parents.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Pencils down, laptops up

BC classrooms, students
get high tech

By CHARLES WIFF
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For some educators, it's a dream world—paperless classrooms driven by students' personal laptops, electronic blackboards and wireless Internet that connects schools around the world.

While this vision might not come tomorrow, or even the next day, in the Bethlehem Central School District teachers and administrators alike are cognizant of the implications of an increasingly digital world, are seeking to outfit students with the skills to work in it, and are closer to the classroom of the future than one might think.

The district's 21 Century Committee has been examining where the district is and where it can go and according to administrators, the need for students to develop skills

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The fourth-graders in Laurel Jones' class at Clarksville Elementary School relish their opportunities to work with the school's supply of laptop computers. In classes across the BC School District, high-tech learning is becoming available to students.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

BC to students: Walk with caution

The Bethlehem Central School District is reminding students to exercise caution when walking to and from school after a female student reported being followed by a suspicious vehicle while on her way home near the high school.

The student also saw the vehicle—a metallic blue, four-door 2001 Ford Taurus driven by a man in his early 40s—parked outside her home the next day. Her family contacted police, who

located the man and questioned him on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The individual is not from Bethlehem and has been warned by police to stay away from the area, according to the school district. Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department said that the individual has been brought in for questioning, but no charges have been filed. Police are not releasing the man's identity.

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Towers
take
time

Cell tower planning
process is involved, limits
number of structures
that can be built

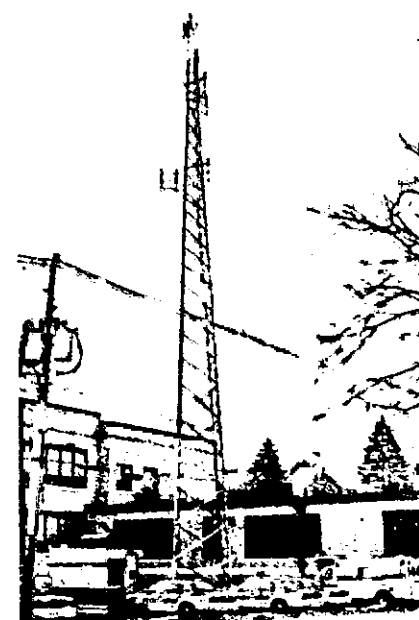
By CHARLES WIFF
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With the approval of the Bethlehem Central School District narrowly given, a cell tower developer says it is putting together a proposal for a tower on school property to send to the Town of Bethlehem. Still, as a separate and nearly 2-year-old application for a nearby location demonstrates, the review process for projects in the competitive industry is lengthy and detailed.

ESCO Tower, Inc., with offices in Delmar, in February of 2008 proposed a 120-foot tower on Chuck Preska's land off of Van Dyke Road and has both AT&T and Verizon Wireless lined up to locate antennas there. The developer is still making its case to the Planning and Zoning boards.

The town's regulations require not only that any structure above a height of 90 feet apply for a vari-

□ Tower Page 16



The Town of Bethlehem has asked that a contractor proposing a tower off Van Dyke Road consider the possibility of locating equipment at Town Hall, where a tower houses public safety gear.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

CORRECTION

In the story, "Stuyvesant Plaza celebrate a half-century" in the Wednesday, Nov. 18, issue of The Spotlight, the story incorrectly identifies the Korean War as taking place after 1959, the year Stuyvesant Plaza opened. *The Spotlight* regrets the error.

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

Police Blotter

Two arrested in Bethlehem on DWI charges

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Devin J. Vandenburg, 31, of 748 State Route 9W Apt. B, Glenmont, and charged him with DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, speeding and no license, on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Police observed Vandenburg speeding southbound on State Route 9W and said he pulled left into a driveway at 748 State Route 9W, where they approached his vehicle, according to arrest reports. Vandenburg allegedly jumped out of the vehicle when police approached and "suddenly disappeared" between his vehicle and another vehicle parked in the driveway. He responded to verbal commands to emerge from between the vehicles, and police detected an odor of alcohol on his breath.

Vandenburg allegedly said he had two drinks at a restaurant in Glenmont. Police administered field sobriety tests but at the one leg stand portion, Vandenburg refused to continue, stating, "just arrest me," according to police.

At the station Vandenburg submitted to a chemical test that showed his BAC to be 0.13 percent, but it timed out, police said. He was informed of the consequences of failure to provide an adequate test sample and took another test 20 minutes later that showed his BAC to be 0.12 percent, according to police.

Vandenburg was released to his brother and was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Other arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Benjamin O. Greenway, 33, of 21 Dresden Court, Delmar, and charged him with DWI, not wearing a seatbelt and making an improper left turn on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Greenway was stopped at Elsmere and Kenwood avenues in Delmar at about 8:29 p.m. and upon interviewing him, police said an odor of alcohol and marijuana was detected on his breath, according to arrest reports. Greenway allegedly stated he was leaving Christmas party where he had two alcoholic energy drinks.

When told of being checked and of field sobriety tests, Greenway allegedly stated "can't we just call my mother to come get me?" Throughout the tests, he made several admissions of impairment, police said.

When asked about marijuana use, Greenway said he had smoked earlier that day and produced a ceramic pipe with marijuana residue from the pocket of his sweatshirt, police said. After being taken into custody, he told police he had marijuana in his waistband and police recovered a small plastic bag containing a quantity of marijuana, according to arrest reports.

Greenway was transported to Albany Medical Center, where a blood test was secured. He was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

• Guilderland Police arrested Monaisha Dameeka Leigh, 20, of Schenectady, on felony forgery charges in addition to a number of misdemeanors on Saturday, Nov. 21, according to police reports.

According to the arrest report, Leigh was charged with petit larceny, bail jumping, and false impersonation after an incident at Crossgates Mall. Leigh allegedly took \$400 worth of merchandise from Macy's and indicated to authorities after being apprehended that her name was Monaisha D. Maxwell. She also allegedly provided a false address. The report states there was a warrant out for her prior to the incident.

She was arraigned later on Nov. 21.

• Anthony L. Mantalvo, 18, 1316 W. Onadaga in Syracuse on felony burglary and forgery charges on Sunday, Nov. 15, according to police reports.

He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of criminal impersonation of another person, with intent. Mantalvo was arrested for allegedly entering 3605 Carmen Road by breaking a window and taking \$25 and five cartons of cigarettes on Saturday, Nov. 14. Police state he gave the name Anthony J. Matos after being arrested.

He was arraigned on Monday, Nov. 16.

• Guilderland Police arrested Mirosława W. Gajewski, 54, of 6289 Frenches Mill Rd., in Altamont, on charges of DWI, on Friday, Nov. 13, according to police reports.

The report states she struck the car in front of her and caused "minor damage." She was arrested near 2446 Western Ave. and will appear in court on Thursday, Dec. 3.

• Guilderland Police arrested Frederick L. Lane, 35, of 6118 Tanagert St. in Sarasota, Florida, on charges of DWI on Sunday, Nov. 22, according to police reports.

Lane was arrested near 1980 Western Ave. and will appear in court on Thursday, Dec. 3.

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Delaware holiday march becoming town tradition

Parade steps off at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4

By CHARLES WIFF
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Black Friday may have come and went, but the holiday season in the Town of Bethlehem is going to officially kick off Friday, Dec. 4, with the town's third annual Holiday Parade.

The parade will step off at 6 p.m. from Town Hall and travel down Delaware Avenue to the Four Corners, where the holiday

tree lighting will occur once the parade ends. Santa Claus will be arriving via fire truck at the end of the parade.

Kris Kringle enthusiasts will be pleased to know that Mrs. Claus will be marching in this year's parade, played by Ingrid Capron, owner of Chancery Lane on Delaware Avenue.

As of press time, the final number of groups marching was not finalized, but they will include fire departments, school groups, boy and girl scouts and a fife and drum corps providing

Christmas music.

"It grows every year, and more people are hearing about it and wanting to participate," said Kim Ryan, confidential secretary to the town supervisor. "It kicks off the holiday season in Bethlehem, not only for the residents but also for the businesses."

This will be the third holiday parade organized through the supervisor's office, and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is helping Four Corners shops and other nearby businesses get into the mix. As a

result, the fun will not end once the tree is lit.

"Traditionally it's really been a town event, so really our part is coordinating what the businesses are doing," said Gina Bulman, who works with membership development for the Chamber.

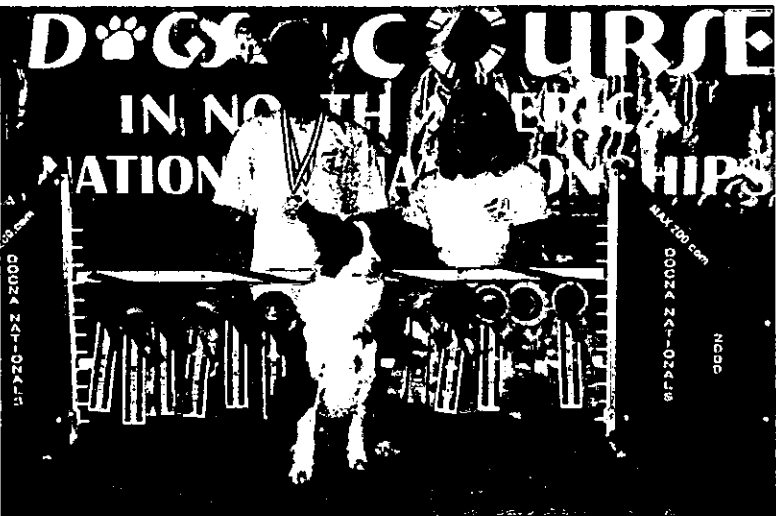
Bulman confirmed that Wild Sage Designs, a newly opened shop selling handmade bags and gifts located behind Perfect Blend, will stay open until 8 p.m. and provide cookies and refreshments. At the Delmar Reformed Church, free hot

chocolate, cookies and craft activities for kids will be on hand, as will local jazz ensemble Jazz Connection, slated to start performing at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Claus will hold off on the trip back to the North Pole to go to Chancery Lane, where she'll serve hot chocolate and candy canes. Also, Peaceful Inspirations will be offering a 15 percent discount from 6:30 p.m. until closing time at 8 p.m.

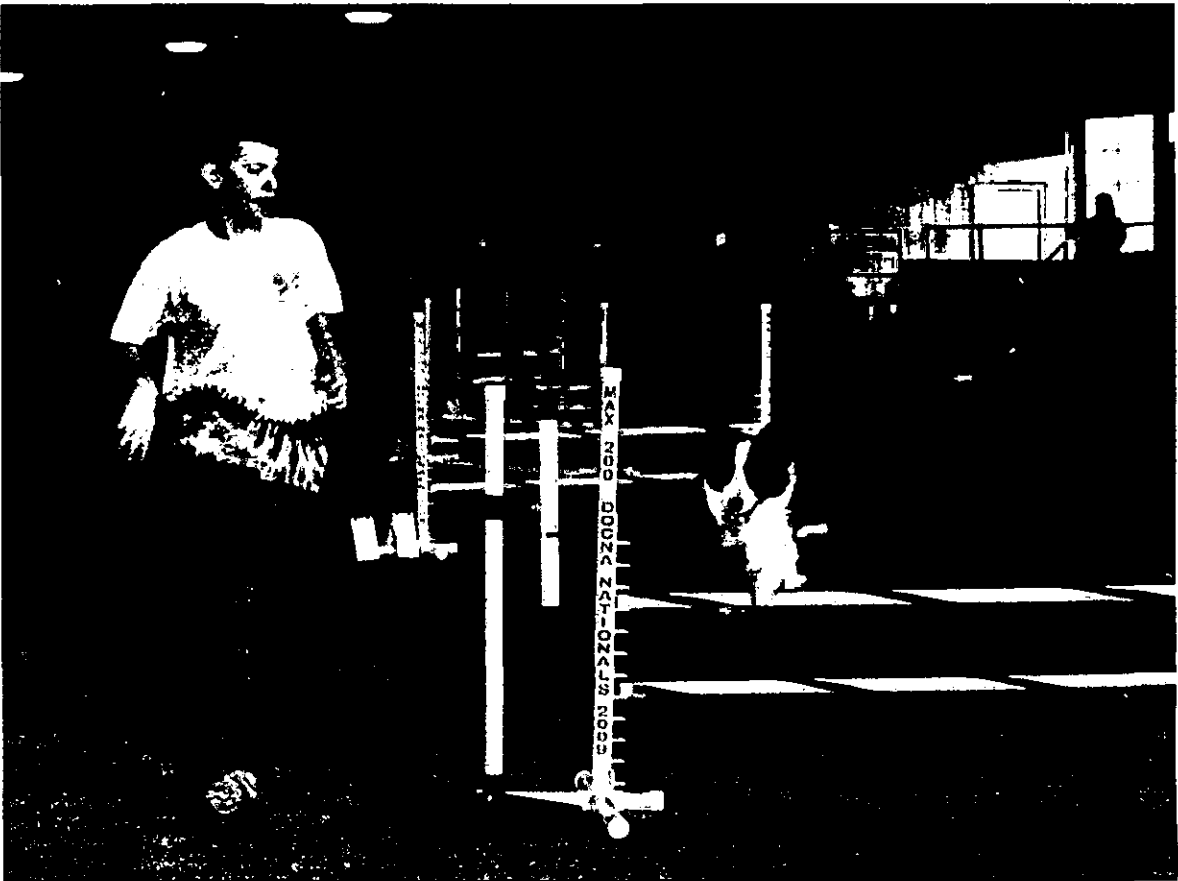
Bulman said that other nearby businesses and groups may also have plans.

Canine competition



For the second year in a row, Kevin Pierce of Clarksville, a eighth-grader at Bethlehem Middle School, took top honors at the Dogs on Course in North America (DOCNA) Nationals held in Bloomsburg, Pa. Competing as a junior handler in the 20-inch division, Kevin and his border collie, Brackenhill Double-Stuf Oreo, finished first in the country in the North American Challenge, the Standard competition, and the Jumpers competition.

Submitted photos



Bethlehem adopts farmland protection plan

Wide-ranging, town-level recommendations first of their kind in Albany County

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Town Board voted unanimously to adopt an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan on Tuesday, Nov. 24, that provides a wide range of recommendations on how the town can maintain its agricultural resources.

The plan is the first of its kind in Albany County, according to Cornell Cooperative Extension's Thomas Gallagher, who sat on the town's committee and was also a member of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board that drafted

the county's protection plan. That county plan, he said, is an excellent resource but doesn't provide much detail for local governments.

"You can really zero in on issues in a single town that really impact agriculture," Gallagher said. "I think we've got a great plan here."

The primary threat to agricultural use in Bethlehem, according to the report, is population growth. According to the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, the town's population is projected to grow by 6,200 persons, or 29 percent, by the year 2030.

Also of concern are drainage issues that can be caused by new development and the problem of unauthorized use of farmlands by trespassers.

In these cases, the plan recommended that better communication be established between the planning and police departments and landowners, and that farmers and the public in general be educated about the town's farmland.

According to the study—drafted by a 10-member group that began meeting in early 2008—Bethlehem is home to 63

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Cornell Cooperative Extension

operating farms sitting on just over 5,900 acres of land. Corn, hay and pasturing constitute the majority of agricultural uses, which is a reflection of the relatively poor soil quality in most parts of town.

Many of the farms are smaller, or hobby farms, as well. A 2002 agriculture census found that 92 percent of Bethlehem's farms sold less than \$50,000 in agricultural products, and 46 percent of agricultural landowners reported farming as their primary occupation.

The report shows 68 percent of the town's farmland is located within the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District, or the southern part of town.

recommendations the plan made is that the town study purchase of development rights or term conservation easement programs, which essentially provide tax breaks or other incentives to landowners who agree not to develop their land for a certain period of time.

"This program would obviously have to be researched to identify what the fiscal implications would be for the town," said Senior Planner Robert Leslie.

The plan also recommends that education programs be pursued in town and schools to emphasize the importance of farming, that the town's agriculture zoning be reexamined to allow for more agri-tourism uses and that an Agricultural Advisory Committee be established to keep the Town Board informed on agricultural issues.

The plan was hailed by members of the Town Board as an example of collaborative efforts between town offices, agricultural organizations and the citizenry. American Farmland Trust, for example, visited and interviewed 10 farmers in town, and there were several public hearings during the drafting of the plan.

"This was a great opportunity for public participation," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

"Where the rubber meets the road on this is going to be the

financial aspects, the economic incentives," he continued.

Adoption of the plan does not bind the town to enact its recommendations. With the development of any PDR or conservation easement program, for example, a more comprehensive study would be conducted before a resolution was drafted.

Leslie noted that many state and federal programs are very competitive, but also said nearby areas like Clifton Park have been successful in piloting conservation easement programs.

"We're going to have to come up with some creative ideas," he said. "I think there are some other models out there we can look at."

The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan is available for viewing on the town's Web site.

The cost of preparing the study was largely offset by a \$25,000 state Department of Agriculture and Markets grant. The town had to chip in about \$1,200 in matching funds in addition to the work Planning Department staff did.

Also on Tuesday, a public hearing was scheduled for a noise abatement and containment local law, or noise ordinance. The public will have an opportunity to present views to the board at the Wednesday, Sept. 9, meeting.

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Returning to the hectic halls of eighth grade

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR
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Some may call me a crazy wildebeest for jumping at the chance to be in eighth grade again, but I went anyway, because it was only for one day.

Here's what I confirmed:
1) All matter is NOT made of pancakes. 2) Teachers have an incredible amount of patience. 3) I am still shorter than most everyone in middle school, even the sixth graders.

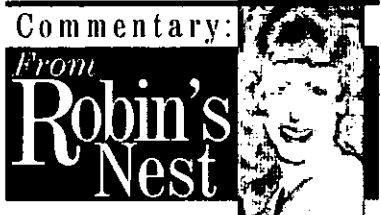
As part of "American Education Week," my daughter's middle school welcomed parents as silent observers in the classroom.

A herd of parent-visitors gathered in the school lobby. All had signed-in and donned nametags. We were offered peppermints from a basket.

They were allowing us to eat candy in the school? I didn't really want a peppermint, but I took one anyway and popped it in my mouth. It made me feel like the rebel I never was.

At about 8:17 a tone sounded and the parent-visitors were released into the innards of the building in search of their child's first period class.

I sat quietly in math class as the teacher discussed a homework problem. She asked, "Is the perpendicular bisector



of the triangle a given or a construction?" Then the class talked about congruent sides and angles.

I had simultaneously thoughts of "Hey, I remember some of this stuff" and "I am so relieved that I don't have to take that upcoming exam."

At my daughter's cello lesson, a small group of students, the orchestra teacher and a student-teacher reviewed and discussed excerpts from two orchestra pieces that would be part of the students' midterm exam. When they all played together, even just practicing scales, I felt like I was at a private mini-concert.

In English class, the students had to spend the first five minutes of class writing. Projected on a screen was the prompt: "Describe what it would be like if a wildebeest lived in your closet." There was also a photo of the animal.

Immediately I wished I had a piece of paper. Wildebeest are real animals? And the "beest" part is spelled with a double "e" and not b-e-a-s-t? Learning never ends!

A student asked the teacher if the essay could be from the point of view of the wildebeest. What a creative idea! I, too, wanted to write as the voice of the wildebeest.

But, alas, I had no loose leaf. Luckily, I had a diversion. The teacher had given the other visiting parent and me copies of the novel the students have been reading. We began speed-reading at once.

After the wildebeest writing assignment the students participated in an exercise related to the novel. They identified the key events and listed them on the board. My ears perked up when the teacher mentioned that there would be an essay test on the book's themes.

I had only read parts of the book (including the epilogue!), but even those were bursting with themes: Peer pressure, parental pressure, self-esteem, teamwork, competition, greed and the danger of drug use.

Speaking of themes, I thought perhaps the students could receive extra credit for submitting an essay that compares and contrasts the challenges faced by a wildebeest living in the bedroom closet of a suburban teenager with those faced by a middle-aged program manager who works in an office cubicle.

By 10:30 I needed something

to eat. The small bowl of oatmeal I had downed for breakfast was not enough to tide me over until the designated lunch period. When I'm at work I can raid my lunch tote any time I'm hungry. This no-break school stuff was hard. If only I had grabbed a few extra peppermints in the morning!

Social studies class was in the Library Media Center. The students were using computers to learn about the experience of immigrants coming through Ellis Island. I slipped out for a bathroom break and noticed in the mirror that I was having a good hair day! Why didn't that ever happen when I was 13?

During home base (aka study hall) I went to my car, ate my lunch and called my husband. "I thought you weren't supposed to use cell phones at school," he chastised. "I'm in my car," I told him. "I was starving and I needed a nap."

Fueled and refreshed I got to science class early. The teacher told me to help myself to a lab worksheet. I took the sheet and found a seat at the back of the room.

The sheet was labeled "Experience 14" and it began with the following: How much will 50 mL of water and 50 mL of alcohol equal?

I decided this must be a trick question.

The "hypothesis" section of the worksheet stated, "try using your mental model of matter and a picture to make a prediction."

I looked up and saw a sign at the front of the room. It said, "All matter is made up of pancakes."

That couldn't be right. I looked again with greater concentration. The "pancakes" turned to "particles" right before my squinting eyes.

Argh, I began to feel frustrated: I didn't have a mental model of matter and my ability to read from a distance was diminishing. Or maybe I was just still hungry?

I was pretty sure the answer to the lab problem was NOT 100

mL. I guessed that when the two liquids were mixed together something happens and the end result would be less than 100 mL. What that "something" is I had no idea.

With the help of two students, the teacher combined the two liquids into a graduated cylinder and stirred them together. The result measured 98 mL.

For homework the students had to supply a reasonable explanation for the resulting 98 mL. I'm pretty sure that "The invisible wildebeest who lives in my closet drank the 2 mL" would not be considered a reasonable explanation.

After science my daughter went to lunch. I was hungry again ... maybe that's why the word particles had turned to pancakes. Fortunately I still had an apple, which I had stowed away in my coat pocket.

Parents were not allowed in the cafeteria, probably for our own protection. Instead, we had access to a room filled with baked goods and coffee. I took my apple there and had a nice chat with another parent. Then I had a chocolate doughnut hole AND a sugar cookie. I'm telling you, middle school is a blast!

In technology class the students are designing bridges. On this particular day, class was in the computer lab instead of the workshop.

"Which part of a bridge do cars ride on?" asked the teacher. I would have guessed, "The road part." The correct answer was "the deck."

The lifespan of my day in eighth grade ended with tech class. My daughter had one more class, but parents were asked to clear out before ninth period so as to avoid causing gridlock during the afternoon bus schedule.

I might have dreamt that night of musical pancake-eating immigrant wildebeests crossing bridges. But I didn't. I slept soundly and returned to work the next morning.

Back 2 Basics

By Matt Zalen

12/02/09

GOD, I WOULD HATE TO BE A BIRD. I MEAN, WAGNE HOW SCARY IT IS TO BE TO LEARN TO FLY!

I DON'T KNOW, FLYING FOR THEM IS PROBABLY NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THEN US LEARNING TO WALK

ARE YOU KIDDING? WHEN WE LEARN TO WALK, WE AT LEAST HAVE OUR PARENTS TO HELP US. BUT WHAT CAN BIRD PARENTS DO FOR THEIR KIDS?

MAYBE YOU WERE RIGHT. I SHOULD'VE WAITED UNTIL HE HATCHED TO START THE LESSONS

YOU THINK???

SPLAT

WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

Albany Almanac

| Record high/low/year | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----|
| AVERAGE HIGH | 39° | AVERAGE LOW | 24° |
| Day | High/Year | Low/Year | |
| Wednesday, December 2 | 66°/1998 | -2°/1875 | |
| Thursday, December 3 | 58°/1998 | -1°/1976 | |
| Friday, December 4 | 63°/1998 | -9°/1940 | |
| Saturday, December 5 | 65°/2001 | 2°/1989 | |
| Sunday, December 6 | 68°/2001 | -5°/1901 | |
| Monday, December 7 | 65°/1998 | -7°/1901 | |
| Tuesday, December 8 | 58°/1927 | -3°/1902 | |

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
37.57 inches as of Wednesday, November 25th
2.26 inches above average

This week in weather

December 3, 1992 A coastal storm brought heavy, wet snow to the hills of eastern New York and the Berkshires. In Massachusetts, Monterey received 19", and Peru and Great Barrington got 15". In New York, Stephentown reported 14 inches. Albany received less than 5 inches of snow.

Rivers & Recreation

| Tides at Albany | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Day | High | Low |
| Wednesday | 4:26am, 4:47pm | 10:57am, 11:48pm |
| Thursday | 5:13am, 5:33pm | 11:44am, 12:35pm |
| Friday | 6:01am, 6:19pm | 12:35am, 1:24pm |
| Saturday | 6:51am, 7:08pm | 1:23am, 2:19pm |
| Sunday | 7:45am, 8:00pm | 2:13am, 3:18pm |
| Monday | 8:42am, 8:55pm | 3:04am, 4:19pm |
| Tuesday | 9:42am, 9:55pm | 3:58am, 5:19pm |

River Levels

| Hudson River | | Mohawk River | |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Day | Level | Day | Level |
| Wednesday | 10.0 | Wednesday | 15.0 |
| Thursday | 14.0 | Thursday | 26.0 |
| Friday | 22.2 | Friday | 17.8 |
| Saturday | 24.0 | Saturday | 6.6 |
| Sunday | 15.0 | Sunday | 26.0 |
| Monday | 28.1 | Monday | 21.1 |
| Tuesday | 22.3 | Tuesday | 10.5 |

Levels as of November 27th 2009

STAGE LEVEL
FLOOD STAGE

Factoid

At Barrow, Alaska, when the sun sets on November 18th, it doesn't rise again until January 23rd. Most of this period there's just some twilight around the middle of the day.

Altamont opens its doors for the season

Village house tour and holiday event planned for Dec. 5-6

By DAN SABBATINO
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Santa Claus is coming to town – or more accurately, the Village of Altamont Sunday, Dec. 6, when the community hosts a holiday event sponsored by the Altamont Community Tradition organization.

“Hopefully it brings people in the community together,” said Raymond Lauenstein, a member of ACT. “We want to make the village feel good about itself.”

On Saturday, Dec. 5, there will be a silent auction at the Masonic Lodge, and on Sunday there will be a living Nativity scene at the Altamont Reformed Church, and at 5:30 p.m. – the lighting of the town and arrival of Santa Claus. The auction will continue through Sunday afternoon. Seven Victorian houses decorated by village residents will be available to tour throughout the day as well.

Altamont Mayor James Gaughan said he is thrilled to be a part of the event and will be master of ceremonies for the lighting at Orsini Park.

Gaughan thanked ACT, and called them a “premier volunteer community organization.”

“It’s a great time for people to gather,” Gaughan said.

The Victorian houses being featured have historic value as well.

“Among them are some pretty old and significant houses in the village that are very neat,” Gaughan said.

Lauenstein said he is excited to have cooperation with the SMS train line, as they will be bringing an engine with one

car to town as the lights go on. Santa Claus will be on the train giving small gifts and candy away as he traditionally does during the holiday season.

Keith Lee, also with ACT, helped coordinate the event and said planning begins in the summer, where the selection for the houses starts.

Originally 12 houses applied for the tour, and seven were eventually chosen.

“The homeowners themselves will be decorating to their tastes,” he said.

All that remains, Lee said, is for appropriate chilly weather and maybe a touch of snow.

“We are all hoping for good weather,” Lee said.

Proceeds from ticket sales for the houses and the silent auction will go to offset the cost of the event, according to members of ACT.

And on Black Friday they rested



From left, Dorothy Williams, Sandy Crane, Monica, Renee and Alicia Vealey, take a rest after some Black Friday shopping at Crossgates Mall on Nov. 26.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight



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Free the moon rock... then sell it

If you are reading this editorial before reading Sean Ahern's glaring expose of how the New York State Museum is hiding a moon rock from the hard-working, tax-paying constituents of the Empire State, or Lisa Moore's "Point of View" on her hunt for said moon rock, I recommend you read those first and come back.

Editorial

Too lazy? Here's the long and short of it: In 1973 and 74, President

Richard Nixon gave away nearly 200 moon rocks — all carved from the same larger rock that NASA Astronaut and Geologist Dr. Harrison Schmidt picked up in 1972 while part of the crew of Apollo 17 — to 135 nations of the world, all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

New York's Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock remains locked up in a vault in the New York State Museum. Why? Because it's just too damn precious to be put on display, that's why.

New York's moon rocks were taken off of display more than five years ago after the country of Malta's moon rocks were stolen in 2004, according to Michael Hawkins, geology collections manager of the New York State Museum.

"It had a value of \$5 million, so we had it locked up with the other high-risk pieces," said Hawkins. "It would be onerous to put a security guard on it at all times."

We at *The Spotlight* are putting on our advocate hats and asking the State Museum to free the Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock ... and then promptly sell it.

New York needs money more than it needs moon rocks we aren't even allowed to see. Five million would go a long way in correcting a budget that is woefully off course and without any one person at the helm. Sure, the governor just announced \$1.6 billion in cuts that will keep the lights on until the end of the year, but we're talking revenue, people.

We should sell the Cohoes Mastodon, while we're at it. That'll probably catch a few bucks on eBay. If we're lucky, we could sell the moon rock and mastodon to a museum in Florida, North Carolina or Pennsylvania, where more former New Yorkers — fleeing from a fiscal mess and an oppressive government that doesn't even let us see our own moon rock — are arriving every day.

In search of New York's Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock

By LISA MOORE
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The author is a criminal justice graduate student at University of Phoenix.

I was tasked with the assignment of hunting down New York's Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock, which is one of the moon rocks President Richard Nixon gave away to 135 nations of the world, all 50 states and Puerto Rico in 1973 and 1974 as a "goodwill" gesture, which is how these moon rocks acquired their name. In fact, they were all carved from the same mother rock that NASA astronaut and geologist Dr. Harrison Schmidt picked up on the moon in 1972.

My professor at the University of Phoenix, Joseph Gutheinz, is a retired senior special agent for NASA's Office of Inspector General, who led an undercover sting operation known as Operation Lunar Eclipse, and in the process recovered the Honduras Goodwill Moon Rock, which had been offered to him for \$5 million.

Professor Gutheinz has instilled his passion for searching for the Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rocks in his students over the years. Most Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rocks given away to the nations of the world are classified as lost, missing, destroyed or stolen, as is the case with a similar distribution of Apollo 11 moon rocks that President Nixon gave away in 1969.

For example, Ireland lost their Apollo 11 moon rocks to fire; Romania's moon rock was sold by the estate of the late communist dictator, and Cyprus' moon rock was retained by an American and offered for sale in 2003

Point of View

after the American ambassador to that country was assassinated in 1974.

This year is the 40th anniversary of both Apollo 11 and Apollo 12, the first and second manned missions to the moon. Apollo 12 launched on Nov. 14, 1969, and returned to Earth on Nov. 24, 1969. In light of these historic events, it made finding

"Putting it back on display is the right thing to do."

University of Phoenix student Lisa Moore

New York's Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock even more important to me.

Historically, the moon rock investigations Professor Gutheinz has his students conduct are time consuming, for with the passage of in excess of 35 years, these small treasures could be anywhere. I originally thought that it was going to take quite some time to find the 14-by-10-inch moon rock plaque with the state flag of New York and a Lucite ball containing a moon rock affixed to it, but that was not the case.

In fact, I struck gold, or at least a moon rock, with the second museum I called — the New York State Museum in Albany. I spoke with Michael Hawkins, the geology collections manager. I explained to him that I was trying to locate the Apollo 11 moon rock and Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock that I believed were presented to New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller by President Richard Nixon or

his representative.

Mr. Hawkins informed me the New York State Museum did indeed have the Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock, but told me that it is no longer on display for the public to see.

Are you kidding me, I asked? Mr. Hawkins confirmed the plaque itself is in the top security vault of the museum. Actually, the museum moved the New York Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock with flag and plaque from secure storage range into the top security vault a few years back after Malta's Goodwill Moon Rock was stolen from a museum in that small Mediterranean country.

I was advised that the Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock specimen is 0.8-by-1.2-by-2-by-5 centimeters in diameter; 96.2 grams (with mount), and is referred to as a Lunar Basalt (Small High-Titani).

The New York Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock, estimated to be 3.8 to 3.9 billion years old and worth \$5 million dollars, was picked up by the Apollo 17 crew during the mission to the moon, which commenced on Dec. 7, 1972 and concluded on Dec. 19, 1972. Apollo 17 landed in the Taurus-Littrow Valley on the eastern edge of Mare Serenitatis the Apollo 17 crew collected 741 individual rocks and the mother rock from which all the Goodwill moon rocks were carved.

I was saddened and disappointed by the fact that rather than being proudly displayed the New York Apollo 17 Goodwill Moon Rock has been hidden away for both the 40th anniversary of both Apollo 11 and 12.

Putting it back on display is the right thing to do.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

BCSD needs to rethink non-essential programs

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

According to a Nov. 25 Spotlight story (BC superintendent sees difficult decisions ahead), Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Michael Tebbano is quoted as stating last year's budget included "a controversial decision to forgo playing night football games."

"We received a lot of criticism for that," Mr. Tebbano states.

Note the district didn't eliminate football, only evening games. If that is anyone's idea of a major sacrifice, a reality check is in order. Many of the people whose taxes are paying the school bill are those elderly who are forced to choose between food and medicine, single mothers working two jobs and young breadwinners recently laid off worried about keeping a roof over their family's heads. To consider raising their school taxes to pay for activities like nighttime football is unconscionable.

The Spotlight article further states the "tier 3 cuts," which were not implemented in the current year, include "field trips and guest speakers" among other cost saving possibilities. Well, maybe it's time to consider reducing those sacred cows as well. Right now, there are too many people going without to take even more taxes from them for non-essentials like nighttime football and trips to New York City museums.

Mr. Tebbano acted with good judgment to restrict football to daylight times. He would do well to similarly scrutinize other expenses that don't directly affect learning. Some day, when good times return, there may be adequate funds to pay for discretionary activities. But with current unemployment rates, struggling families, and medical costs for the elderly, raising taxes for non-essential programs is a bad idea.

Mike Malachowski
Delmar

Operation Christmas Child thanks town

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Many thanks to the Bethlehem community for your efforts on behalf of Operation Christmas Child, the shoe box ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Bethlehem Community Church became a new Capital Region drop off site.

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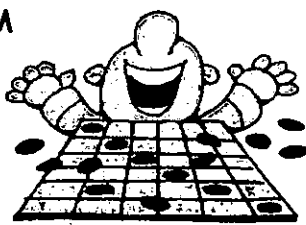
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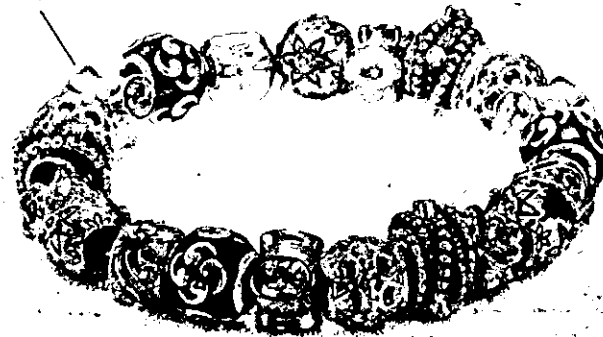
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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Cell tower not part of school board's mission

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

If you look up the policy manual for the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education in the BCSD web site, you can read the goals

and objectives of our school district.

The manual states "The Board of Education is dedicated to providing all students with challenging opportunities

that support intellectual, creative and personal growth in an atmosphere promoting positive self-esteem and sound educational values. The primary responsibility of the Bethlehem

Central School District is to provide the positive means to prepare educated, responsible members of the community."

This language does not include the responsibility of the budget preparation that the Board of Education incurs on our behalf. It is obvious that we are really reaching out for non-taxing sources of income to meet the demands of the budget to even consider this cell tower project, which is way off the School Board mission.

Many fiscal issues can be solved if we go back to looking at what we offer as raises to the staff. We continuously agree to raises of more than 5 percent in our employee contracts and then can't figure out why we don't have enough money to pay for everything else.

For example, in the recent teacher's contract, agreements are set for over 5 percent raises again until 2012 when you calculate the contract raises and the automatic step increase mandated by the state.

I love my kid's teachers, but no one I know has been experiencing raises over 5 percent for as many years in a row as our own staff receives.

Can't we find some happy medium that satisfies our BCSD professional staff, is commensurate with what taxpayers are receiving, allows good education plans and improvements to continue, and negates our need to be in the cell-tower business because we need the money.

John Giordano
Bethlehem

Maple Ave. sidewalk out of town's reach

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

What follows is an open letter to Ron and Judy Selkirk:

Thank you for your letter regarding sidewalks in Selkirk. I am unaware of any "promise" to extend the current sidewalk on Maple Avenue beyond its current length.

I am aware of discussions regarding the construction of a sidewalk on the opposite side of the CSX railroad crossing at Maple Avenue. This would require the town to construct additional automated crossing barriers at the point where the sidewalk meets the tracks. This barrier would need to work in a similar fashion as the one used to prevent cars from crossing when a train is passing. The cost of building such barriers is well beyond that which is affordable for the town at this time. CSX is not willing to pay for the crossing barrier. Without a barrier, the town would be exposed to substantial liability claims should someone get hurt crossing the tracks from one section of sidewalk to another.

The sidewalk on Feura Bush Road was built to start connecting neighborhoods in the Glenmont area. Like Selkirk, there are many people who walk and bike in this area and the traffic along this road is as significant as that on Maple Avenue. There is a larger percentage of the town's population in this area as well, which caused us to promote this project. Finally it is important to note that there was state Department of Transportation funding available to the town to construct this section of sidewalk, whereas there is currently no state funding for the section of sidewalk you propose.

I hope this helps to clarify some of the questions you have regarding sidewalk construction in town. We have received grant funding to build a sidewalk in Slingerlands near the elementary school as well. I hope to see that project move forward next spring.

John H. Cunningham
Bethlehem town supervisor

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Just deal with health care change

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This is in response to the letter to the editor by Gordon Jevons on AARP's position on health reform:

Is Mr. Jevons a member of AARP or an avid listener of right wing radio and TV talk show hosts who are certain our freedoms and liberties will be coming to an end with the passage of much needed health care reform? Do all the health care ads and pharmaceutical bombardments, bringing huge revenues to radio and TV stations and other sources perhaps influence these opinions?..

Yes, the cost will be enormous, but so was Medicare and other social programs when they started. It seems that everyone, and I'm sure Mr. Jevons is included, wants national health care but just doesn't want to pay for it. Some seniors, seem to complain about paying school taxes that will produce the very people to provide for them... does it make sense?

As one ancient Roman scholar once said, "The price of a democracy is taxes."

People such as the ones

assuring the American public our freedoms will be taken away, don't seem to mind spending \$5 on lattes or \$15 lunches in which a government tax would be miniscule as I have seen in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, perhaps \$.20 or \$.30 cents, going toward the health programs..

I would be more than happy to share what I can afford to see children and adults receive proper medical care and not die or suffer because no one wants to help, including doctors and hospitals (there are exceptions of course) and agencies who lack proper state and federal proper funding.

I have no objection to anyone being successful, but when more money is spent on lobbying to keep prices so high by as medical and pharmaceuticals companies, that less fortunate families cannot afford them, then something is terribly wrong with our society.

Our country is wonderful and I love it, but change is enviable. Deal with it.

Barbara Mulford
Orange City, Fla.

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

To all of the citizens of Bethlehem:

The voting public in Bethlehem has chosen me to be their Town Supervisor beginning January 1, 2010, and I am both grateful and humbled that you have granted me the privilege and honor of representing you.

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every day.

To the hundreds of people that helped me in so many ways during this campaign, I say "thank you" again. I fully understand that you joined our cause not because of me, the candidate, but because you truly believed that our community needed to aspire to a different approach to politics and governance – one where people are drawn together to serve their community first and foremost. I will not let you

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On Route 9W, a slippery situation develops

State DOT working to keep water off road

By CHARLES WIFF
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Marilyn Acosta was riding in a car on Route 9W in Glenmont on Saturday, Nov. 7, when her world was momentarily and literally turned upside down due to what state and local officials say is probably is a groundwater issue.

Her vehicle and several others skidded on black ice that morning, and two of them, including Acosta's, overturned.

"Slippery pavement" was the official cause of three accidents that occurred within a 15-minute period starting at 7:15 a.m. that sent one person to the hospital with a minor head injury, according to Bethlehem police.

"It just happened so quick," Acosta said of the accident. "Unbelievably, we all came out OK. ... I can't imagine if there was other cars coming."

Later that day, at 9:30 p.m., there was another accident attributed to the same cause.

This spate of accidents was evidently caused by water that has risen to the level of covering the roadway at most times, and the state Department of Transportation said it was ready to begin taking measures Monday, Nov. 30, to mitigate the



Town of Bethlehem Highway Department workers at Roberts Towing in Glenmont. Water seeping onto the adjoining Route 9W caused at least one spate of accidents in early November, and state DOT workers have begun work to mitigate the problem.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

spilling of water, which affects an area near Roberts Towing & Recovery Center.

Resident Engineer for Albany County DOT Michael Johnson said that the department would be working with an emergency

contractor to solve the problem, possibly through an underdrain system. It is still not entirely clear how the water is flowing onto the roadway, however.

"It is unusual there is an increase in water there, and

we're trying to find out what the issue is," said Johnson, who added more will be known about the situation once crews begin work.

An underdrain system usually consists of perforated

pipes inserted under the road that are designed to keep groundwater from seeping up through or causing cracks in the roadway.

Bethlehem Department of Public Works Commissioner Josh Cansler speculated that the overflow might be related to groundwater. The department has run tests on a nearby water line with sensitive sound equipment that can detect breaks or leaks and did not find any problems. Testing was also done on the water itself for the presence of chlorine, which came out negative.

"We looked into it extensively," Cansler said. "It's got to be groundwater if it doesn't have chlorine in it."

A similar issue emerged several years ago, and the DPW dug up an extensive section of water main, said Cansler, only to find no problems with the line.

As the water is causing problems on a state road, it will be up to the DOT to fix the situation.

Johnson said that in past weeks a salt truck has been sent out to 9W as needed to make the area safe for the morning rush hour.

"We look at the temperature, if looks like it will be near freezing we'll have a truck out there early morning," he said.

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Ravena activist group to hold fundraiser to support research into Lafarge emissions

By CHARLES WIFF
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The citizen group Community Advocates for Safe Emissions, CASE, is hoping to raise money to support its research through a dinner and music event on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Water's Edge Restaurant in New Baltimore, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The group has been protesting the operation of the Lafarge cement plant in Ravena, which it says is contaminating the area with mercury and other pollutants that are a byproduct of its industrial processes.

Playing piano will be Morey Hall, a Delmar resident who teaches music lessons and composes in studios in Delmar and Clifton Park. Clark Music Studio in Clifton Park is donating the use of a Steinway grand piano for the event.

Hall will be playing a one-hour program of original compositions, including pieces like "Echo Across the Lake," "Ripples on the Water" and "Colors on the Sea."

"I'm quite inspired by nature," Hall said. "Like a lot of people, I'm concerned with environmental issues."

Also featured at the event will be DEC Wildlife Pathologist Ward Stone, who has been conducting an independent study of plants and wildlife in the Ravena area using funds raised by CASE for laboratory fees. He'll speak briefly about his studies.

In October, Stone said that his studies had revealed increased mercury levels in the Ravena area, a fact he attributed to the operation of the Lafarge plant.

Hall has worked with Stone before by putting on a similar fundraiser in Spencertown, where a company was aiming to mine on Snake Mountain. He said that fundraiser was very successful, and he

thinks that the event in New Baltimore will raise money for the research being done in the Ravena area.

Stone is aiming to expand his testing of plants and wildlife near the cement plant to include testing for dioxins and other carcinogens. Unlike the relatively cheap tests for mercury and other heavy metals that he has been doing, though, these tests will be more expensive.

"We knew we needed to do fundraising because Ward's testing has been heating up, and he wanted to start testing some of the carcinogens, which is much more expensive than the heavy metals," said CASE co-founder Elyse Griffin.

Since October, Stone said, he's expanded to testing areas across the Hudson in Rensselaer and Columbia counties, where he said he has also found increased mercury levels.

"It isn't just a mercury story," cautioned Stone. "Especially on the Albany County side, we've got a whole bunch of metals."

Lafarge representatives have

said that the plant complies with all DEC and Department of Health guidelines and is inspected on a regular basis, and that the construction of a modernized plant is hoped to be completed by 2013. Lafarge acquired the Ravena plant in 2001.

The plant is also under review for a new operating air permit, which the public has an opportunity to submit comments on to the DEC until Jan. 11. The proposed permit would put a 176-pound-per-year cap on mercury emissions.

Stone and Griffin said they are pleased by the fact an extension on the public hearing portion of the permit review has been granted, but Stone said he feels the permit's requirements are not stringent enough.

"It is, I think, too liberal, and it is not clear to me how it works when the company starts to produce more cement," he said.

Griffin said the public hearing extension would give her group more time to examine the proposal and construct an argument.

"We think it's still too high, but at this point I can't tell you that we're recommending it to be," she said.

In a statement, Lafarge also applauded the extension of the public comment period.

Tickets for the event are \$35. A silent auction featuring items and gift cards from various local businesses will also be held. To make reservations or for more information, visit CASE at www.case-nv.org.

IN BRIEF

Tech Valley slates information sessions

Tech Valley High School will be conducting a series of information sessions on the school for the 2010-2011 school year. The sessions will begin Jan. 12 and will take place through Feb. 4 at TVHS and in remote locations. Each session will run from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

• Jan. 12, at Tech Valley High School

• Jan. 14, at Schoharie Junior/Senior High School, 136 Academy Dr., Schoharie

• Jan. 20, Cocksackie-Athens High School Auditorium, 24 Sunset Blvd, Cocksackie

• Jan. 25, Tech Valley High School

• Jan. 28, Hudson Junior/Senior High School, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson

• Feb. 2, Scotia-Glenville High School, 1 Tartan Way in Scotia.

• Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, Tech Valley High School

Tech Valley High School is located at the University at Albany East Campus, DB Wing, 9 University Place in Rensselaer. For information, call the school at 862-4960. The schools serves students from 40 school districts across seven counties: Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Columbia, Greene, Schoharie and Saratoga.

Community Resource delivers packages

Community Resource's Charity Committee delivered care packages to Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless for four homeless people who will be moving out of shelters and into permanent

housing in Interfaith's apartment building on Sheridan Avenue in Albany. Newly constructed, the building houses two, two-bedroom apartments and eight, one-bedroom apartments.

"Each of the donated care packages included pots and pans, dishes, glasses, silverware, utensils, cleaning supplies, paper products, towels and homemade wreaths," said Rhonda Teal, committee member. "We tried to buy basic household items that they'd need right away so they could focus on settling into their new homes rather than rushing out to buy stuff for their apartments," she added.

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G'land zoning panel plans for alternative energy

Speaker urges town to put some regulations in place before they are needed

By DAN SABBATINO
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The Guilderland zoning review committee brought in a guest speaker to address alternative energy infrastructure at its Tuesday, Nov. 24, meeting.

Don Britt, a retired electrical engineer who has worked on a number of energy related projects, spoke on behalf of an informal organization, Guilderland Green, a group concerned with how alternative energy will affect the town.

Right now, the ZRC members said, there are not many instances where windmills and solar panels

have come before the planning and zoning board of appeals, but as technology advances, it might be prudent to include provisions in their recommendation to the town board.

"It would be best to have some regulation in place," Britt said.

In an informational pamphlet produced by Guilderland Green, strategies for water and wind, solar and geothermal energy were addressed. Each, Britt said, is being pushed by state and federal governments, and is being funded at an increasing rate.

"Many of these issues require a totally new power distribution system," Britt said.

Britt said that as solar energy becomes more prevalent, issues related to the aesthetic value of wind turbines and solar

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Don Britt,
retired electrical engineer

panels will be at the forefront of neighborhood conflict and should be included in zoning laws.

The zoning and use of wind turbines are something Britt said has plagued the hilltowns of Berne and Knox with legal difficulties for two years. New Scotland is in the process of drafting legislation dealing with the issue as well.

"I would recommend they have a definition for private windmills and commercial windmills," he said of zoning laws.

Energy can be sold to utility companies from both entities.

Wind turbines can have "light strobe" and avian wildlife effects, too.

Britt said that windmills now rotate slower than they

used to, to limit the distance that broken-down parts will shed. In either case though, the location is pivotal to public safety.

"You don't want people around where parts can break down," Britt said.

He said noise levels should be addressed in zoning codes, and he recommended that zoning regulations take into account "ambient," rather than "absolute" noise, as a turbine located near a highway should not be subject to an absolute noise level if it will not be heard in relation to the traffic.

Even though the issue has not been raised yet officially, the ZRC and other town entities are keeping the possibility in mind.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Peter Barber said so far, there have not been any applications for a height variance on wind turbines, but chairman of the ZRC Bruce Sherwin said the committee is looking to address the issue anyway.

"Parts of this are things we

could tackle," Sherwin said. "We're looking at how alternative energy is going to impact neighborhoods."

Wind energy was not the only discussion the ZRC had, as solar paneling was touched upon as well.

"They certainly would change the characteristic of [the neighborhood]," Britt said. "But solar panels don't have to be ugly."

Britt said that solar panels attached to the roof of a house could be an eyesore, but using solar shingles can blend into the natural decoration of the home. Technology now allows solar receptors to catch 15 to 20 percent of the sun's energy and receive light for up to 14 hours a day. In 2000, it was closer to the tune of 10 percent for six hours a day.

The ZRC discussed a number of other items including clarification of definitions in the zoning code, customary home occupations and retail shopping centers, and will continue to discuss those issues at future meetings.

IN BRIEF

Historical group to host Silver Tea

The Bethlehem Historical Association invites the public to attend its traditional Silver Tea on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.

This annual event will take place in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse at the corner of River (Route 144) and Clapper roads. The museum will be decorated with country charm.

Clarksville PTA to hold silent auction

The Clarksville PTA will host a silent auction Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Clarksville Elementary School.

Goods and services will be auctioned off and gift baskets will be offered in a Chinese auction raffle.

Friends of Five Rivers hold meeting

The Friends of Five Rivers (Five Rivers Limited) held its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

During the business meeting the following people were elected to the Board of Directors:

- For a first three-year term: Robert Greenman of Delmar Phyllis Hathaway of Delmar J. Michael Naughton of Slingerlands

- For a second three-year term: Barbara Muhlfelder of Altamont

- For a third three-year term: Miles Garfinkel of Delmar

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Albany Legislature, county executive battle over budget

Size and funding for nursing home at heart of issue

By DAN SABBATINO
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Albany County Executive Mike Breslin criticized proposed 2010 budget amendments made by the Legislature, calling them "irresponsible."

According to information from Breslin's office, the budget proposal creates a gap of more than \$3 million, and a tax increase of close to 11 percent.

"This is irresponsible to the property taxpayers of Albany County and to all those we serve," said Breslin. "Their proposal eliminates many essential positions, putting in jeopardy children, families, the elderly and others who rely on county government. In addition, they have created a lengthy Byzantine process for filling these critical positions."

According to Breslin's office, positions from several departments are slated for elimination. They include staff at the county's nursing home, a caseworker with the Department for Children, Youth and Families and snow plow operators in the county Department of Public Works.

"I am committed to maintaining adequate services for our constituents within our fiscal constraints," said Breslin. "I ask for the County Legislature's cooperation in implementing a balanced budget that keeps intact the essential services we provide."

Majority Leader Frank Commisso, D-Albany, said Breslin's statements are misleading, and said an 11 percent tax increase is not part of the County Legislature's budget.

Commisso said that it is not the county executive that is restoring the positions in the nursing home, but the Legislature, which is planning to restore more than 100

positions by moving them to "funded vacant positions." The restoration would be for members of the nursing home that have between 15 and 30 years of county service.

He said Breslin included 73 positions in the nursing home to be cut, as part of a long-term plan to eliminate the home.

Commisso said the Department for Children, Youth and Families will have a new manager as part of an umbrella with social services and the Department of Aging, and if that goes through, there

wants a 250-bed home, they will need to come up with \$788,000 and 24 positions.

She also noted that consolidating social services of Children, Youth and Families and the Department of Aging could require state and federal permission and possibly put grant money and funding at risk. She said the matter is being investigated now, but to propose it without knowing the ramifications is "bizarre."

Duryea said the county executive plans to keep six "equipment operators," who are paid more but do additional work and are contractually required to operate plows, while the county Legislature wants to keep 11 laborers who are paid less but not required to have a commercial driver's license for plows.

Commisso said a number of the laborers obtained CDs, but Duryea said keeping them on and asking them to use plows could cause contractual issues.

Breslin's 2010 county budget proposal, released on Thursday, Oct. 8, increases the tax levy by 5.9 percent, features \$11.6 million in spending cuts and includes 109 layoffs in addition to the elimination of 130 vacant positions.

The \$71.9 million tax levy will represent a tax increase of \$19 to \$42 per year for the owner of a \$150,000 home, depending on the municipality, according to Breslin's office.

In addition to making cuts, the county would use \$6.6 million of reserve funds under the executive budget. The total proposed appropriations for the year would be \$571.4 million, an \$11.6 million decrease from this year's levels.

- Reporter Charles Wiff contributed to this article

"We're in critical fiscal times. These funds were in the budget. It's a scare tactic."

Albany County Legislature Majority Leader Frank Commisso, D-Albany

could be cuts at the top of both organizations.

He also said there is a hiring freeze in place, and questioned why any number of vacant positions without a person already slated to fill it would be kept in Breslin's budget, especially considering the economy.

"We're in critical fiscal times," he said. "These funds were in the budget. It's a scare tactic."

Mary Duryea, a representative from Breslin's office, said that there is some confusion over the nursing home because the Legislature and county executive's budget are addressing two separate scenarios. The executive is operating under a plan for a home that has 150 beds, and the County Legislature is assuming the current 250 beds.

Duryea said Breslin is concerned that the county Legislature's budget does not have adequate funding for 250 beds, even though he does not support such a large number, as he is hoping to change the long-term health care plans by 2011 to move away from a nursing home.

She said that if the Legislature

Minority urges Legislature to keep health costs down

Senate and governor likely to strike deal without tax increase for care

By DAN SABBATINO
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Albany County Legislator Christine Benedict, R-Colonie, is asking the state government not to pass health care costs down to local governments.

She made the entreaty in a letter addressed to ranking members of the Senate Finance Committee on Monday, Nov. 16, in preparation for potential increases in Medicaid fees to cut the state's budget deficit.

According to Benedict, the minority leader, the committee met Monday, Nov. 16, and Tuesday, Nov. 17, to discuss the health care issue, but the meetings did not yield any action.

"It has come to my attention that you are considering yet another tax hike on top of the approximately \$8 billion in taxes and fees approved earlier in 2009. This contemplated tax would be imposed on health-care providers and would assuredly increase the cost of health insurance. This cost would be passed down to local municipalities as we are mandated to pay a portion of Medicaid costs," she wrote.

Jason Koppel, chief of staff for Sen. Carl Kruger, D-Mill Basin, said the Senate does not want to see any increase in fees for Medicaid and that a deal is likely to be struck without one.

Kruger is the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senate and Assembly have been in negotiations with the governor's office in attempting to "tweak" the governor's budget, especially when it comes to the \$3 billion budget gap.

Kruger said the idea for a tax increase "might have been floated around" but is not likely to be included in any agreement.

Koppel said meetings were held recently, between Friday, Nov. 27, and Sunday, Nov. 29, to discuss the matter.

A possible cut of administrative services to the tune of \$1.6 billion to help reduce the budget gap is likely to go through, he said. He said Kruger understands the plight of seniors and those who are already struggling with health care costs and has taken that under heavy consideration during budget talks.

Sen. John DeFrancisco, R-Syracuse, the ranking minority member, said he is not interested in passing an additional tax burden to the local governments, and said Senate Republicans voted against tax increases and tax spending.

He said the Democratic leadership has had trouble making cuts and said they have "exacerbated the problem."

"It's not on the table with the Republicans," he said.

DeFrancisco said \$3 billion needs to be cut from the budget and recommended starting with the \$12 billion in new spending that is slated for next year's budget.

Benedict said that mandated programs should be a priority, and imposing any taxes or fees on health care should be out of the question.

"It's time that we all take a look at every level of government," Benedict said. "Enough taxes. We're being taxed to death here in New York."

"I would ask that you complete a comprehensive review of state programs and determine if these programs are run effectively and efficiently. I would also request that you review and rescind unnecessary and costly mandates passed down to local governments," Benedict stated in her letter. "Stop hiding behind taxes and fees and address the real problems with government today - paying for programs and services that are mandated and offered by government which we simply can no longer afford."

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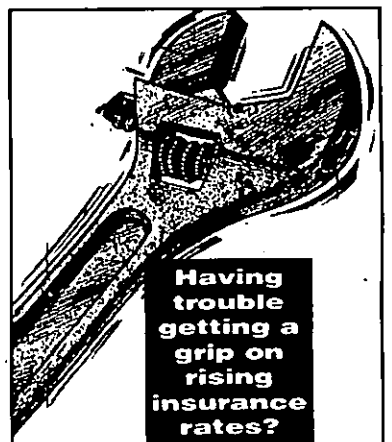
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Around the County

Man killed in Colonie car fire

A man was found dead after a car burst into flames at 7:12 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The following day, Colonie Police ruled the incident a suicide and identified the victim as Gary VanNess, 42, of Latham.

Lt. Rob Winn of the Colonie Police Department said the incident occurred at 24 Garling Drive in Latham and, while some reported an explosion, there is no indication one occurred.

"There was no evidence of an explosion or an explosive device," Winn said. "There was no indication of criminal activity or foul play."

VanNess was the target of a manhunt when he left Four Winds mental wellness hospital in January, Winn said.

"Four Winds Hospitals

provide the highest quality inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment services for children, adolescents and adults. Four Winds Hospitals are the leading specialized providers of inpatient psychiatric treatment for children and adolescents," according to its Web site.

A female resident at the address attempted to remove VanNess from the drivers seat during the incident but was unable to do so and was eventually sent to Albany Medical Center for smoke inhalation, Winn said.

An 8-year-old girl also lives at the address, police said.

"Anytime that you have a death like this it's tragic," Winn said. "Especially around Thanksgiving."

—Dan Sabbatino

Colonie safest place in U.S.

Study done on municipalities with more than 75,000 residents, findings based on FBI data.

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According to CQ Press, a research organization that analyzes FBI data, The Town of Colonie is the safest municipality in the U.S. with a population greater than 75,000 people.

Doug Goldenberg-Hart, the senior acquisitions editor, said the data accounts for murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary and car theft. Camden, N.J., had the highest crime rate.

"We create an index for those six different areas, and then create a point system," said Goldenberg-Hart.

According to information from the town, Colonie had a total of 54 crimes fitting the criteria for the CQ Press study. It was the lowest of each of the 393 cities in the study. While Colonie has been one of the top fifteen safest communities in the past eleven years, this is the first number one ranking for the town.

Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan said she is proud of the hard work all of the police agencies in town have put in to help reach its high level of safety.

"It's wonderful news to learn that we have reached our goal of being the number one safest community of our size in the country. Public safety has been a major priority for my administration since I became supervisor in 2008," Mahan said in a statement. "This recognition is a testimony to the outstanding job performed by our Town of Colonie Police Department. I commend Chief Steven Heider for his excellent leadership skills along with the men and women who make up this great department. The residents of

Colonie deserve the best, and we're proud to say we've achieved that goal."

The information is based on the uniform crime report published by the FBI, he said, and uses 2008 statistics to publish their book.

Goldenberg-Hart said that the FBI is not fond of the CQ Press rankings, as the FBI had been criticized by cities with poor scores for promoting emigration by businesses and residents from the cities by putting out a similar list. He said the FBI no longer publishes a list, and that is why CQ Press has taken on the task.

Goldenberg-Hart also said that although there is no guarantee that the information is provided to the FBI completely accurately, the city crime rankings serve as motivation to the municipalities to do a better job with crime and to be more transparent.

Goldenberg-Hart acknowledged that some municipalities, like Chicago and Minneapolis, do not report crime up to the standards the FBI has in place and acknowledged that the data does not take into account local and contextual items, but he said the rating system is still useful for a number of reasons.

"We think that the rankings perform a useful service," he said.

He said since the ranking have been published by CQ press police chiefs have tried harder to do a better job fighting crime and being transparent, since they are now open to public scrutiny.

It gives the public a chance to "sink their teeth" into data they might not have otherwise had an opportunity to see.

Colonie Chief of Police Steve Heider, who served with Colonie for 37 years and has been chief since 2003, said Colonie has no problems with accurate data.

"We take great pride in the fact that our statistics are accurate," he said.

The State Department of Criminal Justice Services has

regularly audited the department, he said, and has not had any issues with reporting crime.

Heider noted that there are many factors that contribute to the safety of Colonie.

"It's the whole package that makes this town safe," he said. "We are one of the premier police departments in New York state."

He said, though, "the town has gone out on a limb for me," and said there are a number of programs the town has opted to keep in place. He said youth and senior programs are among some that have prevented Colonie residents from "becoming victims."

Often, such programs get cut in tough economic times, but he thanked Town Supervisor Paula Mahan and the town board for keeping them in place.

Juvenile crime has gone down the past 10 years in a row, he said. Heider said that the focus on families and kids is an important measure in the fight against crime.

"This achievement is due not only to the hard working men and women of the Colonie Police Department both sworn and unsworn, but also it is through a combined effort of Supervisor Paula Mahan, the Town Board and all Town departments that we can bring exceptional services to the residents of the Town of Colonie thus improving the quality of life in our community," Heider said in a statement. The sense of community present in Colonie also contributes to the quality of life, he said, and tips from residents often contribute to catching criminals.

"Not every town has residents that trust [their police]," he said.

The findings can be found in the CQ Press publication City Crime Rankings 2009-2010: Crime in Metropolitan America.

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The dark side of the moon rock

State's Apollo 17 moon-rock gift kept under lock and key because of fear of theft

By SEAN AHERN
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New York state owns a piece of the moon, and it's right here in the Capital District. But you won't see it anytime soon.

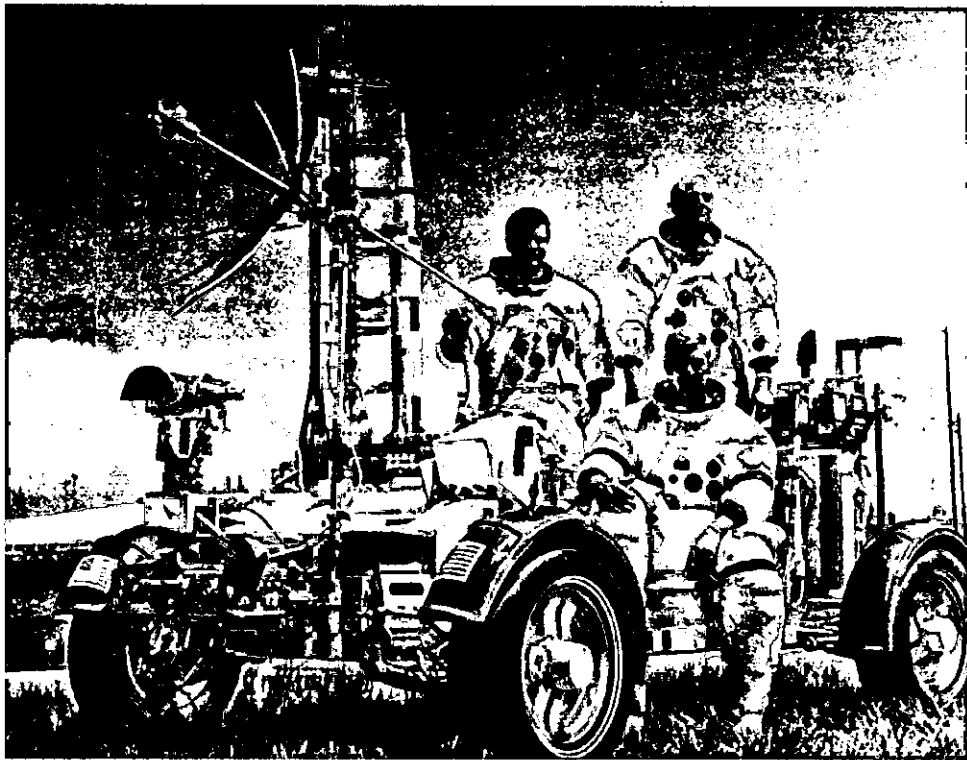
In 1973, President Richard Nixon presented moon rocks recovered from the Apollo 17 mission to 134 countries, all 50 states and Puerto Rico as a sign of goodwill and humanity's journey to the stars.

Nearly 36 years after being handed out, a majority of those moon rocks are unaccounted for, according to Joseph Gutheinz, a University of Phoenix Online professor and former senior special agent for NASA's Office of Inspector General.

In 1998, Gutheinz was a part of Operation Lunar Eclipse to uncover a \$5 million moon rock, smuggled into the United States from Honduras. Gutheinz eventually found the rock being sold on the black market in Miami, Fla. Since 2002, he has instructed the students in his criminal justice course to track down the other missing moon rocks using the skills involved in a criminal investigation. Students are directed to call state museums and state offices in their search.

"Most of the moon rocks we find in the states are locked away in storage and long forgotten," said Gutheinz.

His students have located moon rocks



On Dec. 19, 1972, the Apollo 17 crew returned to Earth. Apollo 17 was the sixth and last Apollo mission in which humans walked on the lunar surface. On Dec. 11, Lunar Module Pilot Harrison H. Schmitt and Commander Eugene A. Cernan, landed on the moon's Taurus-Littrow region in the Lunar Module, while Command Module Pilot Ron Evans continued in lunar orbit. During their stay on the moon, the astronauts set up scientific experiments, took photographs and collected lunar samples. In this image, Schmitt, Evans and Cernan, pose in the moon rover during the rollout of the Apollo 17 rocket. This, the last of the Apollo/Saturn missions launched Dec. 7, 1972.

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across the globe, and when they find one, they are asked to send in their findings to local newspapers.

Recently, a student in Missouri found that one of the New York moon rocks on the list of missing or unaccounted samples is actually at the New York State Museum

in downtown Albany (see page 4).

Lisa Moore, a criminal justice graduate student at the University of Phoenix Online, said she "struck gold," or moon rock, when the second museum she called — the New York State Museum — ended her search for the lunar sample.

She said the museum staff told her that the Apollo 17 moon rock was in the top security vault of the museum.

According to Gutheinz, after NASA gave away the samples in the '70s, the agency had no way to track the gifts. Many of the moon rocks, internationally, have gone missing and have been sold for millions on the black market.

"It's not just a rock," he said. "It's the equivalent of a fine piece of art in value."

Gutheinz said that what gives the moon rocks their value on the black market is their scarcity. He said the Honduran moon rock that was found in Florida was originally offered to Gutheinz for \$5 million after he took out an ad in USA Today to lure potential sellers who illegally owned the samples.

He said he suspects the price tag has increased since 1998.

"If anything, the moon rocks are more valuable today on the black market," he said.

"Until recently, no one has really tried to identify where these rocks have gone over the years," said Rob Pearlman, the owner of collectspace.com, a site that archives space artifacts, including information on the whereabouts of the Apollo 11 and Apollo 17 Goodwill moon rocks.

Many of the rocks that have been found by Gutheinz's classes are posted on Pearlman's Web site. Of the Apollo 17 moon rocks given to the 50 states, only 16 are accounted for, according to Pearlman, who added that many are in private collections, away from public view.

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Tower

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ance, but compels cellular carriers to prove there is a need for their services and investigate collocation before building new towers.

This policy of collocation—which means pooling antennas together on one tower or other tall structure and is the norm in many municipalities—means that if one of the proposed cell towers is built, it is virtually guaranteed the other will be denied.

“Our chapter for that really encourages collocation,” Senior Planner Robert Leslie said of the Bethlehem Town Code. “We encourage the applicant to go to that location first.”

During the review of ESCO's application, the town suggested that the company look into locating equipment at Town Hall, where a tower houses public safety equipment for the Police Department. It's roughly 1.5 miles from the high school.

ESCO Vice President Thomas Butler said that the facilities at Town Hall are not appropriate for cell antennas, and even if there were an adequate tower, providers would be reluctant to locate there because it is in a densely populated area and wouldn't meet coverage needs.

“Verizon Wireless and AT&T, they do not spend money unnecessarily and they know what they want,” said Butler. “They would not even give us the time of day if it wasn't the right location.”

Butler joined with a coalition of parents and community members in October in protesting a proposal to build a tower near Hamagrael Elementary, a move he said was rooted in his desire to see towers built in nonresidential areas and off of school property, which he said should not be used for commercial ventures.

Contractor Independent Towers has signed a letter of consent with the BC School District to pursue the construction of a 110-foot tall tower at a

location practically across the road from ESCO's site.

Independent Towers Development Manager Daniel Schweigard said that the company has one carrier lined up, though he declined to identify the company or say when Independent would file an application with the town.

“At this point it's just a proposal between the company and the school,” he said. “We're kind of contemplating our strategy and contemplating what we're going to have to go through with the town... It's a pretty lengthy process.”

But the issue of collocation is only one part of the equation. Cell providers must demonstrate to the town that there exists a service gap that would be filled by their equipment.

“Basically, you have to show that there's a need,” Leslie said. Arguing this need constitutes a sizable portion of ESCO's application to the town.

“They need to show in their application what is the existing coverage for AT&T in this area,” Leslie continued.

The town has hired the services of a Connecticut-based RF engineer to review the data. Ronald Graiff will be retained for an estimated cost of \$4,850 to look over the maps provided in the ESCO application, a cost that will be assumed by the applicant.

One element in which the town's hands are tied is the matter of health concerns—a tower cannot be denied due to worry about the effects of RF radiation.

“They are seen as public utilities, and we're not able to disapprove an application based on health reasons,” Leslie said.

With the factors of collocation and service need, the number of towers that can be built in a given area is invariably limited under existing regulations. But antennas can also be placed on existing tall structures, and for the property owners who do have appropriate structures in place, there comes the possibility of realizing rent.

Independent has said the school district stands to make

\$24,000 per year with one carrier on a tower, with revenues rising if more carriers locate there. Antennas located on the town water tower add to town revenues. This year, rent from AT&T, Nextel, T-Mobile and Wireless One will net the town \$115,000.

The Town of Bethlehem in July of this year put out a request for proposals to cell tower companies that included the location of all town-owned land and existing cell antenna sites. It asked contractors to submit plans for building towers on town property and made specific reference to the facilities at Town Hall.

The town received two responses to the RFP, and the proposal are under review, according to the Planning Department.

Chuck Presca hopes that a tower on his land would help subsidize his farming operation and keep his 115 acres of land undeveloped. He wondered if seeing a tower on his property is a possibility, though, given the interest of the school and town.

“When you get into the new construction of towers and you got a government entity competing with a private entity, I think it's an uneven playing field,” he said. “If you look at all the hoops and stuff they're making ESCO go through to put the tower up, you got to wonder.”

Presca said he has been open to having a tower at the site for about 20 years now.

Other cell equipment locations in Bethlehem include: behind Delaware Plaza on a monopole, on Hannay Lane off of Route 9W and on Jolley Road near the Thruway.

Cell towers generate tax revenue for the town, according to Town Assessor Patricia McVee, no matter what the property they sit on was originally zoned.

“That portion would be broken off and the company would be sent a tax bill,” she said.

Schweigard has said his company's tower would have an assessed value of about \$250,000.

Up

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for the world of tomorrow is abundantly clear.

“It's a large initiative by the district, and trying to promote not only technology integration but the concept of a global world,” said Assistant Superintendent Jody Monroe. “This is the world our kids live in, and it's not secluded anymore and they are out there in many ways.”

To that end, many classrooms use EPals to communicate with students and schools in different parts of the country and world. Some teachers employ Web sites like Twitter to keep parents posted on the happenings in the classrooms and use social networking devices like Wikis and blogs to encourage students to collaborate with one another in and out of the classroom.

Some classrooms make use of video conferencing. In Clarksville and Slingerlands elementary schools, for example, the fourth grade classrooms of Laurel Jones and Kelly Ward have been using the Internet to collaborate all year, and in October they used Web cams to play a game of Jeopardy against each other.

The novelty of playing the game against a remote opponent kept Jones's students anchored in the lesson.

“They're engaged,” said Jones. “They had no idea they were doing things that were learning.”

Students in Jones's class have been using computers and a Flip camcorder in conjunction with their writing workshop activities. The fourth graders are drafting instructions for their favorite activities, like baking cookies, starting a dirt bike or making a drawing, which are edited by Jones before being performed by the students. The videos were compiled into a movie and shown to parents.

They're also using their own Wiki pages to submit reports on the books they're reading, and their classmates read and comment on these reports.

Clarksville's supply of laptops is carted from one class to another, and setup is made simpler by wireless Internet, which is now broadcast throughout the school.

Fourth grader Kara Doyle said that she likes putting comments

on her classmates' Wikis. Her mother, Jane Doyle, who was visiting her daughter's classroom as part of American Education Week, said that the younger generations take to digital learning like ducks to water.

“I'm trying to keep up with them,” she joked.

Clarksville Principal Dorothy McDonald agreed and said that having high-tech learning available is an excellent way to engage students, and noted that the skills they are developing by using social networking and other tools will be required of tomorrow's work force.

“We have been so energized by the new opportunities technology has provided,” she said. “It's a means to an end, but it's rich, it's engaging.”

McDonald said she would love to have more resources available, especially projectors, but acknowledged that budgetary concerns make it tough to deck out the schools with the latest technologies. She said the students at Clarksville are getting plenty of high-tech experiences with the resources available.

Despite constant budget concerns, the declining price of computers and other technologies mean their use has become more widespread in recent years. All BC elementary schools have laptops that can be carted from class to class. At the middle and high schools, students have access to computer labs and at the middle school an “academic technology management” course is offered. Also at the middle school, the morning announcements are broadcast in video.

But the district's technological initiatives are not confined to the classroom. With an overhaul of the district Web site, parents can now check report cards online, and sign up to receive alerts from the district or individual schools via email or text message.

Additionally, the district is now making video of Board of Education meetings available online. The meetings are already taped to for broadcast on community access television TV-18 at 6 p.m. on Sundays, so it was simply a matter of getting the tape onto the district's Web site, said Communication Director Matt Leon.

The plan is to get the Wednesday meetings online by the following Monday, and to make the last three meetings available.

As for where the district will go as the 21st century marches on, Monroe said that it will likely be as it has been, in small, measured steps. It has long been a vision for every student to come to school armed with a laptop instead of hauling books and binders.

“The technology almost has to be looked at as more of a tool,” said Monroe.

Still, in a time when the harbingers of deep programming cuts and even layoffs is ever present, it's hard to say what the next step might be.

“I guess it comes down to, what are the district's priorities? Where do we want to be in two years and five years?” she continued.

In related news, BC parents will have the opportunity to hear from an expert in the field of technology in education on Monday, Dec. 14, when Will Richardson, the author of “Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts and Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms,” will give a presentation in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions of Richardson after his presentation.

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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

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Capital Holiday Lights show illuminates park for the 13th year

By ALYSSA JUNG

The holiday season is about coming together — be it family, friends or community — and

this year's theme for the 13th Hannaford Capital Holiday Lights reflects just that. "Celebrate Our Differences," which looks like a collection of over-sized Christmas light displays and spans two miles in Albany's Washington Park, will feature new themed areas like "Salute to Americans," "12 Days of Christmas," "Santa's Toyland," "The Victorian Village" and "Celebrate Our Differences."

"It's basically a celebration of the Capital Region. When we started talking about this year's theme, last year, we were discussing how it's the 400th

anniversary of Henry Hudson and about what a melting pot the Capital Region really is relative to race, religion and ethnicity," said Executive Director of the Police Athletic League (PAL) and retired Albany Police Sgt. Lenny Ricchiuti. "It makes it a great place to live, work and grow, and we thought we would celebrate it."

Ricchiuti said that perhaps the main representation of this theme will be toward the end of the spectacle, where a huge display with the word "peace" and a symbol of the holidays from 15 different countries will loom.

Capital Holiday Lights features a total of 125 displays, so planning must begin early. Ricchiuti said a committee of

about five to 10 people sits down throughout the entire year to talk about the current show, past shows and future shows. Once it agrees upon a theme, the display vendor gets involved and draws up an artist rendering of what it can do. Last year's theme was "Christmas Around the World" and featured Santa visiting the Sydney Opera House, the London Bridge, Mount Rushmore and other landmarks. Ricchiuti said that discussing designs and viewing drawings beforehand helped expedite the production process and gave the committee a good idea of what they could expect everything to look like.

The event is open Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. until Jan. 2. There are photo opportunities, holiday characters, music and refreshments in the Lake House most nights. All proceeds (\$15 per car, \$25 per limousine or 15-passenger van and \$75 per bus) go to support PAL, a juvenile crime prevention program in its 21st year that engages kids, cops and the community together outside of a law enforcement setting.

"We do a lot of things within the community and offer after-school programs in about 15 locations," said Ricchiuti. "We have chess competitions, track and field, bowling, computer club, publishing club, karate club, drill and step team and Youth Leadership Council,

among others. There is no cookie cutter for our services, we just do things the kids ask us to do, within reason."

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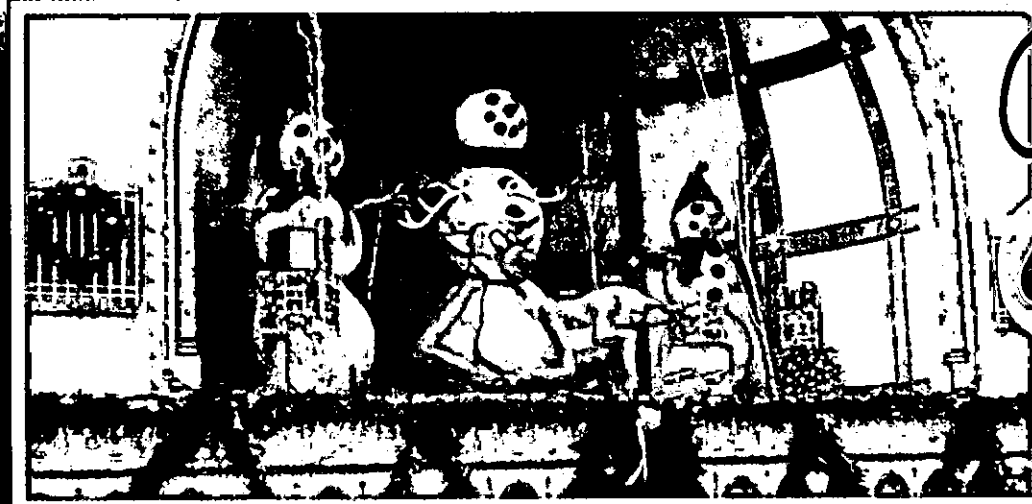
school group — give up time and talents to make this work," said Ricchiuti.

The Comptroller's office has been volunteering at Capital Holiday Lights since its very first year. Dennis Tompkins, spokesperson for Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, said a core of volunteers donate their time for up to a week.

"Basically they [volunteers] do whatever is necessary — set up, direct traffic, whatever," said Tompkins. "There was originally a team of people who were very into the charity that it [Capital Holiday Lights] supports and their enthusiasm spread and has been infectious. Like any great volunteer effort it takes a few people to light a fire and they inspire others to get involved."

Mel Biegel has worked in the comptroller's office for 30 years and been volunteering for six. He said he's helped direct traffic, greet people, set up for the event and helped organize volunteer groups. Having fun while helping the community is what keeps him coming back.

"It's just fun and gives you a sense that you're helping someone else — in this case the children associated with PAL and also anybody who comes through there. There's a sense of excitement and it's neat to be involved," said Biegel. "Going as a group also helps promote volunteerism within our community and fosters a sense of community among our coworkers."



PAL volunteer on at Capital Holiday Lights on various nights; some dress in holiday costumes and entertain younger visitors and others take photos, hand out stickers and help with refreshments.

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The Hudson Valley Writers Guild honored the winners of its first poetry contest on Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Community of Writers Event in Colonie. From left are judges Alan Callin of Schenectady, Marion Menna of Glenmont, Catherine Norr of Glenville; Kathleen C. Elken, third place, of Loudonville; Susan Oringel, honorable mention, of Albany; Cecele Kraus, first place, of Copake; Kathy O'Brien, honorable mention, of Albany; Marie-Elizabeth Mali, honorable mention, of New York; administrator Mimi Moriarty of Clarksville; judge Bob Sharkey of Latham; and Will Nixon, second place, of Kingston.

Submitted photo

Moon

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project," said Pearlman. "Even harder is tracking down the 134 moon rocks which were gifted to other countries."

Gutheinz said that one of the reasons many of the samples have been lost is the instability of governments in developing countries.

"I am disturbed that many of these countries took these precious gifts and sold them," he said. "Too many of these people we gave the gifts to were dictators and thugs."

Gutheinz gave as an example Romania, where the moon rock was sold with the executed dictator's estate.

While the moon rock, or possibly rocks, in New York may not be lost in shifting dictatorships, they still require a great deal of protection.

New York's Apollo 17 Goodwill moon rock, which had been on display at the New York State Museum, was taken

"Ideally, I'd love to see it on display. I feel that was the intent of the gifts."

Rob Pearlman,
owner of collectspace.com

from view five years ago when the country of Malta's moon rocks were stolen, according to Michael Hawkins, geology collections manager at the museum.

"It had a value of \$5 million, so we had it locked up with the other high-risk pieces," said Hawkins. "It would be onerous to put a security guard on it at all times."

Hawkins said that something that is extremely valuable should be kept extremely safe, and the moon rock would not be put on display unless it was under the protection of guards.

Hawkins did not rule out the possibility of showing the moon rock again at the museum – at special events or in exhibits – but said for the time being, the sample would remain under lock and key.

"We have had it on display in the past, and we will have it on display in the future, but right now I cannot say when," said Hawkins.

Even getting a photo of the moon rocks is apparently a security risk, according to museum officials who stated that multiple members of the museum's administration and state police must be at the opening of the high-security vault because of the rock and other valuable items contained within. As of Nov. 30, the New York State Museum staff retracted the previous comment about the security involved in opening the vault, stating that the information was not accurate and that the museum would not be able to divulge that information for security purposes. The only information that they could make available was that there are multiple safeguards in place and that it is in a safe location.

Gutheinz and Pearlman believe that the moon rocks New York owns should be on display for the citizens.

Gutheinz said he understands the need for security but believes keeping the moon rocks out of sight cheats "the children of New York" from seeing something brought back from space.

Pearlman said that these gifts to the states are owned by the state while other, larger samples, like those at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, are only on loan from NASA.

"Ideally, I'd love to see it on display," said Pearlman. "I feel that was the intent of the gifts."

Altogether, NASA has brought back over 842 pounds of moon rocks from missions to the moon.

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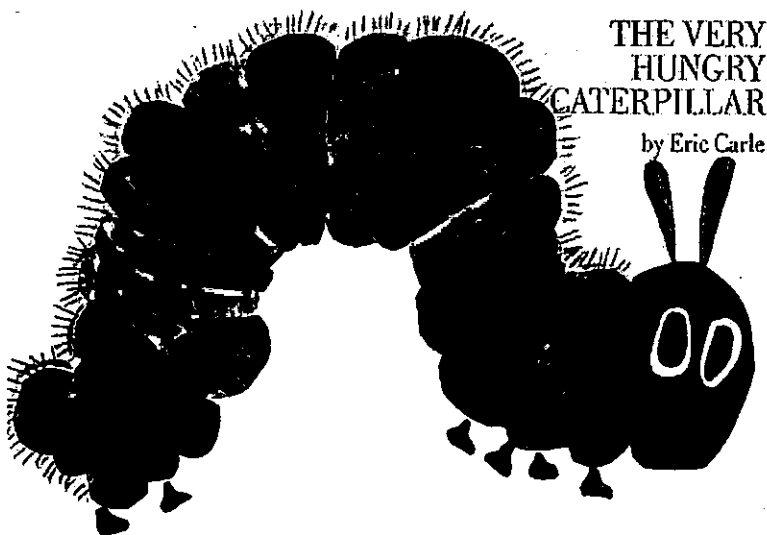
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On Oct. 8, the Bethlehem Public Library participated in Jumpstart's Read for the Record campaign. Jumpstart has announced that on that date, Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" was read to 2,019,752 children across the country and around the world.

Stop by library and enjoy a little music

Bethlehem Public Library's winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music" continues this Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. with music for flute, violin and cello by the All Seasons Trio. The group will perform seasonal music from the Baroque era, plus excerpts from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker."

Floyd Hebert is principal flutist with the Albany Symphony, Glimmerglass Opera Orchestra and Berkshire Symphony at Williams College. Violinist Josh Rodriguez is a graduate of the Juilliard School who has toured internationally as a soloist and chamber musician. Cellist Walter Chaikowski, a founding member of the trio, served as principal cellist with the Binghamton University Symphony Orchestra.

"A Little Sunday Music" is made possible by a generous contribution from Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. The concert is free and open to the public.

Record breaker

On Oct. 8, our library participated in Jumpstart's Read for the Record campaign. Jumpstart has announced that on that date, Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" was read to 2,019,752 children across the country and around the world.

Jumpstart is a nonprofit organization that matches college students and community volunteers with preschool children in low-income communities for a year of individualized mentoring and tutoring. Jumpstart's research-based curriculum builds language, literacy, social and emotional skills. In the process, volunteers get the chance to have lasting impact in their communities.

To learn more about Jumpstart, go to www.readfortherecord.org.

Yarnover books

Thursday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
"How Elizabeth Barrett Browning Saved My Life" by Mameve Medwed. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

Quick craft club

Friday, Dec. 18, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.



Do a craft in 20 minutes or less. Grade K-5 and families.

School's out, all-day crafts
Tuesday, Dec. 15
Make a penguin. All ages.

Teen time
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
DDR, Guitar Hero, Wii, and games for grade 6 and up.

Heads, shoulders, knees and toes
Thursday, Dec. 17, 1:30 p.m.
Storytime kids have been practicing for this contest. Age 3-6; families welcome.

Time out for tales
Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.
Saturday storytime featuring jungle animals. Age 6 and under with family.

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.

V'ville library planning another popular Drop 'n' Shop program

One of our most popular programs is making a repeat appearance on Dec. 12. It's the Holiday "Drop 'n' Shop". Believe it or not, we will watch the kids while you get some holiday errands, shopping, or baking done (or, you could hide out at home and watch movies for four hours).

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Laiosa and our volunteers will have board games, craft stations, cookie decorating, readers and storytellers to keep the young ones busy while you are out. No babysitting fees, no worries. Please bring a sandwich for your child, and we will supply drinks and snacks. This is for kindergarteners and older and registration is required, along with an "in case of emergency" form and a cell phone number. It all happens on Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medicare Part D

Appointments can be made for personal counseling regarding Medicare Part D on Dec. 4 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Dec. 9 from



5 to 7:30 p.m. Call to sign up.

Skype reminder

Remember, you can see the faces of your loved ones far away if you come to the library and use Skype, a software application that allows users to broadcast and receive real time images from one computer to another. It is an amazing and wonderful program, particularly with the holidays approaching. Contact Director Gail Sacco to make an appointment.

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree comes down on Dec. 11, so if you have not yet brought scarves or hats or gloves for distribution to Parsons Child and Family Center, do it now!

NYC trip

Don't miss the bus if you

have signed up to go to NYC on Dec. 5. Be at the elementary school parking lot for a 7 a.m. departure.

Groups to meet

Philosophers meet on December 3, Lifelines Prose Writers meets on December 7, and poets on December 10 at 6:30 p.m. Babygarden for December meets at 10:15 am on the 3rd and the 17th, and teen writers at the high school at 2:30 pm on the same days.

Nutcrackers and paintings

On display this month are nutcrackers from the collection of Sylvia Ulion. In the Hall Gallery, see Jean Eaton's always-popular paintings. Seasons Readings are still on display.

Barbara Vink

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

IN BRIEF

Q.U.I.L.T. to host December meeting

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, Dec. 11, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15 a.m. A \$5 visitor donation is requested for the general meeting and holiday party.

For information, call 439-1194 or visit www.quiltinc.org.

Association hosts 'Roaring '20s' talk

"The Roaring Twenties - Dolls in the Image of Famous 20s Personalities" will be presented by Ursula Mertz at the New Scotland Historical Association on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The 1920s was a period of many changes and the history of popular culture can be

learned through dolls. Mertz was a stay-at-home mom with a small doll repair business when her daughter was in school. She became involved with doll research and has written two books entitled "Encyclopedia of American Composition Dolls, Vol. I and II (1910-1950)." She writes about dolls in a column for

"Antique Doll Collector" and also writes for other doll magazines; doing approximately six articles a year.

The current museum exhibit: "An Early Twentieth-Century General Store" will be open a half hour before the program.

For information, call 768-2933.

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AS YOU LIKE IT

Shakespeare's classic comedy, presented by Theatre Without a Net, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Dec. 11-13 and 18-20, general admission \$10, seniors/students/military personnel \$6. Information, theatrewithoutanet.org.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNOCOLOR DREAMCOAT

Broadway musical, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 4-6 and 10-13, call for ticket prices. Information, (877) 350-7378.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Play based on famous film, presented by Classic Theater Guild Inc., 440 Upstairs at Proctors, 440 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 4-6 and 11-13, adults \$16.50, seniors/students \$13.50. Information, 346-6204.

LITTLE WOMEN

Musical version of Louisa May Alcott's novel, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Dec. 4-13, \$15. Information, 382-2081.

MY FAIR LADY

Famous musical, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 20, call for ticket prices. Information, 445-7469.

THE WOMEN

Satirical look at high society wives, presented by Skidmore College Theater Department, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 3-5, general admission \$12, seniors/students \$8. Information, 580-5439.

Music

JOE FINN

Jazz guitarist and vocalist in the mainstream tradition, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Stockade Inn, 1 North Church St., Schenectady, free. Information, 346-3400.

EMERALD DAWN

Celtic/rock duo, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

COURTNEY BIONDO & ANDREW ELDER

Indie rock singer-songwriters, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

SCOTT ADAMS

Acoustic guitarist performing two shows, one with a trio and the other with fellow guitarist Tom Rasely, Dec. 4 and 5, 7:30 p.m., Boght Arts Center, 583 Boght Road, Latham, \$20. Information, 785-2787.

DANNY KALB TRIO

Folk/blues acoustic guitarist, with opening act Jonathan Kalb, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$18 advance tickets, \$20 at door. Information, 583-0022.

2 LATE

Folk duo, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

BRIAN KAPLAN BAND

Rock/jazz ensemble, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

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Audience participation show, Dec. 5, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$15 advance tickets, \$17 at door. Information, 583-0022.

Family Fun

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Puppet-style retelling of Charles Dickens' classic story, presented by The Puppet People, Dec. 6, Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, adults \$10, children 15 and under \$15. Information, 765-2815.

Dance

OLD SONGS CONTRA DANCE

Featuring live music by George Wilson & Friends and caller Ted Crane, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$10. Information, 765-2815.

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

"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.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"On Broadway: The Evolution of Dance on the Broadway Stage," plus "Kenn Duncan," "Ballet Russes Centennial Exhibit" and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Lives of the Hudson," through March 14, 2010; "Lives of the Hudson," through April 25, 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.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"An Enduring Legacy: American Impressionist Landscape Paintings from the Thomas Clark Collection," through March 28, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"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 January production of "Arms and the Man," 6 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7 p.m. Dec. 7, callbacks Dec. 9, Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 Route 453, Averill Park, looking for two women age 20-early 30s, one woman age 40-60, one man age 30-59 and one man age 50-60. Information, 674-2007.

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITALAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of 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, artist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

A CAPPELLA

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 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.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

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Calendar of Events

in the Spotlight

Wednesday, Dec. 2

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

BINGO

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

PLAYGROUP MEETING

First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for child caretakers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976, ext. 228.

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.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

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.

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, 765-3390.

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.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

PIONEER CLUBS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thursday, Dec. 3

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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7

Friday, Dec. 4

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRAYER MEETING

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STORY TIMES

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Saturday, Dec. 5

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET

The Delmar Saturday Farmers Market will be open Nov. 7 until Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The market is located at the Delmar Presbyterian Church at 585 Delaware Ave. For more info, go to www.delmarmarket.org.

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.

PRAYER MEETING

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Sunday, Dec. 6

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, 453-9953.
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.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.

Monday, Dec. 7

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5 to 6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

PLAYGROUP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. Meets 10:30 a.m. to noon in the nursery. The playgroup provides opportunities for child care takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, 439-9976 ext. 228

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 to 10 p.m.

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Tuesday, Dec. 8,

BETHLEHEM FARMERS MARKET (SUMMER ONLY)

Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United

Wednesday, Dec. 9

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Thursday, Dec. 10

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. gently used brand name clothing and accessories at very low prices.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

First Tuesday of every month, firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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Friday, Dec. 11

PRAYER MEETING

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First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
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Community comes together to rock and remember

Fundraiser helps family of Boys and Girls Club teacher who died of cancer last month

By SEAN AHERN
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Friends and family of Marie Marshall helped raise money in honor of their friend's battle with breast cancer at "Marie Rocks Fundraiser," on Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Schenectady Boys and Girls Club, raising nearly \$9,000 at the end of the day.

Marie Marshall worked as a teacher at the Boys and Girls Club, mentoring students in pottery and ceramics. In the spring of 2008, Marshall was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer. After radical surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatments, Marshall was diagnosed as "clean," according to a press release on the Boys and Girls Web site.

At the same time that Marshall's treatment had finished, her mother was diagnosed with the illness. Marshall left her job at The Boys and Girls Club to take care of her ailing mother, at which time her house was re-assessed, resulting



ABOVE: Ben Marshall poses with his mother, Marie. Ben said his mother was one of the most inspirational people in his life and was happy to see so many people come out in support of his mother and their cause.

Submitted photos

in increased monthly taxes and putting the family in danger of losing their home.

As Marshall took care of her mother, Jean Flowers, her own cancer reappeared in 2009, more prevalent than before. Marshall's mother died Sept. 5, and Marshall died two months later on Nov. 11. She is survived by her husband, Todd, and son, Ben. The benefit is to help the Marshalls with medical and housing expenses, which have become a burden.

The event included local bands Par Six, New Shoes Band, Mitch

Frasier and Midlife Crisis. An auction showcasing local artisans' work was also held, while the Boys and Girls club dedicated a workspace in their building to Marshall.

"Marie was one of a kind," said family friend Bruce Blinn Knapp. "It went really well. So many people came out in support of the event."

"It was a really fun day," said friend Diane Blinn. "People really came out to support the cause."

Blinn had known Marshall for more than 40 years, growing up as neighbors.

"She and I were really close; there was never a lapse in our friendship. She was a very funny lady. The woman could make me laugh," said Blinn.

Blinn said Marshall always kept a positive outlook during her battle with breast cancer.

"It's made losing someone close to us easier," said Blinn. "It softened the blow. It made a really tough experience a lot easier."

Ben Marshall said he was pleased at the number of people who turned out for the event in honor of his mother.

"I think it's really cool to see how many people cared about my mom. She was the best person in my life, most inspirational, and I'm going to miss her," he said.

The 15-year-old Schalmont High School student is currently growing out his hair to donate to Locks of Love in memory of his mother. He is unsure of how long his hair is at this point, but has been told that it is near 14 to 15 inches.

Although he has lost two very close people in the recent past and is dealing with his father being hospitalized, Ben Marshall said controlling emotions during hardship makes all the difference.

"I think it's a lot about controlling your emotions and keeping them in check," he said.

He said he wants to become a biomedical engineer and has kept a positive outlook on his future.

Interested parties may donate to the cause through the Marie Marshall Fund at Capital Communications FCU, on PayPal at MarieMarshallFund@gmail.com and by mail to Marie Marshall Fund, 710 Rock City Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

Walk

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An investigation is continuing through the police department's Family Services Unit.

On Friday, the school district was notified by the Bethlehem Police Department of the incident and Superintendent Michael Tebbano issued a letter to parents, which can also be found on the school's Web site.

There have been numerous reports of attempted abductions of walking school children in past months in the Capital District. Tebbano said that there have been unsubstantiated reports in other areas of the BC district this year, and the district has been asking teachers to reiterate safety information to students and is asking parents to do the same.

"We work closely with the police department to investigate these, we take every one of these seriously," he said.

Students are advised to walk in groups against traffic and to run away if approached by a stranger. Parents should advise their children of safe places they can run to on the route to school.

"We think this is the standard protocol we want people to be able to address with their children," said Tebbano.

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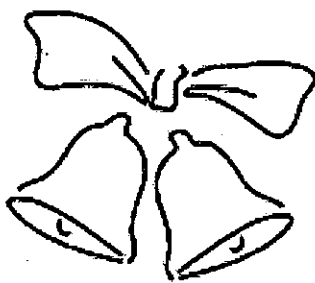
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Shoemaker, Beauchemin exchange vows

Allison Shoemaker and Patrick Beauchemin were married on August 28, 2009. The wedding took place at the First Reformed Church of Scotia. Rev. Craig Hoffman officiated. A reception followed at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, NY.

The bride is the daughter of John and Jan Shoemaker of Scotia, NY. The groom is the son of Steve and Sharon Beauchemin of North Carolina and Tina and Jerry Haldeman of Scotia, NY. Patrick is also the Grandson of Nancy Beauchemin of Glenville and Richard and Sandra Szymr of Saratoga.

The Matron of Honor was Amy Hebbard, sister of the bride. The Bridesmaids were Vanita Shoemaker, Bridget Smith, Alyssa Haldeman, and Lindsay Nash. The Jr. Bridesmaid was Emily Moran. Flowergirls were Maya Shoemaker, Sara Shoemaker, and Caroline Moran.



Patrick and Allison Beauchemin

The Best Man was Peter Moran, Uncle of Groom. Ushers were Mark Shoemaker, Brian Shoemaker, Chris Hebbard, Chris Szymr, and Nick Brooks. Ring Bearers were Jakob Nichols, Nate Shoemaker, and Carter Hebbard.

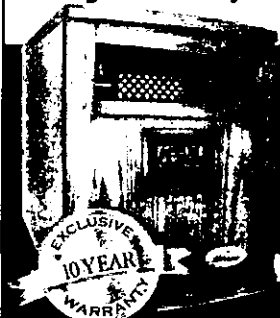
Allison graduated from Scotia - Glenville High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public

Justice from SUNY Oswego. She is employed by New York State, SUNY as a Keyboard Specialist in Albany, NY.

Patrick is also a graduate of Scotia - Glenville High School. He is a Network Engineer at Web Services Group in Albany, NY.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Outer Banks, North Carolina. They reside in Scotia.

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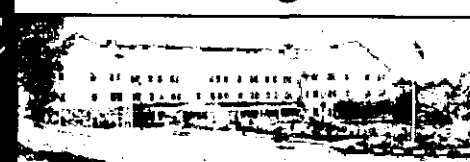
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LaVonne "Vonnie" B. Ryan

SLINGERLANDS LaVonne "Vonnie" B. Ryan, 77, of Thorndale Road passed away Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at St. Peter's



Hospice Inn in Albany.

Born and educated in Southampton, Long Island, she was the

daughter of the late Leo M. and Gwen Smith Blinderman. Vonnie graduated from SUNY Buffalo in 1954 and earned her MA from the College of St. Rose in 1963. She went on to work for the School Districts of Albany, Buffalo, Bethlehem, South Colonie Central as well as the Stratton VA Medical Center and the University at Albany. She also served on the Board of Directors of the former YWCA; and she and her special friend, Roddie Dobris Kaplan, co-founded the first speech and language program in the city of Albany.

Vonnie is survived by her beloved husband of 54 years, Dr. Paul Ryan D.D.S.; her two daughters, Kathleen Goodwin and her husband Bill of Rockville, MD and Laura Ryan of Manhattan; her sister, Jean Hildreth, and her brother, Bob Blinderman, both of Fort Collins, CO; her two grandchildren, Matthew William Goodwin and Dana Nicole Goodwin, both of Rockville, MD, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two sons, Richard Paul Ryan and Scott Paul Ryan.

Funeral services were Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Philip J. Brendese Funeral Home, 133 Broad St. (Rte. 32), Waterford. Interment followed in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Relatives and friends called at the FAMILY RESIDENCE at 49 Thorndale Rd. in Slingerlands last Friday.

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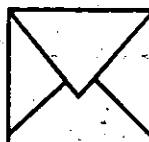
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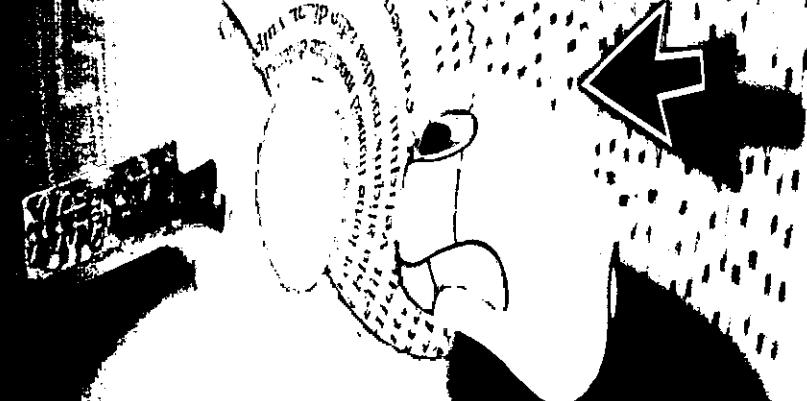
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is SEFCU Services, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 30 2009. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is SEFCU, 700 Patroon Creek Boulevard, Albany, New York 12206.
LD-21860
December 2, 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 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
December 2, 2009)w

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 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
December 2, 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, Slingerlands NY 12159, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LD-21769
December 2, 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 may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 4 Anderson Drive, Albany, NY 12205-1401. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LD-21773
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

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.
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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 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

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LD-21777
December 2, 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. Lockerman 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
December 2, 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.
LD-21780
December 2, 2009)

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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: Bob Suva, BlackPoint Group, 100 Fore St., Portland, ME 04101, 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
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: EBULLIENT PICTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of

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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.
LD-21783
December 2, 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.
LD-21785
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

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.
LD-21786
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
1245 KINGS ROAD REALTY LLC, a NY limited liability 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.
LD-21787
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
1204 KINGS ROAD HOLDING LLC, a NY limited liability company converted from 1204 KINGS ROAD HOLDING 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.
LD-21788
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

INIGO VENTURES LLC was filed with the SSNY on 10/20/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against 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
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of DEBT FREE SOLUTIONS, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 10/14/09 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, 2801 Emmons Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
LD-21798
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PRO-ROYAL 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 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-21801
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JUST KAPTURE PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/22/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-21802
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

On July 7, 2009, E N ERGY SOLUTIONS BY AMERICANS, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State for NYS (hereafter SOS). The LLC has been formed under NYS law, as a limited liability company, whose purpose is to engage in any and all lawful activities, having Dorothy M. Verch as its member, and offices at 83 Myrtle Lane, Westerlo, N.Y. 12193 in Albany County, and designated the SOS for NYS as agent upon whom service of process against it may be served. The SOS shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at 83 Myrtle Lane, Westerlo, N.Y. 12193
LD-21804
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HELGEVOLD CONSULTING, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with ssny on 10/8/09. Off. Loc. Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 184 Orchard Hill Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose to engage in any lawful activity.
LD-21805
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of LASER MARCELLUS GATHERING COMPANY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/09. 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: 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.
LD-21806
December 2, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Bill's Restaurant LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/08/09. 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 Bill's Restaurant LLC, c/o Daniel Linen, 155 Ontario Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. TU 6t (391563)
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December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Registration of Moss Adams LLP. Ctf of Reg. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/2009. Office location: Albany County. LLP formed in Washington (WA) on 1/4/96. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Ctf of Reg. filed with WA Secy. Of State, 801 Capitol Way South, PO Box 40234, Olympia, WA 98504-0234. Purpose: Practice Law and any lawful activities.
LD-21810
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bond Street Mortgage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/21/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/29/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incomp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address of the principal office: 270 Spring Valley Rd., Paramus, NJ 07652. Address to be maintained in DE: 1521 Concord Pike, Ste. 202, Wilmington, DE 19803. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-21811
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Killer Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/09. 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, 526 West 26th St., #715, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-21812
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CG Collections, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/09. 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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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Five Towns Abstract LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 25 To Life Films LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (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: 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-21815
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 139 Street LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/06/09. 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-21816
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nekonyx LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/06/09. 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-21817
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Simon & Simon Properties Of NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/02/09. 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-21818
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 4 Great Jones Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/09. 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-21819
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MWHC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of

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NY (SSNY) on 09/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21820
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Maple Nihongo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21821
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Crystal Ware LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/17/09. 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.
LD-21822
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gouger & Shapiro LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21823
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Teslori-Markman Design LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/08/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21824
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Spiegel Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/08/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-21825
December 2, 2009)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Ubook24-7 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/02/09. 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-21826 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Jubilee Gallery LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21827 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of T.Y.T 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. LD-21828 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of W.B.Y.R. 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. LD-21829 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bob Grisanti Video Production Services, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/18/09. 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 served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21830 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SP Family Office LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/17/09. 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. LD-21836 December 2, 2009)

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99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21831 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Watch Guard 24/7 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/18/09. 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 served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21832 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1590 W. 8 St. LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21833 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Little Platos, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/13/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21834 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1147 JK LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21835 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nojo Promo LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/03/09. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21836 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Atlantic 6th LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/03/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE

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-21837 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of N.M.S. LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/09. 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-21838 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Fran Chesleigh LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/12/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21839 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hung and So Fine, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/22/09. 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-21840 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of L&M 353 Franklin Avenue LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/02/09. 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-21841 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Helbig Agency, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/05/09. 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-21842 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Brian Smith PR, LLC. Arts Of Org.

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filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 295 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, New York, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21843 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Tiqui, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/2/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 295 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, New York, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21844 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Black Turtleneck Consulting, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/3/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 295 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, New York, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21845 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bay 29th St. Development LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/09/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21846 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Axis Design Group International LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/19/09. L.L.C. Formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 03/31/06. 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. NJ address of LLC: 744 Broad St., 14th Fl, Newark, NJ 07102. Arts. Of Org. filed with NJ Dept. Of Treasury, State Treasurer, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21847 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BBL HOOSICK MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 23, 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 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-21848 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 4 Autopark Drive, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on October 29, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 669, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21855 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Opportunity Mortgage Fund, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/2009. Formation of LLC in the State of Delaware on 7/22/2008. 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 939 West North Avenue, Suite 680, Chicago, Illinois 60642. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21856 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold the Annual Public Election for the position of a (1) Commissioner, for the term of five years commencing on January 1, 2010. The election will be held at Fire station No. 2, 301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont on Tuesday December 8, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Note, as with public commissioner meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available.

Doug Ophardt
Acting District Secretary
Selkirk Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
LD-21857
December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of WHITE LAKE GROUP, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 10/20/09. 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, 1948 Bay Ridge Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-21858 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CAPITAL DISTRICT REMODELING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 30, 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 33A Commodore Street, Albany, New York 12205. LD-21859 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Blaise Kavanagh, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/2/09. 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, IN 46802. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21861 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: PREFERRED PROPERTIES NORTHEAST LLC, Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/2009. 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: C/O PREFERRED PROPERTIES NORTHEAST LLC, 819 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose LD-21864 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is COTL Consulting, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on October 26, 2009 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to PO Box 216, Gunderland, New York 12084-0216.
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. LD-21865 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ALEXET CAPITAL ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/2/09. 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-21875 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JAS-MINE K. LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21876 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ORIENTAL SHIPPING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21877 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAPER HAT PRESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/5/09. 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:

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all lawful activities. LD-21878 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Dazzling Smile of Astoria Dental Group, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on October 5, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Nationwide Information Services, 1540 Central Ave., Suite 200, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: practice the profession of dentistry. LD-21879 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Dean 1561, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/12/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Eresidentagent, Inc., 1801 Century Park East, Ste. 1250, Los Angeles, CA 90067. DE address of LLC: 1220 North Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21880 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Protective Safety Gear, LLC (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Dept. of State of NY on 11/2/09. Jurisdiction and date of organization: DE, 10/14/09. Office location: Albany County. Secretary of State of NY (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 26 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. Principal Office: 26 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. A copy of the Certificate of Formation of the LLC may be obtained from Protective Industrial Products, Inc., Member, Northeastern Industrial Park, Building 4, P.O. Box 19, Gunderland Center, NY 12085. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-21882 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

On 10/20/2009, DELMAR HOME MAINTENANCE, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State for NYS (hereafter SOS). The LLC has been formed under NYS law as a limited liability company whose purpose is to engage in any and all lawful activities having Jeffrey Riggins as its member and offices at 290 Elsmere Ave, Delmar, N.Y. 12054 in Albany County and designated the SOS for NYS as agent upon whom service of process against it may be served. The SOS shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at 290 Elsmere Ave, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. LD-21885 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication SALON 66 LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/09/2009 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-21889 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CASTLE ROCK RANCH GROUP,

LEGAL NOTICE

LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/04/09. 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 the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Clorff Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21890 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company Cuisine by Francine LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY on 8/26/09 to mail copy to the LLC 26 Cynet Circle Slingerlands NY 12159 purpose any legal act LD-21891 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HOWES BUSINESS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 9, 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: 413 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. LD-21892 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Kas LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/27/09. Office location Albany. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC 4 New Hyde Park Road, Ste #4, Franklin Square, NY 11010. Purpose: any lawful act. LD-21898 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Car-Nut, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/02/09. 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-21899 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Karen Productions LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/21/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21900 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Okuta Handbags, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/09. 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-21906 December 2, 2009)

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tered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21901 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Global It Associates LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/02/09. 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-21902 December 2, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Red Shield Advisory LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/09. 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-21903 December 2, 2009)

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NOTICE PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Albany County Department for Aging on matters relating to the preparation and submission of its Annual Implementation Plan for community services for the elderly. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard on the following: Federal Older Americans Act (Titles III-B, III-C(1), III-C(2), III-F, and Title V) United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Food Subsidy Program The United States Energy and Assistance Act of 1980 The New York State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the Elderly New York State Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program The New York State Community Services for the Elderly Act New York State Health Programs New York State Congregate Services Initiative The hearings will be held: Friday December 11th, 2009 1:00pm Westview Apartments 680 Central Ave. Albany, NY 12206 Thursday December 17th, 2009 2:00pm Westerlo Baptist Church 618 State Route 143 Westerlo, NY 12193 LDC-21934 December 2, 2009)

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Not that Bethlehem fans should necessarily be surprised by the result. Not when the Lady Eagles were breaking in a new starting lineup and a new head coach. These things can happen.

The one positive thing that Bethlehem fans can take away from this game is that the Lady Eagles matched Albany's defensive intensity in all four quarters. New coach Matthew Bixby's two-three zone defense forced the Falcons to shoot from long range, and though Albany made six three-pointers, it had a hard time doing much else on a consistent basis. And Albany is supposed to be one of the top Big 10 teams this season.

Defense alone won't keep Bethlehem competitive in the Suburban Council, though. There has to be a player or two who starts hitting shots on a regular basis like Meg Olsen and Alex McCullough did during last year's run to the state Class AA finals. Maybe Jaclyn Oskam and Rosie McKee can do it, or maybe Tracey Koch and Brittany Murphy can be the ones who step up. Maybe they all can.

Whoever it is will have to step up quickly. Bethlehem has a big target on its back after winning the Section II title, and the Lady Eagles' Suburban Council foes won't be taking any pity on them.

Judging from what I saw at last Friday's CBA-Shenendehowa boys basketball scrimmage, I think fans of both teams have something to look forward to.

Both teams have key players back from last year's squads. CBA has the backcourt trio of Kameron Ritter, Galal Cancer and Max Weaver, while guard Matt Miner leads a list of several veterans on Shen's squad.

Of the two, CBA probably has the tougher road back to the Times Union Center. The Brothers face a loaded Big 10 that includes a resurgent Schenectady squad, a re-tooled Bishop Maginn team and possible spoilers in Albany and Troy.

Meanwhile, Shen's Suburban Council North Division competition is unclear since

Saratoga Springs is entering its first year without Jordan Stevens, one of the school's greatest basketball players. Shaker could be a serious challenger with several returning players. After that, it's up in the air.

Ultimately, I think area fans will see a CBA-Shen Sectional game. It might be in the semifinals again or even the finals, depending on the draw for each side. But I think it will happen, and when it happens, it will be another barn burner like last year's overtime marathon won by CBA 63-56.

Anyone who had any doubts about whether the Shaker/Colonie hockey team could duplicate its 2008-09 success this season might want to take note of the Jets' two victories in Syracuse last weekend.

Shaker/Colonie handled Cicero-North Syracuse 4-1 in last Friday's opening round of C-NS's tournament, and then the Jets shut out Fayetteville-Manlius 4-0 last Saturday.

This is not to say that either C-NS or F-M is of the same caliber as the elite teams in New York, but for any Section II team to go to an out-of-area tournament and win both games is an accomplishment. Also, remember that Shaker/Colonie was a young team when it won last year's Section II, Division I title. A lot of those players are back, a year older and a year stronger.

The Jets may face some strong challenges from LaSalle and Saratoga Springs this season, but I think they'll be up to the task.

Finally, I wish to challenge area bowling coaches this season to report their scores to me. One coach, Saratoga's Rich Lofink, sent me the results of a pair of his early-season Suburban Council matches, which led me to think about issuing this challenge to the rest of the coaches. All you have to do is e-mail me at jonasr@spotlight.com, and I will make certain that the wrap-ups are put in the sports section.

Let's see if we can elevate high school bowling's awareness among the region's high school sports fans this winter.

See you next time, sports nuts. (And remember, you can e-mail me with any thoughts you have about local sports at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.)



Albany's Kelsey Greene (10) fends off Bethlehem's Jaclyn Oskam while reaching for the loose ball during last Friday's non-league game.

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halftime because their defense forced Albany into poor shots and turnovers.

"I definitely felt like there was a lid on that basket for most of the game," said Bixby, who moved up from the freshman team to coach varsity after Mark Nealon's departure. "I expected some jitters for the first game. I expected us to struggle, but not like that."

Albany opened the third quarter with an 11-5 run sparked by a pair of three-pointers from Fern Bettel-Moorecroft, who finished with a game-high nine points. Bethlehem chipped away

at the 14-point deficit with help from senior forward Rosie McKee and senior guard Jaclyn Oskam, but the Lady Eagles couldn't hit the shots they needed down the stretch to pull even.

"We had our open shots, we had our open looks," said Bixby. "Unfortunately, they just didn't fall in for us."

Oskam and McKee each scored eight points to lead Bethlehem. McKee was the Lady Eagles' best shooter from the field as she hit half of her team's six field goals in the game, while Oskam did most of her damage at the free throw line by making six of her seven foul shots.

Bixby said he's hopeful that other players will step up at the offensive end including guard

Brittany Murphy and forward Tracey Koch.

"I think that what you're going to find with this team ... is different girls shining at different times," said Bixby. "This group has a lot of heart and a real desire to get better at the game of basketball. That's what I saw the first day of practice."

The Lady Eagles were hoping to improve on their Albany performance Tuesday when they opened their Suburban Council schedule with a South Division game at Averill Park.

"Things come in cycles, and we're in the start of a new cycle. And that is what's exciting to me about this team," said Bixby. "This team is going to get better with every game."

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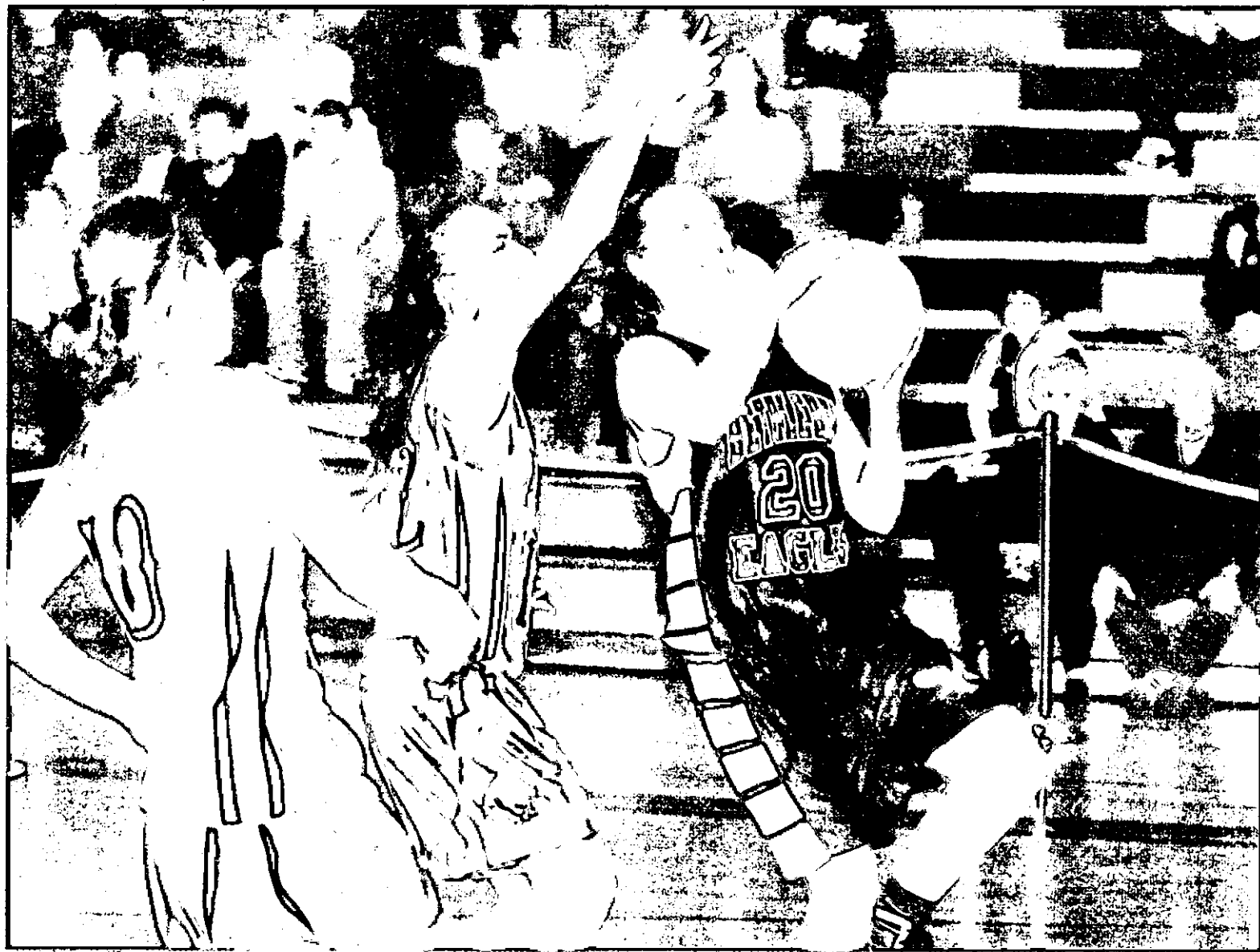
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A rough start for Lady Eagles

Shots wouldn't drop for Bethlehem against Albany

By ROB JONAS
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Defensively, the Bethlehem girls basketball team looks like the same squad that went to last year's state finals.

Offensively, the Lady Eagles have some work to do.

Bethlehem used a two-three zone defense to stymie Albany's offense, but the Lady Eagles couldn't take advantage at the other end in last Friday's season-opening 28-25 loss to the Lady Falcons.

"We know what to do, and we know where we have to be [on the

floor]. It's just a matter of doing it," said first-year Bethlehem varsity coach Matthew Bixby.

Anyone watching last Friday's game couldn't help but notice who wasn't on the floor for Bethlehem – namely, the one-two punch of Meg Olsen and Alex McCullough, who graduated after leading the Lady Eagles to last year's Class AA final. Without Olsen's perimeter shooting and McCullough's inside presence, Bethlehem didn't have a steady shooting hand to turn to.

The Lady Eagles could have used that steadying influence in the first half of the Albany game. Bethlehem failed to make a field goal, despite numerous open looks at the basket. Still, the Lady Eagles were down only 13-5 at

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Top: Bethlehem's Brittany Murphy tries for a layup during last Friday's season opener against Albany. Above: Bethlehem forward Tracey Koch is fouled from behind by an Albany defender. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Can't begrudge Sweet Home this time

I was prepared to use this space to lament Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's 34-7 loss to Sweet Home in the Class A state football finals last weekend and condemn Sweet Home for depriving the Spartans a proper ending to their season.

Then, I read about the car accident that paralyzed Sweet Home star tailback Deshanaro Morris in January (thanks to my Syracuse colleague Phil Blackwell, who covered the game for us), and how the Sweet Home football community rallied to

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support him after his athletic dreams ended. Sad.

Then, I read about the get well card all the Sweet Home players signed for BH-BL coach Matt Shell's son Jacob, who's still in Boston recovering from cancer

treatment. Classy.

Then, I read about how the BH-BL players presented Morris with a "Shellstrong" T-shirt following the game, and how Morris proudly held on to it. More class.

So, there will be no lamenting the Spartans' second straight state championship game loss in this column. It wouldn't be right. Besides, Sweet Home deserved to win the game with all the defensive stops it made. No other team could do that to BH-BL all season. All in all, a nice job by the Panthers.

Elsewhere in the Section II sports world ...

• Depending on how you want to look at last Friday's season-opening girls basketball game between Bethlehem and Albany (won by Albany 28-25), it was either a defensive masterpiece or an offensive nightmare.

Neither team shot the ball well from the field, there were loads of turnovers and ... well, I think the 28-25 final score basically speaks for itself. It was a mess.

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Varsity schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 2

BOYS BOWLING

Guilderland at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

Ballston Spa at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Saratoga Springs at Guilderland, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3

BOYS SWIMMING

Guilderville at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.
Ballston Spa at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Cohoes at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Niskayuna Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
Guilderland at Saratoga Springs Tournament, 7 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cohoes, 7:30 p.m.
Voorheesville at Cobleskill-Richmondville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cobleskill-Richmondville at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.
Cohoes at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Guilderland at Potsdam Tournament, 8:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Albany at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Niskayuna Tournament, TBA
Guilderland at Saratoga Springs Tournament, TBA

HOCKEY

Guilderland at Potsdam Tournament, 2:50 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Guilderland at league meet 1C, HVCC, 8:30 a.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at league meet 1, Union College, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Guilderville at Mohonasen diving meet, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Guilderland at Valley Duals, TBA
Voorheesville Tournament, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 7

BOYS BOWLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Waterford, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 7 p.m.
Guilderland at Colonie, 7 p.m.
Cohoes at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Colonie at Guilderland, 7 p.m.
Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Albany Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Voorheesville at Cohoes, 7:30 p.m.

BOWLING

Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.
Guilderland at Colonie, 4 p.m.
Voorheesville at Lansingburgh, 4 p.m.

HOCKEY

Glens Falls at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.